

SCENE FIVE

PHILADELPHIA. MEETING HALL. 1912

SOLO A

"SKIES ARE BRIGHT TO THE SUFFRAGISTS"
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SOLO B

The annual convention of the National American
Women Suffrage Association opened in
Philadelphia today with prophecies that the
triumph of the cause was near. *

Anna Howard Shaw and Carrie
Chapman Catt are seated on the
convention stage. Mary Church
Terrell (49), is one of the few
Black women in the packed crowd.
She is already speaking at a
lectern. *

MARY CHURCH TERRELL *

...colored women need not hang their heads in
shame. They are slowly but surely making their
way up to the heights, wherever they can be
scaled. Lifting as they climb, onward and
upward they go struggling and striving and
hoping that the buds and blossoms of their
desires may burst into glorious fruition ere
long. Seeking no favors because of their color
nor charity because of their needs they knock
at the door of Justice and ask for an equal
chance. *

(beat) *

I shared these very same words with this very
same convention fourteen years ago, and little
has changed. We colored women have still failed
to relent. We have lifted each other so very
far. Yet I must still remind many of our
members, "progressives" each and every one,
that any progress which leaves the colored
woman behind, well that is not progress at all. *

Alice enters in this brief moment
of silence, struggling to find a
place among the conventioners. *

Anna Howard Shaw rises to take the
lectern. *

ANNA HOWARD SHAW *

Thank you, Mrs. Terrell. *