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The Negro Race; Who Are They?

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coast," and history also records that a Dutch man-of-war came to James-town harbor, "three centuries ago and sold to the planters there "twenty negars." The culture of the tobacco plant was mostly the cause of their rapid increase, but there were other southern productions needing just the help these slaves could give. cotton, sugar rice, and it is said that about the year 1750 the slaves outnumbered the whites by about two to one, their labor being indispensable, and proving a large factor in American progress. It is said that in the nation as a whole, the supply more than half the workers, as farmers. They occupy over one million farms, at least one quarter of which are their own. Forty thousand of the coal miners union are Negroes, and, indeed, a large percentage of the workers in the various industries of the U.S. are Negroes.

In America there are seventy-eight Negro banks, with a capitalization of \$100,000,000, and the increasing number of successful business concerns, managed by Negroes, prove their capacity. It is said that their accumulated wealth of \$20,000,000 in 1866 became \$1,500,000,000 in 1920.

Dr. Carter S. Woodson, a Negro historian, is the author of several works on the Negro question. His latest: "The Negro in Our History", it is said, will yet be made a text book in schools and colleges, and a reference book on American history in libraries.

To copy from a magazine, "In a half century of freedom, the Negroes achievements have been remarkable. at the commencement season of 1922, five hundred and twenty-three Negroes received the Degree of Bachelor of Arts, twenty Masters degrees, besides three hundred and thirty-two graduate, with professional training, including seventy-five awyers, besides a large number in other professions."

These few words barely touch the borders of this vast, important, and fruitful subject, but they may be the means of stimulating some capable and earnest seeker after truth to take up the study of what will prove increasingly interesting as investigation proceeds. The Negro is here to stay. He is proving himself more worthy of our study than perhaps some of us are willing to admit, and should he advance to leave so of us "po' whites" behind, the fault will be our own.

Factory Closes; No Workers

Fayetteville, N.C., Aug.—(By The Associated Negro Press)—Because they cannot be operated as now organized, with white labor, and because of the absence of Negro workers, due to migration North, the Hawthorne Silk Mills, run here for the last thirty-five years, have been forced to close down. In normal times the mills employed 600 Negro workers. Since the war they have had to import workers from other towns and states, but have now found it so difficult to do so that it is felt necessary to close down to avert bankruptcy. Officials of the firm declare that talk about the Negroes returning after a while is all "piffle."

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