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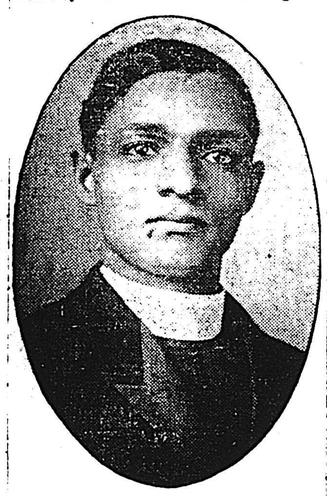
Birthplace of Religious Liberty to Be Mecca For Pilgrimage Four Years Hence—Dr. M. W. Thornton to Manage Book Concern—Successful Pastor and Able Leader.

Philadelphia.—One of the greatest distinctions in the ministry of the great A. M. E. church is the pastorate of Mother Bethel, Philadelphia. This is the oldest church site in the connection and the first piece of ground purchased by a Negro. Bishop Richard Allen was the builder of the first church, the "blacksmith shop," became its first pastor and the first Negro bishop to be consecrated in the western world. From Bethel's center have radiated the influences, more largely than any other, that have molded a race in character and thought, the wonder of the ages.

For 125 years the attention of the race has been directed to this historic spot, where religious liberty and independence were first won by the courage of the illustrious Allen. Since that day history records the remarkable rise of the African M. E. church and its stalwart leaders. Some of the ablest leaders, scholars and preachers have succeeded Allen in the mother church. Jacob Tapisco, William Cornish, Henry Young, William D. Schureman, R. F. Wayman and George C. Whitfield form a list of the able preachers, while Morris Brown, Willis Nazery, J. P. Campbell, C. T. Schaffer, L. J. Coppin and William H. Heard were pastors that attained the bishopric.

Some of these pastors have enjoyed the distinction of serving the mother pulpit for the second time, some for two and some for three years, but none has the honor of serving this historic church as long as the present pastor, five successive years, in the person of the Rev. Montrose William Thornton. To his credit the old mother has pushed ahead as never before under his ministry. Great has been the ingath-



REV. DR. M. W. THORNTON.

ering of souls and wonderful the paying of debts, even the canceling of the first mortgage in years.

This young man has forged his way to the front in the affairs of the mother conference and district. He is the treasurer of his conference, the highest position of trust of this body, and for the third time has been elected successively a delegate to the general conference. His district has indorsed him for business manager of the publishing house in Philadelphia, and from the many expressions appearing daily he not only enjoys the high esteem of his connection, but will receive a popular election.

Dr. Thornton is highly qualified for the office of business manager. He is a business man of experience and success to begin with. He has the happy faculty of ways and means in everything with which he is identified. He has built several churches, parsonages, paid mortgages, built the first Campbell college building at Jackson, Miss., and is the director and secretary of several racial enterprises.

The book room is the oldest department of the A. M. E. church. All the church literature is printed by its press; it's the home of the oldest paper, the Christian Recorder; it's the pride of the church in the east. In historic importance it stands next to the mother church itself. The centennial of African Methodism will be celebrated in Philadelphia in 1916, and her children will assemble in this grand old city of liberty, not only to view the sacred site where rest the bones of the illustrious Allen and to review her progress of the past century, but to behold her oldest offspring, the book room, intact and prosperous.

To this end the First district has called forth one of her brightest and ablest sons in the person of the Rev. Montrose William Thornton to take charge of this work for the next four years, and its faith is that this young man will prove to the world that the glory of the book department has not departed.

SCHOOLS IN THE PHILIPPINES

Effect of Education Upon the Inhabitants—Director White's Work.

Manila.—There are thousands of public schools scattered throughout the Philippine Islands doing effective work among the inhabitants. These institutions stand closer to the people in their efforts to assimilate the new conditions of government than any other agency.

They have become a medium for every reform or policy which the government of the Philippine Islands thinks it wise to inaugurate. Sanitation, hygiene, postal savings banks, domestic science, land distribution, industrial development, agricultural methods—all these are diligently explained to the Filipino student. Fitting him for his natural environic life rather than for the legal, religious or literary profession seems to characterize Philippine education.

More and more emphasis is placed on industrial instruction, domestic science, trades and agriculture, not always successfully, because there are many elements to be considered, such as financial limitations, difficulty of travel and lack of aptitude in certain districts, but, on the whole, fairly successful and with benefit to the masses of the natives. Mr. Frank R. White, the present director of education, is energetic along these lines and is getting more and more support for his projects.

The Philippine School of Arts and Trades in Manila and thirty-five provincial trade schools (those located outside Manila in the different provinces or political divisions of the islands) and manual training schools have been equipped with full sets of woodworking tools. Twenty-three have been supplied with machinery and several with iron working equipment. Some of these institutions are self supporting from the sale of articles made.

GUARDIAN TELLS WHERE IT STANDS IN THE LEWIS CASE.

Calls Bar Association Committee's Action Insult to Whole Race.

The attempted ousting of Hon. William H. Lewis, assistant attorney general of the United States, from the American Bar association by its executive committee is most reprehensible and indefensible, says the Boston Guardian. It is frankly done solely because he is a colored man. Therein lies the most reprehensible part of it. It is simply pure color prejudice. No complaint is made against Mr. Lewis as to ability or character. Such would not suit the purpose of the executive committee.

Its report clearly shows it wants to make the association exclusive for white men. For this reason the ousting of Mr. Lewis is an injustice, a proscription aimed at the colored race. It is an insult to the colored race in that it seeks to deny to all colored lawyers recognition as part and parcel of the American people as far as the profession of the law goes, to deny them professional and public social recognition.

This proscription for color, this denial of recognition as part of the social and political body, is what the Guardian chiefly fights. We are therefore entirely against the action of the executive committee of the American Bar association in this matter. The personality of Mr. Lewis has no bearing.

The method used to oust Mr. Lewis is entirely indefensible under the constitution and bylaws of the association. Mr. Lewis was solicited to become a member. He was recommended by his state council of the association and voted in by the executive committee and in solicitation paid his dues and was given a receipt. Under its rules this completes a membership.

The committee, not finding color stated as a disqualification in the rules and constitution, seeks justification in the usual manner because it did not know Mr. Lewis was colored. It must admit his state council knew his color and as he was not asked by it he had no opportunity for deception. The committee has failed to show that it has the power or authority to do what it sets out to do.

Murphy's Effective Leadership.

The effective leadership of John H. Murphy, editor of the Baltimore Afro-American Ledger, was again demonstrated in the recent protest of the people against the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad company to have its jim-crow waiting rooms abolished at its terminals in Baltimore. The colored people followed the advice of Mr. Murphy and other prominent men of the race who were also leaders in the fight, and away went the base discrimination. The company has taken down the signs and abolished the separate waiting rooms, as they were wholly unnecessary.

Odd Fellows Prepare For Future Work

Pittsburgh Odd Fellows have begun active preparation for the annual sermon to the fraternity, which will be held in Wheeling, W. Va., in May, and field day exercises, which will occur at Rock Springs park in June, and the trip to Atlanta, Ga., in September. Colonel John W. Anderson has recently named his official staff for the ensuing year.

Race Wants No Color Line Officials.

Just as the colored people protested against the appointment of a man to the supreme court who was known to harbor prejudice against them in the matter of legal and civic rights, in like manner will the voting citizens of the race conduct themselves in the coming national election.

GREATEST MEN IN HISTORY.

Final List Includes Favorite Sons of Many Nations and Races.

Mr. W. T. Stead, the brilliant editor of the Review of Reviews, London, has recently published the results of an inquiry to determine who are the greatest men in history. Mr. Stead sent out letters to distinguished men in all parts of the civilized world and received about thirty replies, giving the names of 150 persons whom they considered the greatest of mankind. The result of the voting showed that there was a wide diversity of opinion.

Shakespeare led, with a list of twenty-three votes out of a possible thirty. Next to him, but a good way behind, came Columbus. Continuing, Dr. Stead states:

"It is worth noting that out of the hundred most noted men in history America, according to vote, contributed ten. Of these ten one, Booker T. Washington, is a Negro. The other nine Americans who were counted among the greatest men were Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, Fulton, Emerson, Lincoln, Jefferson, Ingersoll and Edison."

The following is a list of the twenty greatest men in history as made up from the lists, with the votes for each:

Shakespeare, greatest of modern poets	22
Columbus, discoverer of America	17
Gutenberg, inventor of typography	15
Newton, founder of modern astronomy and physics	15
Julius Caesar, the Roman emperor	14
Darwin, founder of new science	14
Dante, father of modern poetry	13
Stephenson, inventor of locomotive	12
Michelangelo, painter-sculptor	10
Franklin, discoverer of electric forces	10
Abraham Lincoln	10
Watt, inventor of steam power machines	10
Moses, early theocratic civilization	9
Homer, ancient poetry	9
Buddha, founder of Buddhism	9
Aristotle, ancient philosopher	9
Socrates, Athenian philosopher	9
St. Paul, apostle of Christianity	9
Confucius, Chinese philosopher	8
Luther	8

The analysis of these reports brings out some very interesting results. Of those who have taken part in this symposium eighteen belong to the English speaking world. They represent all classes with the exception of the clergy of the Church of England, none of whom has contributed to the symposium. It is interesting to note the distribution of great men among various nations. As most of those who contribute to the symposium are English speaking men, it is only natural that we have more than our fair proportion in the final twenty. These are Shakespeare, Newton, Darwin, Stephenson, Watt, Franklin and Abraham Lincoln.

Italy contributes Columbus, Julius Caesar, Dante and Michelangelo. Ancient Greece contributes Homer, Aristotle and Socrates. There are two Jews, Moses and St. Paul; one Chinese, Confucius; one Indian, Buddha, and two Germans, Gutenberg and Luther. France is left out altogether; so are Spain, Russia and the great Egyptian and Babylonian civilizations. Even when the whole 150 named by the contributors to the symposium are subject to a similar analysis it will be seen that there is a preponderance of English speaking men with fifty-seven out of the 150.

The other countries represented are seventeen from Italy, fifteen from Greece, seven from Germany, thirteen from France, ten from the Jews (crediting the sons of Israel with Lord Beaconsfield and Spinoza), four from Sweden, three from India, two each from Carthage, Holland and Spain, one each from Arabia, China, Norway, Persia and Egypt. It is curious to note that only six votes each were given to Napoleon, Washington and Oliver Cromwell.

LIFE IN CENTRAL AFRICA.

How Missionaries Help the Natives. The Feudal System Explained.

Hampton, Va.—The Rev. A. G. Fraser, president of Kandy college, Ceylon, spoke at the Hampton institute recently on "Life In Central Africa." He described most vividly his impressions of African life—the singing of "Holy, Holy, Holy" by natives who had been freed from the control of Arab slave dealers; the crowds of little children suffering from famine and disease, the dying of thousands and the wiping out of whole villages by hunger, the system of selecting the leading chiefs of Uganda, the cruelty of heathenism and the reforms in the social life of the African people through native Christians.

Mr. Fraser declared that the people of Uganda were not savage. They have had 450 years of history, a feudal system which provides for the selection of the best men as rulers, the influence of Christian missionaries for over thirty years and a highly developed spoken language which the Christians have helped them to convert into a written language of rare force and flexibility.

The villages of Uganda are found on the tops of low hills averaging from 100 to 300 feet in height and are separated by slow moving rivers. Up to 1822 the people of Uganda were extremely powerful. From 1822 to 1877 there came a reaction and a downward movement similar to that which came to the English nation during the reign of Charles II.

The cruelty of heathenism is well brought out in the attitude of the natives toward the aged, the sick and the young, helpless children, as well as in the attitude of the powerful lords toward their weaker brothers.

W. A. Griffin of Lebanon Lodge Dies.

In the death of W. A. Griffin, thirty years secretary of Cedar of Lebanon lodge No. 1864, Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, which occurred at his late home in New York on Monday evening, March 18, the lodge loses one of its most faithful members.

Sixteenth Anniversary Of The Publication Of Uncle Tom's Cabin.

The sixtieth anniversary of the publication in book form of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" occurred last week. The novel had been written a few years before by Mrs. Harriett Beecher Stowe. Her husband suggested that she publish it in a newspaper of their city.

The publication of the book took the North by wild fire and helped wonderfully in kindling anti-slavery sentiment. The arguments of pro-slavery statesmen were almost nullified by the book, and the events that finally resulted in the Civil War began to take shape.

Sixty years ago, Clay, Calhoun, and Webster had been but recently carried to their graves. It was two years before the birth of the Republican party. Franklin Pierce had not yet been elected president of the United States, and it was several years before the memorable Lincoln-Douglass debate.

"Uncle Toms Cabin" and the arguments of Lincoln Frederick Douglass, Charles Sumner, Garrison Whittier, Lovejoy may be regarded as among the most potent forces in bringing about those conditions which resulted in freedom for the race.

Mrs. Stowe died several years ago.

Easton Notes.

Easton, Md., Mar. 27—A very successful "Queen Sitting" between the two churches came off March 21st. Quite a handsome sum was realized.

Mrs. S. H. Cooper spent the week end in Trappe, Md., the guests of Mrs. Walter Camper.

Mr. George Johnson is on the sick list.

Miss Nell Holliday, of Cambridge, is in town, the guest of Miss Nettie Jenkins.

Rev. S. H. Cooper paid a flying visit to Cambridge.

Mrs. N. E. Turner spent two weeks in Trappe instructing the girls in domestic science and art.

Mrs. Mamie H. W. Brooks, of St. Michaels, paid a visit to Mrs. S. H. Cooper, also Miss E. W. Hawkins and Miss Dora Gordan of Unionville.

Rev. Fitchett paid a flying visit to the A. M. E. parsonage.

The KITCHEN CABINET

THE lofty my thoughts become, the less is there to divide them from the humblest of my fellow creatures. —Maeterlinck.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

When roasting wild ducks instead of stuffing them, put an onion in some and a bunch of celery in others. Of course neither the onion or celery is to be served.

Flour should always be sifted before measuring. When baking powder is used sift it with the flour several times, using two pieces of manilla paper, the wrapping paper that the grocers use.

Don't overwork, there is nothing gained and many times much lost by it.

If over heavy in weight eat less sweets and turn away from candy.

Don't forget to drink plenty of water daily.

Keep the feet warm, low shoes have no place after the frost arrives.

"Work well begun is half done." This means well planned. Let each day's work be carefully thought out, have an aim and make it high enough for something to work toward.

Take time to play a little at least once a week, if not every day.

Follow up a match head that has snapped off in striking, and avert a fire.

In looking for a leak in a gas pipe don't strike matches along the pipe, but rub the suspected place with soapsuds and the gas if there will escape and form a small bubble, showing the break.

Water should never be thrown on a kerosene lamp when it has exploded as it only spreads the flame. Smother the fire with rugs or quilts.

The ashes from the burned leaves make a fine sweetener of the garden soil.

To pour oil on a smoldering fire is always a reckless thing to do. One may escape ninety-nine times, but the hundredth will be your Waterloo.

Have a hot soup these cold nights for a supper dish, they are relished by the best of men.

Remember there are none in the humblest walks of life that are not able to teach us something.

Experience is often dearly bought and she is wise who will avail herself of that which has been proved by others.

Don't put off the Christmas preparations another day, begin now, and avoid a case of nervous prostration after the holidays are over.

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