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Lincoln Conference Notable Gathering

Program as Published in Last Week's
Monitor Successfully Carried
Through.

EMINENT RELIGIOUS LEADERS

Mayor of Boley, Oklahoma, One of the
Few Exclusively Negro Towns of
the Country, Lay Delegate.

The Lincoln Annual Conference which will conclude its sessions at Grove Methodist Episcopal Church with the announcement of appointments Monday morning has carried through a most successful program, which will leave its inspirational impress upon the religious life of the city and send the delegates enheartened by a larger vision back to their respective fields of work.

Bishop Stuntz' opening charge showed him to be a man of broad sympathies and deeply interested in all departments of work under his care.

The conference sermon Thursday by the Rev. C. N. Dawson, from I Timothy, 1:15, was a forceful presentation of Christ's mission of salvation to the world, and the challenge to His disciples to carry on His work in the same broad spirit of love. Among the prominent members of the denomination present at this service were the Rev. Dr. David G. Downey, of The Methodist Book Concern, New York, and the Rev. Dr. George Heber Jones of New York, who had been a missionary in Corea for twenty years.

The lectures by Dr. J. C. Sherrill and the Rev. Dr. E. D. Hull on "Twelve Years in Africa" and "That Boy," delivered on Monday and Tuesday night, respectively, drew appreciative audiences which were well repaid for their attendance.

Tomorrow at 11 o'clock will be ordination services with a sermon by Bishop Stuntz. Home Missions will be considered at 3 o'clock, the Rev. Dr. Dean of Philadelphia, being the speaker. At 4 o'clock will be the financial rally, at which time it is hoped to raise the \$1,000 debt remaining on the property. The rally will be conducted by Bishop Stuntz. At 8 p. m. the Rev. Dr. Jones of New Orleans will preach.

In connection with the financial rally it should be known that when the Rev. Dr. Logan took charge of Grove Church, three years ago, the indebtedness, mortgaged and floating, was \$3,200. He has succeeded in reducing this to \$1,000 by great personal sacrifice, his salary being a beggarly pittance, hardly enough to keep body and soul together, while he was struggling to reduce this debt. He has said nothing about this, but it has been known by one or two of his close personal friends. The Monitor believes this fact should be known. It believes also that it should be known that while the church has raised nearly \$1,800 this year, this

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OUR ANSWER



From Audrey Bowser's Poem,
"The Brown and The Blue."

Old Glory's stripes are shining red
With our good soldiers' gore,
Since Attucks fell and Salem bled,
Black fighters 'neath its folds have led
The fight in every war.
At Pillow and Wagner's hellish fray
On San Juan's blazing hill;
And the blood that flowed at El Caney
Has drenched it deeper still.

What though an envious hate and
pride
Upon us fix their bans?
What though our birthright be denied?
One glory they can never hide—
We are Americans!
And when the dangers darkly reach
Across the nation's sky,
We hurl our lives into the breach
To suffer, bleed and die.

WHEN OUR COUNTRY CALLS

The war clouds are crowding upon the horizon of peace and tranquility is about to pass from us. What of the Colored American? Where does he stand on the question of preserving the national honor? The President does not want him as a volunteer, the War Department does not want him as a regular, the Navy does not want him as a seaman. It seems that nobody wants him and that his race is a race that doesn't count. Rather queer, too, isn't it? He fought in the Revolution, died in the War of 1812, bled in the Mexican fight, saved the North in the Civil War, and fought the Don gloriously in the Spanish conflict. His escutcheon is as spotless as new fallen snow and he never was a traitor. He of all men has the greatest right to question

whether our flag really stands for freedom, our country for justice and our ideals for righteousness—yet he has never questioned them when the country called. He is the bravest of the brave, the loyalist of the loyal, the truest of the true. Yet he does not count. He is without the pale.

No, we are not wanted. The President forgets us, the Army does not need us and the Navy scorns us; but we are loyal still. Above President and Army and Navy is the Country and the Flag and when they need us and call us, nothing can hold back our hands or stifle our courage. Their ideals are ours and as long as a black man has blood to shed the ideal of a government of the people, by the people and for the people shall not perish from the earth.

"SPRING DRIVE" STARTED

From all sources the war in Europe is assigned as the first cause of the Negro migration, in so much as it has employed all of Europe's able bodied at home, and allowed but few to come to the United States. The passage of the new immigration act by congress over the veto of the president indicates that even when it is over, foreign laborers will be prevented by the literacy clause from entering in as large numbers as formerly. Without the new law with its literacy clause, it appears that the frightful casualties upon the battlefields will make impossible any overflow of men from Europe to America for at least five years.

All of these facts point to the same thing. The North in field and factory is going to be shorthanded for some time to come, and until the supply of laborers become steady again, will draw on the South with its superabundance of workers for several hundred

thousand more hands. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Traveler's Aid Association estimates that as many as 25,000 Southern Negroes, lured by higher wages, have flocked into the city during the past few weeks. Most of these men are working in the munitions factories. Massachusetts and other Northern states are short of farm laborers. Hampden county is willing to solve the problem by bringing in intelligent Negro workers from the South, and the Improvement Leagues of that place have put the question up to the farmers of that vicinity.

Tuskegee resolutions to the contrary, it looks as if the "Spring Drive" of Colored workers from the South will exceed in size and importance any similar movement since the opening up of the great Western plains for settlement in the middle of the last century. It is a good thing for the Colored man, and a good thing for the country.—The Baltimore Afro-American.

Saturday Evening Post Condemns Lynching

Magazine Reaching Millions of Readers Speaks In No Uncertain Terms Against Barbarism.

LYNCHERS ARE BARBARIANS

It is seldom indeed that the Saturday Evening Post has ever come out in its pages to condemn any of the injustices practiced against the Colored race in America, but the following is perhaps as calm and dispassionate an article as has ever been written. When it is remembered that The Post is read in over two million of homes throughout the United States, the moral effect of such an article must carry great weight:

American Barbarism.

There is now a more powerful reaction against lynching—that abominable disgrace to the United States—than ever before. It is more generally realized that lynchers, whatever positions they may hold in society, are essentially stupid barbarians, whose anarchism brings into question all social security and order. It is plain enough that no man's life can really be safe in a community given to lynching. There will probably be, at first, the extreme provocation of assault upon a woman. The record shows that, having yielded to that provocation, yielding to lesser ones becomes increasingly easy; and finally a mob will as readily slake its blood-thirst by murdering a white man as Colored one.

Because lynching has been more common in the South, the South is especially interested in discouraging it. The intelligent Southern opinion, which must finally prevail, is insisting upon the only remedy—conviction and punishment of mob murderers. When dominant opinion recognizes lynching for what it is—a detestable crime against society far more dangerous socially than any individual murder—lynching will disappear. Only the criminal sanction or tolerance of misguided opinion keeps it alive. Mobs never lynch except when they think it perfectly safe. As soon as they have to expect not sanction or tolerance, but genuine prosecution, they will leave the repression of crime to orderly processes of law.

It is altogether a question of public opinion. To strengthen the right opinion is a plain duty of every one who wants that opinion to prevail.

NEW HOSPITAL OPENS

Newport News, Va.—The Whittaker Memorial Hospital was formally opened this week with appropriate exercises, which were held Monday and Tuesday.

The Colored members now have a hospital where members of the race when sick may be admitted as patients and given the best of medical treatment.