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PYTHIANS IN SOUTH CAROLINA HAVE \$100,000 SURPLUS.

Recent Grand Lodge Session at Orangeburg One of the Best Ever Held.

With full representation in both branches, the Knights and the Courts, the recent Grand Lodge session at Orangeburg, was more largely attended than any of the former annual conventions, and was one of the best in the history of the order. Everybody was happy. The delegates bragged about the fine treatment they had at the hands of the local committee on entertainment and the great facilities of the State College plant, which added so much to the pleasure and happiness of the visitors.

Besides the thousands of delegates and visitors, there were nineteen Uniform Rank companies at the session. In charge of the companies were Gen. J. R. Nowell, who was assisted by Col. Wm. and A. B. McGhee, Capt. W. I. Allen, Major Ernest Hargrove and others. The annual parade through the principal streets of Orangeburg was seen by many local people. The annual prize drill in the fair grounds was witnessed by a concourse of people from the county and different parts of the State.

The convention opened Monday night with the popular mass meeting. The local committee was in charge. A splendid program was rendered to the delight of the great crowd that had already come in for the sessions of the Grand Lodge.

The sessions of the Grand Lodge were calm and deliberate, and the general discussions showed that all of the delegates were of one mind, and could easily agree on the big questions that came before the convention. The passing of measures and the election of officers were done on a basis of merit after a careful review of the business of the order had been made.

Among the important acts passed at the Orangeburg session was the one which provides for the future session. The act allows only one Grand Representative from a lodge after the number of lodges in the State reaches 400. A proposition to increase the endowment payment was carried over until the next session. A collection was given to Jenkins Orphanage in Charleston, and a donation was given to Tulsa sufferers, Tulsa, Okla., and the Fairwood Home for Colored Girls of Columbia.

The reports of the Grand Lodge officers were good, covered a wide range of business, brought many needed recommendations and were rich with information. The annual report and address of J. A. Brown, Grand Chancellor, was the best ever presented during the seventeen years of the order in South Carolina. His report, on its passage to the committees, was ably commended and commented upon by such foremost race men and able thinkers as Maj. J. H. Fordham, Dr. A. A. Sims, and H. B. Thomas. The report of the Grand Master of Exchequer was equally as good and up to the standard of this scholarly official. The Grand Attorney made some very good recommendations, and it is believed that the Grand Lodge will yet adopt them and profit thereby.

President R. W. Mance, of Allen University, is another of the powerful leaders of the K. P. convention. He was nominated for the degree of Past Grand Chancellor and without any canvass was elected by a large majority.

The surplus in the treasury of the Master of Exchequer was stated as being \$108,000. The Knights collect more than \$26,000 per quarter for the endowment, besides the Grand Lodge receipts. At the close of the fiscal year, June 30, 1921, thirty-three new lodges were or had been instituted, and \$130,000 were the receipts for the year, showing an increase over last year of \$70,000 in new business. They also have 20,000 financial members in 355 lodges. The above figures were taken from the reports of the Grand Chancellor and Grand Master of Exchequer, two ranking officials of the order. These reports have a meaning, as they were tabulated and made up after a careful survey of the business of the two offices.

The order in the State is only 17 years old, and it is said that if statis-

PREACHES ABOUT MOB.

Pastor in Swansea Appeals for Law and Order.

The State.
Swansea, Aug. 22.—Last night the pastor of the Baptist church preached to a large audience and took as his subject "The Mind of the Mob." He read several passages from the New Testament bearing on the subject and took for his text Acts 7:57. He did not mince words in the least and after dealing with some of the causes of mob violence pictured the actions of a mob. He then pointed out some of the evils of the mob and concluded with an appeal for the elimination of the mob spirit and among the main suggestions he mentioned better juries and other officers, home training, personal influence and the spread of spiritual religion.

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Starks left the city Wednesday, August 16th, for Tuscaloosa, Ala., to visit Mr. Andrew Gray, the brother of Mrs. Starks, who is very ill. They will be out of the city about two weeks.

While passing through the city last Monday from the Presbyterian conference in Augusta, Ga., Mr. W. E. Gladden of Blackstock called by our office.

Statistics were compiled showing accurately the volume of business done by each lodge for the year, the amount would not be less than \$500,000.

A novel feature of the convention was the Pythian drama in five acts, presented in the auditorium of State College by the Charleston troupe. The play showed Damon and Pythias, and demonstrated friendship and emphasized the Pythian story as had never been seen before. It was witnessed by hundreds of Sir Knights and members of the Grand Court, who were not only highly pleased, but received a fund of information. The drama was directed by Sir Knight J. A. Brown, and the characters, who performed their parts so well, were trained by the Grand Chancellor, who is himself a master of the work.

The Grand Lodge elected by acclamation J. A. Brown and R. S. Wilkinson, Supreme Representatives to attend the bi-annual session at Topeka, Kan. C. H. Dannerly and N. C. Nix were elected in the former session at Greenville.

L. A. Hawkins of Columbia, E. W. Biggs of Greenville, G. H. Pugh of Darlington, T. A. Williams of Newberry and A. A. Sims of Union are the members of the Endowment Board. They have a general oversight of the affairs of the order.

The following is the list of Grand Lodge officers:

J. A. Brown, Charleston, G. C.; T. H. Henry, Columbia, P. G. C.; E. F. Floyd, Newberry, G. V. C.; R. W. Mance, Columbia, G. P.; R. S. Wilkinson, Orangeburg, G. M. of E.; J. B. Lewie, Columbia, G. K. of P. & S.; E. M. A. Myers, Columbia, Secretary; N. J. Frederick, Columbia, Grand Attorney; C. W. Maxwell, Sumter, G. M. D.; Solomon Guignard, St. Matthews, G. A.; J. R. Nowell, Columbia, G. L.; W. R. Stewart of Greenwood, G. M.; J. S. Blocker, Beaufort, G. I. G., and H. P. Crawford, Clinton, G. O. G.

J. B. Lewie, the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal, had his report printed in book form. The delegates were able to carry a copy on their return. The report was good.

One of the most remarkable characters in the Pythian Order is Julius A. Brown, the Grand Chancellor. He was first Grand Chancellor sixteen years ago, when the order was in its infancy. He passed to the station of Past Grand Chancellor where he remained. At different sessions his friends put him in nomination for the office of Grand Chancellor, and many times he polled a tremendously big vote. Some of his friends lost hope, but many of them stood by their conviction that there was not a man in South Carolina better fitted to head and man the Pythian affairs than Mr. Brown. They kept this determination and three years ago at Florence they elected Julius Brown Grand Chancellor. He has made an ideal official, and so well has he conducted the affairs of his office that there is hardly a man in the Grand Lodge sessions who would vote against the present Grand Chancellor if he votes his conviction. Mr. Brown's annual address at the Orangeburg convention was a masterly effort.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEGRO BAPTISTS.

We are facing a critical period in our denominational life. Already signs are apparent of division of opinions regarding the man to head our convention. Three of the best, strongest and wisest sons of the State (Drs. Brockington, Raiford and Durham) who filled with becoming dignity and honor the office of president, have crossed the bar. We are prepared as never before to appreciate their worth to the denomination. They were of the old school, a type of rare manhood and Christian statesmanship that the young men have not had years to mature. They lived in a day and at a time when men who followed selected a leader and made him great by their loyal support.

The United States government selects a vice president capable in every way to fill the office of president in case of removal by death or otherwise. When Providence changed the course of events I do not recall an instant of the party ever offering another man as candidate for the presidency. Of course, this government is not necessarily a standard for the Baptists, even though its constitution, any measure, was formed from our church polity. Admittedly Dr. J. S. Earle was elected vice president at Laurens because the brotherhood saw in him those aimable qualities which fitted him to function the high duties of the office. The time has come to prove our loyalty of the sincerity of our action at Laurens or to admit that those who clamored then were using Baptist politics.

The three persons who have been named for the president of the Baptist convention are my personal friends. They are grand, good men of the new school, thinking and acting upon the same plane. The election of either will give to the State a man of whom the State will not be ashamed. But two things in particular stand out before us, first, our duty to Dr. J. S. Earle, and second, the unwise politics which we are about to enter to fill the office. Let us come to the convention prayerfully considering the best man

ly upon the grounds of his fitness and adaptability. His success will wholly depend upon the support given by South Carolina Negro Baptists. Let us not muddy the stream.
H. M. Moore.

BENEDICT COLLEGE NEWS.

Nearly all the members of the faculty of Benedict college for next year have been selected. Most of the teachers of last year will be back. Although several of them have been offered much larger salaries in the North than Benedict is able to give, yet they are returning to Benedict.

Among the strong additions is a teacher of Spanish who has had some years' experience as a missionary in Cuba, and hence speaks the language fluently.

Spanish is one of our most important modern languages and is now being taught in all of the advanced colleges. The United States is now having many business and political dealings with South and Central America, in most of which Spanish is the national language, that a knowledge of it is of great practical importance. A mastery of it assures the possessor of a good position.

This language will be taught with the purpose of training the student to speak it fluently.

French or German, perhaps both, will also be taught.

While arrangements have not yet been perfected, yet at the solicitation of some business men, it is hoped and expected to add a business course. The college is now in correspondence with a skilled bookkeeper of twenty years' experience with a view of adding this important course to the college curriculum.

There will certainly be one and perhaps two additional teachers in the musical department.

Also a domestic science teacher has been secured.

The teaching staff for the theological school has also been strengthened.

With these additions to the faculty, the teaching force will be even stronger than in the past. Higher and better standards are required of the teachers who are to instruct our colored children, and the development of high Christian character of the student will be stressed.

Notwithstanding the very hard times many students are applying and a good year is expected.

NEW ROYAL THEATRE TO BE TAKEN OVER BY MR. G. LEE RATLIFF.

Mr. G. Lee Ratliff, one of Columbia's most successful business men, and the most efficient colored Motion Picture Theatre manager in the South, will take charge of the New Royal Theatre, 1012 Washington street, on September 1, 1921.

As the theatre-goers of Columbia well know, it has always been his policy to give them the very best photo-plays obtainable, and this policy will be strictly carried out.

On account of the present financial depression, the admission will be reduced to 10 cents for children and 15 cents for adults, plus war tax.

The same polite and courteous attendants that were at the Old Royal will be at your service, and Miss Viola Nelson will resume her position as cashier.

BENEDICT STUDENTS WILL HEAR KING DAVID'S ORCHESTRA.

All students and graduates, together with those who hold honorary degrees from Benedict college, are most earnestly requested to help make the entertainment at Benedict college on the night of August 29, 1921, a signal success. The King David's Orchestra will play in concert, using about a score of pieces of high class music and sacred songs.

A contribution of not less than ten cents will be taken at the door. Proceeds are for the \$5,000 drive in aiding Benedict college. All friends of the college and lovers of music and education are asked to come and bring their friends.

The program will begin at 8:30 o'clock.

NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION, CHICAGO, ILL., SEPT. 7-12, 1921.

The Southern Railway has been chosen as the official route for the South Carolina delegates and others who will attend the above convention and a special through Pullman sleeping car will be provided on Carolina Special leaving Columbia Monday, September 5th, provided a sufficient number apply for accommodations before September 1st.

The official schedule is to leave Charleston 7:40 a. m., Orangeburg 10:55 a. m., Columbia 1:15 p. m., Spartanburg 4:50 p. m., September 5th, arriving Cincinnati 11:00 a. m. and Chicago 3:15 p. m. September 6th.

The following round trip reduced fares will apply, including war tax, on presentation of identification certificates, which will be furnished by the undersigned: Charleston, \$58.31; Orangeburg \$53.65; Columbia \$50.79; Sumter \$3.25; Florence \$55.53; Darlington \$55.53; Barnwell \$54.42; Spartanburg \$45.28; Greenville \$47.13; Greenwood \$49.15; Newberry \$49.43.

Be sure that your tickets are routed Southern to Cincinnati and Big Four R. R.

The Pullman fare will be about \$9.00 per lower berth, and about \$7.00 per upper berth additional.

Those who expect to attend this convention and desire Pullman accommodations should send their names at once to Rev. D. F. Thompson, 1414 Richmond street, or to Rev. H. M. Moore, 1403 Pine street, Columbia, S. C.

ORPHAN HOME FOR COLUMBIA.

There was organized in this city last Saturday, Aug. 20, 1921, by Miss Ella Leftwich, an orphanage for boys and girls at 1092 House Street, Waverley. Miss Leftwich says she has already enrolled 21 for the home, which consists of an eight room well furnished building.

To begin with Miss Leftwich is receiving much encouragement from the citizens. The building has been comfortably equipped by the sympathetic citizens of the city.

We are proud of the confidence doctors, druggists and the public have in 655 Chill and Fever Tonic.

Miss Alma Bailey planned and carried out a very excellent entertainment, which netted \$25.00. In this Miss Bailey displayed a high degree of initiative and executive ability. It was in the interest of the \$5,000 Benedict college campaign. If all students would do likewise this amount would soon be raised.

C. B. Antisdel.

SENTIMENTS OF TEACHERS OF BOOKER WASHINGTON SCHOOL CONCERNING MISS ESTHER F. TOATLEY.

The ranks of Columbia teachers has been invaded by an enemy, the attack of whom cannot be withstood. The ranks are broken. One is missing. All are touched. All stand mute. And while we bow in humble submission to the power and mighty works of Almighty God, a tear drop reminds us that we are human nevertheless.

Miss Esther F. Toatley was, for the past five years, connected with the Booker Washington school as teacher of the second grade.

She was considered one among the best teachers in the school. She was young but steady beyond her years. As to her personality, which was very marked, she was always in appearance and work as neat as a flower, as pleasant as the balmy breath of spring, gentle in her dealings and considerate, even wise, with the wisdom which would have been becoming to a more mature mind, earnest and faithful.

After leaving school she was appointed to teach in the Booker Washington school during its first year of operation. She was ushered right out of "school life" into "life's school" and was able with the guidance of a wise mother to make good. Her name goes down as one amidst the names of the first faculty of this great school.

After serving five little short years the Heavenly Father has seen fit to bring her work on earth to a happy close and to gather her unto Himself where she will spend ceaseless ages among the blessed of all times.

She was held in very high esteem by her superior officers, loved by her co-workers and adored by her pupils. Her personality was strong and her patience very lasting. Her success as a young teacher will be hard to find its parallel.

The pleasant smile, the gently swaying gait of the willow form, the soft and cultured voice, the much beloved Esther will be missing around Booker

console ourselves, when we remember that with a wave of the hand, a toss of the head (as it were) she has just passed into the Great Beyond to which place we all are journeying.

She has outstripped us in the race. Her life's work has been completed. She has received her "well done, thou good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

Indeed, we are bewildered, as she has left us so suddenly, when we were thinking we should have a good long journey through life together, in pleasant company. Those of her co-workers who have worked and walked with her these five years, while loath to give her up, will have only pleasant recollections of her as a faithful worker and an agreeable companion. Sad will it be when they look into that room and see her not. They cannot beat back the feeling of remorse when the little ones begin to file out of that room, not led by Miss Toatley, when the host of little ones who may not understand will inquire for their loved teacher a falling tear will accompany the answer.

God knows best and we must not forget that "He careth for His own even as a father careth for his children. And may we just here use the words of the poet when he says:

Mourn not the dead who calmly lie
By God's own hand composed to rest,
For hark! A voice from yonder sky
Proclaims them blest—supremely
blest.

With them the toil and strife is o'er;
Their labors end, their sorrows
cease;

One more at home—
That home where separation cannot
be,
That home whence none is missed
eternally.

Lord Jesus, grant us all a place with
Thee.
At home, in heaven.

MATHER INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, BEAUFORT, S. C.

Mather Industrial School will begin her 53rd term October 3rd. It is the only school in South Carolina for colored girls solely. Its aim is to fit womanhood by religious, moral, industrial and literary training to become efficient in housekeeping, teaching and in religious service. Teachers with the highest training for their work are secured. Mather offers thorough preparation for High School courses and instruction in music, sewing, millinery, weaving, basketry, cooking, truck gardening, poultryraising, housework, laundering and Sloyd. Bible courses are followed daily and students are trained to become leaders in Sunday schools, Christian Endeavor, temperance and missionary work.

Expenses.
Enrollment fee, \$1.00; incidental fee, \$1.00; board, \$7.75 for four weeks; instrumental and vocal music, \$1.50 for four weeks.

For further information, application blanks, clothing list, etc., write Miss Carrie A. Hunt, Principal of Mather Industrial School, Beaufort, S. C.

"DRY BONES IN THE VALLEY."

At First Calvary Baptist Church Sunday morning the pastor, Rev. D. F. Thompson, D. D., has prepared and will preach a special sermon on the "Dry Bones in the Valley."

All members and friends are respectfully invited out to hear this special sermon.

ATTENTION, BAREBRS.

Some few months ago, Mr. Paul A. White, the new manager of The Gate City Barber's Supply Co., 151 Auburn Avenue, Atlanta, Ga., while a traveling representative for said firm, collected up many barber utensils for repairs, etc., some of which got lost in transit. Those barbers in Columbia, Charleston, Augusta, Ga., and other cities whose utensils got misplaced in this way will please so notify Mr. White at once and he will cheerfully make good every legitimate claim.

The Gate City Barber's Supply Co. is one of Atlanta's leading Negro enterprises that bids fair for a great future.

It was our good fortune to look in upon this supply house last week and secure unsolicited, the above information for the barbers whose lost Mr. White keenly feels and offers to amend.
--Publisher.

REV. D. F. THOMPSON WILL PREACH.

Ridgeway, S. C., Aug 23, 1921.
Mr. J. A. Roach, Editor The Indicator: Please announce in your paper that I shall preach Sunday morning at the First Calvary Baptist church, from the subject: "Dry Bones in the Valley." I shall adjust my other ibils when I come home.
D. F. Thompson.

For they have gained the blissful shore
Where dwells serene eternal peace.

Mourn not the dead, though like a flower

Nipped by disease's cruel power,
She fell from love's embrace away,
Where breathes no chill or tainted air,
Where falls no darkness of the tomb,
They prove the loving Saviour's care
And blossom in immortal bloom.

Mourn not the dead, whose lives declare
That they have nobly borne their part,
For victory's golden crown they wear,
Reserved for every faithful heart.

She rests with glory wrapped around,
Immortal on the scroll of fame,
Her works her praises shall resound,
Her name an everlasting name.

Drop the warm tear for Jesus wept,
Sorrow shall find relief in tears,
But let no secret grief be kept
To waste the soul through nameless years.

She rests in hope; her hallowed dust
Is watched and from the grave shall rise.
Earth shall restore her sacred trust,
Made all immortal for the skies.

One less at home!
The charmed circle broken; a dear face
Missed day by day from its accustom-
ed place,
But cleansed and saved and perfected
by grace—
One more in heaven.

One more at home—
That home where separation cannot
be,
That home whence none is missed
eternally.
Lord Jesus, grant us all a place with
Thee.
At home, in heaven.

Buy Guaranteed shoes for the whole family and Gents Furnishings from I. S. Levy on Taylor Street.