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## OATH OF COLORED AMERICAN YOUTH

"I will never bring disgrace upon my race by any unworthy deed or dishonorable act; I will live a clean, decent, manly life, and will ever respect and defend the virtue and honor of womanhood; I will uphold and obey the just laws of my country and of the community in which I live, and will encourage others to do likewise; I will not allow prejudice, injustice, insult or outrage to cover my spirit or sour my soul, but will ever preserve the inner freedom of heart and conscience; I will not allow myself to be overcome of evil, but will strive to overcome evil with good; I will endeavor to develop and exert the best powers within me for my own personal improvement, and will strive unceasingly to quicken the sense of racial duty and responsibility; I will in all these ways aim to uplift my race so that, to everyone bound to it by ties of blood, it shall become a bond of ennoblement, and not a byword of reproach."

### IS THERE ANY RIFT IN THE CLOUD?

DO YOU see any rift in the cloud of race prejudice which lowers so darkly and ominously over the land?

The speaker was a well known and substantial citizen of Omaha, the owner of a beautiful home and other property, is happily married and is rearing a family, giving them good educational advantages. He is a student and a very thoughtful man.

There was a note of pathetic earnestness in his voice when he addressed this question to us. Our own heart beat in sympathy with his, for optimist though we be, we have been compelled to acknowledge that a cloud of race prejudice, ominous and dark, hovers threateningly over the land. We gain nothing by ignoring this fact. If it presages a storm, we should know it and be prepared to seek shelter. If perchance, and God grant that it may be so, the genial sun of fraternal righteousness shall dispel the lowering cloud of fratricidal strife, then we should be prepared to play our part in the enlarged sphere of social and industrial usefulness which will fall to us by reason of these changed conditions. The cloud is there. No student of affairs can deny it. It overshadows us as a racial group, and some of us fear as we enter into the cloud. Comes there any voice out of the cloud, bespeaking courage and hope and good cheer? In the language of our friend, is there "any rift in the cloud?"

We believe there is a rift in the cloud. The fact that by its overshadowing we are being driven into a recognition of our own power, strength and resourcefulness and fired with a determination to be satisfied with nothing less than our full manhood rights illuminates the cloud and are the pencilings of light which will dispel the cloud. Moreover, this sense of power and inherent strength, voicing itself in sane demands for justice and a square deal is finding a response in the hearts of more of the dominant group than some of us are inclined to believe. We are absolutely confident that if we as a race of people do not become weary in well-doing and refuse to become sordid and mean, or revengeful and vindictive, and will not "allow prejudice, insult or outrage to cover (our), spirit or sour (our) soul, but will ever preserve the inner freedom of heart and conscience," the ominous clouds which lower will bring upon us showers of blessing.

This in substance was our answer to our friend's question, which question we now pass on to our readers and would be pleased to have their reply.

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### JOIN NOW!!

You who have faith in girlhood and young womanhood, make your faith strong by taking out a membership in the Young Women's Christian Association. The city wide drive for membership is now on and will continue until July 15, 1920.

The aim of the association is to develop the highest conception of Christian womanhood and to aid girls and

women in realizing this conception by all-around development, by utilizing every available resource of the community for their interests, and by offering itself to be used by the community in co-operative service for women. All girls and women are eligible for membership who believe in the purpose of the association. To associate young women in personal loyalty to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord; to promote growth in Christian character and service through physical, social, mental and spiritual training, and to become a social force for the extension of the Kingdom of God.

Plans are being perfected by which full possession of the Center located at Twenty-second and Grant streets is expected some time in July. Let us celebrate our formal opening with not less than 500 strong and wide-awake members.

ALL TOGETHER NOW FOR THE W. C. A. Memberships for the year, \$1.00. Girls from 12 to 18 years, 50 cents.

The committee is at work. Help them.

MRS. D. W. GOODEN, Chairman of Membership Committee.  
MISS FRANKIE B. WATKINS, Branch Secretary in Charge.

### IN MEMORIAM

Dedicated to Mrs. A. W. Parker, who died June 23, 1919.

"A year ago, dear little mother, You quietly fluttered away; There never can be another Such a heartrending, solemn day."

"Your memory will live on forever, For the bonds that we cannot sever, But blest be the tie that ever will bind

Me to you still, Mother Mine."

EMMA PARKER.

### BAPTIST ASSOCIATION HOLDS CONVENTION

Editor of The Monitor:

Please permit me to speak through your valuable columns of the Negro Baptist Association of Nebraska, which met with the Pleasant Green Baptist Church, Twenty-second and Paul streets, Omaha, Neb., beginning last Monday, June 14th, and closing its session with a meeting of the Executive Board Monday of this week.

This Association, starting with three churches at first, now has ten churches in its third annual session, and nearly four thousand members, represented by delegates from Lincoln, Beatrice, Hastings, Grand Island, Council Bluffs, and the churches of Omaha, Neb.

The Rev. W. F. Botts, D. D., is Moderator of the Association, H. L. Anderson, secretary; the M. D. U. is led by the Rev. M. H. Wilkinson, as president; J. W. Andrews, secretary Women's Educational, Home and Foreign Convention; Mrs. G. Allen, president; Mrs. A. B. Safold, secretary S. S. Convention; H. L. Anderson, president; Mrs. Mary Dallas, secretary B. Y. P. U.; Mrs. Harris, president. Each of these auxiliaries was given a day for individual sessions.

Sunday features were a model Sunday school in the morning, and in the afternoon a mass meeting of Baptists.

Among the many visitors who addressed the association during its session was Dr. Ray E. York, state secretary of Nebraska Baptists, who said that "the Negro Baptist association is the fifteenth or one of the fifteen Baptist associations of the state of Nebraska, but in numerical strength and church property it stood second, and by the next session he expected to see the Negro Baptist Association in first place." Quite a number of visitors were present, some from as far south as Texas, and as far north as Minnesota, from the east and from the west.

Owing to the rapid growth of the association, the S. S. School Convention and the B. P. Y. U. will go to themselves next year, and will meet with Mt. Zion, Lincoln, Neb. The association with remaining auxiliaries will go to Pilgrim Rest, next year. Rev. Wm. Franklin, pastor.

The reports showed marvelous growth among the churches. For the most part, the churches are all engaged in building or buying church homes, and have raised, within the last occasional year, amounts ranging from \$500 to more than \$1,300 each. That is to say, that one church has

raised \$1,300, another \$6,000, another \$4,000, etc.

The session closed amidst a galaxy of brilliant addresses, papers read, and expressions of joy and inspirations.

Total amount raised during session is \$970.

J. D. CRUM, Press Reporter.

### RESOLUTION

Whereas, Three members of our race have been lynched at Duluth, Minn., on the 18th inst., one of whom died proclaiming his innocence,

Therefore be it Resolved, that the Negro Baptists of Nebraska, in association assembled, do hereby most solemnly protest against such lawlessness.

Be it further Resolved, that we most earnestly appeal to the Christian world to arouse to the utmost the forces of Christ to action till public sentiment shall overwhelm and crush out such lawlessness.

J. D. CRUM, Press Reporter.

(The above resolution was unanimously adopted by the association in session.)

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