

Ministry Denounce

Only Speedy Arrest and Conviction Can Blot Out the Stain, says the Rev. J. W. Waters

(Statement Made at Sunday Morning Service)

It is not possible for me to enter into this sacred service and administer the Holy Communion in the spirit in which we anticipated a week ago.

At that time we insisted upon your presence at this service because we were confident of the joy and gladness you would no doubt experience upon this sacred occasion. But our fondest hopes have been shattered, the joy and gladness we anticipated you would enjoy have taken the wings of flight in the night.

The dragging, hanging and gasoline-burning of a man, a helpless man in Salisbury, on Friday night by a beastly mob of lynchers is one of the outstanding examples of ignorance, savagery, and cannibalism.

It is not only a disgrace smeared upon the citizens of that section, but a shame before God Almighty. Nothing can blot that stain from our State but the speedy arrest, conviction and punishment of the leaders and others who are guilty.

I am wondering what the ministry in the neighborhood, and elsewhere throughout the State, are saying this morning. I wonder whether some of them did not have in mind the idea of stressing the necessity of missionary activity in darkest Africa, when, as a matter of fact, it is much needed to be stressed among the whites on the Eastern Shore and in other sections of this country.

Too much praise cannot be given Mr. Bernard Ades, the attorney. Had it not been for him, I am confident that Yuel Lee would have been a victim and met a similar fate to that of Williams.

Let us be patient and wait. The Sun paper has expressed not only its sentiments, but the sentiment of every law-abiding citizen as well.

How Long will Fair-Minded Men Tolerate Outrages? asks the Rev. J. T. Colbert

(Statement Made at Sunday Morning Service)

Of all the atrocities perpetrated upon humanity, none exceeded the dastardly lynching of Matthew Williams a few days ago in Salisbury, Maryland.

How long will fair-minded men and women continue to tolerate these brutal and inhuman treatments?

How long will judges and governors "confab" about bringing lynchers to justice and then dismiss them, as they say, for lack of sufficient evidence when facts are really known?

How long will fact-finding committees of interracial commissions do no more than talk behind closed doors about housing and health conditions of colored people?

The literate and the illiterate know that racial color prejudice is a product of the white race, and whatever attitude the colored man has, he is forced to it by being subjected to racial discriminations in stores, on steamers, on railroads and in other public places.

The removal of these obstacles by law-makers who believe in fair play, will go a long way toward erasing colorphobia. One point more that should not be overlooked is, that every organization that has the ear of the public, from the American pulpit down, should cry aloud the adequacy of the Christian religion in solving these perplexing problems.

This is the cure for all ills. The great trouble has been the lack of applied Christianity.

State Disgraced.

Asks Lane to Arrest White Man who Shot Williams

A letter asking William P. Lane, attorney general of Maryland, to show good faith in his effort to punish guilty lynchers by asking the arrest of Daniel J. Elliott Jr., white, who declared he shot Matthew Williams as he was fleeing from his father's office, has been written by Louis Berger, secretary of the International Labor Defense.

The letter follows:

"In order that the real character of this probe—whether it be a whitewashing or not—may be known, we hereby formally demand that you cause the immediate arrest of Daniel J. Elliott Jr., who confessed to having shot Matthew Williams at a time when Williams was unarmed and staggering from the effects of a wound inflicted earlier by an unknown person. And we further demand that the trial of Elliott be removed to Baltimore City.

"We will thank you to advise us what you are going to do about these demands so that we will have a clearer view of your general intentions."

mobbed and lynched. One of my officers drove me out into the county where I conferred with my other church officials who advised me to leave town at once. I refused to leave and sat up all night and prayed. Late that night, one of my members informed me that the danger had passed.

Baltimore Police Brutal as Shore Mob, says the Rev. J. Frank Howard

(Statement Made at Sunday Morning Service)

On reading what several ministers had to say in regard to the lynching of that helpless man, Matthew Williams, I notice that they state that this incident is a blot on the good name of the State of Maryland. That may be so in their estimation, but to me Maryland already had stains that will not easily come off of her surface.

Right here in Baltimore City we have policemen who, as soon as they place their hands on a pitiful colored man, start beating him brutally, oftentimes sending him to a hospital or the grave, and there is nothing done about it.

They frequently say: "He put his hand into his pocket, and I shot in self-defense." The same old story is told over and over again. That is because the officers get off with it. Now be it understood, we colored people have been swallowing this kind of treatment long enough; it is now time to rebel. They are killing us off, so let us die in defending ourselves.

Always be Prepared to Protect Your Homes Against Mobs, says the Rev. Charles E. Stewart

(Statement Made at Sunday Morning Service)

It is to be regretted by us all that with the thousands of dollars spent annually by the State, especially among the whites, for school purposes, having for its purpose the removal of the people from savagery and barbarism, such little headway has been made.