

## KENTUCKY'S GEM CITY.

## A Mirror of Lovely Lexington's Social and Business Life—Praised by Distinguished Visitors.

Lexington, Ky., Special:—

If we are to believe the words of such distinguished personages as Editor H. T. Jonsson, Prof. Charles Steward, Paul Laurence Dunbar and Professors Booker T. Washington, and W. H. Council, Lexington is the one place in the United States where the Negro problem is solved.

It has been the pleasure and honor of the colored citizens of Lexington, to, at different times entertain each of the above named gentlemen, and they all, either while here, or through the newspapers after they had gone, expressed gratification at the progress shown by the Negroes here, and said, in substance "Here is the Negro problem solved."

This being the case, your readers may not feel bored at reading a short account of the condition of the colored citizens in this little city. More than one-third of a population estimated at about 30,000 are members of the Negro race. A large percentage of these Negroes,—we are not able to give exact figures,—own their own homes and pay taxes. Many of them own several pieces of real estate from which they draw very appreciable incomes. Possibly in no city of its size, South of the Ohio river, is there a better school system than in Lexington. Here is located the Chandler Normal Institute, a school of the A. and M. Association, founded and endowed by Mrs. Phoebe Chandler, of Massachusetts. The Russell High School is another institution worthy of note. These two schools have turned out graduates who have held and are holding many very important positions in this city and in other cities and States as well.

Isaac Hathaway, a young man who is fast making a National reputation as an artist-moulder, is a graduate of Chandler, as are many other of our important young men, notably John Jewett, ganger, and John Snowden, mail clerk, and Editor Wade H. Carter, of our popular colored newspaper, *The Standard*, is an alumnus of Russell School. The lower schools of the city, of which there are three are almost entirely in the hands of graduates of either the Normal or the High School.

The spiritual welfare of the people is looked after by 16 ministers, pastoring as many congregations, about half of which have magnificent brick edifices in which the praises of God are declared.

Here are located Lodges without number, which financially are in good condition as well as from the point of membership. In the early fall, Lexington becomes the "Mecca" for all Kentucky and parts of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Tennessee. 'Tis then the great Colored Fair, of the Agricultural and Mechanical Association, is held. This event continues in progress for five days, and during its more than three decades of existence, the stock-holders have never failed to realize a handsome profit at its conclusion.

During the Christmas Holidays "The State Teachers' Association," with a membership of nearly 500 convenes here, when a literary feast is had, all the great Negro educators of the State, and quite a few from neighboring States, being present.

It is on such occasions as these that eminent race leaders such as those with which we began this article, are invited to our city. They see the amity existing between the two races and go away well satisfied.

As an example of the lack of prejudice existing between the races here, we may state that every Negro is given a trial, no matter what his offense. In the memory of Lexington's oldest colored citizens no lynching can be recalled. Again Lexington's premier newspaper, a daily, weekly and Sunday journal, employs a colored reporter and has done so for five years.

Among Lexington's most successful business men, the following names of colored men rank, viz: John Clay, grocer; Robert Gray, tinner; John Burton, clothier; W. H. Ballard, druggist;

T. T. Wendell, druggist; J. C. Jackson, undertaker and liveryman, and Ross and Williams, undertakers. We have seven physicians, as follows: J. E. Hunter, D. Robinson, J. M. Allen, T. T. Wendell, W. H. Ballard and Drs. Ridley and Brown; two dentists, C. Leo Smith and W. T. Dinwiddie; four lawyers, J. A. Chiles, B. E. Smith, J. W. Schooler and L. A. Leavell.

As evidence of the support these professional and business men must get one needs but to look at the comfortable and in some cases palatial residences in which they live, to step into their offices or places of business or accompany them on their business rounds.

Among the other distinguished colored citizens of Lexington who own their own homes, are H. A. Tandy, State Grand Master of the U. B. F. Order, Prof. G. P. Russell principal of the Russell School, Revs. J. W. Hill and J. M. Turner, ministers of the A. M. E. Church, Revs. Stanley and Courtenay, of the M. E. Church, and Dr. S. P. Young, of the Baptist Church.

Did space permit, more could be said of the Colored American of this city, of the Orphan and Industrial Home, the many Social Clubs, the Young Men's Debating Society, etc., but these may be written of at another time. For the present we will conclude with an invitation to the staff of *The Colored American* and all its readers to attend our Fair on the 10th of September.

JOHN A. HILL.

## Life His Text-Book.

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Negro race. For many years he has been chairman of the committee on foreign correspondence for the Masonic fraternity of North Carolina.

The influence and labors of President Dudley are not confined wholly to literary circles. His suave and genial nature enabled him to get a firm hold on the people along business lines, and it was during the years of his clerkship as register of deeds of New Hanover County that he gathered about him large numbers of the shrewd and draymen, and rested not till he had organized the People's Perpetual and the Metropolitan Building and Loan Association, thus teaching them the lessons of thrift and economy, and enabling many poor widows and hard working men to secure homes for themselves and their children by the payment of small sums weekly.

Notwithstanding the almost panic and crisis which followed the unfortunate occurrences in Wilmington during November of '98, the Metropolitan Association, which is still doing business, remains a testimony to the worth and public spirit of its founder.

Though in no sense a politician, Prof. Dudley believes it to be the urgent duty of every good citizen to lend his hand and voice in aid of any movement for the public weal and that the civic health can best be preserved when all can have the right to participate, according to their time and ability in the functions of government. To him political activity means a watch-care over the interests of the state, and not the gaining of selfish ends. This is evidenced by his excellent work in behalf of an equitable division of the educational fund among the colored institutions of North Carolina and the South. He has represented the republican party in various county and state conventions, and in 1896 was a delegate to the national convention at St. Louis, which nominated McKinley for president.

"For the people," is Prof. Dudley's motto. Public spirit pervades all of his speeches and personal conduct. He believes that the race should acquire every kind of education that is available and utilize to its fullest each grain of talent or information. He has faith in the possibilities of the New Negro in the New South, and stands for racial harmony and sectional development. Under his capable leadership the Agricultural and Mechanical College is constantly growing in size, scope and influence. It is under such intelligent guidance as furnished by Prof. James Benson Dudley that justice shall come into its own throughout the sunny Southland and that white and black shall be brought together as full-fledged citizens of the

grandest republic upon the face of the earth.



Washington, D. C., June 30, 1902.  
Chairman Malvin:

Sir—While we did patronize the Masonic excursion to Notley Hall, we sincerely hope that the excursion of Friday, August 1, 1902, will be at some point further down the Potomac, and we will assure you a grand success. (Signed.)  
Masonic Lover.

The ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star and courts were out in the hundreds on the excursion, June 24th.

The executive committee, of which Dr. John P. Turner is chairman, met June 29th at Irving's Hall and unanimously decided that the second grand Masonic excursion of 1902 should be to Glymont Friday, August 1, on the steamer Jane Mosely.

Brother Paul H. Bray, of Pythagoras, is the Joe Cannon of the Masonic committee.

Buy your tickets now for the Masonic excursion of August 1, 1902, and avoid the rush.

Chairman W. H. J. Malone has received many letters of congratulation upon his very efficient management of the Masonic excursion of June 24.

Brothers Weatherless, Tompkins and Dickerson did great work in handling the great rush of people at Alexandria, Va., on the Masonic excursion.

Brothers Chas. D. Freeman, Richard Mozee, Benjamin Herbert and Ernest Dickerson had charge of the fireworks on the Masonic excursion, hence the grand success.

Brothers George S. Newman, L. H. Wayne, Paul R. Stewart and J. D. Howard brought a crowd from South Washington. Watch them on the excursion of August 1, 1902.

Read the next issue for further news as to August 1, 1902.

Georgetown sent 672 persons on the Masonic excursion. Brother John George claims 600 of that number for Widows' Sons Lodge.

Brother E. E. Cooper, of the Colored American stood by the Masonic excursion. Read his paper for Masonic news.

Tickets for Masonic excursion of August 1, 1902, 35 cents. To be purchased from committee only.

A MUSIC LOVER'S PRAISE.  
Editor Colored American: I must congratulate you upon the excellency of your journal; it is like good wine, it improves with age. I take great pleasure always in handing it to my white friends here as a sample of what the Negro is capable.

Truly yours,

J. Henry Lewis,

Washington, D. C.

## EXPOSITION AT CHICAGO.

The Middle States and Mississippi Valley Exposition is to be held in Chicago from August 14th to September 14th. The managers are displaying considerable activity in the gathering of exhibits. The proceeds are for the benefit of the aged and infirm Colored people. Letters endorsing the project have been received from Governor Richard Yates and Mayor Carter H. Harrison. James Hale Porter is director-general of the Exposition.

## OMEGA OF ATTAINMENT.

Scaife, Ark.—I have received your peerless paper *THE COLORED AMERICAN*, very regularly, and always enjoy its timely contents. Wish every Negro alive

## AMUSEMENTS.

# Watson's Park.

Washington's Great Pleasure Resort, located on Glen Echo Railroad, Md., now open for the season, and it is hoped that every person will pay one visit to the Park this season as there has been many improvements made for your enjoyment. All churches, social clubs and associations are invited to spend their outing this summer at Watson's Park. Special car can be chartered Direct for the Park and ordered back when wanted. Cars for every day service. Take Chevy Chase for the Park. Those driving take Conduit to Turners and turn to the right. For further information apply to A. D. WATSON, 2025 L Street, N. W.

## Excelsior Pleasure Park.

Formerly known as MADBE'S PARK. Is open for engagements for picnics and out-door entertainments by Sunday Schools, Churches, Societies and reputable Clubs and individuals for the season of 1902. Run under entirely new auspices, the Excelsior Business Club. Offers the best facilities to car line, as the Berwyn line of cars will let passengers off at the gate of the Park; ONLY ONE FARE. Ample, covered Pavillion. Good water. Enclosed grounds with swings and other improvements. For further information or engagements address, or call at the residence of,

Walter R. Franklin, President.  
320 Elm Street, N. W., City

Will see callers from 4 to 7 o'clock p. m.

## Jones' Park.

Conduit Park, near Rock Spring Club, Take Car at 36th and Prospect Avenue. Meals Served at all Hours. Open all Night. Everything strictly first class. Take F street cars to Georgetown, ask to be put off at Jones'.  
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H. G. B.