

Local Items.

Dr. Smith returned from Tennessee Wednesday.

Miss Lula Thompson went to Scotia Monday evening.

Keep your ears open and you might hear wedding bells.

Rev. H. I. Quick of Rockingham, dropped in to see us yesterday.

Mrs. Patton of Troy, S. C., is visiting her son, Mr. Jos. Patton in Bid-dleville.

Mr. H. T. Hughes, the wood and coal dealer, can be found at 307 S. College Street.

Go to the Queen City Drug Store, Dr. M. T. Pope, successor, for drugs, toilet articles, etc.

Mrs. Mamie Kelsey and little daughter, Nettie Wiley, are visiting friends in Chester, S. C.

Mrs. Isadora Lomax Coles, of Washington, D. C., is visiting her parents on W. Hill Street.

Rev. Mr. Miller preached at Simp-son Chapel last Sunday night, Rev. Davis, the pastor, being out of the city.

Varick Day was observed at Clin-ton Chapel Wednesday evening and quite an interesting program was carried out.

Miss Maggie Wallace, after a very pleasant stay in our city, returned to her home, Statesville, last Thursday morning.

In the recent Y. W. C. T. U. con- test, Miss Florence Perry won the medal and Miss Mamie Walker won the second prize.

The Synod of Catawba, of the Pres- byterian church, convenes at the 7th Street Presbyterian church, the 2nd Wednesday of November.

Miss Gertrude Bomar spent Sun- day and Monday in the city with her friend, Miss Oelia Cantey, and went to Scotia Monday evening.

Mr. Sawyer Holmes is attending school at Livingstone. He went up with student T. W. Wallace who was a clerk at the Varick during the vaca- tion.

The up-to-date concert at the 7th Street Presbyterian church, was very entertaining, and those who were so unfortunate as to miss it missed a rare treat.

Mrs. R. C. Bearden, President of the local Y. W. C. T. U., left Wednes- day evening for Buffalo, N. Y., to at- tend the World's W. C. T. U. Con- vention.

If your wish to know where to have good job work of any descrip- tion done, come or send to this office, and the needed information will be given free.

The Baptist Association met at the Ebenezer Baptist church, Wednesday evening. Many of the leading lights of our sister denomination are in at- tendance.

Misses Mary Radisill, Under- wood, Rosa Barber, Lula McCullough, Gertrude Dixon, Marine Pethel, Bernice Tyson, all left for Scotia Sunday morning.

We were pleased to grasp the hand of our old friend and school-mate, Mr. W. T. Singleton, of the class of '97, Biddle, Monday. Mr. Singleton has been teaching music at Huntersville.

Miss Jennie A. Howard, of Scrant- on, Pa., of the class of '96, Living- stone College, arrived in the city Tuesday, to accept a position as clerk in the A. M. E. Zion Publi- cation House.

Rev. D. C. Covington, pastor of Clinton Chapel, has been asked by the Editor of the Charlotte Observer, and has consented, to contribute a column of race news to that paper weekly. His first column appeared in the Ob- server of the 10th inst.

Rev. H. B. Moss in his rally held on the 10th inst., including the three nights entertainment immediately following that, raised \$101.09. The congregation of Clinton Chapel, Rev. D. C. Covington, pastor, assisted him on the Sabbath, they having been so joyfully aided by the congregation of Little Rock two Sabbaths previous.

Zion's Evangelist.

Here we come upon our mission, Bearing Jesus' cross on high; This our work, our only calling— Leading souls to Calvary.

Dear Brethren: At the recent meet- ing of the Board of Bishops I was appointed and commissioned to go forth throughout the bounds of our great Church, to aid you in your efforts to "take the world for Christ." My field of labor embraces the United States of America, Canada, Africa and the West India Islands.

After the 22nd of next month (Nov.), I shall begin my evangelistic work; and all pastors who desire my assistance, must write to me at once, so that I may be able to arrange and publish my sched- ule of engagements. Yours for the sal- vation of the world through Jesus Christ, R. Alonso Scott, Connectional Evangelist.

His many friends here and elsewhere will be pleased to learn of the recent elevation to the Priesthood of the Prot- estant Episcopal Church of Rev. Eugene Leon Henderson, formerly of this city. Rev. Henderson has charge of the Epis- copal church in Camden, N. J., and in it he was elevated to the very high order above named. He bears the distinction of being the only priest of color in his Church in that State, and stands to be congratulated for his mighty strides for- ward.—E. E.

Manager's Column.

The Fall Conferences.

To the Bishops and Conferences: The Fall conferences are upon us. A large number of the brethren will re- new their subscription and others will subscribe. It is not possible for me to reach all the conferences in person to collect the subscription, etc. Dr. J. W. Smith and Hon. J. C. Dan- cy will visit several conferences and collect for me. They will receive subscriptions for the STAR, Quarterly Review, Sunday School Gleaner, and also collect Easter money for the Sunday-school Department.

Where neither they nor I can reach the Conference, I shall be glad to have the Bishop appoint a very re- sponsible brother to look after these matters and see that the money, name and correct address in each in- stance are sent directly to me at Charlotte N. C., and I will forward a duplicate receipt from the office.

CONFERENCE MINUTES.

I would be glad to have all the conferences that owe us for printing minutes of the last conference to set- tle up so as to relieve us of financial embarrassment.

The House would be glad to print your minutes again, but cannot print them without the cash; at the very least two-thirds of what they are supposed to cost. If you haven't the money, therefore, don't send the minutes. Condense them as much as pos- sible so you can afford to print them.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LITERATURE.

Will the pastors all please inform their schools:

1st. That the S. S. Literature will be ready on time and if they wish it on time when they must order it on time.

2nd. That all schools must pay up old bills before the Department can fill new ones.

3rd. That the Lesson Cluster has been reduced from \$1.25 to \$1.00.

Yours truly, S. L. Blackwell.

Another Pioneer Passed Away.

OFFICE OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY, Harrisburg, Pa., Oct. 13, '97.

To The Rev. J. W. Smith, D. D., Editor of The STAR of Zion.

Rev. and Dear Brother: Please note the fact that I have to-night received from Rev. J. E. Disharoon, Frank- lin, Pa., that Rev. W. H. Hamilton, one of the oldest members of the Allegheny Conference, and on the superannuated list, departed this life yesterday (Oct. 12th) at Franklin, Pa., his home. Rev. Disharoon writes: "Father Hamilton is one of the oldest members of the Allegheny Conference, and has done the Church good service. Will be buried from the A. M. E. Zion Church, the 18th instant." Yours, very respectfully, Wm. Howard Day, Gen'l Sec.

To the Ministers of the Athens Dis- trict, South Georgia Conference: Dear Brethren—By order of Bishop I. O. Clin- ton, you are to take a special collection for the purpose of cancelling a \$150 debt which is due on our Publication House. Please bring the same to the conference the 3rd of November, '97.

L. G. Hemphill, P. E.

Special rates are allowed preachers and delegates to the district conference and Sunday-school convention to con- vene in Lumberton, N. C., October 26th, 1897—from Wilmington, Fayetteville, Hope Mill, Pembroke, Maxton, and intermediate points. Rev. S B Hunter, E. A. Carroll, Dis. Sec. P. E.

The Scouble With His Throat A young lumberman of northern Minnesota, whose habits of drinking had given the "blind staggers" to his business, reformed, and ran his sawmill with profit. While in a transition period he met Tom, an old friend.

"How are you?" asked Tom. "Pretty well, thank you, but I have just seen a doctor who took him examine my throat."

"What's the matter?" "Well, the doctor couldn't give me any encouragement. At least, he could not find what I want to find."

"What do you expect to find?" "He told him to look down my throat for the seaweed and fern that had gone down there in drink."

"And did he see anything of them?" "No; but he advised me if ever I got an- other mill I run it by water."

Read Psalms 119 and then read Matt. 5, 6, 7. Do you find any diffi- culty in harmonizing the God of the former with the God which the latter reveals? If you feel that II Cor. 5:17 ("O things are passed away," etc.) explains the contrast do not Malachi 3:6 and James 1:17 then confront you? That the miraculous unity of the Scriptures proves their divine inspiration and that while the Bible was written by the hand of men, yet it had God for its sponsor, we earnestly preach and fully believe in our hearts; but after such contrasts as the imprecations of David and the Sermon on the Mount, what reply shall we make to those who like Bishop Latane say, "The divine and the human are mingled in the Scripture: the Bible is the Word of God, but it came through man who is full of weakness: human weakness is displayed even in the Bible?"

Rev. W. H. Marshall, Harrisburg, Pa.



An Open Letter.

OFFICE OF VARIOUS CHRISTIAN EN- DEAVOR UNION, 1114 6TH ST., N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dear Bishops and Brethren: Greet- ing: It is with profound pleasure that I address you on the subject of the Varick C. E. work of the A. M. E. Zion Church. I am truly glad to know that a few of the ministers of your conferences have taken the ad- vanced step of organizing a Varick C. E. in their churches; and yet there is a large number of churches that have not organized as yet. Permit me to urge upon the pastors especially, (for the success of the work largely depends upon the interest which they take in it) to put forth every possi- ble effort to organize a V. C. E. in their churches, for if we expect to hold the young people in the churches we must certainly give them some- thing to do. This the V. C. E. does. It opens up avenues of usefulness for the young people of your church and congregation. Besides, it urges upon them the necessity of reading the Bible, and at the time encourages devo- tional culture.

I am happy to inform you that thus far, we, as a Connection, have run well. We have now upon roll nearly 200 active V. C. E. S's with about 10,000 members. This has been the result, largely, of one year's labor. Knowing as we do, the inter- est which our worthy Bishops have always manifested in the rising gen- eration, we will not be at all surprised to hear that our Zion is leading in this blessed movement; hence we are anxiously waiting to hear of encour- aging reports from your conferences and Episcopal districts. It is not too early for you to begin now to prepare for that great Convention of '98. I shall suggest, if it pleases the Bishop and conference, that you appoint a committee whose duty shall be to confer with the president of the Varick C. E. Union, looking towards the perfecting of plans for the denomina- tional meeting which usually takes place at that time. We feel confident that with such live and energetic men, such as you have in your con- ferences, led on by learned and pol- ished Christian gentlemen in the per- son of our presiding Bishops, that our Connection will not be a whit behind in this great movement.

Now, may heaven's blessings contin- ue to smile upon you and may you have abundant success in your chosen fields of labor. I remain yours sin- cerely, for "Christ and the Church,"

JESSE C. COLBERT, President of the Varick C. E. Union of the A. M. E. Zion Church.

TOPIC FOR SUNDAY, OCT. 24.

"Confessing Christ Before Man: Why and How," John xii. 35-48; Rom. x. 11. (A Meeting for Special Thought of the As- sociate Members and the Uncon- ventioned.)

DAILY READINGS. Oct. 18. A sinner confesses. Luke xviii. 9-14. Oct. 19. Confessing before men. Matt. x. 32-33. Oct. 20. Peter's confession. Matt. xvi. 13-20. Oct. 21. Peter's denial. Matt. xxvi. 65-75. Oct. 22. Peter's confession again. Acts ii. 14-37. Oct. 23. Help in confessing. Mark xiii. 3-13. Oct. 24. Confessing Christ before men: why and how. John xii. 35-48; Rom. x. 8-11.

SCRIPTURE VERSES.—Ps. lxxviii. 11; Jer. xxiii. 28; Ezek. xl. 17-21; Matt. x. 5-7; xxvii. 13-20; Mark xv. 15; Luke xxiv. 45-48; Acts ii. 22-23.

LESSON THOUGHTS. We cannot be Christians unless we are willing to confess Christ our Sav- iour: unwillingness or failure to con- fess him is equivalent to a denial. Whatever is not light is darkness.

It is right but not enough merely to believe with the heart. Confession with the mouth and by our deeds is also necessary to salvation. Silence is denial, and if we deny him, we are told that he also will deny us before the Father.

SELECTIONS. The man with a heart full of truth will find an occasion for preaching it when he little expects. Travel, with its softening scenes and its strange in- cidents, might seem a poor time to convert a soul. The seafarer on the ocean, may be entertaining religi- ous doubts which only a word of the gospel would dispel. Sorrow may have prepared his heart for the word spoken in love. Disappointment may recently have invaded his life, and he is ready to hear of Christ. The Spirit gives us good opportunities for preaching Christ as he gave Philip, and we shall be able to discern them if we are habitually obedient to God's will. If we greet the song of Sheba's queen, Of glories that her eyes had seen In Solomon, the earthly king; How sweeter far should be our song, We, who to Jesus Christ belong, And owe him everything!

This world has millions of witnesses, those that walk according to its course, slaves of passion, devotees of pleasure, seekers after "hithy world." We are of God. We should speak for Christ, live and labor for him, to the end that we may lead men to set their affections on things above, not on things on the earth.

Centennial, Maryland.

CONFERENCE. Jan 15, '96. California Conf session, \$20 35 Oct 9, '96. Rev W H Byrum, Los Angeles, Cal., 5 00 Total, \$25 25

ARKANSAS. Jan 15, '96. Arkansas Conf ses- sion, \$07 00 " '96. Mrs Anna Hurd, Little Rock, Ark., 1 00 Sept 30, '96. Rev J T McMillan, May 3, '97, Rev R B Macon, Morrill, Ark., 3 00 Total, \$80 00

OHIO AND ALLEGHENY. June 27, '95. Ohio Conf ses- sion, \$ 34 25 Oct 1, '95. Allegheny Conf session, 35 10 Jan 10, '96. Rev G W Lewis, 4 90 June 13, '96. Ohio Conf ses- sion, 31 00 Sept 29, '96. Rev T H Slater, Se- wickly, Pa., 27 00 Oct 7, '96. Mrs A J Parker, Se- wickly, Pa., 5 00 " '96. Rev W B Fenderson, Avery Chapel, 160 00 " '96. Rev M S Kell, Se- wickly, Pa., 1 00 " '96. Rev G W Baird, Hene, Pa., 4 10 " '96. Rev A P Parker, Franklin, Pa., 10 00 Total, \$344 35

CONFERENCE. Sept 20, '95. Kentucky Conf ses- sion, 26 00 Oct 6, '96. Rev H R Phenix, St Louis, Mo., 9 75 Sept 23, '95. Rev H W Smith, Missouri Conf., 1 00 Oct 20, '96. Rev J F Page, Missouri Conf., 5 50 Total, \$46 50

CONFERENCE. Oct 8, '96. Tennessee Conf ses- sion, \$40 00 " '96. Rev J B Henderson, District Conf., 10 00 " '96. Rev J B Henry, Mor- ristown, Tenn., 2 00 " '96. Rev Jessie Ray, Bris- to, Tenn., 1 00 Dec 1, '96. Tennessee Conf ses- sion, 8 00 Total, \$61 50

ALABAMA CONFERENCE. Aug 24, '96. Rev J F Moreland, D D, State-st Zion ch, Mo- bile, 40 00 Sept 28, '96. Rev J W Alstork, D D, Dist Conf Alabama, 5 65 " 29, '96. Rev H C Banks, ch, Ala., 12 80 Oct 1, '96. Rev Wm Spencer, Zion ch, Selma, Ala., 30 57 " '96. Rev J H Hale, Zion ch, Benton, Ala., 6 00 " 3, '96. Rev S F Collins, Zi- on ch, Tuscaloosa, Ala., 5 00 " '76. Rev M S Cost, Zion ch, Greensboro, Ala., 6 00 " 5, '96. Rev A B Emyer, Zion ch, Citronelle, Ala., 4 00 " 8, '96. Rev O H Smith, Big Zion, Mobile, Ala., 41 00 " 13, '96. Rev W H Smith, Zi- on ch, Montgomery, Ala., 20 00 " 19, '96. Rev J H Gomez, Zion ch, Tuskegee, Ala., 17 00 Nov 22, '96. Mrs Flora A Glass, Zion ch, Montgomery, Ala., 18 07 " 27, '96. Mrs Flora A Glass, Zion ch, Montgomery, Ala., 2 10 Dec 2, '96. Rev J W Alstork, D D, Central Alabama Conf., 9 25 " 10, '96. Rev J F Alstork, D D, North Alabama Conf., 47 43 " 12, '96. Sales by Bishop J B Small, D D, 12 20 Nov 20, '96. Centra Alabama Conf., 105 67 " 28, '96. Union Spring, Ala- bama Conf., 75 73 June 5, '97. Rev J J Branner, Alabama, 1 00 " 8, '97. Rev H H Barnett, Alabama, 2 00 " 9, '96. Rev J D Donald, St Stephens, Ala., 1 00 " '96. Rev R Lang, McIn- tosh, Ala., 2 00 Total, \$499 37

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONF- ERENCE. Oct 3, '96. Rev M V Marable, Dist Conf., \$168 50 Nov 1, '96. Rev B E Martin, Lin- colnton, N C., 32 00 Oct 7, '96. Rev M V Marable, Statesville, 2 95 " 9, '96. Mrs M A Marable, 18 28 " 9, '96. " " " " 1 95 " " Mrs R R Morris, Charlotte, 9 00 " 14, '96. Charlotte, N. C., 8 50 " 17, '96. Rev H I Bennett, Charlotte, 9 00 " '96. Rev R E Bruce, Charlotte, 33 00 Total, \$278 18

BLUE RIDGE CONFERENCE. Oct 1, '95. Blue Ridge Conf ses- sion, \$ 10 35 Nov 1, '96. Blue Ridge Conf ses- sion, 114 45 Oct 20, '96. Rev J W Wright, Hendersonville, N. C., 2 80 Jan 1, '96. Rev F M Jacobs, Asheville, 2 00 Oct 7, '96. Rev J Nelson, Frai- zer, N C., 3 10 " 13, '96. Isaac Banks, Ashe- ville, N. C., 1 03 Jan 1, '97. Rev W V Slade, Le- banon, Va., 5 00 Oct 10, '96. Rev H J Jones, Octagon, Va., 1 25 Total, \$138 45

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE. Sept 29, '93. Rev S M G Copel- land, Bay Branch, Va., \$ 11 85 Oct 7, '93. Mrs Rebecca Mabery, 8 00

COURSE OF STUDY FOR MINISTERS.

A. M. E. ZION CHURCH. EXHORTERS AND LOCAL PREACHERS. FIRST YEAR. Spelling—Read, 65 Grammar (small)—Harvey, 65 Geography (small)—Murry, 65 Arithmetic Written—Winnworth, 65 United States History, (small)—Babb, 65 Outlines of Bible History—Hunt, 65 Outlines of the A. M. E. Zion Church, 65 Old Testament—Hansen, 65 Discipline of the A. M. E. Zion Church, 196 History of the A. M. E. Zion Church—Rush, 65 Outlines of Church History—Hunt, 65 Total, \$85 45

SECOND YEAR. Spelling—Read, 65 Arithmetic Written—Winnworth, 65 United States History, (small)—Babb, 65 Theological Compend—Hansen, 65 Discipline of the A. M. E. Zion Church, 196 Geography (small)—Harvey, 65 History of Self-Educated Ministers—Porter, 65 Christian Evidence—Pittner, 65 Historical Account of Christ in Perfection—Wesley, 65 The Model Homestead—Blackwell, 65 Smaller Scripture History—Smith, 65 Total, \$85 45

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SECOND YEAR. Introduction to the Bible—Horne, 80 Systematic Theology—Miley, 1st volume, 80 History of A. M. E. Zion Church—Wood, 80 Rhetoric—D. J. Hill, 80 History of Christian Church—Fisher, 80 History of A. M. E. Zion Church—Wood, 80 Homiletics—Bronson, 1 00 Written Sermon, 1 00 To be read: Jones' Haid-Book on Dis- cipline, 50 Total, 12 80

THIRD YEAR. History of the Christian Church—Fisher, 80 History of A. M. E. Zion Church—Wood, 80 Systematic Theology—Miley, 2nd volume, 80 Medival and Modern History—Anderson, 80 Mental Philosophy—Putnam, 80 Lessons in Logic—Jovan, 1 00 Written Sermon, 1 00 To be read: Jones' Haid-Book on Dis- cipline, 50 Small's Sermons, 1 00 Total, 7 80

FOURTH YEAR. Systematic Theology—Miley, 2nd volume, 80 Moral Science—Mahan, 80 Pastoral Science—Fene, 80 The Sacraments—Watson, 80 Code on Discipline—Small, 80 History of Christian Church—Fisher, 80 Christian Ministry—Hanson, 80 The Preacher and His Models—Stalker, 1 50 Written Sermon, 1 00 General review of course, Christian Life and Habits. 6 15

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RAM'S HORN BASTIS.

Warning Notes Calling the Wicked to Repentance.



SEVERESTNESS is self-denial—a t work. The dog with a gold collar is still a dog. A bad man sees little good in other people. A man is known by what he is and where he is. It is easier to set a man down than to set him up.

The doctor's best text-book is a good judgment. The lofty tree is seldom measured till it is down. The seeds of virtue grow best when planted early. The crown is beyond the cross of toll and self-denial. Your acts will not go right while your thoughts go wrong. The big fool lacks conscience, the little fool lacks brains. To get money without work, has made all the thieves. "Success is costly." Paste these three words across your mirror.

Satan can wax fat in a heart too small for Jesus to squeeze into. Nothing is more to be dreaded in church or state, than ignorance on fire. When weeping mothers are given the ballot, their tears will put out the fires of distilleries. A drop of the oil of humility will save a man from a great deal of the smart of humiliation. A sermon hasn't been preached until it has got into a few pairs of shoes and gone out on the street. Solomon took the world for a text and preached the shortest sermon on record—"all is vanity."

The lion spirit of greed is always seeking to lie down with the lamb, but it wants the lamb inside. What must Jesus Christ think of his Bride, the Church, carrying on a politi- cal flirtation with the saloonkeeper, the seducer and destroyer of his children?

The Life Beyond the Grave. "There is a little book entitled 'The Life Beyond,' that presents the truth of the Resurrection in a wonderful manner," writes Evangelist Moody in the Ladies' Home Journal. "It is an allegory and pretends to give the ex- perience of a little dragon fly grub. The little insect longs to know what is beyond the sphere of its little world. In vain it inquires of the fish that live in the same pond, but they have no ex- perience in any other sphere, nor can any of its fellows satisfy its anxious yearning. The only world it knows is a little meadow pond; all its experience is limited by the bounds of the sur- rounding banks. At length the grub is overcome by a strange attraction up- ward, and gathering about it all its fel- lows it tells that it must leave them for the regions above, and promises to re- turn to tell them what it has found to exist in the beyond. If, indeed, there may be anything above the burlesque of its little pond. And then quietly it dis- appears from the sight of its fellows and emerges into the bright sunlight of the greater world. Here it is transformed, and now with outstretched wings it darts hither and thither reflecting the brightness of the sun from its gorgeous body. But it does not forget the prom- ise it has made to the friends it has left below. It tries to return to the world from which it has just been resurrected, but cannot now leave the atmosphere in which it lives. All it can do is to wait for them to come to where it now lives, a beautiful dragon fly."

And thus it is with those who have disappeared from our sight. Their love for us is not lessened because they are not able to commune with us, but they are waiting in the presence of the Mas- ter for that glorious moment when in their resurrected bodies they shall unite once more with those whom they have loved on earth.

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Negro Preacher in Sweden a Great Curiosity to the Peasants.

NEGROES AND TRADES UNIONS. About Our Progress—Strive to be Useful—Don't Be Afraid of Honest Labor.

The Minneapolis, Minn., Journal says the Rev. W. S. Brooks has returned to this city after an absence of two years and will take charge of St. Peter's African M. E. Church. After leaving this city Mr. Brooks went at once to Europe, visiting England, Norway, Sweden and Finland in turn. It is a question whether he was more interested than interesting while trav- eling in Scandinavia and Finland. He certainly saw much that pleased and instructed him, but his feelings prob- ably were not to be compared with those of the peasants whom they gazed upon from the American visitor. Mr. Brooks, it must be understood, is quite black and distinctly African in his features. Now many of the natives of the interior have not been twenty miles from home in their lives and the colored man is known to them only through books. Even the statements in books are taken to men with black skins have been ac- cepted with grains of allowance by the most sceptical. When they heard that a black man would lecture in their neighborhood there was a great outpouring of the whole countryside to see this most extraordinary of human beings. Some of the farmers, unaccustomed to be walked as much as tan miles to see present Mr. Brooks has slight knowl- edge of Swedish, which he gained through a friend in Baltimore, and though he did not lecture in this lan- guage he was able to carry on a conver- sation with the awe-struck peasants. He was a great curiosity, unparallelled in many a life. They were a little diffi- dent about shaking hands, much to the amusement of Mr. Brooks, and when they did many of them cast surrepti- tious glances at their palms to see if any color had come off. In his public ad- dresses he spoke of his interest. He was very much pleased with the at- tention shown him and commends the dwellers of Sweden and Norway for their hospitality and courtesy. It was very gratifying to him.

The Negroes of the United States outnumber the members of the trades unions or of labor organizations of any kind. As a whole, the Negroes are as desirous of bettering their condition as the whites are; but the trades unions close the doors upon dark-skinned workmen. If an ambitious Negro leave the cotton field and become a cooper, a blacksmith or a mechanic of any kind the "union" refuses to admit him to membership, denounces him as a "scab" and refuses to countenance em- ployers who hire "scabs." If a Negro in Chicago has learned one of the build- ing trades he is refused admission to membership in the union of that trade, and the very men who have refused him membership insolently go to the school board and demand that the Negro shall not be employed in the construction or repair of any of its buildings. If a Negro is not a "union man," but they neglect to add that he is not a union man solely because he is not permitted to be a union man. And yet it is quite probable that the average adult Negro pays not very far from as much in