

# NOW LET WAR BE WAGED AGAINST CLUBS AND GAMBLING DENS WHERE NEGRO YOUTHS ARE HURLED TO DE- STRUCTION.

The republican judges have been elected to every bench, except the criminal bench. What will they do to perpetrate their claims in the county and city. In this community are some negro institutions that are hell holes and the most damnable places for the downfall of young boys and girls. There is only one club at this writing that is exempted from this campaign and that is the Walters Catering Association at 1223 Baltimore a place for the gathering of all the waiters and railroad porters who wish for a place to stay while they are waiting for hours of watch to begin. Now the rest of the places the Son intends with its thousands of supporters both black and white to carry on an uncompromising and unflinching campaign against them. Like Frederick Douglas, the great negro torch-bearer who cried out: "Is God Dead?" Will the living get justice? Will the negroes rise up and smite their greatest evil dead? Will the negro preachers arouse themselves and organize a committee to wait on the republican judges and have them with all the power at the command of the white man to close these places?

The preacher who hesitates in this call from God, shall go down on record in the Rising Son before its many readers as weaklings. This paper shall not cease its writings until our greatest race menace has been smitten dead. Every judge in county and city takes this paper. Let them be moved by God to do their duty by the negro race. Just to think of the mothers broken hearted, thinking of the misdeeds and wild career of their sons and daughters. Don't you hear that song, "Oh, where is my wandering boy to-night. Oh, where is my boy to-night. Oh! Stop and think of the many old mothers tottering to their graves by the grief of the strong influences that carry their children to their graves by a premature death. Oh! Listen to the voice of Jesus calling on the negroes to get right. Will the noble men of the Negro Race rise up and assert themselves. Lay on MacDuff! Lay on! Come forth out of stygian darkness! Let there be light! The great ship of Destiny in which the negro is riding, let there be a strong pilot at the helm. Let the powers to be among the white people come to our assistance. Let Judges Brumback, McCune, Patterson, Goodrich, Parks, and our own noble I. B. Kimbrell come to our rescue. Let the negroes get a petition and have every judge and white man of influence sign to close these clubs. Oh! Let God move us to better our race.

## GREENVILLE, MISS., NEWS.

Greenville, Miss., Dec. 7.—Perhaps the largest and most aggressive body of negro men that has ever met in this city, was the Stringer Grand Lodge of Mason, which assembled here during the week, and has brought to the city representative men from all parts of the state numbering 1010.

This body shows the progress made by our people since 1865, as in the body was to be found, doctors, lawyers, merchants, ministers of high standing, planters, post-masters, clerks bankers and other representative men of the race. The body was presided over by Rev. E. W. Lampton, D. D., grand master, and who is also financial secretary of the African Methodist Episcopal church with headquarters in Washington, D. C. Dr. Lampton

has been grand master of the grand lodge for a number of years and was re-elected at the close this week.

This body stands for the highest development of the race, self-respect, self-independence and self-help. It believes that there is a possibility for the race in Mississippi, and by industry, honesty and thrift the race will carve out for itself a bright future. To this end home buying has been encouraged, the grand lodge itself having purchased 1,000 acres of land in the Delta, and which will eventually provide for the support of the aged members of the craft, together with widows and orphans of deceased members of the craft.

The opening session was held last Tuesday, and was attended by many of the citizens. Hon. John W. Strauther, one of the leading business men in the Delta, an undertaker in Greenville, acted as master of ceremonies and he was well up. Rev. C. T. Stamps made the opening prayer and this was followed by music by the choir St. Matthew A. M. E church, of which the Rev. R. A. Adams is pastor.

Maor William Yerger, delivered an address of welcome, in which he commended the body of colored men upon their neat appearance, as each Mason wore full dress with but few exceptions. He said that he had lived in the state, and around Greenville all of his life and had always found colored people to be his friends and he was a friend to the race. "And why not?" he said.

Grand Master Lampton responded to the first address. He told them, and Editor Smith that the negroes of Mississippi were not satisfied, because in some places members of their race were hanged without trial, burned at the stake, shot down and mistreated in other ways, then in addition to these mistreatments there was talk of bringing foreigners into the state to take the place of negroes. "We cannot be satisfied when our job is at stake."

E. E. Perkins, secretary and treasurer of the Masonic Benefit association, which is one of the most important adjuncts to the grand lodge made his annual report. This report took up in details the amount of money received and paid out, the amount paid to each widow and orphan. The receipts amounted to \$126,000 and about \$90,000 paid out to the widows and orphans. This was considered a good showing, and in the future each will receive at death \$600. Step by step the grand lodge is going up and is preparing for the race. It is now the strongest organization in the whole south, and is doing more to inspire the negro.

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