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At the recent Hampton Spring Concert a chorus of five hundred voices sang Mendelssohn's "Elijah" and Cowan's "Rose Maiden." Mr. R. Nathaniel Dett, the director, has just had two new choruses published by J. Fisher & Brother.

At Talladega, Ala., a large audience was present at the Opera house to listen to the combined choir and chorus of Talladega College, Carl R. Diton, director, at a benefit concert for the Red Cross.

Ms. Helen E. Hagan, of New Haven, Conn., proved her artistry in a piano recital given on May 16 at Jordan Hall, Boston, Mass. Her offerings included numbers by Beethoven, Debussy, Coleridge-Taylor, and Liszt. Miss Hagan was assisted by Miss Minnie M. Albritton, soprano student of the New England Conservatory and Mr. R. P. Parham, accompanist.

Mr. Clyde Leroy Glass, pianist of Des Moines, Iowa, was presented at Ebenezer A. M. E. Church, Kansas City, Mo., with the Ladies Quartette from Western University and the Lincoln High School Orchestra, N. Clarke-Smith, director.

The Royal Choral Society, under the direction of Sir Frederick Bridges, lately gave a performance of Coleridge-Taylor's "Hiawatha" with Ben Davies, tenor; Agnes Nicholls, soprano, and Bertram Mills, baritone. The performance was given at Albert Hall, London, Eng.

The Mozart Society of Fisk University, Nashville, Tenn., gave Coleridge-Taylor's "Hiawatha" at their recent annual concert. Mr. William H. Richardson, of Boston, Mass., was engaged for the baritone role. Mr. Work, tenor, was the director.

At the New Jersey Rally Day of the National Association of Organists, Mr. Harry T. Burleigh appeared as soloist with his own compositions.

The noted American violinist, Eddy Brown, has transcribed two Negro melodies, "Over There" and "Nobody Knows."

"Song of the Heart," dedicated to David Bispham, a new composition by J. Rosamund Johnson, has been published by Ricordi & Company; also a book of organ transcriptions by Richard Keys Biggs, which contains H. T. Burleigh's "Deep River" and the second number of his "Southland Sketches."

#### SOCIAL PROGRESS.

THE Gamma Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, originating at Howard University, Washington, D. C., has been established and officially approved by the University of Pennsylvania.

The Spring Street Branch of the Y. M. C. A. in Columbus, Ohio, has successfully carried out its campaign for five hundred members, exceeding its goal by 145.



A Tag Day in Patterson, N. J., for the Colored Y. M. C. A. brought over \$1,200 during the Liberty Loan campaign.

At Norristown, Pa., William Lampos, a restaurant keeper, was fined fifty dollars for refusing to serve colored people.

Robert Harris, a colored boy, was awarded one of the prizes in the Thrift Essay Contest conducted by the St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A hospital costing \$8,000 has been opened at Christiansburg Industrial Institute, Cambria, Va.

The old Tyson hotel, a brick structure at Seventh and P streets, has been purchased for the colored Y. W. C. A. of Washington, and is being equipped with all modern conveniences.

The new Carnegie Library for Colored People at Knoxville, Tenn., has been opened. The city furnished the site and Mr. Carnegie gave \$10,000.

Governor Lowden has pardoned an innocent Negro, William D. Smith, for alleged kidnapping, after three years imprisonment at the Joliet, Ill., Penitentiary.

Negro Odd Fellows in Atlanta, Ga., has celebrated their seventy-fifth anniversary.

At Marion, Ind., two colored women who were refused service at a candy kitchen, had the proprietor arrested and were given verdicts of twenty-five dollars each by the jury.

A jury in Judge McCormick's Court, Pasadena, Cal., has awarded \$50 damages each to Beatrice Benton and Edna Steward for alleged discrimination at the Crown Theatre.

The Virginia Branch of the National Board for Historic Service in charge of the white University of Virginia has been judging sixty-four essays in a state contest by public school teachers on the subject "Why the United States is at War." The first prize of seventy-five dollars for teachers in public elementary schools was awarded to Edward G. Wood, a colored freshman at Virginia Union University.

The colored people of Wetipquin, Md., have established a public community library with 150 volumes.

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