

Keep Healthy

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"Public Health Sunday."

The National Medical Association, composed of physicians, dentists and pharmacists, will convene in Chicago Aug. 24 for a three days' session. It is said that this association will bring to the city of Chicago many of the most learned and eminent men of the race in the allied professions. The association is just twenty years old, having been organized in 1895 in the city of Atlanta, Ga., by Drs. Boyd, Green and others. Owing to the social and racial conditions south of the Mason and Dixon line the organization of this association was made most imperative. Although there is no racial discrimination in city, county or state medical associations north of the Mason and Dixon line to make this association as imperative to the professional life and progress of medical men in the northern, western or eastern states, the condition of the race at this period of our development for team work, co-operation and better understanding make it highly necessary that this association be fostered and conserved, since it embodies the best interests of the race.

Public Health Policy.

One of the features of the public health policy committee of the National Medical Association is the placing of interesting and instructive speakers on public health questions in the various pulpits in the cities where the meetings are held. These speakers are selected and assigned with reference largely to their ability to foresee and present to the people questions of a public health nature. In fact, they are to deliver what is known as a "lay sermon." The National Medical Association believes in the gospel of good health. It believes that good health is the best asset of any race or people, and to this end it makes use of all public assemblages, social clubs, fraternal organizations, etc., and aims to have a representative speaker to preach the gospel of good health, hygiene, sanitation, better working conditions and housing conditions before every group, let it be small or large, of the social order. The National Medical Association is becoming more and more imbued and moved by the belief that in order to save and elevate a people it must work and talk to the people—among the people—and not to and at the people.

Doctors in Pulpits Sunday, Aug. 22.

From reports received from various physicians throughout the country sending in their acceptance to speak in the various churches, and the enthusiastic co-operation on the part of our city pastors, indicating that all the churches are co-operating to make Sunday, Aug. 22, a RED LETTER DAY, we are fully confident that the "lay sermons" on the gospel of good health will reflect great credit upon the National Medical Association and that it will be productive of much good to the people of the city of Chicago, and the speakers who will participate in the exercises of that day will be greatly benefited.

It has been our policy to present the subject matter in plain, simple language, to avoid the technical expressions, to the end that the large audiences may thoroughly understand the speaker. We all realize the great importance of the need of health lectures to the people and we are gratified to say that the churches are awaiting the coming of the physicians to occupy their pulpits on Aug. 22 with great pleasure.

Assignments.

As chairman of the public health policy committee, we have tried to make these assignments as appropriate as the conditions would permit. They are as follows:

To Quinn chapel, A. M. E. church, Dr. C. V. Roman, 11 a. m. service; Dr. A. M. Curtis, 8 p. m. Bethel A. M. E. church, Dr. M. O. Dumas, 7:45 p. m. Wayman chapel, Dr. Geo. E. Cannon, 11 a. m.; Dr. Alexander Cox, 8 p. m. Provident Baptist church, Dr. F. S. Hargrave, 11 a. m.; Dr. D. W. Byrd, 8 p. m. Hermon Baptist church, Dr. J. H. Hale, 11 a. m.; Dr. J. R. Marshall, 8 p. m. Grace Presbyterian church, Dr. John B. Hall, 11 a. m.; Dr. John P. Turner, 1 p. m. Walters A. M. E. Zion church, Dr. M. McCleary, 8 p. m. Salem Baptist church, Dr. W. D. Wilson, 11 a. m. Olivet Baptist church, Dr. Chas. E. Thornhill, Dr. Robert T. Burt, 8 p. m. Institutional church, Dr. W. H. Higgins, 11 a. m.; Dr. W. G. Alexander, 8 p. m. Ebenezer Baptist church, Dr. J. E. Perry, 10:45 a. m.; Dr. H. M. Green, 7:45 p. m. St. Stephen A. M. E. church, Dr. D. A. Ferguson, 11 a. m.; Dr. Albert Tennant, 8 p. m. St. Mary's church, Dr. J. A. Lester, Dr. A. P. Holly, 8 p. m. St. Mark's M. E. church, Dr. C. H. Phillips, 11 a. m. Robinson, 8 p. m. Bethesda Baptist church, Dr. J. W. Jones, 11 a. m.; Dr. Edward A. Carter, 8 p. m. St. Paul C. M. E. church, Dr. C. H. Phillips, 11 a. m. Hope Presbyterian church, Dr. J. R. Levy, 11 a. m.; Dr. W. H. Wright, 8 p. m. Union Baptist church, Dr. Geo. W. Cabanis, 11 a. m.; Dr. W. E. Sterrs, 8 p. m. Frederick Douglass Center, Dr. J. A. Kenney, Dr. J. W. Walker, 4 p. m. Lincoln Memorial Congregational church, Dr. A. A. Wyche, 11 a. m.; Dr. J. Frank Robinson.

If we have overlooked any church, social organization or club that may desire a speaker for that date, or if there be any that may desire an additional speaker, we shall be pleased to furnish them, if they will call us on phone Douglas 5003, with speakers to fill all vacancies as long as the supply lasts. From all indications we are to have an abundance of speakers and we hope that everybody will go to church Sunday, Aug. 22, and if possible attend both services. We would also advise that the pastor or officer of each church check up the number in attendance on said date, so that we may be able to make an estimate of the number of people who heard a sermon on good health Aug. 22.