

## SOME VIEWS ON SHAMS.

Major Charles R. Douglass Descants on the Littleness of Big Men.

EDITOR THE COLORED AMERICAN:—

The great oracle of the anti-Booker T. Washington element in this community has been with us, spoken his piece and departed. He is a lawyer, and his name is Morris—not "Marks." He appeared before the Bethel Literary and Historical Association, and his subject was "Shams," and Mr. Booker T. Washington was made to figure as the one sham in particular. It developed as the essayist proceeded with his satirical and pantomimical ridicule of Mr. Washington, that there was no real seriousness of feeling by him, or those present, who were in accord with him, that the sayings or doings of Mr. Washington, were inimical to race progress. No one coming suddenly into that meeting would have been impressed that a serious protest was being made against the conduct of one of our representative men. The comedians of our race, Williams



MAJOR CHARLES R. DOUGLASS,

and Walker, would have been taxed to their wits ends to have provoked more merriment than was occasioned by the remarks of the speaker. It was only when some hot-headed individuals attempted to turn the assemblage into a mass meeting and have it declared that the sentiments expressed by the speaker, were the sentiments of the colored people of Washington, were serious words spoken. Gov. Pinchback, who never loses his head, arose and in ringing tones warned those present not to let it go out that Booker T. Washington was denounced by the colored people of this city. Amidst the loud and boisterous clamor of a few hot-headed, one of whom seemed bent on getting his body through his shirt cuffs, he cautioned them of their folly and they soon subsided.

It is pretty well known to some people why this sudden burst of indignation against Mr. Washington. It is not race interest that prompts it, nor is it because of anything Mr. Washington has said or done against the higher education of the Negro. It is simply politics. It is an attempt to destroy the prestige of Mr. Washington at the White House and especially at this time just prior to a Presidential campaign. There is not a Negro in the combine who stands conspicuously out as a race benefactor. Where are their works? Some have been Democrats, and would have led the race into the party of Tillman, Car-

## THE OLDEST MAN IN AMERICA

Tells How He Escaped the Terrors of Many Winters by Using Pe=ru=na.

Mr. Brock's  
Age is 115  
Years.



MR. ISAAC BROCK, BORN IN BUNCOMBE CO., N. C., MARCH 1, 1788.

His age is 115 years, vouched for by authentic record. He says: "I attribute my extreme old age to the use of Peruna."

**Born before the United States was formed.**  
**Saw 22 Presidents elected.**  
**Pe=ru=na has protected him from all sudden changes.**  
**Veteran of four wars.**  
**Shod a horse when 99 years old.**  
**Always conquered the grip with Peruna.**  
**Witness in a land suit at the age of 110 years.**  
**Believes Peruna the greatest remedy of the age for catarrhal diseases.**

ISAAC BROCK, a citizen of McLennan county, Texas, has lived for 115 years. For many years he resided at Bosque Falls, eighteen miles west of Waco, but now lives with his son-in-law at Valley Mills, Texas.

A short time ago, by request, Uncle Sam came to Waco and sat for his picture. In his hand he held a stick cut

from the grave of General Andrew Jackson, which has been carried by him ever since. Mr. Brock is a dignified old gentleman, showing few signs of decrepitude. His family Bible is still preserved, and it shows that the date of his birth was written 115 years ago.

Surely a few words from this remarkable old gentleman, who has had 115 years of experience to draw from, would be interesting as well as profitable. A lengthy biographical sketch is given of this remarkable old man in the Waco Times-Herald, December 4, 1898. A still more pretentious biography of this, the oldest living man, illustrated with a double column portrait, was given the readers of the Dallas Morning News, dated December 11, 1898, and also the Chicago-Times Herald of same date. This centenarian is an ardent friend of Peruna, having used it many years.

In speaking of his good health and extreme old age, Mr. Brock says:

"After a man has lived in the world as long as I have, he ought to have found out a great many things by experience. I think I have done so.

"One of the things I have found out to my entire satisfaction is the proper thing for ailments that are due directly to the effects of the climate. For 115 years I have withstood the changeable climate of the United States.

"I have always been a very healthy man, but of course subject to the little affections which are due to sudden changes in the climate and temperature. During my long life I have known a great many remedies for coughs, colds and diarrhoea.

"As for Dr. Hartman's remedy Peruna, I have found it to be the best, if not the only, reliable remedy for these affections. It has been my standby for many years, and I attribute my good health and extreme old age to this remedy.

"It exactly meets all my requirements. It protects me from the evil effects of sudden changes; it keeps me in good appetite; it gives me strength; it keeps my blood in good circulation. I have come to rely upon it almost entirely for the many little things for which I need medicine.

"When epidemics of la grippe first began to make their appearance in this country I was a sufferer from this disease.

"I had several long sieges with the grip. At first I did not know that Peruna was a remedy for this disease. When I heard that la grippe was epidemic catarrh, I tried Peruna for la grippe and found it to be just the thing."

In a later letter dated January 31, 1900, Mr. Brock writes:

"I am well and feeling as well as I have for years. The only thing that bothers me is my sight. If I could see better I could walk all over the farm and it would do me good. I would not be without Peruna."

Yours truly,

Isaac Brock,

For a free book on catarrh, address The Peruna Medicine Co., Columbus, O.

If you do not derive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis.

Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, O.

nack, and Gorman. Some of them are still Democrats, and others are discredited politicians out of a job, and out of touch with the administration; but all are for themselves, first, last and all the time.

The charges made by the speaker were that Booker T. Washington held aspiring young men of the race up to ridicule. That he favored the disfranchisement of the Negro. That he is responsible for the lynchings of Negroes, and that he holds his race to be inherently inferior to the white race, and much more of such colossal nonsense.

Booker T. Washington has shown by his deeds that all these charges are

false. He has taken into his employ the products of higher education. He does not waste much time talking about lynchings in the South, but he is doing good missionary work among his people, and it's a pity that more were not engaged in that sort of work right here in Washington. There is a large and growing field here where two Courts are kept busy sending the vicious of the race to the jail and work house, many of whom if they lived further South would be lynched.

Picking out here a word, and there a word from among the speeches and writings of Mr. Washington, and distorting them into misrepresentations of his real

thought, and meaning, seems to be the happy pastime of the smart ones. To carry on the great work he has undertaken, Mr. Washington finds it necessary to appeal to the North for financial aid, and to the South for toleration. He has to use the greatest diplomacy of manner and speech. He may sometimes have to stoop to conquer, but he is doing a work such as no other man has ever undertaken. The opportunity was his and he seized upon it, and he has been eminently successful. None of his detractors have opened a single door of hope, or opportunity for the race. The Negro charac-