

THE CUSHITE NEGROES IN THIS COUNTRY AND IN AFRICA.

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Mr. Editor the more I think and write about the Cushites in this country, as well as in Africa, the more I see in them as to their durability and as to their capability.

What do we mean by durability? The state or quality of being durable. The power of continuing uninterrupted in any condition. The power of resisting agents or influences. This has been the true characteristic of the Cushite Negro in all ages, and it must be understood that this Negro race is one of the

oldest races known in human history.

Well Mr. Cushite, what has this old race that you are talking about done?

Now my dear sir, I am not discussing the accomplishments of the race, but its durability. God must of had a purpose in all he did or suffered to be done. Now if God suffered this old Negro race to live in Africa and among other races five thousand years without doing anything, He must had a great purpose in allowing such to be done. Only the future can reveal His purposes in this black race. Now you know that black is a splendid suit, it does not soil near so soon as white. The old Cushite Negroes have been associated with the Ethiopian, Egyptian, Babylonian, Assyria, the ancient Grecian and Roman civilizations. African princes have stood in the public squares in the cities of these nations as prisoners and sometimes as slaves.

Why my dear sir, white Britain slaves and black African slaves have stood on the streets and squares of Rome.

Did they?

Yes sir.

Well what are you Cushites doing so far behind now?

Because we were so far ahead.

So far ahead?

Yes sir.

How far ahead were you Cushites?

Just three thousand years ahead of the Britains. We were associated with the Ethiopian and Egyptian civilizations when the Britains were yet savages on the British Islands,

Now since you were so far ahead, I certainly would like to learn of something you accomplished.

Well we accomplished everything.

You accomplished everything?

We did. Now if you will just be quite and take a seat and sit down, I will tell you. We gave to the world the arts and sciences, also the first lessons in agriculture. We helped to build the pyramids and help to carve the sphinx. We at that time formed the bulk of the Egyptian army, and we were led to victory under that warrior Necho, and other great leaders, and we helped to make up the chariot forces which was the most important branch of the Egyptian army. Hence we have led the world as soldiers. We understood the use of arms when others met their foes with wooden clubs. Now don't you think we have been doing anything.

The capability of the Cushite Negro race is evident when we study his past history and watch his present progress. Why my dear friend can you name me one thing the Negro is not in? I am sure when the United States fleet passed around the world the Negro was in it. When Mr. Taft was placed in the White House on March 4th, and that too in a snow storm, the Negro was in it, and when you have a lynching anywhere in this country, the Negro is in it. Just name me one thing he is not in.

It was my good pleasure to pass through Annapolis, Md., a few days ago, and had the pleasure of stopping with Dr. and Mrs. John T. Jenifer. I must tell you I was grandly entertained. We had wild duck for dinner, and many more good things. Dr. Jenifer is said to be one of the ablest ministers in the connection, and Mrs. Jenifer is truly a Madam Dorcas. If you do not believe me just come down and see for yourself. While in Annapolis, I called to see Mr. William Bates, one of the leading merchants and business men in the city. It will do your soul good just to go in his store. I called to see Mr. Steward and his wife and daughter, also Mr. Davis and wife and others. When you are brought in contact with these people and others I have met elsewhere you will decide with me that the capability of the Cushite Negroes in this country is being thoroughly demonstrated. This Negro race always meets conditions with a smile on its face. I care not what those conditions may be. Have you not noticed that the Negro race is the most contented in the world notwithstanding it is the oldest, and you know just as well as I do that old folks get childish. But this old Negro race is gaining its moral and intellectual youth like that of the eagle. It is the stump of an old racial tree, beginning a second growth. It is in this second growth where the wonderful demonstrations of modern Negro capabilities will be made evident.

On my return to Baltimore, the lady with whom I board handed me a little paper, a missionary paper, published by those brilliant women of Baltimore, Washington and the counties. I learned that Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Steptean, Mrs. Gaines, Mrs. Wortham and other missionary ladies were all interested. Also Mrs. Bishop Handy and Mrs. Norris, if you please. And don't you know that Mrs. C. H. Murray has joined the company. There will be something doing next September.

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