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AN ENGLISHMAN

VISITS AMERICA The Soul of John Brown-By Stephen Graham The Macmillan Com-

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After serving in the English army through a war in which the white men of Europe were cutting each other's throats by the million to determine labors of the African in the name of white Christianity, Mr Stephen Graham came over to America to see what white Christianity has done for the African after transporting him to its own land. What he found would have daunted a professional optimist. lie has set forth his findings in this volumes, but it isn't very easy to pin him down to any definite conclusions. Mr Graham writes with his tongue in his cheek and loors in luscious contempt at both the white and black American Anyone who mistakes him for a friend of either has been "done | would be no lynchings" in the co. as the English say, for the opening sentence is a thinly-veiled speer at the insincerity of the while American a d mocratic pretensions and his but as it nee commits us all to the take his book as "impressions" of the American race-problem or a "study"

The author act out to make an observation trip through the South folhe the the trail of General Sherman in his famour march to the sea. He an's of things American, and to set that agen for the information of the tion of the English-speaking would His work stands inidway between that of a superficial impressionist and that a serious seeker after I refortunately, it has been done much letter by Merses White and Seigman in the latter s recent book, "The Negro Paces America" has rought to combine the merits and taetands of two famous works of the middle of the last century: Frederick Law Objects A Journey Through the Seaboard Slave States" and Fanny Kemble a Journal of a Residence on a Georgi: Plantation," but he falls far short of the intimate knowledge of the one and the profound comprehension of the other. It would be obviously unfair to expect either of these qualiites in a strolling Englishman who had a fan months to spend on his ; for the truth in such a tangled as that of our American racetions; and, on the whole, his work

is meritorious. His egrors of observation are not deadly, indeed some of them are somediverting. He finds for instance that Ite W. E. Burghardt Du Bois "is the greatest force among the Negroes today (194) Booker T Washington was 'more cooty' than be, that James Weldon Johnson is also "a darker min " that The Crisis" is a newspaper that there are only about a United States, that Madame Malker cells a no trum called "Anti-Kink," that there are Negro marines in the inited States Navy and that there is and we feel sure a song known as "Yakky, Yekky, indomnify thems." Ykky, Yokky Doola' These are the proper persons. laughable errors; but sometimes this gift of innecuracy leads to sorious results as, for instance, when in the chapter on 'The Negro's New Mind." he cheerfully chatters of the cowardice of the American Negro troops in France We sincerely hope that he may get hold of Mrs. Hunton's and Miss Johnson s book recently reviewed in these columns and get at official first hand the exceptionally high record of Negro Americans in France during the World War

There rental errors, owever, make but a small fraction of Mr. Graham's hook and us the city professional Negro hook reviewer in captivity, we should be false to our trust if we failed to call attention to the good side of the volume now before us. The author sees in America's attitude toward her Negro population not only a real danger to her in the event of an invasion of her borders, but a menace to the white three as well, and he now and then breaks the thread of his very in-teresting narrative to exhort a heedless nation to return to the elementary de-cencies of justice and fair dealing.

"If ill treatment of the Negroes should at last force the twelve millions of them to make cause with a revolutionary mob," he says in one place, "polite America might be overwhelmed and the larger portion of the world be lost-if not of the world, at least of that world we call civilization." He means the Anglo-Sazon world, of course, as most Anglo-Sazons do when they speak of "civilization" and "the world," but the warning is no less solemn and portentous on that acworry for the white women of the South: there will some day be a terrible reckoning against them. Their honor and safety are being made the pretext for terrible brutality and crucity. Revenge, when it gains its opportunity, will therefore wreak itself upon the white woman most. Because in the name of the white woman they justify burning Negroes at the stake today, white women may be burned by black mobs by and by." There is no doubt that almost any

insurfection of Negroes could ultimately be put down by force and that it would be very bad for the Negroes and for their cause; but before it could be put down what might happen? And ary disturbances among the whites salves, or with a foreign war!"

often comes to the minds of white men who, judging by what they themselves would do, easily impute the same in-tention to Negroes. Whether such an imputation is well or ill-founded the present writer refuses to say, but it is certainly dishonest and unfair to impute such intentions to Dr Du Bois, as our author does. He obviously lucks the toughness of fiber needed for such intentions, which would imply too stark which should gubble up the lands and A rejection of the "sweet reasonableess" of literary and parliamentary discussion and the other modes of approach to ultimate "reconciliation with that white man's world of which his genius is so fine a flower

Mr Graham sees the sinister problem

He notes its roots in the simple brutish desire to keep the Negro down-to the level where his work, wealth and women can be most safely and successfully tance of "race" in the study of its re-actions, and sagely observes. "I am tempted to think that if the white race which inhabits the south were French or Russian or Polish or Greek there "It is the tion of the population" he adds later "wiso determine the way of politics here, as elsewhere in the South" and he explains the Negro masses' apathy o Socialism and Bolshevism in a way that should carry corcern if not con Messenger "They [the white prolein his famous march to the sea. He common wind people, those will make our order of the last of ""In Sou, of find out just where the nothing and are nothing; are the last of ""In Sou, of Just design with search. From Ethiopia's world Sourier Neurose stand today in the people likely to give him justice" and brief paragraph whole source of small Neurose is full of hour he quotes approvingly the words of a his firduce. prominent Negro. "As long as Social.

The white Social white Social is a followed by the lower classes of whites we can see that there is more danger coming from Socialism to the its Negroes to sim and memor most. There is not danges coming from normalism to the happy when they and sandly no identi-Negro than from anything class because happy when they and sandly no identi-below the Mason and Dixon lie the people who lynch Negroes are the low- if thought more included as the Negro-down whites." This is the very reactive Negro would give the two the transfer tion which we foretold in 191? to the firther y distinting infliences of American ourgeois opportunists of the Socialist | cas lying civilization Party.

Our author points ut that the theory of sex-perversion also applies to the with it all his life, may be unable to white mobs who dance with ghoulish popular form of sadism was noted by a German scholar about fifteen years ago but it still stands in need of pungent presentation.

Here and there the Negro reader will find helpful criticisms of his race's demerits. Mr. Graham omments in caustic vein on certain tendencies of the educated Negro and notices. "a Du Estry, who legan life in the gitmarked disposition to quarrel" among "Loyalty to one another was not one of their characteristics." Of the in most of their bodies. It is sharpest in the inulatioes and 'near-whites' The moral charactes of the black Ne-

groes is simpler than that of the pallid ones." And he takes obvious pleasure in triffing with the cultured Dr Bolling Negro newspapers in the to a woman who could pass as white

. . and his children were little white darlings with curly hair " On the whole he doesn't seem to fancy the and we feel sure that some of them will indemnify themselves later in their ow

But neither does he fancy the " ers." whom he descri' as more ignorant, ugly (women and ... n), illiterate and uncivilized than the rest of white America At one show in New Or leans the whole audience roared with mirth at a competition in what was

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