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FAIRNESS

"I have noticed that The Caduceus always appears to be striving to be fair on every subject it treats" said a Charlotte business man in discussing a recent Caduceus article, which has created somewhat of a sensation in the city of Charlotte.

Fairness has always been an ideal of The Caduceus force. We strive to carry that worthy attribute into our business announcements of our advertisers. We expect you to get a fair return for the money you spend with them.

AN ANGLE OF LIFE

In the gloaming, when the soldier has been freed from the labors of the day and darkness settles down upon the quarantined company street is the ideal time to study the characteristics of the colored recruit, sets out Lieut. A. W. Ebeling, M. C., connected with Recruit Camp No. 3, Camp Greene, and who has written at length for the Central Wesleyan College publication of Warrenton, Missouri.

We quote from the body of his most recent article in The Central Wesleyan Star and which periodical was forwarded to The Caduceus:

"In passing down the company street a few days ago, it was interesting to see them in the dusk of the evening after their day's work was done. From one tent came the sounds of guitar. A crowd surrounded this tent intent upon listening to the strains of some weird negro melody.

"A little farther on, a crowd was engaged in an animated discussion of the day's happenings. Again one sat writing on Y. M. C. A. stationery and from the expression of his face one could see that he was writing sweet things to Liza Jane way back home.

"Another was sending a line or two to the black Mammy in the ole log cabin which he called home. Was he perhaps telling her that on this very day a number of his comrades had been transferred to a Labor Regiment or to Pioneer Regiment 810 and are soon to go 'Over There' to work or fight with pick or shovel or gun for freedom?

"One was carrying a piece of wood back and forth along the street. Some rule had been broken and he must bear the burden of his wrongdoing.

"Darkness descended and singing and sounds grew louder in some quarters. A 'Revival' meeting was in progress with all that a negro meeting means. Many of the negro recruits read their Bible regularly, sing and pray and praise God in their way.

"As the hour grows later, Taps is sounded. Quiet reigns but for the measured tread of the sentinel whose occasional 'Halt! Who go dere?' 'Advance and be 'cognized' tell us that one is on duty.

"They drill and labor, they answer the bugle's call to battle, and some will make the supreme sacrifice to make men free. Crude they be in many ways, these recruits are possessed of possibilities which the war is developing, and the new era will also mean a better day for the 'nigger' soldier because he has gone through a training, which, had not the war arisen, might never have fallen to his lot, or, which perchance, it had taken ages to acquire.

"God's hand may be discerned in the leading of the African who, now in battle, proves himself an American, and we believe that some of the pessimism expressed in books as "The Soul of Black Folks" will be dispelled in the tomorrow that shall follow the today of battle."

THE LASTING VICTORY

There is a morale of nerve and endurance which is crushing the mechanical war machine of Germany. It has already carried its steel well to the point where Kaiserism cries for peace.

There is a morale which is to return to America with the heroes of might when autocracy has been shorn of its heathen glory. It is this state of mind that will determine the citizenship and Christian status of the United States of tomorrow.

The way in which the lads are being kept fit to fight now has a direct bearing on how they will return to their home land when the last charge is ended.

Home and God must not be allowed to loose their hold on the soldiers now if they are to be vital factors in the "after the war" days. Fighting with rifle and steel may not be nearly as difficult for most of the boys as the trying battles of life which must follow the struggle for world-wide justice.

The civilization and Christian standards of America must come from the dug-outs, the huts and the soldiers' tents. Our standard of citizenship after the war can arise no higher than the morale of the millions of men who return from the fields of France and from the army cantonments on this side and from the decks of our brave ships.

Our soldiery must not be allowed to suffer in body and soul if American ideals are to stand true. We must not let them drift.

Keeping the men in touch with the finer things means endless war work and sacrifice, but it is worth it.

Seven distinct organizations have gone into the field with their bands of men and women who fear no toil or hardship to carry the worth-while spirit to the soldiers. Each of these organizations have opened their doors to everybody equally although the sign over the portal might be that of the War Camp Community Service, the Y. M. C. A., Jewish Welfare, the Y. W. C. A., the Salvation Army, or the American Library Association.

All seven of these institutions have entered into a joint campaign to raise \$170,000,000 for forwarding their war work. That effort is now under way and with the promise that every penny given will go to the end of aiding the boys in khaki.

It takes fifteen cents a day to give a soldier warmth and comfort and entertainment and lectures and games and books and thoughts of mother and God.

How many boys will you take?

What is the measure of your pride in our solidery and in our citizenship of tomorrow?