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RALPH L. LESTER

Ralph L. Lester, whose column is appearing in this issue under the caption of "Done at Random" and which has for the past two weeks appeared in The Advocate under the heading of "Lestergrams" is a brilliant young student of journalism. Mr. Lester resides in Philadelphia, Pa.

The Advocate counts itself fortunate in being able to engage the services of this young writer and we predict for him a successful future.

Negro journalism is in its infancy and there is need for many strong, ambitious, studious, race loving young men for the work. The field offers a wide scope of activity and liberal returns in opportunity for service to ones fellowman.

VALUELESS DOLLARS

It probably never occurs to most of us that there is such a thing as valueless money. And it isn't counterfeit either. Millions of honest and legitimate dollars in this country are now absolutely valueless and useless.

This is the money that drops out of circulation. It is hoarded money. Its owners keep it in safe deposit boxes or in teapots or buried in the back yard.

Money has no intrinsic value—its value is determined by what it can do when it is working. When out of work, it is as useless as would be a number of similar sized pieces of tin. It isn't paying taxes or meeting dividends or employing labor or buying supplies. It isn't doing its part in keeping the wheels of enterprise turning.

There are two distinct ways of putting money back into circulation. One is depositing it in commercial or savings accounts in banks, or purchasing government or other high-grade securities. The other is buying needed articles or effecting necessary repairs.

Put at least a part of the dollar into furnace renovation, into a new roof or other house repairs or paint, into some labor saving appliance, into plumbing or yard work. You'll get about twice the value you'd have got three years ago—and you will have helped the cause of recovery.

America needs more jobs, and less charity. It needs more spending—wise spending, that gets homes and permanent values in return.

EDUCATION

(By Myrtle W. Campbell)

The word education means to educate, to progress, or train. Every person has latent qualities to be developed, innate possibilities to be unfolded, talents in need of cultivation, and faculties to be broadened. The human substance of the individual cannot be changed by education! That is, a cactus cannot become a tree, a stone cannot become a brilliant gem, a monkey cannot become a man, nor an ordinary man, a Christ. But cultivation and education make each of its kind shine in its own sphere. Each climo gives forth as much light as it is able, according to its capacity.

Abdul Baha, the Persian Prophet says there are four influences that effect the life of man: first, heredity; second, prenatal influence; third, environment, and fourth, climate. These four influences together are the cause ment and give him the power to transcend the laws of nature through the agency of the human mind.

The powers of the mind: reason, perception, ideation, and imagination differentiate man from the animal and make him capable of acquiring divine attributes and attaining to the knowledge of God, the supreme achievement in the education of the human race.

ON THE PHYSICAL PLANE

(By E. D. Cannady)

The many broken homes by divorce and otherwise are due in many cases to the fact that most marriages are purely on a physical plane. Physical beauty of form and face, physical grace and carriage; a curving voice, a bewitching smile—all are attractive physical elements. However, chiefest and most dangerous of the physical elements are those which make a sex appeal awaken, sex desire and incite to sex union. But the physical is not permanent. Illness will mar the most beautiful face and change the most symmetrical form. Constant association will tend to make physical beauty less prominent and less appealing. The physical in sex will be satiated and perhaps glutted, making commonplace what once seemed irresistibly attractive or perhaps it will end, in repulsiveness. In fact the physical alone is a tie that will not bind when have come the fading of facial beauty and emaciation of physical form and exhaustion of a element—unless there are between a man and woman stronger ties than these, it will mean the end of happiness for them. Unless there exists the higher qualities of the heart and soul to appeal and bind, there will be wreck and ruin. Jacob loved Rachael when he first saw her and loved her to the end. But he saw more than her outward beauty. He discovered those inner qualities which held his love till death. So it has been and so it will be.

"This & That"

By CLIFFORD C. MITCHELL

Steadily Growing!

The "exchanges" received during the week revealed the fact that this personal column now has readers in nine different publications. The seven new ones are:

The Tribune of Washington, D. C. who introduced the column with a pertinent explanatory note; The Florida Sentinel of Jacksonville; The Carolina Times of Durham. For two years and a half Mr. Austin has given my releases favorable consideration. He now has with him as city editor, "Chick" Coleman, who by the way, is the only colored journalist who has ever taken the trouble to visit me in prison. The News Star of Newport News, Va. Miss R. L. Johnson, the manager, has also consistently supported my efforts by her liberal treatment of my releases. Incidentally she ran my picture in her last anniversary issue. George W. Harris' Broadcast, way down in Monroe, La.

In the passing of Noah D. Thompson of New York, I lost one of my most enthusiastic journalist supporters. It was through the intercession of Mr. Thompson that George S. Schuyler, a few years ago, that I secured the active cooperation of Senator Charles A. Roxborough, of Detroit.

Only last week the former Senator wrote me as follows:

"Enclosed herewith is a clipping taken from the Charlotte Republican-Tribune, printed in Charlotte, Michigan, edited by Merle DeFoe, who some years ago was Executive Clerk in the Governor's office when I was messenger during Governor Osborn's regime. I am also enclosing copy of letter I have sent to Frank D. Fitzgerald (Michigan's Secretary of State) in your behalf. I am quite sure with a man of his type interested in your case, something will be done for you immediately."

And this is the Senator's letter to Mr. Fitzgerald:

"A few days ago I was reading an article appearing in the Charlotte Republican-Tribune, written by our friend Doc DeFoe, in which he states you visited Michigan State Prison, and one Clifford C. Mitchell who has been confined there for some time. When I was Senator, I attempted to do something for Mr. Mitchell in the way of getting him released from Jackson, but was unsuccessful, and was very happy to read that you expect to take his matter up with the present Governor personally. I am sure this young man has learned his lesson, and is ready to go into the world and do good. I am quite sure anything you can do for him will be appreciated. Wishing you much success. I am"

Rev. H. Franklin Bray, if Idlewild, Michigan, who is interested in the Idlewild Realty Company, writes to offer me a "home-site" if I care to make my headquarters in their community.

And Mrs. Florence W. Oakfield, editor of the Columbus Voice, wants to know if she can help me get a parole to Columbus and help her run her paper.

Merely acknowledgements: "Maggie L. Walker, Her Life and Deeds" from the Dabney Publishing Co., Cincinnati. The March Koch Messenger. The April Crisis; and Interracial Review. Father Coughlin's "New Deal and New Man". "A Survey of Negro Newspapers in the United States", by G. James Fleming, Arizona Glean, the 35th paper to use "Prisons and Prisoners". St. Louis American, the 96th paper to use "Digesting the News". Thanks to Davis Lee for his compliment in his "Chat with Writers" feature which appears in the SNS papers with many of my weekly features. Complimentary

"RACKET"

(By Trezvant W. Anderson for ANP)

SYNOPSIS

THE STORY THUS FAR—Staid old Washington, D. C. had rapidly joined the ranks with other metropolitan cities, with graft, gambling, vice and whatnot flourishing in such manner that left the old inhabitants awestricken. Underworld life was at its height in all its varied ramifications. A war was on between Buck White and his partner, Joe French, the recognized leaders of the clan and two youngsters Harry Brooks and Al Freeman, generally termed as Muscles and in this warfare were the usual intrigues, under-cover and double crossing activities, with mystery being added by the constant appearance of a "strange" young man on the scene of action whenever anything happened. And things had happened; first Buck White and Joe French had been arrested and released on bail, something unheard of in the underworld, and on the heels of the coming of Olive Lester, the sweetheart of Buck White. To add further to the activities that were mystifying, Harry Brooks had been shot and killed by "unknown parties" and again the mysterious stranger was present. Washington clamored to know who killed Brooks and the family of the slain man had vowed vengeance upon his killers. No clues were left. He had simply been killed as many another had been in other cities. Will Washington solve the mystery?

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY:

Yes, he was sure of it! He was right. It had been that boisterous young fellow, the hard eyes again! But what on earth could a youngster be doing mixed up in this kind of gang mess? Who were the three men? Were they hired thugs, paid to do this murder? Only last night a small car similar to this one, if not the same, had been seen leaving the scene of the murder of Harry Brooks and now, here was another thing exactly like that one. . . . and that young high school kid! What was it all about? The Spectator meant to find out. And he also meant to find out if the "strange" young man had anything to do with this latest gang killing, for it could have included anyone of those innocent suspecting pedestrians and theatre-goers who were wending their way to the theatre. Maybe it was the latest move in getting rid of the best competition, and these gangsters were getting desperate to start ridding each other with bullets. Heretofore, it had been "frame-ups," as the Spectator had uncovered in many of his thrilling news stories. Two blocks from the theatre, in the quiet street, to a telephone booth, where he called his City Editor's desk, and unfolded to him the details of the latest killing in the Capitol's gang warfare, and that night all of the Northwest section of Washington hummed with the discussion of the latest killing. It French and Buck White, where he called the name of The Spectator was in it. For had he not seen it all, and even watched the death car, in its flight from the scene of the murder?

Hardly had the ink dried on the final extras put out by the Evening Bulletin, when Detective Sergeant O'Brien, of the Police Department walked into the brokerage office of French and White, and calmly announced to the two partners that they were under arrest. "If I were you, I wouldn't say anything boys. Not yet." And so, with no comment, Joe French and Buck White went to jail again. The first editions of the morning papers told the Capitol in glaring headlines that French and White, brokerage partners, had been arrested and held in connection with the killings of both Harry Brooks, and Al Freeman, both slain in the police as prominent figures in Washington's underworld. No bail was given, and the two partners kept in jail. It was another sensation! Surely an upheaval was taking place in the underworld of the Nation's Capital! This was too letters from Charles C. Dawson; T. E. Pickering Syndicate; Mourvan Bureau; San Francisco Spokesman; Wiley Lockwood; Joseph W. Stevenson; Godfrey Mfg. Co. and the picture from that Minneapolis party whom I haven't seen in seventeen years.

THE GOAL OF A NEW WORLD ORDER

(By Shoghi Effendi)

THE PRINCIPLES OF ONENESS

Let there be no mistake. The principle of Oneness of Mankind—the pivot round which all the teachings of Baha'u'llah revolve—is no mere outburst of ignorant emotionalism or an expression of vague and pious hope. Its appeal is not to be merely identified with a reawakening of the spirit of brotherhood and good-will among men, nor does it aim solely at the fostering or harmonious cooperation among individual peoples and nations. To its implications are deeper. Its claims greater than any which the Prophets of old were allowed to advance. Its message is applicable not only to the individual, but concerns itself primarily with the nature of those essential relationships that must bind all the peoples and nations as members of one human family. It does not constitute a mere enunciation of an ideal, but had succeeded in unifying the forces of nationalism into inseparably associated with a foundation of the Holy Alliance that institution adequate to embody its had sought to curb their rising power, perpetuate its influence, and that the possibility of a world order, organic change in the structure of institutions these nations had established, came to be seriously entered into the ennobling principles of His Administration, are forging ahead to establish His Kingdom on this earth. It has its indirect manifestations in the gradual diffusion of the spirit of world solidarity which is spontaneous arising out of the welter of a disorganized society.

It would be stimulating to follow the history of the growth and development of this lofty conception which must increasingly engage the attention of the responsible custodians of the destinies of peoples and nations. To the states and principalities just emerging from the welter of the great Napoleonic upheaval, whose chief preoccupation was either to recover their rights to an independent existence or to achieve their national unity, the conception of world solidarity seemed states and nations as members of one not only remote but inconceivable. It human family. It does not constitute a mere enunciation of an ideal, but had succeeded in unifying the forces of nationalism into inseparably associated with a foundation of the Holy Alliance that institution adequate to embody its had sought to curb their rising power, perpetuate its influence, and that the possibility of a world order, organic change in the structure of institutions these nations had established, came to be seriously entered into the ennobling principles of His Administration, are forging ahead to establish His Kingdom on this earth. It has its indirect manifestations in the gradual diffusion of the spirit of world solidarity which is spontaneous arising out of the welter of a disorganized society.

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The principle of the Oneness of Mankind, as proclaimed by Baha'u'llah carries with it no more and no less than a solemn assertion that attainment to this final stage in this stupendous evolution is not only necessary but inevitable, that its realization is fast approaching and that nothing short of a power that is born of God can succeed in establishing it.

So marvellous a conception finds its earliest manifestations in the efforts consciously exerted and the modest beginnings already achieved by the declared adherents of the Faith of Baha'u'llah who, conscious of the sublimity of their calling and initiated into the ennobling principles of His Administration, are forging ahead to establish His Kingdom on this earth. It has its indirect manifestations in the gradual diffusion of the spirit of world solidarity which is spontaneous arising out of the welter of a disorganized society.

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