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HOWARD'S NEW PRESIDENT.

Dr. John Gordon, of Tabor College, Iowa, Takes Charge of the Work at Howard University.

He Brings to that Great Institution a Ripe Scholarship, Profound Learning and a Rich Legacy of Experience—A noted Divine and an Eloquent Pulpit Orator—Takes High Rank as an Educator—An Interesting Career.

The new President of Howard University, Dr. John Gordon, is a remarkable man and is peculiarly equipped by early training and education to control the destinies of Howard University—the gift of the Government for the higher education of young colored men and women. He brings to his new field of labor a ripe experience and a full knowledge of the work and the possibilities of this great school. He is optimistic on the Negro question and entertains great hopes for the future of the race in America. He resigned the Presidency of Tabor College, Tabor, Iowa, to accept the Presidency of Howard University because he believed that the really great work of Howard is yet to be done. He brings new life, new ideas and new energies to his new field of labor. He believes in the education of the head and heart and hands, and takes no part in the antagonisms between higher and industrial education. He is in full sympathy with the purposes of Howard, and will endeavor to extend its influence to every part and section of this country, as well as to all of our new possessions in the islands of the sea. He is pleased at the great good accomplished by the several adjuncts of Howard—the Theological, the Medical, the Law, and other departments, and hopes to make recommendations to increase the usefulness and improve the facilities of these departments.

The *Nonpareil*, a leading daily newspaper of Iowa, speaking of Dr. Gordon, says—The high position to which President Gordon has been called came to him without any candidating. The place sought the man. The first intimation that he had of what was likely to take place came to him about a month ago. At that time he asked several officers of the university to have his name withdrawn. They later made new representations to Dr. Gor-

Men of the Hour.



DR. JOHN GORDON, D. D., Tabor, Iowa.

The New President of Howard University, Washington, D. C.

don of their desires, and their subsequent action, culminating in a call, was taken without his being an active factor one way or the other. His notification came in a letter from the President of the Board of Trustees, dated May 27, stating that he was chosen unanimously by ballot at the annual meeting of the day previous.

Affixed to the letter was a resolution also adopted unanimously by the board stating that "in view of the evidence, both documentary and verbal, as to the wide and varied experience as pastor, educator and of affairs of the Rev. John Gordon, D. D., President of Tabor College, and of the representations which have been made to us of his deep, earnest and abiding interest and

belief in the possibilities and higher destinies of the Negro race, together with other eminent qualities and qualifications," he was chosen; and further, that "we pledge him our true and loyal support in his every effort to develop the university along the lines of the chosen field and proper destiny, hoping, praying, and believing that he will do his utmost to realize the purposes for which the university has been founded and fostered, and upon this act and its pregnant consequences we invoke the blessing of Almighty God."

It is interesting to note that Dr. Gordon's father, Mr. Alexander Gordon, who was a business man in Pittsburg,

THE NEGRO IN BUSINESS.

Echoes From the National Negro Business League at Nashville.

A Charleston Delegate Makes a Fine Showing—The Colored People of South Carolina—The Boot and Shoe Business Aply Discussed by Mr. J. Perry Seabrook—Lessons of Success in Embarking in Any Kind of Business—What Charlestonians Are Doing in a Commercial Way.

The Charleston Exhibit was exceptionally large, embracing over thirty photographs. Mr. Arthur L. Macbeth, the local Negro photographer, had charge of that work and made a very creditable showing.

On Friday, Mr. J. Perry Seabrook, the president and delegate of the local League, addressed the convention on "The Boot and Shoe Business." Mr. Seabrook's address was unusually interesting, touching upon a business of which he represents, the only one conducted by a member of the League.

Mr. Seabrook, in his usual eloquent and expressive manner, held the close attention of his audience. Among other things, he said:

"Mr. Chairman, Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen of this Convention:

"It has been my personal desire for the past two years to become a part of this great move inaugurated for the purpose of inspiring and bettering the commercial side of the Negro life. Today I not only stand before you in realization of my gain, but as a representative of the commercial element of the city of Charleston, the State of South Carolina. Perhaps it is fitting for me to say here by way of explanation that the people of Charleston are very conservative.

"This accounts, I think, for the slow way we have grasped the doings and the anticipated result of the National Negro Business League. We believe in the old adage, 'Be sure you are right and then go ahead.'

"For more than forty years the Negroes have been taught, by the most efficient expounders of the Gospel of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, was presented a large bouquet of beauty that there abides in their bodies a soul which must be cared for by them, the disciples of God. But God did not

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