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AN Eloquent Plea.

Prof. William H. Councill Sizes Up the Great American Problem in a Most Telling and Practical Deliverance at Union Springs, Ala.—Complaint of the Negro Painted a Roseate Hue. Golden Opportunities Now Ripe.

Prof. W. H. Councill, president of the Agricultural and Mechanical College for Negroes at Normal delivered an able address on race conditions at Union Springs last week. Among other things Prof. Councill said:

WRONG IDEALS OF CIVIL RIGHTS.

Our complaint of American prejudice is not manly. American prejudice plays an important part in Negro opportunity. Never before in the history of any people has prejudice had such high valuation. Instead of seeking admission into places of amusement, pleasure and instruction run by whites for white people, let the Negro open such places for his own accommodation and grow rich. Instead of knocking for admission into white circles, adorn, beautify, elevate, enlarge Negro circles and find scope for our broadest and most lofty ambition. Every hotel which refuses the Negro a meal, every soda fountain which declines to serve him are voices telling him to go and open these places and make himself rich.

That Negro is unwise who goes around asking for such accommodations among whites when the denial is only friendly advice to open business for himself; place his own boys and girls in positions and build up his race by his patronage. I wish my race to find admissions wherever honest service is wanted, and we will take care of the fun and pleasure places. The Negro can grow only by being true to his own nature, in his own sphere. When he seeks to unrace himself, to run from his black skin, his flat nose, his thick lips and flat feet, then he will make himself despicable in the eyes of other races and deserve the curse of God. We cannot make a white man a Negro, nor can we make a Negro a white man. God has made the distinction and set the bounds of each. Each will grow strong and great only as he is true to his own nature. I honor the white man because he honors himself. The Southern white man, like the old Greek, maintains his egotism every where. He is Southern in New York. He is Southern in London. He Southernizes all comers into the South. He is a strong character worthy of imitation in this regard. I honor him be-



PROF. BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.

Promoter of the National Negro Business League, called to meet in Boston, August 23rd and 24th. This convention has been indorsed by the press and leaders of Negro sentiment as a most practical agent in the solution of the race problem. Delegates are being chosen from the solid citizenry of many states and the League is an assured success. Mr. Washington has never known the meaning of the word "Fail." The loyal Negro will stand by him through every undertaking.

cause he places mother, and sisters, wife and daughters on a platform up among the stars; gets a thousand gatling guns, and decrees death to him who seeks to drag them down. I honor him because he throws his powerful arms around every little red-headed, freckle faced poor white girl and boy in the land and makes the way possible for them to rise in this world. I honor him because he does not go around whining and begging to be helped up, but by faith in his own muscles he cuts and carves out his own destiny. Let the Negro do likewise according to his own nature and in his own sphere, without prejudice to any,

with love for all mankind and he will succeed.

NOT SOLUTION— BUT EVOLUTION.

We must train the hand to strike for man. Teach the heart to bear an injury but never inflict one. All solutions of all human problems, are simply evolutions. As man evolves out of selfishness into deep and broad sympathy, out of ignorance into light, out of sect, out of party into boundless humanity, then will racial conflict be diminished. There can be no racial solution, but amelioration of condition. Each individual must do his best at the black

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A REVELATION IN SURGERY.

Dr. A. M. Curtis Places on Record the First Instance Where the Same Patient Has Undergone a Second Time the Caesarian Operation—Interesting History of the Case.

Dr. A. M. Curtis has scored another triumph for medical science.

In so doing he has registered an equally significant victory for the race with which he is identified, and proven beyond cavil that the Negro physician who applies himself can measure arms with the flower of any race.

The latest feat in surgery for which Dr. Curtis is receiving so much deserved commendation from the medical profession is a successful operation known as the "Caesarian section," an obstetrical computation said to have originated with the birth of the imperial Caesar, described by Avon's bard as the "foremost man of all the world."

The Caesarian section is a rare and dangerous operation under all circumstances, and Washington's first case was placed on record in the spring of 1897 when Dr. D. H. Williams performed the Caesarian section on a patient at Freedmen's Hospital and delivered a healthy girl which is now living. The present case is doubly remarkable from the fact that it is the second time the same woman has been operated upon for the same trouble, and the interest is all the greater because it is believed to be the first in the history of the healing art where a patient has successfully undergone such an ordeal twice and the child living in each instance. There can be no doubt that this particular case will establish an entirely new basis of surgical calculation, and be written in the annals as the most unique that American hospital experience has ever known. It has fallen to the lot of few physicians of Dr. Curtis' comparatively youthful age to be able to contribute to the Esculapian science so much that is extraordinary, practical, instructive and therefore beneficial to human society.

The history of the case in point merits a technical description, and will be of as much interest and profit to the thoughtful layman as to the professional school. On Wednesday night August 1, the patient, Nancy Hill, a colored woman was admitted to the obstetrical ward at Freedmen's Hospital.

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