

ROOSEVELT APPEALS FOR GEORGIA SCHOOL

Urges a Gathering at The Astor
to Aid Miss Berry's Possum
Trot Institution.

PICTURES OF IT SHOWN

And the Colonel Himself Is Flashed
on the Screen as He Mounts
the Platform.

There was a large audience last night in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Astor to hear Miss Martha Berry, the "Sunday Lady of Possum Trot" and Rome, Ga., tell of the wonderful school she has started there for the boys and girls, a remarkable school with each of its attendants 99 per cent. American.

Miss Berry had the best of support in the making of her appeal for aid to carry on the school into which she has put all her own money and much effort. Albert Shaw presided. George W. Perkins talked of the financial needs of the school where \$50 annually will provide a scholarship. Supreme Court Judge Moses R. Wright of Rome told of the work as he knew it intimately as a man of the South. Miss Berry told the real story itself of her little cabin study in the mountains, where she gathered in the forlorn children who formed the nucleus of the school, and Col. Theodore Roosevelt, the last speaker, made a strong appeal for the school as an institution of National importance.

"When I was asked to come here this evening," said Col. Roosevelt, "I didn't just see how I could refuse. Miss Berry is doing a great work not only for Georgia, but she is setting an example for the whole country. No State institution can ever equal the best type of private endeavor. No matter how much other work is done there is always more room for private effort, the type of work that is done by the man or woman who do it because they can't help doing it.

"There were two invitations I received when I was in Africa that I felt that I must accept: one was to attend the Joel Chandler Harris memorial and the other to go to Miss Berry's school. It was a rainy day when I struck there, and I was driven up to the school behind the 'concert mules.' What are their names, Miss Berry?"

"Nip and Tuck," answered Miss Berry.

"Well, Miss Berry and the rest of them didn't seem to mind that rain, and I thought if they didn't an African explorer certainly couldn't, and we saw everything there was to see. The boys made a great impression upon me. I made them a speech—I felt I hadn't much to tell them, but they could teach me.

"There is need to-day of education in a broad field to train a boy or girl toward and not away from their life-work. We of the North are beginning more and more to realize that book learning that unfits a boy to do the work he has to do is useless, or that which will turn a girl, after years in school, out ready to be nothing but a nuisance in the home. I believe emphatically in schools giving vocational training, but they won't succeed unless you show that you honor those who do the elemental duties of life. Let us see, concretely, that work gets the respect it should have and that in school there is the spirit of American citizenship.

Miss Anne Morgan, who has been interested in promoting Miss Berry's work since she has been in New York, was in one of the boxes and came down stairs after the addresses. Among others present were Mrs. Harris E. Adriance, Mrs. Spencer Aldrich, Mrs. Lemuel B. Bangs, Miss Elizabeth Billings, Mrs. C. Griswold Bourne, Frank R. Chambers, the Rev. and Mrs. Edward B. Coe, Mrs. R. Fulton Cutting, Mrs. L. L. Delafield, Mrs. John R. Drexel, Mrs. Richard Irvin, Mrs. William M. Kingsland, Mrs. Payson Merrill, Mrs. George W. Perkins, Mrs. von R. Phelps, Mrs. Waldo Richards of Boston, Mrs. William A. Read, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Satterthwaite, Miss Louise Lee Schuyler, Mrs. I. N. Seligman, Miss Julia C. Stevens, and Arthur Williams.

ALDERMEN NEAR BLOWS.

Kenneally and Downing Threatened
with Being Put Out of Board Meeting.

Alderman Kenneally, (Dem.) who represents Charles F. Murphy's district in the board, and Alderman Downing (Rep.) of Brooklyn came near engaging in fisticuffs on the floor of the Chamber yesterday.

The trouble started in a discussion of an appropriation for street repairs in Queens.

"They're always wanting money in Queens," said Mr. Downing. "I guess somebody wants to buy champagne."

"Anybody who says that a public official asks this board for money with which to buy champagne is insulting and little better than a cur," said Kenneally.

"If you say I am a cur, you are a liar," shouted the Alderman from Brooklyn.

President Mitchel rapped for order. "I shall ask the Sergeant at Arms to eject both of the gentlemen if they do not desist," he said.

"Let him come outside and say that," cried Mr. Downing above the noise of the President's gavel.

"You both owe an apology to this board," said the President.

"I'll have to think up a softer word than 'cur,' which I withdraw," replied Kenneally, and left the chamber.

"If I have offended the Chair I apologize," said Downing.