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### DEATH RATE TOO HIGH

DR. A. G. EDWARDS, one of Omaha's oldest and most skillful physicians, gave an instructive health talk last Sunday afternoon at the North Side Y. W. C. A. which should have had a larger audience. He emphasized important facts that we all need to know. The Monitor hopes that Dr. Edwards may be induced to prepare for publication in our columns a series of articles along the line of his helpful address. Such talks as Dr. Edwards gave should be frequently given in churches and lodges and other public gatherings among our people by our well-trained and competent physicians.

The fact that the death rate in Omaha among our group is twelve per cent higher than among the white people is something that should give us all concern. As Dr. Edwards pointed out, our people live in good homes and generally in as sanitary surroundings as other citizens, and there is really no excuse for this high death rate. It is due to removable causes. Too many neglect what are considered minor complaints and refuse to call in a physician until it is too late, if at all, and a large number, especially among new comers, are too much given to the use of patent medicines without knowledge of what their trouble is.

Health is priceless. It is a boon within the grasp of all. We owe it to ourselves to conserve and protect our health. With excellent physicians within call, with visiting nurses ready to be of service whenever need shall require, with sanitary homes and surroundings there is no reason why the death rate among our race in Omaha should be any higher than that among the white citizens. This is an important matter which The Monitor urges upon the ministers and heads of lodges and fraternities who have the ears of thousands of our people to bring to their attention. The Gospel of Health is as important as the Gospel of Salvation and is a part of the Gospel of Salvation which should be widely proclaimed.

### PROBLEMS

PEOPLE talk glibly of problems when the real truth of the matter is they are simply trying to evade an imperative and plain social duty of treating the other fellow as they would like the other fellow to treat them. When men and women, honestly and sincerely, decide to apply Christian principles to their dealings with their fellow men many conditions considered and classed as problems will rapidly disappear. When, for example, the employer of labor, the capitalist, if you please, will look upon his employees not as machines but as human beings and treat them accordingly, and the laborer, in his turn, will regard his employer, not as a soulless entity or corporation, but as a human being, the so-called "labor problem" will be solved. When

men of various races and religions regard men of other races and religions as human beings with the same human longings and aspirations as themselves, the so-called "race problem" will be seen to be non-existent. What is needed is absolute honesty in the application of the Golden Rule in our dealings with one another. The problem lies in getting people who profess such high principles with their lips to practice them in their lives.

### KEEP AT IT

IT IS GRATIFYING to notice the ventures that are being made by our people in new business fields. This spirit of progress is to be commended. Ordinary business prudence should be used and honesty and integrity of purpose should be the controlling motives. Then there should be strict attention given to one's business, whatever it may be, with the determination to give the best service possible. Such things make for success. If, however, after an honest trial to accomplish something laudable, one should fail, he ought not become discouraged. He should try again. Perseverance and pluck are the price we pay for success. Keep at it.

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Rev. Ruseel Taylor preached a splendid sermon at 11 A. M. and in the evening the pastor preached from Prov. 16:16, "Better to get wisdom than gold." There was a good attendance all day and \$100 was raised to meet the sum needed. Most all of the members were interested in making the day a financial success, and worked hard to that end, but the pastor's boosters under the leadership of their president, Mrs. Ida Riddles, took the lead in making this rally a success. Mrs. Riddles had the co-operation of all of her members and Mrs. H. J. Kinney, her sub-chairman, did good work among her northside friends. Sunday the pastor will preach in the evening on the things that hinder our spiritual progress.

MOTHER AND DAUGHTER  
WEEK—MAY 3rd TO 8th

The annual Mother and Daughter week promises to be one of the gala events of the season. The Girl Reserves desire the co-operation of every mother and daughter in making this an outstanding feature long to be remembered. To put over a big program of interest requires hard work on the part of the Girl Reserve department. Yet the work is of such an uplifting nature that it should be taken out of the common class and placed among the fine arts.

One is never in any position or in any condition in which he is not required to

do something. Any one who wants to succeed must learn that no matter what may be his station in life there is work for him to do; he must put his heart into his work. There are great things to do in life, in the making of a good girl which seems to be a little matter, but it is in the little things that we train ourselves and others to do great things.

One thing that will be of interest to those interested in girlhood and young womanhood will be the get-together mother and daughter week. This will give the mother a chance to become better acquainted with her daughter and her present day ideas. Won't that be great work for the mother? It will teach both mother and daughter how to pull together, how to put their hearts into the work they are doing.

It is not merely a fancy, a theory or a philosophy. It is a thing that is necessary to raise the standard of womanhood. It is an education for which all women should seek.

The aim of education in this instance is not to gather facts; it is to develop spiritual character. The work is a blessing to all women and girls. Such work will bring joy and happiness in addition to affording a blessing.

Regular monthly vesper services will be held Sunday, April 26 at 4 p. m. Social hour from 5 to 6 p. m. Everybody welcome.

—Cunea Watson, Chairman Pub. Com.

### THE NEGRO'S LOVE FOR BEAUTY

By Robert A. Green

One of the greatest variations from truth is a statement which in any way denies that the Negro is keenly a lover of beauty. To deny that is also to deny that he is endowed with an aesthetic sense. Is the Negro lacking in this endowment? Has he a lack of appreciation for music, drama, poetry and the other finer arts? Has nature no lure for him in the beauty of its spring clothes? Is he still contented to live in the old log cabin of "ante-bellum days" rather than a modern home made beautiful with all that nature and man have devised for comfort?

In "A Handbook of Literary Criticism" by William Sherran, the aesthetic sense is defined as "Our faculty, or power, of appreciating the beautiful, whether in the physical, moral or intellectual order. Lessing describes it as our faculty of appreciating these ideals which art externalizes and renders concrete." In the same treatise the author states: "The aesthetic sense is innate to man as his physical sense of taste or touch, and it is quite as universal." The love of beauty is peculiar to no individual or group of individuals, but to all alike.

We love the work of Chaucer because we see in it the beauty of nature. Throughout all his works we see the beauty of human nature. There is beauty in his rustic characters. All his scenes are laid on country roads, in country inns, amid what we term today, "the clod-hoppers". Not in all America is there a race which has been so successful on the farms as the Negro. The wealth of the South was made possible by the labors of the Negro, both as freedman and a slave. He loves the open, the breezes which cool him in the midst of the beautiful green. His love for beauty has made him the successful agriculturist that he is.

Landscape gardeners are among us by the score. As I sit at my desk I have a most vivid picture of Kelly Miller, dean of Junior College Department, Howard university, amidst the beautiful flowers in his yard cultivated by his own labors. I even look out my window and see at work in his yard Father John Albert Williams. Neither of these men, one the dean of the junior college department in one of the greatest universities in America, and an eminent sociologist, the other a priest in the Protestant Episcopal church, has had training as a landscape gardener. It is natural for them to love the beautiful, to create it, as it were. Among us are those whose work as landscape gardeners keep them in demand the whole season of spring.

Interior decorators and architects are not strange within our group. A canvass of the larger universities the world over will disclose the fact that hundreds of our group have gone out from their schools of fine arts. Countless others are still in training. Howard university, Washington, D. C., our own, has a wonderful school of fine arts liberally attended by our group.

Paul Laurence Dunbar and James Ephraim McGirt have done for the Negro in verse an invaluable deed. They have made a literature, distinctively American, yet peculiar to the Negro alone. His feelings, his optimistic nature have been bared to the world in the verses of these two great poets. Phyllis Wheatly, as far back as the time of General Washington, was writing poetry which conformed to no special race or group, but was good poetry with all the beauty that is to be looked for in verse. Her best may be seen in her work "To His Excellency, General Washington".

On the stage we may glory in the fame of a Bert Williams, who pleased discriminating theatre goers on two continents. His smile and good nature made the world forget that he was a Negro and remember that he was a man. Nor could it be said that he was different from any one of his race. Charles Gilpin came later to show that some discriminating group that Bert was not the only possible colored actor to please the public on the stage.

Shuffle Along and Runnin' Wild, both musical comedies, had tremendous successes all over the each in some of America's best theatres. Entire companies produce and act plays for the cinema.

In the field of music, the most noble and

sublime of all arts, of which the Bible speaks more than once, the Negro has made rapid strides. So successful has been in this much appreciated art that his has been conceded the only original music of which America can boast. Nor is the range limited. Negro music touches emotions wherever present in human life. In the language of the immortal Puritan poet, Milton, the spirituals for Il Penseroso; jazz for L'Allegro. Characters like Burleigh, Clarence Cameron White, Bessie and Mamie Smith, and a score of others have brought this out from our population right here in America.

As a race, we are endowed with a keen sense of the beautiful. As men our love for beauty carries us to no other extremes than does the love of any other race. For Lessing has said that the aesthetic sense is a universal one. The primary colors

red, blue, green, yellow, violet, etc., attract all men alike. The Negro loves art, literature and music. He has reached fame in all these endeavors. He has done so well in one of them that the whole American continent has conceded him the master.

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