

## THE ELEVATION OF THE NEGRO.

At the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Howard University in the city of Washington, the Rev. Dr. A. P. Beard, secretary of the American Missionary Association, delivered an address on the elevation of the Negro, in the course of which he presented these epitomized facts: "Twenty-seven years ago forbidden to read by law, without a school; to-day with 25,530 schools. Then not a child in school in all the families of 4,000,000. Now 2,250,000 have learned to read, and most of them to write; while according to the census of 1890, there are in the Afro-American schools 238,229 pupils, the increase in attendance the last ten years being 62.2 per cent. Twenty-seven years ago a Negro school teacher would have been a curiosity; to-day, by the grace of God and by the grit of their own manhood, 20,000 Afro-Americans are teaching school. Twenty-seven years ago it was thought that the colored man was incapable of higher education. To-day there are sixty-six academies and high schools presided over and taught by colored teachers. To-day there are 150 schools for advanced education for the training of Afro-American pupils. Among these are seven colleges, administered by colored presidents and faculties, and three of these presidents were slaves."—*North Dakota Churchman.*

## DESCRIPTION OF THE PERSON OF OUR SAVIOUR.

The following was taken from a manuscript now in the possession of Lord Kelly, and in his library, and was copied from an original letter of Publius Lentulus, at Rome. It being the usual custom of Roman Governors to advertise the Senate and people of such material things as happened in their provinces. In the days of Tiberius Caesar, Publius Lentulus, president of Judea, wrote the following epistle to the Senate concerning our Saviour:

"There appeared in our days a man of great virtue, named Jesus Christ, who is yet living amongst us, and of the Gentiles is accepted as a prophet of truth, but his own disciples call Him the Son of God. He raiseth the dead and cureth diseases. A man of stature somewhat tall and comely, with very reverend countenance, such as beholders may both love and fear. His hair of the color chesnut full ripe, plain to the ears, whence downwards it is more orient and curling and waving about his shoulders. In the midst of his head is a seam or partition of his hair, after the manner of the Nazarenes. His forehead plain and very delicate, his face without spot or wrinkle, beautiful with a lovely red, his nose and mouth so formed as nothing can be reproached. His beard thickish, in color like his hair, not very long, but forked; his look innocent and mature, his eyes, gray, clear and quick. In reproving he is terrible,

in admonishing courteous and spoken, pleasant in conversation mixed with gravity. It cannot be remembered that any have seen him laugh, but many have seen him weep. In proportion of body most excellent, his hands and arms most delicate to behold. In speaking very temperate, modest and wise. A man of singular beauty, surpassing the children of men."—*North Dakota Churchman.*

Let us never forget that God made home among the first things He created. Before commerce and trade, laws and statutes, thrones and altars there were men and women, fathers and mothers, brothers and sisters, lovers and friends, hearth stones and homes.—*G. R. Van de Water.*

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