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MOTHERHOOD FIRST.

MRS. E. D. CANNADY of The Portland Advocate is a brilliant newspaper woman. She is also a woman of decided business ability and takes a whole hearted interest in affairs racial on the Pacific coast. Despite her business and literary ability those who have visited her home say she is thoroughly domestic in her tastes and a notable housekeeper, one of those real busy little women, who accomplish a vast deal without fussiness. She is the mother of two fine boys. Her face beamed with pride when upon a visit to Omaha, she said, "I want you to see my boys." One could well understand the mother's pride when they met these bright, handsome, well-mannered children. The following lines, captioned, 'Mother of Two Splendid Boys,' fully explains why these boys are what they are: "Yes, I know my parlor is littered

With lots of queer trinkets and toys;
While others are in daintiest order,
And nothing upset by scuffling boys.

Yes, and my room is often invaded,
No matter what time of the day;
While others may be unmolested,
And dream their soft hours away.

Yes, and there are two little bedsides,
Where I must be watchful each night
While others visit the movies,
And flash in fine laces so bright.

But I think I'm a neat little woman,
And I like a house orderly, too;
And I'm pleased with dainty belongings,
But I wouldn't change places with you.

No! Keep your fine home with its order,
Its freedom from rollicking noise;
And have your meaningless leisure,
But give me my two splendid boys.
—MRS. E. D. CANNADY.

THE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION. NEXT week the national republican convention meets in Chicago to nominate a candidate for the presidency of the United States and to formulate and adopt a platform upon which an appeal to the American people for the support of the party nominee will be based. This convention is of great interest to our people who are traditionally republicans. This year is to be a testing time. Whether the party can depend upon the almost unanimous support of our people as hitherto depends upon the character of the nominee and the attitude of the party towards the problems which, while affecting all the American people more or less remotely, affect our group more particularly and directly. Among these questions the first is that of the denial of the franchise in several of the southern states. This is an issue which has been most artfully dodged too long. The republican party must dodge it no longer. Then come the iniquitous Jim Crow car laws of the several states by which robbery is sanctioned; for when one is compelled to pay for one article and an inferior article is substituted this is nothing else but robbery. These are some of the issues which must be fairly and honestly faced. If the republican party this year is honest with us then it can rely upon our support in November; if it is not, then it will not receive our whole-hearted support.

The candidate who is nominated

will also count tremendously. If the nomination should go to the wrong man, and our voters have decided views upon this point, it will be a notice to the colored voters that their votes are not desired, and the party will be taken at its word. The Monitor has hopes that the republican party will justify the confidence of our people by meeting the issues that with us are vital and paramount, honestly and wisely, and by nominating as the standard bearer the one man in whom our people have greater confidence than in any aspirant for the presidency—Leonard B. Wood.

AN APOLOGY.

A FEW weeks ago The Monitor published, without crediting it to The Negro World of New York, some observations by Bruce Grit. This was an oversight for which due apology is made to our contemporary. It is a violation of newspaper ethics to which The Monitor tries to adhere, to publish editorials or special articles from other journals without giving credit for the same. Several of our contemporaries are perfectly conscienceless about this and some of them purloin Monitor editorials and special articles bodily and publish them as their own. Of course, we realize that now and then this may be due to an inadvertence or oversight, but when it occurs repeatedly it impresses us as being a matter of design. The Monitor like all respectable newspapers strives to observe newspaper ethics and if at any time we violate the proprieties we shall quickly make amends.

THE HOME LIFE.

NOTHING more vitally affects the life of any people than the home. A hut or hovel may be a real home, if love and obedience and purity and reverence there abide, while a palatial mansion may be only a residence. See to it that the house where you dwell is a real home.

APPRECIATING NEWSPAPERS.

ONE of the most hopeful signs of the times is the ever-increasing appreciation of our race journals. Our people are coming to support, as they deserve to be supported, the well-edited and forceful newspapers which are proving one of the most important factors in our racial development.

WHAT OUR EDITORS SAY.

Self-Upliftment.

The race that fails to do all within its power to uplift itself will never rise. It is the Divine plan that the strong shall help the weak, but God himself, does not do for us what we can do for ourselves. This is true of the individual and of one as it is of another.—The Phoenix (Ariz.) Tribune.

Others Getting Tired, Too.

It is not the colored people alone who get tired of the jimcrow cars of the south. The railway companies in many cases oppose the separate car law on account of the heavy expense of complying with its provisions.—The Baltimore (Md.) Afro-American.

Absolutely Unjustifiable.

Few people outside of our group can possibly realize the sting, the humiliation, the hardships the black men and women are forced to endure under the provisions and interpretation of the so called "Jim Crow" law. A careful study on the part of any social student will convince that it is

contrary to a Christian sense of fairness, utterly incompatible and conducive to more friction between the races than any other policy of public probity known in our government.—The Tulsa (Okla.) Star.

Demanding Square Deal.

More than ever before the Negro is demanding a square deal. It is this spirit and demand that is prompting all of the utterances and actions which are being taken by the race all over this country at this time.—The Buffalo (N. Y.) American.

Extend Helping Hand.

Getting down to brass tacks it is up to every young Negro in the city of Detroit, who has had the advantages of home training, public school, church life, pleasant environments and general contact with the better things of life to remember that there are thousands of his brethren who are less fortunate and who need a helping hand.—The Detroit (Mich.) Leader.

Do Men Read History Wisely?

To the Editor of The Monitor:—Away back forty or fifty years ago when I first began to find deep and constant interest in the political utterances of newspapers and politicians generally, I was forever kept in a puzzle in attempting to square the assertions of these classes of citizens with my interpretation of American history. I am honest enough to make public confession of the belief at this time that my efforts in this direction have proven a positive failure.

Mr. Lincoln always regretted the loss of time which he experienced while studying "Weem's Life of George Washington." As a text book it was absolutely worthless, a fact which had apparently never been suggested to the prospective "Savior of His Country" prior to his completion of its perusal. As one observes the historical statements that appear through the columns of the average daily American paper, one can hardly escape the suspicion that many of our young students of today will have to regret the fact in later years, as did Mr. Lincoln, that they will have spent so much precious time in valueless reading.

I think it will be sufficient as an indication of the point I am driving at to quote briefly from our esteemed friend, The Bee. I quote from the editorial, "Memorial Day." The Bee says: "Old Glory never has waved over a war of conquest but only has led brave men in defense of liberty and justice. So the living renew on Memorial Day devotion to those eternal principles on which our government is founded, and by decorating the graves of the dead who followed the flag into the battle pledge themselves again to the perpetuation of all it stands for."

CYRUS D. BELL.

ONE OF THREE SURVIVORS.

(By Associated Negro Press.)
Richmond, Va., June 3.—Isaac Edmonston, colored, was among the three survivors present of the terrible disaster at the state house recently, at the unveiling of the tablet placed in commemoration of the awful event.

"POPPY DAY" FOR FRENCH ORPHANS

Several of our girls, under the direction of Miss Lucille La Cour, of Lake Street Community Center, sold poppies last Saturday for fund for French orphans. Their work was appreciated by the committee in charge.

The Monitor—Phone Douglas 7074.

TODAY AND TOMORROW.

(Gerald Massey.)

High hopes that burn'd like stars sublime,
Go down i' the heavens of freedom;
And true hearts perish in the time
We bitterliest need 'em!
But never sit we down and say
There's nothing left but sorrow;
We walk the wilderness today,
The Promised Land tomorrow

Our birds of song are silent now,
There are no flowers blooming!
Yet life beats in the frozen bough,
And freedom's spring is coming!
And freedom's tide comes up always,
Tho' we may strand in sorrow;
And our good bark, aground today,
Shall float again tomorrow.

Thro' all the long, dark night of years
The peoples' cry ascendeth,
And earth is wet with blood and tears;
But our meek suffering endeth.
The few shall not for ever sway,
The many moil in sorrow;
The powers of hell are strong today,
But Christ shall rise tomorrow.

Tho' hearts brood o'er the past, our eyes
With smiling futures glisten.
For, lo! our day bursts up the skies;
Lean out your souls and listen!
The world rolls freedom's radiant way,
And ripens with her sorrow;
Keep heart! who bear the Cross today,
Shall wear the Crown tomorrow.

O Youth! flame-earnest, still aspire,
With energies immortal
To many a heaven of desire,
Our yearning opens a portal
And th' age wears by the way,
And hearts break in the furrow,
We'll sow the golden grain today—
The harvest comes tomorrow.

Build up heroic lives, and all
Be like a sheathed sabre,
Ready to flash out at God's call,
O chivalry of labor!
Triumph and toll are twins; and aye
Joy sums the cloud of Sorrow;
And 'tis the martyrdom today,
Brings victory tomorrow.

HIT AND MISS.

The Light in the Window.
The transport had entered New York harbor. On board was one lone colored soldier among the homeward bound. As the ship passed the statue of liberty there was absolute silence, when suddenly the dusky doughboy broke the quiet by remarking: "Put your light down, honey, I see home."—The American Legion Weekly.

NEGRO CHURCHES.

There are forty thousand Negro churches in the United States with a membership of four and a half million. These churches own \$87,500,000 worth of property and have 37,000 persons in Sunday schools. The work of these churches is carried on at an expenditure of \$18,500,000.—Charleston (S. C.) Messenger.

"Two Gentlemen, At Least."

In St. Louis, Mo., the other day, a publisher, seeing a Negro driver refuse to punish an overloaded team, though ordered to do so by the owner of the horses, had a gold medal made and presented to him. The medal bore this inscription: "Presented to Tom Lett, a Colored Gentleman Who Would Not Whip a Stalled Team." Two gentlemen at least figured in this incident.—Our Dumb Animals.

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