

* *over our country. The colored people*

are called upon to help raise this fund. Miss Freeman will fully explain the plan and purpose of the movement.

You doubtless are familiar with the Crisis by this time. It may be well to remind all that this movement is the force behind the Crisis and publishes this splendid magazine.

Trusting that all citizens of all the churches will hear Miss Freeman and urgently requesting that all the ministers of this city will see to it that she may have a word to say from their pulpits against the curse of lynching. I ask to remain,

Sincerely yours,

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President of the Local Society for the Advancement of Colored People.

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deed and that it was the general opinion on the part of the colored people of the city that he was not guilty. Miss Freeman told of the suppressed feeling that she discovered existing throughout the whole city, especially among the colored people, who seemed to have been afraid that something would happen to them. She said in the hotel where she lived all of the colored employees were kept from going out of the hotel. She said that she was so ashamed of the act of the white people of the town that she went to several of the colored churches and apologized for the action of the citizens. The investigation on the part of Miss Freeman was a splendid thing and is especially noteworthy in that it brought out conditions that one would not think could exist in the country. The association is doing fine work in the direction of working up sentiment against the horror of lynching. At the conclusion of her address Miss Catherine Johnson made an appeal for members.

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no less than an exhibition of the fine art of cruelty. And the description kept pace with the exhibition. Excess description of oppression and hate easily stands for those qualities in a people, and if it is readily concluded that the people, the white people, are obsessed with excessive hate, it will be reasoned that it is not without excuse. Then again, if ten or fifteen thousand people of one community, "aided and abetted" by practically the whole community, find pleasure in such spectacles, we may rest assured that sympathy with them is widespread. So it ill becomes us to help in making it known, how we treat "Niggers," in such a way as to inflict injury on ourselves without a compensating good.

That a Negro was burned, we think, is a sufficient announcement.

We can imagine the harrowing details. The recital of horrors dulls the finer senses, even of ourselves, and who, if repeated often, will cease to be interested in the descriptions of other happenings unless they outrival those of the past, and thus we will unconsciously become too hardened and too expectant. Then, too, the thoughtful are careful, as it concerns circulating their misfortunes. The Jews do not do so. What we know of their great suffering comes through other lips. "Weep and you weep alone" is a strange saying, but true enough. This does not mean that we should be indifferent. It means a sense of resignation, and which becomes a race that finds itself a world's target.

Dr. Booker T. Washington one time advised against the over advertising of our woes. He was right; it gets nothing but contempt. The kingly nobility is good to incorporate to some extent, which is no less sorrowful concerning untoward happenings even if of small complaint. The effort to overcome will be no less effective if unattended with wailing and gnashing of teeth.