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AN EXCELLENT ANSWER

THE MONITOR has noticed with pleasure the alertness of some of our thoughtful and well-informed young men in replying through the columns of our dailies and especially the "Public Pulse" column of the World-Herald, which is most broad-minded and impartial as a public forum, to articles which deal with various phases of the race question. Well written and dignified articles of this character, without rancor, spite or pettiness always compel a respectful reading and help create a healthy and helpful public sentiment. Of such a character is the following letter from the pen of Attorney W. B. Bryant which appeared in the World-Herald of last Wednesday:

In one of the daily papers a few days ago there appeared an article concerning a proposed experiment by German scientists with African babies to determine whether or not they would revert to a lower order of animal life, if isolated throughout their formative years from the so-called higher forms of animal life.

This experiment seems unnecessary in the light of our American experiment with chattel slavery. Under this system the black slaves were quite isolated from the higher forms of animal life. A majority of them had no contact whatever with higher forms of animal life than domestic mules, imbruted overseers and petty tyrant masters. Our experiment lasted two hundred fifty years and embraced millions in numbers. Did the chattel slaves revert to cave men or apes? Certainly not. But the system destroyed the humanity of the slaveholder and the slave. And the twentieth century should not have an experiment anywhere, the object of which is to degrade human beings to a lower order of life.

All of us should be engaged now, as the noble men and women were engaged in the struggle to overthrow and supplant chattel slavery in the early sixties, in elevating the less fortunate beings among us to higher standards of humanity.

It makes no difference that this last venture is made in the name of science. It is wrong. Learning should be used to lift men to higher planes of life.

Fortunately, for every so-called scientist in Africa seeking reversion of human beings to a lower form of life, there are hundreds of men and

women working to raise them from their lowly station to a higher plane of life.

Besides, one does not need to go to Africa or to experiment to find cave men or reverted human types. They may be found in the jungles of every large city in the world, and all of them are not black with woolly hair, and they are a long way from Africa.

CONGRATULATIONS, STUDENTS

WE sincerely congratulate the young students of our race who, in increasing numbers yearly are taking advantage of the educational opportunities offered them. This year twelve young men and women graduate from Central and Technical high school. They have had the grit and courage to stick and their parents have been willing to make sacrifices for them to remain through these years of pupillage. Many of them are planning to go to college and every encouragement should be given ambitious youth who are anxious to fit themselves for useful service by the best training they can obtain. The aim of education is training for work; not the avoidance of work. And this is the ideal the thoughtful, progressive student keeps before him. The increase in the number of our graduates drives home the necessity for our planning to make places for them in the business, industrial and professional world. Are we striving to do this? We must urge our young people to equip themselves for efficient service and we must do our part in helping provide fields of service for them. Congratulations, students; congratulations, parents—but the end is not yet. Look to the end!

CAPTURE AND JAIL MORONS

IT IS REPORTED that some degenerate is terrorizing women in the mid-northern part of Omaha. His favorite field of operation seems to be in the district between Twenty-fourth and Thirtieth and north of Lake. The police should not slacken their vigilance until such degenerates and ruffians are safely behind prison bars.

It has also been reported to us that a certain Farnam street merchant who advertises for a neat, intelligent colored girl has made improper proposals to no less than three respectable young women who have answered his advertisement. It is well for that black-hearted, lecherous villain that one of these young women

reported her experience to her mother and kept it from her father and brother, whose high temper and spirit she knows. Women of our race, like other women, seek honorable employment, and seeing advertisements of this character answer them in good faith, not expecting to be insulted, nor will they stand for insult. Morons and degenerates, white or black, who prey upon women, whether in the streets or elsewhere belong behind prison bars. They should be captured and jailed.

FINDER OF LEPER CURE IN DANGER

Has Narrow Escape From Chinese Bandits.

Washington.—Within a few days after the United States public health service announced the release of lepers as "cured" by a treatment which included the use of chaulmoogra oil, word came from Joseph F. Rock, who located the chaulmoogra tree in Burma, telling of his narrow escape from Chinese bandits.

Mr. Rock was leader of the National Geographic society expedition to Yunnan province, China, which found blight-resisting chestnut trees for transplantation in the United States. After a few months in this country he returned to Yunnan to seek plant specimens for the Arnold arboretum, at Cambridge, Mass.

Mr. Rock spent one night in a dilapidated village temple, full of coffins. His native guard deserted him; outside the town the heads of native victims, captured some days before, were hanging from poles.

"From Tunchwan to Chaotung is five days' journey, and two days out of Tunchwan I had the most terrible experience of my life," Mr. Rock writes.

"With much misgivings I left Tunchwan. The first day passed without incident, but the second had much in store for us. After lunch, under an old walnut tree we made our way over the mountains with my 12 Nashi men, 20 mules, 40 soldiers, and all the followers who took advantage of my going and joined on for the sake of protection which the soldiers gave.

Robbers Pursue Caravan. "We had not gone very far when my head muleteer came and said that robbers were behind the caravan. I waited for the mules to catch up with us, and as they came in sight I rode on, but not for long, as my boys yelled 'Robbers are coming,' and at that moment they opened fire on us. My native soldiers behaved rather bravely, but we soon found that the brigands outnumbered us considerably and that the battle was to be a one-sided affair.

"We pushed on under fire as best we could through a pine-covered slope while the soldiers engaged the brigands; the latter pursued us, and we retreated, all of us, soldiers included, under the fire of the brigands down a deep ravine which we had to cross and up the other side over a most terrible rocky trail. The firing continued the rest of the afternoon. Thanks to the bad aiming of the brigands we lost only one soldier. We reached the small plain of Yichesun, on the edge of it being a small hamlet called Papiengai. As we reached the plain, I thought, 'Thank God, now we were safe,' but, alas, the brigands followed us, they looted the small hamlet, captured three soldiers with their guns, and while they were busy there we reached the village of Yichesun, where we had to stop for the night.

Brigands Chase Guards. "Just as I arrived and passed through the dilapidated old gate (but no wall) there also arrived 35 soldier guards sent to us from Chaotung. As I was talking with their officer, one of the Tunchwan soldiers came

running into the village to tell me that 200 robbers were only one and a half miles from the village and that they could not hold them back. I sent the Chaotung soldiers to help the Tunchwan soldiers, but soon they all returned with the robbers at their heels.

"I was quartered in a miserable old temple full of coffins in the center of the village. The brigands came to within half a mile of the hamlet where there was a large temple, and of this they took possession. Darkness came on. I never spent such a terrible night in all my life. At midnight the officers of the soldiers came and announced that the brigands were outside and that they could not hold the place and that they could not protect me. I had opened my trunks and distributed \$800 in silver among my men, wrapped up some extra warm underwear, a towel, condensed milk and some chocolate, besides ammunition for my two .45-Calibers. I sat fully clad waiting for the turn of events. Every minute I expected the firing to commence. The soldiers said that they could protect me but not my boxes, and that the best thing would be to retreat and hide if the brigands rushed into the place. The people of the village began burying their few valuables and great excitement ruled the hamlet. It was a terrible wait and a long night.

"Outside of the hamlet were hanging from poles heads of brigands that had been captured some days before. I was informed that 600 bandits were outside the village and that capture was irresistible. I cannot tell you how I felt. However, at 4 a. m. they were still outside and no shot had been fired. At dawn there was no one to be seen. They had vanished."

Scene of Gold Strike

Lacks Butter and Bacon

Wrangell, Alaska.—Telegrams recently received announce a new gold strike 250 miles northeast of here on a tributary of the Eagle river in the Cassiar district, British Columbia, a short distance from a placer discovery made last September.

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A moment's thought will easily convince open-minded persons that the contribution of the Negro to American nationality as slave, freedman and citizen was far from negligible. No element of American life has so subtly and yet clearly woven itself into warp and woof of our thinking and acting as the American Negro. He came with the first explorers and helped in exploration. His labor was from the first the foundation of the American prosperity and the cause of the rapid growth of the new world in social and economic importance. Modern democracy rests not simply on the striving white men in Europe and America but also on the persistent struggle of the black men in America for two centuries. The military defense of this land has depended upon Negro soldiers from the time of the Colonial wars down to the struggle of the World War. Not only does the Negro appear, reappear and persist in American literature but a Negro American literature has arisen of deep significance, and Negro folk lore and music are among the choicest heritages of this land. Finally the Negro has played a peculiar spiritual role in America as a sort of living, breathing test of our ideals and an example of the faith, hope and tolerance of our religion.—Du Bois, "The Gift of Black Folk."