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RECOGNITION OF LEADERSHIP

The election last week by the Diocese of Arkansas of a well-qualified Colored priest to be bishop suffragan in charge of the growing work of the Episcopal Church among the Colored people in that diocese is an event of far reaching importance. It marks the recognition of the ability for leadership among the race by the Episcopal Church, which recognition will undoubtedly have a most salutary effect upon members of the race outside of the communion of this most earnest and influential Church, which numbers over a million communicants and more than 5,000 clergy. Among this number are about 25,000 communicants and nearly 200 clergy of the race.

How to reach more effectually the masses of our people has been a problem which has given much concern to the Episcopal Church. Various plans have been proposed. Among these the giving of the episcopate to members of the race has been considered for many years. The Canon providing for Suffragan Bishops was introduced and passed in the General Convention several years ago to meet this exigency. Instead of its adoption for Colored work in the South it was used for increased Episcopal supervision in large cities and dioceses. New York, Philadelphia and Chicago were among the large cities which elected suffragans; and Iowa and Minnesota were among the dioceses which chose suffragans. Moreover, the men who were elected to these positions are among the ablest men in the Church.

Arkansas is the first diocese in the country to choose a Colored suffragan and The Monitor rejoices that the choice has fallen upon such a worthy priest as the Rev. James A. Russell. He is a Virginian by birth and training. His entire ministry has been spent in the South. He is scholarly, manly, tactful and as the head of a great school has shown administrative ability of the highest order. From every standpoint, therefore, there could not be a better choice.

Bishop Winchester, of Arkansas, whose suffragan he is to be, is a man of warm sympathy and intense interest in everything that makes for the uplift of the Colored race, and work with such a man, whatever other difficulties there may be in the way, will receive every encouragement he can possibly give.

Of course it is not yet known whether Archdeacon Russell will accept his election. Should he do so, the experiment of the adaptation of the episcopate to the work of the Episcopal Church among Colored people in the South will be begun under the most favorable auspices and will be eagerly watched throughout the country. Its significance lies in the entrusting of leadership in the office of the episcopate to Colored men on the part of the Episcopal Church in the United States. Leadership by the entrusting of the priesthood to men of the race has been an accomplished

fact in this country more than a century. The entrusting of the episcopate follows the same principle.

It is rather suggestive that the Convention which elected Archdeacon Russell should be held at Hope, Ark., and in St. Mark's Church. St. Mark's field of labor was Africa and Christian tradition makes him founder of the See of Alexandria.

All auguries seem auspicious for this new venture of faith.

JOIN THE RED CROSS

An effort is being made all over the country to increase the membership of the Red Cross. Omaha is aiming at a membership of at least 20,000. It ought to reach 50,000. We hope it will. This is a world wide society devoted to the relief of suffering. It recognizes no creed, nationality or color. Its work is to relieve suffering HUMANITY. Memberships range from \$1.00 to \$100.00. We urge upon our people to join. One dollar could not be invested better. Go to any booth where membership is being solicited and lay down your dollar and get your little Red Cross button. Or see one of the following, who have been appointed to serve on the membership committee: H. J. Pinkett, the Rev. W. T. Osborne, Dr. A. G. Edwards, Dr. L. E. Britt, Mrs. J. Alice Stewart or the Rev. John Albert Williams, who will be pleased to receive your membership.

JOIN THE RED CROSS NOW!

DISCRIMINATION IN THE NAVY

We are absolutely opposed to the discrimination which obtains in the United States navy. It is a disgrace to this country and a protest should be sent to the President and the Congress from all Americans who believe in fair play and justice.

The government is calling for thousands of men to serve in the navy, and to us it seems treasonable to bar Americans from this arm of the service on the ground of color. Can the United States, while claiming to be battling for the rights of humanity and the triumph of democracy, afford to stultify itself before the world by permitting this discrimination in the navy?

SKITS OF SOLOMON

England's Fight for Human Freedom
England, O my son, is putting up a brave fight for the cause of human liberty and equality—so brave that even the angels in heaven are borrowing handkerchiefs to wipe away the tears of joy. How so great a nation could enter a war so unselfishly is the marvel of the whole daddled book of history. Of course if Johnnie Bull has copped nearly all of Germany's provinces in Africa, made a collection of islands around the Mediterranean, tried to razzle-dazzle the Turks out of the Dardanelles, grabbed Bagdad and all contiguous fertile and unfertile country, ran up the English jack upon all islands lying around loose-like in the ocean,

got a hammerlock hold upon Calais, a port she has been aching after for many moons, and has also put across several other shady little deals. But withal, O my son, I would have you know that Old Albion entered this war without hope of gain and with an unselfishness unknown in the world before. She wants to demonstrate before the earth that all men are equal, provided, of course, that they are neither black men or Teutons. She wants every nation upon earth that has any pocket change or lefty harvests to jump in on the Allies' side; other nations don't worry her the least bit.

May the Allies win, O my son; because if they don't the day they sign the peace paper Miss Millenium will swoop down and take a seat on the corner bench. Thou shalt then be able to buy autos for a bone and private yachts for a dime. Contentment will crowd Old Man Misery off the bench and silvery dollars will ring the morning alarm at 10 a. m. Hold, son! My pipe is out.

FIRMS WANTING COLORED LABOR

Bethlehem Steel Mills, Sparrow's Point, Md.

Yale & Towne Manufacturing company, Stamford, Conn.

Minnesota Steel Mills, Morgan Park, Duluth, Minn.

Packing houses, Omaha, Neb., and Sioux City, Ia.

Union Pacific Railway company, Omaha, Neb.

None of these firms are yet advancing transportation, but should they do so The Monitor will send for those whose applications are in.

Obvious Observations

What has become of the awful Allied drive? Reckon they must have broken a spoke or punctured one of the rubber go-easy rims—what?

We figured that the race question was behind the trouble in Cuba, and it is thoroughly confirmed in the ultimatum slipped to old President Menacool about hanging up a "For Rent" sign May 20.

Last week a sheriff down in Bam wouldn't let some of our men get railway tickets that were waiting for them. Never mind, whiskers and tin 'way late we'll get 'em.

Many of our friends say that if the court gives that Mr. Milkman back his booze, they are sure going to take milk on his route.

Old John Liquor received such a terrific uppercut in the senate last week that national timekeepers are now beginning to give him the count.

The English admiralty says the U-boat is a joke, while members of parliament say that it is about ready to ruin England. Which is which and the other?

Come through with the subscription beans, brother. The man or woman who will read a paper and refuse to pay for it is worse than Mr. Villa of Mexico.

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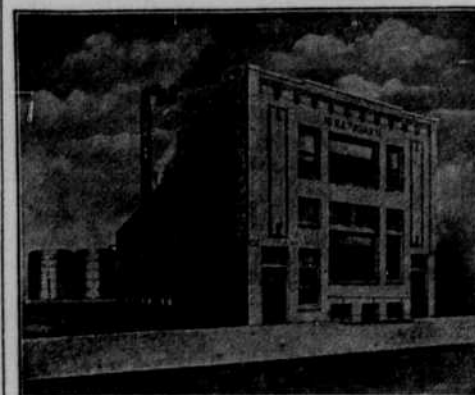
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