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## SUGGESTIVE STATISTICS

STATISTICS are generally dry reading. They may indicate much or little. They are quite valuable, however, when they are authentic and reliable as a measurement and indication of accomplishment. This is the light in which the statistics which Congressman Emerson presented in his Lincoln anniversary speech in the House of Representatives should be regarded.

There are times when even the most optimistic among us are inclined to doubt, if, after all, much real progress has been made by our people in this country. There is so much yet to be done that there is often the disposition to underrate the marvelous progress that has been made. Authentic statistics, such as these, compiled by government experts, show the ever onward and upward march of a virile people and present a record of achievement that needs not to make ashamed. Past accomplishments furnish inspiration for greater endeavors. Show men and women that they have really done something worth while and it encourages them to try to surpass their former record. The record of the race during the past fifty years as told by authentic and available statistics we believe will prove an inspiration to all to infinitely surpass that record, not in the next fifty years, but in the next decade.

## CO-OPERATION

CO-OPERATION means working together. It means team work. We, as a people, must learn how to do team work; to co-operate if we are going to take our rightful place and secure our rights, commercial, civil, industrial and political in this country or any other country, where we are in the minority. Our status does not differ from that of the proletariat or poorer classes anywhere in the world. As a matter of fact, our status is superior to that of the corresponding groups in other countries. Students of history know that there has been a constant struggle between the classes and the masses for the securing of justice for the masses or the under class. Our position therefore is not unique. The securing of rights denied has been through the united action of the people seeking them. We need to learn to co-operate, to work together, in business and everything else and then the effective force of 12,000,000 people will be felt.

## STORY TELLING

LAST week Mrs. Lucile Skaggs Edwards who conducts our Women and Children column in The Monitor, wrote quite a delightful article on the subject of telling stories to children. We wonder how many of our readers perused it and how many have grasped the significance of the possibilities that lay in story telling as a means of developing the mentality of the child? "I have always found children the finest listeners," says Mrs. Edwards, and it is true.

Children always look upon their parents as superior beings and whatever father or mother says—goes. So now comes the question, "Fathers and mothers, what are you telling your children?" Turn this question over and over in your mind and then turn it to account. We would carry the subject a bit further. Are you telling your child that he or she belongs to a great race, or do you tell him or her that their race is a weakling race? Do you ever tell them about Douglass, Dunbar, Phyllis Wheatley, Paul Cuffe, Booker Washington, Benjamin Banneker, or any other of our great men? Do you ever tell them any of the charming African myths or about the great cities and temples and tombs which the African nations have built? If not, brush up on these things and talk to your children about them. Once you begin you will find that the mother's or father's knee will be the sanctuary at which the child will kneel oftentimes.

## IS IT WORTH WHILE?

THE recent agitation among packing house employees for higher wages has finally resulted in an increase of two and one-half cents per hour. The increase is hailed as a victory for the unions, but is it really worth while? As a result of the raise the employees are limited to eight hours; heads of departments have

when great armies shall vie for supremacy in acts of true charity and benevolence, their war cry being, 'The Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man!'

Here the representative has chosen to mention the vision of a black man, but we wonder if he meant to include the black race in his dream of universal brotherhood?

## Obvious Observations

CHICAGO and New York have set the examples of what should be done when the soldier boys come home. What are we going to do? Speak up!

The Herald screamed across its headlines about a Negro attacking a white woman and then shut up all of a sudden. What was the matter? Was it a fake?

The readjustment congress has said some mighty fine things here in the last few days and now we want to see some practice.

We are glad that Clemenceau escaped death and we venture to say that when he sits at the peace table again he will be more of a tiger than ever.

Our winter wasn't so bad after all and a few days ago we got a chance to shovel a little snow anyway.

At last we hear that Chicago has decided to start a real Negro Press association. Hats off to Chicago! It is something we most surely and sorely need.

Traffic stopped in Chicago six hours when the Colored boys came home! Sounds like Chi thinks something of his boys, doesn't it?

Maybe there won't be some fire-works around congress way after March 4th!

Germany is having fitful fevers again.

Thanking you for your most arduous attention, we will now proceed to swing the ax on a few more brothers and sisters who think a Colored weekly can exist on air sauce and wind pudding.

## SKITS OF SOLOMON Boils

A BOIL is a circumscribed intensification of excessive pain that decides to inhabit some portion or part of the human anatomy for a long or short period, and has about as much comfort in it as a hot stove on an August day. We never had a boil in our life until just now and we don't care if we never have another. Some of our friends have noticed en passant that our head is geared at an acute angle and doesn't mobilize readily, and when asking the whyfor of the whereas, we explain our acquaintance with friend boil. Thereupon we are told how once upon a time they had from four to two dozen on certain necessary parts of their anatomical architecture and that there was no human way to escape constant notice of their being on the job. We can certainly sympathize with them for this one lone member of our corporeal construction is misery enough. We don't want or need any more. 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