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**DUE CREDIT TO ENGLISHMEN.**  
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Editor Dawn of To-morrow.

I am not posing as a propagandist  
for any particular race and is this  
true in the case of the Englishman of  
whom I am to speak. Since his race  
has shown marked aptitude for cen-  
turies to take full care of itself.

Nevertheless there are times when  
failure to register credit where credit  
is due for services rendered, is not  
only unprogressive but even ungrate-  
ful and unChristian.

The incident which I shall now re-  
late took place in the early 80's. Our  
little school was progressing nicely as  
could be expected with good, bad and  
indifferent masters. It was a case of  
no "licking" no "learning" and much  
more licking than learning. The Amer-  
ican Civil War was still fresh in the  
minds of people and our school being  
a mixed school (white and colored)  
mud slinging was the pastime. At  
last our school board, of which my  
father was a member for 18 years, se-  
cured a man with first class life-time  
credentials.

This man had not been with us long  
before it became evident that he was  
exceptionally efficient as a teacher.  
Pupils began to come in from all di-  
rections, and before his 3 years were  
ended many pupils from outside dis-  
tricts enrolled with us. We also drew  
many from the separate school. In  
fact, our little school was filled to  
overflowing.

I have not the slightest idea as to  
the religious affiliation of the man,  
but considering the matter now in  
these later years, it seems to me  
he did more in our community to  
bring about the spirit of peace on  
earth, good will toward men, than  
any man I ever met. This man was  
unmistakably an Englishman. After  
he left us the powers that be re-  
cognized his worth and it was not  
long before he filled a vacancy of I.P.  
S. of our county.

Almost surrounded as our farm was  
by English settlers for nearly a half  
century, I believe I have good reason  
to speak with authority when I speak  
of the habits and customs. There  
are, of course, exceptions to every  
rule, but generally speaking, an Eng-  
lish settler means a good neighbor  
and that means progress.

I know very little about the English  
of our towns and cities except in a  
business way and I will admit, on the  
whole their customs do seem strange  
at times to us of the land of the open  
space. I am well aware they are  
not popular with many of our group  
and the reason is not far to seek. For  
instance the two races do not under-  
stand each other's view point. The  
great difficulty with two races living  
together and not understanding each  
other is that too often the best efforts  
for peace and progress are wasted.

The Englishman cannot understand  
why the colored man, after the sol-  
emn declaration of liberty was sign-  
ed—why the colored man did not set  
about learning the meaning of stocks  
and bonds or even getting a roof over  
his head, he simply left his little cab-  
in without even locking the door;  
why he just went fishing. It does  
not strike him that the colored man,  
after three centuries of enforced slav-  
ery just might want, and even need a  
holiday.

The colored man, on the other hand  
often regards the coolness and aloof-  
ness of the Englishman as being en-  
mity. But I know this is not the case.

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