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CHURCH'S VICTORY AND ITS LESSON

The Monitor extends hearty congratulations to Robert R. Church and the Colored republicans of Tennessee upon his election as delegate-at-large to the national convention which meets in Chicago in June. This victory is a most significant one as demonstrating the power of effective organization and race loyalty and as illustrative of the fact that white political leaders are beginning to realize that they are dealing with a new type of American Negro who knows his strength and his rights and is rapidly learning to use his strength to obtain his rights.

For nearly a quarter of a century the Colored people of Tennessee, although constituting the majority of the republican vote of the state, have been practically ignored by the republican leaders. They have been given no recognition in any way since 1892. Doubtless, these shrewd leaders were not slow to recognize the fact that the Negro vote was not organized or united and took advantage of this condition, as they always have and always will wherever these conditions obtain.

Be that as it may, the race in Tennessee, as they are doing elsewhere, is awakening to the situation. February 1, a meeting was called in Memphis and the Lincoln Republican club of Tennessee was organized. The plan of organization was well conceived and carefully worked out. Strong men of the city and state threw themselves whole heartedly into the movement. They selected as their leader Robert R. Church, Jr., a splendid type of well-prepared, progressive young Negro manhood. In their choice of a leader they showed wise discrimination.

Mr. Church is a young man in his early thirties, of splendid physique and carriage, with a university training and endowed with a most attractive personality. He has brains, administrative ability, character, courage, education, wealth, personality and with it all common sense. Prime requisites all for effective leadership. The race rallied to him.

The convention for the election of delegates was held in Nashville, May 3. Only one of the state leaders (white), former Governor Ben Hooper, actively supported him. Two hours before the convention convened Mr. Church was told that there was no hope for him and his people and that therefore he should withdraw. A conference was held in which all the big leaders took part. It was convincingly shown that 75,000 Colored voters were unitedly uncompromisingly back of this young man who fully measured up to any test or standard

that might be demanded. The arguments and showing won. The slate was broken. Congressman Sells, who first opposed, admitted that it was impossible to ignore the arguments advanced or desert so fine an organizer as Mr. Church had proven himself to be. Mr. Church was nominated—and received an ovation. His victory reflects credit upon the race in Tennessee, and will prove an inspiration to our people everywhere, because it shows what united action can accomplish.

One of the most significant facts about this victory is this: For the first time in the history of Tennessee politics, ALL THE COLORED LEADERS STOOD TOGETHER, SUPPORTING MR. CHURCH EVERY INCH OF THE WAY. This is a most hopeful sign. It shows that we are at last beginning to learn that all our weakness lies in discord, all our strength is in our union, and that if we are to gain our rights, not only civically and politically, but commercially and industrially, we must unite, concentrate and cooperate.

This is the lesson that the race should learn from the political victory of Mr. Church in Tennessee upon which we sincerely congratulate him and his loyal supporters in that state, and to which we have called attention not so much an independent and isolated event, but rather as being indicative and symptomatic of a most encouraging stage of growth in the recognition of our racial potentialities which must be used for our betterment along all lines.

Unite. Concentrate. Cooperate. Win.

The Fontenelle Investment company, one of our local race enterprises, has taken over the Edgewood Addition which offers a good opportunity for a large class of our wage-earners to become home owners to realize their ambition. There is no reason why our people should not take hold of this proposition and build up in the section proposed desirable and sightly homes.

Cultivate the saving habit. Begin now. The saving habit like any other grows by use. Cut out some needless expense and lay aside something if it be only 25 cents a week.

Next to taking a dose of castor oil, some people dislike to pay a year's subscription to a newspaper. He likes to get it like his religion—free of charge.—Exchange.

If you have anything to dispose of, a Want Ad in The Monitor will sell it.

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IT'S ALL FOR A GOOD TIME

Often Young Persons Don't Realize Work and Play Should Mix.

Many young persons think of little except how they can have a good time. If there is work to do, it is only something in the way to be got rid of as soon as possible, no matter how. They think they can live as the butterfly does when in its glory. To find something entertaining, to be amused, is all they think of.

This is natural, and it is well that they can look on the bright side of life. But they should know also that life is not all play. There are duties to be performed, and real happiness comes only after work well done. Happiness is not found when sought as the chief thing in life.

Entertainments cease to entertain. The clever companion does not please always unless there are sterling qualities of character back of the cleverness. Work is the blessing of mankind. There ought to be some earnest

purpose, some worthy aim for the heart of everyone.

Live not for the present moment. Live to be and do. There are consequences to all our acts. Folly sown brings a bitter harvest which none can escape reaping. There are innocent joys to which all, especially the young, are entitled. But it should be learned that living to some worthy purpose brings the truest enjoyment.—The Milwaukee Journal.

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