Literary Column

I THINK THAT GOD IS PROUD

dedicated to Mrs. Jean Stevenson and Miss Virginia Fields

I think that God is proud of those who bear
A sorrow bravely. Proud indeed of them
Who walk straight through the dark to find Him there,
And kneel in faith to touch His garment's hem.
Oh, proud of them who lift their heads to shake
The tears away from eyes that have grown dim;
Who tighten quivering lips, and turn to take
The only road they find that leads to Him.
How proud He must be of them. He who knows
All sorrow, and how hard grief is to bear.
I think He sees them coming, and He goes
With outstretched arms and hands to meet them there.
And with a look—a touch on hand or head—
Each finds his hurt heart strangely comforted.

—Grace Noll Crowell

THE FINE ARTS

Give us more lovers of beauty,
More lovers of gardens, and we
Shall lessen our need for our cannon
And ironclad ships of the sea.

Give us more lovers of music,
More lovers of pictures and books,
And we'll fill the world with good neighbors
And dwindle the number of crooks.

For hatred and malice and scheming
And envy and cunning and greed,
And all that makes crime a temptation
Are not in an art lover's creed.

Who gives his attention to beauty,
Who cherishes laughter and song,
And is thrilled by the glory of planets,
Not often another will wrong.

In gardens, in childhood, in painting,
In music are safety and peace,
So give us more lovers of beauty
That hatred and quarrels may cease!

E. A. Guest. (Author)

Negro Chemist Appointed to N. Y. State College Faculty

NEW YORK— (ANP)— Prof. Ernest F. Stevenson, a chemist for the city of New York, was appointed last week to the faculty of Mohawk college, Utica, New York, a new technical college established by the state.

Prof. Stevenson is the only Negro instructor in the state-owned school which has a faculty of more than 200 top-flight educators and several thousand war veterans in its student body.

The new appointee is an honor graduate of Howard High school, Wilmington, Del., and he received his B. S. in 1936 and M. S. in 1937 in chemistry from the University of Indiana, Bloomington. He has completed all work except an oral examination for his Ph. D. degree in chemistry at that institution.

He taught in Texas for several years. He was professor of chemistry at St. Phillip's Junior college, San Antonio, and later at Sam Houston college, Austin.

WDL Joins Demonstration Against Peonage of Puerto Ricans

CHICAGO— (WDL) — The Workers Defense League joined a picket demonstration in front of the Castle Barton employment agency in the loop, protesting conditions of peonage imposed upon 40 Puerto Rican workers brought here under contract.

No legal action can be taken against the agency, since the Puerto Ricans' gross pay is in accordance with the contract. However, after deductions, the workers have almost no money left. One of them for the week ending October 6 had only 37c left out of his $33.10 paycheck after deductions for "miscellaneous items," "bond" covering substandard room and board and transportation, tax and social security tax.

The pickets sought a 51-hour week with a day off for the women, most of whom are working as domestics, and improved conditions for the men, who are working in various Chicago plants.

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