

evening at Bethel Church, Thirtieth and Dearborn streets, will include the following:

Prayer, the Rev. G. W. Gaines; piano solo, Miss Sarah Butterworth; introductory remarks, the Rev. J. T. Jenifer; vocal solo, Mrs. J. B. French; address, Rabbi E. G. Hirsch; vocal solo, Mr. P. T. Tinsley; address, the Hon. W. Q. Gresham; vocal solo, Miss Theodore Lee; report of training school, the Rev. L. H. Reynolds; vocal solo (selected), Mrs. Hasbrouck; accompanist, Mrs. Viata Bentley.

#### FIRST GRADUATING EXERCISES.

##### Provident Hospital Training School for Colored Nurses.

The first graduating exercises of the Provident Hospital Training School for Colored Nurses will take place at the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church, Thirtieth and Dearborn streets, next Thursday evening.

This training school, formed to prepare young colored women as trained nurses, was the first of the kind established in the United States. It is located at Twenty-ninth and Dearborn streets. It was opened in May, 1891. In addition to the efforts of the colored people the institution was enabled to be placed on its feet through the assistance of Judge Gresham, the Rev. F. W. Gunsaulus, Ralph N. Isham, M. D., Mrs. C. B. Lawrence, the Rev. Arthur Edwards, Norman Williams, Frank S. Johnson, M. D., Mrs. J. J. Glessner, Mrs. Steila Dyer Loring, Miss Florence Pullman, Dr. Julia Lowe, Dr. Lucy Waite, Miss Marion Hull, H. H. Kohlsaat, Dr. D. H. Williams, Dr. F. C. Greene.

The idea of the school was conceived by colored people and indorsed and helped into existence by the aid of the foregoing named persons.

It was started poor and is poor yet. It needs cash to develop, and in this development thousands and tens of thousands of young colored women will be given employment, and the sick and injured people of the land will be given care and attention by a class of persons who have for generations been noted for their skill and proficiency in attending the sick.

So great has been the success of the Provident Hospital in a quiet way that deputations have visited it from all over the land, and similar institutions have been established at New York, Louisville, Columbia, S. C.; San Antonio, Tex.; and Nashville, Tenn., and modeled after the plan of the Chicago hospital.

All classes of patients are received at this hospital. Since its opening it has cared for 189 persons. They were representatives of all nationalities. The hospital has now eighteen beds. Its managers expect to erect a new building soon. This is an urgent necessity. They have had hundreds of applications, both as to patients and nurses, which they have been obliged to refuse because of limited means and space. The building they now occupy is a three-story brick, 100x25 feet, with a dormitory in the rear for the nurses. Miss Mary Weaver is the Superintendent of the school. Officers of the association are the Rev. J. T. Jenifer, D. D., President; Theodore W. Jones, Vice-President; Lloyd G. Wheeler, Treasurer; the Rev. Louis H. Reynolds, Secretary; J. S. Madden, Auditor.

The program of the graduating exercises of the training school to be given Thursday