

American civilization.

In overcoming these on your own initiative and drive, and lighting your own path from some inner fire, it was inevitable

*Hearmy* that this spiritual quality would take possession of the per-  
sonality itself..... until at a point of full maturity it

*Barbara* becomes difficult to distinguish between Mary Bethune as a per-  
son and Mary Bethune as a social and spiritual institution. The

*Hearmy* thing that I am interested in now is some of the scars, some of the bruises that - like the bruises on an oyster produce a pearl.

Every life is full of them - that is, every life that has eventually grown around them into major stature. Some of the early injuries to the personality; incidents - any one will do to start with ..... in thinking of an early hurt, whether racial, personal, or class.

Mrs. Bethune: I think that possibly the first and real wound that

I could feel in my soul and my mind was the realization of the dense darkness and ignorance that I found in myself - when I did find myself - with the seeming absence of a remedy. What I mean by that was the recognition of the lack of

*Book Hearmy*

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