

better way by which his people could be elevated than by sobriety : no race can be elevated, save by economy, unity, sobriety and virtue. We must protect the virtue of our women, above all things, and unless we do this, we will never see success as a race. We must learn to look out for number one. We do not mind stepping upon a harmless worm, but we take care not to step on a rattlesnake. We must show to the world, it must not step on us, as a race, for we will bite.

Rev. C. T. Walker said that he was willing to use the word temperance, and not take up prohibition in any political sense.

The motion of Capt. Lyons, not to appoint a temperance committee was lost.

The motion to appoint a committee on temperance, was put and unanimously adopted, upon an agreement that the question of prohibition in a political sense would not be inserted, but that the committee treat on moral methods of extending temperance.

Rev. E. K. Love presented the following resolutions, which were referred to the committee on resolutions :

WHEREAS, Many of the representative men of the Negro race are assembled in the city of Macon, in Convention, for the purpose of considering the best means to be employed in the elevation of our race, and to win for them that respect, recognition, right, and every privilege with which an American citizen should be clothed ; and

WHEREAS, Past methods have failed to demand these. Therefore be it

*Resolved*, 1st, That this Convention regard the acquisition of a good English education, the accumulating of property, and the making and saving money, the thing to do.

2nd, That we urge our people, and do all in our power to form, and cause to be formed, Real Estate and Mercantile Associations ; that our people unite and purchase and operate Co-operative Farms, Loan and Trust Associations, Co-operative Stores, and sell the Negro all that he has to buy from his cradle to his grave. Sell the Negro his cradle and swaddling clothes, and his coffin and death shroud, and everything he may need. That we urge our race that each man work just as though he felt that the elevation of the race was enjoined upon him individually, as no people can be collectively great, until they are individually great. There is no good reason why the Negro should not control the Negro trade, and handle the money the Negro has to spend.

3rd, That we urge and endeavor to perfect a closer union of our people in business enterprises, educational matters, supporting the newspapers among us, protecting each other when imposed upon, and in everything that conspires to make a people refined, influential and great, as nothing can be accomplished by a weak, ignorant, poor and divided people. If we will unite on such solid and praiseworthy basis, we will be great. By this means, we can do more in one year, than we have accomplished by the ballot in 20 years. It is a great privilege to vote, which we would not disparage, treat lightly or, discourage, but voting can never take the place of industry, education economy, virtue, or manhood. If we will do nothing, we will be nothing, and if we own nothing, we will control nothing,

4th, That we oppose legal or illegal amalgamation, and regard it as fatally detrimental to the race. That we will do all in our power to break up co-habitation between white men and Negro women, and that wherever and whenever this comes under our knowledge, whether forced or otherwise, we will unite and put our practical condemnation upon it. For until we unite and practically frown down upon women of our race giving birth to bastard children, whose fathers are white, we cannot get the respect and recognition for which we clamor. If a race would rise, be cultured, influential and great, the women must be pure. Therefore, we pledge ourselves to unite in every town, city and locality, and protect with a ghastly courage, the virtue of our women—even those who do not want to be protected. For some of the white people who call us impure, helped to make us so. To be virtuous is to have power.

5th, That we condemn lynching as lawless and barbarous, such as heathen lands could scarcely excel. We feel that the good citizens could stop this lawlessness if they would. We are sure that it can be stopped.

6th, That we pray the passage of the Blair educational bill, as being just,