

SHREDS AND PATCHES

EPITAPH TO DOUGLASS.

(By LeRoy Ferguson)

Pause, stranger, this is sacred sod,
Here lieth Douglass, sleep in God!
Born as a slave, he lived to see,
Himself revered, his people free.
Reckon his life, measure his fame,
By the great depth from whence he came:
A statesman both in word and deed
He saw a way, made it succeed;
In honor bred and loving truth
The guide for men a light to youth.
He gave his voice, steadied the pen
And Freedom knew his brethren!
Virtuous through life, noble his death,
He won esteem ere his last breath.
Few men as he have lived and left
A race in tears, people bereft.
What glories that he won through care
His brethren claim the right to share,
And all with one accord unite
In joyful praise for Douglass' might.
His voice tho' hushed still lispeneth yet.
In honest hearts that ne'er forget.
Think not this stone his powers tell
They live in men. Farewell, farewell!
St. Augustine College, Raleigh, N. C.

Frank Gadsden is the proprietor of one of the best stocked dry goods stores in Ocala, Fla.

Louis V. Harrison is conducting an Art School for the race at 618 Robin street, Houston, Tex.

Chicago is soon to have a penny Bank, owned and controlled by Negroes; \$10,000 has been raised.

D. U. Mills, formerly of San Antonio, but now a U. S. soldier, has been sent to Cuba as a regimental printer.

Cause Oscar Artis conducts a bicycle repair shop at Columbus, Ohio, and is patronized by both white and colored.

There are two Negro drug stores in St. Louis. E. H. Taylor 2601 Morgan street and Ernest L. Harris 2926 Market street.

N. B. Dodson is manager and general agent of the Greater New York Department of the Colored American Magazine, published at Boston.

Maryland Afro-Americans are again attempting an organized movement against the law prohibiting the intermarriage of whites and blacks.

The 500 Pullman car porters, with headquarters at Pittsburg, have decided to form a union and affiliate with the National Colored Men's Railroad Association.

The Aurora Publishing Co., of Morris Brown College have purchased a press and printing outfit. They will issue the college paper monthly, and do all kinds of job work.

The house at Guinea's Station, Va., where Stonewall Jackson died, is now the property of a Negro. The Stonewall Jackson Memorial Association has offered to buy the property for \$5,000.

The Free Mission Baptist people of Texas have purchased fifteen acres of land near Eagle Lake, Texas, and will erect a brick school building, where industrial education will be taught the Negro youth.

At Macon, Ga., the other week, a new discovery was made from an unexpected quarter, which speaks well for the race. The fact is this, that more white people were paying rent than colored people.

M. W. Thurston, is superintendent of a silk factory in North Carolina in which four hundred hands are em-

ployed, only two of whom are white and they are specially engaged to instruct the colored employees how to do the work.

At the recent graduation exercises of the Catholic University of America, Washington, D. C., colored a graduate, on receiving his diploma, conferring the degrees of Master of Science, from the hands of Cardinal Gibbons, the entire assemblage broke in enthusiastic applause.

S. W. Trice and F. W. Williams have formed a partnership and opened up a gent's furnishing goods establishment in Chicago under the firm name of Trice & Williams. These are two of Chicago's most industrious young men who have worked hard and saved their money and are now doing a good business as merchants.

Out in Highland park, Pittsburg, Pa., near the zoo is a plot of ground owned by a colored family named Bullitt, which Director Bigelow has been anxious to add to the park grounds for a number of years. The matter was taken into court, under condemnation proceedings, and price fixed is \$11,200, which the city will have to pay.

Prof. Frederick Dinslow Height, M. A., after having passed through a difficult ordeal of sickness and surgical operation, is himself once more. He announces to his many friends that he will be on the road again at an early date and will deliver lectures on the following subjects: "The Evolution of the Negro," "The Moral Dangers Begetting Our New Responsibilities" and "The Negro in Holy Writ."

The Iron Moulders Union, of New York, by their just and equitable action in the annual meeting recently held, have put in motion a force, that is calculated to revolutionize sentiment in favor of the colored man, which means better support for his wife and children. At this meeting a rule was almost unanimously adopted, that hereafter colored men are to be received into membership of the body on per feet equality with the white man.

Atlantic City, N. J., the famous American summer resort, where the colored waiters are supreme is doing a rushing business this season. It is well known that Atlantic City, like Boston, is a mecca for colored waiters. It is a gratifying significance that America's greatest summer resort has chosen the colored waiters, as the ones most fit to serve man's inner man. In this beautiful resort noted the world round for its surf bathing, large scenic ocean front and spacious board walks are located over 200 hotels and cottages most all of which employ colored waiters.

Getting Rich Off Negro Talent.

A very few years ago John J. Nolan, who is said to own something like 60 per cent. of the Black Patti company, was the press agent at Hammerstein's Olympia, drawing a not very dazzling stipend, and supposedly not a man of wealth. His friends insist that he is now worth upward of \$100,000. So much for having the wisdom to invest in a Negro drawing card when the tide for Afro American attractions was at its flood. It would be interesting to know how much Black Patti is worth.

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