COLONEL TALKS TO NEGROES: At Metropolitan Church He Tells Them Not To Accept Bribe The Sun (1837-1986); May 4, 1912; ProQuest Historical Newspapers: Baltimore Sun, The (1837-1986) pg. 12

Episcopal Church (colored), Orchard street, near Druid Hill avenue, Colone) Roosevelt warned the colored voter against accepting bribes next Monday to either vote against him or remain away from the polls. He made it plain that he had heard intimations that money would be used against him in the colored precincts.

The church was crowded to the doors two hours before Colonel Roosevelt ar-lived, at 9.45 o'clock, accompanied by Colonel Carrington and other members of

the Roosevelt committee. Rev. J. A. Holmes, pastor of the church, had just concluded a prayer, in which he asked that the people of the city and State might be guided aright in casting their votes in the primaries, and Dr. Howard E. Young, president of the Maryland Equitable Republican League, under whose aus-pices the meeting was held, was telling the men in the congregation that Colonel Roosevelt had sent word asking all to remain and hear a special message he had for them. It developed that the message for them. It developed that the message was the warning against the acceptance of bribes on Monday.

Colonel Carrington introduced Colonel Roosevelt. The Colonel said: "On an occasion I used an expression

expression that has since become notorious, if not famous—that all people were entitled to a square deal. It was in talking to cer-tain colored men at the tomb of Abraham Lincoln, in Springfield, Ill. It was to my great astonishment that the statement was taken up at all, it was so evident a fact, and so commonplace a thing to say. "Now, friends, it has seemed to me ob-vious always that there are two things to be been compaining in which he call age

vious always that there are two things to be kept especially in mind by all good citizens, one especially by colored men. The white man ought to remember for the sake of our self-respect that it is part of his daily duty to act toward the colored man as he does toward the white man. It is to the interest of every man in the United States that his fellow-citizens be prosperous, happy and law abiding. "I want to enlist your support to pre-vent any bribery at the polls next Monday. There is a reason to believe that un-scrupulous white men will try to bribe you in the interest of our opponent. You cannot think too strongly on this point. If there is such a thing as putting in the penitentiary such white men, I will do all

penitentiary such white men, I will do all I can to help the good work along. If I find any wan attempting to bribe on my side, I will put him in the penitentiary just as quick as anyone else." side, I will put him in the just as quick as anyone else.

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In a characteristically vigorous speech while leaning over and pounding a flag-draped pulpit, at Metropolitan Methodist

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