PLEASE HELP THIS NOBLE WOMAN

She Is Making A Strenuous Effort To Keep Her Little Family Together

If Mrs. H- - - had been an ordinary woman she would have given up long ago. Not many mothers would have the courage, as she has had, to keep together a family of an invalid father and three children when she herself was suffering with consumption.

But Mrs. H.— is not an ordinary woman. The proof of that is in the fact that she has brought up her children so well, that one of her sons, though only eleven, is in the sixth grade, and the other, a boy of eight, is in the fourth. Both are doing well, and their teacher says that if it were allowable, she could advance them even more rapidly than has been done.

When Mrs. H married her husband twelve years ago, he was a strong, able man, with a good record, and a promising future. He was a hard worker,, and with ordinarily good luck would have been able to hold a repsected place in the communitty.

But fate was against him. After his children had been born to his wife her strength gave out and he was forced to spend lots of money for doctor's bills. Then he too was taken ill and things began to look blue. Since then his health has completely failed.

Last winter they took stock and both went to the doctor. Harvey, the husband, was told that his heart had given out and that exertion of any kind would be fatal. Mrs. H's trouble was diagnosed as tuberculosis.

There were now three children, and the situation was very serious. But the Federated Charities heard about the case, and the agent went to work.

She talked with Dr. Hamman over at the Phipps Dispensary for Tuberculosis, where Mrs. H. was being treated.

"She is a good clean woman," he said. "She is so careful about her home, and so willing to obey my instructions that I believe that it will be safe for her to stay at home and do her house work, and that she will improve her health and possibly later help with the income."

"Will the children be safe?" asked the agent, who knows of the danger of infection in such cases.

"They will be perfectly safe, provided Mrs. H. does as well as I expect," answered the doctor.

So with that report, the agent went to work. She inquired of the church of which Mrs. H. was a regular attendant and found that they were only too glad to help her. Since that time they have been contributing $6.00 a month toward the rent of the little house, and toward giving coal. The Federated Charities found that by expending five dollars a week for food, and two dollars more a month toward the rent, they would be able to keep the wolf from the door of the little house. All during the recent spell of cold weather, and even up to the present time, they kept up their contribution. Every day, too, the mother was given a quart of good rich milk, just the thing to keep up her strength.

But, now, the Federated Charities has come to the end of its tether. Unless money is subscribed for the support of the family, they will have to give up their effort to keep the family together until the boys are old enough to work.

Twenty-five dollars a month is the amount which the agent has decided will be necessary for the work. Twenty-five dollars will enable Mrs. H, who is happy in spite of her troubles, to keep her children at home, educate them so that they will be a credit to the race, and give her unfortunate husband the care that his condition demands.

Mrs. H is indeed the happiest person in all Baltimore.

"Indeed I am happy," she said this morning. "Why shouldn't I be? It isn't every woman who can have three such children as these of mine. And it isn't every woman who is blessed with the strength that I have to fight off this disease. If I only had a little money to carry me on, I'd be all right. But that lady from the Federated Charities certainly has been good to me and my children. The Lord knows if there is ever any way I can repay her I will certainly do it.

"She doesn't want you to repay her" said the reporter from the Afro-American, "she only wants you to keep up the good fight you are making, so that the people of the community will know that you are worthy of the assistance they can give."

Now will the readers of this article come to the rescue of this brave woman, who is struggling against awful odds to keep up her end? Don't you think she deserves help? Of course you do. And you are going to do it. You have come through a hard winter and you and yours have been blessed. Now help this brave woman in her fight against the awful white plague.

Subscriptions for Mrs. H can be left at the office of the Afro-American Ledger or at the rooms of the Y. W. C. A., the Y. M. C. A., the Federated Charities, or at any of the drug stores, mentioning the name and the Afro-American. All amounts will appear in the columns of this paper no matter how small.

Mrs. Joseph Gans Again A Bride

Is Now The Wife Of Mr. Ford Dabney, The Theatrical Man, Of Washington

Mr. and Mrs. Ford Dabney, who were quietly married in Washington Thursday evening of last week, have received congratulations from friends in all sections of the country.

While many had looked to their marriage, their journey to the national capital came as a surprise. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Matthew W. Clair, pastor of Asbury M. E. Church, Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Dabney will reside at the Goldfield Hotel, which the bride has been conducting since the death of her husband, the late Joseph Gans.

To Celebrate 15th Anniversary.

The congregation of Ebenezer Baptist Church, Twenty-third street near Barclay, is planning to celebrate its fifteenth anniversary in May. The church has 300 members, and is one of the most flourishing among local Baptists. The revival, which has just closed, resulted in 60 conversions. Rev. John Jones is pastor of the church.

A New Paper Launched.

The Maryland Voice, a paper published by leading spirits in the Cooperative Baptist Convention of Maryland, made its first appearance last week. Rev. Dr. W. M. Alexander, pastor of Sharon Baptist Church, is the editor-in-chief

Bishop J. Albert Johnson delivered an illustrated lecture on "South Africa" to large audiences at Waters and Ebenezer A. M. E. Churches Sunday and Monday nights, respectively.

Rev. Hayes At Ames.

Rev. W. P. Hayes, pastor of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, one of the largest congregations in New York city, preached to a large congregation a Ames Memorial M. E. Church Sunday morning. He filled the pulpit at Israel Baptist Church, Prestman street, at night.

WILL NOT BE DRAWN INTO CONTROVERSY

Ministers Decide To Ignore Attacks Upon Them by A Local Newspaper.

Bitter resentment was shown against the attitudue of a local weekly paper for its continued attacks upon local ministers at the meeting of the Ministerial Alliance at Grace Presbyterian Church Monday.

Just near the close of the meeting, Rev. D. D. Turpeau introduced a resolution which condemned the paper in question for calling ministers racsals and other terms not regarded as complimentary. The introduction of the resolution precipitated a lengthy debate in which all of those who took part condemned the attitude of the paper, but proposed other methods for doing what Rev. Turpeau had proposed.

"I do not think we should be drawn into the matter," said a well-known Baptist minister," and thus give the editor of that paper a chance to advertise himself. I am of the opinion that we can best settle the matter by silent contempt."

Rev. G. F. Bragg declared that he was in favor of a committee of five to draw up a suitable protest, but this action was opposed by Rev. A. L. Gaines, who said that such action meant a month's delay. Rev. W. Edward Williams opposed any condemnatory resolution whatever on the ground that it was against the spirit of the Alliance. As the set time for adjournment came during the heat of the debate no definite action was taken.

Rev. Turpeau, in his speech, said that some of the references to certain ministers of the Washington M. E. Conference, published in the last issue of the paper should not pass unchallenged.

Rev. P. Carter Neal presented a thoughtful paper on "The Miracles of Our Lord." Bishops Coppin and Johnson and Rev. W. P. Hayes, of New York, were among the visitors introduced. Rev. Thomas Lee will read a paper at the April meeting.

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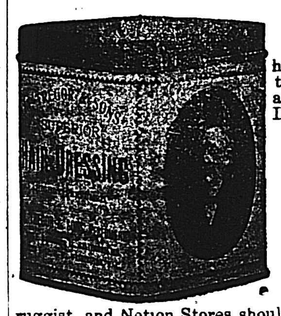

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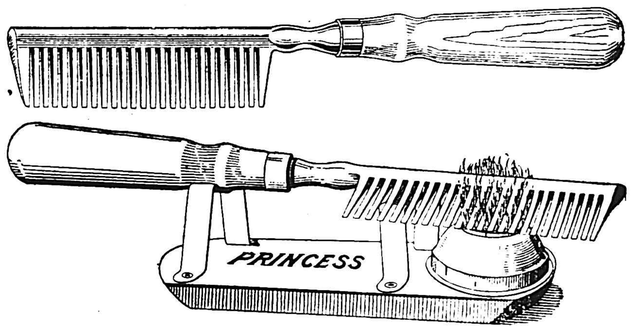

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