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seven hundred thousand people. What is true of Alabama is in an equal degree true of other Southern States. No set of individuals have made a higher record professionally and otherwise since the war than the negro physicians.

Further on Mr. Thomas enlightens us again in the following statement: "The preacher in charge of the moral training of his people, and the teacher engaged in their mental instruction, will steal from each other and from the whites as readily as the most indigent freedman." This statement will include such ministers as the Rev. Dr. J. W. E. Bowen, of Gammon Theological Seminary, the Rev. Dr. F. J. Grimke, of Washington, D.C., and such teachers as Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois, of Atlanta, Ga., Professor Hugh M. Browne, of the Hampton Institute, and Mrs. B. K. Bruce, woman principal of the Tuskegee Institute, and Miss Maria Baldwin, Principal of the Agassiz public school of Cambridge, Mass. It has remained for Mr. Thomas to inform the public that such persons will steal from one another and from the whites.

He further proceeds with the statement that the more intelligent the negro is, the more does his disposition to theft enlarge. In answer to this, some years ago, a careful investigation was made, and it was found that not a single man or woman who had graduated from one of the larger institutions in the South was to be found in a State prison.

Mr. Thomas says: "There are, in all of the large cities, North and South, among the race, so-called voodoo and conjure doctors to whom vast throngs go for amulets to ward off disease, and for treatment when sick." As a practical test of much that the writer says in this book, we should be interested in having some one interested in sociological conditions in Boston or New York ask Mr. Thomas to lead him to one of these voodoo and conjure doctors to whom "vast throngs" go for treatment. We venture the statement that no such "vast throngs" can be found, and that few if any voodoo or conjure doctors can be found in our Northern cities; at any rate, we hope some of our readers will put Mr. Thomas to the test. The following statement is equally unworthy of belief: "It is, therefore, almost impossible to find a person of either sex, over fifteen years of age, who has not had actual carnal knowledge."

We have not been slow to point out the weaknesses of the negro race nor to condemn the negro's follies. We know that the race at