

THE NATIONAL COLORED PRESS ASSOCIATION.

A LARGE MEETING OF LEARNED NEGROES. PROF. W. J. SIMMONS UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED WITH APPLAUSE THE BANQUET, SPEECHES &C.

[From the American Baptist.]

This body composed of the editors and managers of the colored papers of the country, met in the 5th street Baptist Church, of this city, Wednesday, Aug. 9. The meeting was called to order by Pres. W. J. Simmons at 1 o'clock. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. M. Hargrave.

In the absence of our secretary, Horace Morris was elected temporary secretary.

The following delegates were enrolled:

Alexander Clark, Baltimore Commonwealth; Rev. F. M. Hamilton, Jackson, (Tenn.) Christian Index; P. H. Murray, St. Louis Advance, J. W. Wilson, St. Louis Negro World; Rev. C. H. Parrish, Brooklyn Monitor; J. M. Burley, Greenville, Miss., Busy Bee, Horace Morris, New Orleans Pelican; Rev. Allen Allensworth, Missouri Baptist Standard; W. H. Ward, Cairo, Ill., Gazette; Miss Mary V. Cook, Columbia S. C., Baptist Tribune; C. M. Wade, Nashville, Tennessee Star; W. H. Anderson, Evansville Ind., Watchtower; D. A. Rudd, Cincinnati American Catholic Tribune; J. H. Patton, Nashville Free Lance; Miss Ida B. Wells, Little Rock, Ark., Sun; Rev. W. J. Simmons and Wm. H. Steward, Louisville American Baptist, Cyrus F. Adams, St. Paul, Minn., Western Appeal, Miss L. W. Smith, Baptist Journal, St. Louis, Mo., W. H. Warty, Atlanta Ga., Southern Record, Dr. H. Fitzbutler, Albert Mack, E. W. Marshall, Isaac Curtis and J. J. Johnson, Louisville Ohio Falls Express; John Mitchell, Jr., Richmond, Va., Planet; Geo. F. Bragg, Norfolk, Va., Afro-American and Virginia Lancet; W. H. Perry, People's Advocate; W. J. Simmons, Herald, Lexington, Ky., and Washington BEE, Washington, D. C. The following named papers request enrollment being represented by letter: Arkansas Dispatch, Arkansas; Caret, Virginia, Southern Leader, Fla.; Baptist Beacon, Ohio; Baptist Leader, Alabama; Christian Recorder, Pennsylvania; Arkansas review, Arkansas; A. M. E. Review, Pennsylvania; Mountain Gleaner, N. C.; Brotherhood, Mississippi; Justice, Tenn.

A committee on resolution consisting of H. Fitzbutler, John Mitchell, C. M. Wade, W. H. Ward and Miss Ida B. Wells, was appointed.

The election of officers was on motion of D. A. Rudd postponed until Wednesday afternoon.

After short fraternal speeches by Allen Allensworth, J. H. Frank, Alexander Clark and D. A. Rudd, the Association adjourned to meet at 8 o'clock.

EVENING.

President Simmons called the Association together at 8 o'clock.

Rev. W. H. Anderson offered prayer.

Alex. Clark, chairman of the executive committee, submitted the annual report of the committee which was adopted.

J. M. Burley, W. H. Anderson, and A. Clark, were appointed a committee on ways and means and C. H. Parrish, Miss L. W. Smith, Horace Smith, J. W. Wilson and C. M. Wade, as a committee on programme.

P. H. Murray submitted a proposition relative to dividing the Association into sections as indicated at the last session which was referred to the executive committee.

President Simmons then delivered the address of welcome which was warmly listened to and warmly applauded.

The response by the veteran journalist, Alex. Clark, was the feature of the meeting. His remarks were very appreciative.

"The Power of the Negro Press" the theme for discussion, was warmly discussed by John Mitchell, Jr., Geo. F. Bragg and Dan. A. Rudd.

The speeches were all good and the sentiments expressed met

with a warm approval from the audience.

A resolution was offered by C. F. Adams severely condemning the passage of the "Glenn Bill" by the Georgia legislature, which was referred to the committee on resolutions.

Adjourned to meet at U. B. of F. Hall, at 10 o'clock, Wednesday morning.

Benediction was announced by Rev. J. H. Frank.

SECOND DAY.

MORNING.

The Association held its second session in the U. B. of F. Hall Ninth and Magazine streets, Wednesday, Aug. 9th. The meeting opened at ten o'clock, with W. H. Anderson in the chair, President Simmons being absent.

The journal was read and adopted.

The first subject for discussion "The Relation of Afro-Americans to Existing Political Parties," was opened by Rev. Allen Allensworth with a spirited speech followed by Alex. Clark, D. A. Rudd, P. H. Murray and G. F. Bragg.

The committee on resolutions submitted a very lengthy report embracing resolutions on most of the subjects which had been presented and discussed by the Association.

The discussions on these resolutions were very enthusiastic and for the first time during the meeting the ladies took part.

The report after being amended was adopted.

Nashville was selected as the place for holding the next session.

OFFICERS.

The following were elected officers and were elected unanimously: President, W. J. Simmons, D. D., American Baptist, Louisville, Ky; Vice Pres., J. H. Patton, Free Lance, Nashville, Tenn; Secretary, Geo. F. Bragg, Afro-American Churchman, Petersburg, Va.; First Assistant Secretary, Ida B. Wells, American Baptist, Memphis, Tenn.; 2nd Assistant Sec'y, John Mitchell, Jr., Richmond Planet, Richmond, Va.; Treasurer, Alex. Clark, At Large; Historian, William C. Chase, WASHINGTON BEE, Washington, D. C.; P. H. Murry, Chairman, St. Louis Advance, St. Louis, Mo.; F. M. Hamilton, Christian Index, Jackson, Tenn.; J. H. Keeble, Free Lance, Nashville, Tenn.; C. M. Wade, Nashville Star, Nashville, Tenn.; Mary V. Cook, Baptist Tribune, Columbia, S. C.; R. H. Cole, Baptist Journal, St. Louis, Mo.; R. T. Coles, Kansas City Dispatch, Kansas City; W. H. Anderson, Watchtower, Evansdale, Ind., B. F. Lee, Christian Recorder, Philadelphia, Pa.; H. M. Turner, Southern Recorder, Atlanta, Ga.; W. H. Steward, American Baptist, Louisville, K.; D. A. Rudd, American Catholic Tribune, Cincinnati, Ohio.

EVENING.

The night exercises at the Odd Fellows Hall were grand.

P. H. Murry "Industrial Education"

Miss Ida B. Wells, "How I would Edit a paper."

Alex. Clark, Address,

Miss M. V. Cook, "Is there a demand for Juvenile Literature among the colored people?"

Mr. John Mitchell, Jr., "Labor and Capital."

Mr. Geo. F. Bragg, "The Power of the Press."

BANQUET.

After the Literary exercises a fine banquet was given, at which about one hundred sat down. The after supper speeches were as follows:

Louisville Hospitality, N. R. Harper; The Colored Press, Rev. M. F. Ham; The Negro Soldiers, Rev. Allen Allensworth; The Future of the Negro, D. A. Rudd; The President, John Mitchell, Jr.

Equality before the Law, Dr. H. Fitzbutler; Our Absent Ones, Geo. F. Bragg; Shall We Meet, Mr. W. H. Perry.

The meeting was a perfect success, free entertainment and a generous time were guaranteed and given. More Anon.