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THE May CRISIS will have Marita Bonner's prize essay, "The Young Blood Hungers", illustrated by Aaron Douglas; Clement Wood will write on Haiti; and Harry H. Pace will write on insurance. There will be an article on "White and Black Banks in Memphis". The June number will have Brenda Ray Moryck's story, "Days".

ITALY took machine guns from Austria during the war. Against her solemn promise she sent them to Hungary. The League of Nations discovered the transaction. What is going to be done about it? If Hungary can arm, so can Germany. Hungary tells the Chinese President of the Council of the League of Nations that it is none of his business. Italy echoes the sentiment.—Kellogg and Briand are sparring prettily. "Let's abolish war between France and the United States," says Briand. "Let's abolish all war," says Kellogg. "How?" asks Briand. "With the biggest navy in the world," cries Coolidge butting in.—Egypt is an independent country. Britain says so. Britain adds with a bow, "absolute independence," except: A British army in Egypt for ten years, and after that, as long as the League of Nations which I dominate says so. I own the Sudan. I control payments on the public debt and the public debt was always my chief hold on Egypt. I run the courts for foreigners. You fight for me in Egypt if I get into a war. "Absolute independence," says Britain.—British industry is changing

### As the Crow Flies

its front. Formerly it was free trade and domination of the world markets by the best manufacturing methods; the domination of the seas; and the ownership of all the odd ends of the earth. Today, Great Britain envisages a closed, economic empire; a protective tariff against the world; and the continued rulership of white England, Australia and South Africa, over black Africa and brown India for profit; and the continued domination of the seas—Old American business bet on the wrong Russian horse; new American business wants to bet on the new horse. But the old business wants first to be paid its gambling debt on the bet which it lost.—The United States through Hughes dominated the Pan American Congress. Nobody could talk but Hughes; no question could be discussed, except Hughes discussed it. Haiti was gagged; Nicaragua bound hand and foot; Venezuela sent home. It was a fine Congress and Big Business is happy.—In the United States the presidential campaign looms. The South wants pro-

hibition, hates Catholics, and yet must either swallow the Catholic Smith or break up the Solid South. The West wants Lowden, despises Coolidge, and must take Hoover and Wall Street or be defeated. The East doesn't care whom it gets so long as it continues to rule the United States.—It costs 10 cents to take a street car ride in Boston; 9 cents in Baltimore; 7 cents in Washington, and 5 cents in New York. The job could be done for 4 cents if it were only a matter of the actual service involved. But the people are paying interest and profits on capital consumed twenty-five years ago. And there is no limit to the interest and profit which they can be made to pay if the bankers have their say.—The big navy crowd has taken one step backward but only one step. It is still proposed to pay for organized murder the endowment of something like ten Harvards.—Liquor selling shows how Democracy is gagged. We cannot sit down and argue reasonably. We want to yell and quarrel and curse and meantime get nowhere.—The forgetful Mr. Hayes now remembers that the last Republican campaign was well oiled.

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# Matthew Anderson

With a Eulogy by DR. FRANCIS GRIMKÉ

**T**HE late Matthew Anderson, son of Mary and Timothy Anderson, was born in Greencastle, Pa., January 25, 1848, and died of double pneumonia, after a brief illness of two days, January 11, 1928. At the time of his death he was the last surviving member of a family of fourteen children.

By his own struggles and sacrifices he was educated at Iberia, Oberlin College, Princeton Seminary and Yale University. He was one of the earliest colored graduates of Princeton Seminary.

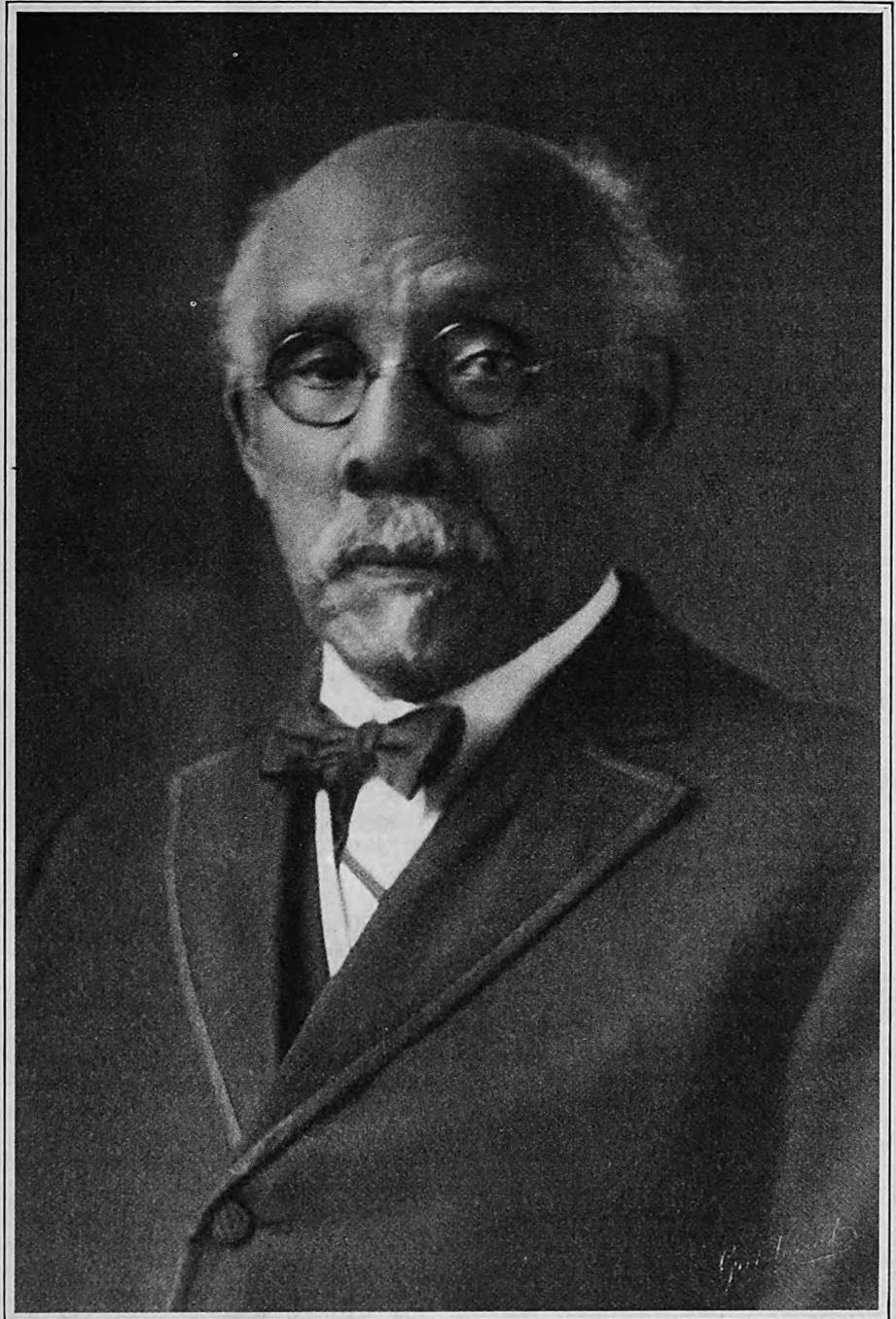
He came to Philadelphia in 1879, penniless. He was on his way to take up work in the South, but stopping here he met the late Dr. John B. Reeve, who suggested that he remain here and develop the Gloucester Mission in the Northern part of Philadelphia.

Taking charge of the Gloucester Mission on Fairmount Avenue, he soon developed a small body of followers to the point where larger quarters became necessary. With characteristic foresight and insistence, he obtained possession of the very valuable site where the present Berean Church is located. It was on this spot that he reared one of the most unique institutions, religious and educational, to be found anywhere in the United States.

Rev. Anderson was twice married, first to Doctor Caroline V., the daughter of the late William Still. She died in 1919. Later he was married to Miss Blanche Williams who survives him. He is survived also by two daughters, the issue of his first marriage, two nieces, other relatives and a host of friends.

Dr. Anderson was more than a minister, he was also a far seeing Social Worker and Community builder. He founded the Berean Building and Loan Association in 1888, which is now one of the largest and strongest Associations in the United States. In 1889 he founded the Berean Manual Training and Industrial School, which from a small beginning has grown rapidly, and is typical of a kind of education very much needed in many sections of our country, North and South. His last contribution to the Berean Enterprise was the planning for the establishment of a Penny Savings Bank. With prophetic vision he said: "This will be my last contribution to the Berean Enterprise."

Dr. Francis J. Grimké of Wash-



*The Late Dr. Matthew Anderson*

ington, the well-known pastor of the 15th Street Presbyterian Church, writes:

**I** HAVE just received a telegram announcing the death of the Rev. Matthew Anderson of Philadelphia. It was a great shock to me, not having even heard that he was sick. We have been close friends for years. We were in Princeton Theological Seminary to-

gether—he having graduated a year ahead of me in 1877. He was one of the biggest, most generous hearted fellows I ever knew. He was the soul of generosity, of kindness, of hospitality. There wasn't anything that he wouldn't do for you, and gladly if it were in his power. There was nothing that he had that was too good for his friends, nothing that lay within  
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surpass the rural districts in this respect, although there is a wide variation here, likewise.

The basic factors responsible for this condition lie in the inherent nature of rural life and the necessities of seasonal occupation and employment of child labor upon the cotton farms. That these conditions might be modified, however, by consolidation of schools, by increased salaries, and by longer school terms, is very evident from comparisons with data showing the better school attendance obtaining in the cities.

**Matthew Anderson**

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the reach of his power that he was not always willing to do for them. And, even to those who were not, in any special sense his friends, he was always ready, when opportunity presented itself, to show them a kindness.

He was a splendid specimen of a man physically—large, robust, well proportioned, every inch a man. His physical and mental vigor was remarkable. It was really wonderful what he could do, the pace at which he could keep going, day in and day out, week in and week out, month in and month out, year in and year out. Only latterly, and once in a while, I have seen his strength wavering, seeming to be growing less; but even at such times, he has been able by sheer force of will to carry himself through whatever he had in hand. I used to marvel, at times, as I looked at him, espe-

cially latterly, as he was advancing in age, getting up towards four score, at the energy which he displayed. He never seemed to realize the fact that he was growing old, that his Life's task was drawing to a close. The thought of dying seemed never to have crossed his mind. He was all the time planning, not to die, but to live. He had work, he said, the last time I talked with him, that he wanted to do, and that it would require at least fifteen more years to do it. So that when death came to him, it found his mind, his heart, his whole being taken up with the thought, not of rest, but of work, work, hard, hard, work. In this respect, unlike Hezekiah, his wishes were not to be gratified. But he had done enough, his task was finished, and a noble task it was, covering many years and involving the most strenuous toil, often under most discouraging conditions. But he never faltered; he was pressing on with a firm and abiding faith in God, that he would not be allowed to fail in the work which he had undertaken. And he did not fail. God was back of him, and raised up for him all along the way, a host of true and tried friends who encouraged him by their words and by their financial aid.

ONE of the most notable things about his career in this city, is the large number of the very highest type of white citizens that he won as his friends and that he held firmly to the end. The very last time that I talked with him, one of the things that I charged him to do, was to make a

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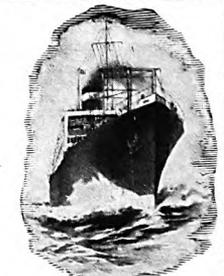
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list of the many white friends of prominence that he had made—lawyers, doctors, bankers, merchants, manufacturers, ministers, public officials. I don't know whether that list was ever made or not. I was anxious for it, because I felt that it would be the strongest evidence of the place which he occupied in the confidence of the best people in this city where he has lived and wrought for half a century. I think of the Clarks, father and sons, of Mr. Webb, of Mr. John Wanamaker, of the Disstons, of the Cramps, of the Hogs, of Mr. John Converse, Judge Ashman, Colonel McClure, Mr. John McGill, Mr. Ogden, Dr. Floyd Tompkins, Hon. George S. Graham, and a long list of others that might be added. When you think of the fact that he won and kept the confidence and respect of such men and women, I know of nothing that speaks more favorably of him and of his work than that simple fact. The best white people of the community thought well of him, gave of their means to help support the work in which he was engaged. It will be impossible, at this time, to appraise properly the work that he has done in all its bearings and relations. We know, however, that he has left behind him institutions and influences that will go on making themselves felt for good, long after these funeral ceremonies have passed away. Matthew Anderson has left his impress here that time will not be able to efface. In the years to come, as we look at these buildings and these beautiful grounds, we will think of him: his spirit will be ever about this place; we, who have known him, and have seen him in and about these premises, ever concerned about keeping them attractive and beautiful, will never be able to come here without thinking of the man who created all this and who has kept it fresh and beautiful all these years; and it will continue to be kept so, as long as his spirit abides here. I am sure we will not forget him, or forget the many years of patient toil that he has bestowed upon this work which was ever near to his heart.

Fifty years ago, four of us were in Princeton Theological Seminary together—Hugh M. Browne, Daniel W. Culp, Matthew Anderson and myself. Anderson graduated in 1877, Browne and myself in 1878, and Culp in 1879. Culp was the first to go; then followed Browne, and now Anderson has joined the procession. I alone am left of the four. Anderson and myself were very close friends and it was always my thought, in case I should survive him, to be present at his obsequies, and say over him the parting word. But, I am deeply sorry

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just at this time that I am so circumstanced as to make it impossible for me to be present and to take part in the services. And this is why I am sending these words to be read in my absence. I shall be with you all in spirit, and shall join with you in paying the last tribute of respect to the memory of our departed friend and brother.

Farewell, dear old friend! Some sweet day, in the better land, we shall meet again.

Bathesda

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right! The dadburned misery has gone completely, and look! The swellin' is goin' down right before my very eyes!"

"Good God! 'tis a miracle we've just witnessed! The woman's a saint." And he hastily crossed himself, while