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NOTES FROM MY DIARY.

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As my friends and well-wishers desire to hear from me and know my whereabouts, and as it would not be possible owing to lack of time to keep correspondence between each and everyone of them and myself, I have thought it not unwise to publish notes from my Diary as it is believed by that means they would all be well served.

Being a member of the Executive Committee of the Educational Fund for the East Gold Coast Section of the A. M. E. Zion Mission, I have been asked to accompany the Rev. Manager (Mrs. Henrietta J. Peters) on an educational trip to Ga. and other districts on the West of the Volta.

Our party consisted besides Mrs. Peters and myself, Mr. T. Bosworth Asani, Miss Charity Zornelo and little Charlie Bannerman. Mr. Thomas Aboh and Miss Joko Titus Glover having gone before via Addah to join us at Somanyah.

train, which started from Lome for Palime on that day at 9 a. m., a village called Amuzu Kopwe at 2:30 p. m.

In front of us stood the high Agu mountain. Our further advance was by ascent and descent until we reached the well-laid Government plantation. This was the first time some members of our party have seen the famous cocoa-tree with pods hanging on it. Then began a short Agricultural lecture by me while we wended our way.

Having passed the plantation a few miles away we narrowly escaped an accident which would have been very deplorable. While ascending a hilllock our engine began to fire and further crotching became difficult. The driver then decided to halt and amend same when suddenly the car reeled astern and instead of running down into the deep drain by the side of the road knocked itself against a tree and so we were providentially saved and no damage done to the car. We numbered this incident as our Adventure No. 1.

At 4:15 p. m., we arrived at Palime. Incidentally we stopped in front of

St. Peters A. M. E. Z. Church, Hamtramck, Michigan.

By Rev. J. C. Dunbar.

I think it befitting at this time to let our Zion know what is going on more fully in this part of our great church family. Just a few years ago we were worshipping in a small dilapidated frame shack in this city, then a suburban village of Detroit, now a city of many thousands inhabitants. During the pastorate of that tireless and heroic worker, Rev. T. S. Allen, plans were laid for a new church, that was finally consummated, and the new edifice was erected, after which the Rev. J. A. S. Cole completed the plans and built a very beautiful parsonage, the most complete of any in this conference, with the exception of our magnificent nine or ten room parsonage here in Detroit, that was acquired or secured when that most beautiful piece of property was bought on Catherine Street during the pastorate of our good friend and brother, Rev. L. T. Conquest.

Rev. J. R. Respass has outstripped himself as pastor of Hamtramck. Coming as he does from the third generation in his family of preachers, he was born in North Carolina, March 18th, 1875. His mother died when he was at the age of six years, leaving three small children. His father, the now sainted Rev. J. R. Respass, died in Washington, N. C., two years ago, having done all in his power to raise these children uprightly, and to give them an education. On account of his small earnings he could only give to them a common school education.

The subject of this sketch not being satisfied with a common school education, and not being able to attend College, he received private instructions.

He has kept up with all current expenses of the church, made a round report at each session of the annual conference, and met every obligation as fast as they came before him. His

group. He is a Master Mason, Elk, President of the Detroit Ministers Union of the A. M. E. Zion ministers and he is practically the pastor of all Hamtramck, having the loyal support of all the citizens white and colored of this fast growing city. Allow me to say to all of my friends throughout the Connection, that have been so anxiously inquiring about me, that "Joseph" is still very much alive, and still on the firing line, doing my bit, when called upon. Hope to see many of them in Indianapolis in May as I hope to be there in the lobby and see who goes over the top.

Detroit, Michigan.

N. A. A. C. P. SENDS BOOKS ON NEGRO TO AMERICAN LIBRARY IN PARIS.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, 69 Fifth Avenue, New York, has sent a collection of books by colored authors and about the Negro to the American Library in Paris which hopes by means of articles in its publication and in French and other European magazines, to present something of Negro culture and the Negro problem in their true light.

The books sent to Paris by the N. A. A. C. P., all of them donated by their authors or publishers, are as follows:

A Social History of The American Negro, Benjamin Brawley; The Negro in Chicago, Chicago Commission on Race Relations; The Negro Year Book; Dark Water, W. E. B. DuBois; Up From Slavery, Booker T. Washington; Finding A Way Out, Robert Russa Moton; The Soul of John Brown, Stephen Graham; Problems of Today, Moorfield Storey; The Book of American Negro Poetry, James Weldon Johnson; Negro Poets And Their Poems, Robert T. Kerlin; The Negro In Literature And Art, Benjamin Brawley; Harlem Shadows, Claude McKay; Songs And Tradés From The Dark Continent, Natalie Curtis; Afro-American Folk Songs, Henry T. Krehbiel; The Voice Of The Negro, Robert T. Kerlin; The Shadow—A Novel, Mary White

V. C. E. UNION CONVENTION.

By Mrs. A. L. Brown.

The second annual V. C. E. Union convention of the Western North Carolina conference was held at Soldiers' Memorial church, Salisbury, N. C., April 11 to 13, 1924. The convention adjourned on Sunday night, after a busy three-day session.

The purpose of the convention was to stimulate a greater interest in the Christian Endeavor work, to help this society function in all the churches, to make the society an asset to the Church; and to take care of the leisure time of the young people during the week as far as possible.

The Sunday program was carried out to the letter. The convention sermon was preached by Rev. I. J. Jackson, pastor of Soldiers' Memorial church from the text, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations," Matt. 28:19; theme: "Make Christians of all Nations." He said among many things that the sole purpose of the Christian Endeavor was to train children to become Christians and to keep them in the Church. It was inspiring as well as instructive. A paper, "Parent's Responsibility of Educating their Children," was read by Miss D. C. Thurman. A solo by Miss Jamesena McCallum, both of Livingstone College. The afternoon program was opened with a song service, conducted by Mr. H. Houston. He gave a wonderful demonstration in song leading. He soon had everybody in the house singing and full of enthusiasm. Mr. Houston is a live wire and if the General Conference elects him Secretary of the V. C. E. Union, he will put the Christian Endeavor Society on the map in Zion Church. The song service was followed by a discussion, "How can the Christian Endeavor be made to function in the Churches?" This discussion, led by Mr. H. Houston, was entered into by many of the delegates. Vocal and instrumental solos were rendered by Misses Freeman and Loyd, of Livingstone Col-



REV. W. R. LOVELL, OAKLAND, CAL.

At 8:30 a. m., on Monday the 24th December, 1923, amid cheers and farewell we left Zion gate in the Car No. 1 owned by Messrs. The United Trading Company Ltd. of Quittah, the driver of which is Kobla Gbomur for Lome. We arrived at the Preventive Station Aflao at 10:35 a. m., and having informed the Officer-in-charge of the mission of our tour we wished them "A Right Merry Xmas" in advance and passed down to the French Frontier which is only about an eighth of a mile away. We showed the Officer-in-charge the contents of our baggage and as there was nothing new in them to warrant the collection of an import duty from us we were allowed to pass in peace. The Officer-in-charge spoke to us in a very decorous language.

We arrived in Lome at 10:55 a. m., and proceeded straight to Mr. J. Wilson Idan (Agent for Messrs. H. B. W. Russell Ltd.) and having given him news of the success of his daughter Theresia in training at the Zion Mission, he wished us good luck and we wished him au revoir.

We then wended our course towards Agome-Palime. It is a pretty long journey and would take a pedestrian tourist four to five days to reach. This road is a credit to the French Administration in that part of Togoland mandated to them.

We overtook and left behind the

work shop of Mr. Daniel D. Kwashie one of the past pupils of the Zion Mission School, Quittah, and who has taken up the profession of Mechanical Engineering. Within a short while he gathered around us a goodly number of our past pupils prominent among whom were Kwashie Fumme and Daniel Agboka. We were well entertained by them.

We left Palime at 5:10 p. m., and reached British Nyiwe at 5:40 p. m. Having nothing to declare we were permitted to pass. The courtesy which the Officer-in-charge Mr. D. Ntow and his assistant Mr. M. R. Addoh shown us, was significant. Towards Ho we directed our course, arriving there at 6:50 p. m. Here too we met our old boys namely Messrs. George Deh, Felix Amegashi, Alister Ackumey, Phillip Dagadu and George Kumahia. Their persuasion for our stay for the night was predominated by our determination to reach destination the same night. We left Ho at about 7:45 p. m., with the gentle moon rising from behind us. It being night we were not able to view well the villages we passed through, however we well enjoyed the Christmas noise that came from each of them.

All we knew was that we had 45 miles distance to walk from Ho to Sante when our car with ourselves should be rowed across the Volta by

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ST. PETERS A. M. E. ZION CHURCH HAMTRAMCK, MICH. REV. J. R. RESPASS, D. D., PASTOR.

report at the last quarterly conference shows that he has a membership of 280, raised for all purposes during the last quarter \$6000.

He is now arranging and has almost completed all plans to entertain the annual conference that meets in his church in June. Taking all things in consideration Rev. Respass is practically leading the Michigan conference. His church according to membership and opportunities, and the many things that they have to contend with, ranks high in the annals of church activities, and takes second place to none in this community. Rev. Respass is a real leader of the people. He stands high in the community and takes part in everything that tends to elevate our

Ovington; Nigger—A Novel, Clement Wood; Annual Report—N. A. A. C. P. (3rd, 4th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 11th, 13th.) How N. A. A. C. P. Began—Thirty Years Of Lynching.

The library is expected to be of service to members of American scientific societies and tourists traveling in Europe.

DEPENDENCE.

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all.—1 Chronicles 29:11.

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At the evening session a song service was conducted from 7 to 8 by Mr. H. Houston, assisted by the local V. C. E. choir.

Promptly at 8 o'clock, Dr. J. Francis Lee conducted a model V. C. E. society. He gave a demonstration in organizing and conducting a model V. C. E. society. Dr. Lee gave many helpful thoughts and fine suggestions in carrying on the work. Music was rendered by the Christian Endeavor Society of Soldiers' Memorial church. A splendid program was given by the V. C. E. of Livingstone College. Rev. A. Meacham delivered the closing address and his helpful message, "Is the C. E. Society an asset to the church or a liability?" was well received by his many hear-

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