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### SEIZE OPPORTUNITIES AND MAKE OTHERS

AMONG the very many excellent things that Clarence Darrow said in his recent address before the students of Fisk University was this, "The Negro must develop whatever field he finds open and make new fields." Here is advice to seize present opportunities and make others. This is the key to all progress and success. He who declines to do what he can do because he can not find opportunity to do all he wants to do or that which he prefers to do is foredoomed to failure. It is true that many doors of opportunity are closed to members of our race, but while this is true, it is equally true that there are many fields of honorable endeavor and achievement open to us. These may not be the fields in which we prefer to work, but they offer the opportunity for service and sustenance, for labor and livelihood; and they should be eagerly entered and diligently tilled. In doing this we are developing ourselves and making other opportunities. Whatever field of opportunity offers should be developed to the fullest extent of our capacity. The ore must be taken from the mine before it is refined. The work of him who digs and hid who refines is equally important. Seize present opportunities; develop them to the fullest capacity and make others. This is the law of all success and progress and we cannot evade it.

### "THE FRIENDS THOU HAST"

"The friends thou hast and their affection tried, grapple them to thy soul with hoops of steel." This is the wise advice one of Shakespeare's characters gives to his son as a motto that may guide him throughout his life. There are those among our people who foolishly and absurdly contend that no members of the white group are friends of our people. How any one with an ounce of sense can seriously make such a statement passes our understanding. It is the child of ignorance and prejudice as baneful and soul-blighting as that which our people complain of as being shown by white people. There is no dif-

ference in kind or degree. The lot of our people in this country would be most intolerable if it were not for the fact that there are thousands of white people who are the sincere friends of our people, because they are lovers of humanity. Such friends are to be found in every section of this land. Their affection has been tried and proven true. Wherever and whenever they are found, our affection for them and our character and conduct should be such as to grapple them to our soul with hoops of steel. Polonius's advice to Laertes is good advice for us all to lay to heart and follow in reference to proven friends. Think upon these words: "The friends thou hast, and their affection tried, grapple to thy soul with hoops of steel."

### UNITING

IT gives promise of obtaining results when our people present such a united front as did the representative committee which appeared before the Board of Education last Monday night to petition that body to give employment to colored teachers in the public schools of Omaha. The committee embraced practically all our people in this city. A committee of this kind, or perhaps the same committee, should be made permanent and enlarged to present, wisely and intelligently, our demands for recognition in the public utilities and other activities, municipal and industrial, of our city. United action will count. It looks very much like we are learning this much-needed lesson.

### "REASONABLE AND JUST"

A prominent business man and an influential woman said in almost identically the same words, in commenting on our request for teachers, "Our demand is reasonable and just and should be granted by every rule of justice and right be granted." We believe that this expresses the sentiment of a large majority of the citizenry of Omaha.

Mr. H. O. Thomas, son of the late David Thomas, and stepson of John Norman, arrived in the city last week from Los Angeles, Cal., and is the guest of Mrs. Louise Strawther, 2229 Willis avenue.

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## EMILIE GOULD IS MOST EMINENT OF SWISS WOMEN

Leader of Feminist Movement in Little Republic and Head of Most Activities of Women.

Geneva.—If women voted in Switzerland and were asked to cast their ballot for the most eminent in their confederation, there doubtless would be a flood of votes for Emilie Gould, who personifies dynamic activity in all movements for the public welfare.

Miss Gould of Geneva is editor of the Feminist Movement, the official organ of the national alliance of Swiss feminist societies. Women of Switzerland are permitted to vote only in certain municipalities on questions touching religion and education. Hence they are waging a persistent campaign to obtain the general franchise right.

The leader in this movement does not expect the new Swiss parliament to play an important role in suffragist history, but the struggle will go on.

"Our tactics are to win over to the cause of woman's suffrage first one canton and then another canton," Miss Gould said. "Which canton will come to us first I know not. The big test will come when the voters as a whole as a federal body will be asked to decide whether women are to vote in Switzerland."

Miss Gould was born in Geneva in 1879, the daughter of J. J. Gould, well-known philosopher and professor at the University of Geneva. At an early age she herself became a professor in the private high schools and later was made secretary and then vice president of the Union of Women of Geneva. In 1914 she founded and personally directed a sewing circle for women whom the World war rendered homeless and workless—a circle which continues its usefulness to this day by providing employment for needy women.

Miss Gould has directed several investigations into social problems affecting the welfare of women, presided over the Geneva exposition, which was devoted to showing what Geneva women are achieving in practical production, and was foremost in insisting that two women should be appointed as assistant police officials at Geneva.

In 1908 she became secretary of the National Alliance of Swiss Women Societies and later, as president of the Geneva Association for Woman Suffrage, launched a popular movement in favor of extending the franchise to women. Then followed election as secretary of the International Alliance for Woman Suffrage, and for it organized at Geneva the eighth international woman suffrage congress. She is now the representative of this organization to the League of Nations and the international labor office on all subjects of interest to women.

Despite this activity, Miss Gould has written several worth-while volumes in addition to her daily journalistic output.

### Pierre Loti's Servant Mourns for His Master

Paris.—When one rings the bell at the door of the little house at Rochefort where Pierre Loti was born in 1850, he is greeted by probably the most melancholy man in the world. Auguste, Pierre Loti's valet for 20 years, acts as if still under the spell of his master's demise and as if the funeral had taken place only yesterday.

With tears welling, he refused the visitor's request to "take a peep at the master's workroom." "They are sacred things and must not be disturbed," he says, without any apologies, but withal respectfully. Sadly, but firmly, he declines to entertain any insistent request and even the at-



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traction of a well-rounded tip fails to shake his determination.

Loti, a taciturn, moody man, never cared to receive guests unless they found favor in his eyes and had been specially invited on account of their good listening qualities.

"My master did not want to be disturbed when he was alive, and I am sure that he would resent now the intrusion of strangers into his home," the valet said without asperity, but with finality.

### High Living Kills Deer After Month's Fancy Diet

Hancock, N. Y.—High living and lack of exercise resulted in the untimely death of a buck deer on the Baxter farm at Horton, N. Y., a few miles from here.

Four weeks ago, during a snowfall, a deer stalled in a snow bank on the Baxter farm and when rescued was exhausted. Taken to the barn, he seemed too weak to eat until Mrs. Baxter tried some hot buckwheat cakes with butter and sugar on them, and for these he "fell," and soon became himself again.

His presence and odd diet attracted visitors, who tried all sorts of dainties on him, improving his spirits and enlarging his girth. After four weeks of high living in the Baxter barn he was about the handsomest buck ever seen in these parts. After a four-course dinner, with fudge and bonbons for dessert, he spent a restless night, and died at daybreak.

### Cripple Writes Opera

New York.—Unable to move from her couch for two years because of paralysis, Miss Janet F. Williams, singing teacher, has produced an opera.

### Back on Job

Ossining, N. Y.—Sue Sing's theatrical director is back on the job after a vacation of thirteen months ended to a cell for violation of parole.

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