

Questions and Answers In Negro History

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Questions pertaining to Negro History anywhere if of general interest, and not too long, will be answered by Mr. Parker in this column. When space will not permit or the subject is not suitable, letters will be personally answered, subject to proper limitations, and when a stamped envelope is enclosed, Address all communications to George Wells Parker, 3422 Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

A's mother was I-4 colored, I-4 white and I-4 Indian. At the same time A's father is white. Of what breed is A?—F. G. Camp Lewis, Wash.

According to figures he is an octoon as far as his African blood is concerned and legally white. But what he is ethnically or nationally the Lord only knows. I don't.

Was the Queen of Sheba a Negro and where was Sheba?—Mrs. A. D. F.

The Queen of Sheba was of Ethiopian blood and a Negro according to modern usage of the word. Sheba was a country on the southern coast of Arabia and in the province of Yemen. Yemen was founded and populated by Ethiopians. The present name of the country is Saba.

Will you kindly inform me from whence came the early Greeks?—W. B. R., West Philadelphia, Pa.

Ancient Greece was really a confederacy of many small governments and made up of several derivatives. The Argives of Argos, the Mycenaeans, the Athenians of Attica, and the Lacedaemonians of Sparta, were originally colonials from Africa, Crete and Phoenicia. At the time for the Trojan war the principals were largely of African descent with the exception of the Achaeans who were of a more northerly clime. The ancient Greeks were in reality mulattoes.

CAMDEN LOCALS.

Dr. J. H. Thomas, Misses Addie and Julia Thomas, Mrs. J. D. Wright, Mr. Lester McLester, Miss Eunice Carroll and a few others motored to Orangeburg, on Sunday.

The Community Glee Club of Camden, gave three entertainments at the three leading Tourist Hotels during last week. The programs given were at the Kirkwood, Hobkirk and Court Inn. The audiences at the various houses were very much pleased, with the programs rendered. A total amount of over \$300.00 was realized, exclusive of expenses. The Community Glee Club has at present as its presiding officer, Miss Addie Thomas, one of our very popular teachers in the Jackson Graded School of this city; Miss Thomas is the sister of Dr. J. Horace Thomas, M. D., a leading colored physician of Camden. The rest of the personnel of the Club, consist of Miss Julia Mae Thomas, Musical Directress; Mrs. J. D. Wright, Secretary; Mrs. S. R. Payton, Treasurer; Mrs. Theodosia Frierson, Vice-President; Mr. Albertus Stover; Mr. Philip Brisbane; Mr. Otis Aaron; Mr. Frank Shropshire; Mr. Manley Shropshire; Atty. and Mrs. H. F. McGirt; Mrs. McGirt being a former member of the Famous Williams' Jubilee Singers; Mr. Paul McGirt and Master Alvin DuBose. The Club in all of its engagements, is accompanied by Rev. B. E. Bradford of Trinity M. E. church. Rev. Bradford is aside from being a man of letters, a very forceful and energetic speaker, and one capable of putting any proposition clearly before the eyes of his audience, in such a way, that he who runs may read and clearly understand and be convinced of the importance, necessity, and value of lending every possible effort toward the cause he represents.

Mrs. Elise D. McLester, our very popular and energetic Assistant Superintendent of Colored Schools in Kershaw County, is now very busily engaged in the arrangement for Field Day exercises for the various Rural schools in the County of Kershaw.

Mrs. Estelle Faulks, who spends most of her spring and summer in the North-west, has begun the erection of a very beautiful little bungalow on Campbell street. Although Mrs. Faulks has no definite intentions of living permanently in Camden, she is erecting this beautiful little home for her children and in the event

that she decides later to resume a permanent abode in Camden.

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Trinity M. E. church is gradually reaching the goal wherein it can begin the erection of the new church. Everybody is awake to the necessity of a new church. Every organization is working. Rev. B. F. Bradford, the tireless Pastor, is working while we sleep. A new church in Camden, seems the height of his ambition. Send all Local News to H. F. McGirt. Be sure to read "Human Life" in next week's issue. Week after next, read "Cooperative Business" by H. F. McGirt, Camden, S. C.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY ASKS: "IS NON-RESISTANCE PRACTICAL?"

By Nahum Daniel Brascher. (By The Associated Negro Press.)

Columbia University in New York and the East like Chicago University in Chicago and the West, is renowned for its freedom of thought and action. It is a real beacon of opportunity for the young peoples of the world, and the sky is the limit. Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, the President, is himself the personification of the lofty vision of this great institution, the buildings of which rise majestically on the heights overlooking the Hudson on the East and Harlem, the mecca of New York's Colored America on the East.

The other day I was invited to attend a session of the Social Problems Club at the university, and I was happy for the opportunity, and am happier now that I availed myself of it. The subject under discussion was: "Is Non-Resistance Practical?"

The sessions of the club are democratic, informal and dignified. They are thorough, in the fundamental considerations of subject, albeit academic. But, more than for a long time I was able to get a cross section observation into the types of the rising generation and into the slant of their thoughts. I am persuaded to believe that the world is in for a great clash of opinion within the next twenty-five years and out of it all, I hope, there will be a larger opportunity for the development of "life, liberty and the pursuits of happiness."

The subject was a fortunate one for the occasion: "Is Non-Resistance Practical?" There were representatives of many races and nations present. A middle western white American who seemed to be a native of the soil several generations back introduced the subject with a fifteen-minute talk, and revealed that he is a pacifist. There was the Hindu, devotee of Ghandi; the Chinese, the Jew, the Russian, the Hungarian and otherwise; there was the Syrian, and the Irish, the French, the white Easterner, and there was the Colored American from East, West and South. The occasion offered a fine background for the consideration of the subject at hand.

Dispassionate Frankness of Opinion.

One of the facts was the dispassionate frankness of opinion. If there were a shade of emotion it was exhibited by those who believe that civilization has been more largely advanced by armed force than by non-resistance. There were practically as many viewpoints as those who entered the discussion, with the armed-force group unquestionably in the majority.

Events in the French Revolu-

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tion, the Belgian Congo, North-ern Africa, India, Ireland and the United States were used in the illustrations. The non-resistance group believe that the development of individual examples, to the last, using Jesus Christ and Ghandi as shining examples, will bring to the world universal acceptance of non-resistance or achievement by brain force, soul force, rather than brute force. On the other hand, it was argued by a very closely observing white young woman that if a person were out on the street and a mad dog should come at him, even the pacifists would fall to the use of force to protect himself. It was maintained that too often in the annals of history there have been instances of "mad dog" nations, and peace-loving people have been forced to use armed force or be annihilated. The more sober minded held that idealism is fine and beautiful, but often a condition rather than a theory confronts people. At any rate, even the pacifists were forced to bury their ideals during the World War, but, reminded the pacifist group, "Do not forget that Fort Leavenworth was crowded with those who stood for a principle."

America's Problem of Color. The American Problem of Color was only incidentally referred to in the course of several discussions. It was interesting to note that during the entire discussion there was not one speaker who referred to American conditions but who deplored the narrow obstructive and unjust way in which the whites have dealt with the issues. I gathered surprise that America's colored millions have not more united stood up, "live or die, sink or swim, survive or perish" for the privileges of freedom of activity and expression to which all mankind is justly entitled. The superiority complex idea was in poor favor with the Social Problems Club of Columbia University. There was not one who, in the remotest sense, seemed to feel that he had anything on any other person, or that any other person should think that he had anything on



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