Does Dr. Washington Want to Know?

Why, asks Dr. Milholland, is not Professor W. E. B. Du Bois, one of the most revered and accomplished gentlemen of the nation, accorded the same privilege?

The following rejoinder from the pen of Doctor John E. Milholland of New York, now in Paris, France, to an article by Prof. Booker T. Washington, appearing in the London, England, Standard, was printed in that journal September 6, 1910. Dr. Milholland is a white man and will be remembered for his address before the Afro-American Council at Bethel Church, Detroit, some years ago.

To the Editor of "The Standard."

Sir:—I have just read in a belated copy of your paper, an interview with my friend, Dr. Booker T. Washington. Knowing the Doctor as I do, it seems quite certain that he had no thought of indulging in sensational statements, and yet I am sure that no American citizen familiar with race conditions in the United States will read what he says with other than a feeling of amazement.

He says that "a few Negroes" are now permitted to ride on sleeping cars in the South, as though this were a triumph worth recording—that American citizens are actually afforded facilities for sleep that are not denied even in railroad transportation to horses, hogs and cattle.

Absurd though it is, I should very much like to know who are the "few Negroes" aside from Dr. Washington himself, that have this "privilege" accorded them. I am sure it is not our Dr. Du Bois of the Atlanta University, because at the last race conference in New York he had come the way of his race; that is to say, this scholar and thinker, this brilliant graduate of Harvard University, this student of Heidelberg, and member of the International Law Association, this recognized authority on Sociology, this gifted speaker whose speech in New York last spring was pronounced by Jacob H. Schiff, the banker, the "ablest economic address" ever delivered, to his knowledge, in the metropolis—is compelled to travel on a "Jim Crow" car from Atlanta to Washington, although his personal appearance and habits are such as to make him a welcomed guest at the tables of all unprejudiced people in Europe and America. If Dr. Washington will give me the list of the "few Negroes" who are favored with the accommodations that are denied to Dr. Du Bois and the other real leaders of colored thought and opinion, I will under take to furnish the reason why these gentlemen are singled out for this remarkable distinction. Does Dr. Washington desire the names to be stated?

Yet more bewildering still is Dr. Washington's other contention that the whites and blacks are dwelling together "more harmoniously" than heretofore. This would be really a farcical declaration were the background not so ghastly tragic. "Harmony" is a bold characterization to employ within sixty days after that little affair down in Texas, which resulted in the murder of no fewer than sixty colored men. Some were lynched, some were shot down in the fields while at work, others were dragged.

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Tributes were then paid to Dean Leighton by Professor Geo. W. Cook, Dean of the Commercial College and General Secretary of the University, and Mr. Hilyer, who have both been students in the Law School under Dean Leighton and who were well qualified to commend the long and faithful services of Dean Leighton who turning his back upon all legal honors, has preferred to remain at Howard Law School "with the boys." Tribute was paid to Dean Leighton in behalf of the Council and the present student body of the Law School, in an eloquent and masterful address by Mr. "B. H," C. S. Williams, of the Senior Law Class, who concluded his remarks by moving a standing vote of thanks to Dean Leighton. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Too much cannot be said in the praise of President Waters who is laboring untiringly to make the Council stand for what it should in the University. It is mainly through his efforts that the Council has been able to secure the services of such able men to address it. President Waters hopes the coming into the Council, it will not be long before all these hopes are realized and the Council of Upper Classmen will stand for what it should as a student organization in the University.—Reporter.

SUNDAY VESPER

Owing to the extreme dampness of the weather last Sunday, the attendance was very small. The service was of the usual high order. Dr. Parks delivered a very inspiring address. The choir sang a very beautiful anthem from Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise"—"All you that cried unto the Lord" and Miss Alexander sang "Pier not Ye O'Isreal."

Don't forget the play, the place, and the date—"The Merry Wives."

LOOK ON

LOOKING back along the road by which you came, you see uncultured and desert spots, no green pastures of your own cultivation. You see many things that ought to have been done, but left undone and many things done that should not have been done. You perhaps are feeling "blue" nothing seems worth while, but it is never too late to have success. There is no summit that you cannot attain if you but work.

Did you ever see a base ball game that was an uphill fight and was won in the ninth? Did you ever play a game of tennis and find yourself while serving the ball, compelled to call out, "Love Forty." Your opponent lacked only one point to win the game and you had not made a point. Then, you have spurred yourself on and won the game. As in the game of tennis so is the game of life.

You perhaps feel discouraged because of the successes of your friends. What others can you do. Every effort that you make pushes you higher. Efforts should be many and not far between. It is worth the while to toil— if you don't succeed, try again—but it is not worth the while to give up. Men have stood deeper in the shadows of life than you are standing today, surrounded by means of wealth and fortune and they have "looked on" and worked on to success.

Turn your thoughts away from the past, "look on" and set sail, have your ship manned with a splendid crew, Hope, Patience, Faith, Courage, Industry, Bull dog tenacity and stick-to-itiveness.

If the many who have been discouraged because they have failed in their exams will but think of this; look on, push on, work on and win success.

C. H. G.

Watch Next Week's Journal

PROGRESS BY ANTAGONISM

Progress and success are double fronted; they look fore and aft. If defeated at one point they proceed in another direction. To say that progress is made by antagonism, seems to say that a thing is advanced by being hindered. Few people will accept this for its face value, but a careful study of the great births of time in history will convince one, that the world’s progress has been made in the face of antagonism.

Man naturally looks for fair weather and smooth seas. We look for peace and not conflict, feeling that more rapid progress can be made when the wheels run without friction. In this, we forget the power of resolution and the unconquerableness of enthusiasm.

When Napoleon was laying the plans for his memorable campaign beyond the Alps, his generals cautioned him by telling him that the Alps were in the way. As an answer to their warnings, Napoleon raised himself in his stirrups and said: "There shall be no Alps." And when in 1803 he cut his way through snowfields, forest and mountain passes his followers felt the power of his enthusiasm as he said: "There shall be no Alps."

All real and true progress costs a struggle, and bears on its escutcheon the signs of conflict. Not much in this old world, of any value, is to be won without conflict. At every open door stands the armed guard; so that not only is the gate to Eden guarded by the angel with flaming sword, but at every other gate of progress whether individual or racial, there stands the armed guard.

Would you climb to better things in your own life, then you must struggle for them. Would you win a better home for your family, then you must fight for it. Would you win better recognition for your race, then you
must step into the arena with the spirit to do battle with every comer.

Write down this burning fact of history: There is no progress without conflict. Other races have fought for all they have, and we must do the same, for our going up will not be different from that of other peoples. It was only after centuries of struggle that Rome sat on her seven hills and ruled the world. It was only after centuries of conflict that the Jew possessed himself of Canaan and Solomon sat down at ease in his ivory palace. It was only after four years of awful carnage in fratricidal war that America now stands a united Republic, and a world power with which the nations of the world must reckon.

The lesson of the ages comes:

To us a race of sable sons,
To strike for right, to strike with might,
The God of Freedom leads the fight.

Keep up your courage, remembering that the darkest hour of the night is just before the dawning. There is much ahead now to discourage but do not lose heart, there is a gray streak in the East for the morning cijuneth, and kicked, clubbed, shot, or stabbed to death, and the cause of all was an ordinary street brawl between a white man and a colored man, in which the white man received the worst of it!

I have no objection to Dr. Washington or any other professor authority on the subject coming here to tell the people of the old countries about the progress of the Negroes, for it is not only of all possible condemnation; there is nothing like it in human history—where a race has lifted itself up from illiterate slavery to a condition where illiteracy has been reduced to about one-half in forty-five years!

What I insist on is that the other side of the picture shall also be shown, and that must be shown even if for no other purpose than to obtain the full significance of the black man's progress in America. He has come up through trial, cruelty, outrage and injustice unspeakable, and the fact that though the victim of anarchy, it has not made him an anarchist, nor has mob violence robbed him of respect for the law, and that he is still loyal to the government which has shamed itself in refusing to defend him, its valiant defender, surely speaks volumes in favor of the doctrine that to no portion of the human race is denied the power of attainment.

Mob law has been under way for more than twenty years. The United States of America has seen on the average a lynching of one of its citizens every other day in the year, and it has just witnessed, without emotion, a massacre in Texas that, had it happened in India or Egypt, would have convulsed the Empire and led to such a drastic action on the part of the Imperial authorities as would make the repetition of such things impossible.

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In an open letter which appears in The Detroit Reformer, Jan. 28, Rev. Dr. Milton Waldron writes Mr. J. Ellis Barker, of London, who was with us here recently studying the social, economic and political status of the American Negro, pointing out to him the conditions confronting colored Americans. Dr. Waldron says injustice wherever it occurs must be resisted and gives Mr. Barker some timely information as to the attitude of colored men in reference to their citizenship. This reminds us that this same Mr. Barker gave us some questions to answer. How many have answered those questions and sent them to the League? Help the helpers to help you.

With pride we note that Mr. E. A. Adkins, a graduate of our Commercial School and Mr. J. F. Bluford, a graduate of the College of Arts and Sciences, are holding high positions in the Greensboro Real Estate Emporium, one of the largest concerns of its kind run by colored men. Of this enterprise Mr. Adkins is Secretary and Treasurer and Mr. Bluford one of the directors. This institution since its inception in 1902 has granted about 800 loans and has collected and distributed over $75,000 in the nature of loans to colored people in and near Greensboro. It has built 56 houses

This is gratifying, indeed, and we are proud that these men of Howard are paving our way to industrial and economic freedom.

At a recent meeting of the National Federation of Labor at St. Louis, Missouri, a resolution was passed inviting Negroes and other races to enter the ranks of Union Labor. We hope that this will mean what it implies and every Negro workman who meets the requirements will be invited and taken into the labor unions.

Equal rights under the law and equal opportunities should be granted to all. The opportunity of an honest head is the noblest opportunity of a civilization. If labor must array itself formidably against advancing capital, it must have intelligent workmen of all races on its rolls. The time, we hope, is not far when the white workmen and the black workmen will see their common cause against the exploiting capitalist. This is indeed a happy sign.

The editor is glad to call the attention of the reader to the article on page one of the Journal entitled “Does Prof. Washington want to know?” written by the New York millionaire, John E. Milholland. The article was lent to Mr. R. G. Doggett by Mrs. Robt. Pelham, one of the most useful women of the race in her well chosen sphere, and has come to us. It is indeed a good omen for the race when white men not only of wealth but also of high ideals turn their attention to the thoughtful and sober study of the Negro. Of such men Messrs. Milholland, Jacob H. Schiff and Oswald Garrison Villard are a type. The wife of Mr. Milholland is very much interested in the race. She contributes occasionally to the “Crisis.” Her daughter also is a strong worker along this same line, is the assistant to Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont in the suffrage movement.

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The recent action of the Athletic Council regulating the wearing of the “H” and determining the eligibility of managers and other officers, is very commendable. It shows that they are doing something. It comes as a hard blow to the Preps, but they ought to be broad enough to see the wisdom of the action prohibiting them from becoming managers of athletic teams. The Preps in general haven’t the experience and training to make efficient managers. Perhaps a few may have the ability, but class legislation is always impracticable. Upper Classmen only, are eligible now for the various managementships. Seniors shall be managers and Juniors shall be assistant managers. This insures that experienced men will fill the offices. The Juniors will be elected managers after having served as assistant managers. It takes a man with a wide business experience to successfully manage an athletic team. Look at the manager of the foot-ball team, he handled at least $2000 a season. He must be a good financier as well as a good diplomat in his correspondence.

The Preps should look at this with an optimistic and broad eye. It gives them something to look forward to and to work for. Let them remember that they will not always be Preps. The Preps of today are the college men of tomorrow and the Upper Classmen of the next day—C. H. G.

Next week Southern and Maryland will appear in Shakespearean plays at the Belasco. The repertoire is as follows: Monday night, “Macbeth”; Tues., “Taming of the Shrew”; Wed’y, “Hamlet”; Thur., “Macbeth”; Friday, “Merchant of Venice”; Sat., matinee, “Macbeth”; Saturday night, “Romeo and Juliet”. The prices of seats range from 50 cents to $2.00. On the evening of Feb. 8, Sarah Bernhardt stars in Jean d’Arc at the New National Theatre.

As a rule we do not make a practice of advertising any attractions at the show houses nor are we doing so now except as it shall benefit our students. Shakespeare’s plays are studied as classics in all lands. Unlike the students in the smaller cities, we in Washington have the opportunity to see and appreciate classic productions.

Prejudice, discrimination and segregation keep many of us from local playhouses and if we can do any good, it is just to boycott such places as jim-crow us. There are times however, when it is to our advantage to do things even if at an inconvenience. Performances of the above type have a well-defined educational value. This value, although secondary, is nevertheless real. This knowledge demanded for conventional reasons is valued not necessarily for itself, but is taken by others as an index of our breeding, of our culture.

The educational system of Germany is far above ours, and provides cut-rate ticket to the theatres for its university students. No such good luck seems in store for us. Hindrances rather than inducements are placed in our path. All progress is made through difficulty. Knowing that antagonism helps us by sharpening our nerves and strengthening our sinews, the only way is to make a stepping stone of every obstruction—C. P. M.

DOUGLAS CUP DEBATE

The first annual Douglas Cup Debate was held Friday, January 20th in the Library Hall, under the auspices of the Ancient History Club.

The Ancient History Club is a club, organized last year, under the guidance of Prof. Dyson, for the purpose of creating interest in Ancient and Oriental History. For the last two years it has been addressed by noted ministers, travelers, and students of the University, aided by stereopticon views of the far east. This year, a new feature was added known as the Douglas Cup Debate.

The Douglas Cup is a loving cup, carved from the trunk of a tree which grew on the farm of the honorable Frederick Douglas, and under which, many of his famous utterances, in behalf of liberty and humanity were first pondered in his great heart. Professor Decatur carved and presented this priceless gem; as a prize to the successful team in debate upon some question of Ancient and modern History.

It was won this year by Messrs. Miner, Morgan and Howard, of section B, of the Ancient History class. Their names will be engraved upon it, as will be the names of all future winners of the same.

The cup is to remain in the University “Strong” box forever and a day.

CAMPUS JOTS

Exams are over, there are many sad as well as many happy hearts over the outcome. Did you pass?

The Orchestra, under the direction of E. P. Robinson continues to render pleasing music at the daily Chapel Services.

Bishop Clinton, of the M. E. Zion Church, was present at the Chapel Services last Friday. He gave a short and inspiring talk.

The concert given at the Howard Theatre last Friday night was a grand success. The theatre was packed. Miss Maline Thomas of the Vested Choir was on the program and rendered a beautiful solo.

To-day will be observed the Day of Prayer for colleges. Classes will be suspended after 10:30. The services of the day will be under the auspices of the Young Men and Young Women Christian Associations. Dr. Oyalla O’Connors will deliver the address at the Chapel Services.
A NEW ATHLETIC FEATURE

Plans for the Inter-Scholastic Athletic Association and Public School Athletic League Indoor Athletic meet at Convention Hall, for Colored Athletes are rapidly developing. Entry blanks have been sent to athletes and athletic clubs throughout this section of the city. The Alpha Physical Culture Club of New York, a crack club for colored men in that city will play the fast Howard over the New York bunch. Local series at True Reformers' Hall, nearly all of its opponents in the sixties on the track events and its star runners have been piling up scores in the sixties on nearly all of its opponents in the series at True Reformers' Hall, and expects to come out ahead in training for the indoor events open to the P. S. A. L. members. Howard varsity is an exceptionally good team and White in the Capital city and the visitors will have to be done on concrete streets and occasionally in the concrete streets of the school buildings.

Athletes entering open events must be registered in the I. S. A. A. Registration blanks can be secured from Mr. Haley G. Douglass at M. St. High School.

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Many government employees are planning to break into the running game this winter. One of the most prominent is W. Pantry Williams, formerly of M. St. High School, who holds the high school record for running high jump of 5 feet 7 inches. Howard soon forgets her teams though, however well they play during their season. —By Naps

FACULTY TENDERS RECEPTION

The students of the Commercial Department were very kindly tendered a reception last Saturday evening by the Dean and Faculty of that department at the home of the Dean and Mrs. George William Cook. The guests assembled at eight o'clock and from that time until eleven nothing but jollity prevailed, as some played games while others spent the evening in social conversation. The first part of the evening was spent in rendering the following program: Instrumental solo, Miss A. M. Cecil; Recitation, Miss Abbie Franklin; Vocal solo, Miss A. B. Scott; Remarks, Miss Carrie Burton; Instrumental solo, Miss Burton; Remarks, Dean Cook.

The program was extended by short speeches from the instructors. At about 10 o'clock the party was served with a very dainty collation.

Among the guest of the evening were Mrs. W. P. Thirkield, Dean and Mrs. Cummings, Dean and Mrs. Clark, and Mrs. B. L. Marchant.

THE TOLL OF THE FLYING MACHINE

A few days ago, the scientific world was shocked by the tragic death of Arch Hoxey, the brilliant young aviator, in one of his fearless death defying attempts to break the altitude record. He tempted fate once too often and his mangled remains pinned under the wreck of his ill-fated aeroplane, told all too vividly how he paid the penalty. He was the last up-to-date, of the many victims who have lately perished in the attempt to conquer the air. Within a few weeks of each other several of Hoxey's contemporaries have met death in a similar manner, and yet every day other men risk their lives in the same fearless fashion.

Practically every speed invention has claimed its toll of human life and the air ship is no whit behind its predecessors. The Monomotor of the present day is the air ship and the time is not yet in view when its appetite will be satisfied.

The old fashioned balloon claims its quota of life also. At the great Aviation Meeting held in Asbury Park, N. J., last summer, where the graceful, bird-like flights
of the aeroplanes made them seem as though they were alive; and where, by the way, Hoxey gave one of his thrilling exhibitions, there was scheduled a balloon ascension and parachute drop as a diversion for the crowd. The ascension was made to a height estimated at five thousand feet when the aeronaut attempted the "drop." The next instant the spectators were paralyzed with horror to behold the form of the aeronaut revolving like a pin-wheel hurtling through space and while they stood powerless to help, the body was dashed to pieces not two hundred yards from where the ascension was made.

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