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"Ring out false pride in place and blood,  
The civil slander and the spite;  
Ring in the love of truth and right,  
Ring in the common love of good."

## INTRODUCTION

PROFESSOR MILLER raises in this book the question to which a solution has never yet been found. How is it possible to reconcile in the United States of America a system of discriminations against a race which counts a tenth of the population, with the great national principles of equality of opportunity and civil and political rights for the remaining nine-tenths? The most candid and sympathetic reader may therefore find some of the author's positions out of focus with previous observations. For instance, while cordially appreciating the work and its spirit, it is not essential to accept the author's dictum that "a physical and spiritual identity of all peoples occupying common territory is a logical necessity of thought." The book is written with excellent temper and