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### **The Moderator of Three Thousand**

At the recent Austin session of the National Baptist Convention, the largest religious organization among Colored people, the Rev. Dr. E. C. Morris was unanimously re-elected president. Dr. Morris has been President of the Convention since its organization. He early allied himself with Rev. R. H. Boyd, and together they have built up, at Nashville, the strongest publishing house of the race. The house employs upwards of one hundred Colored people. It is entirely free from debt, and the management now contemplates the erection of a new building in Market Place.

Dr. Morris is a man of rare executive ability, and is foremost in all efforts for racial development. At his home in Helena, Arkansas, where he pastors a large church, he is held in high esteem. He presides with dignity over the three thousand delegates that are usually in attendance at the yearly meeting of the Baptists.

### **Organized for Social Equality**

"The Frederick Douglass Improvement Circle" is the name of a new organization of Colored and white ladies of Chicago. The object of the organization is to promote social intercourse, and a feeling of mutual regard between the better element of both races. The white ladies, for the most part, are the wives and daughters of millionaires and college presidents. The Colored ladies are well-known workers in the home and club life of Afro-American people.

The meetings are held monthly, generally at the home of one of the white members, where the ladies meet on absolute equality, discuss the progress of the

work in hand, dine together, chat, talk, and we presume gossip, and depart, each member feeling perfectly herself, and no one feeling that she has lowered herself on the one hand, or that she has been graciously lifted on the other. The first meeting was held the last Friday in October at the home of a millionaire on Wabash Avenue, off the Boulevard. Prominent among the ladies present were Mrs. Elizabeth Davis, and Mrs. Ida Wells Barnett.

### **A New School with an Old Head**

The first session of the Cheyney Normal school ( Pennsylvania ), under the principalship of Prof. Hugh M. Browne, has opened under splendid auspices. It bids fair to fill the long felt want of the middle North—an institution for the training of Colored teachers. This Institution is the old Philadelphia Institute enlarged. When Professor Browne succeeded Mrs. Fannie J. Coppin as principal two years ago, it was understood that facilities would be installed for the enlargement of its field of usefulness. A fund which was left some years ago by a Quaker, to be applied to Negro education, has only recently become available. The Cheyney School is its beneficiary. It is splendidly equipped, admirably situated, and has an exceptionally strong faculty. The Board of Directors, with the exception of Booker T. Washington, are Philadelphia Quaker business men, who intend to place the school on a sound basis.

The Cheyney School in its pedagogic work, will make an effort to properly train teachers; in its industrial branch, it will train men in the practice as well as the theory of industrialism.