War and a Negro race and figure silent death for a Cause. But also strong drink. Yet, there is even more towers in its midst. Perhaps in itself they brought forth great prophets who necessity today, and among young Neit is not the greatest work of art; but cried aloud and spared not; who spoke groes, of insisting that the intemi' is artistic; it is beautiful; and above with flaming tongue and made men perate use of alcohol is unhealthy and

cal of American cities stands in stone, of prophets many a meek martyr had there has been a large and dangerous a black soldier. Why? . Not because died in vain. Die, Victim, die! but increase in the alcohol habit among Chicago loves her Negroes so well, but let's not all die. Laugh, clown, laugh! young folk. Whether it is caused by because with their work, their educa- but for God's sake don't let us all the wholesale violations of law which tion, their prosperity, and their poli- be clowns. tical power, she must needs recognize the Truth at times.

OUR JUDGES

THE A. M. E. CONFERENCE

has come to us.

used—that there was a 'pot' made up and by contact, the rich, the well eduamong certain candidates. I know it cated, the privileged, the employers. so well that you are at liberty to quote Secondly, by tradition and by actual me as saying that the election of bishops law, they are above the law. A Louwas influenced principally by the isiania judge, sitting in New York, shameful use of money."

and disproof of such allegations.

PROTEST

THERE are many legitimate reac-I tions of the Negro to American race prejudice. Some may laugh it off by seeing the absurdity of it; some may ignore and live absorbed in their own groove alone with sea and sun and friends. Some may be silently indignant and some may shout their just resentment to the stars.

except the last.; They are perfectly baked minds than the present discuswilling that the Negro should laugh sion in the United States concerning gone over before any of the delighted or keep to himself and be silent, no liquor. We are not, in fact, discuss- participants arrived upon the scene. matter what he thinks. But that a ing liquor at all. We are discussing Not a penny was paid in salaries, but black man should stand up openly and laws. Laws depend for their enforce- the work that the various committees protest, is to them monstrous. They ment upon public opinion, whether accomplished I should guess would stress the undoubted efficacy of cynical they are enacted by the United States have taken the full time of three or humor; they give great weight to the or states or counties or cities. There four persons for as many months. It unquestioned dignity and moral splen- was a day—I remember its beginning meant sacrifice, not only of time but of dor of silent selfidenial. But they are -when, in the matter of consuming money, for professional men, like the transported with wrath if a Negro alcoholic liquors, we concentrated our Branch's President, Dr. Claude Hudopenly complains and sees crimson attack upon this opinion of the public. son, cannot leave their offices for hours

world, what did modern peoples do to wise." Today, we are concentrating paean to the hospitality and efficiency gain freedom for body and soul? They all of our reason and ammunition upon of California. developed a few saints who went to methods of getting or not getting

E VERY government tries to hedge some part of itself about with C TORIES are still current of an sacredness and infallibility, so as to put In England, it is ing the election of bishops in the late the King, even though he is shorn of General Conference of the African exact power. In Germany, it used to M. E. Church; which was held in May be the Emperor and the High Nobility; in the city of Chicago. Exact facts and in the United States, it is the are difficult to obtain but some testi- courts. Yet our courts are among the mony from an unimpeachable source greatest dangers that assail democratic government. First of all, they repre-"I do know that money was liberally sent, by appointment, by education, impudently and openly defies the 13th, THE CRISIS; believes so thoroughly 14th and 15th Amendments, and browin the essential integrity and good in- beats a respectable lawyer with imtentions of the organized Negro church munity as certain as that of a French that it wants one of two things to take executive officer under Louis XIV. place and to take place quickly: either Repeatedly, magistrates, sitting in a thorough airing of the use of the great cities, have threatened their vicmoney in the election of bishops in the tims with lynching or regretted that A. M. E. church and steps toward im- they were not in Mississippi where mediate reform; or an effective denial lynchings are more common. Warrants are issued for ridiculous offences and injunctions are being used to stop strikes and prevent the publication of newspapers. And all this is because our courts are sacred; because they cannot be criticized; and because we must jump up with bared heads and kow-tow when a Judge seats himself upon his throne.

DRUNKENNESS

NIOTHING demonstrates more Many persons accept every attitude IV clearly the limitations of halfwhen a white man pushes his face in We said to young men and young on a stretch without pecuniary loss. women: "Strong drink is raging and And yet in the history of the white whosoever is deceived thereby is not that we might sing as you have sung, a

all, it is tremendously significant. understand the filth and evil they were silly. There is no doubt but that fol-Here in the midst of the most typi- doing. And without the trumpet tones lowing the example of the white world, they see about them, or by the increased competition of life, or by the fact that we have stopped teaching temperance—no matter how it is caused—it is true. And we should begin again in school and home and church to spread wide warning against

the intemperate use of alcoholic liquors. There is no royal road to manners and morals. They cannot be established by act of Legislature or royal. proclamation. They can only be instilled by parental advice, the love of friends, and human contact. All other methods have failed and will fail. We are a drunken land today and a drunken race. Not because of prohibition or the open saloon but because we have ceased to teach temperance to

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