United States Gather Together to Discuss ommentous Issues.

Washington D. C .- Coming from all sections of the country, even from the 50th year since Congress voted in address continues: favor of the 14th amendment conferring citizenship upon Colored Americans in a National Citizenship Rights Zion Church. Rev. W. C. Brown, pastor, the convention concluding on Friday with the 9th Annual Meeting or the National Equal Rights League, which called the Congress.

The meeting was unique in the last decade in that leaders who were in of liberty and justice our grateful apopposition ten years ago got together preciation for every service of any for equal rights. 130 delegates from character which they have rendered 21 states were present and a spirit in the past. We seek nothing but of getting together prevailed.

journed endorsed the principles of the nied to none of the other groups in Equal Rights League was opened by this country. Pres. Gunner of the League. Pastor Brown offered invocation. Secretary Trotter read the call, Judge E. M. Hewlett gave the address of welcome, followed by responses by J. H. Murphy, editor of the Baltimore Afro-American. Mrs. R. Goggins, of Mich-

Rev. Harvey Johnson of Baltimore was elected temporary Chairman. F. Morris Murray, of Va., Secretary and Thomas Walker of D. C., Treasurer. Committees were appointed. M. W. Spencer of Del., being made chairman on program. Editor Murphy on press, night mass meeting were: Prof. Kel-E. T. Morris of Mass. on credentials, ly Miller, William D. Brigham, Bosat Wednesday night's mass meeting ton, Mass.; Dr. William A. Sinclair, addresses were made by Wm. Monroe of Philadelphia; Rev. Reverdy C. Ran-Trotter, presiding. Rov. R. Gunner, N. Y., Thos. Walker, D. C, president Miss Nannie Burroughs, of Washingof local branch and Rev. W. C. Brown, the pastor, welcome addresses, Rev. M. F. Sydes, R. L. and Rev. P. O'Connell, responses: invocation by Rev. E. P. Dixon of Mass.; music was by the Glee Club of the Dunbar High School.

Permanent Organization.

On Thursday the Congress went into permanent organization with Rev. M. F. Sydes, pres.; Rev. C. H. Stepteau, D C., vice pres.; T. Walker, D. C., treasurer; J. E. Churchman, N. J., recording secretary; Wm. Wurley, Ky., corresponding secretary; Elbert W. Powell, Cal., sergeant at arms; Rev. R. S. Johnson, Va., chaplain.

The Congress recommended to the Equal Rights League consideration of further getting-together of race organization and endorsed the principles of the League It also adopted a ringing address to the country framed by M. W. Spencer.

Address to the Country.

The address to the country urged extensive organization of the Colored people to resist and combat all public discriminations based on color.

The address follows in part:

"For many years after the close of the Civil War, peonage was practiced in the South which has never become thoroughly reconciled to the laws prescribing equality of citizenship. This fact is seen in the widespread efforts to defeat the great War Amendments by the enactment of laws making the disfranchisement of the race a practical reality. Separation of Colored passengers from all other racial elements on common carriers, proscriptive legislation, residential segregation, lynching of thousands of Colored men and even women charged with offerences never proven in the courts of justice, has become almost a National disease. These social disorders are

GREAT RACE CONGRESS MEETS the aftermath of slavery and we appeal to all fair minded men and wom-Delegates From Every Part of the en of the enlightened moral forces of the country, to unite in a nation-wide effort to correct these abuses to the end that justice may prevail in all sections of our common country."

After reciting the great progress of California, Colored men and women the Colored race and its usefulness to assembled at the seat of Congress in the country in industry and war, the

"Wherever the door of opportunity has been opened the race has demonstrated its ability to meet the most Congress Wednesday and Thursday in exacting requirements of our civilizathe beautiful John Wesley A. M. E. tion. This race has made valuable contributions to science, invention, art and literature and its achievements in our national wars have maintained at a high level the best military traditions of this nation.

"We desire to express to the friends justice and that equality of rights and The Congress, which before it ad- that equal opportunity which are de-

Segregation Denounced.

"We denounce the segregation of Colored employes in the civil service of the Federal Government as un-American, unjust and wicked, shameful and disgraceful abuse of power.

"We denounce the spirit of those soigan, J. P. Peaker of Connecticut, and called representatives of the people in the halls of Congress, who are constantly seeking to re-citizenize the race by the introductions of reactionary legislation which belongs to the past age and which the great body of American people have outgrown.'

> The other speakers at Thursday som, Mrs. M. C. Simpson, of Boston;

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