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*The Colored People's National Labor Convention—
Educational Monument Association, &c.*

The National Labor Convention (colored) did not have the pleasure last night of hearing an address from Hon. Charles Sumner, that gentleman having disappointed the audience. C. H. Peters, a ward commissioner of the city, introduced a resolution of thanks to Mayor Bowen, similar to that tabled yesterday, and, in the absence of the more prominent men of the convention, it was adopted. Speeches were then made on the colored labor convention by a number of the delegates. This morning the convention re-assembled. A resolution offered by Rev. Sellar Martin was adopted, approving that portion of the President's message referring to the labor question, and tendering thanks to President Grant for fairness and fearlessness of utterance.

A resolution offered by Mr. Barbadoes, of California, was adopted, proclaiming the law making eight hours a day's work in all labor performed for the government is wise, just, humane, and economical, and should be interpreted fairly and equitably, and expressing the hope that government contractors and its own officers will carry out its provisions fully.

A resolution was adopted authorizing the executive committee of the permanent organization to appoint one or more delegates to the International Labor Congress to be held in Paris next September.

Prof. Vashon read a long report on education, detailing the progress made in that direction through the agency of the freedmen's bureau and other sources, by which colored children have been and are receiving the blessings of educational culture, the report concluding with a long series of resolutions that the work, after various organizations, should continue "until the entire South is dotted over with normal schools, complete in all needful educational facilities." The report and resolutions were adopted.

A resolution was adopted praying Congress to authorize the appointment by the President of a land commission for the purpose of purchasing eligible land for homesteads, the titles thereof to be held until by installments, without interest, it shall have been paid for when the money so employed, not to exceed \$2,000,000 shall be refunded to the national treasury.

A number of resolutions were referred to various committees.

Mr. Mackey, of South Carolina, offered a memorial, to be presented to Congress, relative to the condition of the colored laborers of the South, asking that measures be taken to lessen labor and increase wages, which could be done by furnishing them with homesteads in the Southern States, of which there was 42,000 acres of public lands. The memorial was unanimously adopted.

A delegation of the convention, consisting of Messrs. Rapier of Alabama, J. R. W. Leonard of New York, Kennedy of Maryland, and Dawson of Pennsylvania, called on Mayor Bowen at his office this morning. Mr. Rapier addressed Mr. Bowen, thanking him in the name of the convention for the interest he had expressed in the labor movement. The mayor responded briefly, concluding by wishing the convention perfect success.

The colored people's association to establish an educational institution for colored youth as a monument to Abraham Lincoln has turned over the one thousand dollars, or thereabouts, collected, to the Avery College, Pennsylvania, and to Howard University, in trust to endow scholarships for advanced scholars from the District of Columbia. The most of this money was collected in 1865, at the great meeting which was held on the 4th of July of that year. After four years, and no more collections, the managers felt obliged to abandon the memorial undertaking and do the next best thing with the money.

A resolution of thanks to the national executive committee of colored men was unanimously carried.

A resolution was adopted instructing the delegates, upon their return to their homes, to call State conventions of the laboring men.

The convention will probably conclude its sessions to-night, when a mass meeting will be held.