

COLORED WOMEN IN LITERATURE

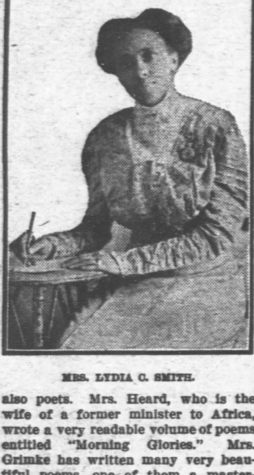
Phillis Wheatley First and Fore- most of Them All.

SHOULD RUN WEEKLY PAPER.

**Cursory Glance at the Achievements of
Some of the Many Brilliant Women
of the Race Who Have Made Valuable
Contributions to American Letters.
Future Possibilities Pointed Out.**

First and foremost, of course, stands Phillis Wheatley, the poetess of the revolutionary period. Any mention of colored women as writers would be incomplete without her. Frances Ellen Watkins Harper of Maryland was one of the sweetest of our women poets. Her poem "The Burial of Moses" will rank with any similar poem of its character in the English language. Mrs. Anna J. Cooper is a schoolteacher in Washington, with the mind of a wise statesman. Her book "A Voice From the South" is a most valuable contribution to race literature.

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also poets. Mrs. Heard, who is the wife of a former minister to Africa, wrote a very readable volume of poems entitled "Morning Glories." Mrs. Grimke has written many very beautiful poems, one of them a masterpiece, entitled "Charles Sumner." The Misses Cordella and Florence Ray have recently published a volume of poems, which they have dedicated to their father, the late Dr. Charles B. Ray.

The wife of Dr. Harvey Johnson, Baltimore's leading Baptist clergyman, is a writer of stories suitable for Sunday school libraries. The American Baptist Publication society paid her a handsome sum a few years ago for two books from her pen. Mrs. Johnson is a fine French scholar. Amanda Smith, the noted evangelist, has published an interesting autobiography of her labors in Africa, England and the United States. "Poor Ben" is the title of a biographical sketch of the late Bishop Arnett, from the pen of Miss Lucretia Coleman.

Ida B. Wells Barnett in journalism wielded a trenchant pen twenty or thirty years ago, and her right hand has not yet lost its cunning, for she is now editing a weekly newspaper in Chicago as Mrs. Barnett. There used to be several other papers edited by our women. Ringwood's Magazine was an ambitious undertaking and a creditable production. The Woman Era was edited in Boston by Mrs. Josephine St. Pierre Rufin.

There are any number of careful and brilliant women correspondents, some of whom have done and are doing good work on race papers and papers published by white people. Miss Ida Griffin was for a number of years editor of a periodical devoted to the interests of the home and fashion, which circulated largely in the south. Mrs. Mary C. Lawton, wife of the Rev. Dr. William R. Lawton, the successful pastor of St. James' Presbyterian church in New York, contributes regularly to a Brooklyn daily, the Standard Union, and Mrs. Lydia C. Smith is regularly employed by the Brooklyn Daily Eagle. For eleven years Mrs. Smith has reported the daily happenings among our people in Greater New York for the Eagle. She is secretary of the woman's auxiliary board of managers of the Howard Colored Orphan asylum and vice president of the Fifty-third Street (New York) Young Women's Christian association.

There are bright women enough in the race to have a paper all their own, just as their white sisters have, and it is hoped that they will get together and think about it. There are enough women societies of one sort and another to support a paper independent of any help from men, for there are even some compositors among our women, as well as writers, poets and lecturers.

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Intellectual and Higher Education.
The difference between industrial
and the higher education, as explained
by Professor Kelly Miller, is that in-
dustrial education develops an instru-
mentality and the higher education
develops a personality. Professor Miller is dean
of the College of Arts and Sciences at
Howard university.

THE CRIME OF LYNCHING.

Attacks Foundation of All True Gov-
ernment, Says Dr. Jones.
Under the caption, "The Crime of
Lynching Needs National Attention,"
the Southwestern Christian Advocate,
ably edited by that fearless agitator
for human rights, Dr. R. E. Jones,
says:

"The recent reckless taking of life
in various parts of the country is an
imperative call upon the leaders and
the calloused conscience of the
American people. The crime of lynching
grows. Constitutional law and pro-
cedure weaken.

"Permit the former, and the latter
necessarily follows. It does not mat-
ter what the color of the victim of the
mob may be or the crime of which he
is accused, when duly enacted law is
set aside the foundations of all true
governments are attacked and sooner
or later means inevitable failure. Dur-
ing the recent session of the Washing-
ton conference a resolution was intro-
duced by Dr. Ernest Lyon which was
unanimously adopted.

"It called attention to the fact that
the orderly operation of law and jus-
tice is seriously threatened by mob vi-
olence; that the practice of lynching hu-
man beings without a trial by law, and
the more heinous and atrocious crime
of burning men alive, are not only on
the increase, but are no longer con-
fined to any particular section of our
commonwealth.

"It is a happy omen that President
Taft in a very recent address before
the alumni of Howard university and
a great audience of colored people in
Washington took 'Lynching' as his
text."

COLLEGE MEN ACTIVE IN CITY OF BROTHERLY LOVE.

Iota Sigma Club in Musical Comedy.
Bethel Church Honors Pastor.

By WHITTIER H. WRIGHT.
Philadelphia.—The Iota Sigma (Inter-
collegiate) club of this city recently
presented the Mask and Wig club in
"The Junior," a typical college play in
three musical and comical acts, at St.
Peter Claver's auditorium. The Inter-
collegiate was organized a little more
than a year ago for the purpose of get-
ting the colored students together, be-
lieving that such association would
benefit each one and that student life
would have more effect upon the com-
munity.

The club numbers twenty-five mem-
bers and represents the following col-
leges—namely, University of Pennsy-
lvania, Temple university, Medico-Chir-
urgical college, Philadelphia Dental
college and the Philadelphia College of
Pharmacy. Among the activities of
the club are to be found a basketball
team, a track team, a baseball team,
a tennis team and a glee club.

Miss Willanette Ferguson, soloist of
St. Phillips Episcopal church, Rich-
mond, Va., a singer of much promise,
is an occasional visit to friends in
this city. Since being here she has
been in much demand and has won her
way into the hearts of the Philadelphia
Afr-Americans. Miss Ferguson pos-
sesses a rich soprano voice, which is
very effective with the classics. She
has received several offers in the line
of her profession since being in the
city, and it is rumored that she may
remain here permanently.

"Mother" Bethel A. M. E. church
held its fifth annual reception the lat-
ter part of April in honor of Pastor
M. W. Thornton and family. The af-
fair was liberally subscribed to and
largely attended. A very interesting
program was rendered. The pastor
was presented with a purse of \$85.

Dr. Thornton is now closing his fifth
year at Mother Bethel, with the honor
of being the only minister since Rich-
ard Allen that has held this charge in
succession for such a number of years.
In 1905 this young man was elected
president of Campbell college, Jackson,
Miss., which had been struggling for
permanent footing for fourteen years.
In less than two years he erected his
first building on a plot of five acres of
ground, gave it a full equipment and
an enrollment of 200 students.

Dr. Thornton has built several
churches, paid off several mortgages,
raised thousands of dollars for the con-
struction and added thousands to the
church. He is identified with several
successful business enterprises and is
a strong representative of his church
and race.

He was graduated from Drake
university, Des Moines, Ia., and was
the first Afr-American to receive a
diploma from this institution. Camp-
bell, Paul Quinn and the Philadelphia
Bible college have in turn bestowed
upon him the doctor's degree. He is an
able writer and has been editor of sev-
eral publications. Dr. Thornton is a
life trustee of Wilberforce and presi-
dent of the board of directors of the
Philadelphia Bible institute.

Hampton as Demonstration Center.
At the recent meeting of the board of
trustees of the Hampton (Va.) insti-
tute Dr. Prinsell presented his annual
report as principal. This year Dr. Prin-
sell outlined in detail the position of
the Hampton school as a demonstration
center which it yielded annually by
over 25,000 people from all parts of the
United States, public officials, educa-
tionalists, social workers and philan-
thropists, students of race problems
and educational methods.

Next International Conference in 1915.
At the closing session of the interna-
tional conference on the Negro recently
held at the Tuskegee (Ark.) institute it
was decided to hold the next confer-
ence at the institute in 1915.



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Wood and Coal.
Shortage of wood fuel was the cause
of coal first coming into use.

Norway's Lifeboats.
In Norway there are no lifeboat sta-
tions. On that fearful coast it is nec-
essary to keep lifeboats constantly
afloat, and the Norwegian service is
one of the finest in the world.

The Death Chair.
Capital punishment by electricity was
adopted in New York in 1890.

Time Measurement.
The civilized world has only one unit
of measurement in common—time. The
second is based upon a sixtieth part of
a sixtieth part of a twenty-fourth part
of the time it takes the earth to re-
volve. Other weights and measure sys-
tems vary.

Ireland's Names.
Eibhlin, Bernia, Ivernia and Ierne
were names given to Ireland by Aris-
totle, Ptolemy and other ancient writ-
ers.

Houseflies in South Africa.
Houseflies are prevalent in South Af-
rica during the months of October, No-
vember, December, January and Feb-
ruary. As screen doors and windows
are unknown there, the houses are fil-
led with flies. Fly paper is used exten-
sively.

The "Noggin."
In London a girl is often termed a
"noggin." In the north of England
half a pint is called a gill and the true
girl a "noggin."

Shooting Stars.
According to Comins, the mean height
at which shooting stars first become
visible is eighty-one miles. The mean
height of their disappearance is about
fifty-eight miles. The mean length of
their visible path is about forty-five
miles.

Salts and Spans.
"Spick and span" is a term derived
from the splicing of a new span of
kicks on spikes (bones) and spans
(struts).

Newcastle's Coal.
A statement was made in parliament
in the year 1910 that the coal mines
at Newcastle would not be productive
more than twenty-one years.

Albumen in Eggs.
An egg contains 14 per cent of albu-
men.

The Crystal Palace.
The Crystal palace in London accom-
modates more people than any other
building in the world. It will hold
100,000 people.

Smoke Traps.
Smoke traps are used in the Stettin
theater, Germany, to provide against
fire. They are placed in the roofing
above the stage. Six traps are mount-
ed on the vertical sides of a skylight,
so that a large opening is given by rais-
ing all the traps. The opening devices
are controlled from the stage.

London Street Names.
Frying Pan alley, Pickle Herring
street, Beer lane, Idol lane, Duck lane
and Gore road are among the queer
street names in London.

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low down on the left—an oven in
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Now too the various sized top
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