

Chautauqua N. Y.
Aug 10th '93-

Hon Albion W. Tourge
Mayville N. Y.

Dear Sir:—

My engagements prevent a visit
to you today as I had contemplated.

I will come Monday^{will} bring the
singers and three Southern Teachers
who are very desirous of seeing
Albion W. Tourge.

We all esteem it a very great
privilege, to see nothing of the
pleasure, to be able to see and
know the man who has so
valiantly fought our battles that
they have seemed his own.

Very Respect.

W. J. Arnold.



The Famous Arkansas Plantation Singers.

For Terms and Dates Address:—

W. J. ARNOLD, MGR.,

1022 Victory St
Little Rock
Ark.

TESTIMONIALS.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:—

The Arkansas Plantation Singers under the leadership of Prof. W. J. Arnold, have given two concerts in the M. E. Church, Belvidere. In each case they gave entire satisfaction and impressed our people as not only being able to give splendid interpretations of genuine negro melodies, but they also grandly illustrated the work being done in the South by our Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society.

WM. CRAVEN.

Pastor M. E. Church, Belvidere, Ill.

Mt. CARROLL, ILL., December 15th, 1894.

The Arkansas Plantation Singers, being a male quartet under the leadership of W. J. Arnold, gave an entertainment in our church, excellent in every feature, and that delighted all who heard it.

J. S. BELL.

DE KALB, ILL., Dec. 15th, 1894.

MR. W. J. ARNOLD, Oak Park, Ill.

DEAR BROTHER:—I take pleasure in commending the Arkansas Plantation Singers as an excellent concert company. The concert which they recently gave in my church greatly delighted my audience. The object for which these christian young men are working is a noble one, and the entertainments which they give not only please their audiences and advance the interests of the immediate cause for which they are laboring, but must also increase the general interest in the "Southern Work." I wish you great success.

Very Sincerely Yours,

J. W. RICHARDS, Sec'y Rock River Conf.

The Arkansas Plantation Singers proved themselves entertainers of the first class, rendering an extensive repertoire of sacred melodies in a manner eliciting considerable applause. The quartet consists of Mr. Arnold, an instructor of Philander-Smith College at Little Rock, Ark., and three students of the same institution. They are traveling in the interests of the college, which is based on the co-education plan, and is one of the best schools of the kind in the south. The money received is sent to the Methodist Book concern at Chicago, and is then turned over

to the college management. The attendance was large and the receipts very pleasing to Mr. Arnold, who leaves with the quartet for Dubuque to-day.—Morning Star, Rockford, Ill., October 10, 1894.

Last evening the Arkansas Plantation Singers from Philander-Smith College, Little Rock, Ark., gave an entertainment at the M. E. Church that was deserving of a much larger house than was present. The quaint melodies of the plantation are always greatly enjoyed, especially by the people of the North, when rendered so admirably as by this company. Prof. Arnold, the leader, has a remarkably fine voice, of great scope and richness and is well supported by the colored boys with him. Not the least enjoyable feature of the program, however, were the recitations by Prof. Arnold. His imitation of the colored preacher and also of a school boy's declamation, were amusing in the extreme, and brought down the house. The Company will sing at the M. E. Church morning and evening to-morrow.—Daily Northwestern, October 20, 1894, Belvidere, Ill.

MENDOTA, ILL., December 15th, 1894.

MR. W. J. ARNOLD, Chicago, Ill.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—I should account myself as failing of a duty or shorn of a privilege not to say what is in my heart to say of the Arkansas Plantation Singers. They are in every way to be approved. As men they are christian gentlemen. The leader (yourself) is a fine spirited, toilsome, consecrated man of God. It is always to the delight of their audiences that they sing. And what is better it is to the glory of God they sing, and never to His shame. There is not a doubt that wherever they sing their songs and represent their land and their race the cause of our southern work is lifted up into the interest and love of the people.

J. R. HAMILTON.

YORKVILLE, ILL., December 15th, 1894.

The Arkansas Plantation Singers gave a concert in the M. E. Church to the delight of the large congregation present. The presence of these young gentlemen as representatives of the work accomplished by the church in the South has left a very excellent impression upon this community.

WILBUR FISK.

WALNUT, ILL., December 15th, 1894.

The Arkansas Plantation Singers, by their gentlemanly bearing and excellent singing, made a very favorable impression at Walnut. The influence upon our southern work because of their visit can only be salutary. Respectfully,

ENOS HOLR.

The Arkansas Plantation Singers greatly pleased our people at Ashton and Franklin Grove, Ill. It gives me pleasure to say that both as individuals and as a company they are excellent singers and fine christian young men. They render perfectly the plantation melodies without any of the objectionable features. They are working for a worthy cause and richly deserve the patronage of the people.

M. L. NORRIS.

Pastor M. E. Church, Ashton, Ill.

LA MOILLE, Ill., December 15th, 1894.

I am pleased to inform you that your concert recently given in our community was well received and that the impression made as a Company and personally, was good.

I Remain Fraternally Yours,

T. C. WARRINGTON.

LANARK, ILL.

The Arkansas Plantation Singers sang at my church and the opera house. Their religious songs are sweet, melodious and soulful; their concert work is of a rare character. Everybody enjoyed their work.

W. FORKEL.

There is always something in the old time Negro Melodies which never fails to touch the heart and when rendered by such fine voices as are included in this organization they are indeed enjoyable.—Springfield Monitor.

I enjoyed their singing. The voices are fine and well modulated.

BISH. VINCENT.

