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A Woman Is Elected Delegate To Electoral College

Palmetto Medical, Dental And Pharmaceutical Association To Meet



LUTHER O. GADSON

A Bright Young Poet

Mr. Luther Octavius Gadson, is an amateur poet confined to a local Sanitarium, in an effort to regain his health.

He is a bright and promising young man as well as ambitious, and it is very sad to think that just in the prime of life, he is handicapped with ill health.

However, with ambition and strong will power, sometimes writing in bed, he has succeeded in compiling a book of poems; which he styles as Amateur Poems. These books have just come off the Press of The Palmetto Leader and are more like the work of an accomplished writer rather than an amateur.

You may procure one or as many as you like of these books by writing Luther Octavius Gadson, Palmetto Sanitarium, State Park, S. C., or by writing to The Palmetto Leader, 1310 Assembly Street, Columbia, S. C.

The price of these books are 25c each and 5c additional for postage, making a total of 30c. Orders will be given prompt attention at either place.

Christian Colored Women Meet In City

The third annual Christian conference for colored women will be held at Benedict College in Columbia on May 27 to June 2.

The Women's Synodical Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Synod of South Carolina will hold its third Annual Conference for colored women at Benedict College, beginning Thursday evening, May 27, and closing Wednesday evening, June 2.

Every local Auxiliary is asked to include in its budget, the expense of one or more delegates to the conference. The expense for each delegate will be \$10, plus railroad fare. The \$10, which will include registration, room and board for the week may be sent to Benedict College or paid by the delegates on arrival it is announced. Colored women of any denomination may be sent but women of possible leadership among their own people are preferred.

If other denominations or colored Churches in any community wish to send delegates they will be welcomed. Individual colored women wishing to pay their own expenses may also attend, it is announced. Each delegate is requested to bring her Bible, towels, two sheets, a small pillow and one pillow slip.

The program will consist of Bible study, Sunday School methods, talks and demonstrations on practical nursing, home economics, sanitation and health, improved home conditions and community problems. Lessons will be given in handicraft work including the making of paper flowers, hats, rugs, baskets and the like.

Outstanding speakers both white and colored have been secured. The State Welfare and health departments have generously given the services of some of their best workers. Mrs. Andrew Bramlett, 22, Keenan Apartments, Columbia is directing plans for the gathering in Columbia.

—The Columbia Record

PATIENTS ARE BEING MISTREATED

Investigations Are Under Way Accommodations Inadequate For Patients

1,000 WAR VETERANS HERE

Mrs. De Martis Says Green (A Patient) Was Beaten To Death By Two Attendants

New York, April 16—Alleged murder of William Green, Negro patient in Saint Elizabeth's Hospital, in Washington, D. C., and charges that two other colored men were killed there by mistreatment, have been forwarded to the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People by Mrs. Myrtle de Montis, a white woman who urges that all colored citizens support Senator Shipstead's resolution calling for Senate investigation of conditions at the hospital. The hospital houses about 1,000 world war veterans and has 4,400 patients in all. It is charged by Mrs. de Montis that Green, a patient of the hospital was beaten to death by two attendants at the hospital who were held by a Coroner's jury for the grand jury which allowed them to go free, but in a subsequent proceeding, on October 5, Green's slayers were indicted according to de Montis.

Mrs. de Montis further charges that two other colored men were killed in one of the buildings of Saint Elizabeth's Hospital, Howard Hall, the deaths being attributed to paralysis and paresis.

A special grand jury, which investigated the hospital, reported to the U. S. Senate that the hospital was "greatly overcrowded," and that if present conditions are not remedied "we fear that the percentage of inmates becoming hopelessly insane will be greater than those cured, in spite of the best efforts of the Superintendent and his assistants."

The report states that in the "Bull Pen," which is the only available recreation space "the dangerous as well as the noisy patients mingle with those whose minds are almost normal." The grand jury indorses the statement of one of the guards who said: "If a man went in there (Howard Hall) with a perfectly sound mind he would be hopelessly insane in less than three years. If I were an inmate I would go crazy in less than a year."

The grand jury reports that a number of witnesses testified to a general belief that "there are many persons now confined there who are not now and never were insane, but who have been sent there for ulterior motives."

This report resulted in Senator Shipstead's motion Senate Resolution 84—asking for a thorough senatorial investigation of the Hospital, and colored people throughout the country are urged by Mrs. de Montis through the N. A. A. C. P. to write their Senators asking passage of this resolution.

Congressman Warns Of Southern Opposition To Negro Monument

New York, April 16.—Congressman Hamilton Fish today telephoned the N. A. A. C. P. saying that his Bill, providing for a monument to the American Negro regiments brigaded with the French Army during the World War, would come up in the House of Representatives probably on Wednesday, the 21st of April, possibly on the following Wednesday.

Congressman Fish asked the N. A. A. C. P. to broadcast to colored people throughout the United States that now is the time to write to their Congressmen demanding this measure, H. R. 9694, be passed at once.

Congressman Fish informs the N. A. A. C. P. that Southern Representatives will vigorously oppose the measure. "The indications are," said Mr. Fish

FIRST WOMAN THUS HONORED

Mrs. Lilla B. Robinson, St. Paul's Delegate To Electoral College 1928 General Conference

LOYAL CHURCH WORKER

Church Unanimous In Choosing Her As Representative In This August Body

St. Paul A. M. E. Church of Tampa, Fla. known the country over as one of the strongholds of the connection, made another stride forward in the line of social and religious progress Tuesday night, April 13th, when it elected Mrs. Lilla B. Robinson delegate to the Electoral College, which shall send lay representatives to the 1928 General Conference.

Mrs. Robinson's record as a Church worker is known to young and old everywhere, for she has given herself unstintingly to the service of every department in her church from the Cradle Roll in the Sunday School to the official staff of the senior Church. Her modest announcement a few days ago of her wish to represent her church in the first General Conference where women will be accorded equal rights with men in the councils of the connection, aroused unusual interest, not only among St. Paul members, but throughout the church-going population of Tampa, for Mrs. Robinson has always been co-operative with the work of all denominations. She waged no active campaign for votes, thinking it beneath the dignity of her church to resort to cheap political tactics in the sacred circles of her religious home.

But it was beautiful to behold the fine spirit of loyalty and appreciation shown in the election when with dignity and gratitude men and women in large numbers rose to their feet and openly declared themselves in favor of bestowing flowers upon the worthy while they could inhale their fragrance and enjoy their beauty.

Mrs. Robinson's wisdom in the conduct of the affairs of other organizations which she has done much to push forward in the State of Florida and her years of leadership and humble service at St. Paul, give cause for the anticipation of unusual legislation for practical Christianity because of her entrance into the law-making body of African Methodism.

The election done, Mrs. Robinson received showers of congratulations, both upon her success achieved with such becoming grace and upon her opportunity to do credit to the womanhood of the land in her newly acquired office. While it must be acknowledged that hers is a signal honor, Mrs. Robinson has always been one who never sought honors in her Christian service and has already begun to plan for such action at the coming General Conference as will mean definite progress for her denomination. Attesting the fact that men of the Church have risen above sex prejudice and detriming no longer to have taxation without representation within their ranks, the following officials of St. Paul Church most heartily endorse Mrs. Robinson's candidacy and were actively interested as were the women in bestowing upon her this much deserved honor:

Stewards—Peter Johnson, Lee R. Thomas, Jas. E. Gray, A. G. Chambers, Jos. Baker, Clinton Roberts. Trustees—Chester W. Murray, Walter L. Rose, C. C. Green, Sr., Wm. Baldwin, E. Haygood, J. L. Williams, C. L. Mance.

today, "that although the Bill will be favorably reported from Committee, there will nevertheless be a minority report opposing the bill. It behooves every colored editor who believes that the valor of colored American soldiers, brigaded with French troops, should be recognized and commended

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THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

Sessions To Be Held In Chester, S. C., Three Days—April 27-28-29, 1926

EXPECT BIG DELEGATION

Dr. R. S. Greene of Orangeburg Will Deliver The Annual Address

The thirty-first annual meeting of the Palmetto Medical, Dental and Pharmaceutical Association will be held in Chester, S. C., April 27-27-29. The session will open with public exercises on Tuesday evening at which time the president, Dr. S. R. Greene of Orangeburg, S. C. will deliver his annual address.

Dr. Roscoe Brown of Durham, N. C. will address the Association on Wednesday evening, using as a subject "Who, why and what in Community health."

PROGRAM

Wednesday, April 28. Varicose Ucler—E. B. Burroughs, M. D., Charleston, S. C. Intravenous Medication—N. A. Jenkins, M. D., Columbia, S. C. Relapsing—U. G. Teele, M. D., Georgetown, S. C. Treatment of Vertigo—J. A. Mason, M. D., King-tree, S. C. Some Reflections in the Fourth Decade—J. A. Robinson, M. D., Darlington, S. C. Pellagra—W. M. Evans, M. D., Moncks Corner, S. C. Syphilis—A Social Evil—I. A. Mason, M. D., Rock Hill, S. C.

Thursday, April 29.

The Trend of Modern Dentistry—E. B. McTeer, D. D. S., Orangeburg, S. C. Conductive Anesthesia—W. R. Laney, D. D. S., Rock Hill, S. C. Septic Persistence After Extraction—J. E. Watts, D. D. S., Columbia, S. C. Oral Infection Relative to Systematic Disturbance—D. K. Jenkins, D. D. S., Columbia, S. C. Rhinasthma—F. B. Johnson, M. D., Columbia, S. C. Some Untoward Effects of Arsenamine—C. W. Birnie, M. D., Sumter, S. C. Ludwigs Angina—J. D. Williams, M. D., Newberry, S. C. Subject To Be Announced—C. H. S. Henderson, M. D., Greenwood, S. C. Subject To Be Announced—J. A. McFall, Ph. G., Charleston, S. C.

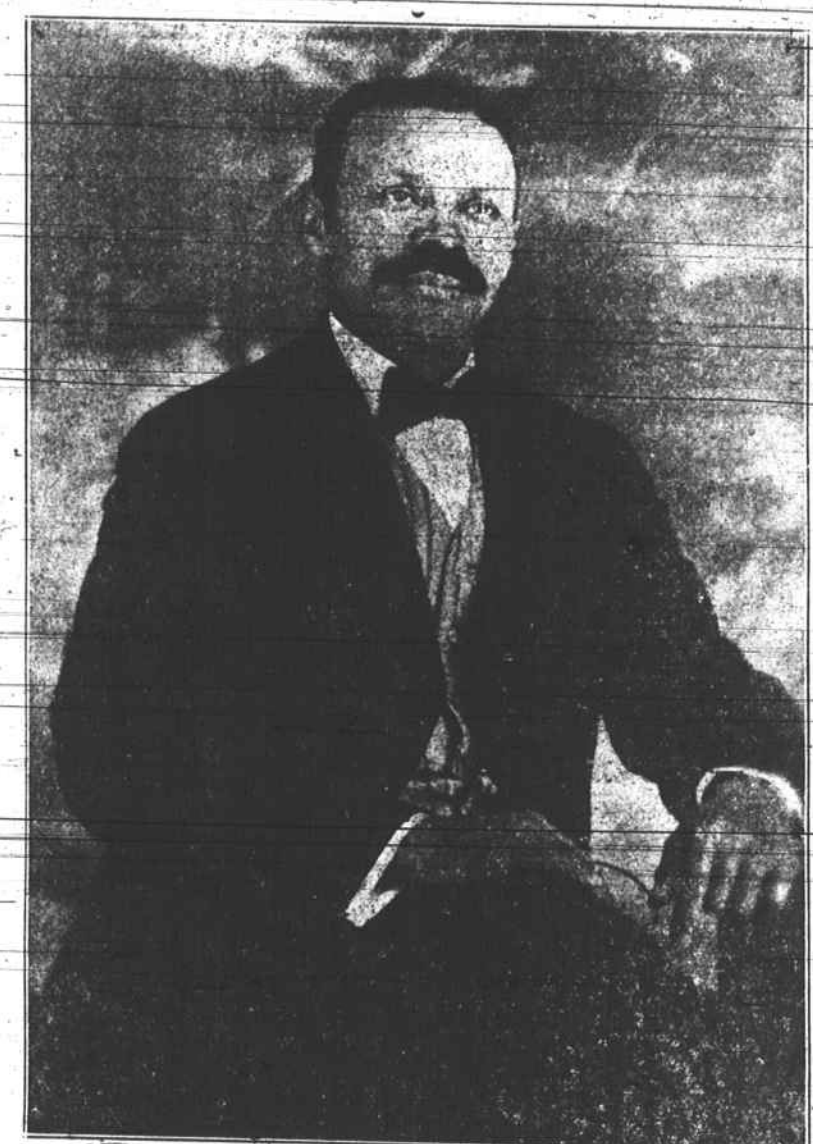
Sunday School Congress Notes

Now that all the machinery is functioning with precision for the coming Congress in Columbia in June, we are hereby asking each minister of this City regardless of denomination, to appoint a committee in his Church to canvass that congregation, and get each home that will take delegates and visitors during the Congress. Send these names to the Rev. R. W. Baylor, D. D., 807 Washington St., so that they may be catalogued at once. Already I am receiving letters from various States asking for reservations for whole State delegations. The price each delegate and visitor will pay for lodging and two meals per day is \$2.00 each per day.

Remember that you are going to do business with thousands of the most refined, wealthy, and christian cultured people in America. This must not be looked at from a monetary standpoint; I reserve the right to change any delegate's home who will report to me any irregularity or unfair treatment.

For Columbia to fall short in her entertainment will seal our doom as a City and State forever in the eyes of the Nation.

For information regarding the National Baptist Sunday School Congress write Rev. J. C. White, 1027 Washington Street, Columbia, S. C.



REV. J. S. DANIELS, D. D.

Corinth Celebrates Fiftieth Anniversary

By Rev. J. C. White

The Corinth Baptist Church, Union, S. C. had a two week's celebration of its founding and also the fifth anniversary of their honored pastor, the Rev. J. S. Daniels, D. D., concluding those great services last Sunday night with a climax of services by the Rev. J. F. Marshall, McCormick, S. C. I started out to tell the many readers of the Leader of my observations as it relates to that old historic Church I pastored the Corinth Baptist Church eight years before taking up the work here at Zion Baptist Church in Columbia.

I thought that Corinth had reached the crest of her popularity under my administration, but on my visit to Union last week to preach two nights in that Great Jubilee Semi-Centennial Anniversary I was convinced that Corinth is just now coming into her own, and that not like Greece whose Golden Age is in the past, but that the days of her potentialities, and systematic kingdom building are yet ahead.

This is all because she has as her pastor, one of the cleanest, pure hearted, constructive Christian ministers she has ever had to lead her, in the person of the Rev. J. S. Daniels.

I preached two nights in this great service, and at each service you could not get standing room. Of course I was given an ovation at each of these services.

The big church was more orderly than I have ever seen it, and the people almost adore and worship their pastor. The deacons are live young

NOTED ARTIST AT A. & T. COLLEGE

Julius Bledsoe, Baritone Of National Fame Sang Thurs., April 15th

Julius Bledsoe, an excellent baritone singer with a national fame, appeared in recital at A. & T. College, Thursday, April 15. Mr. Bledsoe was at his best for the numbers rendered met the great applause of those present.

Selections were given from German, Russian, and English compositions;

men. The papers read were excellent, and music fine.

Rev. Daniels has both old and young harnessed up, and everything is going on with clock-like precision. White and colored attended these services. They tell me that some great sermons were delivered by the various ministers on the program.

Mrs. Daniels is co-operating with her husband in his work, and is verily a queen among the women of that congregation.

Among some of the leading people of that flock might be mentioned: the McKissicks, Smiths, Rices, Dawkins, Sanders, Tobins, Lytes, Humphries, Reeds, Hughes, Talley, Gists, Jeters, and many others too numerous to mention.

Corinth Church is in the wrong place and I advised them to sell out that property and move out near their own Race. They ought to get no less than \$40,000 or \$50,000 for such valuable property.

Dr. A. A. Sims and Union The man who has done more for Union than any other one man, in the last forty years, is the Rev. Dr. A. A. Sims. Dr. Sims as the head of the educational interests of the colored people there for the last 21 years has set a high standard for the people of Union. He has a school of 900 pupils with 16 or 18 teachers all well trained. I addressed this school at the chapel services, Friday. They are the best singers I have ever met.

Dr. Sims finds time to pastor three of the Churches besides this great school he conducts. He is one of the greatest speakers of the Race.

Union will be here in large numbers to the National Baptist Sunday School Congress on June 8th.

and among the other numbers were the Negro melodies. It is hard to say which of these selections Mr. Bledsoe rendered better than the others for he showed expertness in both native and foreign compositions.

This noted artist was born in Texas twenty-six years ago and has spent six full years in New York City, studying in one of the noted musical schools. Critics proclaim him as chosen to sing "to mortals of love and passion, of joy and sorrow, of sunlight and shadow, of Jesus and Jehovah." It is not too much to expect that in the not too distant future Mr. Bledsoe's name will be heralded from all sections of the country by all lovers of music.