

CLEVELAND LETTER

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Cleveland, O., Dec. 11.—Cuyahoga Lodge of Elks, No. 95, held its annual Thanksgiving services at Cory A. M. E. church last Sunday afternoon, presenting a most imposing appearance. Rev. E. A. White, the pastor, preached a very able sermon. Beautiful music was rendered by a special Elk's choir, the Imperial quartet, Mr. Fred Hackey and Mr. Warren Cossey. Mrs. Geneva Minton presided at the organ in her usual efficient manner. * * *

Among the Afro-American vice presidents conspicuous at Central Armory at the "welcome home" demonstration in honor of ex-Embassador Myron T. Herrick, Wednesday evening, were Attorneys Thomas W. Fleming and R. R. Cheeks, and Messrs. D. C. Moon and Robert Hodges. * * *

Mr. George Dunjill has gone to Columbus to consider the acceptance of a lucrative position. * * *

Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois, editor of "The Crisis," delivered one of the best and most instructive lectures of his career at Mt. Zion Congregational church Monday evening under the auspices of the local Ladies' Du Bois Literary Club. His subject was "The World War and the Color Line." In part he declared "Treating a man white is the cause of 'immoder' civilization.' The war is a war of color, representing a bigger color problem than that of the Negro in this country. A false philosophy created by the newspapers has made a hierarchy of the races, putting the white man at the top and the Negro at the bottom." Judge Alexander Hadden of the Probate Court also spoke in a most pleasing manner. Short addresses were also made by Hon. Chas. W. Chesnutt, Hon. John P. Green and Messrs. R. R. Cheek, R. K. Moon, Charles Sutton and Rev. Dr. G. V. Clark. All were most favorably received. While in the city Dr. Du Bois was the guest of Mr. Chesnutt. A cornet imitation by Mr. Harry Ford, a contralto solo by Miss Eugenia Brewer and a whistling solo by Mr. J. Waller Wills greatly added to the quality of the affair. * * *

The Men's Auxiliary of the Home for Aged Colored People will give an "acquaintance" supper next Monday evening at the Home, 4809 Cedar avenue. * * *

The Alpha Mu Club, recently organized, is composed of Cleveland's most intelligent Afro-American young ladies, students and teachers. The officers follow: Miss Mabel Blue, dictress; Miss Edith Wright, president; Miss Ruth Dean, vice president; Miss Amy Rogers, secretary; Miss Helen Wright, corresponding secretary; Miss Moss Lee, treasurer, and Miss Genevieve Davis, historian. At the meeting held last week Friday evening at the home of Miss Davis, Miss Myrtle Johnson conducted current event study, Miss Stella Huston and Miss Davis, literature, and Miss Dean, music. No little intellectual development and demonstration is to be expected from this grand body of young women in the near future. * * *

Rev. Bayliss, the new pastor of Lane Memorial church, is doing some excellent work. * * *

Rev. Smith, the pastor, baptized by immersion twenty-five candidates. * * *

The Men's Auxiliary of St. Andrew's church gave a successful entertainment Thursday evening entitled "A Band of Seven Japanese." * * *

The revival services at Mt. Zion Congregational church opened under very auspicious circumstances last Wednesday evening under the leadership of Evangelist Rev. Geo. R. Jackson. The meetings at St. James' A. M. E. church, East End, under the charge of Rev. J. C. Turner, are progressing most favorably, a large number expressing a desire to be saved. * * *

Miss Mildred Taylor and Mr. Thornhill are rapidly improving. * * *

Mr. S. E. Woods, Major Fulton, Mr. Robert Lawson and Attorney Theodore B. Green, it is said, are to be given appointments by the new Governor-elect Willis. It is persistently rumored that Editor Harry C. Smith and Attorney Thomas W. Fleming are "in line" for lucrative appointments as rewards for splendid work in the last state campaign. * * *

Miss Rachel Anderson of Cincinnati is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Walter Brown, 2335 E. 29th street. * * *

It is rumored that Miss Ada Redman and Mr. T. J. Cansler are to marry soon.