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THEN welcome each rebuff that turns earth's smoothness rough.  
Each sting that bids nor sit; nor stand; but go.  
Be our joys three parts pain;  
Learn, nor account the pang;  
Dare, never grudge the throe. —Browning.

## RADICAL AND CONSERVATIVE

WE publish in this issue, from the Washington Post, a thoughtful and illuminating article on America's race problem written by William Howard Taft. The article is sympathetic and eminently fair. It states accurately and does not minimize the causes of just complaint upon the part of Colored Americans. Due recognition is given to the educational and economic phases of the question, and the writer is quite right in stating that migration, due to unjust conditions, will prove a strong factor in correcting certain abuses which have been most malignant in the South.

Mr. Taft recognizes the fact, which all students of the race question must, that education and training have developed two classes of leaders, the radical and the conservative. "The first class resents so deeply the unfairness which racial prejudice leads to that they seek to end it by direct frontal attacks upon it and its consequences." The second class "are wise enough and noble enough and self-restrained enough clearly to see that they way to ameliorate conditions is not by direct frontal attacks of resentment or revenge, but by the education of their people and a stimulation of them to greater industry and economic success, so that it shall be the enlightened selfish policy of the controllers of public opinion in the South to welcome the industrial development of the race for the benefit of the whole South, white and black."

It is very evident that the sympathies of the distinguished jurist and writer are with the conservatives rather than with the radicals. This is the typical attitude of many who give any thought to this subject. The judicial mind is characteristically conservative, and therefore one would naturally expect Mr. Taft to favor this school.

It should be remembered that no reforms have ever come through conservatism. Radicalism forces reforms which conservatism may then conserve. It was radicalism and not conservatism that forced Magna Charta from the hands of King John for the CONSERVATION, if you please, of English liberty. It was radicalism and not conservatism that threw off the galling yoke of Great Britain and gave the coveted boon of independence to the American colonies. It was radicalism and not conservatism which overthrew slavery and preserved the union. And it will be radicalism and not conservatism that will overthrow the glaring and admitted injustice of American race prejudice. There must be "direct frontal attacks upon it." And these direct frontal attacks are being made by the so-called radicals. Nor must it be forgotten that many who are classed as conservatives, because they may not be so clamorous for rights denied as others, really belong to the radicals. The radicals are counselling "direct frontal attacks of resentment" and pitiless publicity, believing that the great majority of white Americans are sound at heart and believe in justice and only need to have injustice brought to their attention to make it right. Radicals are not, however, counselling "direct frontal attacks of revenge." Thoughts of revenge, thank God, never enter the heart of the Colored American. He is willing to present his case insistently and persistently at the bar of the American conscience, and this the radicals are determined to do. While making this demand the radicals, too, are urging their people to develop themselves in education, industry, thrift and character that they may show themselves worthy of the rights and privileges for which they are contending.

Yes, the race has two classes of leaders, radicals and conservatives, and needs both; the former to secure rights and the latter to conserve them. Each has the same aim. They differ as to methods.

Judge (to witness)—Why didn't you go to the help of the defendant in this fight?

Witness—I didn't know which was going to be the defendant.—Boston Transcript.

## ONE AMONG A HUNDRED!

ONE HUNDRED dental students were in Lincoln last week taking their examinations before the state examining board. Ninety-nine were white students and one Colored. They were graduates chiefly of leading educational institutions of the state, where ethical standards are supposed to be high. The one Colored student is an alumnus of Howard university, one of the leading educational institutions of the race, whose standards for efficiency and morality are unsurpassed by any in the country. The students were supposed to be gentlemen. They were being examined as to their fitness to be admitted to practice an honorable profession vitally affecting the public health. The examinations were halted by a dramatic incident, Attorney General Davis and members of the examining board announced that it had been discovered that the examination questions had been stolen some days before and sold to the students then taking the examination for sums ranging from \$2.50 to \$5. He said, "I want every man who had nothing to do with this and who did not see the questions in advance of the examination to stand."

Only one man arose and with head erect looked the attorney general of Nebraska frankly and fearlessly in the eye, and he was John Andrew Singleton of Omaha.

With a redeeming sense of honor other students called for Paul Fleming of Wilsonville, Neb., to stand up. He did so. He said he had not stood up with Singleton because he had seen the papers but refused to have anything to do with them.

These two men alone were permitted to take the examination.

This incident speaks most eloquently. Singleton had not been taken into the plot for obvious reasons. But, knowing him as we do intimately and from infancy as a young man who hates falsehood and sham, we are confident that had he been shown the papers he would have done precisely what young Fleming did, who deserves unstinted credit for his courage, honesty and manliness. Both men passed excellent examinations and were complimented by the board. We are proud of both these young men.

We are profoundly glad that John Andrew Singleton was the one man out of one hundred, and he a member of our race, who could honestly, fearlessly and truthfully say that he had no part nor lot in the dishonorable proceedings of his confederates of the vaunted inherent superior race, who thought to show their superiority by cheating.

We hope that our people before whose attention this incident may come will realize the wisdom of always doing that which is honorable and right, and in whatever they may be engaged they will always stand upon their merit and never be guilty of falsehood, sham or wrong to attain any object, however solicited they may be to attain it.

## WOMAN SUFFRAGE WINS

AFTER a persistent fight of nearly forty-five years' duration congress has adopted the suffrage resolution, submitting the nineteenth amendment to the states for ratification. It was approved by the house by a vote of 304 to 89 and in the senate by a vote of 56 to 25. Its passage was delayed in the senate by the opposition of anti-suffrage senators from the South. Their chief ground of opposition was their insane desire, which so dwarfs the vision of that fair section of our land, to restrict, if not wholly to eliminate, the franchise of Colored citizens. They could not see how they could grant the vote to white women and deny it to Colored women. However, the resolution has been passed and will be submitted to the states for their ratification. The

states will undoubtedly ratify the amendment.

That women should have the right to vote is so eminently just that one marvels at the fierce opposition the effort to secure it has encountered. That the victory has at last been won shows that right will ultimately triumph. It was the patient, persistent, intelligent work of those who were labelled radicals which ultimately won the fight for woman's suffrage.

## BY KINDNESS

ONE of the greatest powers in the world is kindness. The most hardened and obdurate have eventually been won by kindness. Then, too, kindness richly blesses him who shows it infinitely as much as it does him who receives it. It is not particularly easy to do it, but we can all do it if we really want to, and that is to meet and subdue harshness by kindness. Suppose we all honestly and sincerely try to overcome harshness and prejudice and unkindness by kindness.

## CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES

THE MONITOR extends sincere congratulations to our boys and girls who are being graduated from high schools, academies and universities and are being promoted from the various grades. We hope that wherever your lot may be cast you will do whatever your hand finds to do with thoroughness, and that wherever you may be, in school or hospital or office or trade or busy mart, you will realize that true greatness lies in service.

## SCOTT AND HOWARD UNIVERSITY

THE MONITOR congratulates Howard university upon securing for its official family the services of Emmett J. Scott and it congratulates Dr. Scott upon his call to an educational work which in its splendid opportunities for training for wise and efficient leadership he will find most congenial.

## COMMISSIONERS, GIVE US THAT PLAYGROUND

COMMISSIONERS of Omaha, please wake up and give us that much-needed playground between Nicholas and Clark streets. The blue print plans are a real work of art, but give us the playgrounds, not the plans. What do you say, Mr. Falconer? What do you say, Mr. Towler?

## THE PERISCOPE

(By the Associated Negro Press.)  
Call of the Soul.

THE call of the soul is expressed in a manner that is seldom seen in a short poem, written by Professor Pearson, vice president of the Georgia State Industrial college, and reproduced in a recent issue of the Southwestern Christian Advocate. The expression is worthy of the full page devoted to displaying it by the Southwestern, and cannot be too generally read and remembered. Here it is with the title:

## VOICE OF THE NEGRO SOLDIER

When I return from foreign shade and shore,  
My native land with joy behold once more,  
If I have been a soldier true and brave,  
Risked limb and life my country dear to save.

Yea, nations all from autocratic greed  
That they be wholly free in state and creed—  
While Father, Mother made and conserved food  
And war bonds bought in loyal, cheerful mood—

I will not ask for houses, favors, praise,  
As we resume the toil and peace of former days.

But that you lift the cursed racial ban,  
Grant me the rights of any other man.

## Bombing the Bombers.

There is nothing to gloat about in the amazing national, and international unrest, and the rioting, bombing and lynching going on in our fair land. It is a pity and a shame. However, the leaps and bounds with which the state of affairs is flaming up, may serve to stir the nation in such a way that our own troubles and misfortunes will be looked after. We have pleaded, and denounced, implored and warned, but our voices have seemingly passed into the vapor of oblivion. We are all against anarchy and lawlessness of any kind, and have always been. We are noted for being the least demonstrative under the greatest provocation. The virtue of our patience is one of the amazing chapters of American history. But every time one of us is lynched or mobbed, they who do it are only grinding the nation a little more closely to that uncivilized and disgraceful state called anarchy. The whole business of destruction must be stopped.

## PRESS GLEANINGS

### A Negro Woman's Success.

The life story of "Mme." Sarah J. Walker, the former St. Louis Negro washerwoman, who died Sunday after having built up a fortune of \$1,000,000 as a business woman, is a striking lesson in opportunity as it exists in America. The woman was a child of a slave. She had no advantages in life. But she recognized the value of the opportunity of freedom and she used it. She began in a small way with an attic for a workshop, and she built a great business. The most striking fact in her life is that she won success through hard work and faith. She did not trust to luck.

The story of this Negro woman's success should prove beyond all dispute that opportunity in America is unlimited. The world is filled with grumblers whose sole complaint and excuse for failure is that the "breaks" are always against them. Most people born of slave parents and washing at a tub for a meagre livelihood would be likely to consider the breaks of fortune against them. But success does not enter where it is not invited. Yet it is approachable to all and holds up no bars of color or class.—St. Louis Republic.

### THE VALUE OF ORGANIZATION

We scarcely need further proof to convince us that the unorganized class gets the worst of everything. We see it on every hand. The rich form combines, the poor consumer pays the toll; the carpenters and plasterers get their wages raised, the public school teachers do not, and so on all along the line the organized groups get all the favors; the unorganized, unrepresented masses not only get no favors, but have to stand the cost of the favors shown the organized groups.

When the government took over the railroads it promptly raised the wages of organized employes, but who paid for it? Why, the unorganized traveling public and the shippers. Every successful wage strike is paid for by the gentle public. The men at the wheel see to it that they always come out the right end of the horn. All of this increases the cost of living to be paid by millions who had not shared in any increase of income.

We are no different than any other racial group, and if this line of procedure has proven to be the most successful it behooves us to adopt it in-stanter and get in the band wagon of success so that we may keep up with the parade. It has been our policy in the past to attempt to rise individually. Some of us have succeeded, but real success is not measured by selfish rules and unless as we rise we take our neighbor with us no matter to what heights we attain we are as low as the least among us.

Of all groups we are in need of organization the most. Twelve million strong we could demand what we now plead for. We could resist many of the indignities now heaped upon us. First, let every wage earner join, if possible, a union. But their duty does not end there. They must with the other members of their group join such national organizations as the Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Urban league or one or two other similar bodies which have for their sole object the uplift of our group. This is a duty that we not only owe ourselves but owe all others who suffer with us.

The idea that fair treatment is obtainable without class organization is fully recognized among the thinking men and women of the day. We have been lacking in that clannishness so dominant in such racial groups as the Jews and Japanese. A unity of purpose, a one for all and all for one policy has brought them to the high ground upon which they stand today. Ignorance has kept us where it is kept all other classes subjugated. It is not the white man's business nor his purpose to pull us out of the mire. This task is strictly up to us. We are the carvers of our own destiny. Our duty is plain. To row up stream means work. Let those who are content to drift, drift on into obscurity. The drones in every swarm sooner or later fall by the wayside, but those who stick together and work for the common good of all find that the end justifies the means.—The Chicago Defender.

### MEDICAL FIRM HAS WELL-APPOINTED SUITE OF OFFICES

Drs. J. Boston Hill and Amos P. Madison have gone to considerable expense in remodeling, refitting and decorating their handsome suite of offices at Twenty-fourth and Hamilton streets. Last Wednesday night they were inspected by the doctors, dentists and other professional men, who were entertained at a smoker by these two devoted disciples of Aesculapius. All were loud in their praises not only of the hospitality of their genial and generous hosts, but also of their handsome, convenient and well-appointed offices. The suite consists of a large common waiting or reception room and private offices and consultation rooms.

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