

Notices For The A. M. E. Church.

AT CHRISTIANSTED CHURCH

Wednesday Night. Bible Class at 7:30 o'clock.
 Thursday " General Class Meeting 7 30 o'clock.
 Friday afternoon. Choir Rehearsals, 4.00 o'clock.
 Sunday morning. Early Prayer and Praise, 6.00 o'clk.
 Preaching at 10:00
 " School at 12:30 p. m.
 " Night the regular Preaching.

AT GROVE PLACE

Friday is Consultation Day. Board Meeting at 7.30 o'clock.
 " Night. The Class Meeting 8:00 o'clock.
 Sunday morning. Worship at 12:00 Noon.
 Sunday School in the Morning.

AT FREDERIKSTED CHURCH

Wednesday Night. Class Meeting, and Official Board at 7.30.
 Sunday at 1.30 p. m. Sunday School.
 " " 3.00 p. m. The Regular Preaching Hour.

C. S. ROBINSON,
 Pastor.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE REPORT NO. 25
 Week Ending Feb. 15, 1924.
 Municipality of St. Croix.

School	Class	Percent of Pupils not tardy.	Per-cent of Attendance.
Frederiksted	Jr. High	97.66	100.00
Peter's Rest	Rural	100.00	100.00
La Vallee	Rural	100.00	100.00
Frederiksted	Public	99.89	99.72
Christiansted	Jr. High	100.00	98.93
Diamond	Rural	100.00	98.79
La Princesse	Rural	98.39	98.00
Christiansted	Public	98.88	97.75
Friedensfeld	Rural	94.12	93.38

PROCEEDINGS OF THE JOINT SESSION OF THE COLONIAL COUNCILS for St. Croix, St. Thomas and St. John.

(Continued from yesterday's Avis.)

2nd Member for Christiansted Town (Canegata): I can state that the recommendation which the Honorable Member has reference to has been taken care of. In a conference on Monday the Government Secretary pledged himself to take the matter up and get a letter from the Governor which he said he would forward to the Chairman of the Colonial Council.

Government Secretary (Zane) remarked: Mr. Chairman. At the last meeting of the Municipal Committee at which this resolution was adopted, if I remember correctly, I stated that I would recommend to His Excellency the Governor the forwarding of a letter by him to the Chairman of the Colonial Council in effect that he, His Excellency would communicate with the Secretary of the Navy suggesting that the Legislators of the Government of the Virgin Islands be given a hearing before the enactment of laws for these islands by Congress. I have placed the matter before the Governor and I am directed to say that this subject is of such importance that it is utterly impossible for him to go into it in such a short time, but that he has the matter under consideration and that it will be given his most profound consideration.

The 6th Elected Member for St. Thomas (Corneiro) remarked: Mr. Chairman. Dealing with that point I take pleasure in stating that the Colonial Council of St. Thomas and St. John protested most vehemently when the Federal Income Tax was introduced. And when the Delegation of which I was Chairman went to Washington we drew attention to the Colonial Law where it says:

"In all matters relating to the Colonies the respective Colonial Council shall, before any law containing provisions especially relating to the West India Islands be given, be afforded opportunity of giving its opinion in the matter, unless particular reason render an exception necessary."

So you see the Colonial Council of St. Thomas and St. John has not been lacking in that respect, and I rise to say that you are following in our footsteps.

With regard to this resolution the people of St. Thomas met in mass meetings, the matter was discussed, recommendations were submitted and the Municipal Committee tried to get the consensus of public opinion; we had in mind then only the Colonial Council of St. Thomas and St. John. I feel that this is a proper occasion to formulate a proper memorial to go to the Congress of the United States.

1st Member for St. John District (Francis) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I must confess that it gives me great pleasure to be here with you, especially after listening to what has been said. It seems as if the Council of St. Croix is putting up a fight on this resolution. Nevertheless, we all do not agree at times on a matter. I stand to thank the Speakers for what they have said.

1st Elected Member for St. Thomas (Moorehead) remarked: Mr. Chairman. After a careful investigation of the resolution before us I want to ask my colleagues to cooperate with us in making a start. It will not do any harm to accept this resolution as presented; to me

it seems a start towards the betterment of these islands. If it does not contain all that is intended to go to Congress other resolutions could be drafted and forwarded later. As to where the resolution is going, and to whom, that should be left with the Government to decide. We should have confidence in the Governor and the Commissioners who are here today; we have placed a copy of the resolution in their hands and we are sure that they will leave no stone unturned to reach the Congress or any other department that is willing to help these islands. I feel that the Commissioners have the interest of these islands at heart, and I believe now is the best time to forward this resolution.

3rd Appointed Member for St. Thomas and St. John (Nolte) remarked: Mr. Chairman. From the seclusion of the sickroom I have journeyed across the sea to be present at this epochal event, to stamp my approval upon the records of this joint session, and to sanction with my vote its high purpose and profound importance of the cause that has brought us together.

His Excellency the Governor gives the proper definition of the joint session when calling it "historic", to which I may be permitted to add "and solemn", for is there not, gentlemen, something about this rare occurrence in the march of Virgin Islands affairs that stirs our emotion?

The outstanding feature of the joint session is, that as fellow-Americans we recognize the value of joint action in a common cause for the common good when addressing our petition to that body with which our destinies rest, namely, the Congress of the United States. What will result therefrom, and when, none will venture to foretell; but it is a safe guess that it will not fall on deaf ears, and that all that is reasonably possible to do to lead the islands out of their present economic plight and on to the highroads of prosperity will be done.

President Coolidge recently pledged his written word that he would do his utmost to bring prosperity to the people of the Virgin Islands. The Congress undoubtedly realises its responsibility in contributing toward the accomplishment of the desired object by enacting suitable measures. And whenever and however changes for the better may be brought about the Federal Commission of 1924 will be closely associated therewith.

That the Virgin Islands will hit some not too distant day take their place in the radiant sun of American prosperity is my fervent belief, an optimism which the wonderful history of the great Republic and its possessions absolutely justifies. I move that my colleagues on both sides of the water adopt this resolution.

4th Appointed Member (Blackwood) remarked: Mr. Chairman. I endorse the words of the last speaker. I heard a great deal said about unity the other