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In an address before the School of Religion at Mount Olive Baptist Church on Sunday last, Doctor Anna Cooper, President of Frelighuysen University took occasion to commend with profound appreciation the work of Southern White Women in tearing away from the Crime of Lynching the old hypocritical <sup>excuse</sup> veil of pretended chivalry in its determination to protect the Honor of the South. Dr. Cooper referred to the <sup>recent</sup> Atlanta <sup>Conference</sup> resolutions which affirmed on the part of representative white women from practically every state of the <sup>& the significant resolutions passed by them unanimously</sup> deep South: "We reaffirm our condemnation of lynching for any reason whatever & we recognize that no alleged crime justifies another crime; we declare as our deliberate conclusion that the crime lynching is a logical result in every community that pursues the policy of humiliation & degradation of a part of its citizenship; because of accident of birth; that exploits & intimidates the weaker element in its population for economic gain; that refuses equal educational opportunity to one portion of its children; that segregates arbitrarily a whole race in unsanitary, ugly sections & finally that denies a voice in the control of government to any fit & proper citizen because of race. We regard with favor any legal measures that promise sure & permanent eradication of lynching."



Nothing could be finer, said Dr. Cooper, than such <sup>pronouncements</sup> leadership & from such <sup>leaders</sup> a source. No Hitler, the speaker continued, however powerful & however prejudiced, could bring about the political maneuvering against the colored people of the U.S. which is taking place against the Jews of Germany today. The 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution: "All persons born or naturalized in the U.S. & subject to the jurisdiction thereof are citizens of the U.S." is a rock ribbed guarantee of the privileges & immunities of citizens of the U.S. & of the protection of its laws. <sup>the 14<sup>th</sup> amendment is not going to be repealed</sup> Loyalty was the central theme of Mrs. Cooper's discourse. "To thine own self be true": True to self & God, True to race & <sup>Native Land</sup> ~~Native Land~~, putting loyalty in place of the usual translations of Charity & Love <sup>in 13<sup>th</sup> Corinthians</sup>.

Dr. Cooper concluded: Now abide the faith, hope, loyalty, & the greatest of these is Loyalty. In declaring her loyalty to her Native Land, Dr. Cooper said "There are some who are divided about singing America the beautiful old patriotic anthem just sung by your junior choir. They say they cannot sing 'Land of the noble free' in face of so many unfree, so much injustice & so much cruel oppression. Hear we are in danger of forgetting sometimes that the very meaning of democracy is that each & all are equally responsible for what we give as well as for what we get. <sup>In</sup> the grand chorus of national principles & ideals, you are bound as surely as the family in the White House to our varying intelligence <sup>degrees of</sup> <sup>wealth & social</sup> position to put all our powers <sup>whatever they are</sup> into the struggle for social justice, for equality of opportunity in living & thinking, growing, for a broader, truer, nobler realizing of the brotherhood of man & the fatherhood of God.