THE RACE PROBLEM.

DISCUSSED BY DR. SHABMAUGH

The Great Problem Conclusively Rated and Discussed in the Current Encyclopedia—Constitutional Disfranchisement

In the Current Encyclopedia.

In the Current Encyclopedia, a magazine of national circulation and devoted to the latest information on politics, philosophy, and education, there is an article by Prof. F. B. Shambaugh on the history and present status of the race problem.

The article is of more than passing interest (although its discussion is received much prominence and discussion, just now. It is of especial interest to the university at this time, not only because it was written by one of our professors but also because the question will be discussed in the Senate this Thursday as part of the great southern leader, "Ben Tillman."

The article first gives a brief history of the negroes in America. Following from them to the first arrival in 1619 to 1860 when the great moratorium was established, the author in turn deals with negroes. The same for his next touchdown.

The "In the absence of a methodless providence, the negroes were not protected by the constitution of slavery. Slavery was established in the southern states by the 15th amendment, which was ratified in 1865. The amendment guaranteed the negroes the right to vote, and as a result, the negroes began to make their voice heard in politics.

However, the war and the policy of reconstruction had a devastating effect on the states of the republic. The original status of the states was set aside, and it was then that the newly emancipated negroes, under the leadership of the so-called "carpetbaggers," assumed control of the state governments in the south. The ignorance and illiteracy of the negroes, coupled with their political ignorance, dishonesty and corruption of the "carpetbaggers," resulted in an extraordinary criminal and political scandals.

In some states this situation of affairs continued for six or eight years. In the course of time, however, the white race pulled itself together and reasserted its supremacy. Once more white men assumed almost exclusive control over state governments. Fear of possible return to the condition led to a followed reconstruction with negro domination terminated the white supremacy, and the force and intimidation at the polls

But public opinion throughout the country condemned such methods. The race problem is no longer a matter of domination. At the same time the white race could not afford to admit that it would not submit to negro domination. Hence we have the recent discussions concerning constitutional disfranchisement of the negro through educational and political methods.

The problem then, which confronts the States in which there is a large colored population is summed up by saying: First, inherent race conflict and race antipathy and the illiteracy and political incompetence of the whole bulk have led to a fixed determination on the part of the whites to maintain their supremacy. Second, public sentiment and political morality condemn a resort to force, intimidation, and corruption at the polls in order to maintain white supremacy.

Third, the constitution of the United States declares that there shall in the matter of suffrage be no discrimination against the negro, r of color, and previous conditions of servitude and threats a reduction of negroes to a condition of slavery.

"The solution of this problem," says the author, "is now before the states. All the negroes in Mississippi, South Carolina, Louisiana and North Carolina have been disfranchised in such a way as to violate the spirit of the 15th amendment and disfranchise the poor whites as well as poor and illiterate negroes."

Miss Jaryja enjoyed a visit Sunday from her brother. The Delta Tau Delta will give a dancing party Friday night.

Laxfied ex '93 was elected county superintendent of Shelby County.

Howard Stiles B.A '94 has been elected superintendent of the schools at Palama, Iowa.

"Edna," the university Scandanavian society, will meet next Saturday evening at Prof. Vehlen's.

The first "prep" school in the United States to have a dining room, is the "prep" room in the new building at the university. Monday morning on the subject, "The ethical factor in education." W. F. Meehan, who last year, was the first year of our Wisconsin debating team, is visiting old friends and former classmates at the university this week.
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Professor Gordon announces that there will be given a series of dramatic recitations this winter under the auspices of the department of public speaking. The recital will be held in the general lecture room in the arts hall and will begin at 8:15 o'clock p. m. The series is as follows:

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Under the auspices of the English Club, Mary Sleight Events and Henry Events Gordon, Thursday, Feb. 13, Rudyard Kipling.

Under the auspices of the Zetian, Irving, and Philanthropic societies, Robert Joseph Brown, Friday, Feb. 28, Richard III.

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