

Colored Benefit Concert

Colored Benefit Concert: The members of the B.M.E. church gave a concert in the Y.M.C.A. Hall on Friday evening for the benefit of Father Miller, whose spiritual ministrations they have received for many years, and who is well worthy of the best they can do for him, financially. The colored people were well seconded by the people of the town in their efforts to make the concert a success, and the result was that the nice sum of \$47.84 was raised over and above expenses and handed over to Mr. Miller. There was a large attendance as is shown by the receipts, the price of admission being merely nominal. Mr. J. H. Molock performed efficiently the duties of chairman, and the programme consisted of recitations, dialogues, jubilee selections and southern melodies. Particular reference may be made to a recitation by Miss Rachel Miller; a dialogue by Master Herbert and Miss Essie Green; the banjo and guitar duets by Messrs. A. J. Porter and Richard Morton; and solo by Mr. A. Thompson, "Travelling Back to Dixie," as being of special merit. Father Miller, who is upwards of eighty years of age, showed remarkable vocal power in leading the singing of the chorus "On My Way to Canada." He also gave an address telling the reasons why he preferred Canada to the United States, and the advantages which the colored people had in the former as compared with the latter. His remarks were applauded in a very patriotic manner. Mr. W. H. Miller played the accompaniments. The committee in charge of the entertainment were Messrs. T. Green, Fred Miller, H. Porter and W. Burton.

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