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EXTRACTS FROM ANNUAL ADDRESS OF DR. R. R. MOTON—PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL NEGRO BUSINESS LEAGUE.

At the 24th Annual Session of the League,
Hot Springs, Ark., August 15, 1923.

ASSEMBLED here in the Twenty-fourth Annual Session of the National Negro Business League—we are called upon at this time to mourn the passing of the twenty-ninth President of the United States, Warren Gamaliel Harding. A great sense of loss still broods over the nation, the loss of a gracious kindly friend as well as of a just and courageous statesman. And it is hard, my friends, to say for which the nation grieves the more, the friend or the President. But to answer, I think we grieve more today for the great and noble friend of every citizen in the nation than for His Excellency, the President. The latter—the President, can be replaced, has already been replaced; but the former—the friend, no power on earth can replace. The place he held unchallenged in the affections of the nation and of the world is peculiarly his alone; that place he still holds and will continue to hold against all the fitful changes of time, against the ravages of death itself.

Those who knew him personally will always remember his unflinching easy courtesy, his simple instinctive kindness and goodness of heart. Though pressed with a multitude of cares it was easy for even the humblest citizen of the land to see the president of the nation. Admitted to his presence he listened with ready and instant sympathy; one left his presence sure that he had a friend at court, and that friend was the president himself.

And there was one unflinching clue to his action—that was his sense of justice and his love of peace. How well he combined these two elements in his Birmingham address. Two things he sought for:—justice for the Negro and peace for the South. Some admired his plea for justice and deplored his concessions to the South; others applauded his sympathy with the South and deprecated his misunderstanding of the Negro. But both parties were satisfied that the President's heart was as good as gold and that he sought the best interest of both parties. Having broken the Solid South without leaving his front porch at Marion, he went into the South as a messenger of peace and good will, of justice and righteousness. Today white and black alike bless Warren G. Harding as a friend.

The National Negro Business League is to be congratulated on this its twenty-fourth annual session. We are to be congratulated on the pleasant auspices under which we meet. If we take account of the twenty-four years we could properly and significantly count twenty-four years of progress. I know Dr. Washington, the founder of this organization, would rejoice in the wonderful business progress as well as the progress along other lines that the Negro race has made since the beginning of the movement. While the League cannot take credit for all the progress that has been made, it has truly had a large share in the large number of acres of land which the race has accumulated,

something like 220,000,000 acres, and more than a million farms owned and operated by the colored people, not to mention the 650,000 homes owned by our people.

Twenty-four years ago, when the League was organized in Boston, the aggregate number of business organizations, corporate and individual, owned and operated by colored people was not more than 20,000 with a combined capital of \$10,000,000. Today they own and operate 60,000 with a combined capital of \$60,000,000. The Negro owns in America more than a billion dollars worth of property real and personal, whereas when the Declaration of Independence was adopted, the combined capital of the entire nation was about \$500,000,000, yet there are a few people even today who question the progress of the Negro. Thank God, those people who doubt the ability of the Negro to succeed along business lines grow less and less. We must keep in mind, also, there are people within the race who sometimes thoughtlessly question the ability of their own race to succeed; but friends, there is no reason in the world for any pessimism on the part of any one as to the Negro's ability and determination to succeed along all lines of human endeavor. Here in America, in education, in business, in the professions, mechanical arts, in agriculture, he is making progress that is almost startling to the casual observer.

I spent a few weeks last fall in Scotland as a member of a great congress, composed of people from all over the world, many races and nations, people who are presumed to have no bias with reference to the Negro race, and yet I was surprised often by the incredulity and sometimes evident surprise of that group of people when they questioned the statements which I frequently made in my addresses of the progress of the American Negro along the lines heretofore mentioned, though my statements, as usual, were conservative and quite within the facts.

We must keep in mind that, in spite of the difficulties which he faces, that nowhere in the world have Negroes, as a group, such great opportunities on so large a scale as right here in America, and nowhere has he made so much progress as right here in America on so large a scale.

But our victory has not yet been won. We must not deceive ourselves. Our business progress, as measured by American business standards, is yet largely in its infancy; we are just scratching the surface as touching the great business possibilities that lie before the American Negro throughout this nation.

We have now 72 successful Negro banks. We should and could have 700. There are many cities with a large Negro population, particularly in the North, where leaders in business among Negroes, could accomplish any reasonable business result if

Colored Man in Jury Box Innovation

Tampa, Fla., Aug. 18.—For the first time since "reconstruction days," when Negroes were in control of the local county government, a black man was summoned for jury service. The case was that of Elmo Lloyd, a white man, charged with murder, and Clifton Roberts was the jurymen.

When the colored man appeared in the jury box, responded to his name and took his seat with the white man also named in the regular and special venues, there was much craning of necks on the part of spectators. The news spread rapidly and was the subject of much discussion in the various offices. Little comment was made by court officials. Sheriff W. C. Spencer said that no mistake was made, for Roberts was decidedly dark, and that another colored man, Lewis Williams, was also on call.

Movement to Keep Negro South

Hattiesburg, Miss., Aug. 18.—R. H. Flynn, president of the National Progressive Association of Negroes, is endeavoring to organize a chapter of that organization in this city, and in an address proposed a council of Negro leaders to confer and co-operate with white leaders to bring about a better understanding between the races and to impress upon the colored races that their proper place is in the South.

properly managed. I think of the great city of New York with its great Negro population in Harlem; there ought to be and there undoubtedly will be in the near future in that city a large financial corporation, a banking and trust company, operated by our people; and with the success that has already been attained by the Association of Trade and Commerce under the wise leadership of Mr. John E. Nail, who by the way has just completed a most successful business exposition—we are going to have just such a corporation, as I have mentioned. Cities like Durham, Savannah, Atlanta, Richmond, Norfolk, with many others, are setting a notable example in the possibilities of this race to accomplish large results.

I am not unmindful, either, of the fine work of our great insurance and benevolent organizations. Here in Arkansas we have the Woodmen of Union, so efficiently directed by our treasurer, Mr. John L. Webb, with a splendid staff of co-workers, also the great organization founded by our lamented and distinguished friend and associate, Mr. J. E. Bush, and now successfully carried forward by his sons. These organizations, to be sure, are organized as secret societies, but they are essentially great benevolent insurance companies, and I wish sincerely to congratulate the managers on handling their affairs in a businesslike way.

What a wonderful opportunity, my friends, we have just now. Negroes want something which we are not furnishing. We have the brains and the ability, and we have the means within the present membership of this League.

Stirred to Anger As Negroes Buy Sleeper Ticket to New York.

Goldsboro, N. C.—A ridiculous manifestation of racial envy and prejudice was given expression here Monday when Mr. and Mrs. Allen Moses, a well-to-do colored couple living in this community left on a trip to New York. Mr. Moses had secured Pullman accommodations to New York, a common occurrence in various sections of the South where hate is not permitted to outweigh justice and consideration.

But it appears that Goldsboro whites are not of that class.

One of these broad-minded (?) and liberal-hearted (?) citizens who is hardly able to raise railroad fare to the next station said it was the first time in the history of this village that a Negro "had the nerve" to buy Pullman tickets here. And this same gentleman is sponsor for the promise of a Ku Klux reception for Moses when the latter returns to his home and fireside.

BOULDER, COLO., NEWS

Boulder has had her share of rain this summer, and some sunshine, but of course we have to take sunshine and rain. We are glad of the moisture. It will do us all good.

The Cedar Art Club will soon be starting their activity again according to the plan of their faithful president.

The visitor teachers that have come to Boulder for the summer are planning on going back in the near future.

Mrs. Mary White and others are planning on a big dinner at the church Wednesday, the 22nd, for the purpose of raising money for conference, which is near at hand. The Mite Missionaries and all auxiliaries of the church are busy now getting their conference claims.

Rev. Jackson of the Baptist Church was with us this month. We were glad to listen to his voice again teaching us how to live the life that God demands. His subject Sunday evening was "Admission to Charity, and Not to Think Any Man Liveth to Himself." Rev. Jackson has one more Sunday in this month.

Rev. Mrs. Elliott and son, Rev. J. Wims and wife, Mrs. Wims and Mrs. Wims' aunt, Mrs. Wilson, are in Boulder carrying on meetings at the mission.

Rev. Murphy will leave for conference next week. He has worked faithfully and has not failed to declare the Gospel. We hope he returns.

Mrs. C. Allen's little niece from Denver was visiting her Sunday.

Mrs. Major's little girl, her mother at Cubertson, was a Boulder visitor Sunday. Little Miss Dorothy Tivis and sister Alice Jean, who are at Cubertson with their mother, were Boulder visitors. The three were guests of little Miss Josephine Tinsley. Mrs. Edna Tivis is planning on returning to Kansas soon.

Those who have been on the sick list are slowly recovering.

The Mite Missionary Society is giving a musical for the benefit of the church.

Mrs. Tinsley is planning on returning to Boulder from the mountains by the first of September.

THE NEW "INGLENOK"

Kansas City's most elaborate effort at providing entertainment for the public has thrown open its doors. It is the New Inglenook, located at Thirty-fifth and Colorado avenue, the thought and investment of Mr. Kenneth Campbell and his wife, Mrs. Sarah Rector-Campbell. It opened last Saturday night, with George Lee's orchestra caroling in its spacious dining room. The old construction, a bungalow of stone, which would fit perfectly into an old-world picture, if it were covered with ivy, has been supplemented by a new wing in which is the place dantesque, the temple of Terpsichore, surrounded by snow-white tables on three sides, with a concert grand piano on the other.

It accommodates 200 couples, all dancing at once, with seating capacity at the tables for 160. The floor shines and the room is large, giving a semblance of distance, an enchantment which is heightened by the snow-white napery. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell have spared no expense in making Inglenook a place to be talked about. They are serving meals and refreshments. Having made the best building, they say they cannot help but serve the best food and drink. They have a manager always on the premises, though the service does not begin until 8 p. m. It is provided with a highly competent chef and an efficient corps of waiters. The ideal which lies in the creators' minds is typified by the concert grand piano, such an instrument as is seldom seen, even in private. Its dark beauty attracts the eye. There is plenty of parking space on the grounds for motor cars, though the inn can be reached on foot from the end of the Thirty-first street car line.

Much of the construction on this property was done by Negro labor. Douglas Smith had the stone and carpentry contracts. A. A. Scruggs and F. Freeman installed the electricity.—Kansas City Call.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL PRINCE HALL GRAND LODGE OF FREE AND ACCEPTED MA- SONS OF COLORADO AND JUR- ISDICTION.

The 47th annual communication was held in the city of Albuquerque, New Mexico, August 13 to 15. The Grand Lodge was the guest of Eureka Lodge No. 19, a subordinate lodge of this jurisdiction. There was a large attendance of delegates from Colorado, Utah, Wyoming and Montana. A cordial welcome address was delivered by Mayor Swope of Albuquerque at the Memorial services held in the Armory hall, Sunday, August 12. The delegates were highly entertained by the members of Eureka lodge. The annual election on Wednesday resulted in all officers being reelected by a unanimous vote.

Leslie E. Hernal, grand master; D. A. Austin, grand senior warden; L. J. Manly, grand junior warden; William Sprague, grand treasurer; Oglesvie L. Lawson, grand secretary; Sam Nelson, grand lecturer; Ledyard C. Jones, chairman of the Board of Trustees. Cheyenne, Wyo., was chosen as the next meeting place in 1924. Ledyard C. Jones, Oglesvie L. Lawson, William Sprague and R. W. Davis were delegates from Denver.

"Dyer Bill" Author Is for 3 Per Cent Beer

St. Louis, Aug. 17.—A resolution amending the Volstead act to permit beer of 3 per cent alcoholic content will be introduced at the next session of Congress by Congressman L. C. Dyer of St. Louis, he announced. Dyer said a recent tour of the Western, Middle Western and New England states had convinced him that sentiment is overwhelmingly for modification of the prohibition law.

He added that business men, temperance workers and church societies are convinced that modification is needed.

COLORADO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Colorado Annual Conference will convene in the Shorter Chapel A. M. E. Church this week, beginning Aug. 29 to Sept. 3. Bishop H. B. Parks presiding.

The conference is composed of the states of Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, New Mexico and Arizona. Ministers and delegates from all of these states will be present.

The opening sermon, Wednesday morning at 9:30 a. m., will be preached by Rev. J. R. Ransom, D.D., of Topeka, Kan.

The Educational address, Thursday evening, will be delivered by Prof. A. S. Jackson, A.M., of Waco, Tex.

The problem of the Migration of the Negro will be discussed by Rev. A. Wayman Ward, and the important subject of "The Call to the Ministry," will be discussed by Rev. L. H. Smith, Jr., of Colorado Springs.

The Young People's meeting on Friday evening will be addressed by Col. Hopson of the Boy Scouts, Mrs. Gertie N. Ross of the Y. W. C. A., and Rev. Frank Harris, superintendent of the Conference Young People's Societies. The Senior and Junior choirs of Shorter Chapel will furnish the music at all of these sessions, which are open to the public. Strangers given a cordial welcome.

COLORADO CONFERENCE PRO- GRAM

9:30 a. m.—Annual Sermon, Rev. J. R. Ransom, D.D., Topeka, Kan.

Holy Communion, followed by reports of churches.

2:30 p. m.—Reports continued.

8:00 p. m.—Reception to Conference. Welcome addresses and responses.

Thursday, August 30

9:30 a. m.—Reports continued.

10:30 a. m.—Address: "The Challenge of Migration to the Race and Church, and the Program for its Solution," Rev. A. Wayman Ward, D.D.

11:15 a. m.—"Hospitalization and Nurse Training," Dr. J. F. Griffin, Kansas City, Kan.

11:45 a. m.—"Modern Sanitation," Dr. P. E. Sprattlin.

2:30 p. m.—Woman's Mite Missionary meeting (annual meeting), Reports.

8:00 p. m.—Big Educational mass meeting. Address: Prof. A. S. Jackson, A.M., Waco, Tex., secretary of Education of the A. M. E. Church.

Friday, August 31

9:30 a. m.—Reports continued.

10:30 a. m.—Address: "The Divine Call to the Christian Ministry and its Preparation," Rev. L. K. Smith, Jr., A.M.

2:30 p. m.—Reports continued.

4:00 p. m.—Address to classes for Holy Orders, Bishop H. B. Parks, D.D.

8:00 p. m.—Young People's mass meeting.

Address: "The Church and the Boy Scout Movement."

Address: "Co-operation Between the Church and Y. W. C. A.," Mrs. Gertie N. Ross.

Address: "The Church and Her Young People's Societies," Rev. Frank A. Harris, Conference superintendent.

Saturday, September 1

9:30 a. m.—Reports continued.

2:30 p. m.—Reports on state of the country, State of the Church and Temperance Report.

4:00 p. m.—Seeing Denver, the Beautiful.

Sunday, September 2

6:30 a. m.—Conference Love Feast.

9:45 a. m.—Sunday School.

11:00 a. m.—Ordination Sermon, Bishop H. B. Parks, D.D.

3:00 p. m.—Preaching.

4:30 p. m.—Memorial Services.

7:30 p. m.—Preaching. Appointments. Conference Adjournment.