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AN ABSURD LIMITATION

The restriction of the Louisville Negro police officers to the arrest only of Negro offenders is such a stupid and assinine policy of public safety and protection as to be almost unbelievable. Policemen are peace officers, commissioned for the protection of the public. Imagine a case like this: A white criminal or thug holds up or attacks, we will say, some citizen of Louisville, white or black, it makes no difference as to that. A Negro police officer, who, like other officers is under oath to preserve law and order, sees the attack, but not matter how flagrant may be the crime or offense, if the offender be white, the Negro officer dare not arrest him. How farcical and absurd and prejudicial to law and order is the limitation placed upon the Negro members of the Louisville police force.

GOING AT IT IN THE RIGHT SPIRIT

We are glad to know that Omaha this year will fall in line with other cities in the observance of National Negro History Week. The Cultural Center is to be congratulated upon its initiative in this important matter and the other organizations upon their alacrity and willingness to co-operate. This is, indeed, a good augury. Frequently a worthy cause or movement suffers through jealousy. An opportunity, overlooked or neglected by one group, seized by another, sometimes provokes an unworthy jealousy which prevents co-operation. We are very pleased to note an absence of this spirit among our people on this occasion, and we feel that all will unite in making the first observance of Negro History Week here a marked success. Cheerful co-operation can carry over a successful program.

MAY IT SUCCEED

We note with great interest the sentiment that seems to be growing among the numerous local Baptist congregations for merging, in keeping with the suggestion made by The Monitor some months ago and recently repeated. Two or three strong aggressive Baptist congregations here in beautiful, well equipped, debt free edifices would be able to accomplish vastly more for Christianity and the race, than a dozen small debt burdened churches struggling for existence. That is largely the situation now. It is true, in less degree, of other denominations among our people.

FLAUNTING SIN

The flaunting of the sin of a wealthy eastern widow who has recently given birth to an illegitimate child is anything but edifying or conducive to morality. If, instead of calling the child born out of wedlock, the "eugenic baby," it were called by what it really is, through no fault, however, of its own, by the harsh term

given such children, it might not be quite so gratifying to the mother of the child, who now seems to glory in her shame. It is hardly to be believed that the respectable people of America will put a premium upon bastardy. High sounding names do not disguise the hideousness of degrading sin. Fornication is still fornication, call it what you may; and the illegitimate issue of fornication may be called a "eugenic baby," but that does not alter the fact of its illegitimacy no matter how much wealth surrounds it.

FEBRUARY OPPORTUNITY

The February Opportunity is an inspiring issue from its initial page to its last. Horace M. Bond contributes a controversial article of importance on "Human Nature and Its Study in the Negro College." "A Matter of Inches," a story by Warren A. McDonald has the virtue of being both well told and different. Marion P. Saul discusses the recent Harmon awards from the standpoint of the recognition of Negro ability; William H. Baldwin shows in an ingenious sketch what the Negro's impress is on "This White Man's Country." There is an especially interesting and divergent page of correspondence carried this month, including a more amplified statement from Benjamin Brawley concerning his rejection of the Harmon award voted to him, a note from Mabel Byrd of Switzerland conferences, and a letter of invitation from a Negro student in Czechoslovakia. There are poems by Dorothy Littlewort, Frederick Adler, Robert Bonner, Ernest Hartsock, Abel Meeropol and J. Corson Miller; and book reviews by Kemper Harrell, Rayford Logan, Mortimer Weaver, and Leslie Pickney Hill. Charles S. Johnson's editorials, "The Ebony Flute," "The Dark Tower" and "The Survey Section" all contribute toward an issue that demands the thoughtful person's attention. Opportunity is the literary organ of the National Urban League of which Eugene Kinckle Jones is executive secretary.

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Approves Editorial

Omaha, Nebr., Feb. 2.—To the Editor of the Monitor.—A few weeks ago you had an editorial warning against the too prevalent custom of charging all the misfortunes that befall us to the enmity of the other race.

It was my purpose at the time your editorial came forth, to commend you for the position you took on the matter. But lack of time prevented me from doing so. I trust that this belated commendation will not fail in its purpose.

Last year I took it upon myself to visit several of our leading churches successively, taking special note of what might be said in the way of race relations. To my great regret in practically every case either in the sermon or some after comment there invariably occurred remarks that could do naught but instill racial hatred and tend to stir up racial strife. Without exceptions the white man was held up as the arch enemy of racial progress in every line—industrial, economic, education, and political. Whatever ills we suffer were charged directly or indirectly to the other race.

It is not the purpose of the writer to impugn the motives of those who

speak and advise in the matter herein criticised. I believe they are acting in good faith. I do think, however, such methods show a dreadful lack of careful analysis of conditions, a lack of unbiased judgment, an unwillingness to courageously place the blame where in most cases it belongs.

Too often the fault that we are underlings is not with our stars nor our environs, but with ourselves. And unless those who have the ear of the greater number of our people do not use diligence in searching out and properly placing the blame for our shortcomings, direful will be the burden and handicap placed on generations to follow.

The Negro has suffered and is suffering many ills at the hands of members of the other group. This no one attempts to deny. But if we will carefully collect and sum up the benefactions received from the same group in the past and at the present time, it will be found that the good received will by far outweigh the evil. But I am taking more space than I intended, and trust you will pardon this too long drawn out comment and accept this expression of my approval of your stand in the editorial above mentioned.

RUSSEL TAYLOR.

Y. W. C. A. NOTES

The new board of management of the North Side Branch of the Young Women's Christian association held its first meeting of the new year, Tuesday evening, January 31.

The religious and general education committee will have charge of the vesper service at the North Side Branch, Y. W. C. A., February 12, Lincoln's birthday, at 4 p. m. The subject, "My Duty to God and Community," will be generally discussed by the audience in brief talks during the program which is as follows:

Devotionals, Mrs. L. M. Brewer; America, Audience; Reading, "Emancipation Proclamation," Miss Thelma Norris; Vocal solo, "My Task," Miss Venus Parker; Musical ensemble, ladies' orchestra under direction of Miss Ruth Seay; Address, Miss Gertrude Lucas; Musical ensemble, ladies' orchestra, Miss Ruth Seay, director.

Tea will be poured during the social hour which follows program free to all present. The orchestra will render a selection while every one is getting acquainted. The public is welcome. You will enjoy the "Y" hospitality.

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The Sunday school meets at 9:30 a. m. and morning service is at 11:00 o'clock. Sunday morning, the pastor, Rev. A. H. Higgs, had as his text, "How Shall We Sing the Lord's Song in a Strang Place," Psalm 137:4, and delivered a very inspiring sermon. The report to the South-Western Advocate was read by Mrs. B. Bostic, the reporter. Mr. Thomas Dooley was present as a visitor.

Sunday afternoon's sermon was by Rev. O. J. Burckhardt, whose congregation assembled with that of Clair. The Epworth league will meet to reorganize next Sunday evening at 6:30. All are urged to attend. Mrs. C. Bennett is president.

Preaching at 8:00 p. m. Theme: "Man," Psalm 8:5.

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