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#### PALM SUNDAY.

**T**OMORROW will be Palm Sunday—generally celebrated all over Christendom, being the beginning of the passion of our Lord and the ushering in of Holy Week. Special services with appropriate music by the Catholic and Protestant churches will be the chief features of the day, while the sacred edifices will be decorated with palm branches symbolizing the entry of the Master in Jerusalem. From the pages of Holy Writ we learn that Jesus, seated on an ass and followed by a great multitude, rode into Jerusalem, the people spreading their garments and cutting down branches of trees which they strew in the way at the same time shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord; hosanna is the highest." This being an acknowledgment of His Kingship on the part of the people and a lesson of meekness on the part of the Christ which was also a confirmation of His sermon on the Mount when He said, "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth."

But oh! what occurred shortly after—the hypocrisy of the multitude was not slow in exhibiting itself, for as soon as the authorities brought their influence to bear on the people they acted in opposition to the shouts of praise and adoration that they offered up, finally joining in falsely accusing Him, resulting in a trial and condemnation to death. The week commencing tomorrow should then be a time of self-examination, as today in our midst we have some of the same characters as existed in those days. They are regular church-goers, never missing a service on Sunday, never absent from a prayer service or other church meetings, leading and prominent heads of our revival seasons, and in a moment they will transform, renouncing all allegiance to the cause of CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH and ready to join the gang of worldlings who are continually denouncing and decrying the true worship of the King of kings and Lord of lords.

We hope then that the true spirit of worship and devotion will manifest itself among the Christian element of our people during Holy Week, going in thought with the trials and sufferings of the blessed Lord, even unto His death, and arise in glorious triumph with Him in His mighty and wonderful RESURRECTION.

#### NEGRO LEADERSHIP.

**T**O BE a great man is more than a notion. To be a great leader there must be inherent in the man or person that conspicuous superiority of character which marks or distinguishes him from other men. Unfortunately, the race has too long been distressed with ignorant and almost illiterate leadership.

The too willing acceptance by the race of a self-imposed and incompetent leadership has been the curse and probable cause of the lack of just recognition of the race politically and economically. What has been the result of that weak leadership? Inevitable retreat and disgraceful compromise. Too often have we yielded to the white man the high privilege of selecting for us their ideal for a leader. In such case it would be but natural that such a leader would be guided and directed by the wishes and policies of the white man rather than be inspired with the welfare and progress of the majority of his race.

One great fault of the race in the development of leadership is because of the fact that there is too much jealousy among us.

There are many things necessary to make for successful leadership. It is barely to be expected that a man who is merely dependent upon a political position can be a real leader. On the other hand, the man who is possessed of that superior character, honesty and intelligence, backed with the means sufficiently to place him above and beyond the job-seeking class, only can maintain that enviable and honorable position of leadership. We rejoice in the belief that the day is not far distant when we may realize that leadership for which we have been in so much need.

A most healthy sign in that direction is the great development of the Negro press of the country and its consequent independence in the last decade. Only a few years ago many Negro papers sought to be subsidized, and today we can hardly name one paper that is subsidized in any way by anyone. A new era has arisen; a new ambition, a greater spirit of independence among our Negro journals has been born, and as a result a new leadership is materializing that will safeguard the prestige and future of the race.

That the day of the old, compromising leader is past cannot be denied, and today we are listening to the voice of younger, wiser and more fearless leaders, who are appealing and contending for the ear and support of the race. The day is not far distant when the Moses will be universally recognized, and then may we look for a more united race and the eradication of the wrongs and injustices so long practiced against us. That these handicaps will inevitably be removed is as sure as the night follows the day.

The irresistible restlessness of the new Negro in his present misfitting and uncomfortable citizens clothes for a new suit of the new style of the "World Democracy" brand is making itself manifest in all quarters. A little more education, a little more religion, a little more self-respect, manliness and moral integrity, backed with a bank account, will put down the color prejudice and put the enemy to flight.

Of all the years passed and gone we need real leadership today more than at any time. This is the hour of great constructive progress in all walks of life and we must be in the procession.

#### SHORTER A. M. E. CHURCH NOTES

11:00 a. m., "The Day of Palms."

7:30 p. m., "A Great Question."

Following the program outlined by the Inter-Church Movement Palm Sunday will be observed as "Acknowledgment Day." The rite of baptism will be administered. The women of the Church are asked to join in the city-wide evangelistic campaign of Passion Week, culminating in the Good Friday evening services to be held in each local church. The splendid choir of Shorter, under the leadership of Mme. Lillan Hawkins Jones, will render special Palm Sunday music.

Easter Sunday will be observed as "Join-the-Church" Sunday.

Mrs. Mary B. Talbert, president of the National Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, and an interested worker of the Red Cross, held a large and enthusiastic audience spell-bound at the evening hour on last Sabbath, while she told of some impressions left by our boys in France; also of deplorable conditions in the United States which she was privileged to see for herself.

Accessions to the Church: Welma Winners, Mr. William Spriggs, Henry Jones, Memphis, Tenn.; Mr. Boyd, Trinidad, Colo.; Mr. Jones, Leadville, Colo.

## Need of Women Judges on Every Bench and of "Fifty-Fifty" Juries.

By MRS. JEAN NORRIS, New York City Magistrate.



The Women Lawyers' association, of which I am president, is about to wage a vigorous campaign to enable women to serve as jurors. The association is a national organization. I believe that within one year women will be recognized as jurors as well as voters.

Beginning my second month as the first woman magistrate, I see more clearly than ever the need of women judges on every bench, and for fifty-fifty juries. By that I mean juries of six men and six women and one judge of each sex on the bench.

No New York jury will convict a woman of murder if she wears a charming gown, a coquettish hat, and snivels to a black-edged lace handkerchief.

Men in judging women are inclined to let sentiment run away with reason. It takes a blend of both sexes for the jury box to arrive at a just decision.

As to the women who are brought to this court, I am not here merely to send them to jail. I do not do it, if I can help it. The thing to do is to get them jobs and to give them medical assistance when they need it.

One solution of this problem is the passage of minimum wage laws by the states. What the minimum should be I am not prepared to say. It should be sufficient to give the girl a decent livelihood and sufficient for a little recreation and study.

## "March On, Suffragists, the Victory Is Yours. Be Joyful Today, Rejoice!"

By MRS. CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT, Women's Suffrage Leader.

The enemies of progress and liberty never surrender and never die. Ever since the days of cave men they have stood ready with their sledge hammers to strike any liberal idea on the head whenever it appeared. They are still active, hysterically active, over our amendment, still imagining, as their progenitors for thousands of years have done, that a fly sitting on the wheel of progress may command it to revolve no more and that it will obey.

They are running about from state to state, a few women and a few paid men. They dash to Washington to hold hurried consultations with their senatorial friends and away to carry out their instructions.

Probably they have given up hope of defeating ratification, although so incomprehensible is the stupidity of the opposition to inevitable justice that they may still hope to persuade thirteen states not to ratify. At any rate, they do publish the fact that they still dream of cheating women of the vote for a period by delay in ratification and by a legal filibuster afterward. It does not matter.

Suffragists were never dismayed when they were a tiny group and all the world against them. What care they now when all the world is with them? March on, suffragists—the victory is yours.

The trail has been long and winding, the struggle has been tedious and wearying, you have made sacrifices and received many hard knocks. Be joyful today, rejoice!

## "Sacred Dust, Mingled With the Soil of France, But Forever America."

By BISHOP CHARLES H. BRANT, A. E. F.

America has left to the decision of the nearest of kin in each case what the final resting place of our dead is to be—whether in France or in this country. No one will dispute the right of parent or wife to claim the fulfillment of the promise made by the American government to return to America the bodies of our dead soldiers. But it is conceivable that there are those who, after learning the plan to establish and maintain in France an American field of honor for those who are "forever overseas," may consider this the more excellent way.

There will be an American central field of honor, with as many departments as may be necessary. Here each year on an appointed day commemoration of the dead will be observed. Over all, the sheltering folds of the Stars and Stripes will forever wave.

Those of us who have given for more than a year careful consideration to the American field of honor are moved by a single-minded purpose. It is the work of love carried through by a sense of reverence for that sacred dust which, though mingled with the soil of France, is forever America.

It aims to pay high honor to those to whom high honor is due. It would preserve as far as may be the comradeship of the war among those who met a common fate. It would express to all who are bereaved the undying value of the sacrifice made.

## Farmers Do Not Intend to "Produce." if Others Insist on "Reduce."

By SHERMAN J. LOWELL, Master of the National Grange.

The farmers' belief concerning the way to reduce the cost of living is not everyone to be willing again to do a reasonable day's work. In the reconstruction everyone must get ready to actually work again, to save again and to a considerable degree get back to thrift, sanity and common sense, or else accept as permanent the present scale of living costs, in which event we might just as well stop ranting about the high cost of living and realize that a new basis of economic procedure is here to stay.

This is the declaration of the National Grange which sees in the future no reason why its members should slave long hours, seven days a week, to supply cheap food to the other workers of the country, who enjoy short hours and unlimited opportunity for rest and pleasure.

Speaking as the largest and best established farmers' organization in America, the grange hereby notifies the world that the farmers do not intend to keep responding to the call, "Produce, produce, produce," so long as other lines adopt as their slogan, "Reduce, reduce, reduce."

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