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## ACHIEVEMENTS OF TWENTY GREAT MEN

If the progress of a race is to be in any wise judged by the capacity of its members to grasp intellectual knowledge, retain it, and use it for the common welfare of the masses of its own people as well as benefit the public generally, then the following list of twenty eminent colored men, selected by the Negro Society for Historical Research of Yonkers, N. Y., who have won their spurs as authors, scientists, philosophers, statesmen, and warriors is a refutation of the charge that the colored race is incapable of higher culture. The list includes:

Francis Williams, born in 1700, poet, graduate of Cambridge.  
Anthony William Amo, doctor of philosophy, University of Wittenberg, 1720.  
Richard Allen, founder of the first Negro church in America.  
J. E. J. Capitein, Latin poet and linguist, University Leyden, 1720.  
Geoffrey L'Islet, botanist, member French Academy Science, 1760.  
Prince Hall, founder of Negro Masonry in America.  
Crispus Attucks, patriot and soldier, Boston, 1773.  
Eustace, philanthropist, winner of Monthyn prize, San Domingo.  
Benjamin Bannaker, astronomer, born in Baltimore, 1732.  
Toussaint L'Ouverture, soldier and statesman, born 1743.  
Alexander Dumas, novelist.  
Alexander Pushkin, poet, the black Byron of Russia.  
Frederick Douglass, orator, diplomat and statesman.  
Brindis de Sala, Cuban violinist, decorated by the crowned heads of Europe.

Sir Conrad Reeves, chief justice of Barbados, Knight of St. George and St. Michael.

Alexander Petion, civil engineer, Hayti.

Paul Laurence Dunbar, poet.

John B. Russworm, editor of the first Negro newspaper in New York.

Martin R. Delaney, explorer, journalist and physician.

Nathaniel Turner, prophet.

### A UTILITARIAN AGE

We are living in a utilitarian not to say a materialistic age, and the test which is universally and involuntarily applied to every scientific discovery, every work of art, and every offspring of man's genius in every field of human effort, is "What is it worth to the world?"

We are richer than our forefathers. The century has given us the railroad, the electric tramway, the 20,000-ton ocean steamer, the telegraph, the telephone, the phonograph, the combined harvester, the sewing-machine, the typewriter, the incandescent light, and many other useful and beneficent inventions.

It may not be said that we have really retrograded or failed to advance in letters, or art, or oratory, or music; but our advance has been along different lines from those of the last century. There is no orator now living who occupies in the public estimation the same rank as that which was held by Beecher, or Chapin, or Yancey or Sumner, or Wendell Phillips, or

Baker, or Starr King. There is no great tragic actor who has taken the place of Forrest of Macready, or Edmund Kean, or the elder Booth, or Wallack. There is, in statesmanship, no Daniel Webster, no Henry Clay, no Abraham Lincoln. There is in poetry no Byron, no Moore, no Tennyson, no Longfellow, no Whittier, no Holmes. There is in philosophy no Macaulay, no Carlyle, no Motley, no Emerson. There is in fiction no Dickens, no Bulwer, no Thackeray, no Reade.

Yet the world of activities, of progress and of thought is as full of untouched subjects for thinkers and writers as the universe is full of stars and suns that have never come within the sweep of a telescope. Maybe the Shakespeares and Miltons, and Beethovens and Angelos and Sheridans and Goldsmiths and Pitts and Gibsons of the Twentieth Century are now toddling around the kindergartens.—L. A. Times Magazine.

And it can be added that those best circumstanced to enjoy all the benefits of this age are making a record that historians will not care to record as a guide for posterity. It all tends to taking away any premium that may be put on human life.. Killing of whites, so common, is brought about by the practice of killing human beings in the savage and brutal manner such as lynchings, burning, butchering of Negroes.

"It fares the land to hastening  
ills a prey,

Where wealth accumulates and  
men decay."

## SANTA MONICA

A successful revival was closed at the C. M. E. Church Monday evening by tendering a reception to Rev. J. Gordon McPherson who conducted the meetings. The most interesting numbers on the program, besides the brief address of Rev. McPherson was the Rousseau family of musicians and Mrs. Mable E. Walker Davis. The Rousseau's a family of six little children whose ages range from 11 years to 18 months, delighted the audience with three selections using different instruments each time. Mrs. Davis appeared first delivering an address on the possibilities of woman since her enfranchisement and afterwards she sang two beautiful selections.

Rev. McPherson was to have delivered an extended address on his experiences at San Juan Hill but owing to the lateness of the hour his remarks though interesting were necessarily brief. Refreshments were served at the close. The audience was composed of both white and colored people.

Mrs. Prudon of the city while visiting her mother Mrs. Herd assisted her in entertaining Rev. McPherson, Rev. Smith and Mrs. Kelsey early Sunday afternoon. They were entertained later in the evening by Mrs. Carter.

Mr. Fielding Shears has moved into his seven room cottage at Eighth and Kensington street.

Mr. Grice the editor of the Pacific Plaindealer with his family will live with Mr. and Mrs. Love in Irwin Heights.

The first real estate business to be opened by the colored people of Santa Monica was started by editor Grice and Mr. J. E. White.

Mrs. Mable E. Walker Davis of Portland, Oregon expects to make Santa Monica her home and will teach music.

## SOMEWHAT WINDY

A windstorm broke out in the Forum, over the admission of colored girls into the training department of the County hospital as usual the noise was made by thoughtless windbags. After the fuss had subsided the chief produced a big bundle of meaningless resolutions long enough to make a small volume which were adopted without a dissenting vote. In all probability they will be consigned to the waste basket as soon as they reach the board of supervisors for it would cost the county at least \$100.00 in loss of time to read them. The resolutions would be alright if they meant anything. It will take votes to settle that hospital business.

Mrs. N. Weatherton of Pasadena is in need of several girls for permanent positions in that city, see her ad in another part of the paper.

## REV. McPHERSON CALLED

The white and colored Baptists of Santa Monica and Ocean Park are signing a petition urging Rev. J. Gordon McPherson to take charge of the Baptist Church, left vacant by the death of Rev. Kelsey. This is a move in the right direction. Rev. McPherson is a man of ability and we believe him to be worthy. From what we have seen of him we believe him to be just the man for the place.

The Pansy circle gave a Box social at the home of Mrs. M. C. Edmonds, 1360 East 33rd street, Tuesday evening last. Mr. Otis Long acted as auctioneer, for the occasion.

## THE MANNER OF BOYS AND GIRLS

Hearing a young man address a young girl by her first name, I asked, "How long have you known that girl?" "About a week," was the reply. "Did I hear you call her 'Maude'?" "Yes," "And you have known her only a week?" The young fellow replied, "Why, she calls me 'Tom'". This familiarity caused me to have some serious thoughts on the manners of young boys and girls. The latter are in a great measure responsible for any familiarity a young man may assume.

If a girl meets a fellow half way and adopts the slang of the present day, she may be sure he will feel he is permitted to be very familiar. A modest well-behaved girl will never wish to attract attention, but a forward girl will enter a street car and, by loud talking, attract the attention of the whole car. If girls only knew how much more they were admired and respected for quiet, lady-like manners, they would certainly cultivate them.

It depends entirely upon the girl to keep a boy at the proper distance; if he does not respect a girl enough to behave in her presence she can easily make him do so.

Young people ought to have a good time, and we do not believe in too much restraint being put upon them, but a good time does not depend upon loud and boisterous behavior in the street or elsewhere, and such manners in either a boy or a girl not only hurts them, but reflects often upon parents who have done their best to raise their children right.—Christian Witness.

## ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Mrs. Hearly recently of Colorado has purchased two acres at Linwood and erected a neat five room cottage and set out a young orchard.

Mrs. C. W. Holden who has been in the hospital for some weeks, has returned home.

There will be a grand all day rally at the Phillips Chapel C. M. E. Church 1406 Newton street, Sunday, January 28th. Rev. J. T. Hill will speak at 3 o'clock.

Everybody invited.

Mr. W. H. Cooper of Austin, Texas, father of Mrs. S. C. Johnson, is here on a visit to his family whom he has not seen for 28 years.

Rev. E. W. Kenchin, pastor of Wesley, M. E. Church, visited San Diego Wednesday and Thursday. He is filling the place of Dr. Thomas of Baltimore in the Five Parlarments of the "World for Christ."

Lawyer Tyler has been in the city one year on the 22nd. The 22nd was one of his busy days.

If you want a first-class tailor made suit made in the latest styles, call upon Eugene Walker the merchant talor. See his annual spring reduction on page 8.

Sister Dollie Lewis will fill the Wesley Chapel pulpit next Sunday the 28th. Everybody invited.

#### A NEW COLORED LAW FIRM

Announcement is made of the organization of a Colored firm of lawyers, in the city; it is composed of Attorney Chas. S. Darden, a well known and successful practitioner of Los Angeles and E. Burton Ceruti of Brooklyn, New York, Attorney Ceruti is well known in Fraternal Circles and is the Grand Legal Adviser to the National Body of Elks. The firm of Garden & Ceruti will practice in all the State and Federal Courts.

We regret very much to learn of the serious illness of Earnest McCoy of Duarte.

#### THE NEGROES GREAT NEED

Criticism of alleged discrimination toward Indians at the expense of colored citizens is made a part of the annual report of Howard university, forwarded to the secretary of the interior by President Thirkield. He pointed out that for the 250,000 Indians in the United States the government last year spent \$1,430,000, while for the 10,000,000 Negroes only \$100,000 was appropriated.

"Yet colored teachers in common and high schools," the report continues, "are expected to meet the requirements of State authorities. To practice medicine a colored man is required to pass the same examination before State boards as white physicians. So also in other professions and pursuits, provision must be made for these 10,000,000 colored citizens, else it will mean the blind leading the blind and both falling into the ditch, at great cost to society and the State."

In order to further emphasize the greater need of government aid Dr. Thirkield in his report says:

"While the Rockefeller fund of \$1,000,000 is available for eradication of the hookworm, yet there is the Negro race with tuberculosis, typhoid, and other diseases wiping out tens of thousands and lowering the vitality and physical efficiency of a race. At the same time their condition is a positive menace to the white race, with which it is so closely bound up. It is a question of national interest. Here is a race multitudes of whom are still the prey of voodoo doctors and conjure men and given to patent nostrums. The pressing need is for the training of men for the instruction of the ignorant and superstitious, men with scientific knowledge and broad views of medicine, men who can put medical knowledge in simple form before the masses and through preventive medicine raise the vitality of a race that is being decimated by disease."

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Attorney Ceruti was greeted last Sunday by a large and cultured audience. The majority being well gowned, cultured ladies lent unusual grace to the occasion. The number of business and professional men was larger than usual.

The address by Attorney Ceruti was one of those plain heart to heart talks that always makes a lasting impression. He touched upon many phrases of the problems confronting the Negroes discussing at considerable length the use and sacredness of the ballot. He especially urged the voters—men and women—to fit themselves for the exercise of the franchise by studying

the issues, men and the platforms upon which they run for office. He urged the necessity of organization along political lines for the purpose of securing the representation due them by virtue of their voting strength.

### Against Segregation.

He warned the audience against lending its aid to segregation as dangerous no difference how harmless such movements appear upon their face. The jim crow legislation of the South was used to illustrate his point. The segregation laws of the South look fair upon the surface but beneath they mean for the Negroes, disfranchisement, poor schools or none, poor traveling accommodations and no protection under the law. What segregation means in the South, it can be made to mean anywhere else in this country.

## DARDIN & CERUTI

Dardin and Ceruti the new colored law firm whose announcement appears elsewhere in these columns attention to which is especially invited.

Since his admission to the bar several years ago, Attorney Dardin has made a good record and stands well in the courts. His defense and rescue of Edward Silver from the gallows and his recent victory in the state supreme court in the case of Washington vs. Randall has demonstrated his legal ability. The interest he takes in matters wherein the people are interested has put him in close touch with them.

Mr. E. Burton Ceruti the junior member of the firm who is a graduate of the Brooklyn College of law of Brooklyn, N. Y., comes here from that city and was admitted to the bar in this state on the 17th instant. Mr. Ceruti stands high in the Order of Elks of the World having served three years as National Grand Receiver of that order. He is legal advisor of the Order and represents it in two cases now pending, one

before the N. Y. Supreme Court and the other in the U. S. Circuit Court for the eastern District of Va.

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## A MAMMOTH EDITION COMING

The twelfth anniversary edition of *The Liberator* will be published April 1st. It will be a mammoth edition and will contain hundreds of portraits of the leading colored men of the state. Ministers, lawyers, Doctors, Merchants and men who are making their marks in many callings. In men who have done things, California leads the Pacific Coast. Cuts of many of the splendid homes owned by the colored people will also appear. Churches, lodges, stores and offices of our business and professional men and women will testify as to the Negro's splendid achievements in this wonderland of the great west. How a mere handful of colored people in this city grew to 20,000 in 15 years, accumulating millions of wealth will be graphically told.

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Accepting an invitation from the market gardeners of Linwood Acres to visit them prepared to examine their land and tell them what to plant and how to plant it. We called upon them Wednesday. This honor was conferred upon the editor because he is a farmer, believes in the soil and never loses an opportunity to encourage over-worked struggling city people to go back to the farm and rest. Accompanied by Mr. Clarence Harris, Mr. Harry Mitchell the well known real estate dealer and promotor, took us down in his fine 32 horse-power machine. After a short drive we reached Compton ave., a splendid country highway, broad, oil-paved, dustless, is almost as smooth as glass. The auto joy riders from the city to the sea who choose that popular highway are so numerous that they form an almost unbroken stream.

Passing through the thriving town of Watts, we reached Linwood to find everything on the move. The streets had been laid out and cement sidewalks laid on the north

side of all streets. The rich mellow soil is being planted to potatoes and other vegetables. Mrs. Healy of Colorado has two acres and a neat five room cottage. She will plant the whole to potatoes and sweet corn and pumpkins will be planted for a second crop. The land is rich and damp and both crops can be grown without irrigation. The tract has an abundant supply of artesian water, so crops can be irrigated if necessary.

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Prof. Moore delivered an able and instructive address on the life and work of Sojourner Truth. His detail of the struggles and triumphs of that noble woman was full of inspiration. The life history of that great woman should be in the possession of every member of our race, especially the younger members. It is unfortunate indeed that the mass of our people know so little of the great Negroes who have added in moving the world along. Much credit for the success of the meeting is due Madames Oliver and Scott of the State Federation of Woman's Clubs,

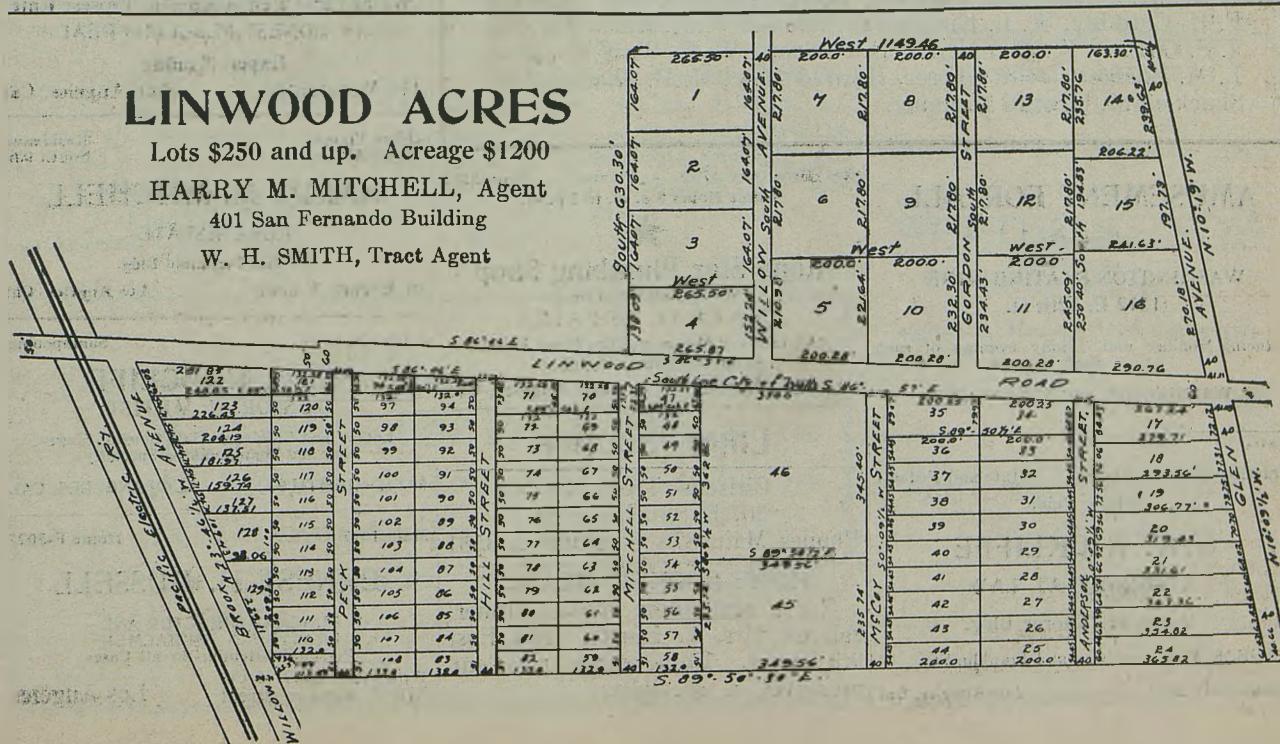
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