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A THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"The greatest man is he who chooses the right with invincible resolution, who resists the sorest temptations from within and without, who bears the heaviest burdens cheerfully, who is calmest in storms and most fearless under menace and frowns, whose reliance on truth, on virtue, on God, is most unflinching." William Ellery Channing.

PROMISING SIGNS

MANY are inclined to be very pessimistic concerning inter-racial conditions in the United States. They believe that the relations between the black and white races in America are becoming more and more acute and that the future holds little hope of peaceful adjustment or betterment. It is contended, with some foundation in fact for this opinion, that as the colored American advances in intelligence, industry and thrift, his progress is met with resentment upon the part of the great body of white Americans. This resentment is manifested in subjecting him to embarrassments, humiliations and denial of his civil rights which are becoming increasingly unbearable. This is engendering bitterness and hostility upon the part of the progressive and self-respecting members of the race which bodes ill for amicable relations between the races. It is also pointed out that the average white American does not believe that colored folk are capable of doing any worthwhile thing and consequently they are not entitled to any consideration. This mental attitude, which certain of our number contend it is impossible to change, is responsible for the contemptuous treatment to which our people are so largely subjected. Those who hold this pessimistic view are mistaken. The very fact that our progress meets with opposition shows that we are a factor worth considering. Opposition develops strength. And then there are many signs of promise which show that this obtuse mental attitude must change, can be changed and is changing. Among these may be noted the intelligent and sympathetic articles on the race question which are appearing in representative magazines, reviews and other publications, not only from the pens of white writers but also those of our own. We are beginning to speak for ourselves and our voices are being heard. Within the past few months no less than four of our outstanding men have been invited to deliver addresses in leading Southern colleges, one of these being an influential girls' seminary, where they were given not only a courteous but enthusiastic reception. It is needless to say that these gentlemen made a most favorable impression. These are among the promising signs of a better day for America; for what affects one part of the American people, for weal or woe, affects all.

"QUALITY SERVICE"

IT is a truth that needs emphasizing and especially for our people that "Quality Service" is what counts. This was the point driven home with his usual eloquence made by Bishop Shaylor in addressing a gathering of professional men of the other group a few days ago. He pointed out that it is "quality service" which brings promotion, which leads to the topmost round of success. If this advice is needed for the other people, it is certainly needed for our own. There is too much of a desire to simply "get by." To render the minimum of service, rather than the maximum. Too many of us are satisfied with mediocrity. We should be filled with the determination to be the best in our line, whatever that be. Let the Negro race in America be fired with the ambition to excel in whatever we undertake and our status will be rapidly changed.

STRENGTH IN UNION

Do you recall those words from Longfellow's great poem, "Hiawatha"?
"I am weary of your quarrels,
Of your wranglings and dissensions."

tute. Robert T. Kerlin's book on "Negro Poets and Their Poems" is reviewed in this number.

Haiti.

Haiti was first a Spanish and later a French colony. Negroes were introduced to take the place of Indians, who did not prove satisfactory as slaves. The French developed great indigo, cotton, sugar, and coffee plantations and built beautiful chateaux all about the country. It is reported that toward the end of the eighteenth century they had, with Negro slave labor, made of Haiti the richest colony in the world. At this time they had 2,500,000 acres under cultivation and 400,000 slaves employed in the fields alone. By 1780 slave labor was producing for the colonists \$70,000,000 annually. The close of the century, however, found the Negro slaves and free mulattoes in revolt. They won their independence by driving the French from the country, and in 1804 set up an independent government under their great Negro leader, Dessalines.

Haiti has many interests and attractions in its own right. It shares with the Republic of Santo Domingo the island called, by Columbus, Hispaniola. Haiti occupies the western end of the island and has an area of 10,000 square miles; accordingly it is about one-third the size of South Carolina. It has a dense population of 2,000,000 souls, or an average of 200 per square mile. The country is mountainous and abounds in beautiful scenery. The rivers of importance are few. Haiti has not only a tropical climate with alternating wet and dry seasons, but, with mountains everywhere, it furnishes nearly every degree of temperate climate as well. From the sea level to the mountain tops great varieties of grains, vegetables, fruits, and flowers of both the tropical and temperate zones grow.—W. T. B. Williams in the Southern Workman.

BUTLER SAVES BOY FROM ICY LAKE

Chicago, Ill., March 14.—(By The Associated Negro Press). Charles Elkins, butler in the home of a North side family, answered the doorbell Wednesday to be told that there was a white boy drowning in the lake not far distant. Elkins dashed from the house and rescued John Hussack, 19, who had been coasting from an embankment and had glided out to the thin ice.

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Nebraska Civil Rights Bill

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Sec. 1. Civil rights of persons. All persons within this state shall be entitled to a full and equal enjoyment of the accommodations, advantages, facilities and privileges of inns, restaurants, public conveyances, barber shops, theatres and other places of amusement; subject only to the conditions and limitations established by law and applicable alike to every person.

Sec. 2. Penalty for Violation of Preceding Section. Any person who shall violate the foregoing section by denying to any person, except for reasons of law applicable to all persons, the full enjoyment of any of the accommodations, advantages, facilities, or privileges enumerated in the foregoing section, or by aiding or inciting such denial, shall for each offense be guilty of a misdemeanor, and be fined in any sum not less than twenty-five dollars, nor more than one hundred dollars, and pay the costs of the prosecution.

"The original act was held valid as to citizens; barber shops can not discriminate against persons on account of color. Messenger vs State, 25 Nebr. page 677. N. W. 638."

"A restaurant keeper who refuses to serve a colored person with refreshments in a certain part of his restaurant, for no other reason than that he is colored, is civilly liable, though he offers to serve him by setting a table in some private part of the house. Ferguson vs Gies, 82 Mich. 358; N. W. 712"

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