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RELIGIOUS TRAINING HOPE OF THE RACE

Prof. Shepard Delivers Forceful Lecture Before Bethel Historical Society.

"MAKE THE MAN, HE WILL MAKE THE LIVING."

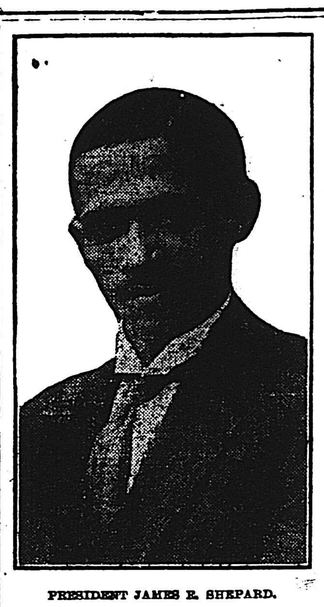
A Common Ground on Which all Are Agreed Is Most Needed

Washington, Mar. 28—Emphasizing the fundamental and far-reaching value of religious education as the primary solvent of the race's variegated problem, Dr. James E. Shepard addressed a large and thoroughly representative audience Tuesday evening at the Metropolitan A. M. E. Church, under the auspices of the Bethel Literary and Historical Association. His hearers were made up of the bone and sinew of the nation's capital, and the rare quality of the message delivered was best attested by the close attention that was given to it from beginning to end. Introducing the speaker, Former Recorder John C. Dancy paid a glowing tribute to the man and his work, and told of the marvelous progress that had been made toward building up a Negro "Mecca" at Durham.

With "Religious Training the Hope of the Negro Race" as a text, Dr. Shepard pointed out the necessity for "foundation work" as a prerequisite to permanent progress, and argued convincingly that only through an education based upon the Bible, with its Christian precepts and the universal application of the Golden rule, can permanent advancement be made along any line of human endeavor.

"A common ground—something upon which all of us are agreed, all united, is what is needed," declared the doctor, "the desire for happiness is common to all men, the perfection of life's ideal, the fulfillment of cherished hopes--these constitute the goal we are all seeking. We differ widely as to the means, but the end sought is the same. In this era of temptation to stray after false gods, to be swayed by the intensely materialistic aspect of life, it is essential that the right start be made—that the correct foundation is laid at the beginning. Happiness, culture, education, development—must come from within. Character is more than external veneer. There is no such thing as laying character upon men from without. It cannot be fastened upon an individual. We are following a false system if for one moment we believe that we can lift into a permanent state of serviceability an individual race or nation by external means. Manual dexterity for purely intellectual grasp add little to the sum of human happiness if self-control and obedience to the ethics of society be lacking. Selfrespect, sense of duty to fellow man, conscientious fulfillment of just obligations—these are fundamental in the relation of man to his environment and with his kind.

"Of what permanent value would be a thousand blacksmiths to a community, trained to the external force alone? What do they add to the civic righteousness and what do they add to the moral tone of the sphere in which they move? A community of people who keep the law simply for fear of punishment are at heart law-breakers. But a community who are restrained from crime because a Power within tells us that it is wrong—abhorrent to the



PRESIDENT JAMES E. SHEPARD.

sense of right-doing—is anchored in a harbor of safety."

Make the man first," said Dr. Shepard, "he can be depended upon to make the living. Christian education tells a man that he is a man—the noblest work of God—gives him a consciousness of his divinity and inculcates an undying self-respect. No constitutonal enactment can rob him of this possession. No curb can be placed upon his aspirations."

Dr. Shepard quoted statistics to show that there is a wave of crime sweeping over the land, which will engulf the nation if corrective influence are not applied in time. Christian education, he claims, will take up the waste material found in the jail, in the chain gang, in places of immorality, in the slums and will make men and women of those not yet awakened to a proper realization of their power and possibilities for good. A man who can be awakened to his limitations and weaknesses can be saved. We fail to do our duty if we neglect to throw out the lifeline to our struggling brother.

"Until a people can become masters of themselves it is a doubtful epxeriment to entrust them with the control of unlimited wealth. Note the tendencies of combinatons of capital today, and determine for yourselves whether our condition would not be improved if those in control of the necessities of life could be brought to see their plain duty to humanity, rather than to the gratification of their lust for money and the sordid power it generates.

"Christian education will develope a new standard of efficiency in all walks of life; it will evolve practical lessons of work and induce a realization of the true dignity of labor; it will insure the right control of capital and honest dealing with the man who must earn his bread in the sweat of his face; it will bring new ideals and alleviate race prejudice; it will lift up the man farthest down by inspiring sympathetic cooperation on the part of the man on the mountain top. Above all, Christian education will produce unselfish leadership—the one thing needful to the Negro millions of this land of our.

"Reliability, loyalty, freedom to grow spiritually and morally, and to follow the bent of God-given talents, unrestricted by hampering laws or unjust customs, will work a moral revolution in any land. America was founded on the desire of the Puritan fathers for religious liberty. Wealth, the higher education, manual skill, and the arts and the sciences came afterward—a natural development. Emotionalism as described as a Negro characteristic. Is it not the part of wisdom," asked the doctor, "to control and direct this precious asset to the end

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A Meeting to Protest Against Lynching

Colored Infantry the Only Troopers to be Rated "Excellent" By The War Department

Boston, Mass., Mar. 29—A big mass meeting to protest against lynching and to urge federal legislation to curb the same will be held at Faneuil Hall next Thursday evening under the auspices of the Anti-Lynching Society of Afro-American Women. There will be a formidable array of speakers.

Rev. James E. Mason, secretary of Livingstone College, Salisbury, N. C., was one of the speakers at the rally at the Columbus Avenue A. M. E. Zion Church Sunday.

Irving Howe, a student at the English High School, was the winner in a shot-putting contest among pupils of the various high schools a few days ago.

Company L, of the Sixth Infantry, it is said, was the only company in the regiment to be rated as "excellent" in the recent inspection by the War Department. This company is composed entirely of colored troopers, under command of J. Holman Pryer.

Lyceum to Honor Blyden.

(Special to The Afro-American Ledger.)

New York, March 27—The St. Mark's Lyceum, the oldest literary society in the State, will hold memorial services for the late Edward Wilmot Blyden, the Liberian scholar, who died in February. Rev. Dr. Ernest Lyon, of Baltimore former American minister to Liberia, will deliver the eulogy on Blyden and John E. Bruce will give some reminiscences of the dead servant.

Mutiny on Haitien Cruiser Temporarily Settled

Special to the Afro-American Ledger.

Washington, Mar. 27—The mutiny which occured on the Haytian gunboat Ferrier, now lying in the harbor of Charleston, S. C., has been temporarily settled after conferences between Senor Menos, Haytian minister to the United States; Acting Secretary of State Huntington Wilson and Captain Berthoff, commandant of the revenue cutter service

The crew of the vessel were hired by Hatchman and Co., of Philadelphia, who had agreed to fit out and navigate the vessel, and was due three months pay. Until the munity is settled the gunboat will be detained in Charleston harbor.

To Erect A School For Colored Catholics

Columbus, O., Mar. 27—Bishop James J. Hartley, who has been in charge of the Columbus diocese of the Catholic Church, has secured a site at Burt and Hawthorn streets, where a school will be erected for colored Catholics and the children of people of other denominations. It will be ready for occupancy in the fall, and will be in charge of Catholic sisters. Mother Catherine Drexel, of Philadelphia, is among those interested in the school.

Church Blown Down During Wind Storm

Lanes Ferr, N. C., Mar. 29 — Mount Etna Church was blown down in a windstorm that swept the eastern section of the State Sunday. Several hundred of the congregation were caught under the falling framework of the church and tentyfiveere injured, butnot seriously. A hole was dug in the roof of the church and the imprisoned church goers taken out.

ROOSEVELT AND TAFT FORCES HARD AT IT

Should Taft win Nomination His Chances For Re-election Are Not At All Rosy

LILY-WHITEISM THE CAUSE OF MANY CONTESTS.

Taft Forces Are Mow Working Overtime To Attract The Colored Voter.

Among the political developments of the week were the New York primaries, where the friends of Colonel Roosevelt claim that they were given a raw deal; the State Convention in Mississippi, where pistols were flourished and the Roosevelt men bolted and elected their own delegates; the Indiana Convention, which allowed the Colonel the smallest number of delegates; and the Colonel's speaking tour in the West.

From present indications Ormsby McHarg, who is looking after the Roosevelt contest work, will have more this time than when he performed a similar service for Taft four years ago. In many of the Southern States colored men, tiring of their exclusion from the party councils, have selected delegates, thus making contests before the coming Republican National Convention.

The acute situation made by many contests, the angry mood of many men of the race over their treatment by the present administration, as well as the Republican success is by no means assured next November and the indication that the Democrats will make an effort to attract a big slice of the colored vote, is regarded as making the chances of race immeasurably better for securing better treatment at the hands of Republican leaders than in the past fifteen years.

Many men profess to believe that the declaration in the last platform of the Republican party that will be literally adhered to in the near future, and especially since colored men all over the country are dissatisfied with a policy that places their disfranchisers nearer the ear of the powers that be than the very men who have always worked for Republican success.

Roosevelt Forces Working.

Advices from Washington state that the Roosevelt and Taft forces are working like trojans. At the Roosevelt headquarters many assurances of support from the race have been sent from all parts of the country.

Mr. James H. Hayes, Virginia, is one of the attaches at the Roosevelt headquarters. While nothing of much value has been done to organize the Roosevelt sentiment among the colored voters of this city and State, the next few days will bring about an organized movement, and it will have as its head men whose names are known throughout the State for their ability, as well as the fact that the race will second their efforts.

Carrington Working Hard.

Down at the Roosevelt headquarters, in the Equitable Building, Col. Carrington and his aides are working with might and main for the Colonel. He believes that Maryland is for Roosevelt, and that a chance to properly express that fact at the primaries will show the same. He held a conference Wednesday with a number of well-known men of the race and they assured him that they would heartily second his efforts.

The leaders in the Taft campaign have begun to hustle, and they are now endeavoring to attract colored support.

They Want Colored Suffragettes

Chicago, Mar. 29—The leaders in the woman suffrage cause have sought the aid of prominent colored men and women to fight for ballots for women, which will come for a vote of the people at the primaries on April 9. A rousing meeting was held on South State street Monday night, and a number of addresses in favor of woman suffrage delivered. Among the speakers was Mrs. Katerine L. Wolfe, who made an eloquent plea that the colred people support woman suffrage.

Do Not Want Howard Law School Moved

Washington Mar. 28—The action of the board of trutees of Howard University in recommending that the building of the law school. at 420 Fifth street, be sold and the law department located upon the campus of the school has raised a storm among the alumni of the school.

The present building is located in the downtown section of the city and is near the courts. It was presented to the university by William M. Evarts. Since the law school has been located there many of the brightest lawyers of tthe race have studied in its halls, and these are among the most insistent that the school be not removed to the campus, which is in the extreme northern section of the city.

James C. Waters, a graduate of the shool and secretary of the alumni council of the university, has taken up the fight against the removal of the school, and already has received assurances from "grads" in various sections of the country that they are with him in the fight.

Charges Against Register Johnson Will Fall Flat

Atlanta Ga., Mar. 29—It is currently reported here that the charges that have been filed with the Department of Justice, at Washingon, charging Henry Lincoln Johnson, Recorder of Deeds for the District of Coumbia with assessing officeholders, will not amount to a thing. Postmaster McKee, of this city, was one of the men who complained The charge have been investigated by attaches of the Department of Justice, and it is said that they will recommend that Mr. Johnson is blameless.

The charges grew out of the recent State Republican Convention, declared for Taft and elected delegates-at-large This convention cost over $4,000, and Recorder Johnon is said to have contributed $500 out of his own pocket toward the expenses of the convention. Postmaster McKee, who is said to have been partly responsible for the charges, draws a salary of $6,000 a year and is regarded as somewhat hostile to Johnson's leadership; Mr. Johnson is now in the city looking after his private interests and arranging for three district conventions, which will be held in the near future. It is expected that he will line up these conventions for Mr. Taft.

Are Tired of Lilywhiteism

Raleigh, N. C., Mar. 28—Tired of exclusion by the "lily white" regime of this State, a call has been issued by C. C. Taylor and C. N. Hunter, president and secretary, respectively, of the Republican State Executive Committee for a State convention, to be held here next Monday.

Delegates opposed to Taft will be chosen and resolutions against the exclusion of colored men from the party councils adopted. The contemplated action means a contesting delegation at Chicago.

Colored Cubans Are Getting a Raw Deal

They Will Tell Secretary Knox About It When He Visits Them Next Week

Havana, Cuba, March 27—The treatment of colored Cubans by the present administration will be brought to the attention of Secretary of State Knox, when he visits here within the next few days. The Colored Independent Party, which has been ordered not to use that name and has been prevented from holding a meeting in this city, will voice the objection to President Gomez and his administration.

The American minister, Mr. Beaupree, has received the following letter from Santiago:

"The Independent Colored Political party, in mass meeting assembled, through you address the United States Government to protest against the iniquitous attitude of the Cuban Secretary of the Interior in denying our right to hold political meetings."

The activity of colored men in the eastern section of the country has caused the government to send troops there to stop gatherings.

The colored veterans of the long war for independance side with the Independent Colored Political party and will also present a protest to Secretary Knox.

While conditions are not as prejudiced here as in the United States, colored men have had to contend for every bit of recognition that they have received since the establishment of the Cuban republic, which followed the Spanish-American war. They fought nobly against the Spanish oppression and one of the greatest generals, Maceo, was a Negro.

Several colored men are members of the Cuban Congress and there has been a Negro member of the Cabinet.

Dr. Shepard Sees President

Washington, Mar. 27--Dr. James E. Shepherd, head of the National Religious Training School and Chautauqua, Durham, N. C., was a caller uponthe President Tuesday. The President promised to deliver an address before the faculty and students of the school next month.

Miss Mary L. Gaines, daughter of the late Bishop Gaines, is visiting Rev. and Mrs. John Hurst, of 1541 Fourteenth street.

Local musical enthusiasts turned out in large numbers at the Howard Theater last Friday night where a first-class musical program was rendered by local talent. Dr. G. Sumner Wormley rendered several numbers.

Mr. W. H. Gaines, former pastor of John Wesley M. E. Church, Baltimore, was in the city this week visiting relatives. He is now living in the West.

Hon. Philip Waters, of Charleston, Va., was in the city this week renewing old acquaintances.

Rev. John Porter, former pastor of Grace A. M. E. Church, Catonsville, Md., reports that his work in Anacostia is progressing nicely.

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