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APPRECIATES THE COMPLIMENT

THE MONITOR desires to publicly express its appreciation of the complimentary words concerning this publication spoken by the president of the National Association of Colored Women in beginning her instructive and inspiring address Wednesday night. It was wholly unexpected and coming from such a source is most highly prized.

Roscoe Conkling Simmons, himself a trained newspaper man and a regular reader of The Monitor, said something of the same tenor to the Rev. Dr. Logan in Kansas City and repeated the same before a company of gentlemen on his recent visit to our city. Chester A. Franklin and others have been kind enough to say much the same. Expressions of this kind coming from the most thoughtful and conservative of our people from all sections of the country are most gratifying, and would indicate that The Monitor is in some measure at least fulfilling the mission it desires to fulfill. Its constantly growing popularity with readers of all classes is, indeed, gratifying and we are conscientiously striving to make it what Mrs. Talbert has been kind enough to say it is, a "wonderfully helpful agency and influence in social uplift."

We appreciate the privilege, opportunity and responsibility which is ours in being able each week to reach with our message thousands of readers. Our desire is to help our readers in every way we can to a higher appreciation of that which is good and edifying. The function of a newspaper is to chronicle the news and to help mould public sentiment. Our own newspapers, for which there is a recognized need, have laid upon them the task of calling attention to matters in which we as a people need to make improvement and at the same time to contend sanely, but fearlessly and persistently, for civic, industrial and political rights to which we in common with all other citizens are entitled. And our newspapers are making their influence strongly felt in this regard. That they are influential among this large group, of which they are the special organs, is being recognized by governmental officials, who release regularly specially prepared articles of public information for the Negro press.

The Monitor is being recognized more and more with its able contemporaries, among which it has taken high rank, as being a most serviceable publication. We shall earnestly try to maintain the high standard which the publication has attained, and as opportunity permits improve it.

This closes the third volume. We are grateful for the patronage received from subscribers and advertisers. We are grateful for the many kind and appreciative words received from many and unexpected sources and shall strive to serve more faithfully in the future than in the past the interests of the special group for which it is published particularly, and for the common weal generally.

We are grateful for compliments and appreciative of well intended criticism, because we are not only anxious to serve to the best of our ability, but to improve in efficiency and service.

LET'S MOVE FOR A Y. M. C. A.

OMAHA needs and should have a Y. M. C. A. for its increasing Colored population. Many other cities have such a helpful agency. Mr. Rosenwald has given \$25,000 to several cities for Colored Y. M. C. A. buildings on condition that the particular city to which the grant was given would raise \$75,000. Mr. Rosenwald's offer is still in force for any city willing to accept it. There are philanthropic citizens in Omaha of wealth whom we believe would contribute generously toward the establishment of such an institution. We believe that now, while people are in the giving habit, is the time to move for a Y. M. C. A. Let's get busy and make a move for a Y. M. C. A.

AMERICANS ALL!

IT is becoming plainer and plainer as every day rolls by that this world war is a war that means something to every man and woman and child who lives and to the untold millions yet unborn. It is war for freedom and for liberty and to make the world safe for democracy. It affects the Chinese beside the Yangtze-Kiang, the bleary-eyed Indian beside the Amazon, the

native beside the Congo, no less than it affects those who are battling against the insidiousness of the Hun. It affects us, too. Our liberty in '63 was a glorious thing for us and to perpetuate it and to be worthy of it it is ours to fight and support this nation in the war. We must drop the cloak of race, forget for the nonce our wrongs and remember only that we are Americans one and all. We must strike to rid the world of autocracy, to wipe out the Hun from the world; he has accursed and to make the kaiser a hateful memory.

There was a time when the allies thought there might be arranged a peace, but that time has gone. The only thing we think of now is the annihilation of the Hun, total and complete. It must be so for the peace and happiness of the world. The price we must pay is great, but even so is the reward great.

Let us pull together. Let us all be Americans!

WHY IS THIS?

THERE are fourteen Colored female prisoners confined in the county jail for "social diseases." An institution supported by the city has been provided for the care of unfortunate victims of men's lusts suffering from these social diseases in order that they may receive proper medical attention, care and treatment. White women of this class are sent to this hospital. Colored women of the same class are being confined in the county jail. Why is this? Are the people of Omaha going to stand for this discrimination?

HIGH SCHOOL BOY WINS PRIZE

Philadelphia, Pa., June 27—William Griffin, son of Rev. Mr. Griffin, won the bronze medal which was given by the Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce for third prize for the best patriotic essay to high school students.

JIM CROW CARS MUST GO

THE government is now in control of the railroads. It is downright robbery to charge a man first-class fare and give him fourth or fifth class accommodations. This is precisely what the jim crow car laws of the Southern states do. The government cannot be a party to such injustice, therefore jim crow cars MUST go.

SONGS OF SOLOMON

The Eytalians.

An Eytalian is a gent who comes from Italy and traces his descent back to Julie Caesar and Emp. Augustus.

These ancestors used to be great scrappers and scrapped until they acquired several acres of ground known under the big title of the Roman Empire. After many years the empire was broken up into small farms and suburban lots for which you pay five bucks down and a dollar a week. Everything departed except the fighting spirit and some folks thought that had departed. Last fall a general by the name of Cordona started out to whip the Aus-Huns, but got scared and hot footed it back to the Tiber. Then Italy sent up Diaz and Diaz hung around waiting for the Aus-Huns to tackle him. The Aus-Huns crossed the Piave (a river and not the name of a new breakfast food) and began telling each other what a fine time they would have making love to the big eyed Italian girls and drinking wine. When they got far enough away from the river so they couldn't make it back in 2:12, Mr. Diaz began dropping firecrackers around the bridges until he had them reduced to toothpicks. Then he rushed the Aus-Huns. He rushed them so hard that they became a bit skittish and wanted to get on the other side of the Piave where the general atmosphere was some quieter. But when they got to the Piave they didn't find anything there but wet water and cozy mud. They became tangled up in both and while they were trying to get their brogans loose, the Eytalians gave them a warm reception that stimulated a cross between a hail-storm and a volcanic eruption. All the Aus-Huns could do was to observe the scenery and figure on what kind of speech they were going to hand St. Peter at the gate. The last reports were that the Aus-Huns are making tracks for Vienna and that every Eytalian from king down to street sweeper has ordered enough macaroni and red wine to celebrate for two solid weeks.

The Children of the Sun

By George Wells Parker

IT is one of the paradoxes of history that the most mixed race in the world should claim that it is a pure race and that it should refrain from the miscegenation so universally practiced by its ancestors. I refer to the Jewish race. Of them Cheyne says: "It is as little a nation of pure blood as any on earth, for it admitted persons of Aramaen and Egyptian descent as well as the Canaanitic, Hebrew and Arabaic elements."

To begin with the Hebrew race and language were not paternally of a Semetic origin. Their original home appears to have been around about Arabia, likewise the stronghold of almost purely African tribes. Could we accept the tradition of the Jewish captivity in Egypt, we would be welcome to the indisputable conclusion that no race could be enslaved for five hundred years without becoming mightily mixed. But strange to say there has not been a single word in all the records of Egypt, which in any way tends to confirm the story of the captivity. Since the opening up of Egyptian history only one commemorative slab has the name of Israel occurred. This, designated the Stone of Meneptah, records the triumph of the monarch over the Israelites in Palestine.

But because they may not have been in Egypt five hundred years they seem to have had plenty of chance to promote mixed blood. They were under bondage to an African people in Arabia and it is possible that the home of these people known as Mizrim had been confounded with Mizrim, one of the many names for Egypt. From their own records it appears that all the leading characters had black wives and the population must have followed in their footsteps because upon more than one occasion their God had to reprimand them for associating too intimately with Colored folks of the neighborhood. Solomon, who was in all probability black, goes so far as to forsake the gods of Israel for the gods of Canaan and even built temples for them. Profane history has recorded that the great temple was built, not to the God of Israel, but to the goddess Astarte of the Phoenicians.

Even in the third century, towards the year 225, Dio Cassius, a senator, in alluding to the Palestine wars, says that besides the original Jews of Judeau "there are other men who, although of different race, have adopted the laws of the people." Further, he says that a great proportion of the ancient Jews were the descendants of converted pagans. So it is clear that the mixing proclivities were continued down to a very late period of their history. The tribe of black Jews, which are found in Persia, Australia, Afghanistan, Abyssinia and Arabia, also present natural questions.

Anyway it is due to the African blood in their veins that the achievements of the Jews are due. The paths of genius have been worn smooth by

the footsteps of her children. Like the oyster when wounded heals the wound and heals it with a pearl, so these people have survived all persecutions and rewarded persecution with those gifts which make life sweeter and holier. Jewish literature has delighted and instructed all classes of mankind and the world has listened with rapture and with tears to Jewish melody and song. For never since its spirit was evoked under the shadow of the vines on the hills of Palestine to soothe the melancholy of her king, has Judah's harp, whether in freedom or captivity, in sorrow or joy, ceased to wake the witchery of its tuneful strings.

It is fortunate for civilization that the Jews failed to rid the coast of Syria of the Canaanites, because this latter race became the most dauntless colonists and mariners of the whole ancient world. They were the first who trusted their frail ships to the mercy of unknown seas, and under the Greek name of Phoenicians, explored the known world. "It was they," says Bosworth Smith, "who, at a period antecedent to all contemporary historical records, introduced written characters, the foundation of all high intellectual development, into that country which was destined to carry intellectual culture to the highest point which humanity has yet reached. It was they who learned to steer their ships by the sure help of the Polar Star, while the Greeks still depended upon the Great Bear; it was they who rounded the Cape of Storms and earned the best right to call it the Cape of Good Hope, 2,000 years before Vasco De Gama. Their ships returned to their native shores bringing with them sandalwood from Malabar, spices from Arabia, fine linen from Egypt, ostrich plumes from Sahara. Cyprus gave them its copper, Elba its iron, the coast of the Black sea its manufactured steel. Silver they brought from Spain, gold from the Niger, tin from Sicilly Isles and amber from the Baltic."

They were altogether African. Historians have tried to claim them Semitic, but it won't work. An official description of Ezmunazaril, King of Sidon, and a great historical ruler, says "the features are Egyptian, with large full almond shaped eyes, the noses flattened and the lips remarkably thick and somewhat after the Negro mold. The whole countenance is smiling, agreeable and expressive beyond anything I have ever seen in the disinterred monuments of Egypt or Ninevah." No Aryan or Semite ever looked like that.

Professor Sergi, of the University of Rome, says that the Phoenicians belonged to the great Mediterranean family of African races which created the civilization of that basin and archeology certainly lends itself to prove that he is right.

The Jews are really mulattoes and the Phoenicians were almost pure African.

Obvious Observations

If anybody thought Italy was asleep at the switch they have one more guess coming. Italy was awake and threw the switch so that the whole army of Austrians went kerplunk into the Piave river. Good work, Italy old hoss, keep it up.

Herr Kulemann is babbling some soothing chatter about President Woody's peace proposals weren't so bad after all, but that doesn't go now. It is to be hell for the kaiser from here on in.

A guy named Smith, who is new holding down the mayor's seat in the city hall, says that he hasn't any use for "cullud folks." That's what we tried to tell some of the seasonable politicians when they galavanted around yelling for that timplat dude. Wonder how they feel now?

Please don't tell us it is hot. We feel just the same as you do about it.

only we have pledged ourselves not to cuss.

Some of the Colored lads who have had to shake hands with real work are feeling finer than they have felt for several years. Who would have thought that work was a tonic?

We'll bet a dollar to a doughnut hole that that savage preaching won't jump into the Public Pulse about cigarettes again.

What will the girls do without candy, now that Unk Sam is saying nix on the sugar? We males should worry!

Rumor says that the new city commission meetings sound like a zoo of wildcats. All right, boys, whoop it up! You won't have more than three years to train.

Don't forget to pay up your subscription for The Monitor. Money is as essential for a newspaper as grease and gas are for a run-around.

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