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HOW WE MUST OVERCOME

By Dr. M. A. Majors

Most of the trouble today is caused by the evil in the hearts of the people. It is not so much the economic situation as it is the social lack of equilibrium. The great forces in the world revolve around the human aspirations, ambitions and dispositions of the people. Today we are threatened with an almost social eclipse. The marauding hand of the despot in the social world is at the thro of every man's fireside. Women and men it seems are rushing pell-mell down the wide road to human destruction, and the pity of it is, there seems to be no power on earth able to stop this onrush of maddened devilry.

The very atmosphere seems electrically charged with the rotten deception that makes slaves out of the very stoutest among us. Immorality seems to be the present popular game played by men and women against whom no one heretofore would suspect of the least deviation of moral rectitude. Something must be done to stimulate a potential moral prowess in the children of a desperate age such as this. The home needs the help of the church and the Sunday School at their best; Truth must become the foundation stone, and every gracious impulse must be seized on speedily if we would cause a halt to the present spirit of moral decay which is becoming so manifest.

Every force for the good of a nobler humanity must become allied with a superhuman propaganda to battle against the Satanic devilment of mankind. We have got to try to make a real heaven on earth to take the place of the mushroom hell that is beginning to engulf and swallow us alive. We must stop our emotionalism and resort more to the precepts of sober conduct, making our intelligence a worthy handmaiden to our religion and professions of Christianity. We are to erect the temple of God more in the hearts of mortals than in the feelings and im-



BISHOP W. SAMPSON BROOKS

The greatest of all of the great Bishops of the A. M. E. Church, who is bound to raise fifty thousand dollars for his educational work in Africa.

aginations. Decency and the good order must be the great fortress for our salvation. Professing this and professing that, with herculean efforts to live true to the principles of what is professed spell only hypocrisy and human degradation. Long sermons, mournful prayers, unsupported by righteous deeds, do not aid moral sobriety. Howling pretenses sustained only by deception weakens our moral fabric.

We must build our tower of faith in the confidence and belief in one another always superinduced by the noblest spirit. Pure lives, spotless character, virtue and the rest of it can alone make heaven in the hearts of mankind.

NO POLITICAL BUNGLING WITH THE NEW NEGRO

By Dr. M. A. Majors

The present administration has the opportunity to make itself secure with the Negro vote in the north by passing the Dyer bill. If, by some kind of political indifference, it should allow this great opportunity to pass and the Dyer bill is defeated, then it is good-bye to the hopes of Republicanism in America.

We have been watching the spirit of the politician for many long days, and we are of the opinion that the Republican party takes the Negro voter for a sure thing in the face of the hurricanes of hell it has let unmercifully rain down upon the luckless head of the race.

There is a wide difference between the young Negroes of the present and the past. We know that it has held the Negro voter with a few jobs, and the promises of others, and promised legislation that would help to remove the hand of the tyrant off our necks. It is today not jobs as much as it is favorable legislation that we are demanding. The Negro has been played with quite long enough. For more than a decade we have been without a representative in the halls of congress. It is a shame upon the grand old party that a race controlling over a billion of dollars of wealth in grand

America—the land of the free and the home of the brave—has not a representative in congress.

It is not at all creditable to a party that has so long enjoyed the unanimous support of a race not to have vastly much more consideration than it has heretofore received.

We do not dispute the fact that we have not been as interested in our own as we have been in the interests of those who walk into office by our consolidated vote. Let the big mouth, mushy politician come among us and throw a few bouquets at some of the race, and we throw a double fit in shouting ourselves hoarse for him. If a few well-chosen fellows are given preference, that is their bait to catch the rest of us. But we must not lose sight of the fact that we are to be delivered bag and baggage over to the politician for what the well-chosen fellows are given. It may all be in the game of politics that a people's interests are jeopardized for the good of a faithful bunch of fellows who bask in the glorious favor of the heads of the party. This applies to local, state and national politics.

It is no more the old time faithful well-meaning Negro who turned a somersault with his hat in his hand whenever a white man shot the bull to him. We thank God for living in an age when the stalwart young manhood of the race mounts high, exercising an intelligence in the affairs of the land that will not take bungling for business.

The politician hereafter will have to take the whole race into sober, serious consideration. He will have to sign up and keep a covenant that he has embodied in the principle of his campaign. A new order for a new day is to become the rule and to make good with the rising tide of young voters of the Negro race is the only way the Republican party can expect our political consideration.

EMINENT DIVINE WILL SPEAK AT BEREAN BAPTIST CHURCH, MONDAY NIGHT, SEPT. 4TH, AT 8:30 P. M.

Rev. Charles S. Morris, upon whose shoulders fell the oratorical mantle of the lamented Frederick Douglass, will speak. His subject will be: "I Tremble for the Future of Our Country When I Remember That God Is Just, and That His Mercy Will Not Endure Always."

Dr. Morris has a host of stalwart friends in Chicago who still cherish fresh in their memory the great work he fostered in the Windy City during the great World's Fair in 1893, viz: Colored People's Day at the World's Fair. It was in Festival Hall that he put on the great program of which Hon. Frederick Douglass was the chief speaker. Every person appearing in that great festival was a national star—Miss Hallie Q. Brown, elocutionist; Will Marion Cook, violinist; Madam Desiro Plato, prima donna; Harry Thacker Burleigh, baritone; Sidney Woodard of Boston, tenor; J. Arth Freeman, tenor; Paul Laurence Dunbar, poet. It was a day of days for the Negro in America.

Dr. Morris will reach Chicago with his band of singers next Saturday. He is enroute to Canada where he will speak and lecture on an elaborate scale. Monday night, Sept. 4th, he will speak at Berean Baptist Church, 52nd and Dearborn streets.

The committee having this lecture in charge invite the public to come out and hear this able man of the race. Admission is free.—(M.)

CHARLES (BETTER) STUMP, THE POOR TRAVELING CORRESPONDENT FOR THE BROAD AX, HAS BEEN SPENDING MUCH TIME IN TRAMPING AROUND THROUGH THE EAST AND SOUTH AND AT LAST HAS CHECKED UP FOR A STOP IN OLD CHICAGO.

Chicago, Ill.—Dr. R. H. Boyd, of National Baptist Publishing Board fame, has passed into the Great Beyond. This information came to me last Saturday just as I was about to leave Philadelphia and I at once started out to find out just when the funeral would be, but when I got the proper information it was too late for me to start. He died on Wednesday. I did not learn of it until I went to see Dr. W. G. Parks Saturday afternoon. We shall miss him.

Then comes the information that on account of the strike the National Baptist convention will not meet next week in Los Angeles, but will wait until the men get through striking, and then the Baptists will come together from all parts of the country and take up grave matters of interest to them all—I expect to be there and enter into them.

Rev. Dr. A. M. Townsend is going right on with the work of constructing that great publishing house, and when it is finished the whole country will sit up and take notice. They are going to put in the building just \$300,000, and that is worth while. The Baptists of the National Baptist convention are working today as just one, and you know when you get Baptists to pull together then something is bound to happen.

But do you know that I—broke loose in New York and the old devil walked right into Col. Garvey's camp, and I am informed that the business has been split wide open, and if you don't watch before they are through with it there is something going to drop, and I will not be in the drapping, for I have never been in the thing. Now this is what happened: There was one man who was at the head of the American Negroes, and he stepped forward and declared that His Excellency, Honorable Marcus Garvey, President-General of the United Negro Improvement Association, and Provisional President of Africa, with a salary for the two positions alleged to aggregate \$21,000 annually, was incapable to ruling, and that he had been short-sighted in his investments and just squandered the money of the people; that he had raised \$144,000 for improvements in Africa and only \$4,000 of that amount found its way to Africa and it would take judgment alone to tell where the other had gone. Big salaries and unwise investments had been the graveyards for a few thousand dollars.

Honorable Marcus Garvey is the bandmaster, and the people love to follow the big horn blower, and believe me, honey, that black man has been blowing some horn, and people have followed him by the thousands. Preachers have left their pulpits, to leave Jesus and follow Garvey, and every one of them has fallen by the wayside. There is poor Rev. J. D. Brooks—took Garvey instead of Jesus Christ; became one of the most cunningest men in the country, and the next thing I heard Garvey had him inside looking out through little cracks, praying to God to deliver him from "THE I AM ALL MIGHTY," and to get him out of jail. Then he went into court and got judgment for his salary, I am told, and he is now no longer connected with that great organization.

Now, if you want to know the rest, just call on the Rev. Mr. Eason, who has been preaching Garveyism, and at the session last week he was tried, convicted by the Garvey court, expelled from the order, and when he got straight and brought suit against his Lord and Master Garvey in the same court, of course Garvey was turned spunk clean free, and was not even told to "Go in peace and sin no more." Eason was the sinner and Garvey the saint, but I am told that Eason has received a charter for another organization which will be purely American, and told Garvey he could go where it was perpetual summer and the wind was never known to blow, and I am looking through geography to find out just where that unknown clime is.

I have devoted enough space to that stuff for this time, but now permit me to tell you that I have been going some since I wrote you that last letter you read from me, and I am going some more in a few days, so you just look and listen and get the information for yourself.

Do you remember that I attended the National Negro Business League in Norfolk? It was some meeting, believe me, honey. I told you about it last week and then I went to Richmond after looking into Hampton Institute, and seeing the big people there. It was a fine look in, and Major Allen Washington was one more busy man, and that head cook there did not give me a very good impression of his highness, but there

must be some odd sheep in the flock and he was that one. I had the pleasure of being in charge of Fifth Street Baptist Church for one whole day, and at the close I got my walking papers and a check for my day's work.

Monday morning, bright and early, I got myself together and made it out to Hanover where I found a most remarkable institution, the Manual Labor School of Virginia for Boys. This is an institution for the purpose of giving the boy who has side-stepped to the right or left, and they strive to get his feet back in the straight path. This is an opportunity institution, and at the head is Thomas J. Edwards, an excellent young man, and he is doing a fine work. I am going to tell you all about him one of these days. I am going to make a special write-up of the institution.

Then off to Washington in the evening, and this time was spent with that remarkable race man, Dr. W. H. Jernagin, president of the National Race Congress and who is willing to spend all of his money and time for the development of his own people. He was spending sleepless nights over his people. Just now, it comes to light, that there is to be placed over our soldiers a white man to succeed Dr. O. J. W. Scott, chaplain retired. I wish others would join him in this fight. If you want the information, just drop a line to Dr. W. H. Jernagin, 1341 Third street N. W., Washington, D. C., and he will gladly tell you about it.

The next morning he had me to accompany him to Baltimore to meet a Baptist Association. I enjoyed the trip very much. Called to see the widow of the late Daniel A. Murphy, who was connected with the Afro-American, and she is getting along nicely. I also called on Mrs. John Hurst, and her name is Mrs. K. Bertha Hurst. She was sick in bed, but improving. I had the pleasure of meeting many friends in Baltimore, and left there after talking to the Baltimore Bishop Timber, Dr. A. L. Gaines, and he is in the next race and there to win.

Off then for Philadelphia, where I spent just one night, and then on to New York, stopping with one of the new bishops of the A. M. E. Church, Dr. M. W. Thornton, pastor of Bethel A. M. E. Church. He shook my lily black hand and assured me that I was welcome to his home then and all the time.

Out to see New York the next day. I had the pleasure of meeting President N. W. Collier, of the ancient city, and of the Florida Normal and Industrial School. He is the president, and they are doing great work in St. Augustine. He is up there in New York getting some money for the work. I also met Hon. C. H. Anderson, the business man of the race. He is a wonder, and a great man. Next found me in company with Miss Ruth Bradley, of Kansas City, Kan. I am sure you will remember this wonderful young woman.

I am here to tell you that New York is some place, and if you don't watch you may lose your head, your pants, your money at any corner or in the middle of the block. I will not tell you my experience in the city this time.

Visited the plant of the New York Age. They have a wonderful plant there. Fred R. Moore is the editor and he is a scholar and a gentleman.

I note that Emmett J. Scott declares that he did not bow at the feet of Hon. Marcus Garvey and get the degree or some other title or what not. He has no time for such stuff as that. He is a real busy man.

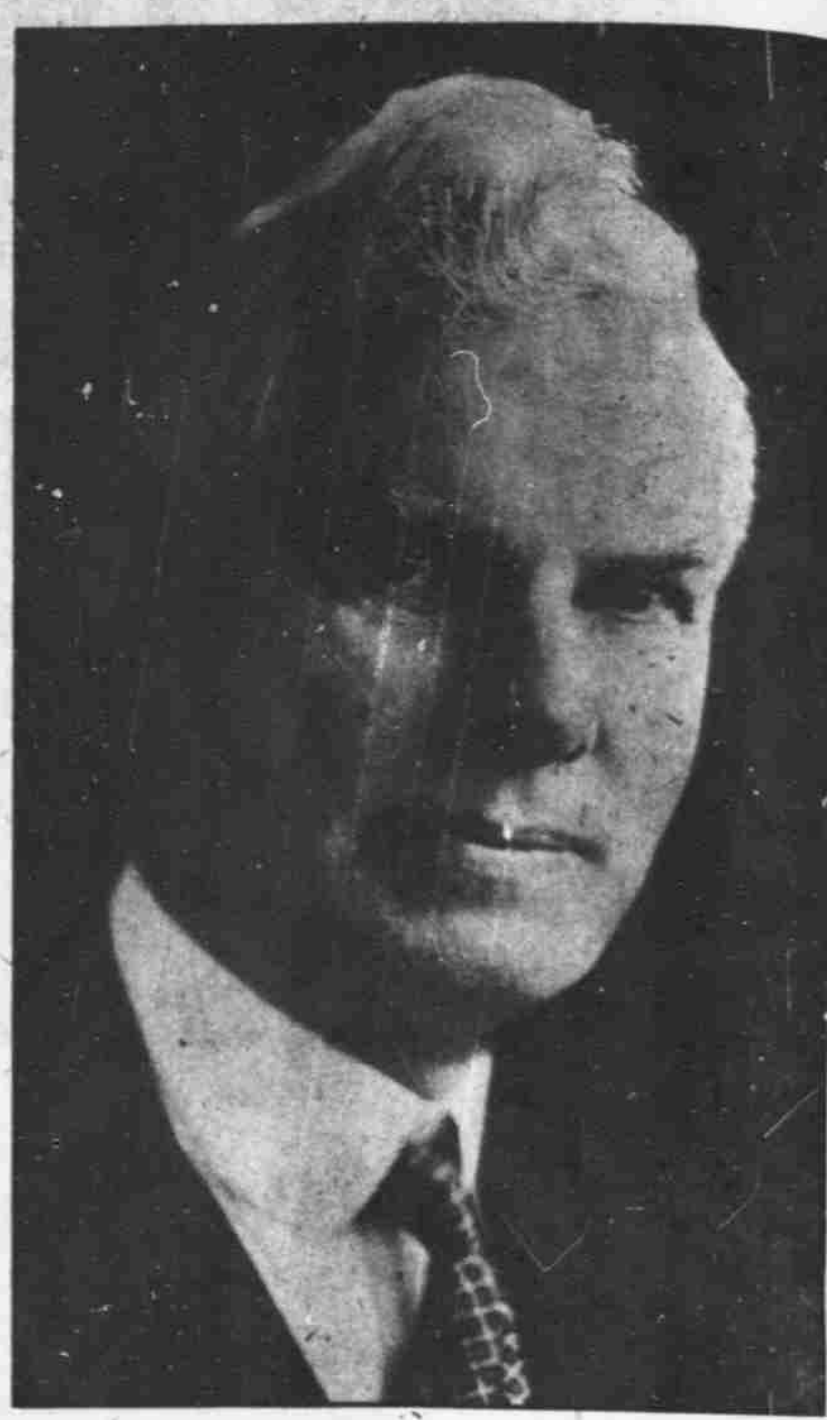
I think I will have to bring this letter to a stop. I have been back through Baltimore, Philadelphia, Washington, and I am now in big Chicago, but I will be away from here when you read this letter. I am praying God to put President Warren G. Harding on the right track, and if He fails then it is goo' night for the party at the next election. We are going to seek men and not parties in the future. The man who will do the right thing, I care not if he happens to be on the devil's ticket, we will give him a vote.

You may write to me at 1116 Washington boulevard, Kansas City, Kan.

CHARLES E. STUMP.

LEAVES FOR HOME

Miss Jeannette Reeves has returned to her home in Winchester, Ky., after pursuing special work at the University of Chicago during the summer. While in the city Miss Reeves was the guest of Mrs. Nettie Anderson and Miss Ruth C. Baskin, 3234 Vernon avenue.



HON. MARTIN B. MADDEN

Member of Congress from the First Congressional District of Illinois who lately returned to Washington, D. C., from an official trip to the Old World.

GET THE CHILDREN READY

On Tuesday, September 5th, approximately 600,000 children will assemble in the public and parochial schools of Chicago to begin their work for the coming school year.

Because of the assembling in the schools of this city of so large a number of children, it is of first importance that they should start the school year in good health. It also is equally important that the parents of these children should have them physically ready and fit for beginning their school work.

The records of the Department of Health show that shortly after the opening of the schools there is a marked rise in the number of cases of the communicable diseases. It is perfectly natural and to be expected. We are beginning to understand better than ever before the important fact that persons, not things, are responsible for the spread of disease. Most of the communicable diseases are conveyed by contact. This means by the mingling of the sick with the well.

If only every pupil who will enter the schools on the opening day were free from contagion there would be no increase of the communicable diseases as the result of opening the schools. It is quite certain, however, that there will be a few in every school with diphtheria germs in the nose or throat; there will be a few who have recently recovered from a slight attack of scarlet fever and with the germs still present in the throat or nose; there will be a few who have not entirely recovered from whooping cough; there will be some who have not been properly protected by vaccination against smallpox, and there will be some with coughs and colds, and these are infectious.

The school health officers and field nurses will be at the schools on opening day and will quickly examine the children as they enter the schools.

They will not have time, however, to make a careful examination, and it is certain that the children will have opportunities for mingling together before they are seen by the school doctor. Because this is true there are some things the parents should do along the lines of protecting the health of school children generally and of preventing the spread of contagious diseases.

SNATCHES MASK OFF KU KLUX

Austin, Tex.—The trial of Edgar Shelton, charged with disturbing religious worship in an attempt to mask a Ku Klux Klansman, who, with four other Klansmen, visited a South Austin Baptist revival meeting, for the purpose of presenting a cash donation to the pastor, resulted in a verdict of NOT GUILTY by a jury in the Travis County Court. The jury was out less than one-half hour.

Shelton is said to be a graduate of the University of Texas and was recently appointed an assistant instructor in the University of Illinois. Shelton was a member of the church choir.

Witnesses testified that the five Klansmen, masked and robed, entered the tent in which the revival was being held, just before the close of the service. When they approached the pulpit, Shelton, it was testified, attempted to pull the mask from the face of one of the Klansmen. The Klansman, it was testified, struck Shelton a blow, knocking him down. There was a general exodus of the congregation of 400 people. Before any serious injuries could be inflicted, two Deputy Sheriffs appeared on the scene and took Shelton into custody.

It was also brought out at the trial that the visit of the Klansmen was not unexpected by the pastor, as several days prior to the visit request was made that they be permitted to visit the revival tent and tender a cash donation.



HON. ANTON J. CERMAK

Member of the City Council from the Twelfth Ward; Member of its Finance Committee; Successful Real Estate Dealer; Baseball Fan, and the People's Candidate for President of the Board of Cook County Commissioners.



HON. MICHAEL ROSENBERG

Successful Business Man; Member of the Constitutional Convention of Illinois, and Candidate for One of the Trustees of the Sanitary District of Chicago.