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"The Observer," a new monthly publication edited by Arthur Bragg, George S. Thomas and C. Mayor, started out with 6,000 copies. This new periodical is full of live, pert and interesting events of the month. We wish it a long and successful career.

SOME NOTABLE EVENTS DURING THE YEAR 1919

The magnificent structure, costing one hundred thousand dollars, the home of the Druid Hill Branch of the Young Men's Christian Association, was formerly dedicated.

It was during the year, 1919, for the first time, that two colored men, both college graduates and lawyers, were elected members of the City Council. Mr. Warner T. McGuinn in the Fourteenth Ward and Mr. William L. Fitzgerald in the Seventeenth Ward.

"Men of Maryland," a historical account of early events pertaining to the Colored race, and sketches of a number of eminent Colored Americans, prominent in the affairs of the country, all of whom were born in Maryland, by the Rev. George F. Bragg, D. D., has been placed on the list to be used in the Public Schools of the City of Baltimore. Its use has also been adopted in the county schools of the State.

One of the most beautiful residential streets in the city, McCulloh almost from end to end, has become the dwelling place of many of our most representative citizens. Many of the houses are really handsome, commodious and imposing. Purchases in real estate by colored citizens have been gratifying in the extreme.

During the present year, commemorating the Three Hundredth Anniversary of the first introduction of people of African descent into this country, any number of churches have wiped out mortgages upon church property, increased the stipends of the clergy, and the whole race has given evidence of having entered upon a new epoch of increased intellectual and material activity. And, it is believed that a real earnest moral and spiritual awakening is also near at hand.

The wife of one of the most energetic prosperous business men in Chicago, Mrs. John H. Coleman, has for the first few months been attending the well-known Derrick Shorthand School of Philadelphia.

She has been using a system of Shorthand that did not give satisfaction for rapid work; therefore the Boyd thirty-day system has satisfactorily met these demands.

While in the East, she is making an inspection in various business houses as to the development along commercial lines among our people.

Mrs. Coleman has full charge of the office corps of her husband's business and is an exceptionally remarkable woman of business talent. Truly this brings forth the old adage, "In union there is strength."

Mrs. Coleman, while in Philadelphia, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. B. Derrick, wife of the late Bishop Derrick.