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KEEPS FAITH

THE MONITOR which urged the nomination and election of Adam McMullen as governor of Nebraska is gratified to call attention to the fact that he has given recognition to our group by appointing the Rev. E. H. McDonald as a deputy oil inspector. We repeatedly expressed confidence that Governor McMullen would be fair to all classes and do the square thing by all. Despite the support given republican candidates by our people the best that has hitherto been given us among hundreds of appointments have been one or two minor janitorships. Janitorships are all right but it is high time we were given some other recognition and our people were getting very tired of being given the glad hand before election and the frozen mit after election. We are glad that Governor McMullen has broken the tradition of Nebraska officials in making this appointment, which we hope is but the earnest and pledge of others that may be given our group as soon as openings may be found or made.

As to the appointee. He is a high-class Christian gentleman with the ability and the disposition to fill the position conscientiously and satisfactorily. All we are personally interested in at any time is the fact that the person making application for appointments of this kind shall be one of good character and with the ability to make good. Mr. McDonald has these qualifications. We congratulate him upon his appointment and thank Governor McMullen for this recognition of our people's support.

He has kept faith as we maintained he would.

TERMS OF CONTEMPT

DON'T permit yourself to fall into the habit of using terms of contempt and reproach such as "chink", "dago", "wop", "sheeny" and "nigger". These are all terms of contempt and derision of God's noblest creature, man, and

those who use them suffer deeper mental and spiritual degradation than they realize. We are largely, almost entirely, molded by our thoughts and when we speak derisively or contemptuously of any racial type or group it discloses our own low mentality and ideals. The use of such terms are indicative of a moral obliquity which we should bend every energy to correct.

THE FISK FIGHT

WE HAVE REFRAINED from commenting on the trouble between President McKenzie and the students of Fisk university. We desired to have more data on the situation than one secures through various newspaper reports. There are certain aspects of the situation which do not impress us favorably towards President McKenzie and chief of these is the promptness with which he called upon the Nashville police who invaded the campus and brutally beat several of the Fisk students. Knowing as he did the attitude of the average white Southern policeman towards Negroes and especially those of the better class, whose self-respect they interpret as impudence the calling in of the police was an inexcusable blunder upon the part of President McKenzie. Judging the situation from this distance it looks to us like Dr. McKenzie's usefulness as president of Fisk university is gone.

ABBOTT COMING

NEXT MONDAY Robert S. Abbott, editor of the Chicago Defender, is to be an Omaha visitor. Mr. Abbott is an outstanding example of the men of our race who have made good. After a terrific struggle against poverty and other handicaps Robert S. Abbott has succeeded in building up one of the greatest weekly newspapers in the country. The Chicago Defender is recognized as an institution in American journalism. It took courage, grit, determination, faith and vision to build up such a publication. Mr. Abbott comes to speak at St. John's A. M. E. church. The Monitor bids him

heartily and cordial welcome and hopes that his brief stay with us will be a joy and an inspiration.

LINCOLN NEWS AND COMMENT

The Mary Talbert Club was entertained at the home of Mrs. John Cooley February 15. Mrs. John McDonald, hostess; also the week of March 1st, at the home of Mrs. L. G. Forbes, Mrs. Alma Wiley, hostess. This club is doing a splendid work under the leadership of Mrs. Paul L. Moore, its president, and her assistants. New members are being added continually to the original quota, which maintains an ideal standard, and pledges their loyalty to the club, charity being its chief aim. The club will install lights in the Old Folks Home on Vine street shortly, which is being looked forward to with interest by all its members. A social meeting will be held March 15th at the home of Mrs. John Johnson. Mrs. John McDonald and Mrs. Alma Wiley were both ideal hostesses.

Mrs. Blossom is able to be out again after some illness.

Mrs. R. H. Young and Mr. Ben Corneal received message from their brother, A. L. Corneal at Portland, Ore., announcing the death of his wife there early in the week, after a long illness. We remember Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Corneal as having visited here last summer after several years' absence.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Johnson arrived in the city from San Bernardino, Cal., last Thursday, stopped over two days, visited his brother, Mr. Zack Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson left for the east Friday to visit his son, who is in college at Washington, D. C., and to witness the inauguration of President Coolidge and Dawes March 4th.

Mr. and Mrs. Zack Johnson entertained friends at their home, 2464 Woodcrest, last Thursday afternoon in honor of their brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Johnson of California.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sellers attended the funeral of their brother, Luther Sellers, at Omaha last Wednesday.

Miss Zureta Doty entertained the Utopian Art club at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Mosley last Thursday night. Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Johnson of California were present and addressed the meeting which was largely attended.

Saturday Chas. W. Dickerson, M. W. Grand Master of Omaha, made an official visit to Lebanon Lodge No. 3 A. F. and A. M. of Nebraska Jurisdiction. Mr. Dickerson addressed the

meeting in a most noble manner, complimenting Lebanon on her appearance and work as Master Masons. M. W. Grand Master Dickerson after a very neat speech, presented P. M. W. Grand Master R. H. Young with a beautiful badge as token of his zeal and work while Grand Master of this jurisdiction. T. T. McWilliams responded to the Grand Master. Luncheon was enjoyed by the craft. Mr. Dickerson spent Sunday as guest of W. M. Geo. B. Evans and others.

Messrs. E. W. Huff and Wm. High-tower were Omaha visitors last Sunday.

A series of meeting is going on at Mt. Zion Baptist church this week. Rev. J. H. Hill of Independence, Mo., is speaker.

Word comes to us that A. J. Hill, formerly of Lincoln, died at Plattsmouth, Neb., recently.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Mosley spent Sunday in Omaha with their cousin, Mrs. Margaret Lewis, 2016 North Twenty-fifth street.

Those in attendance at the Council of Deliberation at Omaha Sunday were: Messrs. W. A. Johnson, J. S. Galbrath, A. B. Mosley, W. W. Mosley. The meeting was a profitable one. All officers were re-elected with few exceptions. The next meeting will be at Lincoln in 1926.

U. B. & L. CLUB HOLDS MEETING

The U. B. & L. Club met at the home of Miss Lucile Whitney Tuesday evening. Dues were collected and the present and future of the club were discussed. A dainty luncheon was served by Miss Whitney. The club will give a dancing party at Hanscom park pavillion Monday evening, March 9th. The next meeting will be held Tuesday evening, March 17th, at the residence of Miss Elizabeth Maxwell, 2724 Blondo street.

PRESENT LENA MAYS CURRIE IN RECITAL

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A moment's thought will easily convince open-minded persons that the contribution of the Negro to American nationality as slave, freedman and citizen was far from negligible. No element of American life has so subtly and yet clearly woven itself into warp and woof of our thinking and acting as the American Negro. He came with the first explorers and helped in exploration. His labor was from the first the foundation of the American prosperity and the cause of the rapid growth of the new world in social and economic importance. Modern democracy rests not simply on the striving white men in Europe and America but also on the persistent struggle of the black men in America for two centuries. The military defense of this land has depended upon Negro soldiers from the time of the Colonial wars down to the struggle of the World War. Not only does the Negro appear, reappear and persist in American literature but a Negro American literature has arisen of deep significance, and Negro folk lore and music are among the choicest heritages of this land. Finally the Negro has played a peculiar spiritual role in America as a sort of living, breathing test of our ideals and an example of the faith, hope and tolerance of our religion.—Du Bois, "The Gift of Black Folk."