



Southern Scenes—2, Natchitoches, La.

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Sterling Brown wrote of this statue in *PHYLON* (Vol. VI, No. 1) Under the caption "Meekness in Bronze," Mr. Brown said:

In Natchitoches, Louisiana, at Washington and Lafayette Streets, a famous statue was "erected by the City . . . in Grateful Recognition of the Arduous and Faithful Service of the Good Darkies of Louisiana." An old Negro, clad in a prince-albert, stands on a flower-decked pedestal. His shoulders are bent by age, his knees by servility; his head is bowed like Chesterfield's valet; his misshapen hat is in hand, doffed politely. My Natchitoches friends were somewhat ashamed of this civic pride, and they took me to see it only at dusk.