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THE WAY IT IS DONE.

Some of our friends wonder how it is that we can send out this paper so regularly these hard times. Well, friends, times are hard, and it is not an easy task for us to raise \$12 to \$15 every week. The printer must have his money in advance or we get no paper. But then we have a bona fide list and advertising patronage from which we draw—yet, because some of our subscribers get behind with us we are forced to beg and borrow at times. Twelve years experience in the business has taught us a few lessons by which we profit. The MESSENGER is a fixed institution and that is why we cannot afford to fail in sending it out. Let each subscriber pay up, and that is how the thing is done. The business men and citizens generally appreciate the value of this paper, hence they advertise and read.

COLUMBIA (S. C.) LETTER.

A Dissent from The Freeman—Other Matters.

The most authoritative educators hold that it is the best way to reform bad boys by impressing them that you had great confidence in them, and by praising them for every act done that appears to be good. This acts as an encouragement, a stimulus to greater efforts to merit the approval of the adroit master. This rule holds good from boyhood through manhood; and the mature man can be reached in the same way. It is a good plan, and should be operated in all cases, where good will result from its practice; but it should never be used in a way to do injustice to those persons who have pursued such a course, as to almost always merit the highest praise and honor.

The New York Freeman, in the main, very wisely pursues this plan in its efforts to bring about a reform in the Democratic party as to its treatment of the Negro; but we are rather inclined to the idea that the Freeman does injustice to one of the greatest and best political parties (namely, the Republican) ever formed by men; and does injustice to some of the truest philanthropists that ever raised their hands or voices for humanity's sake, by saying: "A Democratic President has fought as square a fight for the colored man's rights to his honest convictions as the astutest Republican ever fought." Circumstances are now such that Cleveland's most faithful efforts in behalf of those who labored for the Negro would be made a shadow when compared with the unselfish and life-devoted efforts of those who labored for the Negro when it was unpopular, "criminal," and cost men their lives to do so. As a denial of this statement we need only to recall the efforts of but one character. He who fell under the blow of a would-be assassin, because he championed the rights of human beings; and who died ultimately from the effects of this same brutal blow, and when dying urged his colleagues not to allow that for which he had sacrificed so much come to naught. No Negro generation can be too remote not to remember one of America's gratest statesmen and philanthropists—Charles Sumner, who urged, "Don't let the Civil Right's Bill fail."

Again, while it is true that nearly all of the colored men elevated to high elective positions, were elevated to them by Negro votes, it must be remembered that the Republican party, chiefly, made the Negro vote possible, while the Democratic party bent every energy to make it impossible. And while the Democratic party is to be complimented for the good things done for the colored man, yet, though we

be now, even, Democrats, we should not forget or speak ill of that party, without good cause, which in spite of the vast opposition arrayed against it, educated the country and the Democratic party, too, up to the standpoint to recognize the fact:

"That man to man, the world o'er, Shall brothers be for a' that."

The continual heaping of blame upon the Republican party is to be deplored. It is like kicking a man while down. Does the Republican party deserve such treatment? If we measure carefully we must admit that the Republican party is not to be blamed for all the sins of omission of Republican office holders, that have affected the Negro; therefore it is unjust to abuse her now.

President Cleveland is a shrewd politician. This is shown not alone by his appointment of Negroes to certain positions; but by his marriage even. We should not allow ourselves to be carried away by these political strokes of policy, so as to forget friends in need. We hail with delight the independence of thought manifested by the Negroes of to-day; and trust that they will follow such cases as will be best for their country and themselves. Be Democrats if you will, or Republicans; but be not unjust to any man.

Prof. D. B. Johnson, Superintendent Graded Schools has returned from Washington, where he attended the Superintendent's Convention. He was highly pleased with his trip. It is hoped that the schools, here, will receive some practical benefit from his trip, as no doubt they will.

In addition to the books purchased for the Howard school, a stage has been erected out of "Concert funds" and a beautiful walnut bookcase purchased. The boys of the school have erected a gymnasium for themselves, and the girls are arranging to do the same thing for themselves.

Court convenes next Monday. The famous "Bethel church case" is to be tried at this term of court. The ablest legal talent is arrayed on both sides.

UNUS. Columbia, S. C., Mar. 22.

Education.

MR. EDITOR—Dear Sir: I am truly proud to see the MESSENGER standing firm on the subject of education. It is the business of the people to put men in front, and then watch what they do and communicate it to each other, and when the public discover their working not in their favor, then go to work for another leader. The time has been when any one could lead the American freedmen, but now every year you must be a little stronger, and he who thinks he can lead twenty years from to-day with the same strength, thinks what Absalom thought when he went to war for David's kingdom. We know the truth is hard to keep down, but it depends on how and where it comes up for sweetness. You can publish this if you choose. It is a matter of choice with me.

It is bad to be a fool, but one good thing, there is a school in which he will learn. An old citizen said, "The jail nor penitentiary never was made for me." And a bystander hearing the remark said, "Suppose that cow scrape was to come up?"

Notwithstanding being as ignorant of the fact as Herod was of the whereabouts of the young child, Jesus, when the answer came, "I didn't kill the cow! I helped to skin it, but I didn't kill it."

Very truly yours, C. M. McNEILL. Variety Grove, N. C.

The Colored Fair in Florida.

MR. EDITOR—Dear Sir: Please note this invaluable sketch, and also memorable epoch of the people of Florida. Your humble servant had the pleasure of witnessing the first Colored State Fair of the people of Florida, which opened March 15, closing March 19th. The exhibits were simply grand, showing that Negro industry, ingenuity, and intellect are unlimited.

Respectfully, W. H. FREEMAN. Sandford, Fla., Mar. 21, '87.

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Normal Institute.

MR. EDITOR—Dear Sir: You have ably and impartially defended the effort to establish a higher grade of education for training colored teachers. You have sharply discriminated between the wrong position which some of our colored leaders took and the right which they ought to vindicate. The great masses of our people will, beyond a doubt, cheerfully co-operate with our editors in exposing the views of such men who opposed the appropriation of \$10,000 annually for the support of a colored institute. Our white men should not be wholly blamed—since the colored people's representatives failed even to solicit the educational demand of their race. This suits only such men whose minds are quite limited, as observed from their actions or position in respect to the great voice of the people.

The whites took their \$50,000 annually, which the State gives them—and yet some of our honored men opposed, on no ground whatever, the little sum of \$10,000. Such men should be denounced to the public. The secret is a hidden one. Some are ready to defend themselves, but too late. Your sentiments have been heard. Your own words were printed and weighed before us, and nothing was in favor of this bill. Where is reason? Where divine conscience? Wake up conscience and help the perverted reason of men! There should be a united disapproval and condemnation of men who are destined to check the rapid progress of so great a people. Teachers of North Carolina should take warning, and put better leaders in front—otherwise the public will no longer keep silent.

South Carolina, a bitter State, but partly supports a colored university in its State. Other States support colored institutes, and what sound reason would any man produce why the colored people need no aid from this State? It is not because they are so enlightened, nor because they are so rich; neither because Bidle University, Salisbury and other benevolent universities or colleges of learning are situated in the State—is no reason why they should object. How much money does North Carolina contribute for the support of these charitable schools? Nothing but good will, and not much of that, is exhibited in some places.

Then, those who objected to the \$10,000 for the Normal Institute have proved themselves enemies to their own race, and hence are dangerous. Yours, G. J. MELTON. Wadesboro, N. C., Mar 16, 1887.

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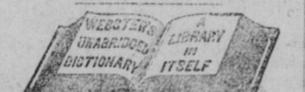
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