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LIBERTY CONGRESS CALL TO MEET

WASHINGTON TO ENTERTAIN MEETING—JUNE 24-29, DATES—ORGANIZATIONS URGED TO SEND DELEGATES—AIM AND OBJECT STATED.

New York, N. Y., May 11, 1918.—To the Colored Americans of the Republic of U. S. A.: By virtue of the vote of the National Colored Liberty Conference in national convention assembled at Boston, Mass., June 13, 1918, to wit:

"The Aim and Object of this National Colored Liberty Congress is to press the just claim of the Colored American citizens of the United States of America to share in the world democracy for which they are subject to fight under the flag of the Republic, and to take positive measures to secure from the Government guarantee of the abolition of disfranchisement and of all caste discriminations, civil and political."

We now send forth this CALL to our fellows in Color and in Proscription:

To all Colored Churches, business, civic, literary and fraternal societies and organizations, greetings: The National Colored Liberty Congress is called to consider among ourselves and lay before U. S. Congress methods by which President Wilson and the Government may best carry out his great war slogan—"To make the world safe for Democracy, to make the world a fit place to live in." And we would also add to them—"To make Democracy safe for the world, to make the world a fit place for all people to live in."

We know that the present contains the darkest hours of the world's history.

The earth is full of violence, pain and sorrow; of bitterness and hate. Many people are in a state of perplexity; their hearts are failing them with fear because of the evils which stalk abroad by night and by day. Our people are trying to hold fast their faith in God and in our government. But to many God seems to be far away and the government strangely indifferent to the many wrongs and injustices done to our people. And it is certain beyond question, that neither culture, religion, nor even our boasted Christian civiliztiaon has saved our nation from many deeds and traits of autocratic barbarism. In the midst of much suffering and prejudicial wrongs for centuries, we have been patient and loyal to our country. In all wars for independence and a united nation, we have marched and fought in the front ranks. "When disaster clouded the Union's cause, we volunteered 200,000 strong, and served without pay for eighteen months till given that of white troops. Faced threatened enslavement if captured; were brave in action, patient under heavy and dangerous labors, and cheerful amid hardships and privations. Surely we have given to the nation and the world undying proof that Americans of African descent possess the pride, courage and devotion of the patriot and soldier." That is the compliment paid the Colored soldiers at the close of the great Civil War. We are no less patriotic and loyal today; we serve our country and its flag; we know no other.

Representing as we do, more than one-tenth of the fighting strength of the U. S. we desire in Liberty Congress to be assembled, place and date as above aforesaid, to ask President Wilson and Congress at this time to remove from the statutes of our Country all proscription laws of race discriminations of whatever kind, that we may have at home, for ourselves, our wives, our children and our posterity, that which we are fighting and dying in a strange land to secure for others. We are ready to fight to victory for a world-wide democracy which offers equal opportunity and equal protection for every man, woman and child, American citizens at home and beyond the seas. With this covenant we stand ready to pledge to the government our fortunes, our lives, our wives and children, to the last dollar and the last man to win the war for world-wide democracy and to make the world a fit place for all people to live in. Meet in John Wesley Zion Church, 4th and Corcoran St., N. W., Washington, D. C., June 24-29, 1918.

A Clayton Powell, N. Y., Pres.; Allen W. Whaley, Mass., National Organizer; Marion F. Sydes, R. I., Recording Secretary; D. S. Klugh, Mass, Treas.; H. H. Harrison, N. Y., Chairman of Board; Mrs. S. J. Allen, Mass., Cor. Sec.; L. G. Jordan, Penn., Wm. Monroe Trotter, Executive Secretary.

Executive Headquarters—34 Cornhill, Boston, Mass.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL MINISTERS' ALLIANCE ELECT NEW PRESIDENT.

The Interdenominational Alliance of Nashville, at its regular session Friday May 9th, elected Rev. J. H. Smith, pastor of St. John A. M. E. Church to succeed Dr. W. R. Steven who has been transferred to Jacksonville, Fla. The new president will be installed Friday May 24th, at 10:30. a. m.

AS TO "THE BIRTH OF A NATION."

The Ministerial Alliance's Protest Defended.

Mr. Editor: I note that you said in your last issue that you made sure that the Ministerial Alliance knew they were wasting their valuable time when they called upon Mayor Gupton to protest the "Birth of a Nation." And then you close your comment by saying, "Let them show it wherever they will. It harms the whites much more than it does the blacks."

Allow me to say: In the first place, I do not consider it a waste of time to make an honest fight against any evil. It is not a question as to whether the Mayor, who is a mere man, heeded the protest of the ministers, or not. But it is a matter of letting the public (white people) know that we have sense enough to know when we are insulted, and that we have the courage to resent it.

Furthermore, we insist that the only way to finally demolish any great evil is to keep hammering at it. The one "besetting sin" of the Negroes of Tennessee, and of Nashville especially, is that they are too easily satisfied; too quick to "lay down" on any proposition that the white man does not favor; he asks for nothing, demands nothing and gets nothing, save that which the white man sees fit to "hand out" to him.

I want to tell you why the Mayor treated our protest as he did and allowed "Birth of a Nation" to proceed unmolested. He knew that the A. M. E. ministers who waited on him represented only a part of the Negro citizenship of this city, and that the masses of the Negroes, led by the other "leaders" were satisfied, or did not care a snap what was to take place.

Suppose every race organization in this city had joined in a vigorous protest against the show of "A Birth of a Nation," do you say that the city authorities would have been silent? Not a bit of it.

In things of this kind, our Negro population are too much inclined to act as white men do about lynching. Our white citizens will remain silent and inactive, during a man hunt, and after the savages have hung and shot and burnt their victim, then they come together protesting against mob violence and deploring the evil times upon which the state has fallen.

A waste of time to protest! Must we submit to everything mean and degrading to the race simply because we can't help ourselves? No. If a man maltreats me, I will let him know I do not like it, even though I can't help myself. He must know that I am a man like he is, although he may have the advantage of me.

Now, you say that the "Birth of a Nation," as a show, "harms the whites much more than it does the blacks." Our protest was not based upon the idea that the show does the race exceptional harm, but we insisted that the exhibition of the play in a Southern city, before a mixed audience, tended to stir up race friction and is a breeder of strife, leading to possibly additional mob violence and other outbreaks, in which the Negro is naturally the greatest sufferer.

This is still my contention. I fail to see wherein the evil results coming from a show of the "Birth of a Nation" could possibly bring more harm to the whites than to the blacks.

For my part if the "Birth of a Nation" was billed to return to this city next week, I would readily join in with any set of courageous, peace-loving men to protest again. Keep it up, for God's sake, for the race's sake, keep it up.

J. A. JONES.

Presiding Elder N. Nashville District.

METOKAS OF FIFTEENTH AVE. BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Metoka class met last Wednesday night at the residence of the President, Mr. T. H. Cannon of 303 11th Ave., N. The meeting was called to order by the President with song and prayer. After a few remarks the President discussed the lesson for 40 minutes, which was enjoyed by all present.

The president of the Galeda class was present and spoke a few words after quotations and dues the visiting Galedas, Misses Wilbie Reed, Fannie Bowen and Lillie Howard also spoke a few words of encouragement to the class, after all business and the class had been dismissed, Mrs. Mamy Boyd assisted by Miss Maude Cloyd served a very tempting 2 course menu. Members present were: Messrs Archie Sutton, Walter Ballentine, Wm. Walker, Lewis Carney, John Hensy Fite.

FOR THE RE-ELECTION AS TREASURER OF TURNER COLLEGE.

To the trustees of Turner College.

Dear Brtheren:—

You have honored me with the treasurership of our beloved Turner College for nine years. While I appreciate the honors that you have conferred upon me from time to time, but I feel that it is time to give this honor to another one of the Tennessee's "Mountain Climbers" hence I will not stand for re-election at the general Board next week.

I believe that, "If you have had a kindness shown pass it on."

Yours for Turner College,
J. H. Smith, Treasurer.

MR. ELMORE PATTERSON DIES AT GALLATIN.

Mr. Elmore Patterson, aged 78, one of the oldest and best known citizens of Gallatin, died at his home Sunday night and his funeral was held from his late residence Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Patterson, who was a devoted Christian, had resided in Gallatin for a long number of years and had reared a family of five boys and four girls, all of whom were present at the funeral services and paid their last tribute of respect to their beloved father.

One of the sons of the deceased is now "somewhere in France" doing his bit for the land of his nativity. Another son, Mr. Peter Patterson, is a deacon of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church and is well known in the city.

Many friends and visitors were present when the last sad rites were said over the deceased. Dr. C. H. Clark, pastor of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Patterson, Mrs. H. A. Boyd and Mrs. Phil Douglass left the city Tuesday morning to be present at the funeral services. They returned to the city late in the afternoon.

NASHVILLE "Y" SINCE 1912

COMMUNITY'S BENEVOLECE REPRESENTED—"Y" NOW A FIXED FACTOR—YOUNG MEN AND BOYS HOUSED.

The white and colored friends of the Colored Branch Y. M. C. A. who since 1912, have constantly been preaching the gospel of Association service for colored men and boys are jubilant over the report which the Committee of Management will soon make to the public of the past year's work. The local business men have not forgotten the argument which these men advanced in favor of their making large donations for the purchase of a Colored "Y" building. The building is a reality. Each year will serve as a chapter justifying the reasonableness of their contention. The thousands of young men who have enjoyed the conveniences and comforts provided, have already begun to manifest their gratitude to not only the men who have ceaselessly toiled to popularize the movement, but to the men who finally loosened their purse strings in order that the experiment might be tried out. It is said that such institutions as the Young Men's Christion Associations represent the benevolence of a community. Until January 1, 1912, there was not tangible evidence of this spirit being very manifest toward colored boys and men. The use of these institutions represent the high esteem and regard which young men have for the higher things in life. It appears that both the business men and colored young men of Nashville are up to the standard set by other larger and more presperous cities in this respect. One need only to relate a few facts relative to the use which the fellows are putting the building to to find how well satisfied the donors of the work are with the investment which the yhave made.

It is the hope of all concerned that the Committe of Management will prove equal to the big task which is theirs for the working out and putting into operation and adequate program for the second years' work. A program which will fully meet the needs of the normal young man and boy and at the same time excite the admiration of the big business men of the community, men of ability and large means, who are accustomed to do things on a large scale. If the Committee of Management, who is backed by the Board of Directors, can prove itself equal to this task it will go on record as rendering a type of very much needed service to the community such as no similar group of men have yet had an opportunity to render in the Southland. It is growing more and more evident that the Nashville Colored Branch Y. M. C. A. is distinctively a community movement for the betterment of young men. Even men who have done nothing more than sign a subscription card are frequently heard to say "This is our Young Men's Christian Association building." To the extent that the affairs of the Association are conducted in a manner to make both the low and the exalted alike lay claim to it, will it become a fixed factor for good in the community life. Men who do this must be not simply men of ability, but men with large and generous hearts and men of vision who can, because of their knowledge of the past and the present, predict and prepare for the needs of tomorrow.

There is probably no local business or institution whose field for achievement in any wise compares with the Association's opportunity for usefulness. The more fully the men who are responsible for the developement of the movement realize this the more unselfish and effective will be their work. While Nashville rejoices at what has been done, it is also apprehensive as to the work yet to be done for the benefit of the Negro men and boys and the community.

METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL ALLIANCE.

The Methodist Sunday School Alliance held its monthly meeting Sunday, May 12, at the A. M. E. Sunday School Union, corner Lea and Eighth avenues. The Training for Service Class conducted by Mr. W. W. Shackleford is growing more interesting with each monthly meeting which is shown by an increase in attendance. St. John A. M. E. Church won the attendance banner by having sixty-four members at the Alliance. Much credit is due Dr. A. L. Whittaker, the superintendent. General attendance was one hundred seventeen. Let all superintendents keep up this enthusiasm by having as many members as possible present at the next monthly meeting.

COFINTHIAN BAPTIST CHURCH.

The Corinthian Baptist Church landed in their new church on 32nd avenue and Clifton pike Sunday afternoon, May 12, 1918. Before leaving the old church the morning rally was held and a farewell sermon preached by Rev. A. W. Porter, pastor of the Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church. Morning lesson a few verses of the 20th chapter of Matthew, read by Rev. A. Murry, pastor, along by Deacon James Diggins. Prayer by Deacon Henry Hayes. Next, the pastor rose singing "Jesus, won't you stop by here?" Next, Rev. Porter rose and made a talk, also sang a good old-time hymn, "How can I sink with such a prop as my Eternal God?" He then took as a text, "Let all of us be glad that we are going into the house of the Lord." Then you may know he told us all about it. A collection was lifted by Deacon James Diggins and Captain of the Sinners' Club No. 2, Lizzie Hopkins, and Deacon Robert Bridges and Captain of the Christians' Club No. 1, Mattie Allen.

We marched to the new church singing in the afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. After getting in the new church, reading for the evening lesson a part of the 8th Division of the Psalms by Rev. Dr. Spears, after which prayer was offered by Rev. Tunstil. Next, sermon for the evening by Rev. Horace Burns. He rose and sang "Go preach my gospel, saith the Lord," then the text reading, the 100th Psalm. He sure did open his mouth and strut. Song by master of ceremonies. A collection was lifted by Deacon Isaac Collier, Deacon Jas. Diggins, Mattie Allen, Lizzie Hopkins, Rev. Henry Brown, deacon of Mt. Nebo Baptist Church, Houston Frierson and preachers' table, Rev. A. Murry and wife.

Collection for the preachers' table	$ 25 00
Christian Club No. 1	101 07
Sinners' Club No. 2	100 00
Total collection	$226 07

Financial members, only 25. Even sinners and white friends extended a helping hand.

Rev. A. F. Murry, Pastor.
Sallie Diggins, Clerk.

ARMY OFFICERS VISIT.

Two commissioned officers in the United States Army visited Nashville during the past fortnight. They were Captain M. V. Boutee and Lieut. H. A. Cameron, both of whom are stationed at a northern camp. Their visit to the city on a ten days' furlough was mingled with pleasure and business, so it was stated before they left. It was Lieut. Cameron and Capt. Boutte's second visit since they received their commission, and throughout their stay they mingled with friends and on each and every occasion they expressed themselves as supremely confident that when they get "over there" with the boys in the trenches, victory will be perched upon Uncle Sam's banner. It is not known whether Mrs. Cameron will go with Lieut. Cameron or not, but Mrs. Boutte has been with Capt. Boutte in the vicinity of the camp since his departure, and it is stated that she has been instructress in French, being the only colored woman in the United States instructing the soldiers in this language.

BIG RALLY AT BALTIMORE, MD.

$9,000 NEEDED FOR COLORED "Y"—STRONG ADDRESSES DELIVERED—DR. W. SAMPSON BROOKS MOVING SPIRIT.

Baltimore, May 16.—A big rally in the interest of raising the nearly $9,000 needed to complete the $100,000 building fund of the Colored Y. M. C. A. was held at Ford's Theatre last Sunday afternoon. Strong addresses urging the project were delivered by Judge John C. Rose of the United States District Court; Dr. Jesse E. Moorland, who presided; Rev. Dr. William A. Creditt, of Philadelphia; S. S. Booker, general secretary of the association, and Harry T. Pratt, who presided. Music was furnished by the 368th Infantry Band. Nearly $1,000 was secured.

The Executive Committee of the Lott Cary Foreign Baptist Convention will hold a platform service at Sharon Baptist Church next Tuesday evening. Rev. Dr. W. M. Alexander is the entertaining pastor.

The annual meeting of the Maryland Colored Medical Association will be held at Providence Hospital next Tuesday and Wednesday. Clinics will be conducted by Drs. A. M. Curtis and Carson, of Washington; Harry M. Minton, of Philadelphia, and W. J. Howard, Jr., of Camp Meade.

John H. Murphy, the veteran publisher of the Afro-American, is recovering from a five weeks illness.

Bethel A. M. E. Church wil hold a $10,000 rally on the first Monday night in June. The membership has been divided into what are called conferences and are making a big drive for the amount needed. The Rev. W. Sampson Brooks, the pastor, raised $28,000 during the past conference year.

DR. EDWARD F. AARONS,
Apalachicola, Fla.

Dr. Edward F. Aarons, of Apalachicola, Fla., a graduate of the Meharry Medical class of 1917, spent commencement week in the city visiting his Alma Mater, also mingling with old friends. Dr. Aarons has had unprecedented success during his one year of active practice. He has also been commissioned First Lieutenant in the Medical Reserve and will no doubt be called to the colors in a few days. He has a host of friends in Nashville who were indeed glad to shake hands with the young physician. When questioned he did not hesitate in stating that he was mingling a little business with his trip, and while he expects to be called at an early date, he thought it just as essential to be prepared for it in emergency. He was looking over some additional equipment with a view of making himself capable of allowing for his growing practice in his town. He returned by way of Pensacola, spending several days with his mother, returning from thence to his field of labor.

DICKSON CITY SCHOOL CLOSING.

The Dickson City School held its school closing exercises at St. James A. M. E. Church, Friday evening, May 10, 1918 at 8:30 p. m. with Mrs. Lena Dunn as teacher.

The music, plays, dialogues should painstaking and was enjoyed by everyone present.

The closing of this school marked a new ear in the city schools of Dickson, in that the citizens pledged themselves that they would go on record in having a school house built in the corporation never before in the history of Dickson have we had a city school taught.

In the closing of the exercise there was inspiration as well as expiration put into the hearts of the people, several short talks were made by Rev. W. H. Richmond, Mrs. W. H. Richmond, Mr. J. Porter, Dr. Miles, Mr. Springer, Mrs. Breedlove, Mrs. Marsh, Mr. Will Thompson, Mr. Whitlong, Mrs. Georgie Carr. The exercise was enjoyed by all. Mrs. L. Gleaves Miles, presided at the piano. Mr. Hugh Box, Mrs. Nora Sanders of St. Louis, Mo., and Mr. Wayman Box of Nashville are here visiting parents. Mrs. Charity Moore is with us again. Dr. Humble spent a few days in Dickson. I

HOWARD CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

A native Japanese minister, Rev. Matsushita, will occupy the pulpit at the regular 11 o'clock worship Sunday morning. Japan is playing an important part in the present world conflict, particularly in the far east For this reason it will be well for the Nashville public to hear a representative of that powerful Pacific nation. He is to speak on his native country, Japan. It is hoped that a large number will be present. Everybody welcome.

SEAY CHAPEL M. E. CHURCH.

A great day at Seay Chapel M. E. Church Sunday, May 19th. This is a rally to clear the church of its debts, if possible. The pastor, Rev. F. N. Collier, has secured the services of the following ministers: Dr. J. C. Sherrell of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, will preach in the morning at 11 o'clock, also at 8 p. m. Dr. J. H. Smith, the pastor of St. John A. M. E. Church, will preach at 3 p. m., and the choir of his church will sing at this hour. The captains are asking their friends to come out and help them, as they are striving to make this rally a success. Mrs. Jolly Shelton, Captain Club No. 1; Mrs. Burtha Talley, Captain Club No. 2; Mrs. Rosia Whitstead, Captain Club No. 3; Mrs. Mary Owens, Captain Club No. 4.

Our revival will begin Sunday and will last two weeks. Rev. A. Ransom of Shelbyville, Tenn., will assist the pastor in this meeting. All of the Christian workers of the city are invited to attend this great meeting.

BETHLEHEM HOUSE.

The sun never shone more brightly than last Friday morning when fifteen little children belonging to the kindergarten at the Bethlehem House set out on their picnic to Hadley Park. This rare treat was given them by Mr. H. Boland, the father of one of the tots, and it was difficult to decide which received the most pleasure and happiness, the donor of the treat or the children who made up the company of picnickers.

The wagon to carry them to the park was crowded with the youngsters and their chaperones, and the large lunch box and ice cream freezer were tucked carefully under the seat. From ten in the morning until late in the afternoon, the children played games and frolicked to their hearts' content, and the supply of good things to eat seemed unlimited. Fifteen little bodies laid themselves wearily on their beds that night, but they had had one glorious time spent in God's out of doors.

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Instead of having the regular annual exhibit of the work done during the year, the settlement will observe a Field Day at Greenwood Park on Saturday, June 1st. Great plans are being made for that day and a large crowd is expected to attend. The Pearl High School will be present in a body and will have charge of the Athletic Stunts; the Dramatic Club of the Negro Public Library will render several selections, and a continuous program will be rendered during the day. All amusements will be open to the public at the regular price, but there will be no admission fee charged for entrance into the Park.

Everybody who reads this announcement is appointed a committee of one to tell somebody else. Let's make this Field Day of the Bethlehem House the biggest success of the year. The proceeds will be applied to the Sallie Hill Sawyers Memorial fund which is steadily growing.

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The Mothers' Community Club will be entertained by Primary, Intermediate and Advanced Sewing classes on next Monday night in the parlors of the Bethlehem House at 8 o'clock. Those children who are to be promoted will receive their certificates and a splendid program is being arranged by Miss Fairfax Butler and her assistants. All who are interested in these little folks are cordially invited to be present next Monday evening.

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The Bible Story Hour which has been held each Sunday afternoon at the Library has been discontinued for the summer. The cooking class also will close until the first of September. Plans are on foot for the summer work which will open up early in June at the Bethlehem House.

TENTH AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH NEWS.

There was a joint rally at the Tenth Avenue Baptist Church Sunday, May 12, 1918, given by Club No. 1 and Club No. 2. Rev. Whittaker, pastor of St. John Baptist Church, preached a very forceful sermon from 2 Kings 18:32. His subject was: "Hear me, O Lord, hear me." We wish to thank our many friends for their kind assistance in helping us to raise the sum of $57.

Rev. Hudgins preached a noble sermon Monday night, May 13, in the beginning of a week's financial rally given for the benefit of completing the Jackson Street Baptist Church. We hope to raise the sum of $300.

Tuesday night, May 14, Rev. J. C. Harding, pastor of the Hawkins St. Baptist Church and moderator of the Nashville District City Association, was present with us and preached a noble sermon. He took for his text Hebrews 12:1.

Rev. Porter, pastor of the Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church, will preach at Tenth Avenue Baptist Church Wednesday night, May 15, in the financial rally.

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

The Auxiliary of the 15th Avenue Baptist Church was in their regular meeting Monday evening, May 6, 1918 at 8 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. Paralee Hughes, 911 14th Ave., N.

The President, Mrs. Moore, opened the meeting with song, "Just over in the glory land." Prayer by Sister Moore. Song, "Give me this old time religion." Scripture lesson 22nd chapter Matthew. Minutes, quotation and dues were next in order.

Business of importance was discussed by the President. Bro. W. O. Moore came in late, but we were glad to have him with us. The Auxiliary will celebrate its 1st anniversary on next Sunday at 3 o'clock p. m. at the Church. Come out and be with us. Rev. Swift and other ministers will be with us on Sunday, May 19th, 1918.

A very appropriate program will be rendered, after all business, the President closed the meeting with song Dismissed by Bro. W. O. Moore.

Mrs. Hughes in a very pleasing way served the guest to an ice course She was assisted by Mrs. Julia Cheatham. All thanked the hostess and were on their way home at 10:30.

NEGRO POET AT RIVERDALE ORPHANAGE.

A Herald reporter visited assembly at the Colored orphanage, 25lst street, yesterday, and was delighted with the patriotic singing and salute to the flag. Miss Alice Halpin is the principal. During the exercises, Theadore Henry Shackleford, a colored man about 30 years old, employed by Dr. Pittman at the orphanage, read several poems he had composed and expects to publish in book form. Mr. Shackleford bids fair to be a second Paul Laurence Dunbar. His clear enunciation, with the rich voice peculiar to the race, add much to the force of his poems.

Here is one of them:

Doing Their Bit.

Gee! we orphans sure are working
hard this winter.
But some how or other we don't
seem to care,
'Cause you see we're makin' things
to give the Red Cross,
To help the wounded soldiers "over
there."

Some folks seem to think that just
'cause we are orphans,
That in life's big doin's we don't
have a share;
I wish that they could see us knittin' mufflers,
To help the wounded soldiers "over
there."

That's not all we try to do to help
'em either,
For besides the little things that
they can wear,
We make bandages and funny things
called doughnuts,
To help the wounded soldiers "over
there."

'Cause it ain't no fun when you are
shot an' crippled.
An' besides we wouldn't think that
it was fair
If we didn't try to ease their pains
an' mis'ry,
An' help the wounded soldiers "over
there."

An' we've got the nicest teacher in
creation,
She is always gentle too an' on the
square.
'Specially when we're makin' things
to give the Red Cross
To help the wounded soldiers "over
there."

But we're prayin' that the time will
soon be comin'
When there'll be no cannon's roar,
nor bugle's flare,
When there'll be no need for all
these things we're makin'
When there'll be no wounded soldiers "over there."

—Yonkers Herald.

PRESIDENT JONES REVIEWS CALL

EXECUTIVE BOARD WILL MEET AT ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA—OFFICERS AND CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES TO BE PRESENT.

Vicksburg, Miss.—Owing to many persistent rumors relative to the change of the meeting place of the Executive Committee, President E. P. Jones, of the National Baptist Convention, was called on today and renewed or re-affirmed his first call, wherein he asked the Executive Committee of his convention to meet in Alexandria, La., at noon Wednesday, June 12th, at which time the Sunday School Congress will be in session.

"I have always endeavored to carry out the wishes of the convention," declared President Jones, "but after the Memphis Conference the impression got out that the Executive Committee should be called at some other time, so I took it up with the members of the Committee. As a result I was deluged with requests to allow the first call to remain, and, according to the requests of the brethren, the meeting will remain as first stated."

President Jones seems much encouraged over the outlook of a great gathering both at Alexandria, La., and at Little Rock, Ark., next September. The call is as follows:

"TO THE MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE NATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION:

"This is to certify that on Wednesday, June 12th, at 12 m., at Alexandria, La., the Executive Board of the National Baptist Convention will convene with the Union Baptist Church, pastored by Rev. G. W. Davis. It is pleasing to announce that our Sunday School Congress will be in session at the same time, and the members of the Committee will be cordially and heartily welcomed to attend the session. I earnestly insist that this meeting of the Congress engage the attention of our entire ministry to the end that the twenty thousand Sunday schools of the country may be represented. Inspiration and vision must follow where perfect preparation has been made to uplift and enlighten. The session of the Executive Board, aside from arranging a program for the convention which convenes at Little Rock, Ark., Sept. 4, 1918, must consider vital questions now discussed throughout the country.

"This Board is composed of the officers and corresponding secretaries as well as the vice presidents of the National Convention, and each member is urged to be present. In the midst of the darkened hours of the most cruel war known to history, President Wilson requested that all assemble at their various churches on May 30th, and there seek assistance through prayer for Divine guidance, that righteousness and liberty may prevail, and I heartily endorse and urge our pastors to see that this order is obeyed, and at the same time, remember that an 'Abiding Peace' is to be coveted in our own ranks, and that God's assistance must be implored.

"Assuring you of our earnest hope to meet you at Alexandria, l am,

"Yours to serve,
"E. P. JONES, President,
C. P. MADISON, Secretary."

SMITHVILLE.

Sunday April 28th was a sad day for us when the 24 colored drafted boys met at the exemption office to register after which they all went to the County House where they were entertained by Dr. Patton Edgor Evans Judge Drake, Prof. Woods, Prof. Edmondson, Rev. Luke Patterson and S. M. Patter and Rev. New of Cookville. The ladies had prepared lunch for the boys and their wives Sisters and other relatives, all seemed in high spirit and enjoyed their lunch much. At the close all the boys were presented with abath towel and a cake of soap, and on Monday, April 29th, all reported at the P. O. Where wives, sweet-hearts mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers and friends met to bid them goodbye and God's speed. We wish for our boys a great success. We hope the war will soon be over and back home to us our boys wil come.

ENTERTAINED.

Miss Eliza Thompson entertained with an automobile ride in honor of Mrs. Julia Bramlett's friend, Mrs. Margaret Ogleton Gaines, of Chicago, Ill. Those present were Mrs. Margaret Ogleton Gaines, Mrs. W. H. Gantt, Mrs. Allen Berry, Mrs. Julia Bramlett, Misses Edmondson and Eliza Thompson. These ladies enjoyed a couple of hours sight seeing, which was very much enjoyed.