

curing participants for the pageant, "The Star of Ethiopia," and joined in a protest against "The Birth of a Nation." The Chapter held a number of meetings for discussion. Professor William Pickens and Mr. Charles Edward Russell have addressed the Chapter and a memorial meeting for the late Booker T. Washington has been held.

66. The *Lincoln University, Pa.*, Chapter (Mr. Clarence W. Wood, President; Mr. G. C. Branch, Secretary) has 27 members.

67. The *Virginia Union University, Va.*, Chapter (Mr. Joseph C. Carroll, President; Mr. George W. C. Brown, Secretary) entered protest against "The Birth of a Nation."

### Section 13. The Vision

**T**HESE facts in a general manner illustrate the kind of work which the Association is doing. We are trying to stop the increase of discrimination against colored people and as far as possible to do away with present discriminations. We hold hard and fast to the fundamental ideas of American democracy, viz., that all citizens must be equal before the law and that no special privileges shall be granted on account of race or color.

We have refused for a moment to contemplate a great democracy like this, with all its wealth and power and aspiration, turning back in the onward furrow when once it has set its hand to the plow.

Great as are the forces of reaction and race and class hatred at all times, and bitter as is the concerted and organized effort to increase color prejudice in this land and beat back the struggling sons of the freedmen, we are still confident that the inherent justice and sense of fair play in the American people both North and South is never going to permit the past crime of slavery to be increased by future caste regulations leading straight to oligarchy and spiritual death.

If it be not possible in the twentieth century of the Prince of Peace for a cultured people to extend justice and freedom to men whom they have cruelly wronged, but who, despite that, have done their hard work, fought their battles, saved their Union, upheld their democratic ideals, and showed themselves capable of modern culture—if it be not possible for America to yield these men what they have justly earned and deserve, then America herself is impossible and the dreams of Washington, Jefferson and Lincoln are vain.

But it is not so.

We can be just, we can be law-abiding, we can be decent. All we need to know and realize is the truth about this failure to live up to our ideals.

The ideas of this Association are directly in line with the development of human civilization. If in this Republic we are going to set aside a part of our citizenship for special treatment, this means a step backward in the development of the world.

Moreover, our treatment of colored races is an example to the world for the future treatment of the great mass of colored folk in Africa, Asia and America. We have a chance to take high ground and to fight in a noble cause for humanity.

### Section 14. Money Matters

Naturally, the great difficulty in carrying out any movement of this sort is the money difficulty.

This Association raised this year for its general expenses (outside of THE CRISIS) \$13,094.36. It spent, including depreciation on furniture, \$12,751.62. The revenue and expense accounts follow:

### National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

#### REVENUE AND EXPENSE ACCOUNT, 1915

EXPENSES		REVENUE	
Salaries .....	\$6,158.14	Donations .....	\$7,308.16
General Expense .....	2,010.42	Memberships .....	5,621.47
Printing .....	1,625.17	Profit on Pins and Badges...	121.29
Traveling Expense .....	1,355.85	Sale of Literature.....	43.44
Postage .....	941.68		
Legal Redress .....	412.27		
Prizes .....	186.35		
Bad Debts .....	15.25		
Depreciation on Furniture...	46.49		
	<u>\$12,751.62</u>		
Net Gain .....	342.74		
	<u>\$13,094.36</u>		<u>\$13,094.36</u>

#### BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 30, 1915

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash .....	\$1,899.16	Owe Crisis .....	\$ 79.63
Accounts Receivable (Pins) ..	53.50	Owe for Prizes to Branches..	243.85
Pins and Badges on hand....	216.56	Special Funds:	
Furniture .....	883.36	Maclean Fund .....	273.35
		Federal Aid .....	196.63
			<u>\$ 792.46</u>
		Net Worth .....	2,260.12
	<u>\$3,052.58</u>		<u>\$3,052.58</u>

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During the existence of the Association we have raised funds as follows (not counting the income of THE CRISIS):

1911 (From May 1 to December 31) .....	\$ 5,108.90
1912 .....	11,815.15
1913 .....	16,841.73
1914 .....	14,030.70
1915 .....	13,094.36

A total of..... \$60,890.84

The Association should have in 1916 a total income of at least \$15,000. Of this \$7,000 should come from memberships and \$8,000 from donations. Surely there can be no more effective way of helping the establishment of justice among men than by contributing to this budget.