

168 ^{copy} Florida St. Phila
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Dear Mr. ^{copy} Bourgeois,

This clipping from the
Phila. Press of to-day might be of
some interest to you. As an enthusias-
tic member of the C. R. A., it seems
to me full of suggestions.

Very truly

Thorence A. Lewis

LEWIS' HEIRS LOSE.

The Colored Lawyer's Charity to His
Race Held to Be Valid.

Nearly \$50,000 Given for the Object of
Aiding and Securing to Colored
Citizens Their Civil Rights.

Judge Ashman, in the Orphans' Court, yesterday adjudicated the account of the executors of the estate of John D. Lewis, the dead colored lawyer, who handsomely remembered his race in his will.

After bequests and annuities for the benefit of members of his family, the testator left the residue to found what is to be known as the Lewis Protective Bureau of Civil Rights. The objects of this institution are to protect, aid and secure to colored citizens in the United States their civil rights as applicable to all other classes of American citizens, etc.

When the account was under audit, objection was made for some of the heirs that the trust for the proposed charity was void. Several points of law were raised to sustain their objections, but the court, after fully reviewing them, decided that the gift was valid.

A balance of \$97,900 of personalty, together with the decedent's real estate, amounting to somewhere in the neighborhood of \$30,000, will form the fund for the institution.