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Editorial

Marcus Garvey Again

Friends of Marcus Garvey who are in constant touch with him assert that his long imprisonment has made terrible inroads on his health. In seeking his parole, they claim to have urged that his failing health is the reason for desiring his release. Still, strange to say, their plans have been repeatedly turned down by those in authority. It is all the more strange in view of the fact that Warren McCoy, former governor of Indiana, who was convicted for the same offense as was Garvey, has been paroled after having completed only one third of his ten-year term. The loss to the state and to the individuals brought about through McCoy's practices amounts to millions of dollars. Reflections of his misrule and fraud can be seen throughout his state today in corrupt officials and class rule. Without touching upon the merits of Garvey's conviction, it is well known that his fraudulent methods (intentional or otherwise) affected only a few of his fellows whose confidence in Garvey far overshadows the petty losses which they sustained. Viewing the two cases from the point of damage done in each and from what would seem the intention of each offender, we fail to see why Garvey is still a prisoner and McCoy is free.

White Students the Losers

Although the 1,400 white students of Gary, Ind., High School have succeeded in compelling Superintendent Writ to grant all of their demands in the fight to drive Negro students from the school, yet they have lost far more than they have gained. They have lost that high standard of right and justice which should go hand in hand with an education, if an education is to mean anything at all. They have lost the real educational ideal, that an education is to make well-balanced, well-rounded, fair-minded and broad-minded citizens. They have lost not only in the estimation of all right-thinking young people of the present generation, but even their children, when they shall be informed through history of this act, will look upon their parents as having been small, narrow and unjust. No doubt today they look upon themselves as heroes and heroines. It may be that

even their grown-up townspeople call them such. But the fact is they have simply tried to stay the move of progress. Later in life the students of Emerson High School and all of Gary as well will learn of this fact. For neither Emerson High School nor Gary, Ind., can live alone. They must come in contact with other people, with organizations such as the student movement, movements which are destined to make young people think in terms of human beings, of right and justice and of God, rather than in terms of race and white supremacy. Class ignorance and nothing else is responsible for the spirit shown by these 1,400 students. But we have hope for them, for if Emerson imparts to them the only kind of education which is worth while in this world they will some day see the folly of their present acts.

As to the State of Indiana, we have little hope under the present regime. A former governor having been sent to prison for fraud, the present governor under indictment for misdoings, practically every office in the state being filled by a Klansman, the situation seems unendurable from the standpoint of justice to Negroes. It is little wonder that the students of Emerson were inspired to dominate the school board.

Whatever the outcome may be, we trust that the 34 colored students who were ill-treated will not lose their ardor for an education nor their desire to prepare themselves to go out into the world, after finishing, and help to teach their white classmates and all the world that the human family, although made up of many races and colors, and gifts, and talents, is, after all, one family.

Forging Ahead

We as a people are not an inferior race, and we can accomplish the same things other races accomplish if we equip ourselves with the necessary training, and persevere.

I would say here one of the most important factors towards success is an education. I'll not expatiate on its various and far-reaching importance. But alas! It is a lamentable and deplorable fact that we haven't fortified ourselves with enough learning to grapple with the big things that are worth while.

I may add here that we have a few educated colored men, but we need many more. May I beseech our youth today to consider the importance of an education and go after something better than the "pick and shovel brigade." Would to God our young men and women would see the importance of education.

We are emerging on the mechanical age, and electricity and gasoline are replacing man-power, therefore I believe our young men would do well to study mechanical engineering. Those who are mechanically inclined have the opportunity to learn.

Some may say, "Oh, it's all very well, but I have to work; I haven't the chance to go to school."

For our boys and girls who have to work there are night schools and courses in any lines may be taken, and I am sure that we as a people are intelligent enough to learn if we avail ourselves of the opportunity and persevere.

We need initiative. Let us not depend on others to do the big things for

us. Say, "I will, and I can" and do it yourself. If we lay hold of the necessary knowledge we can assert ourselves and forge ahead.

Another very important need is brotherly feeling and unity in our race. We do not pull together enough. If we are ever going to get anywhere we must unite and stand together. Otherwise the white will always dominate us.

Show me ten colored families agreeing and it will be easily seen that they are the leaders of the neighborhood, and again, find six colored boys agreeing on any job and you may be sure they are respected by the white workers.

The weakest point in our social scale is disagreeableness with one another, and our white brethren know this, and whenever they can get one colored man or woman to berate another they've scored a point.

Self-respect. When we respect ourselves others will respect us. We do not have to make sport of ourselves and amuse the whites in order to curry favor.

We need not sing so-called coon songs or encourage the cognomens of "Rastus," "Snowball," "Coon" or "Shine." We never hear much of that sort where it is resented by self-respecting colored men and women. But if we guffaw at such names it encourages the whites to call us such names. It is little wonder they continue to make sport of us. If we do not lose our self-respect others will respect us.

Be economical. Learning to save is very important, and if we save a little of our income it means much to our foresight and helpfulness in times of need. It also helps us to be independent. Then, too, money commands respect. I do not mean to say money is all-in-all. Yet when we are able to keep even with the board we can look any man or woman in the face and not be embarrassed. Be economical.

Lastly, I would add truthfulness and honesty to my brief outline of timely hints. If we are truthful others will learn to rely upon us, and if we are honest people will trust us. When we are able to win the name of being truthful and honest, we have two very good recommendations as our credentials.

And, above all, let us not forget our God and at all times remember He is our Friend under all circumstances.

I trust that this brief message may be an inspiration and an incentive to someone, and if so it will have achieved that for which it was intended.

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Was Long Time At Old Toronto Station

Interviewed by a reporter a few days ago, Richard (Dick) Carter expressed regret and pathos on leaving the old union station and on seeing that edifice razed, which had served millions of travellers for over thirty years. Mr. Carter was employed in the time when it was abandoned for the new one a few weeks ago, and although he is proud of the new union station, prouder still that he has been promoted in rank, tender memories of the old station still linger within his breast.

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