always sufficiently dignified, it is no wonder that his white friends were so numerous, and that the young men of the Mercantile Library Association, where much of his time was necessarily bestowed, universally regarded him with affectionate esteem. I can answer for the frequenters of the rest of the Athenaeum, that they will not be able to realize that any substitute can fill the same place in their regard.

I think that no more significant index to the worth of his character can be adduced than the fact that notwithstanding the opposition, animosity and even violence of so many of his color, he was always firm in maintaining the position that the true destiny of his race did not lie in the servile condition to which they must necessarily conform in this country, but that the only field of action becoming to them if they respected themselves as men, lay upon the shores of their ancestral Africa. He has often told me that it mattered little to him at his age and for himself personally, where his lot was cast, but for his children he was determined, if it was in his power, to

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