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SOLID READING

It is to be regretted that our people in common with the average American devotes such little time to solid reading. The average American, and our people fall in this class, is a great reader of newspapers and magazines, but he doesn't read solid books. Newspapers and magazines contain much that is most helpful and give much valuable information and so make for intelligent citizenship; but where one confines himself to such publications there is a lack of the broadest and best culture. As the autumn is approaching, why would it not be a good plan for some of us to decide that we will add to our reading matter one or two standard works on history, science or some such line in which we may be particularly interested as a means of intellectual development? Why would it not be a good plan to substitute a few reading clubs for our many whist and bridge clubs? Why not divide up our leisure time more proportionately and more wisely? A little more substantial solid reading will do us all good.

CHURCHES STILL BIG FACTOR

The Living Church, a widely circulated and influential weekly publication of the Episcopal Church, published recently an interesting article, based upon a survey made by the Chicago Daily News, on the influence of the churches over the conduct and thought of the Negro residents of the Windy City. It is contended that the churches have not lost their influence, but continue dominant factors in the life of the race. This is unquestionably true. Evil indeed will that day be for the race and nation when our people disregard the teaching of the Christian church. We republish the article from The Living Church elsewhere in this issue. It will be found interesting and instructive.

RACIAL CRIMINALITY

(From The New York News)
We wonder if the wave of brutal crimes committed by Caucasians throughout the country has been responsible for the silence of sociologists on "Negro Criminality." Hardly a single day passes but the Associated Press reports and gives the details of a murder by some white citizen more wanton and depraved than those of the day preceding. Hardly a day passes but that Hollywood does not reveal some vicious divorce scandal or triangle crime whose exact nature is reported as unfit to print. The metropolises of the country have overflowed Reno with their high society divorce proceedings and Paris now has a colony of Americans seeking to change their matrimonial garments as rapidly as the Parisian capital decrees changes in women's styles. The north as well as the south has become the land of lynch law, of the floggers and anarchists against constituted authority. The officers of the law no longer content themselves with graft at every turn, but the New York police department has recently witnessed some of the most foul and gruesome robberies and murders by members of their staff that have ever bespattered the annals

left for the annual conference at Kansas City, Kansas, on Wednesday.

Rev. I. B. Smith left Monday night for Kansas City, Kansas, to attend the annual conference of the A. M. E. Church.

Rev. H. W. Botts having returned from Detroit, preached a fine sermon to his folks on Sunday morning. At the evening service he gave them an elaborate report of the national Baptist convention, which was highly appreciated, and most commendable.

Remember the forty-seventh anniversary of Mount Zion Baptist church, Sunday, October 2. Also the seventh anniversary of Rev. H. W. Botts' pastorate on October 9.

Rev. J. H. Jackson of South Omaha is mentioned as speaker on the occasion of Rev. H. W. Botts' seventh anniversary. The fall rally is to terminate Sunday, October 9.

We are elated over the many foreign students coming into our midst and are hoping they will continue to demean themselves in a way that will be commendable to us and their parents or guardians.

Miss Bernice Layer is yet confined at the hospital but is improving.

SERMON ON "JIM CROW"

Salem Tutt Whitney Assembles and Publishes Some Facts That All Ought to Read Carefully and Ponder

A white gentleman, born in New Orleans, told me that he had no sympathy for the majority of the colored people. "They are as spineless as a jelly fish, as devoid of pride as a hog, as noncombative as a fishing-worm and as treacherous to each other as a Benedict Arnold. They will sacrifice their pride for a white man's smile; forfeit their independence for a suit of old clothes; perjure themselves and betray their fellows for the meanest sort of political job. They cry like a brood of motherless monkeys when the key to the solution of "jim-crowism" is in their hands. All they need do is to refuse to be "jim-crowed." Stop riding "jim-crow" trolley cars and trains, stay at home, walk or ride in their own cars. Stop patronizing the "jim-crow" stores, theatres, parks, fairs and other places of business and

amusements. To do so will cause suffering, sacrifices and inconveniences, but if they are not willing or strong enough to endure such things they don't deserve what they say they want. When the change ceases to flow into the "jim-crow" baiter's pocket it won't be long before there will be a change in his viewpoint."

When a new "jim-crow" measure is introduced, the promoters of it know that there will be a loud howl from those affected. "Let 'em holler," they say, "all they'll do is hold a few mass meetings, pass a score of meaningless resolutions and then forget all about it." If the howl is too prolonged they dish out their "jim-crow" bait; if it is a railroad, they issue free passes to the ministers, teachers and a few other leading (?) men and women. If it is a civic measure, the bait takes the form of jobs that are no longer desired by white men. The amusement "jim-crow" bait has already been described.

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