

**The Niagara  
Movement**

The negroes of the Niagara Movement, who met the other day in Oberlin

to the number of "about fifty delegates representing eleven States," have presented a very brief address to the negroes of the country. The first recommendation is this:

"We say to our own: Obey the law, defend no crime, conceal no criminal, seek no quarrel; but arm yourselves, and when the mob invades your home, shoot, and shoot to kill."

This is about what any one would recommend to white people. The other is:

"We say to voters: Register and vote whenever and wherever you have a right. Vote, not in the past, but in the present. Remember that the conduct of the Republican party toward negroes has been a disgraceful failure to keep just promises. The dominant Roosevelt faction has sinned in this respect beyond forgiveness. We therefore trust that every black voter will uphold men like Joseph Benson Foraker, and will leave no stone unturned to defeat William H. Taft. Remember Brownsville, and establish next November the principle of negro independence in voting, not only for punishing enemies, but for rebuking false friends."

Doubtless it seems to these strenuous men wise to rush into the arms of their worst foes for the sake of rebuking their lukewarm friends. Some folks will bite off their nose to spite their face, will cut off the leg to cure a corn; but Senator Foraker can advise them better.

