

LIBRARY LAUNCHED FOR COLORED FOLK

City Officials and Many Interested Visitors Present at Opening Exercises

The auditorium of Slater high school was completely filled Wednesday afternoon for exercises in connection with the opening of the new Tenn-E-Va. public library for the colored people of Bristol. There was a number of speakers, both white and colored, and all expressed gratitude to Mrs. Riley Stone, who was the inspiration for the establishment of the library and who has done much of the work. The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Fields Wilson who emphasized the importance of a public library accessible to the colored people of Bristol and who predicted that the new Tenn-E-Va. library will have the support of the people of both races and will be a strong influence for the cultural development of the colored race. She praised Mrs. Stone for her vision in bringing it about.

Short talks were made by Mayor Fred Vance, Superintendent R. B. Rubins, of the Bristol, Tenn., city schools; Mrs. Riley Stone, Prof. Butler, Dr. Robert Yost and others. Prof. Butler accepted the library on behalf of the colored people of Bristol. He said that he was proud of the educational interest and progress of his race and referred to the time less than a hundred years ago when it was a violation of law to teach a colored person to read and write.

Mrs. Riley Stone was presented with a beautiful corsage and the thanks of the Ida Stone Bible class expressed in a short poem inscribed on a scroll.

Library Catalogued By Mrs. Elizabeth Wall

Mrs. Elizabeth Wall, of Sullins College, who catalogued the books in the new library, made a short