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SIXTY-EIGHT YEARS OF BRITISH METHODISM

We are nearing the close of another year in the making of history, which marks the sixty-eighth anniversary of our existence as an organization dedicated to the uplift of humanity for the cause of our Lord Jesus Christ. As we view with our minds eye, our condition of sixty-eight years ago, and then note what changes have taken place since, we are forced to exclaim in the words of the prophet and say "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." For we are truly conscious that only Divine help has brought us safe thus far. When we recall that our Church has successfully weathered the gale of two serious divisions which in many respects hindered the progress, yet today there is an optimistic note ringing throughout the communion and the zeal of the entire forces are in no wise abated, nor is the courage at all daunted. That we are gaining ground in every department is an evidence very conclusive and convincing. Improvement in every way as regards our progress can be noticed as we look over the fields of labor, and then with a reminiscent mood recall the by gone days of long ago, we are truly convinced of the place our church has taken in the life of our fair Dominion.

The influence of sixty-eight years has been made known farther than our own native shores, and we are justly proud of the place those of our ranks have filled in the world of mankind. The past fifteen years of our history has indeed been notable, under the able leadership of our present executive, Rev. Samuel R. Drake. Untiring, vigilant and ceaseless, have been his interests in the work of the Church, and whatever heights she has attained can be largely attributed to his zealous endeavors and the help of God. With such leadership as Rt. Rev. Nazarey, Rt. Rev. Hawkins, Rt. Rev. Washington, and our own Rev. S. R. Drake.

We have during the many years of our existence been truly blest and may say, we have a "Godly heritage." Let us pray that the manifold blessings of our God may be upon us in the sixty-eighth anniversary of our Church, as we come together at Windsor.

F. O. STEWART.

TO CHARLIE.
(a school boy on his birthday)

(By S. E. G. Allen)

Dear Charlie, you're in your 13th year today.
You soon will begin to feel much like a man;
There are millions of boys of your age, and I pray
That in this vast multitude you're in the van.

Be trusty, reliable, bravest of brave;
Scorn all that is base; be honest and true.
Look up and not down; look to Him who can save,
For this is what heaven is wishing for you.

Yes, God knows and loves you, my dear Charlie boy;
And eye hath not seen, nor hath ear ever heard,
What God has prepared and what an infinite joy
May be yours if you follow, we know by His word.

Justice in the South

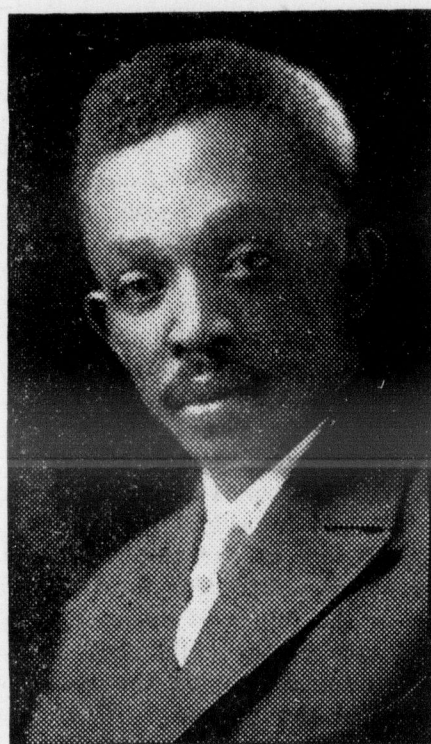
(By The Associated Negro Press)

The State, Columbia, S.C., carries the following news story: Barnwell, May 30—That the maxim, "a man who acts as his own lawyer has a fool for a client" is not true in every instance was proved here on Monday, when John Sanders, a Negro defended himself in two cases charging violation of the prohibition law, winning an acquittal in the first and getting a mistrial in the second. The cases also go to show that the brother in black can and does get justice in spite of anything that radical negrophiles of the North may say to the contrary. John conducted his cases in a lawyer like manner, examining witnesses and making arguments to the jury and evidently won the sympathy of the spectators in the court room.

QUESTION COOLIDGE ON KLAN.

(By The Associated Negro Press)

New York City, June—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People through its secretary, James Weldon Johnson, has directed a letter to President Coolidge, asking him, as head of the Republican party, for an unequivocal statement of his position and that of his party, on the Ku Klux Klan.



REV. E. M. WOOD, Pastor of Hill St. Baptist Church.

Theatre Improving Race Relations

(By The Associated Negro Press)

Hot Springs, Ark., June—Hi Tom Long a correspondent of the Billboard who reviewed the Ted Pop Dixie Serenaders Company, playing here, says, "These companies playing as they do here to mixed audiences, have of improving race relations; and it is being demonstrated daily that nothing serves to maintain friendship between the races like deportment. The comments of white patrons after the show were all highly complimentary to the company for their business like attitude."

The theatre involved is the Vendome, one of the few theatres operated primarily by and for colored people that caters without discrimination to both races with colored performers.

Negro Preacher Gives Radio Sermon

Boston, Mass., June.—Rev. E. E. Thompson, Pastor of the Massachusetts Avenue Baptist Church gave the Memorial Sunday radio sermon, under the auspices of the Boston Federation of Churches. It was considered appropriate for a member of the colored race to deliver the memorial day address.

THE WHITES CANNOT RULE BY TERRORISM

(By The Associated Negro Press)

Holly Springs, Miss., June—The crowning event of the commencement exercises of the Mississippi Industrial College one of the leading schools of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, and a power for good in this section of the South, was the address by Bishop Charles Henry Phillips, of Cleveland.

The audience of both black and white citizens heard an eloquent appeal "for simple elementary justice" for the colored races of the world and particularly the American Negroes. He points out the duty of both the black man and the white man, showing that vexing problems, social and economic, follow all great wars. In the adjustment of the American problems, he reminded the great mixed audience that "the Negro went into the war with bounding step, joyous heart, and patriotic motive, to fight for right, liberty, justice, humanity—the things which he held sacred and dear and which he supposed would make the world safe for democracy, and out of the triumphant issue guarantee to him the same liberty and justice for which the fathers fought."

"If the white man is to permanently maintain his leadership of civilization," declared the bishop, "he must rule by his moral greatness and intelligence and not by terrorism, massacre, domination, cruelty or force. The race problem, is therefore, for all intents and purposes, a moral one. The Negro, knowing this, has never sought a redress of his grievances by acts of violence, for his salvation can only be found in work and self discipline, in the demonstration of superior qualities, in self restraint and moderation, and in the workings and evolution of those ethical and moral forces that make for justice and the fitness of things. His demand for justice is the antithesis of the demand of the white man for the preservation of the purity of his race. These two demands are the two sides of one and the same shield. The blood of the race must be kept pure; but, so must its ideals. The former without the latter is like the body without the soul."