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Southern Whites Retard Progress

Nebraska University Professor Presses Home Perniciousness of Race Prejudice.

DR. GEORGE ELLIOTT HOWARD

Advances Doctrine of Potential Equality of Races in Address Before Open Forum.

Race prejudice was held as retarding the development of the south and her people and as a false and costly dogma in the face of the refutation of the dogma that Negroes are potentially an inferior race, morally and intellectually, by Dr. George Elliott Howard, head of the department of political science and sociology of the University of Nebraska at All Souls' Church, Lincoln, Sunday evening.

Dr. Howard addressed the first meeting of the new Lincoln open forum. After his address he answered questions put by several members of the audience and later spoke with Sarah McWilliams, an aged Negro woman who said that she had known slavery in her childhood. Dr. Howard's address held closely the attention of his hearers, many of whom were Negroes. He said:

"Every race has regarded itself as superior to all other races and every race has been mistaken. Such belief is contrary to Christian ideals, which have the same value for the souls of all races.

Among heathen and Christian peoples alike, one of the most contemptible and harmful of man's failings is race prejudice. It has been the cause of persecution and unfairness. Everywhere such prejudice is a sinister factor in the advancement of the nation it affects. Science has proven the doctrine that races are potentially the same spiritually. Modern science does not regard the color of the skin, curl of the hair or shape of the shin bone as indicative of the value of a man's soul.

Race Prejudice Deeply Rooted.

"Race prejudice may become deeply enrooted by the enslavement for 300 years by one race of another and in one aspect of the question the Negro problem, I challenge your attention tonight." What is the price which the nation is paying for it? In the end the solution of the southern race problem is to come through the education of the white race. Race prejudice is implanted in the social standards of the south. Raising of a people's ideals is a slow process. They have themselves erected a barrier to the advancement of the Negro intellectually. This is a great mistake. The advancement of the south in the past hundred years has been greatly retarded by this false race dogma, but it looks back to the carpet bagger and other things of the past to atone for its weakness of the present. With almost childish helplessness it does this.

"The whites of the south are sure that the Negro is lower potentially. It

A SEESAW GAME.



—Berryman in Washington Star.

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is time that the whites emancipated themselves from mental bondage. They look back to the good old days when the Negro "knew his place." Meanwhile every year the doctrine of the inherent potentiality of all races, subject to environment and opportunity, grows stronger, despite the superficial writings of Thomas Nelson Page and others who look through the smoked glass of the southerner. Does not the Russian persecute the Jew, once the chosen of the Lord? Does not the Magyar persecute the Rumanian and Slav?

"The white south does not know the Negro although it claims full knowledge of him. It cannot see the forest for the trees. Who has not heard the pet saying of the affection the master's child held for its Negro nurse in the old days of slavery—the southerner's argument for the good old slavery days?

Figures On Progress.

"I will quote you a few statistics to show you Negro "retrogression" in fifty years, from 1866 to 1914. Number of Negro homes owned by their occupants increased from 12,000 to 600,000; farms owned by Negroes, 200,000 to 981,000; wealth of Negroes, \$20,000,000 to \$100,000,000; percentage able to read or write, 10 per cent to 75 per cent; number of Negro colleges and schools, 15 to 500; Negro

church property value increased from \$1,500,000 to \$76,000,000.

The Russian serfs were emancipated in 1861, but in fifty years their wealth only reached \$36 per capita as compared with \$70 for the American Negroes and only 30 per cent of them can read or write.

"There is a distinct fancy in the south that education cannot lift the Negro. The whites often boast that they pay taxes to run Negro schools, but Negroes are not given their just share of school tax money. In Louisiana \$2 per capita is paid to educate Negro children and \$49.54 to educate white children. With ludicrous although pathetic zeal, the southerner often ostracizes you if you call Negroes "Mr." or "Mrs." He points to the higher death rate among the Negro peoples in the south, but he can find that the Negro death rate in Chicago is lower than the white death rate. He clings to the false doctrine that the Negro is more unclean morally than the white and is delaying progress further by this dogma. It is declared that the ruling passion of the Negro is to despoil white women, but in the face of this terrible psychology, the white man is far more guilty in his relations toward the Negro woman. Immorality among the Negro women is not nearly as wide as before the war.

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Colored Blood On European Throne

A Review of Instances of African Ancestry Among European Royalty.

BY GEORGE WELLS PARKER

Prince George of Battenberg's Engagement to Great Granddaughter of Pushkin.

Quite recently the cables announced the engagement of Prince George of Battenberg to the great-grandchild of Pushkin, the national poet of Russia. Pushkin was the great-grandson of Hannibal, a native African whom Peter the Great brought to Russia and ennobled. Pushkin married one of the court ladies and his family has always held high position among the Russian aristocracy.

This news brings to mind that there have been many instances in European history when persons of royal lineage have intermarried with darker races, with or without the consent and favor of their sovereign. One peer of the British realm married a full blooded Hotentot woman some years ago, while the late Sir Halliday MacCartney, Sir Edwin Arnold and Count Henri Coudenhove, of Austria, all made marriages with dusky women. Countless have been the Englishmen who have married Indian women and quite numerous have been Englishwomen who have married Hindu men. The Hindus, of which the Brahmins are the high caste race, came into India hundreds of years ago and intermarried with the black tribes which they found on the plains.

Portugal is, ethnically speaking, a mulatto race. This country was at one time deeply engaged in the slave trade and the black population of Lisbon outnumbered the white. When the blacks were freed they did not remain apart but intermingled with the inhabitants and made the whole nation half caste. The Spanish, too, are of similar strain, their Moorish ancestry being so strong. The oldest and greatest aristocracy of Spain today is that which traces its lineage back to the black Moors who conquered that country during the middle ages.

Consort of Grand Duke.

Countess Terby, the wonderfully handsome consort of Grandduke Michael Michaelvitch of Russia, is a descendant from Pushkin. Her father was Prince Nicholas of Nassau, younger brother of the late sovereign grand duke of Luxemburg, and through him she is related to the queens of Holland and to half the reigning houses of Europe.

Marshall Bernadotte, who founded the present Swedish dynasty, had a Moorish mother, while Gustavus IV., the last sovereign but one of the great Vasa dynasty in Sweden, was called "The Moor," because of his exceedingly dark complexion. When he was born his grandmother, the old dowager

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