

EDITOR'S MAIL

Mr. Robert S. Abbott.—Dear Sir: Last evening a copy of the Chicago Defender of July 14 was put into my hand. I read with attention the accounts of the volcanic eruption of base and brutal passions in East St. Louis, and heartily sympathize with the demands of the Defender for justice to the Colored people. I was especially interested in the article by Dr. A. Wilberforce Williams on "The Provident Dispensary and the Social Order." I have been amazed, I confess (as a friend of the negro), somewhat mortified at the apparent indifference of many of the Colored people of Chicago to the Provident hospital. I do believe it must be explained because they are not really acquainted with this fine institution. As Dr. Williams says, it has for its purpose "the alleviation of human suffering, the prolongation of human life, the training of young Colored women and developing of young men in the science, skill and art in the practice of medicine and surgery." This hospital and training school should have the enthusiastic support of all people who want young Colored people fitted for the fine vocations of nursing and medicine. An immediate rally should open the dispensary in a time of special need. I can speak with confidence of the good work of the hospital because I have been one of its patients. Because of this striking article of Dr. Williams and the thought that it will be followed by other articles in the same line, I inclose my check for a year's subscription. Very truly yours,

DUNCAN C. MILNER.

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