

THE NATIONAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

Many Hundred Delegates Expected to Session to Be Held in This City

The National Medical Association is an organization of the colored physicians, surgeons, dentists and pharmacists of the United States and West Indies. This body was to have met in the city of Memphis, Tenn., August 28, 29 and 30, 1917, but three months ago when preparations were being made by the local physicians of Memphis for the entertainment of the National body, a brutal lynching took place in the city of Memphis. The victim was decapitated and his head thrown in the midst of the assembled professional men with a warning that the National Medical Association was not wanted in the city of Memphis. The Bluff City Medical Society which had extended the invitation to the National body to meet at Memphis, immediately took steps withdrawing the invitation. It was then up to the Executive Board to find a suitable place of meeting for the 1917 session. The professions of Philadelphia, represented by the Philadelphia Academy of Medicine, and the professions constituting the Northeastern Medical Society (including New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Connecticut) were asked to entertain the Association and unanimously agreed. The following men were appointed by the two societies to form the executive committee: From Philadelphia Academy, Dr. T. S. Burwell, Dr. N. F. Mossell, Dr. Jos. T. Howard. From Northeastern Medical Society, Dr. Benj. Withers, of New York; Dr. C. A. Lewis; Dr. Thos. G. Coates.

With less than three months to prepare for the entertainment of three or four hundred men and women from all parts of the country the men of Philadelphia rallied and are now completing arrangements for one of the best sessions in the history of the National Medical Association. The general sessions will be held at the Y. M. C. A., 1724 Christian street, to which the public is invited. Everybody is requested to be present at Union Baptist church, on Fitzwater street, above 19th, Tuesday evening, August 28th, at which time the delegates will be welcomed to the city by His Honor, the Mayor and others representing city departments. Wednesday afternoon and evening at Maple Grove Park, a picnic will be held complimentary to the delegates. Admission free by card. See your doctor, dentist or druggist. Thursday evening, August 30th, at the Parkway building, the annual banquet and reception will be held. The following is the program for Tuesday evening at Union Baptist church:

Tuesday evening, August 28th, 8 o'clock. Public meeting, Union Baptist church, Fitzwater street above 19th. Call to order by chairman of meeting, John P. Turner, M. D., president, Philadelphia Academy of Medicine and Allied Sciences.

Invocation, Rev. U. G. Leeper, D. D., pastor Allen A. M. E. church.

Music, The North Carolina Medical Quartett, Dr. A. J. Christian and Dr. D. R. Carter, of Winston-Salem, N. C.; Drs. Wm. Wallace and J. C. Waddy of Greensboro, N. C.

Welcome address on behalf of the city of Philadelphia, Hon. Thos. B. Smith, Mayor.

Response—M. O. Dumas, M. D., Washington, D. C.

Selection—Cornucopia Band of Philadelphia.

Welcome address on behalf of the citizens of Philadelphia—Hon. George H. White, Assistant City Solicitor.

Solo—Miss Marion Anderson.

Welcome address on behalf of the Department of Health and Charities of Philadelphia—Dr. Wilmer Krusen, Director.

Response—E. T. Belsaw, D. D., Mobile, Ala.

Vocal solo—Dr. Henry Hardy, Spartanburg, S. C.

Address—Dr. Geo. C. Cannon, Pres. Northeastern Medical Society.

Vocal solo—Miss Marion Anderson.

Selection—Cornucopia Band of Philadelphia.

Benediction—Rev. W. G. Parks, D. D., pastor Union Baptist church.