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The Crime of Lynching

Now that the Dyer Anti-Lynching Bill is dead, it is incumbent upon the state and county authorities of every state in the Union to use every legal means within their power to see that the crime of lynching is blotted from the American life.

There is not a civilized nation under the sun that carries year after year on her records a list of lynchings as great as that of the United States. Punishment of crime is a state and county matter and should be a state and county pride. Every human being, alien or citizen, black or white, who lives within the boundaries of the United States, is entitled to the protection of the laws that are on the statute books of the various states. When a criminal has been brought before a court of justice, it is proper that his case should be given a thorough investigation. He should be treated as a human being, and if found guilty beyond any reasonable doubt, suffer the penalty that goes with his crime. No individual, or group of individuals outside of constituted governmental authority, has a right to jeopardize the property or the life of any other individual; and any person found guilty of maltreating any other person, whether it be under the hood of the Ku-Klux-Klan, or a masked face, or in the open daylight, should be convicted and death with according to the laws governing such cases.

This issue of The Citizen contains a letter from Robert E. Moton, Principal of Tuskegee Institute, setting forth the status of lynching in the United States during the past year. It is humiliating to know that fifty-seven persons were lynched. However, it is gratifying to learn that seven fewer were lynched this year than last.

The right of the state to make its own laws and punish its own crimes has never been denied; and according to Principal Moton's letter real earnest effort to protect prisoners was exerted by many officers where lynchings were attempted. More lynchings were prevented by efforts of the officers than were committed thru the overpowering of officers. That is a step in the right direction, and there is no other institution in America that is doing more to establish the proper relations between the blacks and whites than Tuskegee Institute.

The Citizen wishes Tuskegee Institute continued and growing success, and at any time we can be of service we are willing to raise our voice in behalf of that great institution and in protest against the crime of lynching.

Winter, the Time to Go to School

Winter is the most favorable season of the year for attending school. It is the shut-in season when the great out-of-doors has the least attraction—when a warm, cosy room calls for continued occupancy and long nights are conducive to study. It is understood that the average person should spend from one to two hours in preparation for each recitation. It is difficult to do this during the summer when the nights are short and the rooms are hot. Winter is also the time when labor on the farm is least productive. In most localities it is considered the leisure season of the year—the marginal period.

The way a person uses his marginal time almost always determines the character of the person. Some of us do most of our reading and mental expansion during the marginal time when we are not occupied at the routine of making a living. The destiny of thousands of young people thruout America will be determined by their decision to spend this winter in school.

TO THE OLD YEAR

Good Bye, Old Year! With noiseless steps and slow You slip into the darkness and the deep Hushed cloisters of forgetfulness where creep The vague and shadowy myths of Long Ago; And where the Silence of the vanished years Breaks into voice upon the windless shore You enter peaceful havens, never more To toss upon the tempests of wild years. But there are furrows sown with your old seed To burst in bloom again the you be fled, And light again for me the olden fire— Deep in my heart are left old songs that breed That raptured hopes of all your gallant dead, No other year can give to my desire.

THE QUESTION

The bells that toll at midnight To call the year away, They lure my heart in dreaming To fields of yesterday. O little churchyard clustered Against the swaying pine, Do New Years mornings whisper To your heart as to mine? O little loved Beloved Long absent from my knee, There is the churchyard quiet Do you grow old with me?

We sometimes make fun of the enthusiasm for other days, as we see only the bright and happy side is remembered. But that is the wonder of life. The sorrows fade away, but the joys abide.

When the year is ended we shall wish to remember only such abiding things as love and faith and gladness and beauty. Let us therefore put these things into the year at its beginning.

BOOSTING FOR BERA

We are boosting for Berea. We want the business men in Berea to get the business. We want them to prosper, of course we do. We believe in cooperation. We believe that if you work with us and we work with you, the year 1923 will be a prosperous year for us all. If you are dissatisfied with the sort of paper your publisher is putting out, remember that it is not all his fault. He is doing the best he can with the amount of money you have invested in him. You do not want your local paper to be supported by advertisers in neighboring towns. This is bad business. It pulls people away from Berea, and it doesn't look good to those in other parts of the country.

This leads us to say that The Citizen is getting out for distribution thruout this locality a very attractive almanac for 1923. This almanac will be distributed to every Citizen subscriber in Madison and neighboring counties, and to every family in Berea, and also there will be free distribution of these almanacs to people in the outlying neighborhood who are not readers of The Citizen. We want this almanac not only to signalize the energy of the Berea Publishing Company, but we want it to stand for the business enthusiasm of the people of Berea. We do not want this almanac to contain only advertisements from business men in Richmond and neighboring towns.

When our representative calls on you for an ad. in the next day or so for this almanac, get one ready for him, and if you are not now a subscriber for your local paper, start the New Year right by sending us your subscription at once.

Assuring you of our sincere wishes for your prosperity and happiness during the year 1923, we beg to remain,

BEREA PUBLISHING CO.

We cannot change the old year, but we can do what we wish to with the new.

Vocational Education Demanding Right-of-Way

Home Making and Farming call for Specialized Training

The term "vocational education" is new to a great many people—in fact, it is new to practically all of us. A great many people in the past just picked out a profession and in a more or less haphazard way began to ply their trade. If he happened to be a doctor, he sometimes went into the under taking business on the side, for it was a very profitable business in connection with his major profession.

If he chose to be a teacher, he convinced the local trustee that he could read and cipher, and he was given the home school. If he preferred blacksmithing, he learned by the trial and failure method until he became some kind of a blacksmith. If he failed to temper the ax properly while welding on a new blade, he charged to bad luck or the dark of the moon. Most of our pioneer professions were filled in the same way, and the good people trusted to a kind providence to make it come out all right.

It is regrettable that some of the most important professions of life are still conducted in the same way. It is within the memory of our young men that the Science of Agriculture became recognized by people other than the Schools of Agriculture. Farmers in many places plant their potatoes according to the condition of the moon. The scientific farmer does not plant his potatoes in the moon—he plants them in the ground. The unscientific farmer will not dehorn his calves during dog days, for he claims it will settle in their heads. He does not say what will settle in their heads. He has just followed the superstition and allowed his conduct to be governed accordingly. The scientific farmer, by process of study and analysis, learns when the condition of his soil is right and the season proper, then he plants his seeds.

Science in Agriculture does not teach you that all the old methods are wrong—but it teaches you the reason why all the old successful methods were successful. It ceases to become superstition and guess work and becomes a science. Another important profession that

is run on a haphazard plan is that of housekeeping. Poor housekeeping is not found only among ignorant people. Many of us have been chagrined and disappointed at the methods of housekeeping among the so-called intellectuals—people with college degrees and high social standing, of culture in the academic branches, but with no sense of values in building up a home. In the first place, they cannot cook a decent meal, and if they were worth a million dollars could not tell the cook how to do it. In the second place, they do not know the art of decorating a home, and the more money they have to spend upon it, the more gaudy and unsightly it becomes.

Then the question arises, "Is home-making a science?" It most assuredly is, and one that no girl should be allowed to finish college without mastering. The highest mission of a woman is building a home—and there is something wrong with the girl who does not have that as her ultimate ambition. If she is still living in the hopeful stage of life, her highest hope is to build a home.

With this premise fundamental to the life of a woman, then is it not reasonable to ask that she should study in a scientific way the art of making a home? Standing on the pinnacle of all the professions today are the Church and the Home, and they are the professions that make the least requirements of their leaders.

Berea College, with its many other departments of education, realizes the need of better Agriculture and better Home Makers. It also realizes that the pursuit of scientific studies along these lines gives inspiration and vision. These studies determine the ability of young people just as much as the study of the classics and mathematics; and if young men and young women are not able to master them, they cannot expect to rise to great heights in other lines. Let us become nation-builders by beginning with the two greatest needs of our present day—Better Homes and Better Agriculture.

The Foundation School of Berea College has Demonstrated that One is Never too Old to Learn

"The education of a child properly begins with his grandfather." That quotation cannot be taken too literally, altho it is true that inheritance plays a great part in the training of children. We have records of educated men and women who cannot point to a single ancestor whose education was obtained in the conventional schools of the day. Because your father or grandfather did not go to school is no reason why you should not harbor an ambition for an education. In truth, it has been only a few generations since all of our fathers and mothers were colonial pioneers without formal education.

The history of successful men upsets all preconceived notions of the "fixed" plan of getting an education or getting ahead in the world.

Some will tell you that the day of great adventure in business is past and that the business world is so bound around with red tape as to make it next to impossible for a new person to break thru. Others will tell you that your education depends upon the sort of art you have gotten, and if you have not kept the prescribed grades in school abreast with your growing years, you should not try for a complete education. There is no deadline in educational pursuits for the ambitious boy or girl. If you have reached your seventeenth birthday and are still in the grades, you

just laugh at the philosopher who tells you that it is too late to begin.

Time and space will not permit us to enumerate the men and women who began their education late in life.

A very important department in Berea College is the Foundation School, for it deals with the fundamentals of education and eliminates a lot of children's play that is necessary in the average graded school to keep the youngsters still. The students of the Foundation School are past the restless period. They do not require busy work to keep them still, for they are young men and women with a conviction of their needs and have found a place to meet those needs.

If a young man has more years to his credit than he has grades in school, it is no hardship in Berea, for age is not the main consideration. Ambition and desire for an education are the great requirements. Do you desire to improve your education? Do you crave to get away from home for a few months and get acquainted with other people? Do you wish to get into a crowd of young people very like yourself in age and purpose? If you can say "yes" to all the above questions, there is a place in the Berea Foundation School for you.

Tuskegee Institute, Ala., Dec. 31, 1921

Dear Sir:

I send you the following concerning lynchings for the past year as compiled at Tuskegee Institute in the Department of Records and Research, Monroe N. Work in charge. I find, not including those killed in strikes, riots, etc., that there were 57 persons lynched in 1922. This is 7 less than the number 64 for the year 1921. Thirty of the persons lynched were taken from the hands of the law, 13 from jails, and 17 from officers of the law outside of jails.

I also find that there were 58 instances in which officers of the law prevented lynchings. Fourteen of these instances were in Northern States and 44 were in Southern States. In 54 of the cases the prisoners were removed or the guards were augmented or other precautions taken. In the 4 other instances, armed force was used to repel the would-be lynchers. In 10 instances, convictions carrying penitentiary sentences were secured against alleged lynchers.

Of the 57 persons lynched in 1922, 51 were Negroes and 6 were whites;

19 or one-third of those put to death were charged with rape or attempted rape; 6 of the victims were burned to death; four were put to death and then their bodies burned. The charges against those burned to death were, murder, 2; rape, 4.

The offenses charged against the whites were: murder, 2; fighting, 1; charges not reported, 3. The offenses against the Negroes were: murder, 9; murderous assault, 4; rape, 14; attempted rape, 5; killing officer of the law, 3; horse stealing, 2; being intimate with woman, 2; no special charge, 2; killing man in altercation, 1; striking man in quarrel, 1; robbing and striking a woman, 1; cattle stealing, 1; using insulting language, 1; for being a strike breaker, 1; mistaken identity, 2; indecent exposure of person and frightening woman and children, 1; intimidating officer of the law, 1.

The nine states in which lynchings occurred and the number in each State are as follows: Alabama, 2; Arkansas, 5; Florida, 5; Georgia, 11; Louisiana, 3; Mississippi, 9; Oklahoma, 1; South Carolina, 1; Tennessee, 2; Texas, 18.

Very truly yours, R. R. Moton, Principal

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THE UNION CHURCH

Rev. Earl F. Zeigler, Pastor Sunday morning, December 31st, sermon at 11. Subject, "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow."

At 7 p. m. there will be a special musical service in the auditorium. H. E. Taylor will play several organ numbers, and Professor Rigby is preparing the choir for special numbers.

All who were present last Sunday evening enjoyed the beautiful candle light service given by the choir of the church. Sunday-school children formed a processional with the electric candles and placed them around the balcony balustrade. Concealed choirs sang the Christmas carols. The organ, the solo by Miss Baker, and the special choral numbers, united to make a service of rare beauty and very worshipful.

On Tuesday evening Professor Raine's Sunday-school class of girls gave a Christmas play before a crowded house. The scenic effects were well done, and the story of the play a distinct message. A short social period followed the play.

Mrs. Cowley and Mrs. Griffith's classes are planning something of pageantry in the near future.

The Junior C. E. are expecting new books for their work beginning with January. They are making fine progress.

The Sunday-school entertainment of last Saturday evening was well planned and as well carried out. Everyone present received a treat and Santa Claus made his usual appearance.

MEN'S BIBLE CLASS

The Men's Bible Class next Sunday at Union church will discuss "Good Resolutions for 1923." A remarkable article in The American for January shows that men in middle life can learn as well as children. It is not too late for anybody who will be "changed into another man." Come and listen and discuss.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH EXERCISES

The Christmas tree and the Christmas program given at the Christian church Monday evening was a great success. The program was good and beautifully carried out. The order was perfect and good will attended the whole time spent together.

Everyone of the children were made happy by presents, and the parents were not forgotten. Mr. Bender, the superintendent, and his wife are to be congratulated on the success of the Sunday-school Christmas tree, and Mrs. R. H. Chrisman especially thanked for getting up such a beautiful program at such short notice.

DELIGHTFUL STUDENT PARTY

Miss Blanche Weir entertained a number of her friends last Friday evening at her home on North Main. An enjoyable evening was spent by the young people playing games and pulling candy. Nine-thirty came all too quickly, but this is the hour appointed by the "powers higher up" for all student parties to end, and the fun had to come to a close, to the deep regret of all present.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Berea Masonic Lodge No. 617 F. & A. M. elected the following officers for the ensuing year, December 27, 1922: Leon Lewis, master; W. C. Egle, S. W.; W. B. Jones, J. W.; D. N. Welch, treas.; E. T. Fish, sec.; M. D. Bowling, S. D.; L. L. Anderson, J. D.; W. S. Johnson, tyler.

Justice Holmes of the U. S. Supreme Court, speaks of the necessity among all men of correcting "the ignoble excess of noble feeling." There is a wise and true phrase. Most men are righteous in their impelling motives, but as we become splendidly aflame with our cause, we are prone to forget that even a good cause does not justify either intolerance or insanity.

Speaking of a certain famous personage, a very just man said the other day: "His ideal is splendid, but it is impractical; it will take the world a hundred years or more to catch up with it." Ah, but how poor and drab a thing life would be if now and then some man did not set above the thought of the world a noble vision of something better and truer than is contemporaneously possible. Thank God for the Dreamers and the Believers.

Are we too old-fashioned if we believe that a woman looks better in a apron and sunbonnet than in furs?

To Our Many Customers

May others be as good to you in the approaching New Year as you have been to us in the year that is now slipping away. Our policy for the coming year, as it has been in the past, is to search the wholesale markets for the goods that we are sure will give our customers the best service and satisfaction and to buy these goods at the lowest cash figure and share these benefits with our customers.

Best wishes for your future prosperity,

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