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#### WHAT IS NEGRO EQUALITY?

The Negro is not very much disturbed over the question of "equality" just now, but he would like to have some of the white men who are now discussing the question, to tell us what they mean by "Negro equality?" morals and property represent the worth of a man. Do our white friends mean that the Negro has not the capacity to equal the white man? No white man with common sense will dare say any such thing.

The Weekly Star of Wilmington devoted nearly two columns to the subject last week, and the little evening Hornet of this city attempted to say a word upon the subject and went just far enough to show that the editor is just about as well posted on the subject as a Zulu chief is upon English literature and American customs. the worth of the two races by a comparison of his editorial on "Negro cide at once that the white race is fast

Now, if the white man retains his in the judgment of the white man, atto injure the white man? Would it There are some born white fools who will never be sensible men. If comparisons are necessary at all, the best of one should be compared to the best of the other, and when we speak of a people, their opportunities should be taken into consideration. Rev. Dr. Price, Hon. John M. Langston, and Hon. Frederick Douglass, represent the worth and the capability of the Negro in three Southern States. They are the equals of any of America's greatest and best white men in intellect and morals, and have a purse sufficient to back them up financially .our race, and to John Saussaman and others of that class as representatives our white friends who compare their best to our worst.

white man. Not to the injury of the A few years ago the white man owned trouble to read them. everything in the South, and even the gro was not allowed to learn to read. literacy among the Negroes has di- preachers and teachers. minished 50 per cent. more than among the whites. The white man is not only divested of his slave property,

integrity, he discovers a distance too to Statesville recently. It cost the great to overcome." Because, in want contracting parties \$175.00 to run it.

of education, culture and business in- It was run in the interest of one of tegrity. Now, Mr. Hornet, as you our churches. Let us see how it and very properly estimate each by his the excursionists were benefitted. The tegrity," what have you to say for Railroad Company. Can't any sane the white man that has neither, and person see that we are enriching Railwherein is he different from the Negro road corporations and impoverishing that has neither? And then by your own manner of estimate are you not not benefitted by an equivalent for compelled to admit that the Negro of their time and money, nor made any 'education, culture and business integrity," is the superior of the illite- Salisbury are \$175.00 poorer in cash, rate white man?

The Negro's position has been a servile one, but that condition is fast changing, and the white man is taking the Negro's old place as fast as he voluntarily yields. The Negro is fast becoming masters of trades and professions, and "lords of the soil." There are thousands of Negroes in North Carolina far superior in "education, culture and business integrity," to any one connected with the duce. Our ministers form the larger Hornet. Then if there is a "level-We hold that cultured intellect, good ing," and the Negro has not the abili- for them to take the lead in this inty, why then, according to the Hornet the white man has never reached his "proper standard." The Negro's sayings are not troubling the white man half so much as his doings trouble a certain class that see so many Negroes

#### TO THE PREACHERS.

We have on our subscription book the names of very nearly one hundred preachers who receive and read this paper regularly; hence we take the liberty to remind them of the importance of keeping before their hearers We do not know who the editor of the the necessity of practicing economy. Hornet is, but if we are to estimate | The Lord has blessed us with abundant harvests, and every poor colored person ought to be the more industri-Equality" to the writing of the ous and economical and let the beneaverage Negro editor, we would de- fits of these blessings be seen in after port their ministers and beautify their days.

Our preachers have a hard time generally, but it comes principally high standard and the Negro should, from the reason that our people are too poor to pay them. Then is it not tain the same standard, how in the clear that whenever the people get in name of common sense is that going better circumstances the preachers will be better paid, better cared for, not be better for all-ridding the &c? It is a duty the preachers owe country of a worthless (?) population? themselves, their fellowman and their and desolation will feel the bright and God, to improve the condition of man. The best way to do that is to happiness. Yours for the welfare of make them more industrious, frugal, the race. moral and intellectual, all of which helps in making better Christians.

As has been oft asserted, the civilization as well as the salvation of the Negro is with the teachers and preachers. Their influence is powerful with here was an off-hand address by Mr. the people, and a good minister al- Reid Parker, of North Carolina. ways tries to throw his influence in a proper way.

It is not our duty to lay out the preacher's duty, but we will always do all in our power as journalist, to It would be no less silly in us to point ameliorate the condition of a long opto these men as fair representatives of pressed people. The MESSENCER is and has been free to give honor and praise to our worthy public servants. of the white race, than the actions of That we will continue to do, and as an evidence of our sincerity, we offer special rates to preachers of a regular The Hornet is truly correct when it charge. We do not do this because says "there are many things for our we think they are unable to pay, but shouldered mules, and with dull imrace to do." If he is not a blind man as an annual contribution of 50 cents plements and poor land, we know at and a deaf man, he sees clearly the to every preacher that subscribes or a glanca that that man does not know advances the Negro is making on the renews after this. Dr. Talmage's ser-niums there. mons are worth more than a dollar to headed and ugly. The boys are ugly; white man, but for the good of all. every preacher that will take the the old woman was cross; the old man

Notices and reports of meetings will Negro was himself the property of the be published free of charge. No prefwhite man. A few years ago the Ne- erence will be shown Baptists, Presbyterians, Methodists or Episcopalians. To-day there are thousands of school Our columns are open to all. Short houses and school teachers for the letters on the progress and needs of Negro throughout the South, and il- our people are specially solicited from

## Salisbury Scinti ations.

It has been some time since "Salisbut thousands of acres of his lands bury Scintillations' have sparkled in departments, and go out there and and millions of dollars of other prop- your entertaining columns, and I spend three or four days teaching, erty is now distributed among the thought I would warm up a little on just like the teacher teaches in the Negroes themselves. If many of our one of the many things that tend to good friends don't go to work and pull down and make the Negro poorer, put their dependence in something as a mass. I am more and more imbetter than ideal race superiority, they pressed with the utter folly of wastwill not only find themselves inferior ing time and money on the many exto Negroes in all that is considered by cursions which are almost daily ranman, but they will find themselves ning in this State and others. I have stitution like that. and families dependent upon Negroes naught to say about the white people to help. In North Carolina it does running or going on excursions. But not cost one copper. If the states and The Hornet says: "If the white the majority of our people are wage- agricultural dep man will properly deport himself, the workers, making from 25 cents to \$1.25 Negro will hold off-he will not feel per day, and that spent wisely barethat he is the equal, because, in want ly affords them a decent living. There of education, culture, and business was an excursion run from this place sota, 2,000 acres, has been purchased

'education, culture and business in- church came out \$3.00 in debt to the ourselves? The excursionists were wiser or better. The poor laborers of besides losing two day's work, and the corporations that much richer. Besides, eight young men of Statesville and one of this town are in the chain gang to serve a term of six months for fighting. So much for a church or Sunday-school excursion. Now, in all probability, there are mothers, sisters, or others, depending on these young men for daily bread. Any one can see the suffering excursions proportion of our intelligent men, and ducement to crime and poverty is a shame upon this enlightened age .--The Church, societies and selfish individuals lead the thoughtless mass to spend \$4.00 that they may obtain \$1.00, besides opening the avenue of outstripping them in the race of life. sin. Ought we not teach them lessons of economy and advise them to sacrifice as much pleasure as possible, and invest their hard earnings in real estate, and thus secure them homes and make a few steps in the road toward independence. Five dollars per month invested in a building and loan association will, in a few years, pay for a nice home. Would it not be far better for the ministers and men of influence to persuade and convince their congregations and the people general- but there are thousands-yea, tens of ly that it is their sacred duty to supchurches by free will offerings instead of resorting to these methods which do, many times, more harm than good? This no intelligent person will deny. Let the press of the country denounce this foul way of securing money for churches, societies, and selfish individuals, and by so doing many homes class that it is the tariff that is keepthat are now depressed with gloom refreshing sunlight of prosperity and OCCASIONALLY.

Speech of Mr. Reid Parker Before the Farmer's Convention at Atlanta. Atlanta Constitution.

One of the most original and prac tical speeches delivered during the session of the Farmers Convention

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Convention: I hold that the people in the main do the best they know how for themselves. When we see a man buy fertilizers, we conclude that he knows no better. [Applause.] And if we find that a poor farmer has gone to town and mortgaged his mule and himself for a spurious article of com-mercial fertilizers, we conclude at once that he thinks it is best for him. He does not know any better. plause.] If we see a man that plants all cotton, and is plowing four mules. and with poor harness, and with sore any better. [Renewed applause.] It had a sore tooth, and all was sad and lonely. Now, cannot some hope and help shine out from the dark cloud into these places? You have them everywhere, thousands of them. Now, if we can reach this man, stir him up, open his eyes, get him to thinking, reading, and talking with men and among men, it will wake that man up. How are you going to do it? The only way is to hold agricultural and farming institutions in every State in the South, and pick out your best home talent, and get these scientific men from your agricultural Southern schools.

We had an institute over in Randolph last week. There is a man upon this floor that read a paper there that thrilled them through tons upon tons, and it stirred them up. I insist that every county in these Southern States ought to have an in-The states ought agricultural departments will help, you will see them bloom and blossom like a rose all over the land." [Great applause.

About Home Markets. Atlanta Constitution

Some of the arguments of the freetraders are as preposterous as their theory is impracticable. The Constitution has been urging that the great need of the southern farmer is home markets, so that they may be able. by diversifying their crops, by raising fruits, vegetables and other garden produce, by producing milk, butter, chickens, eggs, to pocket the money they receive for their cotton, or to make money even if they raise no cot-

Commenting on something the Constitution has said on this all-important question, the Courier-Journal makes

this queer argument: "The home market plea is a delusion; the home market is ours anyhow. England cannot send greens to Mem- ELECTRIC LIGHTS, phis. Countries flourish and cities grow when all classes are prosperous. Today the farming class is kept down by a tariff which restricts the farmer's market. The tariff does not fix the price of cotton; that is fixed in Liverpool. The tariff increases the cost of raising cotton, corn and wheat, it taxes everything that is used in the cultivation of the crop; everything used in building fences, barns and houses; everything used in making wagons and carts.

The home market plea a delusion! The home market ours anyhow! This is the sort of foolish talk that General Miles, a practical and successful farmer, protested against in his eloquent remarks before the Farmers' Interstate convention. The home market is ours anyhow! This is as much as to say that the farmers who live near the industrial centers would have home markets if the policy of protection had never built up these industrial centers. "England cannot send greens to Memphis. This is true, indeed, nor can the Southern farmer send greens to Memphis who has no Memphis to send it to

"The home market is ours anyhow," thousands of farmers in the South who are compelled to depend on cotton as the money crops. Some of these are prosperous, because they have the business sense-we may say the common sense to raise their supplies at home, but the majority of them are

gradually growing poorer every year. It is easy enough for the small politician and the whipper-snapper editor to rise up and tell this ing them poor; but sensible men know better. Farmers who are sagacious enough to raise their own supplies, which is the very essence protection, are not only getting along very well, but are making money Farmers who have home markets not only raise their own supplies, but something to sell, and in this way they are enabled to save money.

"We have our own home markets, anyhow;" but if the industries of Atlanta, large and small, had not built the city up, the farmers around here would bave to sell their greens in Memphis, and they would make about as much at it as the farmers of England.

The arguments of the Courier-Journal are absurd, but they are no more absurd than the other arguments in favor of free trade.

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Maxton,
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