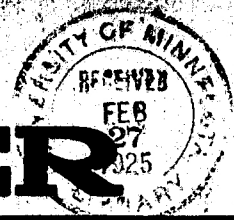


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# HON. MARCUS GARVEY CHEERFUL IN PRISON AS THE GREAT ORGANIZATION WHICH HE FOUNDED ACHIEVES NEW SUCCESSES

The Hon. Marcus Garvey sends greeting to the Negroes of the world and reiterates that he is greatly cheered by the good news he is receiving of the splendid manner in which the membership, sympathizers and friends are rallying to the support of the program and principles of the Universal Negro Improvement Association.

Always confident that the morale of the vast membership cannot be broken by the machinations of a treacherous and self-centered band of Negroes, he rejoices in his prison cell that his suffering has created new and friendly interest in the organization on the part of many who heretofore were indifferent and deaf to the cry of our oppressed millions for true liberty and life and a redeemed Africa.

He submits the following extract from a recent writing for the thoughtful consideration of the race:

### Rich and Poor

Who thinks of the poor but the poor? The rich and self-satisfied are too busily engaged in the enjoyment of their own pleasures, and the patronage of their own class, to halt to any great extent to give the underdogs of human society a thought that would help them rise above their condition.

The missionary work that is being done to lift the unfortunate to the height of a new social order is surrounded with hypocrisy and professionalism; hence, its usefulness is not seen or felt among those to be served.

As in the struggle to lift the unfortunate poor we have no real, honest effort; so, in the struggle of race to find a place in the affairs of the world, we get very little, if any, sympathy and encouragement from the progressive and successful.

### The Selfish Desire Stagnation

There is a vast difference between the white and black races. The two are at extremes. One is dazzlingly prosperous and progressive, the other is abjectly poor and backward. The fight is to lift the backward and non-progressive to the common standard of progress and civilization; but, apparently, no appreciable number of the prosperous and progressive desire this change. The selfishness of class and monopoly of standing seem to dictate a prejudice of race that creates a barrier to the accepted Christian belief that all men are brothers and God is our common Father.

In this conflict of life each human being finds

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a calling. Some of us are called to be preachers, ministers of the gospel, politicians, statesmen, industrialists, teachers, philosophers, laborers and reformers. To the reformer, above all, falls the duty or obligation of improving human society, not to the good of the selfish few, but to the benefit of the greatest number.

### Persecution of Reformers

The history of the world and of the human race tells us the story of the reformer, of his trials, persecution and suffering in his efforts to reach the heart of man, in creating there a common sympathy for his brother. If it is not a Christ, it was a St. Augustine, a Luther, or a Caesar, Alfred the Great, Garibaldi, Lincoln, or a MacSwiney; but all down the line of human progress we have met the man ready to suffer and to die to make others free while a light-hearted, selfish populace laughs at him and passes by his effort.

Twentieth century humanity and civilization have not changed much, except to their discredit, since the time of Christ, Caesar and Lincoln. Christ sought to help and save a world of human souls and His fellows nailed Him to a cross; Caesar, in the fullness of his human love and his patriotism to Rome, fought for the elevation of his countrymen and the ascendancy of his country, but there was one to strike him even to the fall at the base of Pompey's statue; Lincoln, as stated, had a burning love for all humanity, not desiring to see half slave and half free, but all free, for the practice of which love he was shot by an assassin, and, withal, we have not gone far in solving the peace of the world.

We are still in chaos. We are still drifting

toward the universal pit of destruction, and that is why we need reformers now, those who are not afraid to suffer and die for a cause; men, despite the opposition of an organized social system, of a malicious and malignant school of oppression, who will stand up for the good of the larger humanity and tell the world of its mistakes and blunders.

And it is here that we must call the attention of the white race to the wrong and injury that they are inflicting upon the rest of the world. It is all well for those who revel in their immediate power to turn a deaf ear to the cries of the suffering races, to oppress, exploit, and even murder them, but what of the consequence?

We live not by ourselves. It is either Providence, God, the First Cause or Nature—any one you wish to call it—that will call us to our judgment, not so much in the world to come as in the retribution of our own lives; and when that time comes what will the white, once powerful and oppressive race say, if another should be lifted to power and supported there by the Graces of Divine Authority?

### Revenge Leads Only to Destruction

History, religious and profane, have so many beautiful lessons to teach that none of us should doubt the wonders of God or Nature. In the one age or period, the one race or people rule and triumph, while the other stalks under the heel of oppression—the Jews in Egypt, the Britons in Rome, the Negroes in America—to say nothing of the rest of Europe and Asia who have had similar experiences. But what do we gather therefrom but the spirit of revenge, a spirit that has traveled up to the twentieth century, and which seems to be the guiding force of human destruction?

Why we have not gone farther in our civilization is because we are still fearful and suspicious of each other. We have done each other so much wrongs and inflicted so many injuries and injustices that we are just afraid to loosen up, believing that the other fellow's time will come. It is natural, because of sin, for the robber to protect his loot; so do we find reason for even the powerful of races still to crush and grind the less fortunate. The murderer has to continue murdering so as to protect his own life, but generally there is a hangman; so in the eternal fitness of things all human power hath an end, today for me, tomorrow for thee.

MARCUS GARVEY.

(To be concluded in next issue)



















