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Virginia Union University has been helping the Associated Charities of Richmond. The Associated Charities had formerly refused aid to needy Negroes but when 1,500 unemployed Negroes besieged their officers they asked the University to make investigation for them. Classes were dismissed and already more than 900 families have been visited. The work was personally superintended by Dr. Simpson, of the Department of Sociology.

The Howard Medical School is now the only Negro school rated in class A of the American Medical Association. Meharry is in class B. In 1913, of the 38 graduates of Howard examined by medical boards, only 3 failed. This is practically the same percentage as that made by Harvard graduates.

Frederick L. Siddons, a grandson of the great actress, has been recently confirmed as Justice of the District of Columbia Supreme Court. His colored employes in his former office of District Commissioner, presented him with an inscribed testimonial on parchment.

The colored schools of Baltimore are searching for 17 names of distinguished colored persons, not living, after whom the colored school houses may be named.

The beautiful building of the Red Cross Sanitarium, a colored hospital at Louisville, Ky., was opened for inspection on Lincoln's birthday.

Brig.-Gen. Philip Reade, U.S.A., retired, recently addressed the Kentucky State Society of the Sons of the American Revolution on "Negro soldiers in the Revolutionary War."

Edward Wood, a 17 year old colored boy of Pulaski County, Ark., has recently made a record in cotton growing by raising 2 bales amounting to 1,192 pounds on 2 acres of land.

THE CHURCH

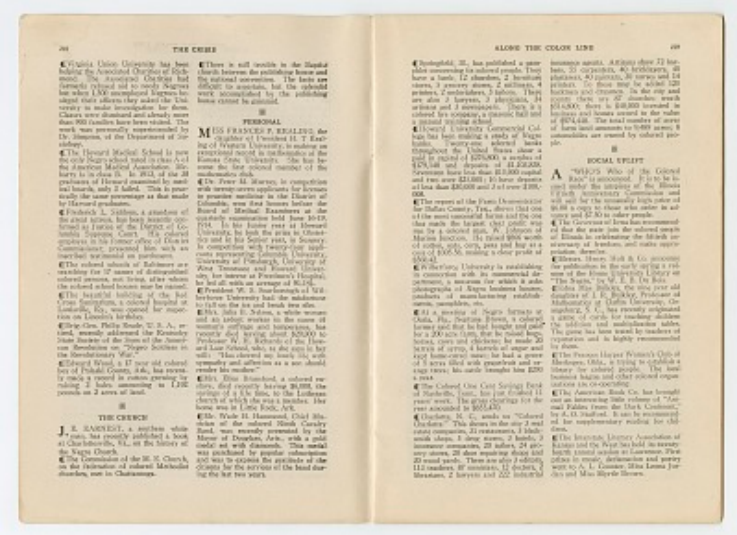
J. E. EARNEST, a southern white man, has recently published a book at Charlottesville, Va., on the history of the Negro Church.

The Commission of the M. E. Church, on the federation of colored Methodist churches, met in Chattanooga.

There is still trouble in the Baptist church between the publishing house and the national convention. The facts are difficult to ascertain, but the splendid work accomplished by the publishing house cannot be gainsaid.

PERSONAL

MISS FRANCES F. KEALING, the daughter of President H. T. Kealing of Western University, is making an exceptional record in mathematics at the Kansas State University. She has become the first colored member of the mathematics club.



Dr. Peter M. Murray, in competition with twenty-seven applicants for licenses to practice medicine in the District of Columbia, won first honors before the Board of Medical Examiners at the quarterly examination held June 16-19, 1914. In his Junior year at Howard University, he took the prize in Obstetrics and in his Senior year, in Surgery. In competition with twenty-four applicants representing Columbia University, University of Pittsburgh, University of West Tennessee and Howard University, for interne at Freedmen's Hospital, he led all with an average of 91.1%

President W.S. Scarborough of Wilberforce University had the misfortune to fall on the ice and break two ribs.

Mrs. Julia B. Nelson, a white woman and an ardent worker in the cause of woman's suffrage and temperance, has recently died leaving about \$20,000 to Professor W. H. Richards of the Howard Law School, who, as she says in her will: "Has cheered my lonely life with sympathy and affection as a son should render his mother."

Mrs. Ellen Bransford, a colored ex-slave, died recently leaving \$6,000, the savings of a life time, to the Lutheran church of which she was a member. Her home was in Little Rock, Ark.

Mr. Wade H. Hammond, Chief Musician of the colored Ninth Cavalry Band, was recently presented by the Mayor of Douglass, Ariz., with a gold medal set with diamonds. This medal was purchased by popular subscription and was to express the gratitude of the citizens for the services of the band during the last two years.

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Springfield, Ill., has published a pamphlet concerning its colored people. They have a bank, 12 churches, 2 furniture stores, 5 grocery stores, 2 milliners, 4 printers, 2 undertakers, 3 tailors. There are also 3 lawyers, 3 physicians, 34 artisans and 3 newspapers. There is a colored fire company, a masonic hall and a manual training school.

Howard University Commercial College has been making a study of Negro banks. Twenty-one selected banks throughout the United States show a paid in capital of \$276,800, a surplus of \$179,140 and deposits of \$1,103,838. Seventeen have less than \$15,000 capital and two over \$25,000; 16 have deposits of less than \$50,000 and 3 of over \$100,000.

The report of the Farm Demonstrator for Dallas County, Tex., shows that one of the most successful farms and the one that made the largest clear profit was run by a colored man, W. Johnson of Marion Junction. He raised \$866 worth of cotton, oats, corn, peas and hay at a cost of \$305.58, making a clear profit of \$560.42.

Wilberforce University is establishing in connection with its commercial department, a museum for which it asks photographs of Negro business houses, products of manufacturing establishments, pamphlets, etc.

At a meeting of Negro farmers at Ocala, Fla., Neptune Brown, a colored farmer said that he had bought and paid for a 200 acre farm, that he raised hogs, horses, cows, and chickens; he made 20 barrels of syrup, 4

barrels of sugar and kept home-cured meat; he had a grove of 5 acres filled with grapefruit and orange trees; his cattle brought him \$200 a year.

The Colored One Cent Savings Bank of Nashville, Tenn., has just finished 11 years' work. The gross clearings for the year amounted to \$855,470.

Charlotte, N.C., sends us "Colored Charlotte." This shows in the city 3 real estate companies, 31 restaurants, 5 blacksmith shops, 5 drug stores, 3 hotels, 3 insurance companies, 20 tailors, 24 grocery stores, 20 shoe repairing shops and 20 wood yards. There are also 3 editors, 113 teachers, 87 ministers, 12 doctors, 2 librarians, 2 lawyers and 222 industrial insurance agents. Artisans show 72 barbers, 55 carpenters, 40 bricklayers, 40 plasterers, 40 painters, 30 nurses and 14 printers. To these may be added 125 hackmen and draymen. In the city and county there are 87 churches worth \$514,800; there is \$40,000 invested in business and homes owned to the value of \$974,440. The total number of acres of farm land amounts to 9,489 acres; 8 automobiles are owned by colored people.

SOCIAL UPLIFT

A "WHO'S Who of the Colored Race" is announced. It is to be issued under the auspices of the Illinois Fiftieth Anniversary Commission and will sell for the unusually high price of \$6.00 a copy to those who order in advance and \$7.50 to other people.

The Governor of Iowa has recommended that the state join the colored people of Illinois in celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of freedom, and make appropriation therefor.

Messrs. Henry Holt & Co. announce for publication in the early spring a volume of the Home University Library on "The Negro," by W.E.B. Du Bois.

Edna Mae Bulkley, the nine year old daughter of J.R. Bulkley, Professor of Mathematics at Claflin University, Orangeburg, S.C., has recently originated a game of cards for teaching children the addition and multiplication tables. The game has been tested by teachers of reputation and is highly recommended by them.

The Frances Harper Women's Club of Muskogee, Okla., is trying to establish a library for colored people. The local business league and other colored organizations are co-operating.

The American Book Co. has brought out an interesting little volume of "Animal Fables from the Dark Continent," by A.O. Stafford. It can be recommended for supplementary reading for children.

The Interstate Literary Association of Kansas and the West has held its twenty-fourth annual session at Lawrence. First prizes in music, declamation and poetry went to A. L. Counter, Miss Leona Jordan and Miss Myrtle Brown.

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