

CALVIN'S DIGEST

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OLD WORLD'S CLOSING

The recent passing of Dr. Robert Russa Moton, president emeritus of Tuskegee Institute signalized the passing of one more stalwart of the Old Order; "the Old Order changeth" Many of those who became known among us as The New Negro considered the astute successor of Booker T. Washington as ante-bellum and passe. Scores of Dr. Moton's critics proclaimed that modern conditions demanded a far more radical approach to the solution of the Negro's problems.

Considering our precarious situation as a minority race in the American environment, the weight of facts lies well in the favor of leaders and educators like Dr. Moton who preached the wisdom in building upon safe and sure foundations. An intelligent dissenter shall always find the field of progress broad enough to admit all techniques of advancement in this vast Social Laboratory.

Yet, "by their fruits ye shall know them," this is the ultimate test of any method or system. By this unerring standard the Booker T. Washington philosophy and educational system as perpetuated broadened and improved by Dr. Moton succeeded brilliantly. Dr. Moton's honest humility joined to a most effective power of application places him in Humanity's Hall of Fame among all races.

WANTED: A PROPHET

During a public lecture some time ago on the subject of "Shall We Govern Causes or Remedy Effects" before the Ethiopian Federation your columnist urged that we engage in serious analytical thinking on the relation of Cause to Effect regarding our present and future problems. Broadly speaking, our racial leadership and general progress goes forward on this basis. My plea was for a more conscious and deliberate direction and control of our thoughts and actions individually for the specific considered circumstances and conditions.

Commencement time is usually a period of youths' dreams of "great things to do bye and bye;" a high determination to make their "footprints on the sands of time." It is a period of inexperienced vision and courage, not unmixed with that strong desire to go out into the world and "change things." Youth today looks toward the World of Tomorrow—but what of Tomorrow?

Today's civilization may well be on shoulders of today's youth rests the its deathbed. And upon the slender awful responsibility for building the World of Tomorrow. Great strength of brain and brawn, of heart and character are **ALREADY** in demand to repair the damage that has been done. Who can prophecy the end of today's hates, today's violence done in the name of false gods? How and where shall youth receive the experience to meet situations for which mankind has had no precedents? Wanted. a prophet; one to foretell how experience and reason divorced from madness may be unto Youth a Lamp and Staff.