

Questions and Answers

In Negro History

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Questions pertaining to Negro History anywhere if of general interest, and not too long, will be answered by Mr. Parker in this column. When space will not permit or the subject is not suitable, letters will be personally answered, subject to proper limitations, and when a stamped envelope is enclosed. Address all communications to George Wells Parker, 3423 Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

Was the wife of Napoleon Bonaparte a colored woman?—T. T. W.

Josephine, wife of Napoleon was a creole born in the West Indies and of mixed African and French blood.

Does the Desert of Sahara touch Liberia at any point?—W. L. K., Malden, Ohio. Look up a map of Africa. It certainly does not. The Sahara Desert is in the northern part of Africa and several hundred miles removed from Liberia.

What products are raised in Liberia?—F. G. N., Des Moines, Iowa. Coffee was one of the chief products before the war when the Germans held the trade, but since then the Liberians have let coffee lands go to ruins. Hardwood, palm oil, palm kernels, and some cocoa are among the present products exported.

Was Mohammed a Negro?—F. R. G., Milwaukee, Wis. Yes, he was a mulatto, of the tribe of Koreigh and the House of Hashim. The Korites were closely akin to the Ethiopians, the latter having founded the house traditionally.

Who was Clitus and what was his relation to Alexander the Great?—O. S. A., Corinth, Miss. Clitus was one of the generals under Alexander and one of the best loved. Alexander killed him in a fit of anger and afterward regretted the deed deeply. Clitus was a Negro.

What period marks the fall of the power of the dark races?—H. J. L., New York, N. Y.—The downfall of the Moors in Spain marks the close of the rule of nations of African descent, that is, in a world wide sense. This was about the twelfth century.

Is masonry an African rite and when was it practiced?—R. F. E., Duluth, Minn. Modern masonry bears little relation to ancient masonry as understood and practiced today. The Egyptians possessed secrets of which the modern mason knows nothing and their ritual was vastly different. It would require a large volume to merely cover the subject and space does not permit here to give even a brief resume.

Was the conqueror Omar of African descent?—F. L. N., Los Angeles, Cal. Omar, the great Mohammedan conqueror and second caliph of the Moslem empire was a Negro and of the same tribe as Mohammed.

HARRY E. DAVIS SAYS AFRICA TURNS FROM PREJUDICED CHRISTIANS TO MOHAMMEDANISM

Feb.—Harry E. Davis, member of the Ohio legislature, and of the Board of Directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, on February 10, addressed the sociology department of Ohio State University, and urged the Negro's claims to recognition as a full participant in American life.

Mr. Davis asserted that the question of race relationship was affecting not only international affairs but also the status of Christianity before the world. Mr. Davis said in part:

"Largely because of color prejudice the Christian missionary movement is at a standstill in

NEWBERRY NEWS

Newberry, S. C., Feb.—Rev. J. B. Davis preached the morning sermon at Miller Chapel A. M. E. Church. It was one of the old time revival sermons. His text was found in Luke 21-15; subject, "God's Divine Plan."

It was full of spiritual fire every body enjoys, and delighted all. Sunday School opened at 3:00 P. M. with the superintendent and teachers present for one hour. The lesson taught was good. Attendance was good.

Evening service, 7-80 P. M., Rev. Geo. C. Johnson preached one of the best sermons ever heard from II Peter 18-22; subject: "Christian Development."

It was a heyday at Miller all day Sunday. The funeral services for Mr. Willie Milford Rhodes were held at Miller Chapel A. M. E. Church Feb. 22, 4:00 P. M. of which church he was a member.

Rev. E. P. Ellis pastor of the church conducted the services, assisted by Rev. J. A. Baten, pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church. Rhodes went to his work Saturday morning and died between the hour of ten and 11 o'clock. He was married on May 18, 1919 to Emma Julia Wilson daughter of Augustus and Alice Wilson. They lived happily until death.

Active pallbearers were Jessie White, Cattie Simmon, Thos. Wilson, A. Brooks, Arthur Allen and Anderson Coats (Bricklayers Honorary pallbearers: T. E. Gallman, Geo. Robinson, Joseph Nance, D. B. Cromer and Wm. Gilder (Trustees of Miller Chapel Church). Many beautiful floral offerings were brought as a last tribute to Mr. Rhodes.

The Grand Chancellor Julius in the city Wednesday, Feb. 18. A. Brown spent a few hours the Sir Knights made it pleasant for him while in the city. The many friends of Mrs. S. L. Moon are very glad to know that she is better and will be out again. Mrs. L. M. Gilder is still in bed. We hope she will soon recover from her illness.

Dr. J. D. Williams has begun to step on the gas since he has purchased a new Dodge in order that he may see his patients at once. The agriculture teacher and his class of agriculture boys of Mt. Bethel Germany School are doing some community work. They went out on Feb. 18, pruned and sprayed one hundred and four fruit trees for Mr. B. B. Litzey. They were well pleased with the Agriculture boys work.

Bethlehem Baptist Church, Feb. 22—Sunday School opened at 10:15 o'clock with supt. A. J. Chappelle in charge. The lesson was taught for 30 minutes. Mrs. Eunice Allen was a visitor for the Sunday School. She took an active part in the Sunday School and gave a wonderful address on the lesson. The report of the secretary was read and showed a collection of \$7.61.

The morning service opened at 11:30 A. M. Rev. Jas. A. Baten read for a lesson Romans 13:14. Then Rev. A. E. Trapp, a missionary for the A. M. E. Church prepared a soul stirring sermon. He used for a text James 1:26;27. Subject "Death and Life." Collection, \$34.73.

The B. Y. P. U. opened its regular session at 6:30 o'clock with Vice President S. W. Allen presiding. The topic opened by Mr. Davenport was discussed. The attendance was good.

India, China, Japan and Africa, the great 'pagan' reservoir for proselytes. Indeed, it appears that Africa is destined to become a great Mohammedan Empire. The darker races have reached a point where they will not kindly accept a gospel of love and brotherhood when the denial of Christian people negatives the tenets which they are asked to accept."

E. F.—J. W. White.

LAURENS NEWS

Laurens, S. C., Feb.—The Sunshine Club of Bethel A. M. E. Church entertained on last Friday afternoon Feb. 20, 1925, at the home of Miss Mary Lee Fowler at 752 1-2 West Hampton St. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Emaline Nelson, after the Club a selection: "Shine for Jesus."

Miss Mary Leak. The Club repeated the Lord's prayer in concert. The program rendered during the afternoon was as follows: Recitation, "Abou Ben Adhem" by Master Thomas Shelton; Essay, "Friendship" by Miss Margurite Leak; Solo, "Sunshine of my Soul," by Mr. Walter Leak; Select reading by Mr. Donald Burtin; Essay, "Education for All the People," by Miss Mary Lee Fowler; Address, "Light and Darkness," by the pastor Rev. J. C. McClellan.

The Sunshine Club is still progressing; we are planing to put over several interesting programs in the near future. During the latter part of the afternoon a delicious Salad course was served by the hostess, after which the president, Mrs. Nelson, called on Mrs. Sallie D. Montgomery to thank the hostess for the kind repast that had been given the Club. The program concluded with the closing song, "Take the Name of Jesus with You."

Mizpah. Sunday Feb. 22, 1925 being a spring like day Bethel A. M. E. Church was crowded. Our pastor, Rev. J. C. McClellan, preached a wonderful sermon. His subject was "Man Desires A Better Country." We can truthfully say, did not our hearts burn within us while he preached? He sang the song "Savior More than Life to Me," and Mr. Jesse Cromer came and connected himself with the church. On Sunday evening 3:00 o'clock, the body of Mrs. Amarda Woody was funeralized.

over six hundred people crowding in the church to pay the last tribute of respect. Our pastor fed them with Paul's letter to the Corinthians (II. 5th chapter 1st verse). The text reads as follows: For we know that, if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

Mrs. Woody was a loyal member of the church, a Stewardess of Board No. 1, Treasurer of the Sunday School, and a member of the "Eastern Star" society. She leaves to mourn her three sons, seven sisters and brothers, other relatives and friends. Sleep on! Mrs. Woody Sleep on! And take thy rest, We loved thee well but Jesus Loved thee best.

Sunday 7:30 P. M., we sat and listened to the last sermon for the evening. Our pastor used as a subject, "A Universal Invitation," his text being "Come unto Me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." After preaching a spiritual sermon he sang "When the Saints Go Marching In." We were glad to have Dr. Eckleston of Greenville, S. C. to worship with us; he gave us encouraging remarks for which we thank him. He has opened up a dental parlor in Laurens, and we assure him that he will

Evening service, 7:30 o'clock, Rev. Baten preached one of the greatest sermons that was ever heard. He used for a text II Peter 3:7-8-9, subject "The One Thing." Rev. Baten is planning to be out of town Friday to one of his former charges to preach the installation sermon and install the pastor. Some of his members and friends are planning to be with him on his trip.

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The Famous Williams' Colored Singers to Appear at Allen.

The Famous Williams' Colored Singers, the World's Greatest Harmonizing Octette will appear at Allen University, Tuesday, March 10th, 8:00 P. M.

This organization has pleased Columbia audiences for the past five years; and promises to render an even better program than heretofore.

Admission: General 50c; Reserved seats 75c.

CHILD BURNED TO DEATH

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Odessa, Mo., Feb.—Thomas E. Mayberry, 4 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Forest Mayberry, was burned to death here Tuesday when the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanford Mayberry was destroyed by fire. The body was burned almost beyond recognition, the hands, feet and head being missing.

get the patronage of the people of this vicinity. The Rev. J. C. Tobin of St. Paul Baptist Church and Rev. J. W. Mathias worshipped with us on yesterday and we were glad to have them.

On Wednesday night Feb. 18, 1925, Mr. John Fields Hunter and Miss Nannie Mae Johnson, of this city were happily joined together in matrimony by our pastor, Rev. J. C. McClellan. The wedded couple was out on Sunday afternoon and both seemed to be full of smiles.

Reporter Mary Lee Fowler.

THE NEGRO IN NEW YORK CITY

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of educated colored people with

the color line and indicates what the effect upon them is. Professor Locke, in "Enter the New Negro," writes of the spiritual emancipation among colored people that is now in progress. "The day of 'aunties,' 'uncles' and 'mammies,' is gone," he says. "Uncle Tom and Sambo have passed on, and even the 'Colonel' and 'George' play barnstorm roles from which they escape with relief when the public spotlight is off. The popular melodrama has about played itself out and it is time to scrap the fictions, garrot the bogeys and settle down to a realistic facing of facts."

In "Black Workers and the City," Mr. Charles S. Johnson

traces the development of a city type Negro. He finds that a large percentage of Negroes in the city are confined to "blind alley" jobs offering little or no opportunity for advancement, skilled trades being largely closed to Negroes. Other contributions to the "Harlem Number" of the Survey Graphic are "The Harvest of Race Prejudice" by Kelly Miller; "The Negro Digs Up His Past" by Arthur A. Schomburg; "The Dilemma of Social Pattern," by Professor Herskovits; "The Rhythm of Harlem" by Konrad Bercovici; "Ambushed in the City" by Winthrop Lane; and articles and illustrations, by Eunice Hunton, George E. Haynes, W. A. Domingo, Winold Reiss and Albert C. Barnes.

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