

## THE COUNCIL AT WORK.

The Negro's Most Effective National Organization Hold a Pleasing and Profitable Session—Plans for the Year.

The regular semi-annual meeting of the executive committee of the National Afro-American Council was held Thursday and Friday of last week at the Conservatory of Music, corner 12th and R streets northwest, and was called to order by Bishop Alexander Walters, of New Jersey, president of the organization.

Among those present during the session were Bishop C. R. Harris, of the A. M. E. Zion Church; Rev. H. T. Johnson, editor of the Christian Recorder, Philadelphia; former Gov. P. B. S. Pinchback, of Louisiana; Prof. Jesse Lawson, of New Jersey; Edward Everett Brown, of the Boston bar; Prof. W. E. B. DuBois, of Atlanta University; Prof. Kelly Miller, of Howard University; T. Thomas Fortune, editor of the New York Age; Congressman George H. White, Councilman H. W. Bass and C. J. Perry, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Julia Mason Layton, representative of Woman's Relief Corps, G. A. R.; R. W. Thompson, of Indiana, managing editor Washington Colored American; John E. Bruce, general correspondent, representing Boston Transcript and other metropolitan journals; Attorney F. L. McGhee, of St. Paul, Minn.; F. R. Ramer, Charleston, W. Va.; J. W. Cromwell, Ex-Postmaster J. H. Hannon, of North Carolina; Revs. P. L. Cuyler, G. W. Kincaid, A. P. Miller, Miss Maria A. Madre, and others connected with the local affiliated bodies. Bishop B. W. Arnett and Bishop G. W. Clinton, Editors W. H. Steward, American Baptist, Louisville, Ky., and J. R. Clifford, Martinsburg, W. Va., were represented by proxies.

The principal business of this gathering of prominent colored men was the perfection of the national organization set on foot at Rochester, N. Y., more than a year ago, and to systematize the work of racial protection planned by its promoters. National headquarters were established in this city, and a special sub-committee of nine members, with Prof. Jesse Lawson as chairman, was placed in charge, with general legislative powers, acting for Council between sessions of the National Convention. The other members of this committee are P. B. S. Pinchback, Louisiana; J. E. Bruce, New York; H. T. Johnson, Pennsylvania; E. E. Brown, Massachusetts; J. W. Lyons, Georgia; George H. White, North Carolina; R. W. Thompson, Indiana, and Daniel Murray, District of Columbia.

Bishop Walters, who was elected chairman of the executive committee at the August meeting in Chicago, tendered his resignation as such, and T. Thomas Fortune was unanimously chosen to succeed him. Bishop Walters, however, retains the presidency of the national organization. R. W. Thompson was confirmed as recording secretary, succeeding Miss Elizabeth Carter, of Massachusetts, resigned.

Committees were appointed to formulate rules governing the educational, business, anti lynching, emigration, publicity and promotion, and other bureaus of the council, and other special committees were appointed to prepare reports on a plan to secure support for Representative White's proposed bill to prevent lynching, to devise means for testing the Louisiana election law; to inquire into the convict lease system of

certain Southern States; to discuss the Crumpacker bill providing for the reapportionment of Congressional representation based on vote actually cast; to investigate alleged racial discriminations in the Central Bureau, and to prepare resolutions setting forth the Negro's condition, and suggestions for improvement. The committee on resolutions included T. Thomas Fortune, chairman; Messrs. Pinchback, White, Brown, Perry, J. E. Bruce and Bishop Harris.

The sessions were executive and the text of the discussions could not be learned, but it is understood that the recent deliverance of Bishop Walters', advising a division of the Negro vote provoked a lively debate, and that some interesting history was brought out that had not hitherto been known relative to the reasons which inspired the famous interview. The bishop stuck to his sentiments, retracting nothing, apologizing for nothing he had said, and his views were quite generally concurred in by the body, the speeches of Gov. Pinchback, Jesse Lawson Representative White and Attorney, E. E. Brown being particularly noteworthy.

The next national session will meet in Indianapolis, Ind., August 28, 1900, and the following committee was named to prepare for the same:

Bishop Alexander Walters, F. L. McGhee, Minnesota; G. L. Lnox, Indiana; Benjamin T. Thornton, Indiana; J. C. Napier, Tennessee; I. T. Montgomery, Mississippi; W. A. Sweeney, Indiana; Mrs. Lillian Thomas Fox, Indiana; Dr. Lucy E. Moten, District of Columbia; Mrs. J. Silone Yates, Missouri; Mrs. Alice D. Carey, Iowa; Mrs. Lottie Wilson Jackson, Michigan; W. Milton Lewis, Indiana, and A. E. Manning, Indiana. The committee on address to the country included T. Thomas Fortune, chairman; P. B. S. Pinchback, Bishop C. R. Harris, G. H. White, and Edward E. Brown.

The reports of these several committees were heard at Friday's session, and after considerable discussion definite plans for the year's work were laid out, and the views of the organization succinctly enounced in the resolutions summarized below.

## "Between Devil and Deep Sea."

The Negro is certainly having a trying experience in some sections of the South. Here is a case of "You take the buzzard and I take the turkey, or I take the turkey and you take the buzzard." The Negro always gets the "buzzard." If he is caught with a white woman he is lynched; if he is going with a colored woman and a white man wants her, he is killed; if perchance he kills the white man he is hung. Buzzard, buzzard, nothing but buzzard for the Negro.—Columbus, (Ga.) Chronicle.

## A JOURNAL OF VARIED AND USEFUL INFORMATION.

Editor, Colored American, My dear sir—I want to compliment The Colored American on its new dress. Typographically it is a pretty thing. The style of the paper is also an improvement. It looks more like a journal now, which I look upon The Colored American as being. To Afro Americans The Colored American is what the Literary Digest is to all Americans—a journal of varied and useful information, a full stored grainery.

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RALPH W. TYLER,  
Columbus Dispatch, Dec. 26, '99.

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It is the curse of Spiritualism that in all large cities there are a class of men and women who claim powers they do not possess. They have neither gifts, credentials, nor references. Surely the colored people are not so wanting in sense as to throw their time and money away on such. Dr. Shea refers to the Hon. Charles Miller, capitalist, 2481 Atlantic avenue; the Hon. William Denmore, architect and builder, 47 Cleveland avenue, and Mr. Arthur Sewell, ship builder South Brooklyn. All have known him for the past ten years. He gives a free test of his power to all. The doctor has practiced five years in New Orleans, St. Louis, Memphis and Louisville, understands thoroughly the diseases, spells or influences the race is subject to. He has now and always had large patronage from them.

## PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING:

Brooklyn, August, 15, 1891—This letter is to certify that I came to New York from Albany. I was a stranger in a strange city, out of work and out of money. I had no luck in anything I undertook. What to do I did not know. A friend advised me to go and see Dr. Shea. I did. He told me the cause of my troubles; he took me in and treated me as a brother. Through him I got a good position that very week. I had been to others, they took my money and did me no good. I bless the day I first met Dr. Shea. I would advise all in bad luck, sick or in trouble to go to him at once.

Sincerely,  
Albert Ayers,  
2987 Atlantic Avenue.

Brooklyn, August 15, 1891—This letter is to certify that my husband had gone away and had been absent two years. I mourned for him night and day. I gave him up as dead. Hearing of the wonderful things Dr. Shea was doing I resolved to consult him. He told me that my husband was alive and well and where he was; told me he would come home and when. To my joy it all came true. He is home now, came back like one from the dead. I also wish to say that this month I lost \$250. I am a poor woman and I was almost insane. I went to Dr. Shea and he told me I would find my money and to my intense joy I find it as he told me. I thank God there is a man so gifted in our midst, that can help people and tell them what to do.

Mrs. Mary Miller,  
South Plainfield, N. J.

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