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RACE CONSCIOUSNESS AND RACE CONFIDENCE

Ideally, we are Americans, and among the most loyal of America's loyal sons. And these are days—the beginning of an era of international complications in which the United States is destined to play an important part—when Americans loyal to the core, will be sadly needed. This fact will be increasingly apparent within the next few years, perhaps, months, Americans and Americanism are to pass through the testing fire, and thank God, the Colored American will be able to stand the test.

Naturally, we would prefer to be regarded simply as Americans, striving each according to his ability to contribute to the welfare of our common country. But, unfortunately, and here we only state a fact which must be apparent to the most superficial observer, we are thought of and treated as a distinctive race group, "a thing apart," like Mabel Martin, immortalized by Whittier, in the life of city, community, state and nation. We state this fact without bitterness, for we believe that, although it may be difficult for us to see it, there is a divine purpose back of it. It is going to work out all right in the end.

This is developing in us a race consciousness, limiting itself now, but gaining force by that very limitation, which will make us a tremendous social, industrial and political power in this nation. This race consciousness manifesting itself in race confidence, which is gradually revealing to us our latent and unused powers of organization for the support and development of our own business and industrial institutions. We are being thrown back upon and compelled to develop our own resources. The outcome of this means strong business institutions, groceries, dry goods stores and similiar enterprises which will command respect and give us recognition in the commercial world. This will mean employment for our youth from which they are now debarred.

We are gaining race consciousness and with it race confidence which means commercial and industrial emancipation.

Cultivate race confidence by supporting race enterprises race business and professional men and women. AMERICAN, YES, ALWAYS: BUT SINCE IT IS FORCED UPON US COLORED Americans first.

The Monitor is growing, thank you. We are grateful for your support and are doing our level best to merit it.

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ADVERTISING—ITS VALUE TO YOU.

Suppose that all signboards, all posters, all newspapers and every means of advertising should suddenly disappear; then perhaps you would realize the real necessity of advertising. You would realize that advertising is live news, that the merchant who advertises has something to tell you of vital interest to yourself that you can save money by reading and patronizing advertisers.

Now, the advertising which you see in The Monitor is of precisely the same, if not more value to you. A merchant advertises in The Monitor because he appreciates Colored trade, and is willing to go after it on a business basis. Right here, remember this: that advertising costs money, and that it is a business, not a charitable proposition. Advertising is the life of any newspaper. No publication, no matter how fine it may be, can exist without it.

Now, if you sincerely desire to boost The Monitor and make it one of the strongest papers in this country, patronize the men who patronize us. The more advertising we sell, the stronger your paper will become; the stronger your paper becomes, the stronger and more powerful you will become. A clean, progressive newspaper is just as essential to our welfare as the mighty bulwark of our churches. Therefore boost The Monitor and your race by patronizing the men who patronize us. Please tell them that you saw their ad in your paper, The Monitor. —J. L.

JUSTICE TRIUMPHS

Americans, irrespective of racial groups, who believe in justice and fair play, should rejoice at the victory which has been won by Miss Bosfield in Boston.

In a competitive examination she was successful in securing the position of stenographer in the Medfield hospital, a state institution. She was notified to report for duty. She did so. Although the authorities were surprised to find that she was colored she was put to work. No question was raised as to her competency, but she was told that she could not eat in the dining room, but that her meals would be served in her room. She was given a room over the MORGUE, note this please. She refused to submit to these conditions. She was then discharged for insubordination. No, no, This was not in Mississippi; but in MASSACHUSETTS. But the young woman had friends. It finally was taken up to Governor McCall who ordered her to

be reinstated.

Doubtless Miss Bosfield will be still subjected to mean, low petty persecution, unworthy of a people who plume themselves on their "superiority", which will call for much forbearance and self-restraint upon her part; but we believe that she is a young woman of spirit and discretion who will stand the test.

We are glad to note that justice in the case of this young woman has triumphed. We give credit to William Monroe Trotter, who through the Boston Guardian championed Miss Bosfield's cause, and was ably supported by the leading white press of that city.

We are very pleased to announce that the Monitor will carry a department devoted especially to the interests of railroad men. This department will be under the caption "Among Railroad Men," and will be in charge of Mr. J. William Shields, who formerly acted in this capacity on The Progressive Age. We are very sure that this feature will prove popular with the railroad boys. News for this department should be sent to Mr. Shields, at 2406 North Twenty-fifth street, Omaha, or to the Golden West Hotel, Portland, Oregon. We want The Monitor to be eagerly hailed as

a welcome weekly visitor by the great army of railroad men throughout the West.

Unite. Concentrate. Co-operate.

People are becoming interested in birds. The Monitor, believing this to be a good thing, begins with this issue the publication of a series of articles on "Common American Birds" which we are sure will prove both interesting and instructive to our readers.

We announce with pleasure that Mrs. Wyatt Williams has consented to be our agent and correspondent at Lincoln. We ought to have, and believe we soon will have, a large number of subscribers among the wide-awake members of our race in Lincoln.

Preparedness is the topic of the day. Be prepared for any line of work in which you desire to excel.

Mrs. Henry Buford has opened a studio of dancing at her residence, 3510 Blondo street. Classes Monday nights. For information call Webster 2023. Children's classes Saturday afternoon.—Adv.

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