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A MARTYR FOR OUR CAUSE.

NOT infrequently the remark has been made that when it comes to speaking out or taking a stand for justice to the Colored American, white men are moral cowards. Mebbe so. There is much to support this indictment. However, it is well to remember that sweeping indictments are manifestly unjust and unfair. Nor should we forget that American annals record the names of many courageous, noble-hearted, wide-visioned, justice-loving white men and women who have been martyrs for our cause. Nor is their breed extinct. They remain to this day. Such noble souls have always been few. But, thank God, we have them yet. Were it not so, the future would be dark indeed. That such souls are few is quite natural. It takes courage of a high order to actively oppose strongly entrenched prejudices when opposition seems almost hopeless and the reward means personal loss, suffering and embarrassment. This is the issue that every white person in the United States must frankly face whenever he attempts to champion the Negro's cause. There is little wonder, therefore, that many of our sincere and genuine white friends hesitate to face this issue with the loss entailed. Few men of any race covet the martyr's crown in an unpopular cause; and martyrs' haloes are only won in an unpopular cause. There are men prominent in the business and commercial world who have no sympathy with injustice and yet they know full well that were they to express their sentiments publicly it would mean financial loss and so they discreetly keep still. The same is true of men and women in other walks of life including those of the bar, the pulpit and the university. "Tis true, and pity 'tis 'tis true." Still there are those of martyr brood. One is in our mind today. He is one of humanity's staunchest friends and one of his country's greatest benefactors because he has sought and is seeking to bring to pass a better understanding between the races. We refer to Robert T. Kerlin, a southern gentleman, professor of English at Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va., who has been summarily dismissed for his interest and activity in America's acute race problem. The specific cause of his dismissal is alleged to be his letter to the Governor of Arkansas asking him to review the cases of the Negro farmers sentenced to death in connection with the so-called Elaine "race-uprising". In his letter Professor Kerlin simply stated facts which Governor McRae, himself cannot truthfully dispute, that those unfortunate men are the unhappy victims of the system of peonage, or the crop-lien and labor system which largely exists in the South.

That Professor Kerlin should be dismissed for pleading for justice and right is a reflection not upon him, but upon the members of the board who dismissed him. It is to be hoped that the sense of justice for which Virginians are noted will reverse the decision of the board. In the meanwhile Prof. Kerlin has the consciousness of having performed a notable service for which America when her vision is clearer will thank him. On behalf of our people the Monitor sincerely thanks him for his whole-hearted friendship, manifested in many helpful

ways towards a race which however many may be its faults, is profoundly grateful for any kindness shown.

SCHOOL DAYS

THIS month the children and youth of the land will be reentering schools and colleges. Every encouragement should be given to our youth to make the best of their opportunities for securing an education. While parents are making sacrifices to have their children receive advantages of which they themselves in many cases have been deprived the children should do their best to show their appreciation of what is being done for them. It is up to the pupil to get all he or she can out of school days for useful manhood and womanhood. We urge parents to cooperate with the teachers and school authorities in seeing that their children receive the very best our schools can give. Parents should visit the schools and become acquainted with their children's teachers. Understanding and cooperation between parents, teachers and pupils will make school days a pleasant and delightful memory and a helpful influence all down the pathway of the future years.

THE ACT BE SPEAKS THE MAN

APROPOS of Prof. Kerlin's dismissal Monitor readers will be interested in learning that only a few days ago Mrs. Hammond of our city, received a letter from him stating how pleased he was with her poem "The Way of Life" which he had read in The Monitor and advising that for the past few years he had made a study of poetry written by colored people, which had deeply impressed him. He expressed a wish to read any other poems she might have of the same type as "The Way of Life", and stated his conviction that literary talent and ability should be cultivated and encouraged. This gracious act bespeaks the man.

AN AIR TRAGEDY

THE world was horrified by the accident which befell the giant dirigible which was to establish aerial trans-oceanic travel. This air tragedy is deeply deplored. The loss of life is keenly regretted. Conquests in the scientific field have only been won by tragedies of this kind. They do not deter men from making bold ventures that human knowledge may be widened and greater achievements won. Aerial navigation will some day be the common-place and men will forget the numerous air-tragedies by which this progress will have been made.

RUMBLINGS

HAD anyone a few years ago had the hardihood to state that the time would come when the colored American would consider leaving the republican party his sanity would have been questioned. There are, however, ominous rumblings which indicate something of this kind.

We desire to thank the neighbors and friends for all kindness shown us in our recent bereavement in the death of our sister, Mrs. H. M. Hemmings and also for the beautiful floral designs. Mrs. Forbes, Mrs. Conrad, Mrs. Porter, Isaac Williams and families.

SCOUTS TAKE OUTING

Troop 23 spent a week that will be long remembered by the fifteen boys who spent the whole week at Camp Gifford.

From their setting up exercises at 6:30 A. M. until the camp fires at 8:48 P. M. the days were filled with unexpected thrills and delights for boys.

At times the horses were saddled and the boys taught proper approach, proper mounting, correct position on the saddles the aids in riding, and how they were used. On the rifle range, many bullets whizzed to the bull's eye.

Swimming seemed to fascinate the boys. Three swims every day. Four boys learned to swim during the week the rest improved in swimming. The scouts were taught how to break the death grip, how to carry a rescued swimmer, and the prone method of resuscitation.

One morning the boys having been supplied with the regular ration, hiked to La Platte and back. Some say it was eighteen miles, some say twenty-four and some twenty, but irrespective of the mileage, it was some hike. The first pair started at 9:00 A. M. arriving back to camp at 4:30 P. M.

Next morning everyone went fishing at Horseshoe Lake. Much fishing was done but only four fish were caught.

Camp fires proved exceedingly interesting, especially so when during the telling of a ghost story a cannon was set off at their backs.

Tests and examinations on scouting filled the rest of the time but it would require too much space to attempt a narration of these.

At a regular meeting of the local Court of Honor, Henry Gordon was examined and awarded a First Class Badge in Scouting, thus giving us the first Colored First Class Scout in this district.

The following awards were made by the Court of Honor:
Second Class Scouts—Malcolm Chambers, Thomas Chandler, and Forester Scott.

First Class Scouts—Henry Gordon. Merit badges (officials) First aid public health, personal health, and chemistry to Dr. Craig Morris.

On visitor's day, Thursday afternoon thirty-four women and children came to camp. After inspecting the summer tents, winter sleeping quarters, the dining room, the swimming pool and other points of interest, dinner was served. Afterwards the life guard, Mr. Dumont gave an exhibition of life saving, followed by horsemanship and swimming. The chief, Mr. Chas. Perkins, accompanied them to the train, pointing out the different kinds of trees and plants.

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ZION BAPTIST

Dr. W. F. BOTTS, Pastor.
On August 21 an old fashioned basket meeting was held at Elmwood park. When one saw the crowd to be fed and then necessary abundance there to satisfy their hunger, we were made to believe that the high cost of living had lost its prestige.

On Tuesday night a cake social was given by the B. Y. P. U. 14 girls were dressed to represent cakes and the prize for guessing the largest number of cakes correctly was awarded Mrs. Georgia Thomas.

On Sunday August 28th, we were graced with visitors from 4 different states, representing the officers and delegates of the Iowa, Minnesota and South Dakota Association which convened in Council Bluffs last week. Dr. G. W. Robinson of Des Moines preached for us Sunday morning and Rev. Kimball of Burton, Iowa preached in the evening. Both gave much food for thought.

Next Sunday morning, Sunrise prayer meeting, 6:30 to 7:30. Covenant at 11:00 and Communion at night. Strangers are asked to make this your home church.



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LINCOLN NEWS

Mrs. Joseph McWilliams entertained at a delightful breakfast last Saturday morning the guests of Mrs. Wyatt Williams, Mrs. Meadows, Mrs. Foote, and Miss Fredonia Cooley, who leaves soon for Kansas City.

The L. L. Kensington Club gave their annual picnic at Capitol Beach Thursday. Everyone reports having had a delightful time.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Morris gave a party last Thursday night in honor of Mrs. Ruth Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jeltz. There were about thirty-two guests present. Mrs. J. E. Jeltz and daughter left for Chicago last Wednesday to visit friends.

Mr. Harry Macky of Omaha spent two days with his wife and friends here last week.

A. B. Mcaley returned from a week's visit with his mother and attending the Kansas Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. at Atchison, Kan.

Mr. Frank Stupney has resumed his work having recovered from his illness.

About thirty children of Mt. Zion Sunday school with older persons enjoyed their annual outing in Antelope park last Thursday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Burks entertained the Utopian Art Club at their home last Thursday night. It was a profitable meeting.

Mrs. Blanche Johnson and her talented troupe of musicians were in the city Sunday and Monday. They gave numbers at one or two of the churches.

Miss Minnie Bell is confined with rheumatism.

The Ladies Aid of the A. M. E. Church held a bazaar in the church several nights last week and were successful.

Members of Mt. Zion Baptist church held their basket meeting and rally indoors on Sunday on account of not being able to secure the park.

However, everything worked out splendidly. Dr. W. F. Botts of Omaha, speaker of the day had misfortune with his car in coming and was delayed about four hours. However, he and his crowd of about twenty persons arrived in time for the afternoon services, after refreshing themselves with dinner. Dr. W. F. Botts preached to a fair audience. All present enjoyed his remarks. Covenant and prayer services were indulged in during the morning while the congregation was waiting for Rev. W. F. Botts. Rev. H. W. Botts preached a splendid sermon at night, when the ten captains of the clubs reported their money. The amount reported was \$280.00, which was gratefully received by the church.

Mr. J. E. Jeltz of Lincoln was elected for the 3rd time for G. S. by a unanimous vote. Mrs. Laura Johnson, Lincoln, G. E. D. Sec'y. All delegates

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