

man of the meeting, and based his opposition on the ground that Fortune is a disgruntled office-seeker and is seeking to defeat the first called convention in Chicago and to divide the colored vote. Speeches were made in opposition to Fortune's call by Mr. Jones, Joseph Houser, Dr. McGee, and others. The Fortune faction was also represented at the meeting, led by E. A. Payne. A resolution that the colored people of Chicago discourage the Fortune convention was carried. Today the chairman will appoint a committee of five to call a mass-meeting at an early date to get an expression regarding the holding of the convention.

## WANT THEIR RIGHTS AS CITIZENS.

### Resolutions Adopted by the Colored Men— The Afro-American Convention.

The John A. Logan Club of the Third Ward held a meeting at Central Hall, No. 2139 Wabash avenue, last evening to prepare for the Afro-American Convention to be held at the Madison Street Theater the 15th inst. At this convention an attempt will be made to organize an Afro-American League, the purpose of which will be to further the interests and better the condition of the colored people of the South. J. E. Bish presided. The Chairman offered this resolution:

“WHEREAS, President Harrison has selected men for office from Democratic States; and  
WHEREAS, This club believes that to the victors belong the spoils,

*Resolved*, That the attention of the President be called to this fact, and ask him to recognize Illinois in the distribution of offices; and also

*Resolved*, That the club heartily approve of his recognition of the colored race in appointments, and is thankful for the utterances in his message relative to securing to the colored people their rights as citizens.

The resolutions also prayed that Congress take speedy action to protect the negroes' rights and redeem the pledge made to that effect by the Republican party. The following five delegates were elected to represent the club in the convention: J. E. Bish, Chairman; J. H. Harris, J. H. Ransom, John Carter, and George Rucker. The delegates were instructed to aid the passage of resolutions by the convention that Congress be petitioned to pass the Blair Educational bill and also a bill giving the Federal authorities charge of Federal elections; and that the Republican members of Congress be asked to oppose any measure presented for the purpose of setting aside any State or Territory for the exclusive use of the colored citizens of the United States. A memorial was formulated to be presented at the convention appealing to American citizens to demand the enforcement of the voting laws and secure to the colored people their rights.

A meeting was held in Bethel Chapel, No. 229 Third avenue, last evening to take action opposing the convention which Thomas Fortune has called for New York. John G. Jones was Chair-