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head as principal of that school. He is also pastoring a charge, and he takes great interest in his church work and predicts no failure. Prof. Herriott is a single man and it may pay some young lady to call on him when leap year comes again.

Going down the street we met another brother Prince, doing a fine merchandise business. He has out several bales of cotton, ready for market, and owes not any man. Mr. E. L. Prince owns a splendid home in this little progressive town.

Going down the street farther she met one of the oldest merchants and settlers of the town, Mr. J. W. Wactor, a very successful merchant and farmer is doing a wide awake business and is alert to the job. We now stop and bow in submission to Almighty God for taking from him during our stay, August 25th, 1925, his dear little 9 year old baby daughter who had suffered long with affliction. God bless the home it is their loss, but Heavens gain. Just crossing over the street there we met another successful business man, Mr. R. H. Jenkins, a good store and his wife in charge, a fine and intelligent lady, who seems to be on the job and knows her business. Mr. Jenkins is also an excellent farmer.

Speaking of Woodrow, it seems to be the future town for business. We motored through the country to Horatio, S. C., meeting several friends in a prosperous condition. Farther down we came to Mrs. Mary H. Ellerbe one of our well-to-do colored ladies. She owns a beautiful home and plantation located on the public road. She is an excellent farmer and financier. She owns one of the best and neatest kept stores of any among our race. A well combined store, some of everything in it. She is on the job and knows how to manage her affairs. Mrs. Ellerbe wedded the second time just a few months ago, and is now Mrs. Mary H. Clarkson. Continuing down through Statesburg, S. C., we came to Mrs. L. B. Taylor, one of our efficient school teachers. We stopped in the home, there we spent a pleasant little stay. Mrs. Taylor still has that friendly way of meeting any one and tries to make things pleasant for them. She thinks and speaks of her church. Stopping over to the parsonage at Statesburg with Rev. N. S. DeLaine, finding his wife a little indisposed, but not of a serious nature. I guess you remember him, he is one of those preachers who brings things to pass. Finding the parsonage in first class condition shows him to be a builder and improver. Going back up Horatio side we called on Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Burch, there they prepared a most delicious dinner, and we ate to our satisfaction. Rev. and Mrs. Burch were formerly of Columbia, but moved nearer his work and reports doing well. Remember Rev. Burch is one of those kind of young preachers that thinks one can go to the top

most point in any thing that you may undertake to do, if it is right. So look out for Rev. J. A. he is on the line.

All of the above named persons have subscribed for The Palmetto Leader.

### J. W. JOHNSON'S "BOOK OF AMERICAN NEGRO SPIRITUALS" OUT SEPT. 21

Announcement is made by the Viking Press, 30 Irving Place, New York, that "The Book of American Spirituals" edited by James Weldon Johnson, Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, will be published on September 21.

The book is to contain 40 pages of critical text by Mr. Johnson, explaining the growth and significance of the Negro Spiritual, followed by 61 songs for piano and voice arranged by J. Rosamond Johnson, well-known Negro composer, aided by Lawrence Brown, former accompanist to Roland Hayes and now associated with Paul Robeson in the rendering of Spirituals.

This is the first book of its kind, the Spirituals having been heretofore been circulated in sheets. It contains all of the old favorites, including "Go Down Moses," "Deep River," "Steal Away To Jesus," "Swing Low Sweet Chariot," "Stand Still Jordan," and in addition a number of others never before set down.

The book has the endorsement of Roland Hayes; the National Society of Negro Musicians; Paul Robeson; Carl Van Vechten, the critic, and many others. It is dedicated by Mr. Johnson to those through whose efforts these songs have been collected, preserved and given to the world.

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### THE WEEK'S EDITORIAL: WHITE PRESS

(From the Boston Post August 16, 1925)

#### New Interpreters of Life

For the second time this year prize winners have been announced in national literary contests among colored people. "Opportunity—a Journal of Negro Life," and an organ of the National Urban League, conducted the first contest. Awards were made early last spring, such well known persons as Fannie Hurst, Dorothy Canfield Fisher, Cleo Wood and Zona Gale serving as judges. The second contest was conducted by "The Crisis," organ of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the awards were made last Friday night. Some of the judges in this second contest were Sinclair Lewis, Charles W. Chestnutt, Edward Bok, Eugene O'Neill, W. E. B. Du Bois and William Stanley Braithwaite.

It is about time that writers of the colored group in the United States were brought to the front. With the wealth of the material to be found in the lives of these people, writers of and for them should be able to produce some worth while literature. Men like Irvin Cobb and Octavus Roy Cohen, while entertaining a large number of persons, are not truly interpreters of the life of the colored man. Their business is remunerative, therefore they write. Their products appeal to the great mass imagination that imagination which prefers the light, the burlesque on life, to the serious truths involving dramatic crisis.

While it may not be true that a man who is "of" a certain people may always interpret them better than an "outsider," it is quite true that his very contact gives him many advantage that the other lacks.

It is good for the young colored writers that "Opportunity" and "THE CRISIS" are discovering them; it is also good for the

future of American literature. When these young writers prove, through the value of their contribution, that there is a public which wishes to read them, there is no doubt that the prejudice which allegedly exists against them among magazines will be overcome.

#### A VISIT TO WOODROW, S. C. (By Rev. R. B. Phillips)

I am expressing a few briefs in regards of the doings of Woodrow. Rev. L. L. Jackson pastor of Mt. Olive A. M. E. church is doing a great work. He has added to his charge another church, (St. Matthew), where we conducted a revival meeting, which was a success. Sunday we preached at Mt. Olive church to a large and appreciative congregation. Services were excellent. Rev. Jackson is doing a splendid pastoral work. he is bringing thing to pass accompanied by Mrs. Hattie L. K. Phillips. We were the guest of Rev. and Mrs. L. L. Jackson, where we were highly entertained, for Mrs. Jackson certainly knows how to make it pleasant at the parsonage. She is quite an entertainer. There we met a good many old friends, whose hands we were glad to shake.

Mrs. H. L. K. Phillips continues her usual business representing the Palmetto Leader, one of the greatest Negro newspapers of the day, with such men standing at the head as Lawyer N. J. Frederick, W. Frank Williams, Henry D. Pearson and George H. Hampton. These men are not practicing, they mean to succeed. Commencing her canvass, she called on Mr. C. Prince & Son, the merchants who are doing a first-class merchandise business. He is a very successful farmer and business man, aside from his mercantile work. He owns several acres right on Main street, in the little town of Woodrow.

Calling on Prof. Rev. H. H. Herriott the great educator, who went to Johnsonville, S. C., in a board shack, and built a \$4500 building and now stands at the

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