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[[black and white hand drawn image of two children singing, one with a book, three musical notes and MUSIC at top]]

Mr. John A. Hall, a teacher of the Birney School has organized a wonderful Glee Club. This club is made up of one hundred children from the second

MUSIC [[on the left hand side with the some of the paragraph set to the right hand side]]

through the sixth grade. A meeting is held every Friday in the auditorium for practice. We usually have a new song at this time in addition to reviewing old ones.

A musical program is given twice a year for the parents. In the Spring there is a Spring Festival and a Christmas program is given in December.

We have had several invitations to sing at different places. We sang at Franklin School for the officers of Divisions one through thirteen. On that same day we sang at the Ross School, headquarters for the officers of the Visual Instruction Library. Mr. Johnson, Director of the Music Department, requested that we make these pilgrimages. Later during the year we were invited to sing at a Lincoln Day program at Anthony Bowen School and at the Metropolitan A.M.E Church. One spiritual we sing, "Rockin Jerusalem," always brings great applause. We are very proud to be invited to sing at so many different places. In our school we have been carrying on a project on interracial and intercultural relationships in preparing to live together with all groups of people and making the contacts we are able to in going to different places makes us happy and shows us how people can live and work together.

Doris Butler,
Calvin Mason,
James Ross,
6B Grade

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