

Notice Extraordinary

The A. M. E. Church.

The work of Our great Church has been Revised. We rejoice in the fact that God has blessed our community with the establishment of such Institutions as the Churches, and we are very happy to join heart and hand with the Churches working to the end that our community might be bettered. It has been said by some that the A. M. E. Church is an organization working for the purpose of disseminating prejudice of the worse kind; viz; Race, Prejudice, but as one in full authority of the work of our Church here in St. Croix, I, Rev. Robinson, wish to disabuse all minds of such pernicious ideas. We desire, aspire, and urge that all the Churches here co-operate for the best and highest Good of our community. We have stated to our brother ministers that it should be possible for us to have a Union of the Clergymen, who are the religious Leaders of the community, and we shall stand by all movements calculated to foster Up-lift to all the people in the Island.

We are not struggling for existence, for, wherever there is the idea of true Christianity, true Brotherhood, and true Love and kindness, seeking to give all Mankind Justice and Rights, you have the Great Spirit of our Church, which has stood for more than a century, preaching, teaching, and urging against all prejudice and discrimination, and we challenge the great respect of the Great American Nation, we hold forth a most important part in the grand and powerful Ecumenical Council of the Methodists of the World, we have had leading men, both in the Clergy and the Laity, who have represented and served our Great American Government as Ministers to Foreign Countries. We are very thankful to God for a great Record, and our Church though assailed on many sides, shall ever live as long as MEN wish to be Men, and there is resentment in the hearts of Men against anything proposed to belittle or mitigate against the intelligence, the morals, and the Religion of a People because of color, texture of hair or previous conditions of servitude; for, the African Methodists believe, that, "Out of one blood God created all men to dwell upon the face of the earth."

The following is the announcement for the Quarterly Conferences and Meetings:

CONFERENCES.	MEETINGS.
Christiansted Church.	Christiansted Church.
On March 27th, '24.	On March 30th, '24.
Grove Place Church.	Grove Place Church.
On March 28th, '24.	On March 30th, '24.
Frederiksted Church.	Frederiksted Church.
On April 2nd, '24.	April 6th, '24.

Advertisement.

TENDERS will be received in the office of the Despatching Secretary up to and including 10 o'clock a. m. February 29, 1924, for the services of a Ford car with chauffeur per diem. Gasoline and oil will be furnished by Government.

Tenders are to be in writing, addressed to the Despatching Secretary, St. Croix, who reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

R. E. BARRETT,
Despatching Secretary.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REPORT No. 26. Week Ending Feb. 21, 1924. Municipality of St. Croix.

School	Class	Percent of Pupils not tardy.	Percent of Attendance.
Christiansted	Jr. High	98.57	100.00
La Vallee	Rural	100.00	100.00
Frederiksted	Public	98.32	98.64
Christiansted	Public	97.63	97.65
Frederiksted	Jr. High	98.70	96.87
Diamond	Rural	100.00	94.32
La Princesse	Rural	99.19	93.47
Peter's Rest	Rural	100.00	92.31
Friedensfeld	Rural	98.31	78.50

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

AT 4 30 p. m. Thursday, February 21, 1924, the Colonial Council of St. Croix held a meeting in the Council Hall in Christiansted. (Convened by request of the Chairman).

Present: The Chairman (Robt. L. Merwin), D. C. Canegata, Jno. L. Curry, Halvor Berg, W. S. Abramson, A. J. Blackwood, Jos. Alexander, F. Count, F. Andersen, Holger Jessen, Robt. W. Skeoch, Thomas Ramsay, D. S. Armstrong and D. Hamilton Jackson.

1st Member for Frederiksted Country District (Fleming) and 3rd Member for said District (Skeoch) sent in excuses of their inability to attend the meeting. 2nd Appointed Member (Noll) absent from the island. 5th Appointed Member (McIntosh) was also absent.

His Excellency, Governor Philip Williams, Admiral R. H. Coontz and Despatching Secretary (Barrett) and about 80 Newspaper Representatives were present, as well as a number of the higher Naval Officers of the Fleet.

The following prayers were offered by the Chaplain, Rev. Father Francis W. Clair:

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

O Lord God Almighty from whom are all holy desires, right counsels and just works, we adore Thy divine majesty and love Thy infinite goodness. We thank Thee for all the blessings Thou hast bestowed upon us in the past. And while we are grateful to Thee for all these we acknowledge our entire dependence upon Thee for all that we need in this life. Grant us the grace to live according to Thy law and commandments. In thy Holy name we begin all that we do, and by Thee we desire all our actions to be happily ended.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

May the blessing of Almighty God, the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost, descend upon us all and remain with us forever. Amen.

The Chairman (Merwin) remarked: As the time is so short it will be necessary to limit each speaker. I reserve for myself the opening address and the other speakers will be His Excellency, Governor Philip Williams, Dr. D. C. Canegata (Chairman of the Municipal Committee), Admiral Coontz and Hon. Pleasant Stovell, late Minister from the United States to Switzerland and here now as Editor of Savannah Press.

The Chairman remarked: His Excellency, Admiral Coontz, Representatives of the Press: On behalf of myself and the Colonial Council of St. Croix I first wish to extend to you a most hearty welcome to our island. We are always glad to greet friends and well wishers from the Mainland. We hope that your short visit will be a pleasant and enjoyable one, though it be of almost cyclonic speed.

I can mention with pleasure that, since the American occupation, the health condition of this island has been greatly improved. The Hospitals and the Sanitation Service have received the urgent attention of all the responsible officers sent out, and their combined work has wrought miracles in our hospitals and sanitation service, and improvements in our directions are also most notable.

Our Municipal Water System is an important matter in our lives. This island has been dependent on rain for its water supply, so much so that in the time of drought the inhabitants suffer great privations for want of water as also the