

What Have You to Say?

GETTING INFORMATION ABOUT NEGRO

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Dear Sir:

In the mail a few days ago, I received the following S. O. S. from a young woman of Nordic persuasion living in Colorado Springs, summer resort and college town extraordinary to the south of us but here: "I belong to a discussion club and for my subject at the next meeting I have chosen 'The New Negro', thinking that I could find plenty of material in the library among the magazines, but after diligent search yesterday all I could find were a few articles in 'The World Tomorrow'. The college library does not carry other periodicals bearing on this subject. Have you literature that would help me, etc., etc.?"

Luckily I had, for among other things our copy of the TRIBUNE had just arrived and after reading it through as is my custom, I bundled it off to her with the admonition to scan its columns not overlooking the advertising sections if she would be brought up to date as expressed in her desire, on matters pertaining to what is taking place in the country with particular reference to the New Negro.

With the material which I necessarily hastily gathered including the copy of the TRIBUNE I do not feel that I could have done better in answer to the request, but what I was thinking is this: Why should information of this sort be so difficult to secure and why the dearth of available material for the growing number of inquisitive minds in this field? Whose business is it to see that information of this character is placed in the hands of those who would use it for their own enlightenment and for the education of those who need it so badly? I paused for reply.

Yours,

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