

Our Women and Children

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OUR INHERITANCE.

We inherit from our fathers not only the texture of skin, color of hair, physical complexities, etc., but also certain psychic forces. This is true as it relates to the organic body of races. Social consciousness of the Afro-American can be easily traced along these lines. If it were not for the pre-condition of these psychic forces, the Afro-American could not be a part of the human species.

Inherited from a distant past our fathers dreamed of a day of sunshine and brightness. Looking forward, the peculiar precept of every human creature remains the gift of nature; the All-Wise Providence creating man as master of the earth with dominion thereover.

We find the humble slave plodding his weary way through hardship and toil, bearing the burden of centuries of unobstructed abuse, but with the hope of Tomorrow. We inherit not only the dark skin and kinky hair of our ancestral fathers, but precepts and longings. We yearn for better days to be. It is rational for the Afro-American at the bottom of the social ladder to be seeking, praying, and sighing for a means to ascend, higher and higher.

The laws of social phenomena, like the laws of gravitation, the world cannot change. To reach up in the world we must climb our own ladder, beginning at the base where social forces begin, like the child from the cradle we must develop strength within ourselves, the power to climb, the strength to grow, and the intellect to create and advance. The ability to stand still while the world moves on is not within us.

The world has grown from the hut to the mansion, and the mansion is not built to live in, but to grow from; from slavery to freedom we came not for the purpose of idleness, ease, comfort, laziness, dishonesty, but to labor

and work in the dignity of law and order.

Don't stop yearning, because you can't. Your inheritance in this world will not allow you to become satisfied at the bottom.

Achievements in this world based upon constructive effort are not going to crumble and fall, but shall be everlasting as the world.

The yearning of the humble slave was a noble spirit. It was the Divine spirit given unto man. Labor and reward; Labor and uplift; Labor and Life.

Everything that we do is important from the humblest to do the greatest work, whether we are exercising functionaries in the administration of law, science, medicine, mechanics, art, literature, or the simple routine of domestic work and common labor. The world's work must be done, and in it every man has a part. The truth of rational thinking will arrange the importance of all labor with respectable conditions.

The Afro-American is a factor in the great industrial unit of America and the world by inheritance. The hope of the slave parent of yesterday becomes the concrete foundation of the world's hope tomorrow. Uplifted into law the Divine spirit of labor, and the world moves on with its uplifting spirit.

Live! Grow! Develop! Expand! comes to you and me and every man, the spirit of ancestral fathers is calling: Our Inheritance.—Z. Withers.

The "New York academy," a colored school of stenography and typewriting, has registered sixty-five students during the last year. Mr. R. W. Justice is the director.

The colored women of the Baptist Women's convention have raised for missions and education \$175,109 since 1900. This does not include state expenditures.

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we now have 700 real estate dealers, we should have 3,000. Where we now have 1,000 millinery stores, we should have 5,000. Where we now have 150 plumbers we should have 600. Where we now have 400 tailors we should have 2,000. Where we now have fifty-nine architects we should have 400. Where we now have 3,000 contractors and builders, we should have 5,000. Where we now have 51 banks, we should have 500.

"Few people are aware of the fact that we now have in our race, after only fifty years of freedom, 200 newspapers and their publications, 55 book stores, 18 department stores, 14 five and ten cent stores, 81 hardware stores, 200 ice cream dealers, 100 insurance companies, 20 jewelry stores, 790 junk dealers, 13 warehouses and cold storage plants, 153 wholesale

merchants, 200 laundries, 350 livery stables, 953 undertakers, 400 photographers, 10 opticians, 75 hair goods manufacturers, 111 old rag dealers, 12 buyers and shippers of live stock.

"With our race, as it has been and always will be with all races without economic and business foundation, it is hardly possible to have educational and religious growth or political freedom."

Dr. P. P. Claxton, United States commissioner of education, one of the nation's best authorities on educational matters, says Dr. Lucy E. Moten of Washington, D. C., is one of the best-equipped educators this country has produced. Superintendent E. L. Thurston gives it out that the Miner Normal school, the largest and finest school of its kind in the land, is practically her creation.

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