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At the General Conference, Discourses on the Race Question and Exhorts the People to Do Something.

Praises the Methodists.

Booker T. Washington spoke to the General Conference the other afternoon a few minutes and said some good things. He was received gladly and greatly applauded during his speech. He said in part:

"Your church represents the highest effort yet reached by our people in the direction of organized religious effort. It has been said that individually the Negro is strong, but organically, weak. You have proved that he is not only successful as an individual, but as an organization.

We must demonstrate more and more to the world that we are not only successful in religious organizations, but have ability to succeed in business and commercial directions. We are going to be judged more and more in the future not so much by our ability to make abstract arguments, and to attract attention with our oratory, as by our efforts in constructive and progressive directions.

In the growth of a race condemnations, demands and complaints have their elements of strength and helpfulness, but any race which depends entirely upon these will not succeed. The ability to project, to organize in affirmative, progressive directions, is worth a thousand fold more than the habit of dwelling on the negative, critical and complaining side of life.

I do not mean that we should overlook wrongs and injustices, but that we may in a measure blot out wrongs and injustices by tangible, visible efforts in all fields of commerce, industry and education.

The Negro race will never have again in this country such opportunities for securing land as it has at present. The price of land in every part of the country is increasing. If, in the Southern states especially, we do not become land owners in this generation, it will become more burdensome for the succeeding generation to do so. The time is not far off when the tide of foreign immigration will set rapidly into the South, and we shall

be driven to the ragged edges, so far as ownership of land is concerned, if we do not profit by our present opportunities.

In a large degree our race is in possession of the skilled trades and other industries in the South. These will also pass from us if we do not pay careful attention to the education of our children, and see to it that not a single industry slips from our hands. The opportunity once lost here will hardly be gained again.

To a much larger degree we must seek to become a commercial and business people. We should organize and operate more banks, more stores, own more farms and construct more and better houses. A race is judged largely by the character of the houses it occupies. Negro men should not only wear shoes, but make and sell shoes. The Negro women should not only wear attractive hats, but make and sell hats. In every center of Negro population there should be a business league to encourage and lead our people in commercial directions.

While the difficulties at the South are often discussed, it is true that the fields of commerce, business, industry, and labor, are open to us there as they are not perhaps in any other part of the country. In proportion as we lay the foundations in these necessary directions, we shall find that our moral and church life will be strengthened, and the opportunities and university training enhanced.

Finally, the Negro minister has the responsibility of seeing to it that our people do not grow discouraged. All things considered, we are making progress. There has never been a time in the history of the race when we owned so many acres of land, so many houses, conducted so many banks and stores, or had so many children in industrial schools and colleges. At no previous time have we had so many church organizations and ministers. It is the duty of our Negro leaders to teach our people to have race pride and loyalty, and faith in our present and in our future. No race can succeed which is ashamed of itself. No black man should be ashamed of being a member of the race. There was never a time when I felt prouder of being a black man

than I am to-day. I am proud of our past, proud of our present and have unbounded faith in our future.

"WESTERN UNIVERSITY, QUINDARO, KANSAS."

Second Anniversary of the Chautauqua Meeting.

To the Public:
One year ago we issued a call for a meeting of those interested in any and all movements calculated to inure to the benefit of the race.

This call met with such a generous response on the part of all Race lovers in the west and was productive of such good results that all felt justified in the Republican administration are indeed to be commended for the recognizing a permanent organization, which was done at the last meeting, one year ago.

The purpose of the Chautauqua is as declared by its motto "The Unity and Uplift of the Race."

To that end, the condition of the Race was discussed in all its phases, and plans formulated for a furtherance of the work.

That all attempted might not be visionary and impractical, but permanent in all its results, bureaus were appointed to inquire into the condition of the Negroes of the West, and through the direction of such report on the work, status and progress of the Race along the lines comprehended under these bureaus, respectively.

At the next meeting to be held in June, members of these Bureaus with others interested will read papers and discuss questions arising from the same. Many of the leading Negroes of the country have signified their intention to be present and participate.

The following departments will be represented this year—Educational, Ministerial, Agricultural, Business Men's, Industrial, Legal, Medical, Press, Woman's Club and Fine Arts.

Systematic work is being done in these departments and reports will be made at the next meeting.

The sessions this year will be held on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Monday, the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 6th of June.)

Larger and more varied programs will be had at this session. The public is requested to co-operate in this effort for the betterment of the Race. Other announcements will be made later.

Yours for the advancement of the Negro.

W. T. VERNON,
President.
J. N. GARRETT,
Secretary.

Discomforts of the Submarine.
An English sailor says that, while the motions of a submarine boat are not perceptible to those in it, the crew are apt to be terribly seasick because of the foul odors that soon develop.

Friendly Island Natives.
The natives of the Friendly Islands are noted for their good-humored faces and splendid physique. Their skin is a clear, light copper brown in color, while the hair is yellow and curly.

Milking by Electricity.
The Umschau claims for the process of milking cows by electricity (rubber caps being attached to the udders) the advantage of superior cleanliness, and adds that the cows more readily yield the milk than when the hands are used.

Has No Established Church.
The constitution of Panama stops short of making the Roman church the established church, as it is in Colombia.

NEGROES DRAW COLOR LINE.

Boycott San Antonio Ice Cream Man Who Signed Jim Crow Petition.

The color line has been drawn on all ice cream manufactured in San Antonio. Makers of frozen sweets must furnish negroes an affidavit that they have not signed any petition to the city council asking for the enactment of a separate compartment ordinance before they can get the colored trade.

As ice cream negroes say Negroes are heavy consumers of their product, the boycott on those who are under the ban is cutting down their revenues.

The ice cream boycott was made public this morning, when the representative of an ice cream manufacturing concern called at the office of City Clerk Stuenkel and asked permission to examine the petitions submitted to the council asking the enactment of the "Jim Crow" ordinance.

"We have been notified," he said, "that our firm is being boycotted by the negroes because a member of the firm signed this petition. All members of the firm declare they did not sign it, and I want to see the petition so that we can furnish the Negroes with a certificate that our names do not appear on it."

"The boycott is hurting us, as the Negroes are heavy consumers of ice cream and we can't afford to lose their trade."

After examining the petition the man said the signature of no member of the firm appeared upon it, but that there was a name on it so like the name of one member of the firm that the Negroes had probably been misled.

"We will see the leaders of the Negroes," he said, "and inform them that they have made a mistake and ask them to call off their boycott."

The foregoing article speaks for itself. In union there is strength. When will the Negroes of this part of the country learn that they never will be able to make themselves felt until they are united?

"Character is nobleness gained through conflict."

MATTHAEIS BAKERY.

For the past twenty years Mr. Matthaëis has been engaged in the bakery business in this city. He has long since proven to us that he is a master of his trade. He has been one of Kansas City's promoters in business enterprise. His study has been along his own line, how to please the stomach and to make man healthy. True that man can not live by bread alone. We will ask you to try some of his bread that we will mention, for instance his Salt Rising Bread and his First Quaker Made. Ask your grocer for them and satisfy yourself that you get your money's worth. Mr. Matthaëis is worthy of the colored patronage in this city. He is liberal and at all times is a pleasant man to meet. Do honor unto him to whom honor is due. Remember his brands, Salt Rising and Quaker Maid Bread.

MATTHAEIS BAKERY,
901-3-5-7-9-11-13 West 17th Street.

Punching Bag Not New.

An ancient vase in a Roman museum representing Homer's heroes of the Trojan war, shows one of the young fellows as busy with a "punching bag" hung at the limb of a tree.

Dogs in Britain.

The British board of agriculture estimates that there are 1,871,619 dogs in the country—one to every score of human beings.

QUAKER REFLECTIONS.

Lots of men get religion when they get sick.

It is a wise hen that gets in the smart set.

Any work is easy enough after you once get down to it.

A man seldom lets himself loose until he gets tight.

The spilled milk of human kindness is worth crying over.

There is just as much worry over money as over the lack of it.

It is sometimes better to stay where you are than to jump at conclusions.

The consumption specialist fills his coffers at the expense of his coughers.

The bunco man seldom attempts to tackle the farmer who takes in summer boarders.—Philadelphia Record.

ON THINGS IN GENERAL.

A similarity of tastes in jokes is a great assistant to marital felicity.

It is a mighty fortunate love whose ebb tide reveals no mud flats. It isn't necessary to label a gentleman.

The manners of some men are so bad that one wonders if they learned them by the correspondence plan—\$2.69 for the course.

No woman with a grain of sense ever lets a man gather from her remarks that his character offers any intricacies to her comprehension.

Rugs piled upon carpets, three curtains to a window, and sixteen non-touchable pillows to a couch, are not among the sins of the bachelor girl. The uncluttered house is hers.—New York Times.

SOME JAPANESE MAXIMS.

Some standard moral maxims of the Japanese, as translated by Prof. Basil Hall Chamberlain from early Buddhist writings, are as follows:

To lose is to win.

A cheap purchase is money lost.

Among Japanese proverbs are the following.

The drunkard believes not his true character. (In vino veritas.)

Never trust a woman, even if she has borne you seven children.

Human eyes look down from heaven; commit no wrong, however hidden.

Human ears are listening at the wall; speak no calumny, even in secret.

Cows herd with cows, horses with horses. (Birds of a feather flock together.)

The body with its passions is not pure; ye should swiftly seek after intelligence.

Less than all things men must grudge money; it is by riches that wisdom is hindered.

Thy father and thy mother are like heaven and earth; the teacher and thy lord are like the sun and moon.

Though thou should heap up a thousand pieces of gold they would not be so precious as one day of study.

From the evils sent by heaven there is deliverance; from the evils we bring upon ourselves there is no escape.

A man's heart and an autumn sky (are alike fickle). The opposite of the French proverb: "Variable as a woman."

LEXINGTON NEWS.

Rev. McAnster of Pleasant Hill preached at the A. M. E. church Sunday morning and evening.

Mr. Harvey Parker has returned home.

The rally at the St. John M. E. church succeeded in raising over \$100. Rev. Young is the right man in the right place.

The U. B. F.'s will decorate their deceased brothers and sisters graves on the 30th; also some of the citizens will join in and assist in cleaning the graves.

Zion A. M. E. church ought to call a meeting and elect a trustee to fill Mr. Henry Hall's place, who was a trustee of the graveyard.

Mr. Rubin Holmes has opened a blacksmith shop in Mr. Louis Smith's old stand. If you have any work in that line call on him and he will give you satisfaction. Don't forget the place. It is on the East of cross Main street. All colored people ought to patronize him.

Mrs. W. Ford is quite ill. Also Mr. Louis Curtis' infant babe is quite ill.

Mrs. Mamie Hawkins returned home from Kansas City Saturday evening.

Mr. Lee of Kansas City spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. M. E. Gilbert.

Mrs. George Hedgewood of Liberty was here Sunday, the guest of Mrs. Webb.

Quite a number of ladies went to Richmond last Thursday. Among them were Mrs. Hicks, Mrs. Ball, Mrs. Hunter and a number of others.

The Flint Club was entertained at Mrs. Pierce's last week.

Mr. Penn Hawkins left Tuesday morning for Independence to work in the gas house.

Mrs. Prof. Green was taken to Fulton last Wednesday on account of the weakness of her mind.

Miss Tildia Parker's school closed with a concert and those who attended it were well pleased.

The colored Republicans must begin to think and act for their best interests. You heard what the Democrat gentleman said in Higginsville the other day. It shows to us that they are not our political friends. This fall every colored man should vote the Republican ticket without one scratch on it.

CHARACTER COUNTS.

It is character that wins respect. People may cringe before riches, but down in their hearts they have no higher regard for a man because of his bank account. The world may flatter and smile upon those who furnish it with amusement, but unless there are truth and sincerity and goodness back of the entertaining qualities it enjoys, there is nothing deep and lasting in its regard. Those who surrender principle for the sake of popularity, lose both their self-respect and the thing they have sacrificed to gain. Character counts. It makes friends, it gains esteem, it wins a place in the world. Make that your first aim and the rest will come of itself. But devote yourself to the lesser things and you lose all.

Big Rise in Tide.

Chemulpo, the port of Seoul, the capital of Korea, looks out over a vast shallow bay, where the tide rises thirty feet.

Russia's Immense Egg Output.

Russia sells more eggs in a year than any country in the world, her output being 150,000,000 dozen.

Theater for Rehearsals.

London has a theater for rehearsals only. It is known as the Rehearsal Theater.