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## A HAMPTON GRADUATE

### WHO HAS GIVEN YEARS OF WORK TO EDUCATION

**Prof J. L. Trigg, Principal of Princess Anne Academy Honored by the Late Gen. Armstrong—His School Work in Virginia and Maryland—An Apostle of Industrial Education.**

Princess Anne, Md., Special.—The subject of this sketch was born in Virginia and is a graduate of the well-known Hampton Normal and Agricultural Institute, of Hampton, Va. He took an advanced course at Norwich, Conn., and has since been engaged in the education of his race for over twenty-five years. At one time he was principal of the graded schools at Abingdon, Va., which position he resigned to accept the principalship of the public schools in Lynchburg, Va., where he served twenty years, and was once principal of the Colored High School of the last named city, which ranks among the leading colored schools of the state. For six consecutive years he was conductor of state institutes for teachers, having won the esteem and confidence of the "Bureau of Education, of that state through his faithfulness in the schools of Lynchburg, Va., under Supt. E. C. Glass, whose schools have a national reputation.

He was at one time member of the Board of Visitors of the Petersburg State College, and helped shape the course of studies for that institution, which lasted until the changes were made by the recent adopted state constitution. In June, 1877, he was invited by its honored president, the late Gen. Armstrong to make the commencement address, at Hampton Institute, being the first graduate invited to speak on such honored occasion, which shows the esteem he was held at his "Alma Mater."

The writer has been creditably informed that Gen. Armstrong once said of the subject of our sketch, that: "He will finally win his way to the front in the field of education among his people." The editor of the Somerset Journal, in a recent article said of him the following: "He deserves the highest commendation for placing the Princess Anne Academy at once upon its feet;" he further states that its the leading educational institution for the colored race in the state of Maryland, with a faculty of ten competent men and women, all graduates from among the best institutions in the country.

Prof. Trigg is generally known to be courteous and manly, he has convictions of his own and has a faculty for impressing upon the hearts of his people what he regards to be true, this is clear to everyone who knows him. He has strong faith in the possibilities of his race and believes that it will outlive the prejudices and obstacles that stand in its path to

## MEN OF THE HOUR



**PRINCIPAL FRANK TRIGG**

Principal Princess Anne Academy, Princess Anne, Md

day, and firmly believes in the education of the head, heart and hand; he believes in agriculture, and says that Mother Earth is fully able to solve what is known as the Negro problem. The Professor was appointed principal of the Princess Anne Academy in June, 1902, and entered immediately upon his duties. President J. O. Spencer has stood firmly by principal Trigg in every step he has taken. The people of both races of Princess Anne regard the Professor with the highest esteem, and consider him the right man in the right place.

### The Goldsboro News

Tar Heel News, Goldsboro, N. C., Special.—Dr. Goler, President of the Livingstone College was in the city this week, the guest of Prof. and Mrs. W. F. Fouviller. Mrs. A. L. Dillard left for Washington, D. C., on Wednesday to spend several weeks with relatives. The A. M. E. Zion Church, of which Rev. C. L. Alexander is pastor, is preparing for a "Grand Rally" next Sunday. The congregation and friends expect to raise five hundred dollars to complete their new church. "Uncle Sam" is preparing to give us

a magnificent postoffice building on the corner of John and Mulberry Sts. Goldsboro has quite a number of new buildings going up. Our "boro" is fast taking on the city attire. The Colored Insane Asylum is located one mile West of us. This grand and imposing structure with its beautiful grounds, would interest any artist. The First African Baptist Church, of which Rev. J. W. Dew is pastor, is preparing to remodel the church and put in a pipe organ. Prof. and Mrs. Whitehead entertained a large number of friends at their beautiful home on last Friday night. All expressed themselves as having spent the evening very pleasantly. Prof. R. E. Williams, who has been appointed postal railway clerk, is one of our rising stars. He is a graduate of Biddle University. It gives us pleasure and inspiration to read of so many great and noble men and women through the columns of The Colored American; for "Great men are the pillars in this dark pilgrimage of mankind; they stand as heavenly signs, everlasting witnesses of what has been prophetic tokens of what may still be, the revealed possibilities of human nature."

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## THE PASSING SHOW

### COLORED OFFICE HOLDERS SHOULD VISIT THE WHITE HOUSE RECEPTIONS.

**Captain Mebane Takes Issue with Bruce Grit—The "Misguided Colored People" not so Misguided After all—Colored Men and Women of Education Have a Right to Visit the President**

Phila. Pa., Feb. 3, 1903.

Editor Colored American:

In your great journal of January 31st, appears a letter from the venerable pen of the redoubtable "Bruce Grit." His course is usually manly and it is conceded that he ranks, not only among the best of his profession, but it may be truthfully said that he leads the brigade. Among the many philosophical and logical deductions he makes appertaining to the race question, he fathers a statement unworthy of a man of his calibre; unworthy of an aspiring being of the ebony hue. I beg to quote him: "To-day's Sun, January 24th, contains nearly a column article under the caption, 'Negroes at the White House,' being an account of the presence at a recent reception there, of ex-Recorder Cheatham, and some other misguided colored people, who doubtless believed that their presence at this reception would help in the solution of the problem. Opinions differ as to the wisdom of the action of these colored people. They had the undoubted right to attend the President's reception, but, St. Paul says: "All things lawful are not expedient."

I beg to say that in my humble opinion, "ex-Recorder Cheatham and some other misguided colored people," who attended this reception did more to break down the barrier than all the writing since the liberation of the esteemed "Bruce Grit," and the other more than four million blacks. Not only did ex-Recorder Cheatham attend, I understand, but Recorder-somebody else. If the pace set is kept up, not only will the few referred to attend another such reception, but, many more of such high and different calibre will be invited and attend also. Those who attended the recent reception represent the culture of our race, and some hold diplomas from universities. Some of these "Misguided Colored People" have farms and city property and bank accounts, and all of them have education and refinement. "There are others," but they happen to be outside of the breastworks; but if the present pace is kept up, then the breastworks will be proportionately enlarged.

All honor to those "misguided colored people" whose wisdom is questioned. The ice must be broken. It has been broken, but color-phobia freezes it so suddenly that every venturer has to break the ice over again. If we can get enough qualified venturers it will

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