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"Any prejudice whatever will be insurmountable if those who do not share in it themselves... accept it as a law of nature." —John Stuart Mill.

FREDERICK DOUGLASS.

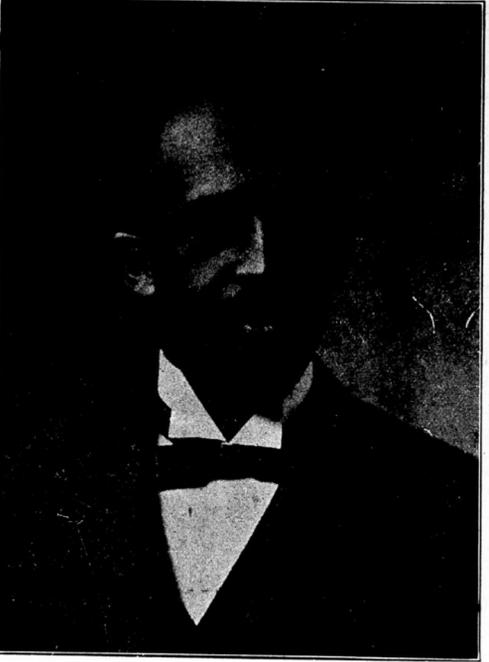
During the present week the centennial of the birth of Frederick Douglass has been celebrated all over the United States, by people who desired to do honor to one of the most wonderful men this country, or any other, has produced. Born a slave and hampered by this fact of his lowly birth, coupled with the inhuman color prejudice of this country, he rose to heights that few men so hampered dream of. He has left his imprint on the pages of history and has a place in the hearts of his fellow men none can hope to equal. As the years roll by, the name of the "Old Man Eloquent" will be more and more revered by the people in whose interest he spent his life.

HE IS ALWAYS IN IT.

There are very few events of National importance to the United States in which the colored man has not figured in some way. He was with Columbus when he discovered America; he was among the first to die in the Revolutionary war; he was with Jackson in the war of 1812; he was with Perry in the battle on Lake Erie; he was in the civil war to the number of nearly 200,000; he was much in evidence at San Juan Hill; he was with Peary at the discovery of the North Pole; he was quite a feature in the recent Mexican trouble and now it seems he is to be the cause of getting us into the world war, if color prejudice does not prevent George Washington, the American citizen who was killed on the British ship Turino from receiving the same consideration as an American citizen that any other citizen is entitled to.

SOUTHERN REPRESENTATION.

The Chicago Tribune, which was a copperhead sheet during the Slave-



DR. W. E. BURGHARDT DU BOIS. Editor of the Crisis, Who is Recovering From Severe Operations, Fearless Defender of Human Rights.

They brought him down from the operating table at 1:30. It was a serious operation, the second he had undergone in two weeks. At four I saw him sleeping in the ward, either still hiding from him the sick horror that awakening might mean. "He is unconscious, and we cannot tell yet," said the nurse, "but he seems to be doing the operation pretty well."

So I walked out of the hospital, thinking of all it would mean to twelve million people if this champion of theirs were not permitted to live. Others would take up the gauge where he threw it down; others might wield brilliant pens; others would speak with something of his quiet eloquence. But never again could these millions find another leader exactly like him.

I said to myself then, and I say it to you now: The Colored people need most of all is not money, or land, or political power, or patronizing friends, but unpurchasable leaders—leaders who would not sell their souls for the good will of their neighbors or for big buildings, any more than they would for a dollar or a job."

J. E. SPINGRARN.

holders' Rebellion and has since been a persistent enemy of the colored people has started a little movement to cut Southern Representation in Congress. We quote some of its editorial slush, which if carefully read, will be found to contain in itself a sufficient answer to the Tribune's punk ideas of political morality.

"Nevertheless it is the duty of every American, regardless of party, to attack a condition which not only runs counter to the principles of representative government, but also is demoralizing to our political morality and the right development of our national policies.

Doctrinaires and sentimentalists in the north demand the enforcement of the right of franchise of the Negro in the south. There is no such demand in the north generally, for it is recognized that political domination by the Negro is not desirable. It is realized that the premature enfranchisement of the slave was a misfortune to all concerned, however justifiable as a war measure. Intelligent opinion in the north is in harmony with intelligent opinion in the south in desiring for colored people defense from exploitation and conditions of orderly progress. Thinking men and women in both sections realize that these desiderata are retarded, not advanced, by pressure for full political privileges and the fear it keeps alive among southern white men.

"But if we do not adhere to dogmas, which, by the way, is one of the weaknesses of the Jeffersonian Democracy the south helps to perpetuate, if we sympathize and support the south's determination to deal with its problems as conditions, we do not waive our right to protest and if possible prevent the south from making its necessity a cover for unfair political profit."

THE HYPOCRITICAL TRIBUNE.

In another editorial THE APPEAL has called attention to the hypocritical fight the Chicago Tribune has started to cut down Southern representation.

In another issue the Tribune claims to be actuated by a desire to correct a condition "incompatible with progress and democratic society." And in the same editorial it throws off its mask and says:

An intelligent majority of the north can be relied upon to defend the south from colored domination. There ought

cent on investment. The report also says the year was the most prosperous in the history of the company. As this company is only one of many such companies, who, it is reasonable to presume made the same proportional gains, does it not follow that the outrageously high prices that have been and now are being charged for meats, are thus shown to be little short of wholesale robbery. When people are compelled to pay, in many instances, three times as much as they formerly paid for the same meats, does this not show conclusively that such concerns as Armour & Co. are largely responsible for the high cost of living that is driving people to suicide. There should be some plan by which such concerns should be prevented from lining their coffers by imposing their unfair and uncalled for prices on the public, for the necessities of life.

"WHY AMERICANS FAIL."

It is a notorious fact that in spite of Pan-American congresses, long-winded editorials in American newspapers, etcetera, the United States is far behind Germany, Great Britain, France and Spain so far as trade in Latin-America is concerned.

A book by A. Wyatt Verrill on "Latin America Today," recently issued by Dodd, Mead & Co., New York, has this to say under the heading, "Why Americans Fail:"

"Race or religious prejudice, condescension, discourtesy or bluff have no place in Spanish America. The Latin-American is a gentleman first, last and all the time. He has never acquired our habit of being a gentleman in private life and a boor in business and he expects others to be as courteous as himself and if they are not he judges them accordingly. He may be white, brown, yellow or black, but he remembers that one of his ancestors was probably a plumed grandee of Old Spain. You may scoff at his ideas, you may laugh at his faith, you may curse at the 'lazy Greasers,' and through it all he may smile, treat you with respect and politeness and greet you with expressions of the greatest pleasure, but in his heart he despises you for an ill-bred 'Yankee pig' and thanks God that he is of Spanish blood.

On the other hand treat the Latin-American with courtesy, praise the buildings and industry of his town, admire his beautiful women, visit his places of interest, and speak his language and you may command respect, admiration and true friendship and every entertainment and comfort will be yours."

THE APPEAL has printed a number of editorials along this line showing that Americans have lost millions of dollars through their jimcrow methods and it is a great satisfaction to have this view upheld by a great authority thoroughly familiar with conditions.

Race prejudice is an expensive proposition for those who indulge in it.

CHARITY MAKES COWARDS.

"Charity makes for slaves, cowards and sycophants," said "Mother Jones" of Colorado mine field fame, recently. Her words are true.

Men cheat their employes out of what is their just due and become rich and when they have accumulated millions they pose as "philanthropists" and endeavor to perpetuate their names by giving money for libraries or "charities," or Christian (?) associations.

Instead of being great philanthropists, these men, in many cases, are simply thieves who really ought to be in prison for having robbed their fellow men.

No class has suffered more from the "philanthropies" of these rich thieves than the colored people and their nefarious work has been aided by so-called colored leaders who have taken the role of public mendicants and have begged for money to organize jimcrow institutions and thus prevent their own class from securing their rights as American citizens.

The product of the segregated institution is usually a crop of young colored people with slavish instincts; cringing cowards, servile sycophants. Great God deliver the people from such charity and give them justice.

LET THE CONSTITUTION ALONE.

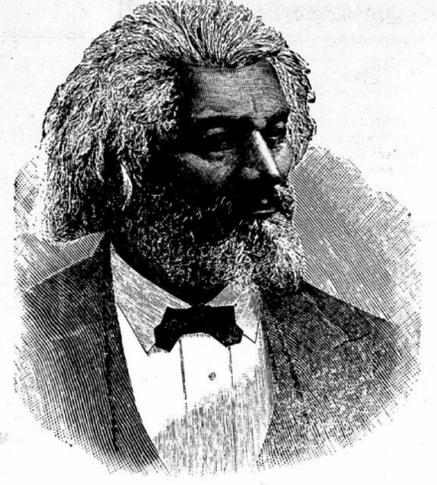
Wind Jammer Bryan, elated with the undeserved success of the Democrats in the recent national election, is asking a little too much of his party. In a speech at a dinner recently given in his honor at Washington he urged the adoption of nation-wide prohibition and woman suffrage which is a little more than the average Democrat can stand for. He also advocated the passage of an amendment for the election of the President by direct popular vote and to amend the constitution so as to make that instrument more easily amendable. This latter suggestion would undoubtedly meet their hearty approval as the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments to the constitution have been wormwood and gall that they would like very much to get rid of and in their place put something that would further outrage and crush the colored people. We have got to stand the Democratic administration for the next four years but we most sincerely hope that after that this beautiful land of ours will not be cursed by their domination any longer.

HIGH COST OF LIVING.

According to the annual report of Armour & Co., meat dealers of Chicago, made public last week, the net earnings were \$20,100,000 or 20 per cent on capital stock and 14.7 per

CITIZENS' CELEBRATION OF THE CENTENARY OF

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FREDERICK DOUGLASS AT UNION HALL ST. PAUL MONDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 19, 1917

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2. Chorus—"Battle Hymn of the Republic"..... AUDIENCE Led by C. H. MILLER.
3. Invocation..... REV. B. N. MURRELL
4. Piano (Selected)..... MRS. CATHERINE CHAMBERS Minneapolis
5. Baritone (Selected)..... J. H. HICKMAN, Jr. ST. JAMES A. M. E. DRAMATIC CLUB Direction C. D. JACKSON
6. Folk Song—"Steal Away"..... ST. JAMES A. M. E. DRAMATIC CLUB Direction C. D. JACKSON
7. Ode to Frederick Douglass (Original)..... J. HAZEL DONALDSON
8. Contralto—"Song of June"..... MRS. HATTIE HALL
9. Soprano (Selected)..... MISS ELENORA BARKSDALE
10. Duet—"Barcarolle"—Tales of Hoffman..... MRS. BELLE SALTERS TYLER, MRS. IRENE SALTERS HARRIS.
11. Introduction..... W. T. FRANCIS, Esq.
12. Address..... REV. J. M. HENDERSON, D. D.
13. Soprano—"Who Knows" (Dunbar)..... MRS. JOHN LEWIS
14. Tenor (Selected)..... C. D. JACKSON
15. Chorus..... TREBLE CLEF CLUB (a) Spring Song (b) Folk Song OFFERING
16. Soprano (Selected)..... MRS. HATTIE LOOMIS OLIVER
17. Benediction..... REV. A. H. LEALTAD

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AS OTHERS SEE US.

"O, wad some power the giffle gie us, To see oursel' as ither see us." Bobby Burns was, what we would call now-a-days, a "wise guy."

We Americans think we are the "whole show," but are we? Sir Rabindranath Tagore, the famous East Indian poet, winner of the Nobel Prize for literature, doesn't think we are, and recently criticized us most unmercifully. He said we are building ugly cities, are too self-assured, are nationally condescended and are forgetting the fine simplicity of life in our mad rush for money, and we must admit that he is about right.

He says, there is more to life than just making money. Life calls for leisure not machine-made days of money-mad activities. "You hurry so you forget that life at its best is just simplicity, taking time to get the things that money can never buy. "Like a popcorn wagon are your modern ideas of life. Everything is popping and bursting in different directions, no peace, no poise anywhere."

THE SIN OF SILENCE

To sin by silence when we should protest makes cowards out of men. The human race has climbed on protest. Had no voice been raised against injustice, ignorance and lust, the inquisition yet would serve the law, and guillotines decide our least disputes. The few who dare must speak and speak again to right the wrongs of many.—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

THE MAN WHO DARES

I honor the man who in the conscientious discharge of his duty dares to stand alone; the world, with ignorant, intolerant judgment, may condemn, the countenances of relatives may be averted, and the hearts of friends grow cold, but the sense of duty done shall be sweeter than the applause of the world, the countenances of relatives or the hearts of friends.—Charles Sumner.

Needed by Colored Leaders. (From the Richmond Planet.) Manhood is an asset that every individual should be proud to possess.