

The New Negro

The life of the Negroes in America has been one of oppression for nearly 300 years, but out of this process of persecution is emerging a great race of people. We can observe this only as long as the Negroes in their individuality. A new fireside is being organized. The children are beginning to know their father to know their children.

This is a healthy sign. The purity of the town, of the State and of the country is dependent upon the purity of the fireside. No race can be good and great except the fireside is kept intact and pure.

The Negroes are learning and adopting this fundamental principle. There is already a new race. As yet it is small. The growth is slow but sure. Young men of this new race have been selecting their company for many years. What do I mean by the new race? I mean those men and women who have been and are being instructed by their fathers and mothers the necessity of marriage, and the sanctity of the fireside. I mean those mothers who keep their children at home at night and read good books to them, and vice versa. This new race is made up of self-respecting, who don't go into the saloons, who don't loiter on the corners of the streets, who don't use profane languages, who are industrial, polite and self-respecting. It is hoped that the old race which is by far the larger will decrease. This, however will depend largely upon the efforts of the this new race; and the Christian church.—Presbyterian Herald.