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A Prayer for the Flag

By The Rt. Rev. Arthur L. Williams, S. T. D., Bishop of Nebraska.



"Oh, Lord God Almighty, Who alone art the Giver of victory, bless, we pray Thee this Flag, which is the outward and visible symbol of the liberties of our beloved country. We ask that this, our Nation's Flag, wherever it is carried, may never be associated with oppression or tyranny, or unfurled in a base or ignoble cause. May the principles of a free people and a free government, represented by it, be victorious in the world-wide war now raging, and may the day come when Peace shall be forever established and the Righteousness which exalteth a nation prevail upon the earth. These and all other things, for us and the whole world, we ask in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen."

BISHOP-ELECT DEMBY

The Diocese of Arkansas has again shown wise discrimination in the election of a Bishop Suffragan for work among the Colored people of that Diocese. Archdeacon Demby, like Archdeacon Russell, who declined the election, is a man of proven ability in a trying and difficult field. He knows the South thoroughly, having spent the greater portion of his ministry there. He is a man of sound scholarship, broad sympathies, great missionary zeal, decided administrative ability and of uncompromising loyalty to the faith which he professes and teaches.

The Anglican communion, to which the Episcopal Church belongs, has given the priesthood to hundreds of men of African blood and descent, and has elevated some six or seven to the episcopate. The American Episcopal Church has given the episcopate to two Colored priests, the late James Theodore Holly and the late Samuel David Ferguson, but their sees lay outside of the United States. The Bishop Suffragan of Arkansas will be the first Colored priest of the American church to be consecrated for service within the United States. As this will be an epoch-making event in the religious life of Colored Americans, the election of a Suffragan Bishop for Arkansas has an importance beyond the limits of that special diocese and communion.

Should Archdeacon Demby accept his election, which we believe he will, he will carry into that high office the same devotion, consecration and high ideals which have characterized his entire ministry.

We congratulate Arkansas and Archdeacon Demby upon this unanimous election.

THE RED CROSS DRIVE

Omaha has a right to feel proud of its Christmas Red Cross campaign. Our assigned quota was 40,000 members. We doubled it, rolling up a membership of 80,000. This is a splendid showing. It is due, first, to the inimitable Omaha spirit, which does things, and, secondly, to the evoking and guidance of that spirit by the energetic campaign committee, Messrs. Doorly, Davidson, Caldwell, Schall and Pixley, and the corps of earnest workers, men, women and children, of all creeds, colors and conditions, whom they summoned to their aid. The people had a mind to work and were given an opportunity to work, hence the glorious victory achieved.

We are proud of the record made by the Colored people of Omaha. We have gone "over the top" with fully 1,500 members of the Red Cross. The special committee has turned in nearly 600 members and \$621. But to this number must be added 300 from the Union Pacific, over 300 from the packing houses and nearly 300 from the smelters, to say nothing of those who were signed up by the firms and business houses where they are employed. A conservative estimate of these would be 200. We believe that we can safely claim 1,800. Our slogan was "1,000 Colored Members!" Nearly double that number has been secured. Mr. Clark told Mr. S. S. Caldwell that the Colored people could be depended upon for at least 500 members. Mr. Clark's committee alone turned in 218 members and \$236. W. H. (Bob) Robinson made the highest individual score of any of our special workers, turning in 104 members and \$113, Will H. Lewis being second with 94 members and \$100.

The chairman of the special committee desires to thank all who out of

their limited time did what they could in the Red Cross drive. We are all glad we had our share in it and are proud of what has been accomplished.

THE NEW YEAR

Gone is one year and another speeds its going. Will it be a happy New Year? Yes, for all the years are happy. Time knows nothing but happiness. Sorrow was invented by man, not time. There will come again the season of rain and violets, of roses and sun, of ripened grain and fruit and golden mists, of dancing silver frost and snow and wind. It is all to the glory of God and humankind. The world is at war, but the war is the gift of neither heaven nor time. It is an accursed compound of man's own mixing, synthesized from the elements of hate, deceit, suspicion, injustice, wrong, and base cunning. By man's own chemistry must it be resolved. It is said that we fight for an ideal, but man has fought for ideals before and won, only to forget the flaming torch that spurred him on to victory. But it is good to hope. Hope is one of the essences of happiness. So let us enter the new year with hope, it is a precious possession and one of the very few we have. Let us hope that the war may end, that peace will bring justice to all deserving of justice and punishment to those deserving of punishment. Judgment belongs to the Infinite, not to man. With peace, mankind will be offered a new chance to redeem itself and follow the ideals it so loudly acclaims as it rushes to arms. To reach those heights is happiness and thus to call this year of 1918 a Happy New Year may not be far from wrong.

We wish our readers a Happy and Prosperous New Year. The year that is dying has been filled with momentous world-changing events. What the new year holds for us none can tell. This we know, that the disposition of events are in the hands of Him Who doeth all things well and that underneath us, whatever may betide, are the Everlasting Arms.

We want to thank our subscribers and advertisers for their patronage and generous support and for the many kind words they have had for this publication. We shall strive to merit your confidence and to serve you as well as we know how.

However one may dislike the outcome, it is hardly fair to speak of the execution of a sentence imposed by a court-martial as a "military lynching."

Our government must show itself resourceful and powerful enough to protect its soldiers, black or white, against insult and violence at the hands of hoodlums.

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SKITS OF SOLOMON

Patriotism.
"Patriotism," quoth a wise wop once, "is the last refuge of a scoundrel." The wop was right and had more beans in his cranial basket than he wot of. The dear old U. S. A. is afflicted with an army of such scoundrels at the present moment. They are whales on iridescent generalities and the famous flag stuff and keeping the public on the gully gasp over their patriotic irruptions, but they are mostly bull. Their chief desire is to climb into the crib with the bank

roll babies and their seething sentiment is a camouflage concealing their itching fingers that are reaching for the long green. The real patriot is the guy that has learned the gentle art of keeping his mouth shut, even when the war grafters get on his nerves and make him feel like turning loose an arsenal of profanity that would rock the planet and burst the government seismograph.

True patriotism is wanting to see your country go into a fight with clean gloves and hoping to have her score a knockout after a clean fight. Any other patriotism is as noisome as a basket of garlic suffering from cancer. The "patriot" who calls a man yellow because he doesn't develop laryngitis from screaming for the red, white and blue, would beat a bullet trying to find the rear end of the supply train. If he isn't past draft age, he has a list of exemptions that would make a department store inventory look as complicated as an empty medicine bottle. He is the real ochre and the rolling waves of ripened grain haven't anything on him in the golden line. Pass him up with smallpox signs, thin ice and unloaded guns.

"LIFE" ASKS QUESTION
What about the Alabama troops who have had troubles at Camp Dix with Negroes? The only morning paper hereabouts of those that come to our notice that speaks of them is the World. The World of October 16th had a back-page story to effect that Alabama soldiers at Long Island City had kicked and beaten a Negro porter who boarded a train they were on, so that he was carried off to a hospital disabled, and in danger of losing an eye.

Members of a Negro regiment at Camp Mills—the 15th New York Infantry—were attacked and insulted, according to the World of October 27th, by these same Alabama troops, and after a good many fist fights, were moved up to New York.

If these stories are true, the propriety of respecting the customs of the part of the country they are in ought surely to be impressed on the Alabama soldiers. We in the North are not models for fair treatment of Negroes, but our standards in that relation, such as they are, are worth maintaining.—Life (N. Y.) Nov. 8, 1917.

The Congress of the Church of England held at Southampton, discussed the Negro problem. Sir Sidney Olivier, Governor of Jamaica from 1907-1912, said that no solution of the color question was possible except by a resolute disclaimer of the color line and the race differentiation theory.—The Crisis.

RETAILERS WILL CO-OPERATE WITH STATE DEFENSE COUNCIL
Omaha, Neb., December 28.—That there is an effort being made by the National Council of Defense to participate in coming conventions of retailers was disclosed here recently. The Nebraska State Council of Defense asked the Federation of Nebraska Retailers, who were to meet here February 11 to 13, and the Retailers' Conservation Congress, who were to meet February 11 to 16, to advance their meetings to January 21 to 24, so that they might meet in joint session with the Nebraska State Council of Defense. The request was immediately granted. It is reported that similar action will be taken in other states.

THE REV. W. T. OSBORNE PLEASUED WITH NEW FIELD
Knowing that the many friends of the Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Osborne will be pleased to hear from them in this way, the editor publishes the following personal letter:
Dear Father Williams:
We are delighted with our new field. A great church and people. They greeted us so cordially that we feel perfectly at home. It is a very large stone structure with 800 members, and an excellent choir. I never met a more intelligent, thrifty set of officers, strictly up to business, giving the preacher but little to do with the business end only as pastor.
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Send us The Monitor, we miss it very much. Please send us the three last issues we have failed to receive.
Remember us kindly to your dear family. You will find Rev. C. W. Williams and family fine people who will keep the banner flying at St. John's, and will also be a very valuable citizen.
With best wishes,
Your friend and brother,
W. T. OSBORNE.
1219 East 17th St.

Our Women and Children

Conducted by Lucille Skaggs Edwards

NEW PATRIOTIC SONG BY SCHOOL BOY OF 13 YEARS
Graham Butler, 13-year-old Sixth B pupil at Long school, wrote the following words to the tune of "Marching Through Georgia." Martha L. Powell, principal of the school, thought so well of the boy's effort that she presented a copy to Superintendent Beveridge. Master Butler lives at 2909 Franklin street.

By Graham Butler.
Sing hurrah for Uncle Sam
The nation great and strong,
Do the thing you ought to do
To help the war along,
Help defeat the enemy
And save our noble land,
Show forth the flag of our nation.

Hurrah, hurrah,
Let's win a victory,
Hurrah, hurrah,
And set the whole world free,
From the worst autocracy
That there could ever be,
Put in its stead a republic.

Pay your tribute to the men
Who died to save our land,
Buy a bond of Liberty,
And help them all you can,
Safety for Democracy
Is all that we demand,
Cheer for the flag of our nation.

THE NEED OF ECONOMY AND SAVING

When we put a million and a half soldiers in the field, we withdraw those men from productive enterprises. They do not while they are actually in training or in service produce anything. They do, on the other hand, consume much. There is nothing more expensive on earth than to support and maintain a great army in the field, especially if it is on the fighting line. The attrition of supplies and everything else is tremendously great when we have a fighting army in the field.

America is one great remaining storehouse in the world of supplies and credit. We must maintain and make effective as possible our own soldiers and the soldiers of those nations who are fighting for us. We must therefore draw as little as possible upon our common store of supplies and money. The more we lessen our domestic demand, the more we can contribute to the support and effectiveness of our allied armies.

Economy is now a national duty, such a duty upon the people at home as fighting is upon those Americans who are bravely offering their lives for the honor of America and the preservation of liberty and justice.

FOUR POUNDS FLOUR A WEEK IS REASONABLE SUPPLY

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 28.—Four pounds of flour per week per person has been defined as a reasonable amount, according to Gurdon W. Wattles, Federal Food Administrator for Nebraska. Consumers should bear these figures in mind in making their purchases so that there may be an even distribution of flour throughout the country.

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Mr. Clare—"Get out and stay out."

FAST DYE NEEDED

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"But he wasn't white befo' he went in," replied Sambo's small son.
Mr. Samuel Constantine Burke, Jr., a Resident Magistrate in Kingston, Jamaica, British West Indies, is a lieutenant in the English army and is now serving in Flanders.—The Crisis.
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