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Don't ask for rights. Take them. An don't let any man give them to ye. A right that is handed to ye fr awthin' has somethin' the matter with it.—Mr. Dooley.

They have rights who dare maintain them.—James Russell Lowell.

SOCIAL EQUALITY

I Am a Nordic—restless, greedy, aggressive. As a Nordic I resent any interference with my desire to explore and possess the universe. I refuse to remain cooped up forever in my father's house, or village, or country, or race.

Because the bronze in my face is spotted about in freckles instead of evenly spread, must I be forbidden the friendship of Negroes? The intensest pleasure man can give me is their friendship—bewildering treasure!

Arthur P. Moore.

II

I do not believe in equality of any kind. The varying and varied contributions of the forces of heredity and environment are such that one cannot say with any degree of assurance that two individuals are created equal or that they have achieved a state of equality.

III

The man who has been, and is this day, the greatest inspiration in my life is a Negro. History records no more amazing story than that of the brilliant achievements of this humble son of a southern slave, who, handicapped by ill health, poverty and the thousand and one barriers that confront the enterprising Negro youth, overcame all and is today acknowledged as one of the worlds greatest scientists, holding membership in the British Royal Society of Science.

In the noble life of this

saintly man I see the future of a great race. In his eyes I see the soul of a people who have experienced God, and understand the meaning of the Cross.

The unique contribution of George Carver has made in the field of science and religion is symbolical of the contribution the Negro race is destined to make to our civilization if all unequal relationships are abolished and the Negro is given every opportunity fully to develop his personality.

I believe in social equality because it is impossible to believe anything else.

Howard J. Kester.

The Empire State Gazette of Jamaica, N. Y. found its way to the Advocate office this week and we must say it is a clean cut, newsy sheet.

We are proud to have the honor of placing it on our exchange list.

POLITICAL CLOUDS GROW DARKER

The Political fortunes of the Afro-American citizens were never lower and darker since the Civil War than at this time. We have no standing whatever in the Republican party and we never had any in the democratic party, and we have no political organization of our own to command the respect of other party organizations.

It is not to be marveled at that Judge Moorfield Storey, of Boston, the venerable president of the N. A. A. C. P., in his address, was moved to say that "For Negroes in America there are no Republicans and no Democrats, only friends and opponents." Only a few days before Senator Borah, a Republican, of Idaho, justified the methods by which Afro-Americans had been disfranchised by the Southern Democrats, with the declaration that the "emancipation of the slaves at the time it was done and under the circumstances was one of the greatest mistakes ever made in this country."

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LOOKING OUT FOR SELF

One of the things that the majority of colored people are charged with being guilty of is looking out for themselves. So few are willing to sacrifice or suffer that their race may reap any benefit through their personal suffering.

Now, when the white race came along and found him dead and his machine smashed did they laugh at him and call him crazy? No, indeed, they did not. They reverently picked him up and carried him away to be buried with honors.

It has been wisely said by Kelly Miller "that Negroes will pay for the things they want, but beg for the things they need."

The above is a truism that is evident wherever one may turn. So long as this is true, we shall be weighed upon the balance and found wanting.

Rights are won and not bestowed as some of our wise alexs seem to think. The cowardly cringing man or beast has never won the respect and admiration of any one.

ONE MAN RULE

When any Lodge or any kind of organization delegates its control and man-

agement, especially its finances, to any one or two or to a clique of men or women in defiance of the law and rules of the organization, said organization is surely riding for a hard fall.

The National Association of Colored women, Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, president, will take their delegations of women to the Pacific Coast in two trains.

ALL RACES WANT HUMAN RECOGNITION

The report of the Unitarian Y. P. B. R. Conference from Starr Island, N. H., tells of the statement of Rev. J. B. Hollis Tegaraden of New Orleans who says: "The Negro is becoming race conscious and does not want to marry into the white race."

In the same report the secretary of the Japanese Students' Christian Association of North America spoke in behalf of the second generation of Japanese who were born in Hawaii or on this continent.

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wants social and industrial recognition. It is true that Americans of African decent are content without it.

JEFFERSON MYERS

Hon. Jefferson Myers, who was recently appointed a member of the United States Shipping Board, is the only Federal office holder from Oregon, who has shown any consideration for Colored people.

His chouffer and messenger are both Colored men. And it might be well to mention, here, that Mr. Myers is one of the leading Democrats of Oregon, and a man who believes in a square deal regardless of color.

Franklin T. Griffith, president of the P. E. P., is reported seriously ill in a local hospital.

No finer man than Mr. Griffith ever lived, and those who know his kindly spirit, are hoping for his speedy recovery.

One of the stumbling blocks to the progress of our group in Portland is that we have too much "Charleston Society" and not enough business.

Aimee McPherson's kidnapping story may be true, but there are a lot of people who do not believe it, and we are among that number.

O God! Make all my ideals and thoughts one ideal and one thought, and suffer me to attain to an eternal, unchangeable condition in Thy service.—'Abdu'l-Baha.

We wonder how many colored girls entered the local contest for Miss America. Don't all raise your hands at once.

The Advocate congratulates Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wheeler on the advent of a young Wheeler who came on "Pop's" birthday, last Monday. The Missus can now make the cake a two-in-one.

SCANDAL MONGER

The Gossipers and scandal mongers jumped at an opportunity a few days ago to wag their tongues of slander about a very sad event that occurred among our group.

The tendency on the part of many of our group to gossip is far too prevalent and unless all forces are employed to curb them, they are going to take a sudden fall into the lowest regions of hell.

Our only reason for issuing this warning is based on the fear that the guilty ones will and are going down and will pull the innocent ones of the race down with them.

We rather favor a legal form of publicity, with the view of throwing light on, and correcting the same. However, when the mean, vil, slanderous, venum spreading men and women of the gossiping ype, take pleasure in grasping some brutal, nefarious, scandalous report about some individual of the community, and spreading it, it is time to call a halt.

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