

AN APPEAL FROM THE DIRECTORS OF THE MARYLAND
INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL INSTITUTE FOR
COLORED YOUTHS TO A GENEROUS PUBLIC
FOR AID TO ESTABLISH AND MAIN-
TAIN THE SCHOOL.

Well-Known Citizens of Maryland, both White and Colored, Indorse
the Movement, and Recommend Dr. Ernest Lyon, the
President, to the Generosity of the Public.

The School Opens October 30 in the Building on the Grounds.—
A School and a Trades Building, a Dormitory and
Money for Current Expenses Needed.

Any effort to educate our fellow-man should invite favor and sup-
port. Nothing is lost to him who helps to better the condition of the
unfortunate and helpless.

Education, whether it be of the head, hand or heart, means to lift a
man from an unfortunate to a more fortunate condition, to aid him to
see life in a better light, so that he might dignify his own being and
make himself an honorable member of society and a profitable citizen.

The Maryland Industrial and Agricultural School, located near
Laurel, and which will open its doors for the first time on Wednesday,
the 30th of October, 1901, pledges itself to assist in the improvement of
the moral and educational condition of the Colored youths of Maryland.
The School is conveniently located on a farm of eighty-five acres in the
center of three large and populous cities, viz., Washington, D. C.; Bal-
timore and Annapolis, Md. This center is truly the "Black Belt" of the
country. The recent census gives Washington, D. C.; Baltimore,
Md.; Philadelphia, Pa., and New Orleans, La., the largest negro popu-
lation in the country. Baltimore has over 80,000, and the State of
Maryland more than a quarter of a million.

Perhaps there would be no cause for serious alarm if there were no
further probability of an increase of this population, but the facts show
that the tide of population is not tending southward. It is tending with
rapid increase beyond Mason and Dixon's line. The same difficult
problem which confronts society in the South stares us in the face on
this side of the line. The stern necessity of the case demands that we
do something both to relieve the pressure and improve the condition of
this population.

If this same population farther south need educational attention and
development, the need is more imperative on this side of the line, for
the reason that the roving population of any people is not always the
best element of that people.

The time is at hand when the thoughtful people of the State, both
white and colored, must turn their attention and sympathy to the prob-
lem at their own door. There is no school in the southern part of this
State in the midst of this "Black Belt" devoted to the industrial and agri-
cultural training of colored youths. The State is doing much by way
of the public schools, and the city of Baltimore is to be complimented
on its advanced methods for the education of its colored population, but
in the particular of manual, industrial and agricultural training we are
lacking. The only work of this kind under the supervision of the State



Rev. ERNEST LYON, D. D., President M. I. & A. Institute.

is done at Cheltenham, a penal institute. Since our city and State is to
have its share of juvenile criminals, Cheltenham is a necessity, but grad-
uates of reformatory or penal institutes, however capable, find them-
selves handicapped by the suspicions of their fellow-men as well as a
conscious sense of humiliation which visits them at every step of their
subsequent progress, modifying materially every noble aspiration. Soci-
ety will not trust a man graduated from a penal institution, with crim-
inals as his classmates, as quickly as it will a man whose Alma Mater
exists under pure social atmosphere. The Maryland Industrial and
Agricultural School shall struggle to save unfortunate youths from
such a fate; shall offer an opportunity to parents whose duty calls them
from home during the day or night to place their children where they
will receive all the attention that a well-regulated home would provide,
so that by constant application and wholesome Christian influence they
shall experience no barrier in reaching the highest and loftiest develop-
ment possible to every American youth under the inspiration of the
Stars and Stripes.

This institution shall devote itself, therefore, not only to the literary
education of its pupils, but will emphasize especially their industrial and
agricultural training under competent instructors.

The terms of entrance are made low, so as to put them within the
reach of the poor, trusting in the benevolence and philanthropy of a
generous public to supplement the deficiency. Nine dollars per month
cover the expense for board, tuition and room rent.

The mansion on the site, containing eighteen rooms, enables us to
start the school at once. Many of the rooms are furnished. We need
more furniture for about six rooms. We need \$2000 for teachers' sal-
aries, and \$2500 for needed repairs, fuel, interest on mortgage notes,
incidental expenses, insurance and taxes.

We have already on the farm three horses, carriages, carts, wagons
and some farming implements, but not enough to prosecute the work.
We give this statement hoping that it might appeal to the sympathy of
those who are in condition to help us. This enterprise appeals to every
citizen regardless of politics or religion, race or color. The success will
reflect not only credit, but incalculable benefit to all the people of the
State. If we can give charity to men for the support of institutions
away from us we can certainly give aid to men among us, with unques-
tioned integrity, for the support of an institution right at our door, with
ample opportunity not only to watch its development, but also to note the
judicious expenditure of the money given.

This list of well-known citizens, both white and colored, have in-
dorsed the movement and recommended Dr. Ernest Lyon, the founder,
to the generosity of the good people of Maryland and the country at
large:

Ex-Gov. William Pinkney Whyte, City Solicitor.
Ex-Gov. Lloyd Lowndes, President Second National Bank, Cum-
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George Watkins, Clerk.

WHAT PROMINENT MARYLANDERS AND OTHERS SAY.

Comptroller Jas. H. Smith: "The colored people are here with us,
and they are here to stay; and we ought to help them."

Judge Savage of the Orphans' Court: "I believe in individual dona-
tions, but the State ought to make an appropriation for its maintenance."

Ex-Gov. Wm. Pinkney Whyte: "I was the first Governor to sanction
an appropriation for the colored people's education in the State. Your
institution is much needed."

Mayor Thomas G. Hayes: "Education along industrial lines is
needed for both races. The State ought to help you."

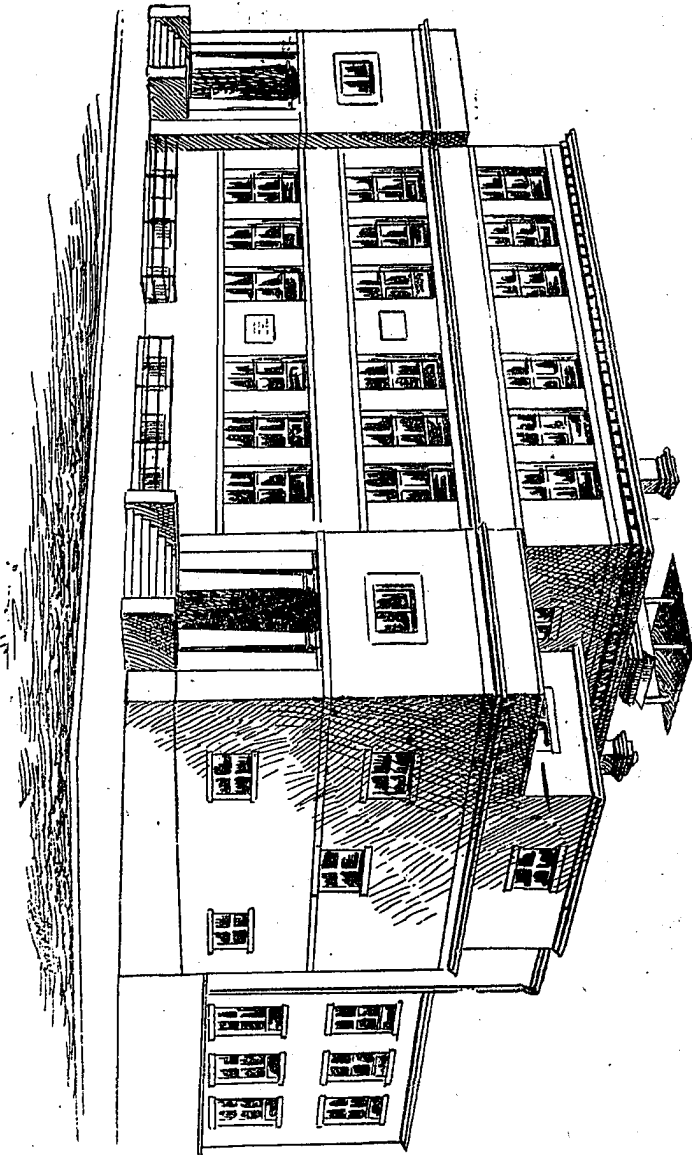
Hon. James A. Gary, ex-Postmaster-General: "I am friendly to
industrial education. We cannot have too many institutions of that
character. If started on right lines it will succeed."

Dr. J. W. E. Bowen: "I commend the project as a great and wise
step."

Rev. M. W. Clair, Presiding Elder, Washington Conference: "Your
movement is commendable. You should be encouraged and assisted by
every true friend of the race in the State."

Ex-Gov. Lloyd Lowndes: "The Rev. Ernest Lyon, now pastor of
the John Wesley M. E. Church, is a man of intelligence and good stand-
ing in Baltimore city. He is earnest and enthusiastic along the line of
work in which he is engaged, and is worthy of the commendation and
co-operation of all those interested in the cause of helping the colored
race."

Bishop Edward G. Andrews of the M. E. Church: "It has been my



Proposed McKinley Memorial Building.

pleasure to know the Rev. Ernest Lyon for many years. He is a mem-
ber in good standing of the Washington Conference of the Methodist
Episcopal Church, at present stationed in Baltimore city. He is a man
of education, of good understanding, of agreeable manners, of faithfulness
and usefulness in his ministry. I am confident that if he should
for his race he would give to it the attention of a man well equipped for
find the way opened for him to establish a seat of industrial education
that work and likely to be successful in it. I commend him, therefore,
to those to whom this note may come."

Bishop Alexander Walters of the A. M. E. Zion Church: "Your
proposition concerning the establishment of a Manual Training and
Industrial School in Maryland meets with my most hearty approval.
For a long time I have thought such a school was needed nearer to our
section than Alabama. Whatever I can do to aid you in the enterprise
you may expect it, whether it be influence, time or money. I am now
convinced that industrial training is the greatest need of the race."

Rev. W. H. Brooks, D.D., Pastor St. Mark's M. E. Church, New
York: "I am in full sympathy with this advance movement. I cheer-
fully commend the enterprise, and have the most implicit confidence in
the integrity, capability, wisdom and thorough earnestness of the pro-
moters."

Bishop J. N. Fitzgerald of the M. E. Church: "If such a movement
as that is to be inaugurated I know of no person whom I would com-
mend for leadership in it more highly than I would commend you. I
believe you would accomplish a great work on that line. You have the
confidence of the Church with which you are connected, and I believe
that all will concede that you have the ability to conduct such a work."

Revs. W. P. Thirkield, D.D., J. C. Murray, D.D., and Edward L.
Parks, D.D.: "Dr. Lyon is a man of character and ability. He has
wrought well in both Church and State. He is a member of the Metho-
dist Episcopal Church, and has the confidence of those who know him
as a man capable of bringing a large undertaking to success."

Ex-Mayor Latrobe: "The professions are crowded. It is just as
honorable to work with the hand as with the head. You shall have my
influence as well as my signature."

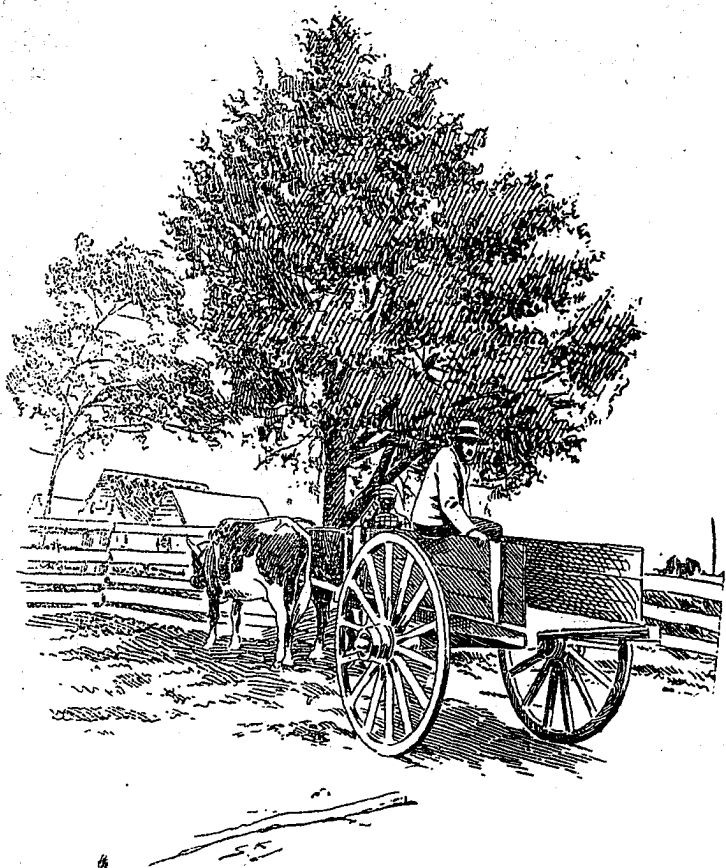
His Honor Mayor Phelps of Laurel: "My life thus far, as a public
man, has been devoted to education. We have just succeeded in erect-
ing a magnificent building for a High School for the town. It took us
ten years to reach the point. Your school is a necessity, and the best
people of the town, as far as I know and can hear, are commending
your movement. We will watch with interest your success."

His Eminence, Cardinal Gibbons: "I am glad that you have secured
the indorsement of Father Slattery, who represents the colored work

among us. Your work is a good one. I wish you success. When the school is in operation I will give you a subscription."

Mr. Charles J. Bonaparte: "I have always regarded industrial education, especially in agriculture, as the most urgent present need of the colored race in this State. I am happy to recommend any well-considered movement looking to that end."

A more fitting tribute to the memory of our lamented and martyred President could not be proposed than the erection of a memorial hall dedicated to the industrial education of the colored youths of Maryland. Let us erect this monument to his memory. Let the building be called



A Scene on the Farm.

the McKinley Memorial Hall for the Industrial Education of Colored Youths. The Maryland Industrial and Agricultural Institute needs such a building.

Contributions to this fund may be deposited in the Maryland Savings Bank, southwest corner Baltimore and Holiday streets.

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