August 18, 1906. 10 A. M.

The N. M. was called to order by the General Secretary, who asked Mr. J. Max Barber to preside during his absence at the Women's meeting. Prayer was offered by Rev. 

Reports were submitted by the Committee on Legal Defense and Civil Rights (See enclosures A and B), both of which were adopted.

The case of Mrs. Barbara B. Pope who had been arrested and fined in Virginia for refusing to occupy a Jim-crow car while en route to Harper's Ferry, was explained in detail, and the action of the Committee in reference thereto outlined. A letter from Mr. W. M. Hart, who had been retained to represent Mrs. Pope was read and the meeting voted sufficient funds to meet the expense of completing an appeal which had been made yesterday, the last day possible under the Virginia law.

Mr. MoSee reviews the status of the Negro's civil rights in certain States.

The report of the Junior Department was submitted by Mr. Mason Hawkins, Chairman, and adopted. (Report will be submitted for filing later.)

Capt. Harvey Thompson reported on behalf of the Army and Navy Committee, the report being adopted unanimously.

The Press Committee through its Chairman Mr. W. Monroe Trotter submitted a report with recommendations, which was amended in certain particulars and adopted. The amendment was in reference to the first recommendation, the word "and" being substituted for "or" following clause "In the discretion of the Press Committee," and the clause "under the direction of the General Secretary" being added so as to make the responsibility for matter rest finally upon that officer.

The question of purchasing the John Brown fort was discussed, Mr. Clifford reporting that it might be obtained for the sum of $6,600, about 3 acres being reserved to the owner, and possibly outright for that sum. On motion of Mr. Crawford the meeting authorized the appointment of a committee to take up the question of financing the proposition with a view to a purchase if recommended by the meeting. The Chairman named Messrs. Morgan, Walker, Hope, Mitchell, following which an adjournment was taken until 6 P. M.

Recording Secretary.