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NEGRO BISHOPS AND MINISTERS MEET

They Issue an Appeal to the Country. Their Choice for President Expressed

WILL THE APPEAL TO THE COUNTRY BE EFFECTIVE?

Washington, D. C., March 12, 1912. At a meeting of eighteen bishops, fifty-seven ministers of the gospel, besides leading educators and other colored leaders of the colored race, representing thirteen Northern States, besides five Southern States, and representing as we believe the overwhelming sentiment of more than four hundred thousand colored voters, in the States of Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Jersey, Delaware, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana, West Virginia, and Kansas. After a full discussion of the present situation as it affects the best hope and inspiration of our people, by the unanimous vote of the entire conference do hereby join in the following



BISHOP ALEXANDER WALTERS
President of the Democratic League.

statement of our views in that political organization, the Republican party, to which we have heretofore given our loyal and unwavering support, actuated by the desire to advise and caution our people as to their civic rights and the maintenance of the same, and feeling that it is our God-given duty to be ever alert and watchful for the welfare of the body as well as the soul, do take this means of calling attention to the campaign now in progress in the Republican party for the selection of a Presidential nominee.

God rules; and although wrong, injustice and oppression sometimes seem to override right and justice, a day of reckoning is sure to come sooner or later, when wrong is routed and right triumphs.

At no time, since the Negro has been a citizen, has he been so thoroughly ignored as a part and parcel of this great government, as he has been

politically, among the Southern whites with whom he lived.

Men, sometimes in their zenith of power, forget that their own acts and utterances will in a day of judgment, condemn them. This is the day of political judgment against William Howard Taft, and he stands condemned in the eyes of every sane, conscientious Negro in the country, not excepting, to use his own words, a few "well equipped Negroes," holding large offices.

President Taft's Southern policy is the most cruel and degrading blow ever delivered against the Negro by any President. It was cruel, because the Negro had helped to elect him. It was degrading because it struck down the Negro leaders all over the South and left him without power—a political leaver of wood and draver of water.

But, now God, in his own time, has made it possible for the ten or more

since William Howard Taft has been President of the United States.

There are some wrongs which men do in official life, under pressure, excitement and haste, which can rightly be charged to the head and not to the heart. There are other wrongs which are calmly, deliberately and intentionally done which stamp the doer as a hard man filled with prejudice and race antipathy.

Almost the first official utterance made by President Taft was a blow at the helpless Negro, striking him down and deliberately taking from him his rights as a citizen to participate in the affairs of the government which he had fought to maintain, and supported for fifty years so zealously that his loyalty caused his undoing



REV. SYLVESTER L. CORROTHERS,
Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements.

millions of Negroes in this country to join hands and send William Howard Taft back to private life, stripped of power and covered with shame. Will you do it? Will you help?

The man who made William Howard Taft President is now a receptive candidate, and it should be the bounded duty of every Negro in the United States, male and female, old and young, voter and non-voter, to lift his voice in behalf of Col. Theodore Roosevelt, the only man, we believe, in the Republican party who will revive the principles of Lincoln, Grant and Stevens from their shattered and disorganized state, from almost certain defeat to another glorious victory, in the interest of human liberty.

Brownsville. We simply ask that you give Col. Roosevelt a chance to right a hasty act, based upon the recommendations of others. We can look with much less bitterness upon the act which drove one hundred and sixty-two men out of the United States Army without honor than we can upon the policy which drove nearly every single Negro out of office in the South, in the ill-judged attempt to make white Republican votes in the South. For Brownsville there might have been possible cause and provocation; for Taft's Southern policy there was neither rhyme nor reason, judgment nor cause.

And, therefore, men and brethren, we beseech you, one and all, to give your time, energy and means in every possible and honorable way to bring about the nomination of Col. Theodore Roosevelt, trustworthy and reliable, and do all you can to encompass the defeat of President William Howard Taft, who thinks that ten or more millions of Negroes should accept his appointment of an Assistant Attorney General and a Collector of Customs as a panacea for his degrading Southern policy.

In addition to this Mr. Taft's policy has wrecked the reputation of a party that has stood for fifty years.

He came into power with a splendid working majority in both branches of Congress; in three years' time his pol-

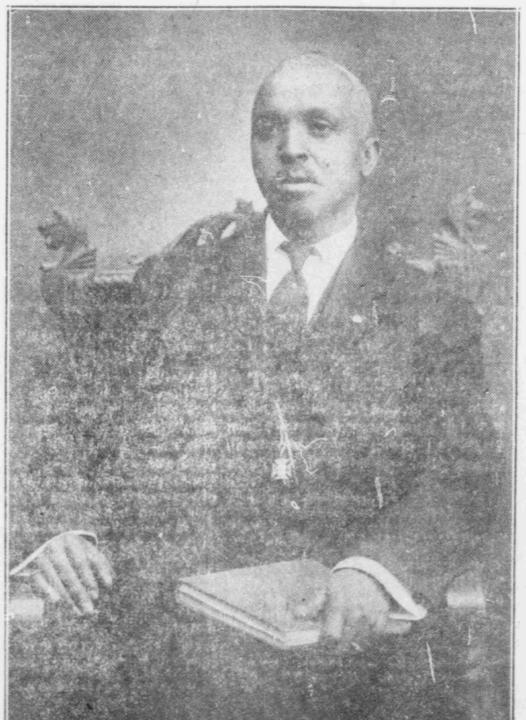
icy has turned twelve strange Republican States into Democratic States, and the House from a Republican majority of seventy odd to a Democratic majority of seventy odd.

"Taft Closes the Door of Hope in the Face of the Young Negro."

President Taft's declared intentions not to recognize the worthy Negroes of the South renders it impossible for any God-fearing, self-respecting Negro to support him, and we desire to warn the leaders of the Republican party that if our prayers and rights are ignored, we will not support him.

In addition to signatures which appear below, out of inquiries sent to three hundred and ninety-eight other prominent ministers and professional men of our race three hundred and sixty-six have declared to us that they are opposed to the nomination of Mr. Taft, and believe that the nomination of Col. Theodore Roosevelt is necessary if the party of Lincoln, Grant and Stevens is to be successful in the coming campaign.

Signed: Bishop J. S. Caldwell, Philadelphia, Pa.; Bishop A. J. Warner, Tennessee; Bishop G. L. Blackwell, Indianapolis, Ind.; Bishop E. Tyree, Nashville, Tenn.; Bishop G. W. Clinton, Charlotte, N. C.; Rev. Dr. G. W. Johnson, Boston, Mass.; Rev. Dr. J. S. Jackson, Philadelphia, Pa., general financial secretary. A. M. E. Zion Church; Rev. Dr. G. W. Gaines, St. Louis, Mo.; Rev. Dr. R. G. Shaw, St. Louis, Mo.; Rev. Dr. J. J. Callis, Chicago, Ill.; Rev. Dr. T. H. Tipton, Detroit, Mich.; Rev. Dr. J. H. Bachlor, Atlantic City, N. J.; Rev. Dr. J. W. Register, Kansas City, Kan.; Rev. Dr. W. W. Matthews, California; Rev. Dr. W. T. Beck, Maryland; Rev. Dr. G. M. Oliver, Pennsylvania; Rev. Dr. H. W. Hendricks, Cincinnati, Ohio; Rev. Dr. P. B. Moore, Cleveland, Ohio; Rev. Dr. W. D. Johnson, Springfield, Ill.; Rev. Dr. M. S. Kell, Evansville, Ind.; Rev. Dr. I. N. Rowan, Indianapolis, Ind.; Rev. Dr. W. L. Lee, Pittsburg, Pa.; Rev. Dr. W. D. Chinton, M. D., Pittsburg, Pa.; Rev.



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READY FOR DR. SHEPARD.
Brilliant Head of the National Religious Training School Comes on March 26.

To Be Dined by Substantial Citizens. Big Times in Prospect at Progressive Durham—Ministerial Conference of Nation-Wide Significance.

Plans are being perfected to give the brilliant young educator, Dr. Jas. E. Shepard, a royal reception when he comes to the Capital on the 26th to deliver an address before the famous Bethel Literary and Historical Association. Dr. Shepard will speak on "Religious Training the Hope of the Negro Race," a subject on which he is an acknowledged authority. Dr. Shepard stands in the forefront of the nation's practical educators, and is being supported by the country's best thinkers and aided substantially by philanthropists who give liberally, but only when a movement has shown itself able to successfully withstand the "acid test" of reliability. Dr. Shepard is a constructive statesman—a pioneer in his special field of racial uplift in the South. His new propaganda of moral training, plus the academic and industrial, strikes directly at the root of the needs of our people, and his energetic advocacy of his system is inaugurating a revolution in the educational methods of the century. Metropolitan A. M. E. Church will be crowded on the 26th to hear Dr. Shepard. Dr. I. N. Ross, the eloquent pastor of the church, gives the



young educator a rousing endorsement, and is especially anxious that the religious and educational forces of the community turn out and give evidence of their sympathy with the worthy cause for which Dr. Shepard stands.

Previous to the meeting at the church, Dr. Shepard will be tendered a complimentary dinner at Murray's Cafe by a number of Washington's leading citizens, as a testimonial of their appreciation of the splendid work he is doing for all the people. The committee in charge of this function is made up of W. Calvin Chase, chairman; R. W. Thompson, secretary; W. Sidney Pittman, treasurer; Hon. John C. Dancy and Attorney Armond W. Scott.

At the church, Dr. Shepard will be introduced by Justice Wendell Phillips Stafford, of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, and Rabi Abram Simon, of the Jewish Temple. Both are staunch friends of the Negro.

Dr. Shepard, who stopped over this week, en route Southward to join his co-workers, Judge J. C. Pritchard, spoke of the fine program of lectures that is being presented this spring at the National Religious Training School at Durham. During the present week, Dr. Russell H. Conwell, Philadelphia's eminent divine, will speak. April 4 will come Dr. Henry Lewis Smith, the new president of the Virginia Union University at Richmond, Va. About March 28, the school will be visited by Mr. Walter H. Page, editor of "The World's Work," New York City. Later the students will hear Dr. Edwin Mimms, of the chair of literature of the University of North Carolina, now called to a similar chair at the Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.; and others of like prominence in the religious and educational arena.

The annual commencement exercises will take place May 19. The principal orator has not yet been announced, but he will be up to the standard selected in former years. The baccalaureate sermon will be de-

PARAGRAPHIC NEWS

Important News Happening of the Week

DEVOTED TO GENERAL INTERESTS

(By Miss G. B. Maxfield.)

Lincoln University has been left \$40,000 by the will of John Burkitt Webb. Of this amount \$30,000 is to be used for founding a professorship in physics, to be named the Burkitt Webb professorship, and the remaining \$10,000 for the purchase of scientific instruments.

The Philadelphia Tribune says: "The colored Democrats ought to take a cue from Champ Clark, who does not even want colored folks to observe his birthday anniversary, nor does he want their votes for himself or his friends."

District health officers announced that they are investigating the need of separate public schools for tuberculosis pupils. Health Officer Woodward thinks there is a need for segregation. When the investigation is completed it will be transmitted to the Board of Education.

The parsonage of the old Presbyterian Church in Caldwell, N. J., which was the birthplace of Grover Cleveland, and out of the \$50,000 subscription fund raised, a library building will be erected. The cost of the parsonage and ground was \$20,000.

Forty-nine years ago, March 10, General U. S. Grant was given command of the Army of the United States, with headquarters in this city and in the field.

In Japan earthquake shocks are common. They average more than 500 a year.

The first census taken in the United States was in the year of 1790, since which time it has been taken regularly every ten years.

Suffrage leaders met before the Woman Suffrage Committee of the Senate and Judiciary Committee of the House to urge their cause last week. The following ladies formed this committee: Mrs. Kent, of California; Mrs. Owen, of Oklahoma; Mrs. La Follette, of Wisconsin; Mrs. Stone, of Illinois; Mrs. Burleson, of Texas, and Miss Gillett and Mrs. Wiley, of this city.

The French people of late have been showing intense interest in the army. In this they are encouraged by mighty torchlight parades and other evidences of activity on the part of armed forces.

It is said Vernon, a town near Los Angeles, is the only incorporated town in the United States that is without a church of any kind. But it supports three saloons, which are kept open on Sundays. Woman's suffrage is allowed there.

A committee of three ministers called upon Bishop Derrick to see what attitude they should take with respect to the present political situation. According to the Bishop's secretary, Dr. J. F. Henderson, Bishop Derrick declared President Taft should be renominated.

Dr. Arthur L. Murray, who has conducted a systematic house to house inspection of the Southwest section of the city to find the cause of the high degree of mortality in that section, says: "The total population in that section is 6,069. White 70 per cent of the houses are of the five and six-room type, yet 22 per cent, or 1,206, occupied premises accommodating two families each."

William Robinson, an American, who is now in Paris, has walked 24,883 miles. He walks for his health. Robinson proved his distance by a pedometer. He is about to begin another walk, in which he expects to cover 2,483 miles.

A beverage that has of late years attracted considerable attention, especially in Europe, is "Sake," the national drink of Japan. France and Germany are giving this drink much attention. "Sake" is neither beer, wine or brandy. Yet it resembles the three, and is often spoken of as rice beer, rice wine, and rice brandy. Official figures show that New Zealand has nearly 25,000,000 sheep.

The youngest church player in the United States is Lawrence Southwick, twelve years of age, of Meriden, Conn., who has been engaged to play at St. Paul's Church in that city.

The German engineer Frahm, has devised a method to prevent, or at least diminish the rolling of ships, which is the main cause of seasickness. A tank of water is placed on each side of the ship. They are connected by pipes, which control the water in such a way as to hold the ship practically level.

Delivered by Dr. Griffin W. Ball, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Scranton, Pa. The usual large attendance at the commencement is expected.

A Correction.

The article in The Bee last week referred to Dr. Phil. Broome Brooks, M. D., and not Brown. It always gives The Bee pleasure to speak of such a fearless and race-loving physician as Dr. Brooks. Dr. Brooks entertained Mr. Leubrie J. Hill while in the city, and also Mr. Lawson, the celebrated song writer. Dr. Brooks has no doubt one of the greatest selections of Negro literature of any man in the city. He has almost every book written on the Negro question.



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