

INTRODUCTION.

This book has been rightly named "A NEW NEGRO FOR A NEW CENTURY." The Negro of to-day is in every phase of life far advanced over the Negro of 30 years ago. In the following pages the progressive life of the Afro-American people has been written in the light of achievements that will be surprising to people who are ignorant of the enlarging life of these remarkable people.

In the succeeding pages, both History and Reminiscence of the Afro-American have been collected in attractive form. The stories given have been gathered from the lips of the heroes themselves. Stories, which once woven into the text-books of the Nation, will obtain for the brave contemporaries of our own times places in history along with those of our heroic forefathers. To these reminiscences gathered fresh from the field, the colored pupil and historian of this new Century must turn for their narrative.

Sectionalism, which threatened the disruption of the Union in 1861, has been banished forever. The cries of an enthralled and afflicted people have been answered and humanity has been redeemed.

The numberless histories of the Spanish-American War that have been published and which all have given national praise to the white soldiers, the patriotism, the valor and bravery of the colored soldiers has scarcely, if ever, been mentioned. I hope that these chapters will be accepted as an authentic statement of the thrilling experiences and daring acts of

the brave black men, both regulars and volunteers, who faced the perilous exploits of war with indomitable courage and have made what ought to be an imperishable impress upon the whole country, teaching a lesson in patriotism, which speaks volumes for the stability of our struggling race.

The stand that our colored soldiers took throughout the war is discussed pro and con in the following pages. All the colored regiments and officers that were sent to Cuba, as well as the regiments and officers which were afterwards sent to the Philippine Islands, are carefully and correctly listed herein.

The section on Education is especially apt at a time when the American people have begun to speculate as to the value of the last 30 years of education among the colored people. As on all questions relative to the race problem, Prof. Booker T. Washington is especially original and helpful in giving the right point of view in estimating the value of the education already given to the Negro and the kind of education most needed. The race is fortunate in having so masterful a man to present these subjects with a thoroughness and authority of an Historian.

Mr. Wood's chapters reciting the achievements of the Negro from the days of reconstruction are full of interest and happy surprises.

The club movement among the colored women of the country, written by Mrs. Fannie Barrier Williams, the well-known club woman and newspaper correspondent, will be found to be one of the most interesting parts of the book. Nothing in the whole book represents so distinctively the new life of this progressive race as the ambitions, the social energy,

and achievements of colored women in the organized efforts for social betterment.

This is the first attempt to publish in permanent form a history of the progressive life of the colored women of America, with the names and locations of all the clubs belonging to the National Association. These clubs are composed of some of the best women in the country and their location will prove of inestimable value to women traveling unprotected or as strangers in any part of the country. We have been frequently requested to furnish just such a helpful directory of women's clubs.

The photographs contained in this book make a most pleasing gallery of intelligent and progressive men, and strong, intellectual and charming women.

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Washington, Booker T., et al. A new Negro for a new century : an accurate and up-to-date record of the upward struggles of the Negro race, the Spanish-American War, causes of it, vivid descriptions of fierce battles, superb heroism and daring deeds of the Negro soldier, "Colored officers or no Colored Soldiers," the closing of the war and the peace treaty, education, industrial schools, colleges, universities, and their relationship to the race problem / by Booker T. Washington ; Reconstruction and industrial advancement by N.B. Wood ; the Colored woman and her part in race regeneration by Fannie Barrier Williams. American Pub. House, [1900]. Slavery and Anti-Slavery: A Transnational Archive, <https://link.gale.com/apps/doc/DS0102950213/SAS?u=camb55135&sid=SAS&xid=b2a37dfe>. Accessed 8 Dec. 2020.