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Racial Shortcomings

According to one, H. L. Mencken, writing in The American Mercury Magazine, in taking stock of the Colored people, sweating up from slavery, "their fallings short mount up to more than their gains"—and he enumerates several points wherein he believes they have fallen short.

Mr. Mencken takes a whack at what he calls the "Elmer Gantry's" of the Race, and says that religion among the lower classes of blacks has become a form of exploitation—not only in villages, but also in cities, where they are kept poor by endless squeezing under a religious leadership that is half ignoramus, and half knave.

And right here we wish to inform Mr. Mencken that it is not always the so-called ignorant preacher, but it is very often the most intelligent ones "who manage this evil business, and who are inordinately bold, callous and vicious."

We suppose that all races and groups, from time to time, are afflicted with grafters and hypocrites who prey upon the masses. It is the people themselves who eventually rise to see the falseness of this leadership, and drive these traitors from the Temples.

However, Mr. Mencken touched on another point wherein we are short, and which cannot be chalked up solely against our ministry. In fact, he touched on two points, but stated that the one is precedent to the other. Listen to this: "For all their progress, economic, political and cultural, they have yet failed to accomplish two things that are of the first importance—and indeed, more important than any other. The first is the organization of their people into a coherent and reasonably steadfast bloc, capable of acting, when the common interest is at stake, as a unit. The second is the formulation of a program for it, with clear and attainable goals."

Now, ye editors, preachers, teachers, politicians and leaders, who can say that what Mr. Mencken has charged against us is anything but the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth? And more important still, who will attempt the formation of such a bloc, beginning, for instance, here in the City of Portland, spreading over all Oregon, and thence throughout the nation? Marcus Garvey conceived of such an organization, but he failed to develop a clear and attainable goal.

The Advocate makes bold to predict that our entire future, indeed, our very survival, in this country, and in the world, whether in industry, or in politics, or in any state of society, is altogether dependent upon our seizing and acting upon the thought advanced by our very friendly critic, H. L. Mencken.

Don't Give Up!

Some people whom we know in Portland have had some mighty bad breaks while trying to do something that would be of great benefit to all.

While some of them have become discouraged and quit trying, others have kept at it, and by so doing, they are showing the stuff that real men and women are made of.

This thing of being discouraged by bad breaks, losing confidence in yourself to succeed, and all, but giving up hope, should in the main, be not tolerated.

Whether the breaks be few or many, keep on trying and if your cause is right and just you will surely win out in the end.

Don't give up!

Our Graduates: What Are They Doing?

Hundreds—yes, thousands—of our boys and girls have just graduated from Colleges and universities—and will now go forth seeking their life's work, but what are

they to do? That's the all-important question that is bobbing up and we, as a Group, must find some way to answer it satisfactorily to all concerned.

To do this, more positions must be created; more enterprises must be established. With the establishment of more business enterprises, we will be able to see our graduates in other occupations than those of bootblacks, porters, waiters and scrub-women.

Our Group has the brains and the man-power to do anything they will to do. If they would only pool their interests and unite their forces and do team work. When we do this, our graduates will then be able to find something to do that will be in keeping with their education.

Keep Kicking

There is real satisfaction in observing the mighty protests that the farmers are making against this tariff of abominations. It is a "farm relief" tariff all right, which will relieve farmers of their farms. Even the bona fide farmers who may get some help from some duties on lemons and milk, will lose more in increased prices for things like shingles and concrete and shoes and sugar.

The trouble with most of the farmers' protest seems to be that while they object reasonably enough to this bill, they all want tariffs or debentures, or something on the particular articles they produce.

There is only one way to get high tariffs and that is not scientific and does not consider the general good. It is the way of log rolling and the best log rollers win.

There is less than nothing to be said for a higher sugar tariff, but because sugar growers are politically powerful in 11 states and have an uncommonly good lobby, they have, so far, beaten the administration and the public into line by the simple device of refusing to support any tariff unless they can get what they want. That's the game. But maybe the rest of us can spoil it by keeping on kicking.

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Churches

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Sunday, June 23 Annual Children's Day at First A.M.E. Zion Church. Church School at 10 a.m., followed by a special sermon to children and parents at 11 a.m.

The Varick Christian Endeavor will meet at 8:30; topic: "Jesus Teaching Us Self-Control". An interesting program has been arranged.

The Sunday School children will have charge of the devotional exercises at 8 p.m. They will conduct an interesting program.

Rev. H. Leo Johnston, presiding elder, preached both morning and evening Sunday. He was greeted by a number of friends, who welcomed the former pastor.

The Quarterly conference was held Monday night. Reports of the various departments brought words of commendation for the most part, with words of advice and admonition for those departments, which needed advice and help.

Prayer and Class meeting Wednesday night was well attended and a splendid meeting resulted.

The Viligantes club met at the Church Wednesday and discussed plans for future activities. The club is raising money with which to buy carpet for the Church.

The Gleaner's Art Club had a very interesting meeting at the Church Thursday afternoon, at which time plans were made for holding the annual bazaar.

The Missionary Society met at the Church Friday afternoon in a literary-social meeting. A large number attended and a very pleasant meeting was enjoyed.

BETHEL CHURCH NOTES

REV. D. G. HILL, Jr., Pastor Miss Louise Randolph, Reporter

At 11 o'clock Rev. Hill will preach from the subject, "A Mind to Work". Special music will be rendered by the choir.

The order of the F. & A. Masons will hold their St. Johns Day celebration at Bethel at 2 p.m. Rev. D. G. Hill Jr. will deliver a sermon from the subject, "The Beloved Deceit".

Editor W. H. Wilson of the Seattle Enterprise will be our guest during the day.

Congregational singing led by the choir and the reports of the Captains will constitute the evening services at 8 o'clock.

Bethel's Loyal Knights held an interesting meeting at J. C. Baker's home. The Knights are up and doing.

Well Bethelites, are you doing your bit for Bethel? You know our slogan is that "Nothing but the best for Bethel". Pep into it. Jump in and work. Our rally is coming fine, but we need the support of every one who is for and in Bethel. Let's pay off the debt and boost for our Bethel. Mr. Estelle writes J. A. Wisdom through Portland next month enroute to British Columbia.

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MOUNT OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH

By Edgar Williams Jonathan Lyle Caston, Pastor, 333 Wygant St.—Phone Walnut 1133.

ORDER OF SERVICE Sunday: 9:30 a. m., Sunday School; 11 a. m., preaching; 6:30 p. m., B.Y.P.U.; 7:45 p. m., Evening Service. Monday: 8 p. m., Brotherhood Meets. Tuesday: 8 p. m., Choir Rehearsal. Wednesday: 8 p. m., Midweek Prayer Service. Thursday (Second and Fourth): Missionary Circle, 4 p. m. Friday (First and Third): Literary Society, time and place announced.

Two moving sermons, "The Blessedness of a Surrendered Life" and "A Psychological View of Atonement" were the important features of the Mt. Olivet services Sunday. The second message, delivered by Dr. Caston at the evening service, was a treatise read before the Gray Friars Breakfast club recently. Invocation at the evening service was pronounced by Rev. John F. Dunston, pastor of the Congregational church.

Many white friends were present at the evening service and were made welcome by Dr. Caston. The Every-Member Canvass got off to a flying start Sunday after the morning service and they reported Sunday night concerning the day's activity. That membership was approaching 100 per cent was indicated by the incomplete figures presented in the evening. It was believed that when complete reports were turned in, that the canvass would show a gratifying number.

The program rendered by the B.Y.P.U. at the Sunday evening service was considered very appropriate by members of the congregation who expressed themselves on the matter.

A mixed program of instrumental numbers, interspersed with informal talks, made up the entertainment under the leadership of Miss Geraldine Williams, B.Y.P.U., president.

The Senior Missionary society entertained the Juniors Tuesday at the church with refreshments and an informal program. An outline of the program for coming months was presented by members under the direction of Mrs. Hattie Redmond.

The first program will be held on the Fifth Sunday in June.

At the morning service, the seniors will have charge of the program and in the evening the juniors will assume leadership.

Dr. Caston has prepared an exceptionally important sermon for Sunday's service. Church goers are asked to be sure and turn out in a big number.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON

For the County of Multnomah FRANCES TURNER, Plaintiff vs. RAYMOND CORHAM, Defendant (No. 14571)

SUMMONS

To Raymond Corham, the Above Named Defendant: In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled Court and cause on or before the expiration of four weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, to-wit: on or before July 22, 1929, and if you fail to so appear and answer, plaintiff, for want thereof, will apply to the above entitled Court for judgment against you for the sum of Eleven Dollars and Twenty-Cents (\$11.20) and for costs and disbursements incurred in this action.

This summons is served upon you by publication thereof by order of the Honorable J. Hunt Hendrickson, Judge of the above entitled Court, made and entered upon the 21st day of June, A.D. 1929, directing that said publication be made in The Advocate not less than once each week for four consecutive weeks from the date of the first publication thereof.

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SOCIAL EVENTS POLLYANN



Invitations have been issued by Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Maxwell, of Salem, Oregon, to the wedding of their daughter, El Rae, to Mr. Ulysses Gregg, at the First Methodist Church in Salem, July 14, at 4:00 o'clock.

Mrs. Belle Jackson of Seattle Wn., Worthy Grand Matron of the Washington Jurisdiction, made her annual visit to Enterprise Chapter of Portland on June 19. Mrs. Jackson was the house guest of Mrs. Lenora Henderson while here.

On Saturday evening Miss Mary Alice Jones, niece of Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Ashford of 328 Wheeler St., was married to Mr. Robert Byrd by Rev. W. R. Lovell. Only the immediate relatives of the couple were present. This is indeed quite a surprise to the many friends of the newlyweds.

Mrs. Effie Harris was hostess to a very enjoyable and successful card party Monday evening. This party was sponsored by the famous Oregon Belles Drill Team.

The baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Reynolds of 391 Roselawn is a bit indisposed this week.

Mrs. E. W. Agee and children left Monday for Yakima, Wash. to spend their vacation with Mrs. Agee's father.

Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Booker and Mrs. Cain report having had a very enjoyable motor trip to Seattle last weekend.

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