

## Notices For The A. M. E. Church.

The members and friends of the A. M. E. Church are heartily thanked for the attendance given at the services at all of the Churches here. And especially do we appreciate the kindness of the editors for giving space for our notices. The new Pastor and Presiding Elder has entered upon this work with one aim in view; we come to serve the whole community, and it shall be our policy to do all the good we can, in every place we can, at every chance we see, and we purpose to make the way for doing good. The public is called to attend to the following:—

### AT CHRISTIANSTED CHURCH

Wednesday Night. Bible Class at 7:30.  
Thursday " Allen's Day Celebration, 7:30

Friday afternoon. Choir Rehearsals.  
Sunday morning at 6.00 o'clock. Early Hour Prayer Service.

" " " 10:00 " Regular Preaching.

" " " 12.30 " Sabbath School.

" night at 7.30 o'clock. Sermon, Theme "OUR NATION."

### AT GROVE PLACE

Friday night, at 7.00 o'clock, The Official Board.

" " " 8.00 " The Class Meeting.

Sunday " " 12.00 " Preaching Service.

" school after the regular service.

### AT FREDERIKSTED CHURCH

Wednesday night at 7.00 o'clock Class Meeting.

Sunday at 3 o'clock, the regular Preaching.

Sunday School after this service.

ELISHA C. S. ROBINSON,  
Pastor, P. E.

## A Grand Celebration.

ALLEN'S DAY AT THE A. M. E. CHURCH, CHRISTIANSTED, ST. CROIX, V.I., U.S.A., FEBRUARY 14TH, 1924.

The members and friends of the A. M. E. Church are urged to be present at the celebration of the Allen's Day Festival. The management of the affair is endeavoring to present to those who attend a very interesting and instructive program. The Spirit of the Father's of the Church will be set forth in song, recitations and declaration, and we are sure that the event will be worth the while. The Native Brass Band has been secured to render music at the Festival.

Remember the time, Thursday evening at seven thirty. Come one, Come all, the welcome is hearty.

Directress Mrs. R. G. Barrow, Supt. of Dist. Sunday Schools. Rev. Elisha C. S. Robinson, Pastor.

## PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

(Continued from yesterday's Avis.)

The following message from His Excellency, Governor Philip Williams, was read by Government Secretary (Zane).

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR OF THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES, TO THE COLONIAL COUNCILS OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAINT CROIX AND THE MUNICIPALITY OF SAINT THOMAS AND SAINT JOHN IN JOINT EXTRAORDINARY SESSION ASSEMBLED—FEBRUARY 7, 1924

It is with much regret that I am not present with you on this most momentous occasion. Only most adequate reasons prevent my coming to St. Croix at this time, the first being that Commander Warfield, the eminent Civil Engineer sent to the Virgin Islands by the Secretary of the Navy to investigate and report upon the plans which have been evolved for the establishment of a permanent water supply system for the towns of St. Thomas, Christiansted and Frederiksted, has now completed his investigation in St. Thomas and is ready to report the result of it to me on Thursday, February 7, 1924, unfortunately the date of the joint meeting of the two Colonial Councils. Should I delay this matter one day, it would necessitate Commander Warfield delaying his departure for St. Croix on the U. S. S. Grebe Friday, and consequently delay the prosecution of his work in the Municipality of St. Croix. The second reason is a more personal one, of sickness in my family.

I have stated in letters addressed to each of the Chairman of the Colonial Councils, my strong gratification in this joint meeting and I trust that each Chairman will see fit to read my letter to him in the presence of the two Colonial Councils. I am informed that this is the first occasion upon which the two Councils have met in joint session for accomplishing a legislative purpose. The very fact that this legislative purpose is the same for both Municipalities is, in itself, a great achievement. It is an instance of a co-ordination and cooperation between the two Municipalities, in my opinion of great future significance. It lays the foundation, I am certain, of that co-ordination of effort between the legislative and executive branches of Government, by means of which adequate results may be obtained. The Virgin Islands are a concrete unit of the Federal Government of the United States. They are not two units. The fact that they are divided into two Municipalities is a matter of leg-

islative and administrative convenience, and they should not be considered separate entities.

The occasion of this joint extraordinary session of the two Colonial Councils is tremendously important in two respects. First, the purpose of it is for the consideration of a resolution resulting from a definite action of the people of the Virgin Islands to analyse their economic condition and to develop concrete recommendations to improve it. This, in itself, is profoundly significant. The adoption of this resolution by the two Colonial Councils will mean that there will be presented to the executive branch of the Government a platform upon which both the executive branch and the legislative branch can build. The second purpose is one of opportunity, but it is no less important. At the instance of the President of the United States, the Secretary of Labor appointed a delegation of six eminent citizens of the Continental United States for the purpose of visiting the Virgin Islands, investigating generally their economic condition and make recommendations towards improvement. We have seized this opportunity and will show these gentlemen of the Commission that we ourselves, are not lacking in the ability to analyse our economic situation and to devise ways and means of improving it. The adoption of this Resolution in the presence of this Honorable Federal Commission, will most certainly impress it with a sense of our initiative, clear-headedness and desire to help ourselves, and I sincerely believe, that the gentlemen of this commission, when they see this resolution, will not only be willing, but will be anxious to embody the features it contains in their report to the President of the United States and to the Secretary of Labor, and thereby sanction them as being worthy of such assistance in their fulfilment as we may represent to the proper authorities of the Home Government, is necessary.

I am represented at this joint session of the Colonial Councils by the Government Secretary and by the Despatching Secretary, Saint Croix. I feel that they will do all that is necessary on behalf of the executive branch, towards bringing the business before the two Colonial Councils to a successful conclusion. I offer only one more remark. The resolution in its present form embodies the most careful and painstaking thought of the two Municipal Committees. The two Municipal Committees were kind enough to permit the Government Secretary to work with them in evolving this resolution, in order that the two Municipal Committees and the Executive branch of the Government, as represented by the Government Secretary, might agree beforehand on a document satisfactory to both, and therefore, I consider it my duty to point out that this document should not be amended upon the floor