

**MRS. FANNIE BARRIER BOOKER
T. WASHINGTON WILLIAMS
SLOPS OVER ON THE
NEGRO QUESTION.**

Mrs. Fannie Barrier Booker T. Washington Williams had a long article in The Record-Herald last Sunday on the "New Negro," which consisted of slop and slush; to read the article it would appear that Booker Washington formulated it, and simply signed Mrs. Williams name to it, for she went onto say "the public, like the individual, soon loses interest in the man who is always complaining and fails to cultivate strength against adversity and wrong-doing." She contends "that disfranchising the Negro in the South has been a great blessing in disguise; that since he is not permitted to vote, he is acquiring land and money," and paying it into Washington's snide business league. She is of the opinion that "money will carry the Negro farther into the heart of the public good will than a political office; that the Negro must not complain if his wife and he himself are insulted and otherwise mistreated; he must turn the other cheek for the smite of unkindness, for blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Of course, many of us do not believe this, but we practice the meekness, and leave the blessing to those who insist that they "divinely deserve it."

If that is not in accordance with Booker Washington's ideas respecting the subservient position which the Negro must occupy in this country in order to become a good white man's "nigger," then we are willing to eat our shirt.

Possibly we may be mistaken, but we are of the opinion that Mrs. Williams needed a new fall dress and some other finery, and that Booker Washington was willing to give her several hundred dollars of the money he begs from the public to enable her to obtain the new traps, for booming his business league, and for slapping at the civil and political rights of the Negro.
