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"THE SIN OF PREJUDICE"

The Rev. Harry Emerson Fosdick, pastor of Parke Avenue, New York, Baptist church, recently preached a notable sermon on "The Sin of Prejudice." This is a rather unusual topic for a sermon, but admittedly a good and timely one. It was an unusual sermon but then Dr. Fosdick is an unusual man. He has been criticized by many of his brethren for his "modernism." Well, if "modernism" has this effect, let us pray for more "modernism" among all classes of American clergymen. Among other things, this is what Dr. Fosdick said:

"It is a sin whose consequences on its victims are not so obvious as lusts of the flesh and yet whose devastations of the human race are written large in every war, in every outbreak of racial hatred, in a million oppressions and ostracisms.

"Its record of heartbreaks surpasses all other sins of men. Its results in bloodshed have made history an orgy of carnage and make civilization today a brief interval between catastrophes.

"Many of us have no concern with the temptation to drunkenness and adultery but we all have temptation to prejudice. People who say that they hate the Japanese or the Italians or the Negroes or the Roman Catholics or Jews, may walk in respectable society, but for all that they are lepers. They are breeding places for the world's most deadly moral pestilence.

"Our racial, religious and national prejudices represent a belated attitude. They are leftovers from the conditions of life which surrounded primitive man when every stranger was an enemy. That is the origin of prejudice, and when today you hear people who hate Jews, hate Roman Catholics,

hate Protestants, hate other races, you are witnessing a return to the primitive mind."

BENIGHTED MISSISSIPPI

Are there no white men and women of brain and vision in Mississippi? Are they all hopelessly insane on the race question? It would seem that the first question must be answered in the negative and the second in the affirmative when one considers the mental caliber of the governor of that benighted state as disclosed in his recent telegram to Secretary Hoover, protesting against the appointment of a well-educated, competent and wealthy Negro lawyer as a member of the flood rehabilitation commission. S. D. Redmond, one of the outstanding citizens of the state, is the appointee and Governor Dennis Murphree is the protestant. Since nearly 90 per cent of the flood sufferers are Negroes, and the work of rehabilitation is going to be a gigantic task, it would seem fitting that a man like Mr. Redmond should have a place upon the commission and would undoubtedly be able to render good service. If Murphree's mentality is representative of that of Mississippi then that commonwealth is almost hopelessly benighted.

NOT OFFICIAL

The National Church Congress of the Episcopal Church in session at San Francisco, is a forum which meets periodically for the discussion of various subjects. All sorts of views are expressed and while in the main the discussions are helpful and constructive, occasionally, as is to be expected in such gatherings, some individual or individuals say rash and foolish things. Their statements are their own individual opinions and are by no means representative of the teaching

or position of the Episcopal Church or of any considerable part of either her clergy or laity. Such blowing off of steam makes lots of noise but turns no wheels. Individual "views" and "opinions," as expressed at the church congress, whether profoundly wise, or inanely foolish, are purely individual and not official.

CONGRATULATIONS

The Monitor extends sincere congratulations to the pupils who have earned their promotions in the grades, high schools and colleges. We commend parents for seeing that their children are taking advantage of educational opportunities of which they themselves were denied. We hope that the children who have finished the eighth grade will go on to high school and that those who have graduated from high school may go on to college, wherever it is possible, or failing this, may have opportunities of learning trades. There are no substitutes for intelligence, industry and thrift. The day is coming even in America, where brains, character and ability will win, despite the handicap of race.

IS AMERICA CIVILIZED?

In our boasted, progressive Christian country human beings are still burned at the stake by those who lay claim to superior intelligence and morality. If such a display of savagery be indicative of race superiority then happy and blessed indeed are they who are called the inferior race. While deeds of this kind prevail can the United States lay claim to be a civilized nation?

WHAT OTHER EDITORS SAY

PULLMAN PORTERS AND TIPS

One organization of Pullman porters is demanding a decent living wage and the cessation of tipping.

We can heartily sympathize with the porters in this demand. There is something humiliating and even degrading to a full grown healthy man who has to accept a tip from another man, whose equal he is and oftentimes whose superior he is.

On Pullman cars, dining cars, dining rooms and on bellhop benches there can be found some of the keenest intellects and brilliant minds, not only in the Negro race but in America.

Because of economic reasons; because of the strenuous fight for bread and butter; because of race prejudice, and because the door of opportunity is often closed to him because of his color, the Negro man, who has gone through the best schools has often to let down his bucket where he is and accept so-called menial positions or jobs far removed from the lines of his training and education.

Thus it is that in the ranks of the Pullman porters are to be found fine, intelligent, upstanding, manly men. It must be gall and wormwood to many of these men to have to accept tips from men who do not measure up in the scale nearly as high as themselves.

We hope the porters win the point. All labor is honorable and dignified if we make it so. But most men would be able to add more dignity to

their jobs and get more pleasure out of living if they were paid a living, decent wage, and whose living did not hinge on their fawning, squatting and Uncle Taming to some other individual whose tip is often accompanied with an insult and whose bounty depends on whether or not he has a grouch or indigestion.

The Pullman company ought to jump at the opportunity to clear itself of the charge that it expects the public to pay its employees in addition to paying for accommodations.—Louisville (Ky.) News.

A PLEA FOR RESPECT

Dr. George E. Haynes, of New York City, secretary of the Federal Council of Churches' race relations committee, addressed the National Council of the Congregational Church in session in Omaha, Neb., on "Race Relations."

Dr. Haynes declared that the Negro demands respect. He concluded his remarks with the assertion that "he wants nothing more; he can be content with nothing less." We endorse heartily the plea of Dr. Haynes. It has been made before, and doubtless will be made again.

Dr. Haynes was the spokesman of that portion of our group who, by precept, example, contact and education or environment, have fitted themselves to qualify as men and women worthy of respect. They are numerous.

Still, there are countless thousands, street corner loafers, idlers, indecorous loud and vulgar peoples who disgrace neighborhoods, are nuisances in public carriers, on the highways and in public places, whose unseemly conduct serves to give an unfavorable impression to a too critical public. It is this class of ill-breeds who prevent us from coming into our birthright of respect.

Sooner or later the leading citizens of our group will of necessity be forced to take imperative measures to demand of the indecorous group respect for themselves. Slowly but surely the forces for moral, religious and civic improvement are reducing this number, but there are yet thousands beyond their influence or reach.

If on the whole we are to have respect we must first respect ourselves. If we do not know how, we should be taught. If we won't, we should be made to. We cannot rise without lifting the masses with us.—The Chicago Bee.

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PROBATE NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF the estate of Nebraska, at the county court room, in said county, on the 21st day of July, 1927, and on the 21st day of Henry O. Wood, deceased:

Notice is Hereby Given: That the creditors of said deceased will meet the executrix of said estate, before me, county judge of Douglas county, September, 1927, at 9 o'clock, a. m.,

each day, for the purpose of presenting their claims for examination, adjustment and allowance. Three months are allowed for the creditors to present their claims, from the 18th day of June, 1927.

BRYCE CRAWFORD,
4T-5-20-27 County Judge.

JOHN ADAMS, Atty.

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

In the County Court of Douglas County, Nebraska

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HENRIETTA WATTS CARRALL, DECEASED.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in said court alleging that said deceased died leaving no last will and praying for administration upon her estate, and that a hearing will be had on said petition before said court on the 2nd day of July, 1927, and that if they fail to appear at said court on the said 2nd day of July, 1927, at 9 o'clock A. M. to contest said petition, the court may grant the same and grant administration of said estate to Sherman Yost or some other

suitable person and proceed to a settlement thereof.

BRYCE CRAWFORD,
8T-6-10-27 County Judge.

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In the County Court of Douglas County, Nebraska

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF WASHINGTON PRIDGETT, DECEASED.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby notified that a petition has been filed in said court alleging that said deceased died leaving no last will and praying for administration upon his estate, and that a hearing will be had on said petition before said court on the 2nd day of July, 1927, and that if they fail to appear at said court on the said 2nd day of July, 1927, at 9 o'clock A. M. to contest said petition, the court may grant the same and grant administration of said estate to Mattie Pridgett or some other suitable person and proceed to a settlement thereof.

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