

BRIEF NEWS FROM THE BUCKEYE STATE

Events in the Social World—

Bright, Crisp Items from Cleveland—No News of Interest Is Overlooked by Our Regular Correspondent.

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Cleveland, O., Nov. 26.—The many friends of Mr. Thomas W. Fleming, councilman-elect, gave him a grand ovation at Cory M. E. Church last week Thursday evening. Mr. J. Walter Wills, chairman of Mr. Fleming's successful campaign committee, served as master of ceremonies of the reception. The Rev. G. V. Clark, pastor of Mount Zion Congregational Church, offered the invocation, after which Mr. Andrew B. Edwards sang a beautiful solo. Mr. Nahum D. Brasher, a most active factor of the Fleming campaign, gave a very interesting sketch of the contest in the Eleventh Ward, saying that it represented years of hard experience and that it was a victory of all the people of the race in the ward. Congressman Emerson followed with a splendid address, in which he extolled the progress made by the race since the war, and insisted that the Afro-American has the same right as any other American citizen to demand what is due him. He assured the race his co-operation and vote in any matters which may be brought up of interest to the race when congress convenes in December. He also paid a glowing tribute to Mr. Fleming, who was then introduced and given a rousing ovation. His speech was indeed most thoroughly appreciated. He promised to "make good" as the first Afro-American councilman elected in Cleveland. * * * Miss Etlice Baldwin, daughter of Mr. F. A. Baldwin, entertained Tuesday evening in honor of her eighteenth birthday at the home of Mrs. Lulu Boydston, 6940 Colfax road. * * * Mrs. James Weaver, 2252 East Forty-third street, continues to improve, we are glad to report. * * * Messrs. J. E. Ebon, J. S. Thomas, J. Scott, W. C. Calhoun and W. E. Askins, Pullman employes, are arranging to give a dance soon. * * * Editor Harry C. Smith of the Gazette was out of the city the first of the week. * * * Mrs. Nannie Howard, East Thirty-sixth street; Mrs. James Beckwith, 12018 Woodland avenue; Mrs. Allie Collins, 2167 East Twenty-fifth street; Miss Valera Crawford, East Ninetieth street, and Mrs. T. W. Fleming, East Thirtieth street, have been sick. All are convalescent. * * * Mrs. Hattie R. Hollingsworth, East Forty-third street, died last week Monday evening at St. Luke's Hospital. The deceased was an active member of St. John's A. M. E. Church and the Vashti Class of the Sunday school. She was an exemplary character, highly esteemed by all who knew her. The funeral occurred Thursday, Rev. J. S. Jackson officiating. James Rogers, undertaker. * * * Mr. Harvey Wallace and Miss Breckenridge were married Wednesday. * * * Miss Vivian Jackson, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. S. Jackson, was married to Dr. Keller of Xenia Wednesday morning. * * * Mr. Ro-oe Simmons returned from the lakes this week and is stopping with his sister, Mrs. Cooper of East Forty-third street. * * * The mother of Mrs. J. W. Huston of Pierce court died in Oberlin recently. * * * Mrs. Mary Yates, Blaine avenue, and Mrs. Anna Hearn, 2529 Central avenue, returned from Springfield the past week. * * * The ways and means committee of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Mr. Charles Leatherman, chairman, will give a musicale at the old Plymouth Church next Tuesday evening. * * * The cantata "Jephthah" will be given again soon, it is said. * * * The recital given by Miss Rachel Walker at the Y. M. C. A. Hall last week Tuesday evening was an artistic treat. A large and appreciative audience was present. In each one of her numbers Miss Walker displayed great beauty of tone and impressiveness. She was applauded most vigorously in each effort, some being encored. She was ably assisted by Mr. Harry Thompson, baritone; Mr. Fred Hackley, tenor; Mr. John Mitchell, violinist; Miss Eugenia Brewer, contralto; Mrs. Daisy Underwood Wade, reader, and Mrs. Mabelle Biggs, pianist and accompanist. Mrs. William Owens, captain of Ladies' Aid No. 1, deserves special credit, along with her band, for the splendid success of the entertainment. * * * Rev. E. A. White, pastor of Cory M. E. Church, returned from his western trip last week and occupied his pulpit most ably last Sunday. During his three weeks' absence Revs. B. K. Smith and Hayes of Elyria and Jackson and Cox of this city filled Cory's pulpit. * * * Mrs. Austin of Auburn, N. Y., returned home Saturday after a very pleasant visit with her cousin, Mrs. Charles Hayes of East Thirtieth street. * * * St. John's A. M. E. Church was filled to its utmost capacity last Sunday afternoon by friends, co-workers and admirers who gathered to pay tribute to the life of Booker T. Washington. The program was arranged by and given under the auspices of the Cleveland Association of Colored Men and the Ministers' Alliance. Miss Bessie Blakemore Cook rendered on the organ most effectively Chopin's funeral march, after which the augmented choir, under the direction of Mr. Carroll Scott, sang "Nearer My God to Thee." The Rev. Dr. Sterling Brown offered invocation. The Canadian Jubilee Singers sang "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot," after which an eulogy was offered by the Rev. Dr. G. V. Clark of Mount Zion Church. Miss Rachel Walker sang most impressively "One Sweetly Solemn Thought" by Zabriskie. Mr. Nahum D. Brasher read his original poem, "Our Leader Gone," dedicated to Dr. Washington. Mr. Frederick D. Hackley, tenor, rendered "Face to Face" by Johnson. Then followed an oration (eulogy) by Mr. R. R. Cheeks, president of the Cleveland Association of Colored Men, and "Crossing the Bar" by St. John's Male Quartet—Messrs. T. J. Hicks, John Perry, Robert Crowler and Carroll Scott. Miss Walker's rendition of Handel's "Let the Bright Seraphim," from oratorio "Sampson," with cornet obbligato by Mr. Oscar M. Howard, was indeed praiseworthy. Dr. Charles F. Thwing, president of Western Reserve University, paid great tribute to the late educator. Among many other worthy things Dr. Thwing said "One thing Dr. Washington remarked to me when we were together on a New York-to-Boston trip greatly impressed me. It was 'It is a good thing for every man to have had a hard job.' He was a man who realized what he had to do, and did it. He combined two great qualities: He was an idealist—a man of vision, but realized the immediate needs. He understood that the work he laid out for himself could not be accomplished in a day or a year. He labored for the next generation and the following ages, as well as to perform his duty of his day. His sobriety of judgment was one of the things that brought men to him. John Morley, the great writer, told me once when he came to this country that he was more anxious to meet Booker T. Washington than any other man in the United States. This was the man to whom we are today paying tribute." Rev. Dr. Clark's address covered the difficulties the deceased educator had encountered in his struggle to help his race. Mr. Cheeks extolled the high regard in which Mr. Washington was held in Cleveland. The choir sang "Lead, Kindly Light," after which resolutions adopted by the C. A. C. M. were read. Benediction by Rev. Dr. J. S. Jackson, pastor of St. John's A. M. E. Church. The chairmen were Mr. T. W. Fleming and Rev. C. H. Young; musical director, Mr. J. W. Wills; accompanists, Mrs. Mabelle Biggs and Miss Cook; committee on resolutions, Messrs. Samuel E. Woods, George A. Myers and Garrett A. Morgan; committee on arrangements and decorations, Messrs. S. E. Woods, R. R. Cheeks, G. A. Morgan, William H. Hunley, Welcome T. Blue, Theodore B. Green, Charles H. Jackson and Dr. E. A. Dale. * * * Mrs. Laura Stokes, Twenty-eighth and Central, has returned from Detroit, where she was summoned by the illness of her sister, Mrs. Mabel Poindexter. The latter's daughter, Miss Edna Poindexter, is a teacher in the Detroit schools. * * * Mrs. Margaret Barnes, state organizer of the Ohio State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, addressed the ladies of Thurman Union (Mrs. H. K. Price, president) at St. James A. M. E. Church last Sunday afternoon. * * * Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Segoins, Mount Pleasant, were given a shower last week Friday evening

by the members and choir of Cory M. E. Church. * * * Mrs. William Hawkins entertained the participants of the recent cantata at her home last week Tuesday evening. * * * Mr. George Perkins of Michigan was the guest of his brother, Mr. Frank Perkins, 2183 East Seventy-third street, last week. * * * The Excelsior Embroidery Club met with Mrs. L. Howard, 8802 Blaine avenue, Tuesday afternoon. * * * The Women's Auxiliary of the Juvenile Court met Wednesday evening. Mrs. Ella White is president and Mrs. Mary Beckwith secretary. * * * The lady board of managers of the Cleveland Home for Aged Colored People met with Mrs. Marie Perkins on East Seventy-third street Monday evening. * * * "Uniforms for Women," a play, will be given by the United Workers of St. John's Church Monday evening. * * * Rev. Sterlin N. Brown occupied the pulpit Sunday at Mount Zion Church. He is an eloquent and scholarly preacher from Howard University.