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HELPING OUT

A WEALTHY, wide-eyed, generous-hearted white woman of North Carolina having read the delightful autobiography of William Pickens, entitled "Bursting Bonds", has announced that she will present copies of this fascinating volume to white school libraries and individuals whom "racial conditions" might otherwise prevent from getting it. She believes, and rightly, that the reading of such a book will compel many white Americans to gain a more sympathetic insight into the real worth, mental, moral and spiritual, and aspirations of "his best neighbor, the Negro American". She graciously writes the author, "whenever I can put your book in the hands of white boys, it will be in the hope of doing something for Negro young people and the certainty of doing MUCH for white ones."

This generous, broad-minded woman recognizes that ignorance is the parent of prejudice and misunderstanding and that he or she who can enlighten the ignorant is rendering humanity an excellent service. Despite their general knowledge and intelligence, white Americans, as a class, are woefully ignorant concerning the Negro American. This is due to the fact that they do not read our literature, study our art, give audience to our speakers or listen to our musical artists. They flatter themselves that they know all about us, because they know something about our points of weakness, but little or nothing about our points of strength. This accounts for racial antipathy and misunderstanding. Anything, therefore that can make for better understanding between those who lean towards estrangement is to be encouraged and commended. The reading of "Bursting Bonds" and similar works from the pen of race authors will do much towards removing this misunderstanding and creating sympathetic insight.

Mrs. Bartlett's plan will have incalculable influence for good. She is helping to solve the problem.

INDIA APPRECIATES

THE FAR-REACHING influence of the publicity work of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is brought forcibly home by an item published in a newspaper in India noting the decline in lynchings in the United States through the unremitting work of this great society. "The Hindu", which is the name of the newspaper, cites the work of the N. A. A. C. P. as "a fine illustration of what can be done by steady, intelligent and persistent agitation to educate people and to uphold the rights of an oppressed section of the population."

This comment is significant. The natives of India are becoming increasingly and belligerently restive under British rule. They feel themselves in their own country "an oppressed sec-

THE NEGRO'S CONTRIBUTION NOT NEGLIGIBLE

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."

LINCOLN NEWS AND COMMENT

Mr. Frank Saunders returned to his home in Chicago last week after quite a stay with brothers, sister and many friends in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery of Horton, Kans., have located in this city.

Mrs. A. W. Wills of Sedalia, Mo., is in the city.

Messrs. H. J. Ford and Booker of Omaha worshipped at Mt. Zion Baptist church Sunday. Mr. Ford is state president of the B. Y. P. U. and was on an official visit. He gave the society wholesome instruction in his address to them.

Mrs. Virginia Lewis is reported sick.

Mrs. Lee Dean is reported improving from recent illness.

The Utopian Art Club was nicely entertained by Mrs. Ella Black at her home last Thursday night. After routine of business a paper on religious activities was read by Mrs. Guy Wiley, which gave splendid thought and was commented on by several present; a solo by Mrs. Eva Carter was good. A splendid corps of members were present.

Next Sunday, October 18th, the Zion Baptist Church will celebrate the forty-fifth anniversary of the congregation, on which occasion Dr. W. F. Botts of Omaha will preach at night, followed during the week by a series of affairs by auxiliaries of the church each night and closing Sunday, October 25th, by celebrating of the fifth anniversary of Rev. H. W. Boots' pastorate of Mt. Zion. On this occasion Rev. J. S. Williams of Salem Baptist church of Omaha will preach. All churches and the public in general are invited to attend these activities. You will appreciate the efforts.

At Quinn Chapel A. M. E. Church Sunday services were nicely attended.

Tommy W. Coleman is reported quite ill yet at his home.

A CORRECTION

Last week some person, either misinformed or malicious, telephoned to The Monitor requesting the insertion of an item stating that Miss Anna Speese had been taken to the State hospital at Lincoln, Tuesday. The item was inserted as requested. We are advised that this is an error and that Miss Speese who has been ill is at her home here and steadily improving. We gladly make this correction.

WOMEN AND GIRLS, TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY!

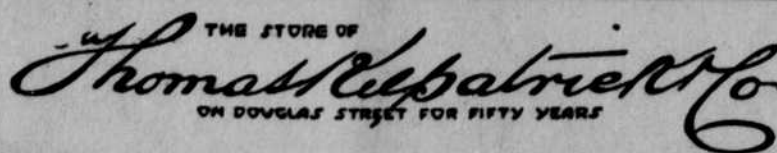
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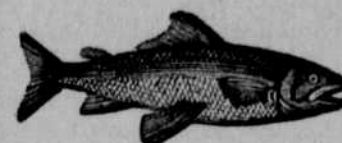
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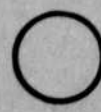
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