

United States Press Representatives' Visit To St. Croix, Virgin Islands, U. S. A.

THURSDAY February 21st, 1924.

AS REVIEWED BY BUMBLE BEE EN ROUTE

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(Continued from Monday's Avis.)

Proceeding down King Street, the main highway into town, and formerly called Great King Street, in the days when small things were big things of long ago, we see upon our right the Moravian Church occupying an elevated situation on a choice building location. The site is named Fredensthal and so named by that heroic band of Missionaries whose only object and aim of settling here was to carry the christian religion to the slaves. They came to the island even in advance of the landing and occupation of the Danish Officials by special permission, first with the object of selecting the most healthy locations for their missionary houses in the island, and secondly and rather principally to be prepared to do their good work as soon as the expected slaves were introduced. That body ever since has been known and respected for their great industry, at that time it was an orderly body of men and women from Germany; but for quite sometime past the Missionaries here have been controlled by the Governing Body from Bethlehem, Pa. The good principles of this Sect is very entertainingly described by Benjamin Franklin in his autobiography as a result of a visit to their settlement in Bethlehem in 1755. He there speaks of their unique system of housing and living conditions, their separation of sexes, their education and living and their system of contracting marriage by drawing of lots superintended by the Elders in charge. During the days prior to and during the Revolutionary War a writer found in that town and under their control a tavern with excellent board and accommodation, very comfortably arranged for 150 guests, the equal of which did not exist at that time throughout the whole country. Most taverns of those days were called "Ordinaries" and ordinary they were indeed, for the landlords thought that as long as their tables had a sumptuous supply of food and wines it matters not where the traveller slept. The Moravians therefore in their methodical life led the way to good tavern keeping by the example they set by providing for the traveller, for the rest of the body as well as the nourishment of it, and they may, therefore, be considered the pioneers of good hotel keeping in the United States. The Mission here is still actively carried on as a church under the changed conditions of today for which they praise God, as their ministrations are not as necessary as when they first settled here, back in the first days of the island's settlement under the rule of Denmark, though, the Company's Officials were the Governors to all intents and purposes. The island did not become a Royal Colony until 1754.

(To be continued.)

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COLONIAL COUNCIL FOR ST. CROIX.

AT one o'clock p. m. Monday, March 3, 1924, the Colonial Council of St. Croix held its 5th Ordinary Meeting in the Council Hall in Christiansted.

Present: The Vice-Chairman (Robt. W. Skeoch), A. J. Blackwood, D. H. Jackson, F. Coulter, M. M. Skeoch, W. H. Fleming, D. C. Canegata, Holger Jessen, Jos. Alexander, Jno. L. Curry, D. S. Armstrong, W. S. Abramson and E. Andersen.

The Chairman (Merwin) sent in excuse of his inability to attend the meeting; 2nd Appointed Member (Noll) absent from the island. 5th Appointed Member (McIntosh) and 4th Member for Christiansted Country District (Ramsay) were also absent.

Government Secretary (Zane) and

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Despatching Secretary (Barrett) were present.

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, our heavenly Father, we believe Thou art the supreme

Notices For The A. M. E. Church.

WE REPEAT.

Our community may be bettered, why not join the religious organizations here? Come let us reason together on the vital concerns of life? Are you seeking the best in Life? This is to the public.

Is our community immoral? Do we have the true ideas of Home Church, and the great Social Good of All? What of your neighbor? What will our children be when they are grown up to maturity? The A. M. E. Church says:—COME.

Let the Clergy, Business Men, Educational Leaders, Public Officials, and the like, get together to make this Municipality good, moral and a happier place in which to live:

AT CHRISTIANSTED CHURCH

Wednesday night Bible Class.
Thursday " Class meeting 7:00 P. M.
Friday afternoon. The Choir Rehearsal.
Sunday morning. Early Prayer Meeting at 6.00 o'clock.
" " Preaching at 10:30 o'clock.
" " School at 12:30 p. m.

Sunday night the regular preaching.

AT GROVE PLACE CHURCH

Friday night. Class Meeting 8:00 o'clock.
Sunday at noon. Preaching.
" " 3:00 p. m. Sunday School.

AT FREDERIKSTED CHURCH

REV. A. C. BOUGH, Pastor.

Wednesday Night. Class Meeting, 8:00 o'clock.
Sunday School after service.

To these services all are cordially invited. We want your good words, we wish your constructive help.

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

being worthy of the adoration of all men. Thou art infinitely good and to Thee we owe an eternal debt of gratitude. Continue, we beseech Thee, to bestow Thy gracious blessing upon us. Bless in particular our every effort to live in peace with our fellow creatures now so that we may merit a peaceful eternity hereafter.

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,