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### Segregation Law To Commission

Richmond, Va., Dec.-The ordinance providing for residential segregation, which has been pending in the Richmond City Council, has been referred to a commission of nine, including three city officials and six ctizens, one of whom shall represent the interracial Committee, and two of whom shall be colored. The commission was instructed to investigate the situation thoroughly and report their recommendations to the council by May 1. This decision was reached after a prolonged hearing on the proposed ordinance, in which the various viewpoints were presented before a mixed audience of 250 people.

The opposition to the ordinance was led by R. W. Carington, representing the Interracial Committee, who contended that the measure would work a hardship on a great many people and tend to disarrange the existing cordial relations between the races. He was followed by a number of represntative Negroes, each of whom ably supported the argument. Among these were attorney Joseph E. Pollard, Rev. W. L. Ransome, L. A. Reid, M. A. Norvell, and W. A. Jordan. The action of the committee in recommending postponeof the effectiveness of their arguments. The final result will be awaited with interest.

#### Rosenwald To Start Building

From the St. Louis Argus.

Chicago, Dec. 12-Final steps to insure an immediate start on the Julius Rosenwald housing project were taken Monday when a subcommittee of the City Council approved the vacation of an alleyway at Forty-sixth street and Michigan avenue.

Building Commissioner Chris Paschen subsequently was authorized to issue a permit for the \$2,750,000 apartment experiment which has been made possible through the gift of Mr. Rosenwald.

The building will cover the entire block bounded by Wabash and Michigan avenues and Forty-sixth and Forty-seventh streets. It will house 420 model apartments, which will be ocucpied by race tenants.



#### Democracy Impossible Without Negro Vote

Washington, Dec. 20-Democracy is going to be impossible in America until the country faces the problem of Negro disfranchisement in the South, declared Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois, of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, speaking yesterday afternoon before the National Interracial Conference.

"Of all the questions which come part of Negro American citizens, occupies, to my mind, the key position," said Dr. DuBois. "There was a ment and further study was evidence time when a study of health and population was necessary in order to was not dying out or was not of a peculiar and unusual physique. Between the years 1890 and 1910, the have a voice in its own government." right of the American Negro to modupon a scientific basis.

occupation, housing, and recreation, ture.

THE OLD, OLD, STORY.

'The Bedouin Shepherds on the hill Beheld the town of Bethlehem. The ancient tale will tell you still,

As it was handed down to them-Of a wolf and a Nubian shepherd lad, A lamb, a welf, and Aboul Feraad, And yet one other, and will swear by crook

The wolf still prowls by hill and brook On Christmas eve-hunts ferociously, Yet never tender lamb slays he."

all depend upon political power, and before the National Interracial Con- not, as many seem to assume, upon ference, that of uolitical power on the philanthropy. In the same way we are going to abolish mobs and lynching and have a more equitable administration of law and justice, clear- dence in both cases is real and iner citizenship rghts, and more nor- creasing, but in the case of nations prove that the Negro race in America ablish in the United States a Democracy upon the fundamental truth that every group of those governed should

This was part of the masterful adern education had to be established dress given by Dr. Du Bois, in which he outlined so well the conditions at "The present problems of Negro present and what must be in the fu- to be exclusive are both the produc-

#### Industry Makes The Races Interdependent

Washington, Dec. 20-The rising tide of economic activity throughout the world is showing that no race is economically self-sufficient , declared Professor Herbert Adolph's Miller, of Ohio State University, speaking yesterday afternoon before the National Interracial Conference, in the Auditorium of the Department of the Interior Building.

"Racial competition is exactly like national competition," declared Professor Miller. "Economic inter-depenmal race relations, only if we can est- there is a patriotic delusion of selfsufficiency.

> "We can only wait until the economic organization makes itself so obvious that exaggerated nationalism will become absurd.

> "In the same way, races that try ers and the consumers of each other's goods. The competition of laborers, however, seems immediate and threatening. However, with a rising tide of economic nativity, no race is selfsufficient, and the organization of interracial labor will be just as easily demonstrated and just as necessary as is international banking.

"The next step is the formulation of programs both for creating an awareness of how far things have arready gone, and the promotion both through conference and organization for working out horizontal relationships just as is being done in international affairs. This is in part the job of labour unions, and in part the job of Chambers of Commerce, with new economic and political theory following to lay down the principles."



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#### Editorial

THE RESPONSIBILITY

OF CHRISTENDOM.

Said Christ our Lord 'I will go and see How the men my brethren believe in

The fact that the clash between the races is due most of all, to the expansion of power of the Christian nations of the earth, drives the responsibility for a solution of this problem home to Chrstendom. Christianity or its people has marched from the West ,eastwards, fastening its habits, customs and its mode of commerce upon other nations, penetrating their lives in a manner that is both ruthless and heartless. most cases it has not assumed a Christianlike attitude among the natives with whom it has come in contact, nor has it made earnest efforts to know these people better, nor has it sought an understanding fellowship with them. On the other hand, a double standard has been set up-one for the heathen, which points him to Christ, another for itself, which has all the ear-marks of greed, lust, avarice and an attitude of racial super iority. For instance, "in Africa," declares Dr. Zwemmer, "the strength of Islam is a religious pride which trancends all race, and the weakness of Christianity is a racial pride which breaks up religion. Negroes are being won to Islam on the failure of Christianity to live up to the principle of the Founder, on the race problem."

One of the most oft repeated wishes of Jesus when He was on earth was that we love one another as He had loved us. He also wished that the strong should help to bear the infirmities of the weak. But to-day those who carry His banner among the heathens have reversed this order. The weak are compelled to bear the burden of the world. Witness the system in Shanghai which works little children and women in shifts of twelve hours a day for a mserable pittance; or the squalor and filth of the dwellings of the industrial operators around Bombay; or the uncanny slums in which mill workers are forced to live in Kobe, Japan; or the forced labor system of Africa which takes thousands of youths from the African tribal life and compels them to work in the gold and diamond mines; or the act of the South African Parliament (The Colour Bar Bill) 54 Beverley St.

which prohibits the natives becoming skilled artisans. All of these gracious acts have followed the introduction of Christianity into heathen counian nations in the name of "industrial revolution." They are done in order to amass wealth to the Glory of God \$2.00 and Christianity. "Have you founded your thrones and alter then. On the bodies and souls of living men?"

In South Africa 80 per cent. of the native population is on the land, with a rapidly increasing population and with a diminishing amount of available land, due to the government's policy of confiscating their land, congestion among the natives is becoming one of the greatest crimes of the

"I have heard the dropping of their tears.

In heaven these eighteen hundred vears"

Wherever Western civilization and with it Christianity has touched, the lives of weaker peoples, and especially if these people are dark of skin, it has sought to impress them with the doctrine of superiority and inferiority. Jesus Christ, the heathen and the weaker ones are still waiting for the kind of Christianity which will "stay put." Christ is still waiting for the fulfilment of His fervent prayer 'That they all may be as one.'

"But still wherever His steps they led

The Lord in sorrow bent down His head."

Within a few short hours all Christendom will be aglow with the Christmas spirit, the spirit of giving which is a token of peace and good will. Millions of dollars will be spent in persuance of this spirit and some of the crumbs will even fall to the poor and needy, to the underprivileged millions of the world. This is of course right and in accordance with His great wish. But how much more pleased would He be during this season should some of these millions be diverted to eradicating the causes of poverty, injustice, oppression, greed and avarice.

"O Lord and Master, not ours the guilt.

We build but as our fathers built; Behold thine image as they stand Sovereign and Soul through all our land."

'Then Christ sought out an artisan And a motherless girl whose fingers

Pushed from her gently, want and sin, Then sat he, in the midst of them; And as drew back their garment's

hem For fear of defilement, 'Lo here' said He

The images you have made of me.

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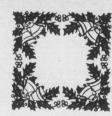
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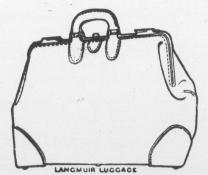
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The sick among us are Mrs. Chris Brown, Mr. Wm. Budd, Mr. Thompson, Mss Myrtle Hooper, Mrs. Louise Washington, at Victoria Hospital. All are reported to be improving; Mrs. Alcine Draper at St. Joseph's Hospital, rs. Mable Cook at home, both im-

The Dawn join the citizens of the city in wishing our sick members a speedy recovery and a merry Christ-

Mrs. Mable Miller is visiting friends in Hamilton. She reports a splendid time and a most pleasant holiday.

Mrs. Myrtle Fields and little Billie of Detroit are visitors to our city. They intend staying through the holf-

Last Sunday Rev. H. C. Talbot occupied the pulpit at the Hill Street Baptist Church. He brought to the congregation one of his usual strong and powerful sermons. We are looking with great expectancy to the time when he will visit us once more, With Rev. Talbot was Mrs. Talbot, ther son George and Mrs. Alexander of North Buxton. Theye were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Berry while they were here.

Mrs. Rev.) E. A. Richardson has returned to the city after a long and pleasant visit with friends in Owen

Mrs. G. Workman of Hamilton was in the city last week as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cromwell. Mrs. Workman's future home will be in

Indianapolis with her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cook wish to thank the members of the C.L.A.C. P. and other friends for the most pleasant surprise tendered them a few evenings ago

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In 1793, there was a fearful ourbreak of Yellow Fever in Philadelphia then the Capital of the United States, whch taxed to the utmost the energies of all physicians. The most celebrated physician at the time in Philadelphia-or, indeed, in the United States-was Dr. Benjamin Rush, whose name and fame are by no means forgotten in the annals of the

A letter from him, long unpublished but appearing in the Magazine of American History for January 1891, pays tribute to the humanity of the Negro population of that city-a well-earned tribute which should be better known. The letter reads as follows:-"Dear Sir,

Accept of my thanks for your friendly note and the interesting paper enclosed in it.

The facts which I have preserved during our late calamity relate only to the origin, history, and cure of the

The only information whch I am capable of giving you relates to the conduct of the Africans of our city. In procuring nurses for the sick, Wm. Grey and Absalom Jones were indefatigable, often sacrificing for that purpose whole nights of sleep without the least compensation. Richard Allen was extremely useful in performing the mournful duties, which were connected with burying the dead. Many of the black nurses, it is true were ignorant, and some of them were negligent, but many of them did their duty to the sick with a degree of patience and tenderness that did them great credit.

During the indisposition and confinement of the greateest part of the Physicians of the City, Richard Allen and Abraham Jones procured copies of the printed directions for curing the fever-went among the poor who were sick-gave them the mercurial purges-bled them freely, and by these means, they this day informed me, they had recovered between two and three hundred people.

I am the more pleased with the above communication as it showed the safety and simplicity of the mode of treating the disease, which you politely said was generally successful,

Benin, Rush.

October 29th, 1793.

P.S.—The merit of the Blacks in their attendance upon the sick is enhanced by their not being exempted from the disorder. Many of them had it; but, in general, it was much milder and yielded more easily to art than in the white people."

It is surely worth while, in these days of "every man for himself," to be reminded of deeds of simple and unassuming heroism, which must always remain without reward, and gen erally without recognition.

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If deeply this we'll comprehend.

We needs must have our pen surcharged

If e'er to others we would tell,
The wealth of beauty that abounds
Where'er is found a mossy dell.
How feeble are our lisping lips,
Untouched by an undying coal!
How raptureless are human hearts
Till we've a vision of the soul-

Nor have we skill to tune our harps, So that each string gives music

Until needed art we find
Whilst learning at the Master's
feet.

Anon and ever I must wait

A helpless bard, on bended knee,
Till He, who taught the birds to sing,
Entrusts a little song to me.

—MACK.

#### PUBLISHES ESSAY ON NEGRO AUTHOR'S DILEMA.

New York, Nov. 23—The Dlemma of the Negro author in America is the subject of an essay in the December American Mercury Magazine, by James Weldon Johnson, Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

In his essay Mr. Johnson points out that the creative Negro author has arrived in America and is recognized, but that he faces a difficult problem. Whereas the white author has two or even three audiences to think of: the Negro readers, the white readers and a mixed group, each having its own peculiar set of preconceptions and taboos. Mr. Johnson predicts a time when the different groups will be fused into one: "There will come a breaking up and remodelling of most of white America's traditional stereotypes, forced by the advancement of the Negro in our national life. Black America will abolish many of the taboos. A sufficiently large class of colored people will progress enough and become strong enough to render a constantly sensitive and defenseless attitude on the part of the race unnecessary and distasteful. In the end, the Negro author will have something close to a common audience, and will be about as free from outside limitations as other writers."

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