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Editorial

MARTYR OR VILLAIN, SAINT OR SINNER?

By the action of the higher court in the State of New York in sustaining the decision of the lower court, Marcus Garvey has been sent to Federal Prison in Atlanta, Ga., to serve a term of five years for using the U.S. mails for fraudulent purposes.

As to the law and as to the facts in the case (we know not. Still we are inclined to believe the courts gave Garvey every chance for a fair and impartial trial, even allowing him to conduct his own defence, and yet, in his own soul and in his intention whether he is guilty of the charge is something that is known only to himself and to his Creator. "Everyone must decide for himself whether the occasion justifies in the courts of heaven an act which must needs be condemned in the courts of earth."

In more than one way Garvey is an exceptionally remarkable and brilliant man, and for that very reason his misfortune is a catastrophe to the whole race. He has done more to awaken the slumbering spirit of race consciousness in the breasts of the Negro race throughout the world than any other man, living or dead; and for this alone, if for nothing else, he is entitled to "a place in the sun."

We have tried to view his schemes for the betterment of the race in the light of quiet reason. His "back to Africa" scheme, for those who were fitted and who wanted to go, his "Black Star Line" to handle the produce of the West Indians who are forced to sell for less than market value, his idea of building factories and other business enterprises for the employment of colored people, his idea of making Africa a grand republic for the benefit of the African people and their descendants, his idea that the world would be bound to respect such a republic—all appeal to us as being sane and sensible. While we may differ greatly with him in his method of proceeding in his attempt to reach his goal we have only words of praise for his lofty purposes.

Had Garvey used other tactics, had he gathered and kept around him the race's most talented and educated men to carry out the many excellent schemes which his fertile brains produced, he would today be heralded by all classes as the greatest mind the race has ever produced. That he

violated the law seems evident, still who knows but that this was a result of his over zealotness for the success of his schemes for the success of all black peoples? Did not Oliver Cromwell, George Washington and John Brown violate the law to accomplish that which was to their minds more beneficial to humanity than was the law which they violated?

History will tell whether Garvey is martyr or villain, saint or sinner, and whatever place assigns him he will at least be credited with having helped our group to realize this one thing that for the good of the race there must be a common bond of unity running from breast to breast among among black people.

IF YOU'LL ONLY TRY.

Now my friend, just stop your grumbling.

When you have a task to do;
That all the hard hard work falls to you.

Don't go 'round always mumbling,
Hop right in and go to it,
Don't sit 'round and sigh;
You'll find that you can do it,
If you'll only try.

Whatever your task is don't get rattled,

But be calm, don't lose your head;
For it is clear thinking that wins battles
And not procrastination, fear and dread.

Whatever it is, buckle down to it,
Make up your mind to do or die;
You'll find a way to do it,
If you'll only try.

Don't give in for each little trifle,
Be the master of all your plans;
And if your task be honest and right-ful,

The world makes a way for the determined man.

Never give up once you begin it.
For the reward is success is high;
Just say "I'll stick since I'm in it,"
And you will, if you'll only try.

Of course you'll find lots of rough places,

All along life's highway;
And you'll meet folks with grouchy faces,

As you travel day by day.
Just make up your mind to go the limit,

And your goal you'll reach by and by;
Obstacles won't keep a determined man from winning.

And you can, too, but you've got to try.

—By E. R. Douglas, Negro Poet

Boston, Mass., March 4—Mrs. Catherine Minor, said to be 119 years old, who was buried here last week, if her memory were true, is one of the few mortals who ever lived to see two eclipses of the sun such as that which occurred recently. She used to relate with enthusiasm how she had seen an eclipse of the sun in 1811.

Mrs. Catherine's father was one of Washington's slaves. She had 12 children, all of whom are dead and is survived by several grand children and great grandchildren.

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