

CLEVELAND LETTER

Cleveland, O., Jan. 15.—Sunday school day was celebrated in a most fitting manner at St. John's A. M. E. Church last Sunday. In the morning Rev. Charles Bundy, the pastor, preached a special sermon to the newly elected officers and teachers of the Sunday school, after which the installation services were held. There were over eighty officers and teachers who received the instructions. The regular Sunday school service was exceptionally interesting, as well as the special evening service, when the superintendent, Mr. Peyton W. Lemon, made his annual address and outlined the great work for the year. St. John's boasts of the best Afro-American Sunday school in the country. After the regular service Sunday evening at St. John's, the large auditorium and balcony were filled by an anxious crowd of Afro-Americans to hear the report of Hon. John P. Green, who was selected by the meeting held a week before to go to Washington with resolutions protesting against the passage of the amendment to the immigration bill providing for the exclusion from America of all Negroes or members of the African race from foreign lands. The report was exceedingly interesting as well as being interspersed with considerable wit and humor the ex-senator brought in. Several experiences he met up with on his trip, which were very amusing as he told of them. To Prof. Charles Bundy was due the credit for taking the initiative in this worthy cause. One hundred and fifty-two dollars was raised at both meetings to defray Mr. Green's expenses and compensate him for his services. Mr. Henry Taylor, the chairman, was also very active in the initiative movement. * * * The Cleveland Association of Colored Men have elected the following officers for the year; R. R. Cheeks, president; Andrew B. Edwards, vice president; Thomas W. Fleming, secretary; J. H. Jackson, assistant secretary; J. W. Wills, treasurer; Duffy Smith, sergeant-at-arms. The executive committee: G. A. Myers, S. E. Woods, W. T. Blue, W. H. Hunley, S. T. Boyd, C. H. Jackson and Theodore B. Green. Mr. George W. Johnson, the successful broker, was very active in the re-election of Mr. Cheeks to the presidency. Mr. Woods was Mr. Cheek's opponent. * * * The community was shocked by the news of two sudden deaths the latter part of last week. Robert Litcomb, 2330 East 34th street, fell dead on the gymnasium floor of East Technical High school while playing basketball, and Fred Richardson, 2309 East 85th street, the son of Mrs. Lottie Richardson-Green, and step-son of Hon. John P. Green, was run down and killed by the auto of R. J. Emerich of East 115th street, at East 105th street and Earle avenue, last week Friday night. Both were very promising young men. * * * Mrs. Mattie Bradford, who was the guest of Miss D. Williams, was summoned to her home in Chicago last Sunday by the death of her husband, Mr. F. Lawrence Bradford, balloonist. Miss Williams accompanied her. * * * We are glad to note that Judge George S. Adams, who spoke recently in St. John's church, has been re-elected judge of the Juvenile court by the common pleas, probate and insolvency court judges. * * * Mr. Cyril Dandridge is one of our most promising young men. Not only is he making a mark for himself as the only Afro-American repairer of musical instruments in the employment of a large downtown firm, but he is also attending night school at Technical High school and in leisure hours collects bills for white firms. The community expects great things from this energetic young man in the near future. * * * Last week Wednesday, Mrs. Waller McAllister of East 38th street entertained at breakfast in honor of Mr. J. Francis Mores, the eminent baritone of New York City. Covers were laid for six. Allen C. E. league gave a successful concert Tuesday evening at St. John's church. The participants were Prof. Arnell Hicks, organist of Superior Avenue Baptist church, and instructor at Bailey School of Music; Miss Eva Donberg, soprano of the Fortnightly club; Mr. Harry E. Thompson, baritone; and Miss Olive Wells, contralto. * * * Mr. and Mrs. Howard Washington, Mr. J. Francis Mores of New York, and Prof. James F. Godman of Columbus left last Saturday on an extensive concert tour. * * * Among the visitors to the city the past two weeks the following have been most royally entertained; Mrs. J. T. Suggs, of Florence, Ala., formerly Miss Fannie Shook of this city; Mrs. W. Davis of Tuscomb, Ala.; the Misses Mogene and Louise Wormley of Washington, D. C.; Mr. Jesse Firse of Howard university; Mrs. McAdoo of Boston, Mass.; Mr. Frank Seelig of Ohio State university; Miss Ella C. of Kalamazoo, Mich.; and Mr. Bunch. Among the hosts and hostesses were Mr. and Mrs. Chas. W. Chesnutt, Miss Willa Shook, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Leatherman, Mr. and Mrs. William R. Green, and Mr. and Mrs. Luther Nickens. * * * The Slaughter Brothers, two of Cleveland's most enterprising young men, opened their beautiful smoking parlors to the public last