

today? What happened to the 30,000 fair-haired, blue-eyed soldiers that followed Alexander in his conquests and where are the fair-haired, blue-eyed Greeks today? Did not the Moors overrun Spain at one time? What about the tribes of Goths that swept down out of the mountains to conquer what is now France and to form the nucleus of what is now the French race? Did not "William the Conqueror," who defeated the Briton, Harold, at Hastings in 1066, mix the blood of his followers with that of those he subdued?

All along the line from pre-biblical times to the present are these mixtures, and all have contributed their bits to what we now know as civilization. They will continue, call them whatever you will, Lathrop Stoddard to the contrary. America is a small segment of the whole that is our civilization, and America divided into black and white is infinitely smaller.

Whether we want amalgamation or whether we are silly enough to believe that two races can make up a single great nation and still remain separate and distinct within that nation, will not alter the ultimate results. Amalgamation is proceeding now; we who can see through unbiased eyes can attest to this fact. It is proceeding along the most unsatisfactory lines, to be sure, but it is happening, as science must have told Mr. Stoddard. It will proceed with or without the consent of society.

In passing, we would like to ask Mr. Stoddard if he has ever heard of Alexander Dumas, an example of the mixture he deplores, who, through equality of opportunity and free social intercourse with those of his day, attained distinction that makes him the envy of Stoddards the world over? And Dumas was just one of the multitude.

The trouble with Mr. Stoddard is that he is a propagandizing romanticist. He states as facts things that he desires, and deludes himself into believing that they are true. But he will find that he can no more stop the course of events than he can stop the course of the sun; both are completely beyond his control. America will be a great nation in spite of Lathrop Stoddard, and the time will yet come when all races in America shall be as one.

TO MR. STODDARD

If Lathrop Stoddard thinks the subject of Social Equality, Cultural Equality and the numerous other equalities mentioned by him in the October Forum is closed by his answer to Alain Locke's statement in the same issue of that magazine, he is doomed to the biggest disappointment of his life! Standing on the sidelines, watching with eager interest the word battle waged by these two distinguished representatives of America's major race group, are millions of others—Americans all—and all eager to have the last word. We'll have ours now!

Mr. Stoddard is not unknown to readers of the Defender. He came into uncertain fame and questionable popularity about seven years ago when he published his first book on the world's race problem under the title, "The Rising Tide of Color," wherein he exposed his opinions concerning the subject which seems nearest his heart. Since that time he has burst forth into the limelight through various publications dealing with the same theme. And now, speaking with authority and the force of assurance that what he says is indisputable, he closes the subject in what he must consider a "masterful fashion."

The only thing wrong with it is that there is nothing right about it. White supremacy itself is a myth—a term coined for silly bigots and sentimental spellbinders. There is such a thing as white dominance—a condition in which those who like to think of themselves as white people have imposed through superior numbers upon others. White America, likewise, is a doubtful term. More than 300 years have passed since the first group of Englishmen, composed chiefly of dissatisfied workers, prison inmates, religious fanatics and slaves—white slaves—landed on the shores of what is now America. In that group were few who could command any sort of recognition in their native country.

Since that time representatives of those same classes have poured into this country from every country in Europe. They have come to mix their bloods with what they found here and give rise to the race that now inspires Mr. Stoddard with his reverence for the word white. Since that time, also, 4,000,000 natives of Africa have mixed their blood with the blood of Mr. Stoddard's race until today there are less than 2,000,000 persons in this country who can be called pure Africans, 9,000,000 of mixed African and white extraction, and the Lord knows how many so light that they have gone over entirely to Mr. Stoddard's race.

Who, we would like to ask Mr. Stoddard, is responsible for this condition in "White America"? Can the African, who was the under dog through it all, be accountable for the intermixture? Again, what does this prove to Mr. Stoddard's scientific mind, we would like to know?

"Even if we entirely disregard the weight of scientific evidence which clearly tends to show that crosses between white and Negro are biologically undesirable," says Mr. Stoddard, "we must be guided by one fact which has been scientifically determined beyond all doubt—the fact that such crosses produce highly disruptive effects."

Here, again, the gentleman is either deliberately falsifying or taking gross liberties with science, for science has proved no such thing. Rather it has proved the direct opposite—that is, unbiased, unprejudiced science. Not only has the opposite been proved by science, but history—white history—has shown that racial admixtures have been the saving graces of civilization wherever it has been saved! Even England has had its mixture!

Did not Hannibal, the black Carthaginian, take thousands of soldiers with him on his jaunt over the Alps to the mouth of Rome, and are not the results of this expedition seen