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THE INDEX.

Last Sunday morning a leading divine of the city mentioned in his sermon a conversation he had recently with a white man. The speaker said that this white gentleman predicted a very radical change in the attitude of his race toward the Negro before many generations; that as soon as all of the old people, the ex-slaves, were out of the way conditions would change in a marked degree. Just what the gentleman had in mind when he made this statement was not clearly brought out. However the inference might serve well as an index to the requirements the young Negro will be compelled to measure up to. The fact that the opportunity to learn the fundamental principles in commercial affairs has been denied him will count for naught. His road will be rugged and his friends few. No one, not even those of his own race, will be found to extend to him the hand of sympathy, but it will be the "survival of the fittest." This is probably what was meant by the gentleman referred to above, and it seems to be the true situation. Every indication points in that direction.

The Negro has contended for years that all he wants is an equal chance in the world. The question is, Can he get what he contends for, and if he cannot will he falter or will he take an unequal chance and make a fight for an existence against odds. His predecessors have had that to do, and their record is one that they need not be ashamed of. The all-absorbing question seems to be, Will his ancestry be able to build on the foundation that he has laid? are the young men holding their own?

The lines of competition are being drawn tighter every day in all parts of the country. This is an age of combining interests in every line of business. The men of means are pooling and segregating their interests to economize and thereby increase the profit on their investments. Laws regulating and legalizing these combines are being passed from time to time, all of which tends to put the opportunities to do business further and further from the man of small means. With these facts standing out pre-eminent before the ambitious young Negro man he must decide for himself what position he will take. Whether he will quell his ambition or resolve to contend for a position in the ranks of those who dare to conduct the commercial affairs of the nation. Being the New Negro and among a new people his determination should be to take his place in the

ranks and fight the battles as they come.

CITY PARKS.

On another page in this issue will be found a report submitted by the City Park Commission to the Mayor and City Council. The report should be read carefully by every Negro in Nashville, as it contains information that will be of vast import to that class of citizens who are not benefited by the existence of these parks though many of them are tax-payers. It will be noticed that four parks have been established which, all told, contain one hundred and thirty acres of ground; one in each of the four grand divisions of the city, namely, north, south, east and west. The report states that the commission hopes to be able to establish a large number of playgrounds all over the city. It is not definitely stated whether any of those parks or playgrounds will be established for Negroes; neither have they been ordered not to go to the city parks that have been open for some time. But the Negroes of Nashville exercise rare discretion in matters generally. They have not frequented these parks, consequently no complaints have been registered. Furthermore, they neither express desires nor show inclinations to visit them. What they want and deserve is that the city set aside plots of ground in those communities where Negroes predominate and build parks and playgrounds where mothers can carry their children in sultry Summer evenings and spend an hour or so in quietude. As citizens and tax-payers they are entitled to their pro rata of the money invested in parks and playgrounds. The attention of the city authorities should be called to this matter. The thousands of Negro boys and girls of this city are of flesh and blood and are subject to the conditions brought about by lack of out-door exercise. Places of recreation in large communities do more towards reducing death rates than many health remedies suggested to our people.

MEHARRY COMMENCEMENT.

Next Sunday morning will witness the beginning of the thirty-second commencement of Meharry Medical College, when the baccalaureate sermon will be preached to the graduating classes. The number to receive diplomas this year is the largest in the history of the college, which means that more communities will be asked to support Negro doctors from this school than in any single year heretofore. These graduates go out as representatives of Meharry Medical College, and also the city of Nashville. We hope for each individual abundant success. We also hope they will not forget their Alma Mater when things go well with them. The record shows that 880 have received diplomas from this institution since it was established in 1876. The majority of these have succeeded as practitioners. Some have accumulated considerable wealth and are comfortably surrounded with this world's goods.

The dean of Meharry College is putting forth an effort to erect a hospital in connection with the college. It ought not to be a difficult thing to do. The men who have been benefited by the gift of the Meharry brothers, who made it possible for Negroes to study medicine in Nashville, can easily give a sufficient amount to erect and fit up the hospital, and we believe they will gladly do so when they are informed of the intentions of Dean Hubbard. They owe it to him, to themselves and to the citizens of Nashville, who have always thrown open their doors to the students of Meharry College.

A GOOD CHANGE.

The Pythian lodges of the city held their annual celebration Sunday. In order that the comfort of the people might be added to, the lodges were divided, one-half going to one church and one-half to another. The arrangement was a timely one. The people were more conveniently accommodated, and hundreds who would otherwise have been unable to attend visited one of the two churches and enjoyed the services. A feature of the celebration that was noticeable was

the parting from the custom established in years past of making these occasions a thanksgiving day. But it seems special efforts were put forth to collect money to swell the lodge treasuries. This ought not to be. It appears that the societies are imposing upon the churches. At one of the sermons Sunday the committees were so long winding up their financial affairs that the audience dispersed indiscriminately and when the pastor pronounced the benediction there were not over one hundred people in the church of probably a congregation of a thousand. It appears that the good aimed to be derived from these annual gatherings is being lost sight of.

After spending nearly three months at home, the most of that time confined to his bed, Bishop Tyree left the city last Monday morning for Texas. He leaves behind him thousands of glad hearts rejoicing to know he is well again. Bishop Tyree is highly esteemed by the people of his home.

Mr. Frank Turner, who saved a boy from drowning a few days ago, holds the record as a rescuer of unfortunates who lose their balance while doing stunts on the river banks near the upper wharf. Mr. Turner deserves recognition by the Carnegie committee on awards for bravery.

An effort is being put forth to arrange a game or series of games between "Rube" Foster's ball team, the Leland Giants, of Chicago, and a team composed of local talent. The fans of Nashville would welcome the great aggregation of ball tossers of the windy city.

Congress is receiving rapt attention these days. They are discussing the tariff. We wonder if the cost of our beef steak will be increased.

On the nineteenth the regulars and irregulars will return to torment us. The first of the month will pass swiftly. How about the last!

March has marched away with her ragged maneuvers. We hope April will not fool us.

COMMUNICATION.

Other Problems and Burdens. To the Nashville Globe:

Rudyard Kipling's famous poem, "The White Man's Burden," which created such a stir at the time of its publication and which was interpreted as showing the white man's magnanimity toward helping other and weaker people. In this country it was often quoted as referring to the Negro people as being the white man's burden. But, in the light of recent events in different sections of the country with regard to racial friction and antagonism between white Americans and white foreigners, it appears that a larger construction will have to be placed upon a more comprehensive interpretation made of "The white man's burden."

The rioting in Nebraska some time ago against foreigners and the trouble now on in Indiana between American and Hungarian miners, are straws which point to larger troubles in the future, and it will not be trouble between whites and Negroes, either.

Yes, the white man will have some other problems and burdens to solve and bear save the much-talked-of one—the Negro problem and burden.

One thing that is certain is that the unrestricted influx of foreign immigration of the undesirable sort from every country in Europe is destined in time to give the foreign elements political as well as numerical supremacy, and when that time comes, what will become of Government established by Washington and the men of his day and preserved by Lincoln and the men of his time? This may seem a far-fetched thought, yet it is possible and probable, and therein is danger.

JADECEE.

HELIOTROPE CIRCLE.

A very pleasant meeting was held at the residence of Mrs. Ino Kelly, 653 Bass street, Tuesday, March 23. The resignation of Mrs. Jos S. McKay was received with regret. The instrumental solo rendered by Mrs. J. H. Hale was worthy of much comment. After the regular business of the Circle, the hostess served a dainty two-course menu. The hostess proved Misses Ophelia and Alberta Rivers, of 1019 Stevens street, entertained at six o'clock dinner in honor of the

young bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. herself up to the art of flower-making as was seen in the decorations. The visitors were Mesdames Z. F. Johnson, J. P. Crawford, G. H. Hall and L. C. Brown. The next meeting will be with Mrs. W. P. Phillips, 703 Sixth avenue, South, April 13th.

PLEASANT EVENING.

Samuel Bryant, Jr. A very delightful three-course menu was served. Those to enjoy the occasion were Misses Essie Jordan, Emma Hyte, Alberta and Ophelia Rivers and Lillia Gillman, of Hopkinsville, Ky., Mrs. Annie Robinson, Mary Rivers, Mrs. W. A. Reed, Quinnie Webster, Easter Boyd, Mary Barnes, Messrs. John A. Galloway, Theo. Works and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bryant, Jr.

FISK LITERARY CLUB.

Despite the very inclement weather the members of the Fisk Literary Club showed their loyalty by coming out in large numbers to the second meeting of the month which was held with Miss Flora F. Wright at her residence on Saturday afternoon, March 27th, at 3:30 o'clock. Mrs. P. R. Burrus, the president, presided, and a great deal of business was transacted. The club has arranged to give a very unique entertainment some time in May. The members have resolved themselves into committees to do active work in all sections of the city. It is earnestly hoped that the moneys desired may be collected by commencement. "A mile of pennies for Fisk" is the slogan and those who are working for that amount know no such word as fail. The program was altogether musical, and was listened to with much interest and pleasure. At roll call the members responded with a line or stanza from one of their favorite hymns or songs. The program follows:

Prayer, Prof. Dora A. Scribner; piano duet, Clara Stevens and Cereila A. Brown; vocal solo, Miss Rebecca DeGraffenried; piano solo, Miss Martha C. Grisham; piano solo, Miss Lettie Kakaza; vocal solo, Mrs. H. A. Cameron; piano solo, Miss Hattie E. Caruthers; piano solo, Miss Mary E. Chamberlain.

After the program dainty refreshments were served by Miss Wright, assisted by her mother, Mrs. H. H. Wright, Misses Kakaza and DeGraffenried. The following guests and club members were present: Mesdames M. E. Stevens, J. B. Childress, A. J. Bright, F. A. Stewart, H. A. Cameron, S. M. Lowe, H. H. Wright, Prof. Dora A. Scribner, Misses J. A. Robinson, E. J. Terry, O. J. Lischey, M. C. Grisham, W. H. McBroome, H. E. Caruthers, M. M. Hunter, M. E. Chamberlain, L. A. Bright, E. Benson, L. A. Banks, B. Ruth Parmenter, Rebecca DeGraffenried, F. M. Banks, Lettie Kakaza, Lady Emma Louise Phillips, F. F. Wright, Little Misses Clara Stevens, Cereila A. Brown, and Annie Louise Stewart. The next meeting will be held with Mrs. S. M. Lowe at the Tennessee School for Blind, on Friday afternoon, April 9th, at 3:30 o'clock.

LADIES AID SOCIETY.

The Ladies Aid Society, of the First Baptist Church met with Mrs. G. W. Johnson, of Eleventh avenue, North, Monday, March 29, 1909. Opened with vice president, Mrs. A. B. Berry in the chair. After the devotional exercises minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. After transacting the business and taking collection the society was treated to a well prepared program which was as follows: Reading, Miss L. U. Chambers; instrumental solo, Miss Mattie Matthews; Mrs. Robinson recited with much grace, St. Peter at the Gate. Later a course of ices was served by the hostess. The society adjourned to meet with Mrs. A. B. Carter, 718 Gay street, at which Miss N. H. Burroughs will be the guest of honor.

MRS. L. FORT, President.

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SPRING OPENING SOCIAL.

The Violet Leaf Club gave their first social this spring at the Boyd Building at which a number of society ladies and gentlemen looking like spring itself with its violets in profusion attended. The club colors, pea green and pink, were carried out in the decorations, and after tripping the fantastic toe to the sweet melody of the piano, furnished by Messrs. Oscar Crockett and Charlie Moore, the club entered the dining-room where a four course menu was served by Mrs. William Stratton and Mrs. Major Boyd. Some of those in attendance were Misses Sadie Webb, Benetta Foster, Ola-M. Boyd, Sallie McClellan, Jennie V. Hodge, Sallie L. Stratton, Mamie Parks, Nonie Dixon, Bessie Ferguson, Willie and Sallie Duvall, Mary Russell, Bell McDowell, Ruth Fowles, Willie Ridley, Cassie Brown, Josie Andrews, Addie Luckett, Etta McGavock, Hattie Fowler, Annie Talbot, Cleo Evans Sallie Maury, Messrs. Charlie Coleman, Leonard Stratton, Levy Bradley, Leon Polk, Jack Robertson, Frank Robertson, Frank Luckett, Dr. Carr, Dave Sanders, John Johnson, Elmore Wilson, John Miller, William Russell,

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DR. HAMMOND AT LEXINGTON.

Dr. Hammonds reception by the Lexington Conference at Indianapolis last week was a great ovation. He spoke to packed audiences on "Aggressive Evangelism" Thursday and Saturday. His Conference address in the interest of Walden University was one of his best and carried the conference. The Doctor is a great favorite with the Y. M. C. A. of Indianapolis. His address before the "Monster Meeting" for men on the subject of "The Winner" was immensely helpful. He addressed the Ethical Culture Club and won many new friends.

Simpson Chapel was literally packed on Sunday night to hear the closing address of Dr. Hammond. The Doctor was invited by the Corresponding Secretary of the General Conference Board of Conference Claimants to hold the anniversary of the Board at the Lexington Conference. His subject, "Our Conference Veterans," was superbly discussed, and gave general satisfaction.

Among the social features of the Conference week was the "Bouquet Luncheon" given by Mrs. Webber and her niece, Miss Carrie Miller, at their beautiful home. It was in honor of Dr. E. W. S. Hammond, Dean of Braden Theological School at Nashville, Tenn., who is a guest at their home while attending the sessions of the conference. The affair was in the nature of a home coming as the Doctor had been a resident of Indianapolis for several years. Friends to the number of at least forty partook of the welcoming. One of the enjoyable features of this social was the splendid literary and musical programme by Mrs. J. T. Hill, Misses Katie Frances and Mary Fields, Miss Carrie Miller with Mesdames Lillian Fox, and Navvie C. Lewis. Toasts were given by Messrs. Jones, Furniss, Stokes, Mrs. Hagood, Sissel and Ziegler. Dr. Hammond responded in his usual felicitous way.

The Doctor has several engagements to preach sermons for lodges and societies. Among these are the sermons at Gallatin, Tenn., and that which will take place at Saint Paul A. M. E. Church on Easter Sunday.

DEATH OF MRS. MARY TOWNSEND.

Funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Mary Townsend, who died Friday morning, were held Sunday at 1 o'clock at St. Olive Baptist Church of which she was a most faithful member. The services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Clark assisted by Rev. Mr. Page, of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church. The church was crowded with friends who came to pay their last tribute of respect to the deceased. The floral offerings were many and beautiful. She leaves behind a mother, father, husband several brothers and sisters and many friends to mourn their loss.