

Against a Hospital for Negroes.

CHICAGO, March 26, --[Editor of The Tribune.]--
The effort that is now being made by a few colored men in this city to organize and build a hospital for the exclusive use of the colored people has justly kindled a flame of righteous indignation among our race of people. Such a movement should receive at the hands of every thoughtful and fair minded man severest condemnation. The masses of the colored people in this city have never asked or wished that such a movement should be inaugurated in this community, as numerous petitions have been signed by hundreds of persons entering their protest against it.

I am opposed to a sectarian institution, for it encourages and keeps alive race prejudice and it is in direct opposition to the spirit and genius of our American form of government, and it is beyond all peradventure highly pernicious to the best interest and welfare of the colored people in this State. I have in the last two months visited every hospital and benevolent institution in this city and it can be truthfully said that all the patients and inmates of those institutions are well treated, and all are treated alike, irrespective of race, color, nationality, or religion; and I found in all the hospitals colored people, and I inquired of them about their treatment, and they had no complaint to make whatever, and no person in this city is denied admission on account of color. It is earnestly hoped that all good citizens will refrain from giving this dangerous and destructive movement any financial aid, to the end that the same may be forever set at rest and defeated.

It is much regretted that such a movement as drawing the color line and keeping up race prejudice should be instituted in this great commercial, enterprising, and cosmopolitan city by colored men, for it clearly shows, and the fact is self-evident, while the masses of colored people in this State and throughout the United States are making extraordinary efforts to advance in the world of progress, there is always a class of a few colored men who are ready and willing to sacrifice the best interests of their entire race and would not only barter their own birthright but that of their children and their children's children to the end of time in order that they may gain self-aggrandizement and popularity.

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