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By the Christian Endeavor Society,

— OF —

BETHESDA BAPTIST CHURCH,

34th St. and Armour Ave.,

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**REV. J. E. FORD, PASTOR,**

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THURSDAY EVENING OCT. 25, 1894.

Officers of Affiliated Societies will be Entertained.



PROGRAM

1. Prayer.....Rev. Moses Jackson.
2. Instrumental.....Mrs Mabel Roan
3. Paper....."Chicago as an Educational Center"
Mrs Dr. G. C. Hall.
4. Address.....Relation of Education to the Church"
Dr. A. W. Williams.
5. Solo.....Mrs Eliza Cowan Harris
6. Students welcomed to the City.....S. Laing Williams.
7. Students welcomed to the Churches, Rev. J. F. Ford,
8. Students welcomed to the C. E. Societies.....
Pres. Miss Addie Alexander.
9. Response on behalf of the Students.....
Dr. J. A. Lester, P. and S.
10. Music.....Bethesda Quartette
Miss Hackley, Smith, Messrs Moody, Harris.

We will begin promptly at 8;15 o'clock. Be on time.

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Institut

Medical—Alexander Lane, Thos.
F. Adams, A. L. Smith,
College of P. and S.—J. A. Lee
Woman's Med. College, Emma Reynolds.
N-W. Dental School—Geo. S. Williams,
Provident Hospital Training School—Miseses Gar
Dillon, Schultz, Green, Sleet and Seon,
N-W. Law School—Will McCard,
Lake Forrest Univ'y Law School—Louise Foskett,
and R. E. Borroughs.
University of Chicago—Messrs McDonald, Mason, Borden,
Dickerson, Simpson, Ford, Miss Cora B. Jackson,
Mr Arter,
Morgan Park Academy—Geo. Bell, T. L. Griffith
Armour Institute—Messrs Shaw, Jameson, Smith, Gray,
Wheeler, Thompson, Theodora Lee,
Chicago M. and T. School—Robert Wheeler,
Chicago M. T. & High School—Wm. Johnson, B. French,
Seniors S. D. High school—Ethelle Gregory, Belle Bronson,
Annie Ferguson, Alice Lawson, W. A. Driver,
Standard Musical College—Blanche Woldridge, Felix
Weir, Mabel Smith.
Affiliated Societies of Olivet, Quinn, Bethel and Grace
Presbyterian Churches.

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W. A. Driver, Cor, Secretary,

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From
Mamma
to my only
son

Mrs. E. E. Edwards
911 N 8th St.
Waco

Mrs. Bennie Edwards and Lola Texas



This is an indoor
picture not so good
the white is "Sivcoln"
it belongs to Mr Ford
he thought so much
of it.

[Justina Ford]

[1st Black woman dr in CO]



Aunt Georgie



Evans,

207 S. HALSTED STREET,
CHICAGO.

1300

George Ford

Chicago, Ill



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OBITUARY

BY W. H. LEE

Rev. John E. Ford

DIED MONDAY AUGUST 9, 1943

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CHURCH

THURSDAY 4⁰⁰ P.M.

AUGUST 12TH

1943

O B I T U A R Y
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REVEREND JOHN E. FORD, D. D.

By -- -- -- W. H. Lee

Born in that section of the "Clover Covered and Blossom Bedecked" State of Kentucky, in the rugged hillside City of Orangeburg. He was the first born of five children--two brothers and three sisters, the happy culmination of the blessing of Holy wedlock in the union of his Sainted Father and Mother, Isom and Anne Ford. Of the five children, two sisters preceded him in death, there yet survives two brothers and one sister.

Under the Christian influence and parental guidance of Godly parents, he grew and developed, completing his academic training in the public schools of his Native State.

In the early years of young manhood, he entered Historic Fisk University of Nashville, Tennessee, there pursuing his college training with honor and distinction that gave definite evidences of unusual ability and pronounced scholarship. Obsessed with courageous ambition, he studiously continued his preparation, graduating, with signal honor, from Beloit College in Wisconsin, and later with distinction completing his courses and emerging as an honor graduate of the University of Chicago, and an active member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Upon his graduation he entered upon the duties as Secretary to the Dean of the University of Chicago, thereby serving, acceptably, his Alma Mater in a way that brought credit to his race and generation.

At this point in his young and eventful life he became conscious of his Divine Call to the Gospel Ministry, and rendered his service in assisting the Ministry of the World's Largest Baptist Church, Mt. Olivet in Chicago.

Later he yielded to requests made upon him and was named President of Leland University of Louisiana, and also served as President of the State College in Kentucky, in each institution making a lasting and effective contribution to the cause of Christian Education, so that today there are thousands who are valiantly serving our people in the field of Education as a result of his Tutorship. They sat at the feet of Gamaliel, yet to this successful and energetic young man there continued the urge, the inner consciousness to labor in the Master's Vineyard, make full and further use of his stewardship. And, in Christian submission he heeded the Divine Call and gave his life and effort to the stewardship of the Christian Ministry. As such, he served as Pastor of Bethesda Baptist Church in Chicago, First Baptist Church in Los Angeles, California, Zion Baptist Church in Denver, Colorado, at each charge giving full proof of his ministry and zealously sustaining his well earned reputation as a scholarly, cultured and consecrated Christian Minister of the Gospel of our Christ.

And then, thirty-six years ago he was called to the Pastorate of Bethel Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida, where during all these years he has labored and served as Pastor, Brother and Friend. Twenty-five years ago he was joined in Holy Wedlock to his surviving widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Ford, who, as a loving help mate, shared with him his joys, sorrows, disappointments, sacrifices, trials and afflictions, remaining helpfully near and dear to and with him, with care and comfort, to the very last minute of his life.

The coming of Dr. Ford to Bethel Baptist Institutional Church has meant thirty-six years of progressive Church growth and development. Not only has he served Bethel Church, but his services have extended far beyond denominational boundaries and he has pastored the entire City of Jacksonville, and influenced the people of the State of Florida. He has valiantly and courageously led our people, and because of his sterling

-----2, Obituary of Rev. J. E. Ford, D. D.

character has wielded a mighty powerful influence in the interracial affairs of both races. He was especially endowed and beneficently privileged to speak for his people to the people of the other group, and they heard, respected and heeded his pleadings.

He was active in everything that made for the uplift and betterment of his people, responding to every call, and at the time of his death, was directing as Co-Chairman all of the varied activities of our people in the work of Civilian Defense--a work so vitally important to everyone during this world-wide conflict of War-Destruction, suffering and death. Many there are among us who have been elevated to prominence by reason of his influence, using his righteous character to serve their selfish ends. His work for our institutions of learning, especially Florida Normal at St. Augustine, where he served thirty years as Chairman of the Trustee Board, also Home for the Aged, Parental Home for Girls and Boys, Tubercular Rest home and many other Institutions of loving care, remains a matter of historic record.

He was gentle, unassuming, yet courageous, cheerful and sympathetic, sharing our sorrows, comforting in our distress, and from his heart there involuntarily gushed an over flow of tears for those bowed in grief. He lived to serve his Master by serving his fellow men.

Enfeebled, broken in health, burdened with weighty responsibilities, he sought a brief period of rest and relaxation in the home of his friends, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Hawk, in the quaint old town of Dothan, Alabama, and while there, accompanied by his faithful and loving wife, he, Dr. Ford, like the venerable Patriarch of Biblical History, heard a call, recognized the voice of his Master, as with Divine Providence he was admonished "Dr. Ford give now an account of Thy Stewardship, Thou canst Be Stewart No Longer", Our Pastor, Brother and Friend heeded the call, was speedily conveyed to his home, where, after a brief, painless interim, he late in the afternoon of Monday, August 9, 1943, passed on to his reward, leaving to us the treasured memory of a life well spent in the uplift of his people and the advancement of the Kingdom of our Christ in the World.



ILLINOIS NATIONAL GUARD



To all whom it may concern:

Know Ye, That Milton E. Ford
a Musician of Company "A" of the Eighth Regiment
of Infantry, who was enlisted at Chicago, Illinois
on the Twenty Seventh day of June, one thousand nine hundred
and Twelve, to serve Three years, is hereby Honorably
Discharged from the Illinois National Guard by reason of Expiration

of Term of Service
Said Milton E. Ford was born in Chicago
in the State of Illinois, and when enlisted was 25 years of age,
by occupation a Laborer, had Black eyes, Brown hair,
Mulatto complexion, and was 5 feet 9 inches in height.

Given under my hand at Chicago Illinois, this Twenty Sixth day
of June, one thousand nine hundred and Fifteen.

Franklin A. Demson

Colonel 8TH Inf., I. N. G. Commanding.

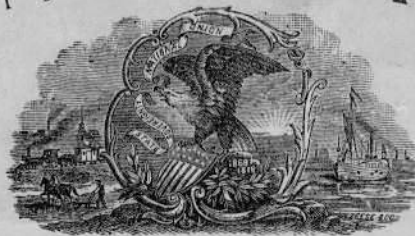
CHARACTER

No objection to his reenlistment is known to exist.

Excellent, Services; Honest and Faithful
Stewart A. Betts

Captain 8TH Inf. I. N. G. Commanding Co. "A"

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To all whom it may concern:

Know Ye, That Milton E. Ford
a Musician of Company A of the Eighth Regiment
of Infantry, who was enlisted at Chicago Illinois
on the 26TH day of May, one thousand nine hundred
and Nine, to serve Three years, is hereby Honorably

Discharged from the Illinois National Guard by reason of Expiration
of Term of Enlistment.

Said Milton E. Ford was born in Chicago
in the State of Illinois, and when enlisted was 23 years of age,
by occupation a Waiter, had Black eyes, Black hair,
Mulatto complexion, and was 5 feet 8 inches in height.

Given under my hand at Chicago Illinois, this 25TH day
of May, one thousand nine hundred and Twelve.

John F. Marshall
Colonel 8TH Inf. I. N. G. Commanding.

CHARACTER

No objection to his reenlistment is known to exist.

Excellent Services; Honest and Faithful.
Stewart A. Dett

Captain 8TH Inf. I. N. G. Commanding Co. A.

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To all whom it may concern:

Know Ye, That Milton Ford
a Private of Company A of the 8th Regiment
of Infantry, who was enlisted at Chicago
on the 28 day of May, one thousand nine hundred
and Six, to serve Three years, is hereby Honorably
Discharged from the Illinois National Guard by reason of Expiration
Term Services.

Said Milton Ford was born in Chicago
in the State of Ill, and when enlisted was 23 years of age,
by occupation a Waiter, had Black eyes, Black hair,
Mulatto complexion, and was 5 feet 9 inches in height.

Given under my hand at Chicago Illinois, this 1 day
of June, one thousand nine hundred and 9

John B. Marshall
Colonel 8th I. N. G. Commanding.

CHARACTER

No objection to his reenlistment is known to exist.

Excellent Services. Honest Faithful

Captain Inf. I. N. G. Commanding Co.

Funeral Service
of
Rev. John Elijah Ford, D. D.



Pastor of
Bethel Baptist Institutional Church
1907, Thirty six years of Service, 1943
Thursday August 12, 1943
4 p. m.

1. PROCESSIONAL

2. SCRIPTURE: 1 Cor. 15-51-57.....Rev. A. Chas. Robinson

3. INVOCATION.....Rev. B. H. Hodge
St. Paul's Baptist Church, Sanford, Florida

4. SCRIPTURE: 1st Thess. 4-13-18.....Rev. D. A. Brookins

5. ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CONDOLENCES
—Deacon Keith C. Hines

6. HYMN....."It Is Well With My Soul"

7. OBITUARY.....General W. H. Lee

8. SOLO.....Mrs. Mabel E. Latson

EULOGY.....Rev. K. D. Britt
Second Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.

10. HYMN "Uncloudy Day"

11. EXPRESSIONS.....Bishop H. Y. Tookes
Bishop of the 11th Episcopal District, A.M.E. Church

Rev. J. W. Drake.....Moderator East Coast Assn.

Rev. Homer G. Lindsay...First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.

Dr. W. H. Gray.....President of Florida Normal College

Dr. J. R. E. Lee.....President of Florida A. & M. College

Atty. D. W. Perkins.....Omega Psi Phi Fraternity

12. MASTER OF CEREMONY.....Dr. A. Lafayette Washington
Pastor Mt. Gilboa Baptist Church, Bartow, Florida

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J. E. Whittington *Mortician*

*Servant of God well done
Rest from thy loved employ.
The battle fought, the vict'ry won,
Enter the Master's joy.*

*Soldier of Christ, well done.
Praise be thy new employ.
And, while eternal ages run,
Rest in thy savior's joy.*

Amen.



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Owensboro, Ky.

Uncle John Ford

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