

The Indianapolis team will travel 8,071 miles this year.

If it had been left to the mayor of Indianapolis, we would have had Sunday baseball.

The A. B. C. squad is getting together and it is expected that there will be a lot of new material to try out when the weather will allow spring practice.

The Leland Giants expect to carry off honors this coming season. With an unusually strong pitching staff and a fast infield, as well as an outfield of a good fielding average, the Lelands will play ball equal to that of the big league nines. The team will take a trip south for spring practice and will be in fine shape when they open their season April 28.

Fred D. Ellis and Sol White of Brooklyn, N. Y., are making arrangements for a benefit to be given at Meyerrose Park during the spring, about the middle of April. The exact date is not yet known, but it will be published later. This bene-

fit will be for Bud Fowler, the veteran baseball player, who is ill and in destitute circumstances at the home of his sister in Frankfort, N. Y. Subscriptions for Fowler are being received by Mr. Ellis at the Brooklyn (N. Y.) Daily Eagle and by THE FREEMAN. Every baseball player and fan should rally to this worthy cause and donate as liberally as possible to the fund.

FIRST BASEBALL GAME.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

EVANSVILLE, Ind.—The first baseball game of the season in this part of the State was played last Monday at Lake Indiana between the team of that place and the nine from Richland. The Richland Browns won, 8 to 6.

AGAINST SUNDAY BASEBALL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—The crusade against Sunday baseball anticipated by the Southern League officials, in view of many reforms enacted in Tennessee recently, has been started by drastic measures drawn by the Protestant Ministers' Association, to be forwarded to the Legislature now in session. All forms of Sabbath amusement are attacked.

HAYNES WITH LELANDS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

CHICAGO. — Special. — E. W. Haynes will be on the Leland Giants' pitching staff this season. He expects to be in the best possible shape. Haynes pitched for the Chicago Unions last season and won fifteen of the twenty games he pitched, which is an unusually good record. He has played on some of the best teams that travel out of Chicago. Haynes is expected to be a strong factor in the Lelands winning the pennant in the Chicago league.

TO PLAY ST. LOUIS TEAM.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

GREENVILLE, Tex.—Special.—T. M. Holloway, manager of the local baseball team, has arranged for a series of games with a St. Louis team. The games will be played in this city about the first of May. Toole and Thompson are the managers of the St. Louis boys.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—Special.—Manager Burke of the Chattanooga baseball team is optimistic in regard to the prospects of his squad. He is well known in the diamond circles of the South and boasts of having an extraordinarily fast and strong team the coming season. "We are

going to play winning baseball this season; we ask no odds. We are exceedingly anxious to take on some of the fastest teams of the country and will give immediate reply to managers asking for games with our team."

The Chattanooga boys, Burke says, are taking gymnasium exercises daily so as to be in the best condition possible when spring practice sets in. Indoor work has been the preliminary work for the teams in the future and it has proved to be valuable in many respects. The "Chatt's" headquarters are at 1801 Harrison avenue.

COLORED BASEBALL LEAGUE TO BE ORGANIZED

Indianapolis May Have Team in the
Circuit—Season to Commence
in May.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—Articles of incorporation were filed by the Colored Baseball and Park Association, with a capital stock of \$5,000. The purpose will be to organize a circuit of Negro clubs with Chicago, St. Louis, Memphis, Cairo, Paducah, Louisville, Indianapolis, and possibly other towns. The season will commence in May and end in September. A meeting will be held in Chicago later.

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