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# Introductory

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In placing the RED BOOK before the public it is not the intention of the publishers to color, to flatter or to cover any fact or condition, or to take into consideration any of the so-called racial problems, or to unduly advertise any race or man, or to draw any comparisons, or to make any bid for notoriety or publicity, but merely to give credit where credit is due and to set down in permanent form the record of some of the members of the African race who stand for the uplift. It is a compilation of the facts and conditions socially, religiously, educationally, professionally and industrially drawn from the lives and work of those who stand for better things for the race.

The paths of racial peace are straight and narrow.

The Ruler of the Universe has designed that some skins be black, some white, some yellow, some brown, some red. Still the color of the skin does not always determine the characteristics. The only way we can determine that is by the life led by the race.

Every individual owes it to his race to remain true to the racial lines and traditions and to work up, through the mediums offered, to the best life possible under the conditions.

Despite the existence of a few critics, carpers and cranks, racial prejudices between the white and black races in the South are dying out. No longer does either race desire to carry or be carried on the back of the other.

A sane readjustment of racial differences, a sensible view of racial incompatibilities and a practical knowledge of racial characteristics, such as we now have, is taking the sting of contact away and good feeling in the main is manifested between the two races, geographically together but racially far apart.

It is a well known fact that the feeling of Racial Pride now has a greater hold on the sentiments of the Afro-American race than ever before in its history.

The Afro-American knows and has always known that the prosperity of the white race has always meant his prosperity and the common-sense element of the white race is learning fast that the progress and prosperity of the Afro-American race is good for both races.

Despite the carpers of both races, the Afro-American race fares better among the whites of the Southern States than anywhere else in the world.

A careful analysis of the progress of those of the race, who are surrounded by suitable conditions and have proper encouragement, shows that since the Civil War, it has surpassed that of any known race that has come up out of slavery.

Each race, and especially the Afro-American, has found that greater advancement is to be made along rational, racial lines, and greater profit and pleasure comes from adhering strictly to these.

A worthy man in his race, whatever it is, loses that worthiness when he attempts to obliterate social and racial barriers imposed by a beneficent Jehovah. He must stay in his own to prove the worthiness of his life.

So simply with a desire to give true inspiration through the medium of a permanent record of achievement to those of the race who appreciate its value and with the knowledge that every man is entitled to due credit, no matter the race, the state or condition, this book is dedicated to those who stand for the uplift, with the hope that it will hurt no man but be of large benefit to many and many more yet to come.

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