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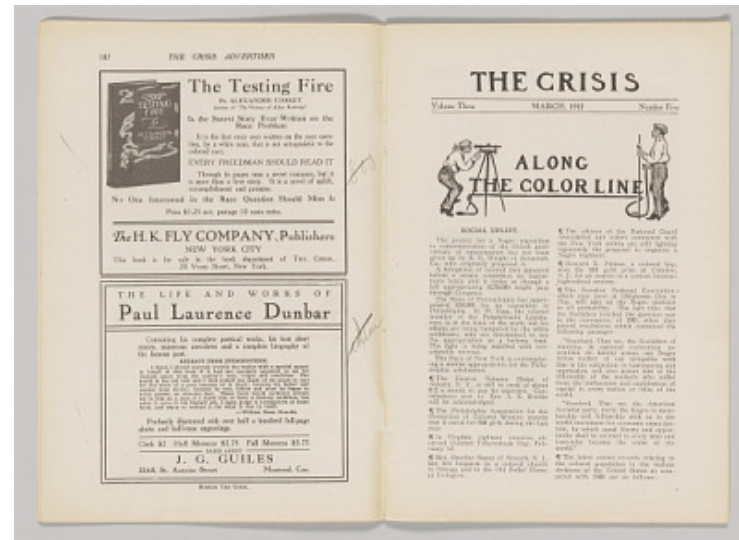
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#### SOCIAL UPLIFT.

The project for the Negro exposition in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of emancipation has not been given up by R. R. Wright of Savannah, Ga., who originally proposed it.

A delegation of colored men appeared before a senate committee on expositions lately and it looks as though a bill appropriating \$250,000 might pass through Congress.

The State of Pennsylvania has appropriated \$20,000 for an exposition in Philadelphia. H. W. Bass, the colored member of the Pennsylvania Legislature, is at the head of the work, but his efforts are being hampered by the white politicians, who are determined to use the appropriation as a bribery fund. The fight is being watched with considerable interest.

The State of New York is contemplating a similar appropriation for the Philadelphia celebration.

The Harriet Tubman Home of Auburn, N.Y., is still in need of about \$15 a month to pay its expenses. Contributions sent to Rev. A.E. Brooks will be acknowledged.

The Philadelphia Association for the Protection of Colored Women reports that it cared for 900 girls during the last year.

In Virginia eighteen counties observed Colored Tuberculosis Day, February 12.

Mrs. Emeline Reavy of Newmark, N.J., has left bequests to a colored church in Orange and to the Old Folks' Home of Irvington.

The officers of the National Guard Association and others connected with the New York militia are still fighting vigorously the proposal to organize a Negro regiment.

Howard E. Primus, a colored boy, won the \$10 gold prize at Camden, N.J., for an oration in a contest between high-school seniors.

The Socialist National Convention, which may meet at Oklahoma City in May, will take up the Negro question in all probability. The last time that the Socialists touched the question was in the convention of 1901, when they passed resolutions which contained the following passages:

"Resolved, That we, the Socialists of America, in national convention assembled, do hereby assure our Negro fellow worker of our sympathy with him in his subjection to lawlessness and oppression, and also assure him of the fellowship of the workers who suffer from the lawlessness and exploitation of capital in every nation or tripe of the world."

"Resolved, That we, the American Socialist party, invite the Negro to membership and the fellowship with us in the world movement for economic emancipation, by which equal liberty and opportunity shall be secured to every man and fraternity become the order of the world."

The latest census records relating to the colored population in the various divisions of the united States as compared with the 1900 are as follows:

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