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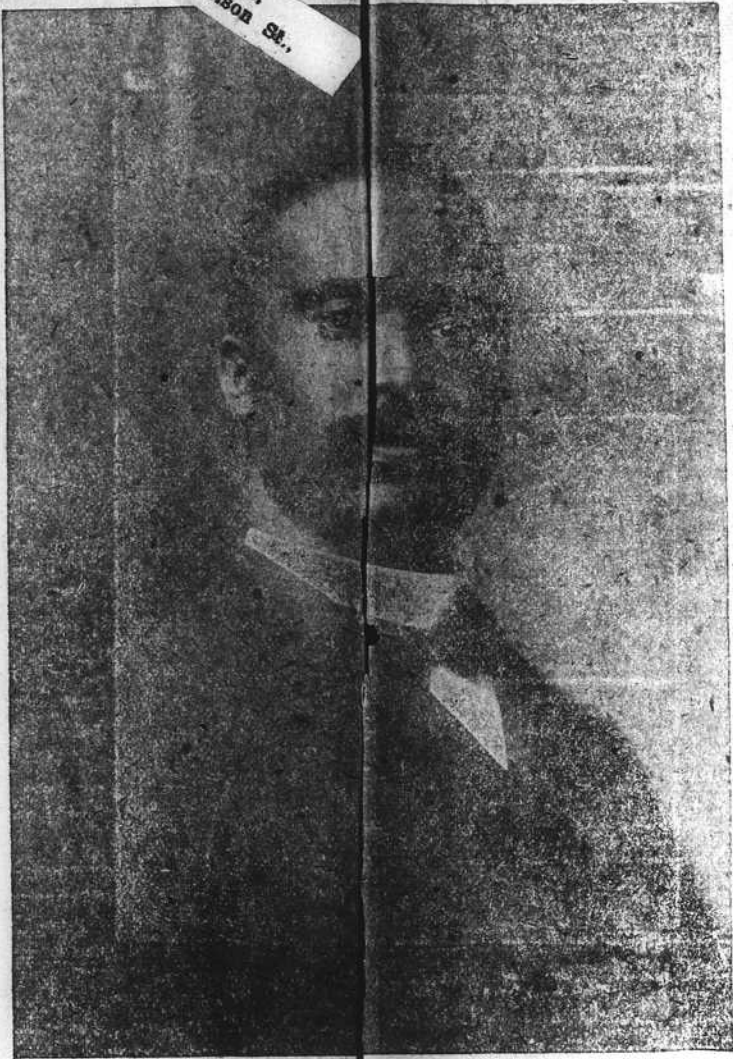
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## SHAKING THE PLUM TREE DR. W. J. WALLS BEFORE THE M. E. GENERAL CONFERENCE SOUTH

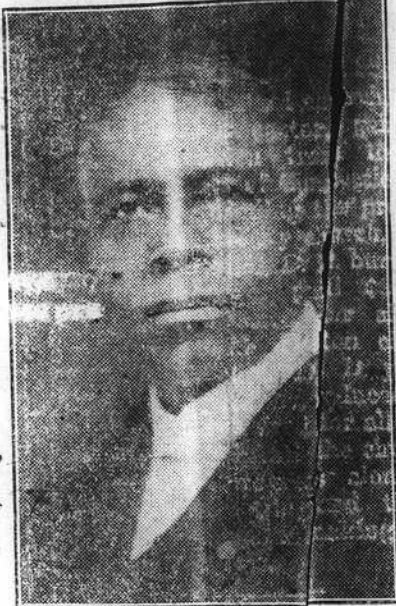
By Dr. E. D. W. Jones

For twenty-five years I have been writing of men and of their pluses to the South.

All of us are proud of Zion-made men and those also who are impressed with our church and those potentialities for usefulness and might as to become sons by adoption—for we are all one in our hearts and aims.

others and what I would prefer not to have the office, if my candidacy became from helping others to realize their ambitions or bars me from an honest and manly expression of my convictions. If being a candidate means that one ceases to be what one really is, in heart and soul, and that he must close his eyes, ears and mouth to the achievements of his fellows; then away with the candidacy and give me the highest joy and pride of my life, to assist in developing and honoring those men in Zion, who are contributing to the church, real substantial revenues of service and accomplishments, which makes the church indebted to these, its illustrious sons.

Making Bishops, is just a part of the obligations of the general church, making men is its whole duty. We sent Dr. W. J. Walls to Atlanta as fraternal messenger to the General conference of the Southern Methodist Episcopal church. We sent him there not out of any mere personal trashy sentiment of favoritism, but we sent him because he was able and qualified to represent our great church before a body of men of surpassing greatness because of its superior advantages. We sent him there because his hour had come to be put to the test of those larger and graver duties for which he had given years of preparation. We sent him because he was a real product of Zion churchmanship, Zion's educational Institution and the exalted standard of Zion's mould of character and manhood.



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velopment, and achievements, representing centuries of civilization, influences. He did not falter; he was prepared and ready to lift his eloquent voice for his church and race. There he stood with the entire bench of Bishops surrounding him on either side. He told of Zion's rise and progress, the difficulties confronting her in her early days, how she had surmounted them all and had run successfully for a century and a quarter.

He spoke of her educational and Missionary interests and as he began to prophesy for the future of Methodism in the New World under a new birth, arising forth out of a world's vast assembly of Southern whites, stood on their feet and the rafters of the church with their hands and shouts of



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in this city, where it took strong convictions and moral courage to stand up and speak the sentiments uttered by Rev. Wall.

He has set a high pace for men of his calling to follow. His was the true message that came down from heaven. He carried out the true Biblical injunction, "We should obey God rather than man;" or that other teaching of the Holy Book: "You cannot serve God and mammon."

The Independent regrets to state that there are too many men of the cloth attempting to serve two masters—their own race who is discriminated against and every

you upon a subject which so vitally affects the honour of the nation and the very character and integrity of our institutions that I trust you will think me justified in speaking very plainly about it.

I allude to the mob spirit which has recently here and there very frequently shown its head amongst us, not in any single region, but in many and widely separated parts of the country. There have been many lynchings, and many at the heart of ordered law and humane justice. No man who loves America, no man who

labor, the highest of our developing system, is the divided returned to fathers of all the past, who laid our foundation for just such a man as Dr. Walls to stand upon; a man whose conduct and consecrated energies justifies the action of Thompson, Varick, Rush, and Peter Williams in establishing a distinct branch of Negro Methodism and puts the seal of approval upon the idealism of Price in building Livingstone for higher education; we cannot hold our peace at his prowess and it would be a reversal of human nature to not show upon our own, living attestation of our capabilities; the praise is so justly merit.

Dr. Walls is what Livingstone College does with a man who wants to shine; and as Prof. S. G. Atkins said of another graduate: "The College had turned out but one man in a quarter of a century and that man was Walls; it would justify Zion for its establishment." We love all men under our standards for those who were not born in Zion were born somewhere for Zion and are giving to our cause their ripest experience, their best thought and most productive labors.

Dr. W. J. Walls went to Atlanta and was met by that fine specimen of character, Prof. W. J. Trotter, who stands in that Southern gateway city, as a prominent religious worker, a fearless defender of his race, and an active member of Zion church. He drove our delegate to the auditorium where the conference was in session and the young Dr. found himself in the presence of a veritable sea of upturned faces, whose de-

man to understand that they are pleased with the way the race is treated. They know when they say this, that they are lying and the truth is not in them. There is not a sensible Negro in the South who is satisfied with the treatment he receives—civilly, politically or industrially; and those who are, are either fools, or naives. No sensible Negro man or woman could be satisfied with this treatment.

The white man does not think the Negro is content with the treatment he receives here. Yet, the average Negro preacher, as well as the Negro leader in other walks of life, tries to pretend to his race that they are their best friends, and at the same time go to the white man and try to make him think that the white man is right and is giving the Negro a square deal. What an inconsistency! It is false leadership, and the race can never go forward following such leaders. The truth of the matter is, they are leaders for revenue only; they try to curry favors of the white man at the expense of their own race. This has done more harm than all other things combined.

## OFFICIAL ORDER AND AUTHORITY APPEAL FROM WHITE HOUSE-PRESIDENT WILSON SPEAKS OUT AGAINST MOB VIOLENCE. ALL CITIZENS ASKED TO HELP KILL OUT LYNCHING.

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The President today issued the following statement:  
My fellow Countrymen:  
I take the liberty of addressing

who is truly for her fame and honour to her institutions, can justify mob action while the courts are open and the governments of the States and the nation are ready and able to do their duty. We are at this very moment fighting lawless passion. Germany has outlawed herself among the nations because she has disregarded the sacred obligations of law and has made lynchers of her armies. Lynchers emulate her disgraceful example. I, every community in America rise above that level, with pride and a fixed resolution which no man or set of men can afford to despise.

We proudly claim to be the champions of democracy. If we really are, in deed and in truth, let us see to it that we do not discredit our own. I say plainly that every American who takes part in the action of a mob or gives it any sort of countenance is no true son of this great democracy, but its betrayer, and does more to discredit her, by that single disloyalty to her standards of law and of right that the words of her statesmen or the sacrifices of her heroic boys in the trenches can do to make suffering peoples. How shall we commend democracy to the acceptance of other peoples, if we disgrace our own by proving that it is, after all, no protection to the weak? Every mob contributes to German lies about the United States, what her most gifted liars cannot improve upon by way of caulmry. They can at least say that such things cannot happen in Germany except in times of revolution, when law is swept away.  
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