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

The Spingarn Medal

We do not get the meaning of all this controversy about James Weldon Johnson being awarded the 1925 Spingarn medal. Why not? Doesn't Johnson deserve it? Now if this estimable committee on award made a mistake in selecting Johnson for the 1925 Spingarn medal winner, isn't it reasonable to believe that it might have made a mistake in awarding it to the many others? We understand that the Spingarn medal is bestowed annually upon the American of African descent performing the most notable service during the past year or several years. No one can gainsay the wonderful work Johnson has and is doing, not only for his racial group but for the whole world, even those who are criticizing the committee upon its choice, know that. Space will not permit us here to enumerate the many instances of his unusually notable public service. It would take a book to do that. To hold that no officer of the N.A.A.C.P. should receive the Spingarn medal is an extremely narrow view to take. Might just as well hold that no member of the association should be awarded the medal for each member of the association is just as much a citizen of the organization as its officers. We are a member of the N. A. A. C. P., and while we may never earn the medal, if we should, we certainly would not want our citizenship in the N. A. A. C. P. to bar us from receiving it.

Real Friends

He or she is my friend is a remark you oftentimes hear but very few people know what is a friend. I will tell you. It is a person with whom you dare to be yourself. Your soul can go naked with him. He seems to ask you to put on nothing, only to be what you are. He does not want you to be better or worse. When you are with him you feel as a prisoner feels who has been declared innocent. You do not have to be on your guard. You can say what you think, express what you feel. He is shocked at nothing, offended at nothing, so long as it is genuinely you. He understands those contradictions in your nature that

leads others to misjudge you. With him you breathe freely. You can take off your coat and loosen your collar. You can avow your little vanities and envies and hates and vicious sparks, your meanness and absurdities, and in opening them up to him they are lost, dissolved in the white ocean of his loyalty. He understands. You do not have to be careful. You can abuse him, neglect him, betray him. Best of all, you can keep still with him. It makes no matter. He likes you. He is like fire, that purifies all you do. Through and underneath it all he sees, knows and loves—you. A friend, I repeat, is one with whom you dare to be yourself.

The Golden Rule

Does the Golden Rule mean anything to you? Of course you believe in it. Frequently you regret that others fail to follow. Often you are inclined to preach its usefulness to your fellowmen. But the while how much do you take its real meaning to heart for your own welfare and happiness?

Too many of us are constantly believing that the other fellow makes all the mistakes. Too often we believe that we get the raw end of every deal. The great difficulty with many is that they do not recognize that they do not wish so much to do unto others as they would be done by; but instead expect others to befriend and aid them, regardless of whether they themselves help to brighten the pathways their fellows must tread.

If everyone did towards us exactly as we do toward him, we to our own future! Almost unconsciously we are apt to take advantage of others without giving the consequences serious thought. Each of us in a measure can measure his happiness by the manner in which his associates and the world in general plays square. But let us make every effort each day to assure himself that there are no causes for regrets in his own actions, and despite the selfishness of others, he'll usually find the sunshine of contentment beaming brightly down on his pathway, no matter how rough or steep it may be.

The Commercial Bank of San Diego, Cal., has employed C. H. Dodge, a colored man, as a bank official. The place calls for honesty and ability. These virtues Mr. Dodge has demonstrated to the general satisfaction of that institution.

If any one should ask if our group has a daily paper, say yes. It's the Washington, D. C. American. It's a five column folio and plans are shaping to make it larger.

Three men touring the country speaking at lodges on the candidacy for Grand Exalted Ruler of Elks looks too much like politics for the good of the order.

Two colored men in Los Angeles, Cal., have brought suit under the civil rights act against theatres there for discrimination. These suits make the fourth or fifth of their kind to be entered against theatres in that city and all have been decided in favor of the plaintiffs.

The delegates who attended the recent Christian Endeavor convention sang tenderly and touchingly "Onward Christian Sol-

diers" while the delegates to the Elks' convention sang loud and long, "How Dry I Am." Both songs brought results.

Judge A. C. Hough of Grants Pass, Ore., was a visitor to the city Tuesday and says he enjoys reading The Advocate.

J. T. Scoopes was found guilty of teaching the theory of evolution in the public schools of Dayton, Tenn., and fined \$100. Score one for William Jennings Bryan.

News and Social Briefs

By Nannie Maud Carr

The Get Acquainted Club met at the residence of Mrs. Daisy Moore Tuesday evening. The entire evening was spent arranging its future program. The club will meet jointly with the Joy-makers Club at Bethel Church, Thursday evening, July 30, to complete arrangements for the Oratorical Contest. This promises to be a rare treat for Portland. Announcement of date later. Delicious refreshments were dispensed by the hostess.

Mr. Ernest Franklin had as dinner guests at his country home Sunday Messrs. Raymond C. Dyer, D. Hubert and Earl Scott.

The daily Bible School is being largely attended. The principal, Rev. E. C. Dyer, and teachers, Rex. X. C. Runyan and Rev. H. Leo Johnston, are making the lessons interesting and educational. There are classes for all ages and many are looking forward to receipt of certificate if they make the grade.

Wm. Duncan Allen, Jr., and party motored to Seattle Sunday for a week's visit. Others in the party were Nellie Allen, Jennie and Dora Grayson and Mrs. John Payne, chaperone.

Miss Grace Franklin and mother of Seattle returned home Sunday after a pleasant visit with Mrs. B. Tinsley. They were motifs for many social affairs during their stay.

Seaside Notes

Mrs. Reno Bartholomeu and children spent two weeks at Seaside. They returned home last Thursday.

Mrs. Inez Duke and children left last Thursday for Portland. After ten days they will return for the rest of the season.

Mrs. Charles Rivers of Gresham spent the week-end visiting her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Berry Tinsley, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Jackson of Seattle, Wash., and Mrs. T. O. Rogers of St. Paul, Minn., motored to Seaside last Friday. They returned Saturday. While here they were the guests of Mr. Jackson, who is a cousin of Mr. Wm. Jackson.

Ungrammatical But Exact

The Lady Remarketh: Hobo, did you notice that pile of wood in the yard?

Hobo: Yes'm, I see it.
Lady: You should mind your grammar, you mean you saw it.
Hobo: No'm. You saw me see it. But you ain't see me saw it.

Flying Angel

"Do angels have wings, mumsy?"
"Yes, darling."
"Can they fly?"
"Yes, dear."
"Then when is nurse going to fly, 'cause Daddy called her an angel last night?"
"Tomorrow, darling."

The Philanthropists

Wife (with first checking account): Oh, John, the bank sent me back all the checks I paid bills with last month, so I haven't spent anything.

They Knew

"What do you mean by putting your thumb to your nose and wriggling your fingers at those little boys?"
Willie: "Don't you worry, they know what I mean—ma."

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Bishop Parks Lauds West

Oakland, Cal., July 24.—Bishop H. B. Parks, senior bishop of the A. M. E. Church, on his return from the Bishops' Council meeting of which he is chairman, expressed himself as highly pleased with the meeting. "Never before has the West seen such a distinguished group of Negroes at one time," said he; "and everywhere they were received with loud acclaim. There were bishops, college presidents, editors, bank presidents, insurance officers, and others of prominence in our party which occupied a special train of four Pullman sleepers, a diner and an observation car." Bishop Parks stated further that he had invited these race and church leaders to California in order to impress them with the West. "I have been bishop over this territory over fourteen years and I know it. I moved to this city, Oakland, because it is one of the finest cities in the world. I want the Negroes to know the West—not only its splendid cities, but its country side. Here is the best country in the world adapted to our people, not too hot, not too cold. Here is an abundance of land, cheap land, fertile soil that does not need fertilizers as do the worn out land in Georgia and Alabama and other Southern States, where our people live by the millions. Here in California is a fine opportunity to grow cotton; for California is destined to outstrip Georgia as the cotton section of the nation. The Negro made cotton "king" in the South, and got little else for his work but slavery, poverty, disfranchisement. Here is a free land, free schools, free opinion and wonderful opportunity, and an industry—cotton growing—that the Negro knows better than anything else in the world, and better than anybody else in the world. Let the Negro come West. We can use a half million here. I have asked the bishops to take back that invitation to my people South."

Williams Ave. Y. W. C. A.

Miss Margie L. Danley, executive secretary of the Branch, will return on the 26th of July to resume the work. Miss Danley was the delegate to the N. A. A. C. P. conference and has been visiting in California.

The members of the younger set were entertained at a beautiful birthday party by the Misses Bessie James, Vivian Rutherford and Mr. Donald Bagley on Thursday, July 16. The Harriet Tubman Club held its meeting at the Branch on Monday evening.

The committee of management held open house at the "Y" on Wednesday afternoon, honoring Miss Mabel Byrd, former executive secretary, who is visiting in the city.

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Readers, Please Take Notice

We are publishing the following questionnaire which we hope every boy and girl, man and woman who reads it will fill out and return to our office. It is published from a purely educational viewpoint and we want your uncolored opinion in answer to the various questions. Your names will not be used at all in connection with any publicity, but we are anxious to learn the true state of the conditions which the following questions involve. Will you please do this as soon as possible? Bring or send in your answers.

1. State nationalities of any foreigners with whom you are acquainted.
2. Have you had any close relations with them? Have you noticed the attitude of your foreign acquaintances in your relationship with them toward the following?
 - (a) Virtue.
 - (b) Honesty.
 - (c) Truth.
 - (d) Loyalty to the country.
 - (e) Obedience to the laws of the land.
 - (f) Religion.

Their attitude or interest in:

- (a) Institutions of law and mercy.
- (b) Family and home.
- (c) Parents and other dependents.
- (d) Social gatherings and community meetings.
- (e) Community welfare.
- (f) Women and aged persons.
- (g) Citizenship.
- (h) Language.

3. Does the youth of a foreign land face the same temptations as the youth in America? More or less? If more, why? If less, why?
4. In your opinion does the foreign born have the same innate human virtues and weaknesses as the American born?
5. In your opinion is the foreign born condemned more than the American born for his unsocial acts common perhaps to all men? If more, why? If less, why?
6. In your opinion is the foreigner looked down upon with contempt because he is poor, uneducated, or cursed with certain faults which he acquired while living in a poor or ill-governed country?
7. How many foreigners do you know? Under what conditions or circumstances have you met them or come to know them?

What is your opinion of their race? Name and address. Title, vocation or profession.

DOINGS OF THE ELKS

We read that the delegates from New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Kansas City, California and New Jersey are going to the Elks Grand Lodge at Richmond, Va., next month with instructions from their respective lodges to vote first and last against the reelection of J. Finley Wilson, G. E. R. J. Dalmar Steele, E. R. of Manhattan Lodge of New York, the man who the G. E. R. tried to have the members of his lodge defeat for E. R., while on a visit there and which lead up to the row causing Mr. Wilson to be escorted at the point of a gun from the hall, is touring the Elks' domain to farther his candidacy for the office of G. E. R.

A Boosting Committee has been appointed by T. H. Williams, Exalted Ruler of Rose City Lodge, and the duty of this committee is to look after receptions and entertainments for the lodge. The first of the series of entertainments already planned will be held July 31st.

Wm. Webb, a charter member of Rose City Lodge, was a welcome visitor to the meeting of the lodge on last Wednesday night, being the first time in seven months.

HOTEL NOTES

Henry Theile, who was going to monopolize all the restaurants and catering businesses in Portland, when he opened up three restaurants and was soon to have opened the fourth, is now in the hands of a receiver. In other words, Theile has gone broke, just as many individuals had predicted. E. Bushnell returned Monday as waiter in the Portland dining room, after a forced vacation of a week. Booker Kirk, bellhop at The Portland, had a session with the speed cops last week which cost him some mazzuma. But Kirk didn't saw hoy much.

NOTICE

Regular meetings of the Portland Branch of the National Association for the advancement of Colored People held every second Monday evening at Bethel A. M. E. Church, Larrabee and McMillen streets. LEE ANDERSON, Sec'y. J. A. EWING, Pres.

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