

THE KNIGHTS OF LABOR. Address of Welcome by Gov. Lee and Powderly's Reply.

FELLOW-CITIZENS: I am here this morning in response to an invitation from the committee of the Knights of Labor of Richmond, for the purpose of uniting with them in meeting and greeting citizens from other States, who come within the gates of this Commonwealth to confer with a portion of her people—a conference which we earnestly hope will be productive of the greatest benefit to all concerned.

ble, and said: "His Excellency, the Governor of Virginia, and Gentlemen of the Convention, it is with much pleasure and gratification that I introduce to you Mr. T. V. Powderly, of the State of Pennsylvania, who will reply to the address of welcome of Governor Lee."

When Mr. Powderly stepped forward he was received with loud applause. Bowing to Governor Lee and the audience, he said:

MR. POWDERLY'S REPLY.

Mr. T. V. Powderly began by returning thanks for the reception they had met with, and pleasantly alluded to the fame of southern hospitality. The fight in which the Knights of Labor are engaged, he said, is not a war of labor against capital, but a war in which the manhood of American labor is fighting for freedom.

Popular disregard of political duty and tolerated continued political corruption will weaken our government and destroy our liberties, for the worm that eats its way through the oak which storms and tempest could not bend, and political dishonesty will strike where the lightning could never reach. If this land was worthy that brave men should die for it, it is at least worthy that unselfish, thoughtful men should live and work in a grand devotion to the ideas of a real, a true democracy.

To rescue the toiler from the grasp of the selfish is a work worthy of the noblest and best of our race. It is to the accomplishment of that grand object that every Knight of Labor should bend his every energy.

Lack of success or encouragement must not dishearten, defection in friends or fancied friends, must not turn him aside from his purpose, love of ease must not prevent him from working.

The question is asked, "Why have you such an organization as the Knights of Labor?" We are Knights of Labor because we believe that the declaration of independence means something more than mere words and beautiful sentences. We are Knights of Labor because we believe that it is wrong for an alien king to oppress a people and rob them, it is also wrong for any other man to oppress or rob his fellow creatures.

We are Knights of Labor because we believe "To whom belongs the soil, it is his, even unto heaven." We are Knights of Labor because we believe that the rights of the poorest, the humblest man or woman of toil should stand forth upon a level with the most honored and respected of the nation.

We are Knights of Labor because we believe that law and order should prevail, and that both should be founded in equity. We are Knights of Labor because we believe that the thief who steals a dollar is no worse than the thief who steals a railroad; that the burglar who breaks open a house or a vault is no worse than the criminal who destroys or orders the destruction of the property of a railroad or telegraph company, and we believe that the same law should reach out with a firm, unshaken hand and punish both criminals according to the magnitude of their guilt.

We are all interested in the laborer getting property and becoming anxious for a stable government, so that his aid can be required in building up the wrong men and not in pulling them down; and your organization whose aims claim to be the maintenance of order and the enforcement of good laws, should have no sympathy with those whose aim is to break down and destroy those laws. The employer will never be allowed to prescribe the conditions of employment and exact service on his own terms, to say I will work for a certain sum and you shall employ me.

The rights of all men are going to be protected in this country. Employers, as has been well said, have no right to lock out a whole shop full of hands to bring a few unwilling ones to terms, nor have they, in my opinion, the right to engage with other employers to fix a rate for them to pay or compel all to remain idle, but they have a right to exercise their just judgment as to what fair dealing and justice demand, and what they would be willing to give for the work they want, and afterwards, if sustaining a loss, to say they would not be able to give so much. When the Governor had taken his seat on the platform Frank J. Ferrell, the colored member of the delegation of District 49, whose associates refused to take up their quarters in the hotel in which he was refused admission on an equal footing, ascended the platform, taking his stand beside the presiding officer's table, and said:

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