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bothered too much about rights and too little about duties. This sharp distinction between rights and duties is an illusion; for how can you perform any duty without its corresponding privileges? How can you perform the duties of a citizen for example, unless you have the right to perform them? No, we believe in the rights of all men, and by 'rights' we mean that combination of privilege and obligation which makes up the rounded life of citizens and of men."

CHURCH

THE National Baptist Convention had a stormy time in Philadelphia but seems after all to have made progress. The Home Mission Board was separated from the Publishing Board and placed under Dr. Joseph A. Booker, of Little Rock, Ark. The Publishing Board under Dr. R. H. Boyd was brought into closer connection with the National Convention by being placed under a committee. Finally the crying evil of electing the president of the Convention by acclamation without giving the delegates a change to vote is to be done away with after this year.

¶ The thirtieth annual conference of (Episcopal) Church Workers among Colored People was held in New York City, with a number of delegates from various parts of the country.

¶ The Provident Baptist Church of Los Angeles, under the Pastorate of the Rev. Alfred C. Williams, has bought a new edifice which will be an institutional church.

¶ The First Calvary Baptist Church of Norfolk, Va., is doing notable work in social uplift among the colored people.

¶ The St. James Colored Presbyterian Church of New York City has broken ground for the erection of a \$63,000 edifice on West 137th Street. It is planned to have a gymnasium, and a roof garden.

¶ The colored women of the Baptist Church raised last year \$19,471 for the training school at Washington. Local societies raised \$17,087 for state missions and education, making \$36,558 for the year.

POLITICS

IN the recent primary of the Republican party in Chicago two colored men, Major R. R. Jackson and A. H. Roberts, were nominated for the legislature.

¶ Mr. Caveness of El Paso, Texas, has been appointed on the Grand Jury of that county.

¶ Two hundred colored men met in Birmingham to protest against their exclusion from the councils of the Republican party.

¶ Mrs. Mary C. Byron, a juvenile court worker in Chicago, has been sent by the National American Woman Suffrage Association to campaign among the colored people of Missouri on behalf of the 13th amendment, the amendment which would bring about suffrage in that state. Mrs. Byron is the only colored organizer sent into any of the seven campaign states by the women suffragists.

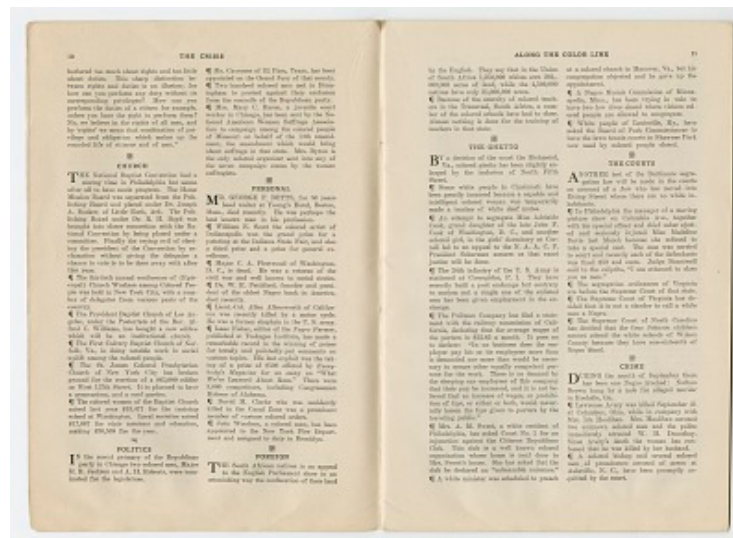
PERSONAL

MR. GEORGE F. BETTS, for 50 years head waiter at Young's Hotel, Boston, Mass., died recently. He was perhaps the best known man in his profession.

¶ William E. Scott the colored artist of Indianapolis won the grand prize for a painting at the Indiana State Fair, and also a third prize and a prize for general excellence.

¶ Major C. A. Fleetwood of Washington, D. C., is dead. He was a veteran of the civil war and well known in social circles.

¶ Dr. W. R. Pettiford, founder and president of the oldest Negro bank in



America, died recently.

¶ Lieut.-Col. Allen Allensworth of California was recently killed by a motor cycle. He was a former chaplain in the U. S. army.

¶ Isaac Fisher, editor of the Negro Farmer, published at Tuskegee Institute, has made a remarkable record in the winning of prizes for tersely and pointedly-put comments on various topics. His last exploit was the taking of a prize of \$500 offered by Everybody's Magazine for an essay on "What We've Learned About Rum." There were 9,000 competitors, including Congressman Hobson of Alabama.

¶ David H. Clarke who was accidentally killed in the Canal Zone was a prominent member of various colored orders.

¶ John Woodson, a colored man, has been appointed to the New York Fire Department and assigned to duty in Brooklyn.

FOREIGN

THE South African natives in an appeal to the English Parliament show in an astonishing way the confiscation of their land

ALONG THE COLOR LINE

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by the English. They say that in the Union of South Africa 1,250,000 whites own 264,000,000 acres of land, while the 4,500,000 natives have only 21,000,000 acres.

¶ Because of the scarcity of colored teachers in the Transvaal, South Africa, a number of the colored schools have had to close. Almost nothing is done for the training of teachers in that state.

THE GHETTO

BY a decision of the court the Richmond, Va., colored ghetto has been slightly enlarged by the inclusion of North Fifth Street.

¶ Some white people in Cincinnati have been greatly incensed because a capable and intelligent colored woman was temporarily made a teacher of white deaf mutes.

¶ An attempt to segregate Miss Adelaide Cook, grand daughter of the late John F. Cook of Washington, D. C., and another colored girl, in the girls' dormitory at Cornell led to an appeal to N. A. A. C. P. President Schurman assures us that exact justice will be done.

¶ The 24th infantry of the U. S. Army is stationed at Corregidor, P. I. They have recently built a post exchange but contrary to custom not a single one of the enlisted men has been given employment in the exchange.

¶ The Pullman Company has filed a statement with the railway commission of California, declaring that the average wages of the porters is \$32.85 a month. It goes on to declare: "In no business does the employer pay his or its employees more than is demanded nor more than would be necessary to secure other equally competent persons for the work. There is no demand by the sleeping car employees of this company that their pay be increased, and it is not believed that an increase of wages, or prohibition of tips, or either or both, would materially lessen the tips given to porters by the traveling public."

¶ Mrs. A. M. Sweet, a white resident of Philadelphia, has asked Court No. 1 for an injunction against the Citizens Republican Club. This club is a well known colored organization whose home is next door to Mrs. Sweet's house. She has asked that the club be declared an "unbearable nuisance."

¶ A white minister was scheduled to preach at a colored church in Hanover, Va., but his congregation objected and he gave up the appointment.

¶ A Negro Morals Commission of Minneapolis, Minn., has been trying in

vain to have two low dives closed where vicious colored people are allowed to congregate.

¶ White people of Louisville, Ky., have asked the Board of Park Commissioners to have the lawn tennis courts in Shawnee Park now used by colored people closed.

THE COURTS

ANOTHER test of the Baltimore segregation law will be made in the courts on account of a Jew who has moved into Etting Street where there are no white inhabitants.

¶ In Philadelphia the manager of a moving picture show on Columbus Ave., together with his special officer and chief usher ejected and seriously injured Miss Madeline Davis last March because she refused to take a special seat. The case was carried to court and recently each of the defendants was fined \$50 and costs. Judge Bonniwell said to the culprits, "I am ashamed to class you as men."

¶ The segregation ordinances of Virginia are before the Supreme Court of that state.

¶ The Supreme Court of Virginia has decided that it is not a slander to call a white man a Negro.

¶ The Supreme Court of North Carolina has decided that the four Johnson children cannot attend the white schools of Wilson County because they have one-sixteenth of Negro blood.

CRIME

DURING the month of September there has been one Negro lynched: Nathan Brown hung by a mob for alleged murder in Rochelle, Ga.

¶ Lawrence Avery was killed September 21 at Columbus, Ohio, while in company with Mrs. Ida Hoolihan. Mrs. Hoolihan accused two unknown colored men and the police immediately arrested W. H. Deonsbuy. Since Avery's death the woman has confessed that he was killed by her husband.

¶ A colored bishop and several colored men of prominence accused of arson at Asheville, N. C., have been promptly acquitted by the court.

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