



Literary Column

MY COUNTRY

Spirit of Man: Founder of Liberty
Great light for which democracy exists!
America is the land that you have loved:
On us the burden falls to lead the nations
Out of this frightful wilderness of steel;
On us depends the course of that which is
To come hereafter—whether freedom was
A stolen dream from Heaven, or is the truth
On which to found the future of mankind.
Brother of all races and all creeds!
If there is anything that we can do,
Now let us do it! If there is any price
That will repurchase from the hungry past
The honor of our dead, let us pay it now!

by R. W. Davenport

Dark Merit



by
Kathryne
Favors

community, recognizing his wonderful gift, called him to serve.
'One white man who came to a church to hear him preach out of curiosity endeavored to show his disrespect by keeping his hat on. He confessed, thereafter, however, that before Lemuel Haynes had spoken five minutes it seemed to him that the greatest man he had ever seen was preaching to him from the pulpit.' He then became a very great preacher and preached to whites at Torrington, West Rutland, Manchester, and at Granville, in New York.

Slavery

Lemuel Haynes, a preacher to whites

Lemuel Haynes was the son of a Negro by a white woman. He was born in 1753. His mother deserted him in infancy. Later he was placed in school by a certain David Rose of Granville, Massachusetts. He studied religious education. Soon he was called to serve in the Revolutionary War where he served with distinction. After returning, he was called to read on Saturday evenings from collections of sermons to prepare the people for worship on Sunday. One Saturday evening when he was asked to read a sermon, he read one of his own. As this sermon sounded quite different than the others, David Rose asked him whose sermon it was. He had to admit that it was his very own. The

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By Howard
"Smoky"
Molden

"Ches" Washington—
The Pirates' Pot O' Gold

The Pittsburgh Pirates' baseball club made two major investments for the '47 season which should pay good dividends. One was modernizing and streamlining their park. The other was the purchase of Hank Greenberg, an accepted "name attraction." A record opening-day crowd of 38,216 and Sunday's capacity crowd can be cited as Exhibits "A" and "B" of what they can expect if they continue to play good baseball.

On May 15, 16, and 17, the Bucs' bosses will probably see something which should give them an idea for another good investment. On these dates Brooklyn's beloved Bums, with Jackie Robinson in their lineup, will come to town. Just watch the turnout of colored fans.

Included in the 52,355 NL record-breaking crowd at the Polo Grounds last Saturday, when the Dodgers played the Giants, were nearly 15,000 tan-tinted rooters. In all other metropolitan centers like Chicago, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Cincinnati and Boston, there will be big turnouts of sepia

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A few years ago—under the old regime—a tryout with the pirates was promised a few capable colored players. That promise was never kept. But Branch Rickey saw the possibilities of the idea. He knew that Robinson with Montreal had helped triple the attendance in the International League. And he tried it Already it's paying off for Brooklyn.

The Pittsburgh owners will be making a good and wise business investment for the future if they direct their scouts to start looking around now for a good colored ball player.

Not only would he add color to the club, but he would make the turnstiles at Forbes Field click even faster.

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