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THE CONDITION OF THE NEGRO OF 1908.

By Otis Browder.—Continued.

How are we to get at this task? By lamenting in a mournful tone, or being led by some white man simply because he made promises that would be next to impossible to be fulfilled. Certainly not. It is a wrong way to find success. Do not vote for the man that makes such promises, but the one that will strive to act in such a manner that all will receive fair play regardless of color.

We are in a position to show other nations that we have the right calibre to tear down the stone wall by fighting with arms of education, and business enterprises of the right kind, and that we have learned the value of a dollar. There is an unfortunate condition of our race, that might be compared with a cancer in the body, which will destroy the whole body if not checked in time. That condition is, we are too much divided, resulting from a prejudice among us that is equal to the white man's against us. When we have learned in union there is strength, and not depend on the white man for

our daily bread, but go forth and strive each and every one of us and co-operate in a way that our boys and girls will find employment among us and we can have it so by entering in this great commercial world, in a manner that will increase our financial standing, to the place where we can engage in business enterprises, on so large a scale and in various lines. Likewise can all who are qualified find employment, right in our midst, and won't have to be humiliated by asking the white man to fulfill our demands. The Negro race has progressed wonderfully in forty years in every line of civilization, but there is yet much to be accomplished. When we have performed our best energies, and done the duty that lieth near us, we have learned to labor and to wait.

ENTERTAINS FRIENDS.

Mrs. Emma J. Craddock entertained Wednesday evening, July 15, a few of the Sunlight Social Club and a number of other friends in honor of Miss Courtney De Joie of New Orleans, La., and Miss Ella Wilson of Canton, Ill. Quite an enjoyable time was had.

Those present were the following: Mr. and Mrs. Barksdale, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, Mr. Royall, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Williams, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Clark Thompson, Mrs. Eleanor Taylor, Miss Ella Wilson, of Canton, Mr. Gus, Motley, Miss De Joie, of New Orleans, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Nix, Mrs. Page, Miss B. Nelson, Miss Retta Davis, Miss Mayme Smith, Mrs. Foree, Mrs. Wilkins, Effie Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Chandler, Mrs. Tucker, Mrs. Wm. Osby, Detroit, Mich., Mrs. Osborn, Miss Iola Osby. After an enjoyable program, the hostess served the following menu: Salmon salad served in tomato with mayonnaise dressing, olives, pickles, saltine crackers, lemonade; 2d course, strawberry ice cream, chocolate cake and cocoanut cake; 3d course, peaches, salted almonds. We had a few interesting remarks from both of our attorneys, lawyers Royall and Williams.

Mrs. Emma J. Craddock is agent for The Negro in Business, by Booker T. Washington. She will call on you or you can address her at her residence, 1951 So. 11th St.

MATRIMONIAL.

Crittendon—Brewington.

Probably few people are aware of the fact that Miss Lottie Brewington, of this city, and I. C. Crittendon, late of this city, but from Nashville, Tenn., are married, the ceremony having been solemnized at Chicago some two or three weeks ago. Miss Brewington is quite an industrious young lady, and was always employed, she was not lazy, and therefore was never idle. She comes of a respectable, quiet family and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Brewington, 118 So. 11th St., being the youngest child, all the other children being previously married. Mr. Crittendon is an ideal young man, industrious, and possessing a bright future. He is well liked by all who know him and held himself circumspcctly before the public here in Springfield, having purchased a beautiful home here at 1215 So. 17th St. over a year ago. We hope this couple will sail on and on over the billowy and tempestuous sea of life without a ripple, or jot or even a harsh word, and that their lives will be long together, and of much fruition; that all will be serene and elysian in life, and after death a continuation of a still more happiness, felicity, and ecstatic existence.

Mr. Sterling Scott has gone to Chicago, where he will be employed at the stock yards.

The District Conference of the M. E. Church will be held at Grace M. E. Church August 19th.

Rev. J. M. Smalley and wife and Mrs. J. P. Roberts, were in St. Louis Sunday and attended the corner stone laying of the M. E. Church at Bridgeton, suburb of St. Louis.

Miss Ella Davis, of Clarkville, Mo., who has been visiting here, has returned to her home.

W. H. Anderson, of Eastern Star Lodge No. 25, K. of P., Riverton, E. W. Wheeler, C. C. Lodge No. 12, City, were attendants at the Grand Lodge Session in Jacksonville this week. Mr. Anderson was a delegate.

Mr. A. L. Nickens, of Decatur, was in the city Tuesday.

Mr. Wm. Woods and wife were in Petersburg Sunday.

We purpose to have write-ups of our enterprising men soon. Among whom are, David Giles, Harry Taylor, Mr. Hubbard, truck farmer, R. Bean, Mr. Gains and others.

By virtue of authority vested in me as Secretary of the Emancipation Committee of 1907 to 1908, I do hereby call a general mass meeting to be held at St. John's A. M. E. Church Tuesday evening, July 28, 1908, at 8:00 p. m., for the purpose of arranging plans and electing officers and committees to carry out the desires of the American people; that is to have a genuine celebration on Sept. 22. All churches, lodges, clubs and business enterprises are urged to be represented.

(Signed) BENJ. H. BELLAMY, Cor. Secretary.

Mrs. C. H. Morgan, of South Spring Street, has been quite ill the past week, but we are glad to learn is much improved at this writing.

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*5:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	5:00 p.m.
6:00 a.m.	†12:00 noon.	†6:00 p.m.
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9:00 a.m.	3:00 p.m.	9:00 p.m.
†10:00 a.m.	†4:00 p.m.	*11:00 p.m.

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*6:20 am	†10:20 am	*2:20 pm	†7:00 pm
†7:00 am	†11:00 am	†3:00 pm	†8:00 pm
†8:00 am	†12:00 noon	†4:00 pm	*9:00 pm
		†5:00 pm	*11:25 pm
			†11:30 pm

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