

# SEGREGATION, LIKE LYNCHING, MUST GO!

### The Story Has Been Told Around the World How Miss Hallie Q. Brown and Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Stood Firm at Washington Against Segregation—An Epoch in Negro History.

Washington, D. C., May—(For The Associated Negro Press)—The incident of segregation in Washington, during the world-wide gathering of women, in which Miss Hallie Q. Brown, emerged bring lasting honor and prestige to the race, renders the most important service to human progress that has occurred within a decade. The story of the incident—or epoch—has been told around the world, literally, and even Washington is still talking.

An analysis of conditions that brought this situation about may be regarded as timely; a mention of the Hallie Q. Brown background, is not amiss. Miss Brown is one of the most notable women of the race. She comes from an illustrious family, all of whom have been an honor to the race. Her brother, the late Jere A. Brown, of Cleveland, was once a member of the Ohio legislature. The family home is in Wilberforce, Ohio, where Miss Brown's mother lived to be almost 100 year old. Miss Brown is one of the first graduates of Wilberforce University, and taught there for many years. She has always been public spirited, has traveled all over the United States and in many parts of Europe, where she was always honored for her culture and attainments. Miss Brown last year just closed a four years term as President of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs. That Miss Brown was in a position to speak representatively and effectively, is unquestioned.

### Segregation Began Under President Taft.

Segregation, as a menacing institution, began under President William Howard Taft, now Chief Justice of the United States. This fact has been repeatedly brought out in stories of the Associated Negro Press. The segregation continued, and reached its loftiest rottenness under Woodrow Wilson; it has somewhat abated, but was not discontinued under President Harding, or as is evident, has not ceased under President Coolidge. Washington, as capital of the nation, should set the example for the rest of the country, and does, very largely. It is within easy memory of many when there was no challenging segregating in Washington. The government sets the example, and all other divisions of the city follow. Southern democratic feeling has brought about the present conditions, aided by fenegrade Republicans of the North.

Segregation, as a system, is so nauseating to self-respecting people that stirs the deepest protests of the soul. New York, Chicago, and many other cities are examples of communities where there can be fair treatment in public places without any one being disturbed, except narrow minded southerners.

Colored America does not accept the dictum that "it is a white man's country," and proceeds to demand justice at all times and in all places.

A Crisis is Approaching. Those with vision, and even with conservative expression, declare there is a crisis in the matter of human justice. This Washington auditorium incident serves as a vehicle to approve the seriousness of the approach. Religious prejudice is intolerable; race prejudice is equally so. Courageous white men and white women, in conjunction with courageous black men and black women, must rise to the importance of the occasion, according to those in the know. There is no hesitancy in saying that President Coolidge, above all others, should set the example. By setting his good New England foot down on segregation in the departments, it is maintained, the whole fool business could be stopped overnight. All government employees who practice segregation or aid it or acquiesce in it, should be discharged instantly, it is maintained. It is further maintained that senators or members of Congress who are holding office by the backing of colored votes, should be held to strict accountability in helping to enforce equal and exact justice. If they fail, the ballot should be used against them, it is declared. It is argued that there are no exceptions to this rule; that it is not a threat, but a mere statement of fact. If Washington sets the example, other parts of the country will cheerfully follow.

The world is told that 100,000 former service men, their families and friends, feel that American hypocrisy in social and political justice should cease. Colored Americans have an enviable record of loyalty but this loyalty cannot be expected to thrive on segregation, discrimination and prejudice, declare these people. Segregation, like lynching, must go. Colored America is declaring with resounding voices that can be heard in all crevices of the Capitol and in all nooks and corners of the White House.

### MR. JANERETTE BURIED.

The St. James A. M. E. church, on what is known as Wheeler's Hill, was the scene on last Monday of one of the most pathetic funerals ever solemnized in that place. Mr. Jackson Janerette was well known in the city and especially so with the members of the Mission church, as it is better known. He was employed by the Pacific Mill Co., and had been with them for about six years. He was about 55 years old.

Mr. Janerette leaves a wife, Mrs. Anie Janerette, three daughters: Estelle, Eloise and Frances. Miss Frances is one of Wilson High School's prominent teachers at Florence, S. C. He also leaves three sons: Rev. Iva Janerette, who is pastor of St. John A. M. E. church at Bishopville, S. C., Fletcher and Versal; and three grandchildren.

After the funeral services at St. James, his body was taken to Eastover and there laid to rest. Johnson, Bradley and Morris were the undertakers.

### COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES IN SOUTH CAROLINA

### The Commencement Exercises of the Schools and Colleges are Up to the Standard—The Programs Being Very Interesting, and the Various Departments Show Marked Improvement.

#### PROFESSOR EICHELBERGER AT ALLEN UNIVERSITY.

Professor Jas. W. Eichelberger, general officer in the A. M. E. Zion church with headquarters in Chicago, is the Alumni speaker at the commencement exercises of Allen University, Thursday night, June the 4th. Professor Eichelberger has studied in several of the leading schools of the country. He is an alumnus of Allen where he his early training. His ability as a speaker is unsurpassed and his coming to the State will be good news to hundreds of friends in South Carolina who know him.

The commencement program of Allen which is now being carried out with the graded department follows: Recital—Musical Department—Friday, May 16th, 8 p. m.

Operetta—"The Isle of Jewels"—Primary Department—Wednesday, May 20th, 8 p. m.

Operetta—"Barbarossa of Barbaria"—Intermediate Department—Friday, May 22nd, 8 p. m.

Drama—"The Hearts of Men"—Eighth Grade—Tuesday, May 26th, 8 p. m.

Oratorical Contest—Friday, May 29th, 8 p. m.

Baccalaureate Sermon—Sunday Afternoon, May 31st, 3:30—President D. H. Sims, Allen University.

Address to Religious Societies—Sunday evening, May 31st, 8 o'clock—Rev. U. S. Rice, D. D., Sumter, S. C.

Address to Literary Societies—Monday June 1st, 8 p. m.—Rev. R. S. Lawrence, D. D., Aiken, S. C.

Annual Meeting of Trustee Board—Tuesday morning, June 2nd, 10 o'clock.

Annual sermon to Theological Department—Tuesday, June 2nd, 8 p. m.—Rev. J. S. A. Grant, Charleston.

Class Day exercises—Wednesday, June 3rd, 10 a. m.

Address to Alumni Association—Wednesday, June 3rd, 8 p. m.—Mr. J. E. Eichelberger, A. M., Chicago, Ill.

Commencement Day—Thursday, June 4th, 10 a. m.

The public is cordially invited to attend all of these exercises.

RT. REV. W. D. CHAPPELLE, Chancellor, D. H. SIMS, President.

#### TWO PROMINENT SPEAKERS AT BENEDICT COMMENCEMENT.

Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, of Washington, D. C., prominent race woman will come to Columbia to deliver the address to the Alumni Association of Benedict College at the annual commencement exercises next Monday night. Mrs. Terrell has been heard by a Columbia audience before and is a pleasing speaker.

The address to the graduating classes of Benedict will be delivered this year by Dr. Gordon B. Hancock of Virginia Union University, Richmond, Va. Dr. Hancock is a South Carolinian a recognized scholar and an able speaker.

A larger attendance from out of town is expected this year than we have had within the past ten years, judging from what they say. Remember our Alumni will see the two new buildings almost finished—the Science Hall and the Teacher Training building. Don't fail to hear these great speakers, and to be on time for the chapel will seat 1800 only.

The program follows: Sunday, May 24, 4:00 p. m.—Baccalaureate Sermon by Rev. H. M. Moore, D. D., Pastor-elect of the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C.

Monday, May 25, 2:30 p. m.—Rhetorical Contests.

4:00 p. m.—Annual Meeting of the Alumni Society.

8:00 p. m.—Address to the Alumni

Society by Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, Washington, D. C.

9:30 p. m.—Alumni Banquet, Tuesday, May 26, 2:30 p. m.—Normal and College Preparatory Graduation Exercises.

8:00 p. m.—Commencement Exercises.

Address by Prof. Gordon B. Hancock, B. D., A. M., Virginia Union University, Richmond, Va.

You are cordially invited to attend. C. B. ANTISDEL, President.

#### STATE A. & M. COLLEGE PROGRAM

Orangeburg, S. C., May 16.—The baccalaureate sermon to the graduates of the State A. and M. College will be delivered this year by President D. H. Sims, A. M., of Allen University, Columbia. The address to the religious societies will be delivered by J. B. Porter, dean of men at the State College and the annual commencement address will be delivered by James H. Hope, State superintendent of education. The commencement at the college begins next Friday with the normal declamation contest and closes Wednesday of the following week with the graduation exercises and the annual address to the classes by Mr. Hope.

The commencement program as announced by the president is as follows: Friday, May 22, normal declamation contest; Sunday, May 24, baccalaureate sermon by President D. H. Sims, Allen University; address to the religious societies, by Dean J. B. Porter; Monday, May 25, class day exercises; Conservatory concert, department of music; Tuesday, May 26, business meeting of the Alumni Association; 8 p. m., drama, Department of English; Wednesday, May 27, graduating exercises and address by Hon. J. H. Hope, State superintendent of education.

The Summer session for teachers begins June 15 and closes July 18. It is announced that Prof. Johnson C. Whitaker, principal of the Douglass high school, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, will direct the summer school here this year.

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### MRS. CORA S. BOYKIN OF CAMDEN, PASSES AWAY.

### President of The Women's Baptist State Convention.—A Woman of Ability. The People of South Carolina Regardless of Denomination, Mourns Her Loss.

"How beautiful it is for man to die upon the walls of Zion! to be called like a watch-worn and weary sentinel, to put his armour off and rest in Heaven."

On Sunday evening, May 10th, while the Lodges of the Odd Fellows and the Household of Ruth, were assembled at Mt. Moriah Baptist church in Camden, the death of Mrs. Cora S. Boykin, was announced, and we do not hesitate to state that this information came like a clap of thunder from the heavens. Few knew of her illness, and those who had been informed of her indisposition, had not had cause to consider it with any amount of seriousness. However, it being evident that the soul of a great woman had passed into the Great Beyond it was only natural and proper that arrangements be made for the interment and funeralizing of the remains.

It was announced that the funeral ceremonies would be solemnized on Thursday afternoon, May 14th, at Mt. Moriah Baptist church, in order to allow the various relatives and friends time to be present, and to pay the last respects to the remains. The ceremony was to be begun at two o'clock sharp.

The day was beautiful. The sun shined in all its splendor, and in fact every condition seemed propitious for the occasion. From the hour of noon, I sat in my window and watched the assembling congregation make its way to the church. The stream of humanity seemed to be constant and never ceasing, and as I sat and watched, and thought, I thought of the good woman who had passed away; I thought of the people who had left their earthly interests for a time, and were making their way eagerly and earnestly to Old Mt. Moriah, there to pay their last respects to the ashes of the departed, and to listen to the many and various eulogistic remarks that would be made during the course of the ceremony; and I thought of the pleasure it would have brought to the heart of that good woman, whose remains were being solemnized, if all those people who were attending the occasion, had only thought to express their appreciation of her while she was yet alive; I thought of the good work that she had done; I thought of the many services that she had rendered, and in all my thinking, I thought of those memorable words of James Ephraim McGillivray, the poet, who said in the course of one of his writings:

"If you love, tell me now, Wait not 'til I've passed away, And lying cold in yonder grave, I cannot hear then what you say."

If a wreath awaits my death, One green leaf now give to me. All thy sweet sayings say them now, Pray, let me hear them while I live."

One thought brought on another, and finally, and as a general conclusion, I thought of and considered the "Gratitude and Ingratitude of Man." One has said, that "We find that it is with the whole human race, as well as with the individuals of it, our memories go back but a little ways, or if they do go back very far, they pick up here a date and there an event half forgotten. The great and almost unardonable sin of forgetfulness, blindly scatters her fruits and deals with the memory of men and women without distinction of perpetuity to merit. Who knows whether the best of men and women be known, or whether there are more remarkable personages forgot than any that now stand remembered in the known accounts of time. It is quite true that the world is already to do honor to those men and women who are true makers of history, but sad it is that in this our mortal life, the greatness and magnitude of the

deeds of men and women are not recognized, until their bodies have been interred; and Death has made their ears incapable of comprehending the songs of praise. Tombs have been extravagantly adorned with floral offerings, massive monuments have been erected to their memory, and great orators have used the quaintness of their eloquence in praising and proclaiming the achievements of departed mortals, but as the poet has so truly said:

"Can storied urn or animated bust, Back to its mansion bring the fleeting breath Can Honor's voice provoke the silent dust, Or Flattery soothe the dull cold ear of Death?"

The colored people of Camden, though not mindful of those things, can at least profit by the mistakes of past ages. Though our songs of praise cannot now be heard by the person for whom they are intended; let us at least sing them. Let us give honor to whom honor is due, though our honor be late in its solemnization.

One writhe has said, that there are three kinds of praise; that which we yielded; that which we lend; that which we pay. We yield it to the powerful, from fear; we lend it to the weak from interest; we pay it to the deserving from gratitude. Today because it is her just desert, we attempt to pay praise and honor, to a lady whose services are beyond reward. One of the few super-women.

It is useless that I attempt a eulogy; for in doing so, I might detract from the brilliancy of her career; nor will I attempt to enumerate her acts of service, for time will not allow me to itemize; but I will say, a woman rich in religious courage and human sympathy; most unselfish in her devotion to God and humanity. A woman, who sacrificed herself, not as a means to fame and fortune, but unconsciously, in faithful service. A woman who despised the pleasures of the world, choosing rather to spend her life in uplifting a fallen people. A woman, in whose soul was grounded the one and only law taught by the true Christian religion, and that is the Law of Love, which could find its expression only in service. And what compensation has she received? Of such, she has not been mindful, but like the grand old Socrates, the greatest reward she has enjoyed was to see a people benefitting by her labors. I shall assume to thank Cora S. Boykin, that such an one as she has lived; I shall express my realization of the fact that without her untiring work, without her generous and faithful assistance the present status of the Negro race, the present status of Negro women in South Carolina, would be a thing hoped for. Thanks be to Fortune, the efforts of Cora S. Boykin, mingled with the efforts of her colleagues, have made the Negro race in South Carolina and throughout the world, an actual existence, and an essential part of the body politic of this land and country. Those who have come under the care and influence of Cora S. Boykin, could not but feel the care of a mother and the tenderness of a loving home. Her influence has not been felt only in this State and in the Southland, but throughout the country and the nation, and I might add, across the seas. She cannot but be happy for the people of her race are happy. Her faithful efforts have been crowned with success, and God has granted her the sight of her sacred triumphants, ere it was her lot to go to that eternal and everlasting slumber and rest from her consecrated labors.

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