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Silent God, Thou whose voice afar in mist and mystery hath left our ears an-hungred in these fearful days—
 Hear us, good Lord!

Listen to us, Thy children: our faces dark with doubt, are made a mockery in Thy sanctuary. With uplifted hands we front Thy heaven, O God, crying:

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord!

We are not better than our fellows, Lord, we are but weak and human men. When our devils do deviltry, curse Thou the doer and the deed: curse them as we curse them, do to them all and more than ever they have done to innocence and weakness, to womanhood and home.

Have mercy upon us, miserable sinners!

And yet whose is the deeper guilt? Who made these devils? Who nursed them in crime and fed them on injustice? Who ravished and debauched their mothers and their grandmothers? Who bought and sold their crime, and waxed fat and rich on public iniquity?

Thou knowest, good God!

Is this Thy justice, O Father, that guile be easier than innocence, and the innocent crucified for the guilt of the untouched guilty?

Justice, O Judge of men!

Wherefore do we pray? Is not the God of the fathers dead? Have not seers seen in Heaven's halls Thine hearsed and lifeless form stark amidst the black and rolling smoke of sin, where all along bow bitter forms of endless dead?

Awake, Thou that sleepest!

Thou art not dead, but flown afar, up hills of endless light, thru blazing corridors of suns, where worlds do swing of good and gentle men, of women strong and free—far from the cozenage, black hypocrisy and chaste prostitution of this shameful speck of dust!

Turn again, O Lord, leave us not to perish in our sin!

From lust of body and lust of blood
 Great God deliver us!

FROM lust of power and lust of gold,
 Great God deliver us!

From the leagued lying of despot and of brute,
 Great God deliver us!

A city lay in travail, God our Lord, and from her loins sprang twin Murder and Black Hate. Red was the midnight; clang, crack and cry of death and fury filled the air and trembled underneath the stars when church spires pointed silently to Thee. And all this was to sate the greed of greedy men who hide behind the veil of vengeance!

Bend us Thine ear, O Lord!

In the pale, still morning we looked upon the deed. We stopped our ears and held our leaping hands, but they—did they not wag their heads and leer and cry with bloody jaws: Cease from Crime! The word was mockery, for thus they train a hundred crimes while we do cure one.

Turn again our captivity, O Lord!

Behold this maimed and broken thing; dear God it was an humble black man who toiled and sweat to save a bit from the pittance paid him. They told him: Work and Rise. He worked. Did this man sin? Nay, but some one told how some one said another did—one whom he had never seen nor known. Yet for that man's crime this man lieth maimed and murdered, his wife naked to shame, his children, to poverty and evil.

Hear us, O heavenly Father!

Doth not this justice of hell stink in Thy nostrils, O God? How long shall the mounting flood of innocent blood roar in Thine ears and pound in our hearts for vengeance? Pile the pale frenzy of blood-crazed brutes who do such deeds high on Thine altar, Jehovah Jireh, and burn it in hell forever and forever!

Forgive us, good Lord; we know not what we say!

Bewildered we are, and passion-tost, mad with the madness of a mobbed and mocked and murdered people; straining at the armposts of Thy Throne, we raise our shackled hands and charge Thee, God, by the bones of our stolen fathers, by the tears of our dead mothers, by the very blood of Thy crucified Christ: What meaneth this? Tell us the Plan; give us the Sign!

Keep not thou silence, O God!

SIT no longer blind, Lord God, deaf to our prayer and dumb to our dumb suffering. Surely Thou too art not white, O Lord, a pale, bloodless, heartless thing?

Ah! Christ of all the Pities!

Forgive the thought! Forgive these wild, blasphemous words. Thou art still the God of our black fathers, and in Thy soul's soul sit some soft darkening of the evening, some shadowings of the velvet night.

But whisper—speak—call, great God, for Thy silence is white terror to our hearts! The way, O God, show us the way and point us the path.

Whither? North is greed and South is blood; within, the coward, and without, the liar. Whither? To death?

Amen! Welcome dark sleep!

Whither? To life? But not this life, dear God, not this. Let the cup pass from us, tempt us not beyond our strength, for there is that clamoring and clawing within, to whose voice we would not listen, yet shudder lest we must, and it is red, Ah! God! It is a red and awful shape.

Selah!

In yonder East trembles a star.

Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord!

Thy will, O Lord, be done!

Kyrie Eleison!

Lord, we have done these pleading, wavering words.
 We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord!

We bow our heads and hearken soft to the sobbing of women and little children.

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord!

Our voices sink in silence and in night.

Hear us, good Lord!

In night, O God of a godless land!

Amen!

In silence, O Silent God,

Selah!

Done at Atlanta, in the Day of Death, 1906.

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FIND HOW THEY STAND

Afro-American Voters Should question Men Running for Congress and Have Them State Their Attitude on Segregation, Jimcrow Bills and Enforcement of the Constitution Before Voting

At the Seventh Annual Meeting of the National Independent Equal Rights League, held in New York City, Sept. 7-9, 1914, in the Address to the Country, this was said:

"We advise Colored voters to look into the records of every Congressman up for re-election, to make an issue of the color segregation practiced by certain cabinet officers and enmeshed in bills already introduced into Congress. Find out where each candidate stands on these anti-Negro bills and the anti-intermarriage bill and act accordingly."

THE APPEAL concurs in the above and calls upon the candidates for Congress in Minnesota to publicly state their attitude. Please state

1st. Will you, if elected, seek to prevail upon the Secretary of the Treasury and the Postmaster General to abolish such segregation of Colored government employees as has been instituted under them as to rest-room, eating, working and toilet facilities?

2nd. Will you use your influence, voice and vote against bills to segregate Colored clerks and to establish Jim-Crow cars in the District of Columbia?

3rd. Will you use your influence, voice and vote against bills making it a crime for Colored and non-Colored persons to marry in the District of Columbia?

4th. Will you favor the enforcement of the 14th and 15th Amendments now notoriously nullified in certain states?

THE BURDEN OF BEING WHITE.

By Ray Stannard Baker, in the American Magazine.

Oh, my friend, why will men not see that there can be no true civilization while any men in the world are left out of it? and that no race or nation can go far forward while other races and nations lag behind?

Let the white person again tread the black person under his heel! (Say! which is trodden under heel after all?)

It is not enough that we give the alien nations our learning, our religion, our science. What signify all these things? Are we hurt by giving them? Are we not, on the contrary, the material gainers? No, we must be prepared to go further than that, else we have not learned the fundamental concept of religion.

It is not the great task of any nation that it shall remain pure, or white, or learned, or that it shall assure to its posterity the possession of land and comfort (though this has been the belief, and the doom, of every aristocracy from the beginning of time). The great task of every advanced race or nation is to bring more love—more light—into the world.

We are willing to do everything for China, or Hindu or for our own poor, except the one essential thing, yes, educate them (a little); yes, teach them the religion of resignation; yes, give them shoes and coats; but do not disturb us in our luxury. It won't work; it won't work. So long as we refuse to give ourselves we have failed utterly.

Short Walk from Freeman to Serf.

(Richmond Planet, Richmond, Va.)

It seems to us that agitation is needed and that some well directed effort on the part of the Colored people themselves should be made to check this pale of oppression which has now settled down all over the country. With the elimination of our political rights has come the interference with our property rights and from freeman to serf is but a short walk in distance. Colored men must stand up for their rights, and they should not depend upon others to stand up for them.

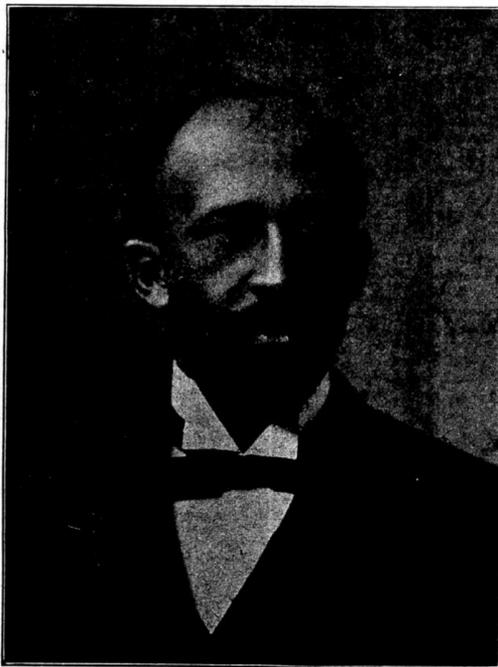
While the women are contending for the right of suffrage, let the Colored men contend for the same thing. Political "pull" against us is accomplishing our ruin. We have never believed that the Colored people should eschew politics. This was the commencement of our undoing and the sooner we get back on the political road again, the better.

Rights are controlled and curtailed by politics. This is the lever to be used in our favor, just as the white peoples have used it against us.

What's in a Name?

(Richmond Planet, Richmond, Va.)

Mr. R. H. Ball of Lawrence, Mass., is bitterly opposed to the use of the word "nigger" in the designation of citizens of color in the United States. We have never been able to understand why such a name should have been applied to us after a residence here dating back to the early settlers of the country. We became more opposed to it when some of our enemies proceeded to designate our women as niggers. This tended to increase our antagonism. It is but fair to say that the Colored people themselves have been largely responsible for the use of the term. Thousands of us use the term "nigger" in speaking to each other and they do it in the presence of white people. If Mr. Ball in conjunction with ourselves, can stop this practice, then it may be that a change may be effected.



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Keep up Fight on Federal Segregation

"We advise that another delegation be sent to Pres. Wilson to ascertain whether he will eliminate Federal Segregation."—From the address to the country of the National Independent Equal Rights League at the seventh annual meeting in New York City.

A committee consisting of Pres. Byron Gunner, National Organizer R. C. Ransom, Corresponding Secretary W. M. Trotter, Recording Secretary J. L. Johnson and Treas. Thomas Walker was appointed to raise funds for the expense of the delegation to Washington. This committee desires to have the hearing early in October. It may take two trips to secure the audience.

Hence, citizens all over the country are urged to send donations to Pres. Byron Gunner, Hilburn, N. Y., to Sec. W. M. Trotter, 49 Cornhill, Boston, Mass., or Treas. Thomas Walker, 506 5th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Toilet segregation of the most insulting kind still exists in the treasury and post office departments at Washington.

FUND STARTED.

J. Q. Adams, St. Paul, Minn.	\$3.00
A Friend, Chicago, Ill.	1.00
Mrs. Newman Silverman, N. Y. City	5.00
Dr. C. W. Harrison, Boston	2.00
A Friend, Greater Boston	2.00
Rev. M. A. N. Shaw	1.00
Mrs. Walter O. Taylor	1.00
Rev. M. W. Thornton	1.00
Mrs. Virginia Trotter	1.00
Total	\$17.00

The case of Miss Cook at Cornell shows the injurious influence of this official practice of separate toilets, etc. So let the fund be made up during the coming week. The delegates represent but little unless sent by and at the expense of the Colored people of the country. Mail the money at once and generously. This is an endeavor for all and must be made before election day.

THE LYNCHERS CORPS

An Appeal Editorial Suggesting to the Murder Mad Monarchs of Europe the Formation of an Army Corps Which Would Make Their Most Inhuman Generals Look Like Pickers.

War devastates Europe. The "Christian" emperors have ordered the fool poor people to go out and kill one another and after attending church where their swords are blessed by the priests and they pray to God for success, the massacre starts.

THE APPEAL wishes to call the attention of the murder-mad monarchs to the possibility of forming an army corps in this country, which for efficiency in its chosen line would make the most ferocious, blood-thirsty and inhuman generals look like a lot of pickers.

Why not organize a "Lynchers Corps?" Let it be under the supreme command of Governor Cole L. Blease of South Carolina. Senator Ben Tillman, also of South Carolina, the man who boasted in the United States Senate that Afro-Americans were killed because they tried to exercise their rights as free men, would be an ideal man for chief of staff. Ben is a great "Christian" and it is said that he knows more about the Bible than any other Senator.

Senator Vardaman, that great "Christian" who has devoted his life to the undoing of colored brethren; Senator Williams also of Mississippi, whose more bitter speech in Congress was more than his colleague's against one-half of the residents of his state, and Senator Hoak Smith, whose newspaper contributed much to cause the Atlanta riot, are just the men for Brigadier-Generals.

Frank Clark of Florida, Charles Gordon Edwards of Georgia, both authors of segregation bills, Congressman Hardwick of Georgia, whose specialty is repeal of fifteenth amendment legislation; James T. Heflin of Alabama, author of the Jimcrow street car bill; Martin Dies of Texas, noted segregationist; are all "Christians," have a bitter hatred against their co-religionists of other colors and are eminently qualified for places as general officers of the corps—they'd be delighted to serve.

THE APPEAL suggests that Frank park, of Sylvester, Georgia, another "Christian" who introduced a bill in Congress, making it unlawful for "niggers to be designated or elected as commissioned or non-commissioned officers in the United States Army," be commissioned high private general rear rank.

The rest of the officers could be selected from the locally prominent segregationists and Samuel L. West, a "Christian" and author of the Baltimore segregation ordinance is certainly entitled to a captaincy.

By all means, Dr. Lyman Abbott, who stands prominent among American Christians who have handed out Bible bunk in defense of subtle attacks on the rights of Americans of darker hue, should be named as chaplain-in-chief. Rev. Frost, who was the direct cause of the infamous Kentucky law which undid the real Christian C. Ransom, editor of the A. M. E. Review of that saint John G. Fee and dismembered Berea College, segregating the Afro-American students; Rev. Johnston Myers, the famous Baptist

Bible buster who stated publicly that he would "not receive a colored Christian into fellowship of his (not Christ's) church;" "Pastor" Russell who has made a million dollars out of the rot he sends out weekly about Christianity and the brotherhood of man, but ordered colored Christians to the gallery at the production of the "Creation" in New York; and the Catholic priest in Baltimore, who ordered a kneeling Christian woman, said to have been the sister of an Afro-American Catholic priest, out of his church, could be utilized as assistant chaplains. The Washington clergymen, who refused to fraternize with an Afro-American minister even while on a visit to the Holy Land, where their Christ was born, ought to be the nucleus of a reserve corps of Bible buncoists. All of these people have many times invoked the divine blessing on their ungodly racial prejudices.

The ranks of the privates could be recruited from the Southern governors, members of Southern legislatures which have passed discriminating laws, and the men who have participated in "lynching bees" in the South.

Then all of the contemptible cowardly curs of the colored race, those who believe that they are inferior to other races, those who favor segregation because it pays financially or because Southern Caucasians pat them on their backs and call them "good niggers," ought to be gathered together and designated as body servants for the officers of the corps—they'd be delighted to serve.

The music for the march to battle could be furnished by the Christian people who had charge of the Christian Sunday School convention in Washington, D. C., a year or two ago. Christ said: "Suffer little children to come unto me," but the Washington Christians evidently believing themselves to be superior to their leader, refusing little colored children places in their parade, marched proudly along, singing, "Onward Christian Soldier!"

Then the whole aggregation could be shipped away on an unprotected cruiser and if their transport happened to strike a floating mine and they were hurled to—kingdom come, "they never would be missed."

DENO'NCE SEGREGATION.

Chicago A. M. E. Conference Protests Injustice Against Race.

One of the most important actions of the A. M. E. Conference which convened in St. Stephen's Church, Chicago, Bishop Lee presiding, was the adoption by a unanimous vote of a protest to President Wilson against segregation in the Government departments at Washington. The resolution of protest was presented by Rev. R. C. Ransom, editor of the A. M. E. Review.

Rev. A. J. Carey, Rev. J. C. Anderson and Rev. T. A. Smythe were returned to their old charges in Chicago.