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St. Thomas News.

A party of prominent gentlemen from the States arrived here yesterday. The object of their visit is to establish a coal and fuel-on station for the supplying of the navies and mercantile marine. We understand that a site for the putting through of this gigantic scheme has already been selected and procured, and that operations will be started in the near future. The concern, known as 'The American Coaling & Fuel Oil Station of St. Thomas, V. I., U. S. A.' will be owned and capitalized solely by Americans; and it is sincerely hoped that all American steamship companies will avail themselves of this opportunity of securing bunkering facilities, and patronize the enterprise.

This Company which will also supply fresh water and stores to the shipping has in contemplation the erection of large modern and up to date warehouses for the storing of cargoes. This Company will also put into commission a towboat of efficient sea going capacity—the arrival of which is shortly looked for for the purpose of assisting ships entering and leaving the port.—*St. Thomas Mail Notes, Jan. 21st.*

Yesterday afternoon was rather a very busy one at the Municipal Hospital, there being another Baby-Show on. In all there were 164 little tots exhibited, every one of whom we are glad to say, through the interest evinced in them and their mothers' welfare by the Hospital Staff, and the useful little hints given in "talks" in connection with the caring of babies, were in the pink of condition. After the show, there was a little talk with the

mothers touching upon many interesting items in connection with the proper food and care for their young ones. In future "these little talks" will be a special feature of the shows. There too, pamphlets dealing with the subject of Motherhood and Child-bearing, written or so-printed that every one will be able to understand, will be given them.

We are, indeed, glad to state that every interest in the care of both mothers and babes is well manifested by the entire Hospital Staff, as may be evinced by the busy doctors, all smiling and asking questions, the young, tripping and energetic pupil nurses, hastening hither and thither to carry out some mandate; the young mothers, proud and smiling, looking on at the healthy antics of their babies or listening to and soothing their lusty crying. All are interested in this work of procuring for the community the best and healthiest of babies. *St. Thomas Mail Notes, Jan. 22nd.*

The memorial service held yesterday afternoon at 5 o'clock in the Reformed Dutch Church, in commemoration of the death recently of Mr. Bartholomew Bornn, in the island of Trinidad, B. W. I. was well attended by a large and representative section of the community. After the opening address and prayer by Rev. Folsensbee, a sketch of the active and energetic life of the deceased was read by the Rt. Rev. Bishop Greider, who was a close and intimate friend of the deceased.

The Church was appropriately draped in black for the occasion, while appropriate hymns, and an anthem by the choir, were likewise rendered. The large and mixed throng attending the service,—all natives,—testified to the love and esteem in which the deceased was held by those who knew him; and it must be very gratifying to the surviving members of the family to note the esteem in which their revered sire was held, and to have seen his memory so richly cherished.—*St. Thomas Mail Notes, Jan. 26th.*

The consecration service of the new altar for All Saints' dedicated to the loving memory of the late Archdeacon Hutson, and presided over by His Lordship the Bishop of Antigua, youngest son of the venerable divine, assisted by the Rector Rev. J. F. Pilgrim, and his curate, the Rev. Theodore Branch, grandson of the deceased, and nephew of His Lordship, took place this morning at 5 o'clock,

as had been announced, and was well attended, the church being literally filled by a respectful and devout congregation, the members of which from an early hour had wended their way, thitherwards.

The service though simple in character, was nevertheless, impressive, His Lordship attired in cope and mitre performing the act of consecration. Some of the old familiar hymns so loved by the deceased, and cherished by His Lordship in memory of boyhood's early days, were sung; while scores availed themselves of the opportunity of manifesting their greater appreciation of the honour done the late Rector, by partaking of the Holy Mysteries. Shortly before the end of the service, His Lordship feelingly thanked the people for their loving gift. Of course, much more can be written. But who that knew the Archdeacon, could refrain from respecting and loving him? And it must, indeed have been gratifying to his son the Bishop, to witness the love and esteem manifested by the large congregation for the memory of the deceased. He laboured long, faithfully and lovingly; and the sincere prayer of his people is, that he will receive his reward on high.—*St. Thomas Mail Notes, Jan. 27th.*

Publication.

It is hereby brought to public notice that Income Tax returns may be obtained at the office of the Despatching Secretary. Special attention is invited to the following requirements concerning Income Tax.

A return is required of each and every person (including corporations) having a total (gross) income of Francs 4,500.00 or over.

For a failure to make return on or about March 31, any person (including corporations) required to do so by the terms of the Ordinance shall be liable to a penalty of not less than Francs 100.00 nor more than Francs 5,000.00.

Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States, January 24, 1920.

F. B. COLBY,

Acting Despatching Secretary.

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