

Topeka, Kas.

Oct. 11-1893

My Dear Sir:

My brother G. H. tells me he read some book notices from you recently which have been mislaid. I should be pleased if you would send me another set of same.

While glancing over the Kas. City Journal a few moments ago I saw the article which I clip and enclose. I am opposed to mob law under all circumstances. It gives that native brute element in man (which can only be eradicated by education) an opportunity, under the pretence of exalting itself, but in reality a complete evidence of its debasement, to wreak its vengeance on some other fellow which it deems inferior to itself.

regardless of justice. So it follows that this injustice - often practiced against whites - is more likely to be seen the colored as its victims, inasmuch as they occupy a humbler social position in the public mind.

But I also think - as the "clipping" indicates, that there is another reason why colored young men are the objects of mob vengeance more frequently than whites of corresponding position. There is no doubt in my mind but that the young colored men who have grown up in and about towns ^{& cities} since the war are much more subject to the crime which inflames the mob than are an equal number of young white men. So I am glad to see that the colored preachers - some of them at least - can see far enough to understand that education & agitation on their end of the line is as important as on the white end.

Very truly

A. L. Gage

grand work of reformation
complete.

ROUNDLY DENOUNCED.

Colored Ministers Lament the Depraved Acts of Colored Men.

The closing session of the Kansas conference of the A. M. E. church was held yesterday and at 4 o'clock Bishop James A. Handy pronounced the benediction. The day's proceedings were full of interest and the church was crowded.

In the afternoon, Rev. Dr. Embree, of the National publishing house, spoke to the conference on the duty of the church at the present in relation to assaults by young colored men all over the country and the awful penalty that had been inflicted upon some of the parties in the South. He said it was a grave matter and the church and the race could no longer remain silent. He proposed the publication of tracts to be distributed by the millions warning young men to behave themselves and observe law. This was to be followed by the ministers speaking from the pulpit warning the parents to lay strong hands on their sons. The church nor the race, he declared, could afford to apologize or attempt to defend such crimes.

There was something so awful about it that outraged public sentiment would condemn the race that sought to apologize. He offered a resolution embodying these views. It was opposed by Rev. Plummer, who sought to open the question for debate. His effort failed for Bishop Handy cut him off short and commanded him to be seated.

"The African M. E. church will not listen to any apology for such crimes, nor shall it be discussed in this church," he replied, and the hearty applause showed the conference was with him. Dr. Derrich stated the matter was one of great concern to all good people. The young men, he thought, should learn to behave themselves and then there would be no trouble. The remark was greeted with applause. Dr. Embree told of a mass meeting held in Philadelphia recently, where all the ministers of the city met with the colored people to consider the question. He thought the church and the race should cut loose from any false posi-

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tions on the question, nor attempt to speak in defense of so outrageous affairs.

Following the discussion Bishop Handy announced the appointments for the coming year as follows:

North Lawrence—John Turner.
Topeka—C. R. Green.
Emporia—G. A. Griffith.
Wichita—W. A. Moore.
Topeka—A. Ramsay.
St. Johns' chapel, Topeka—J. C. Owen.
Iola—William Collins.
Pleasanton—S. H. Barker.
Mound City—B. Q. Plummer.
Weir City—M. Wooten.
Paola—R. F. Green.
Olathe—S. W. Alexander.
Pittsburg—K. P. Baum.
Columbus—E. A. Harding.
Osage mission—R. Barden.
Chanute—C. H. Brown.
Independence—C. Holly.
Parsons—J. R. Anson.
Kansas City district—A. M. Ward.
Kansas City station—J. W. Wilson.
Atchison—To be supplied.
Tonganoxie—Rev. D. G. Cole.
Great Bend—J. H. Walton.
Junction City—R. C. Lee.
White Cloud—L. Parks.
Omaha mission—Charles H. Brown.
Quindaro—George F. Brown.
Hiawatha—Pompey Johnson.
Beatrice—L. J. Johnson.
Leavenworth—Jordan Allen.
Atchison—P. D. Yocum.
Omaha district—J. W. Braxton, presiding elder.
Omaha—George H. Schaefer.
Osage City—J. C. Richardson.
Arkansas City—N. P. Gamble.
Anthony—J. Metz.
Manhattan—A. T. Hill.
Fort Scott—Robert Seymour.
Garnett—S. J. Glover.
Lawrence—J. P. Wallace.

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