

# POETRY FOR THE PEOPLE

## THE AFRICAN CHIEFS.

Chained in the market-place he stood,  
A man of giant frame,  
Amid the gathering multitude  
That shrank to hear his name.  
That shrank to bear his name,  
All stern of look and strong of limb,  
His dark eye on the ground;  
And silently they gazed on him,  
As on a lion bound.

Vainly but well the chief had fought  
He was a captive now  
Yet pride that fortune humbles not  
Was written on his brow  
The scars his dark broad breast wore  
Showed battles true and brave,  
A prin among his tribe before,  
He could not be a slave

Then to his conqueror he spake  
"My brother is a king,  
Undo this necklace from my neck,  
And take this bracelet ring,  
And send me where my brother reigns,  
And I will fill thy hands  
With store of ivory from the plains  
And gold-dust from the sands."

"Not for thy ivory or thy gold  
Will I unbind thy chain,  
That bloody hand shall never hold  
The battle-spear again,  
A price thy nation never gave  
Shall ye be paid for thee,  
For thou shalt be the Christian's slave  
In lands beyond the sea"

FRED J. EDWARDS

## LORD, LIFT OUR RACE.

Lord, lift our race and set our feet  
I pop the solid rock  
And life and happiness come  
Give to thy Negro flock.

This race so tried and trodden  
Has called aloud to Thee,  
And how we been forgotten  
O Lord, how can it be?

We know Thou art our father,  
And hence we need Thy care  
And as we draw together  
We ask Thee to draw (You) near

Our fathers' blood is crying:  
"Who can't revenge but Thou"  
And still Thy people is dying,  
Lord, rise and save us now.

For we need Thy protection  
In this our present fight,  
Against the world's subjection  
O, give us Negroes might.

Then when shall come the victory  
O'er earth, and hellish wrongs,  
Will cease this earthly worry,  
We, too, shall join the throng.

PROF. O. M. SKINNER

## A CALL TO RACE MANHOOD

Fellowmen of Negro blood,  
With undaunted faith in God,  
Come along, and take your places  
With the men of other races.

Though we long have trampled been,  
We a ray of hope have seen,  
Women, Marcus, and children small,  
List to Marcus Garvey's call.

Men of Ethiopia's race,  
You are Negroes, 'tis no disgrace,  
Let us then united be  
In our fight for liberty.

U N I A and A C L  
Who whoever man may dwell,  
Your flag of red and black and green  
High above all shall be seen

H. PERCIVAL WELSH

## L. B. WATKINS, POET, DIES.

Sergeant Lucian B. Watkins, the well-known poet, died at the hospital at Port McHenry, Maryland, on Tuesday, Feb. 1. The funeral services were held at Christ Institution, 704 Ensor street, Baltimore, Md. on Friday afternoon Feb. 4. The interment was in the National Cemetery, at Loudon Park. Rev. John R. Watkins of 449 Stirling street, Baltimore, Md. was a brother of the deceased. A father and other relatives survive him.

Mr. Watkins' choice bits of verse have graced the leading newspapers and magazines of the country. Mr. Watkins was a weekly contributor to the poetry column of The Negro World. His last poem, "Loved and Lost," was sent to The Negro World a few days before his death and was published in the Feb. 5 issue. We take pleasure in republishing it.

## LOVED AND LOST.

(By Lucian B. Watkins.)  
My fallen star has spent its light  
And left but memory to me,  
My day of dream has kissed the night,  
Farwell, its sun no more I see;  
My summer bloomed for winter's frost,  
Alas, I've lived and loved and lost!

What matters if today should earth  
Lay on my head a gold-bright crown  
Lit with gems of royal worth  
"Befitting well a king's renown"  
My lonely soul is trouble-tossed,  
For I have lived and loved and lost!

Great God! I dare not question Thee—  
Thy way eternally is just,  
This seeming mystery, if I but trust:  
Ah, Thou alone dost know the cost  
When one has lived and loved and lost!

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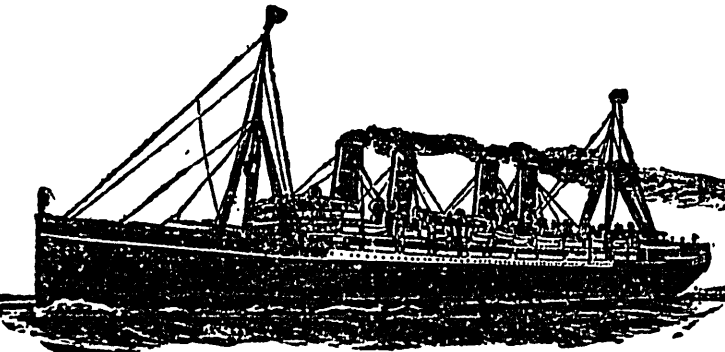
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**FROM TO THE NEGRO BUSINESS WORLD.**  
I have personally a lot of progressive business men to-day that used the columns of this paper in their business, to foster their business, and they have attained their desired results, some of them have abandoned their former business, that has caused them to awake to their true sense of business, and they are determined to go on through the entire world conquering the economic and businesslike men and women of our Race, and bringing them to the limelight of business endeavor.  
In New York City, we have a circulation of 15,000 copies weekly. This fact shows you that we have the support in so far as readers are concerned, which we are very glad and thankful for so many admirers. These admirers are thankful, too, apparently for having the sublime pleasure of reading such a powerful Race paper which stands triumphantly for equal rights of all peoples. To exporters, merchants and big trades houses, we can give you especially for your support, there is not a place under the sun where Negroes are, that the "Negro World" does not go weekly to their homes. I sincerely trust that all the progressive business people of our Race will give this matter their undivided attention and support, in order to accomplish the highest degree of existence among our people. We write for our special advertising contract rates at the office, 44 West 135th Street, New York City, Room 2877, and we will be glad to please to accommodate you. The year is yet young, so let us start working time and instead quick ahead, for those that delay to-day will lose for a decay.  
Keep in mind that it always pays to advertise, and bear also in mind that the "Negro World" is a medium that will bring you the general public of your race to serve them with loyalty, faithfulness and righteousness.  
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Your obedient servant,  
**ROBERT G. MALTUS,**  
Advertising Dept.

**CONFERENCE**  
Neighborhood Club of City held a Child's Welfare and Tea, Saturday afternoon, at the Y. W. C. A. A good assembly.

Mary Pace, formerly of Atlanta, was master of ceremonies. The address was delivered by Mrs. E. Reed, who was a charter member and president of the Hope Nursery. Other short addresses were delivered by Mrs. Emma Green, Secretary of the Hope Day Nursery; Mrs. J. D. Criss; Rev. Dr. George Miller; Mr. Cleveland G. Perry and W. H. Ferris.  
The program will be purchased to be used as a child welfare and recreation fund.

Mrs. Charles Gibbs subscribed \$500. Mrs. Esso Reed \$103. The committee will meet at Craig's Restaurant, 120th street, on Monday evening, Feb. 21st. Mrs. Rosalind McClelland is active promoter of the conference. Mr. Charles McGill, of the committee, occupied a seat on the platform.

**SCIENTIFIC METHODS IN HARLEM BUSINESS.**  
Harlem women are pushing the scientific methods in business along various lines. Mrs. Magdalen Morgan recently forsook her facial hair and scalp and visited her suite of elegantly furnished rooms. First they entered the reception and consulting rooms, then the well-equipped operating rooms with running water in each room. They admired the special apparatus for the electrical scalp and face treatment.

Mrs. Morgan is an artist in her scientific preparations for removing freckles, warts and other blemishes. Those who inspected her work were pleased to note that the scientific methods in business are beginning to use scientific methods in conducting business.

**HARLEM STREET MARKET.**  
The efforts of Alderman Harris, the west side of New York, between 125th and 145th streets, is lined every Saturday with market wagons, and many have seized the opportunity to buy every description of goods at low prices.

**HIS RUPTURE**  
I have a very great pleasure in calling upon every business man of the Negro Race for support and co-operation in so far as the Advertising Department of "The Negro World" is concerned.  
The question does not necessarily arise here as to whether the medium has your interest at heart, because that is thoroughly understood, for the object in existence is to reach the masses all over the world, both from a progressive business and social standpoint, teaching that Race preservation should be their first thought. Therefore you can readily see my reasons for asking your cooperation.