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PROSPECTUS.

THE CINCINNATI NEWS RECORDER is a weekly newspaper published in the interest of the colored race. We do not give any political news or political opinions, we publish the news for all political factions alike. But we do not want to be understood, that when there should be some political movement on foot, or about to get on foot, where the welfare of the colored race is at stake, or their interest is concerned, that we would ignore it altogether.—O no,—any political movement that may be sprung up where the colored man is concerned, we will express our opinion, and we will work with all our might for the good of the colored race, with disregard to any politics, party or faction.

As to church, we believe it to be a necessary and beneficial institution without which no government, no people, no family can subsist. The church we believe to be the foundation of every well regulated government or household. But we have no preference for any particular church—they all are good, consequently we will not allow to antagonize any one.

We invite correspondence from all our readers. All articles of general interest and not against our platform we publish free of charge, as far as the space permits.

In order to be successful in our enterprise, we need the support of every colored man, woman or child. Let every one consider oneself an agent of the RECORDER. Let every family subscribe for the paper, and wherever you have any influence, try to induce the business man, whether colored or white, to advertise in the RECORDER.

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"Only Small Boys."

By W. H. J.

(The following lines were suggested by hearing the above expression.)

"Only small boys?" Don't you know, sir,
That this great nation's hopes and her joys,
Her greatness, and even her life, sir,
All depend on those self-same "small boys?"

"Only small boys?" You forget, sir,
That the future, for weal or for woe,
Of this circling old sphere is wrapped up, sir,
In those boys, who to manhood may grow.

"Only small boys?" Who can say, sir,
When time's magic has turned them to men,
But some will at the White House preside, sir?

Ah! they will not be "only" then,
"Only small boys?" Why, indeed, sir,
Unless you are a queer sort of elf,
There once was a time that you were, sir,
The smallest of "small boys" yourself,

"Only small boys?" Well, I think, sir,
That my lecture has not been in vain,
And that when speaking of boys, sir,
You will not prefix "only" again.

From the Western Christian Advocate.)

They Mean Business.

UNION CHAPEL, CINCINNATI

There has been a diversity of feeling among the colored people of Cincinnati concerning Union Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church on Seventh Street, especially in regard to the fact that the title to the property has not yet been directly in the Board of Trustees. It is now certain that all the parties interested are determined to secure such an adjustment as will free the property from incumbrance, that it may be held as other Church property is held in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The property on Seventh Street is valuable. During the present year the trustees were offered \$22,500 cash, but declined to sell at that price, as it is worth more. The indebtedness of about \$8,000 is the balance of the leasehold fee held against the property when it was purchased more than twenty years ago. The Board of Trustees had a meeting Friday night, and decided to make a last effort to provide for this indebtedness. In this they look to the Methodists of this city and vicinity to give them financial aid. The church is so favorably located that all who have a real interest in it feel that it ought to be perpetuated at this point, intermediate between the eastern and western portions of the city.

If the incumbrance can not be removed, then the property will be placed on the market for sale. The following resolutions, adopted by the Board of Trustees at a meeting held Friday, December 15th, 1893, will be read with interest by many outside of the immediate congregation:

"Resolved, 1. If it be found practicable to secure the funds to liquidate the indebtedness on Union Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church property, and make the necessary improvements, then, when such debts are paid and improvements made, leaving the property free from all incumbrance, the title shall vest in the Board of Trustees of the Union Church.

"Resolved, 2. In the event of the sale of this property, the balance remaining after the liquidation of all the present debts shall be expended in securing another place of worship, free from all incumbrance, and the title to said property shall vest in the Board of Trustees of Union Church, in accordance with the Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to have and to hold the same for the purposes of said Union Church."

The trustees are Bishop Walden, Dr. J. J. Carey, James Augustus, Drs. R. S. Rust, J. C. Hartzell, John Pearson, D. H. Moore, E. W. S. Hammond and John Ray. The pastor is Rev. H. W. Tate. A committee of five was appointed to carry out the action of the board.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Editor Recorder!

CINCINNATI is a great place for holding conventions and indignation meetings. The strangest thing of it is, that the meetings are held in some church. Is there no other place they can get for this purpose? The church is not the proper place for holding such meetings.

One of your Future Readers.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 27, 1893

Dear Santa Claus!

I want to thank you for my Christmas present that you brought me and my sister. She is seven and I am ten years old. We are glad that you thought of us. We got some candies, a bedstead, doll story books and a heap of things from you, Santa Claus. Next year we are going to be good children at home and at the public school. Here are two things that we want to do: to mind our mother and our teacher. Good-bye, Santa Claus, take care of yourself and come again.

MINNIE AND JENNIE ADAMS

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Monday, January 1, 1894.

PRINCIPIA, G. U. O. of Odd Fellows, will give a Grand Charity Ball in Odd Fellows Hall, Thursday, January 11. Judging from the amount of tickets sold, the entertainment will surely be a great success. Mr. A. Early is Chairman of the Committee.

Subscribe for the Recorder, it is your paper.

BUY the RECORDER for it is your paper, and it intends to fight for your rights. Boom it, for it will accomplish great things. Tell your friends to buy it. Boom this paper in the churches, in the lodges. Boom it everywhere. You want a paper with life in it. This is what the RECORDER will give you.

The Recorder fights for the colored man.

MR. TEASDALE the manager of the Sumner Hotel, 296 and 298 W. Fifth St., is making a great success of his house; he deserves much praise for his excellent way of conducting the business. He says he will make several improvements in it in the early part of spring, and it will be the leading hotel in the West. This is what the RECORDER wants him to do, and wishes him a happy and prosperous New Year.

Work for the Recorder! It will pay you.

ALL of our city churches are beginning their annual week of prayer with much enthusiasm. Take your gospel song book with you and join in with the singing. You will enjoy the meeting which is conducted every night. Some of the ministers have said that they don't know how long they will carry on their meetings. Don't forget to boom the RECORDER for it is a clean paper. Buy one and encourage others to do likewise.

How the RECORDER longs to see our boys and girls behave themselves on the streets and in public places. We want to see them have that respectability about them, that they can gain the respect and confidence of every one. Take warning, girls and boys, for this paper is right after you. It wants to see you act right and don't throw yourself away. Remember, somebody comes for you and you are some mother's child.

Make the business man to advertise in the Recorder.

CHRIST says, depart from me, for I was sick and ye visited me not. It used to be a pleasure for preachers and members of the churches to visit the poor and the sick, to say a kind word to them, and read the Bible and have a prayer with them, and assist them in their needs. Do they do this now? We are not afraid to say that the majority of them do not. Christ says you did it not for them, you did it for him. Depart, ye cursed.

Agents wanted for the Recorder.

THINK of it! last week a respectable lady and her daughter went to see several houses that were for rent. After considerable trouble they found the owners of the property and asked them to rent. The answers were: "we do not rent to colored people." Can you imagine that young girl's feelings? Born in America and educated in our public schools. When will this thing ever end? The Lord only knows! Buy the RECORDER. Read it! Boom it on the streets and in your homes! It is your friend!

The Recorder wants agents.

CONGRESSMAN J. W. Sterry, of South Carolina, is the only colored man in Congress to-day. He deserves much praise from his race, for he is continually looking to their interest. He has a proposition now under consideration, which, if it becomes a law, it will greatly benefit our people, especially in the South. We have cause to feel proud of him, and wish we had a few more like him.

Tell your neighbor to subscribe for the Recorder.

THE RECORDER wonders why the business men of Cincinnati don't throw open their offices, stores and factories, and give our boys and girls employment. We will assure them that they will give satisfaction; all they ask is to give them a show. Who will be the first to break the ice in the New Year?

Cheerfulness.

There is scarcely a circumstance in life but that may be overcome, however gruesome, by the wholesome influence of good cheer. There is scarcely a cloud so dense or mental malaria so detrimental that may not be scattered to the four winds, if we can rise to the altitude of cheer.

In all cases of physical disease it is an unfailing source of profit, and I really believe, tracing maladies to their origin, the most of them might have been put to flight by this beacon of light and health.

And the best part of it is that we always carry this antidote — this alleviating property with us. We may be ignorant of it, but it is there just the same. Placed there by the Infinite for cultivation, that not only our ills, but the ills of the whole world may be cured.

My dear friends, I know this to be so. I have amply tested it. And when my strength seems inadequate to my surroundings, to my tasks (I refer mostly to the mental), if I can bring up to my emergency the assistance of cheer; if I can smile and court pleasant thoughts and feelings, even though I force them — it is an immense help. And the more we try to do this, even though it seems unreasonable, and perhaps impossible, the more successful we will become — the happier the result. Try it! When dark clouds pass over your mind, your household look away into the sunlight, reach out with your God-given powers and say, I will not let the little trial depress me. Though one avenue of happiness is apparently closed, others are about me. The mind is flexible, malleable and indestructible. Mould it in bright channels, for that we need always here, and that alone we take with us in the beyond. Then our inviolable loved ones can so much better enlighten and bless us when we are clear, bright and calm.

Again, I repeat, there is scarce a circumstance that may not be mitigated by this beautiful, blessed boon to man — cheer!

Ask at the office of the Recorder for club rates.**Thermometer Pantaloon.**

Hoffenstein was busily engaged scolding Herman for not polishing a lot of cheap jewelry there was in the show-case, when a stoop-shouldered countryman entered the store and inquired:

"Have you got any jean pants here?"

"Certainly, my friend," replied Hoffenstein, "we make a specialty of goods in dot line, and we defy competition. If we sell anything and you don't like it, you gets your money back or something else, in exchange, you know. Was you a farmer?"

"Yes, sir, I live up on Cooper River."

"Well, den, you need a bair of bants like dese," said Hoffenstein, pulling out a skyblue pair from a pile of clothing on the counter. "Dey vas de genevine doe-skin und vill last de whole year oud, you know."

The countryman took the pantaloon to the light, examined the texture of the cloth, and then shaking his head, knowingly said:

"There's too much cotton in them; they'll shrink."

"Of course, my friend, dey vill shrink, but wait und I dell you somedings. If a man vat owns a pank or keeps a shtore comes here, I don't sell him dem kind of bants. Vy? Because dey vas made expressly for de farming pishness. Dey vas de dermometer bants, und a plessing to every farmer vat wears a bair of dem. Do you know, my friend, dose bants vill tell you exactly vat de veddar vill be. Ven it was going to pe vet und cold dose bants vill begin to shrink up, and ven it's going to pe dry und warm dey comes right down, you know. Dree years ago I sells a bair of dem to a man vat vas name Vilkins, und ever since den he makes good crops ven de oder beople don't make noding, because he always knows by his dermometer bants vat de vedder vill be. After avile de beople in der neighborhood finds out de segret of Vilkins' success, und at de beginnig of de blanting season, you know dey comes for thirty miles around, und if dey see Vilkins' bants crawling up his legs dey holds off und waits for a change, but if his bants vas down, dey goes right pack home und put in de crop. Dink ut it my friend. Mit de dermometer bants you dell exactly, ven to put in cabbage seed, und blant corn dwice as petter as mit any almanac; pesides, ven de vedder gets so cold und vet dot de bants goes up under your arms, you can sew buttons on de front, und wear dem as a vest.

When Hoffenstein finished his yarn concerning the pantaloon the countryman smiled, and turning abruptly on his heel, left the store.

"Did you see de vay dot man acted, Herman?" said Hoffenstein, angrily.

"Yes, sir," replied the clerk.

"Well, it shust shows dot de more you try to help some beoples along, de more you don't get any tanks for it."

Agents wanted for the Recorder.

THE Year that just has passed seems to have been one of failures all over the Country. The business man and the working man, both thankful that it has passed, are looking forward for a brighter and prosperous year. The RECORDER hopes that their looks will not be in vain. We hope that the new year will be a blessing to all, and that there will be no lynching North or South, East or West, and that the Jim Crow Car will open his wings and fly out of the United States, for we don't need him in this Country, but we need the RECORDER, because it is a bright little paper. — Buy it. — Boom it! —

The Trustees of the Colored Orphan Asylum will be thankful for all donations. They can be sent to the asylum, or to the following Trustees: Ford Smith, care of Collector of Customs, Custom-house; A. J. D. Hart, Chapel Street, Walnut Hills; L. H. Wilson, care of Third National Bank; J. J. Woodson, 119 Oliver Street.

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Last Wednesday evening, Cincinnati Lodge 1883, elected the following officers for the ensuing year.

W. Chaplain,.....Geo. A. Shelton
Advocate,.....Henry Sappell
Treasurer,.....Thomas Oliver
Elective Secretary,.....Chas. Frazier
Permanent Secretary,.....J. H. Correll
Vice G.,.....Greene Virsey
N. Grand,.....H. C. Watson
P. N. G.,.....Debney Conter
N. F.,.....J. S. Sandipher
J. G.,.....Thomas Salley
Warden,.....Alexauser Jones
Sup't to N. G.,.....
Dennis Redmond, W. H. Mosby
Sup't to V. G.,.....

Also five trustees. They all will be installed at the next meeting. Each member is requested to bring a basket of lunch. By order of the lodge.

Ask at the office of the Recorder for club rates.

The Christmas treat at Union Chapel was a success every way. The little children's hearts were made glad by the officers and teachers. The committee of ladies and old Santa Claus worked very faithful. Their friends did not forget them on Christmas night.

The committee was Miss S. B. Taylor, Miss Jennie Lewis, Miss Lillie Sandipher, Sanders J. C. Knight, Dr. J. Cory, James Augustus, Miss Nettie Taylor, Mr. E. R. Lewis, John Ray, Miss Mary Yearney. J. S. Sandipher, Superintendent.

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Union Chapel will hold watch meeting Sunday night. The Rev. W. H. Tate will address prayer in hall. The choir will render some special program for the occasion. The church is fast gaining her former place with the other churches.

The Way of Virtue.

Jasper Adams, D. D.—S. C.

1. Under a government like ours, it is natural, perhaps inevitable, that political office and political honor should be an object of general and absorbing pursuit. The desire of power, of influence, and of popular favor, is justifiable and commendable when confined within the bounds of reason and conscience. But to suppose that the honor which comes from men is the chief good in life, to which everything else is to be sacrificed, is neither sense, reason, nor patriotism.

2. Putting politics aside, I may be asked what is the ingenious young man to do, who feels within himself the promptings of a noble spirit, that generous aspiration after fame, which, as it is universal, must have been imparted for wise and good purposes? I answer, there are certain acquirements and certain qualities of heart and understanding, which must inspire respect and lead to honorable fame in all the more elevated walks of life.

3. Represent to yourselves a young man choosing the way of virtue, aiding his own taste and choice of a profession by the judgment of his friends, pursuing his professional studies with diligence and success, and purposing to himself to achieve all that a chastened ambition can desire. He resolves to owe nothing to chance or adventitious circumstances, to earn wealth or fame fairly, or not at all. His highest ambition is, to make himself useful, to do right and to do good.

4. See him in the full tide of his active and manly career; what freshness of feeling, vigor of intellect, elasticity of spirit, and pleasure in doing good. He has achieved everything which a chastened ambition could desire. Enquire for his resources when he has withdrawn from the heat and burden of the day, and you will find that, like the Roman patriot, he is never less alone than when alone!¹

¹ This remark is ascribed to Scipio Africanus, by Cicero. De Officiis, III. cap. I.

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The Sultan of Turkey has purchased two manuscripts containing two epistles ascribed to Mohammed the Prophet. M. Barbiman, a Frenchman, the owner of the manuscripts, received \$20,000 for his property. The manuscripts were submitted to the first authorities before the sale, and were pronounced by all of them to be genuine. The contents of the epistle, it is said, may have great influence on the Mohammedan world.

Arts and Learning in America.

George Berkeley.

1. The Muse, disgusted at an age and clime
Barren of every glorious theme,
In distant lands now waits a better time,
Producing subjects worthy fame.
2. In happy climes, where from the genial sun
And virgin earth such scenes ensue,
The force of art by nature seems outdone,
And fancied beauties by the true.
3. In happy climes, the seat of innocence,
Where nature guides and virtue rules,
Where men shall not impose, for truth and sense,
The pedantry of courts and schools—
4. There shall be sung another golden age,
The rise of empire and of arts,
The good and great inspiring epic rage,
The wisest heads and noblest hearts.
5. Not such as Europe breeds in her decay;
Such as she bred when fresh and young,
When heavenly flame did animate her clay,
By future poets shall be sung.
6. Westward the course of empire takes its way;
The four first acts already past,
The fifth shall close the drama with the day;
Time's noblest offspring is the last.

Tell your neighbor to subscribe for the Recorder.
Practical Advice.

When you hear a man growling and scolding because Moody gets \$200 a week for preaching Christianity, you will perceive that he never worries a bit because Ingersoll gets \$200 a night for preaching atheism. You will observe that the man who is utterly shocked because F. Murphy gets \$350 a week for temperance work, seems to think it all right when the barkeeper takes in twice as much in a single day. The laborer is worthy of his hire, and he is just as worthy of it in the pulpit as he is on the stump.

Is the man who is honestly trying to save your soul worth less than the man who is trying his best to go to Congress? Isn't Moody doing as good a work as Ingersoll? Wasn't John B. Gough as much the friend of humanity as the bartender? Do you want to get all the good in

the world for nothing, so that you may be able to pay a high price for the bad?

Remember, the good things in the world are the cheapest. Spring water costs less than corn whisky; a box of cigars will buy two or three bibles; a gallon of old brandy costs more than a barrel of flour; a "full hand" of poker often costs a man more in twenty minutes than his church subscription runs up to in three years; an election costs more than a revival of religion; you can sleep in a church every Sunday morning for nothing, if you are mean enough to dead beat your lodging, but a nap in a Pullman car costs you \$2 every time. Fifty cents for the circus and a penny for the little ones to put in the missionary box; one dollar for the theatre, and a pair of trousers frayed at the end, baggy at the knee and utterly bursted, to the home for the poor; the dancing lady gets \$500 a week, and the city missionary gets \$600 a year; the horse race scoops in \$2,000 the first day, and the church fair lasts a week, works twenty-five or thirty of the best women in America nearly to death, and comes out \$40 in debt.

Why if you ever find yourself sneering or scoffing because once in a while you hear of a preacher getting a living, or even a luxurious salary, or a temperance worker making money, go out in the dark and feel ashamed of yourself, and if you don't feel above kicking a mean man, kick yourself. Precious little does the religion and charity cost the old boy, and when the money it does give is flung into his face, like a bone at a dog, the donor is not benefitted by the gift, and the receiver is not, and certainly should not be gratified."

Bob Burdette.

PLAN OF INSURANCE

Ohio District

Grand Lodge No. 24.

G. U. O. of O. F.

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PREAMBLE.

Whereas, It is the duty of every member under the jurisdiction of Ohio District Grand Lodge, No. 24, G. U. O. of O. F., to have some kind of an insurance that will be beneficial to his wife, children and other heirs; therefore be it further considered, that it is a high, moral and great duty of every member of the subordinate lodges to make provision for his family in case of death.

PROPOSITION FIRST.

Upon the death of any financial member under the jurisdiction of Ohio District Grand Lodge, No. 24, G. U. O. of O. F., who has complied with all the regulations and laws of the order and his respective lodges, and upon proof of such facts there shall be paid out of the treasury of the insurance fund a sum of three hundred dollars (\$300) as hereinafter provided.

PROPOSITION SECOND

Should a member die leaving a widow the whole sum above provided shall be paid to such widow for her own use. Should the member die leaving no widow but leaving children, then the sum above provided shall be paid to the children for their own use, share and share alike, provided that the share of minor children shall be paid to their guardian, and the issues of any deceased child shall be entitled to receive the same, if living. Should a member die leaving neither widow, children nor heirs then the sum above mentioned shall be retained in the treasury. The interest of a member and all claims of his widow, children or heirs shall cease upon his being non-financial, suspended or forfeited, his insurance terminates.

PROPOSITION THIRD

Nothing herein contained shall be construed as constituting any estate which can be mortgaged or pledged for the payment of any debt, but the sum above provided is to be paid the family or heirs of each deceased member.

PROPOSITION FOURTH

Upon the death of a member of any of the subordinate lodges it shall be the duty of the P. S., of said lodge, to

PROPOSITION FIFTH

Every subordinate lodge shall pay to the D. G. S. twenty five cents (25) for each financial member per quarter. The D. G. S. shall turn over all moneys to the D. G. T. and he in turn shall place the said amounts in bank immediately to the credit of the insurance fund, and said moneys are to be drawn only by check with the signatures of D. G. M., D. G. T. and D. G. S.

PROPOSITION SIXTH.

The D. G. T. and D. G. S. shall give bonds of five hundred dollars (\$500) each, over and above the amount liable to be handled, for the faithful performance of their several duties.

PROPOSITION SEVENTH.

That each lodge shall, on January 1st, 1894, be assessed fifty cents (50) in addition to the quarterly assessment for each financial member reported to the District Grand Lodge and said amount, when collected, shall be known as the reserve fund.

PROPOSITION EIGHTH.

Ninety days after the proof of the death of a financial member there shall be paid to the wife, orphans or legal representative of the deceased member the above mentioned sum.

PROPOSITION NINTH.

The D. C. M., D. G. T., and D. G. S. shall be actively and personally the treasurer and secretary of said insurance bureau, the executive committee constituting the board of directors.

PROPOSITION TENTH.

The District Grand Lodge is to reserve the right to repeal or amend these propositions at any time in the manner provided for amendments of propositions.

PROPOSITION ELEVENTH.

All existing laws in conflict with these laws or propositions are hereby repealed.

OFFICE OF OHIO DISTRICT
GRAND LODGE, No. 24,
G. U. O. of O. F.
COLUMBUS, O., Oct. 23, '93.

I, CHAS. W. FILLMORE, D. G. Secretary of Ohio District Grand Lodge, No. 24, G. U. O. of O. F., do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original propositions as passed by said lodge at Chillicothe, Ohio, in session assembled, August 3rd, 1893.

CHAS. W. FILLMORE,

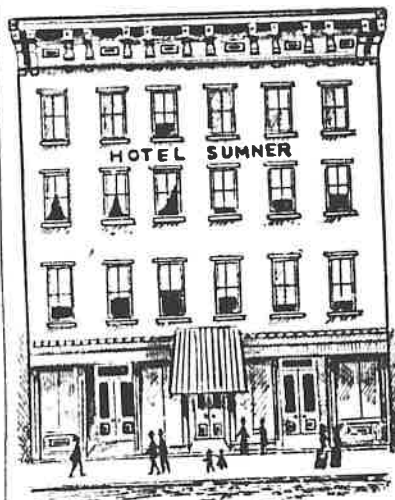
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