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### POPULATION—IMMIGRATION.

The evidence, by this time, must be palpable to every one, that the Southern people have been deluded, since the close of the war, by the hopes which have been excited in their bosoms by the politicians, North, of both parties, of a short road to the recuperation of the country and the revival of the industry and enterprise of our people.

This, they have assured us, was to be effected, either, on the one hand, by favorable changes in the policy of the government towards us; or, on the other, by the assurance that the continuance of the party in power and the carrying out of its policy would produce a powerful reaction, and cause population and capital to flow in upon us like a torrent.

The people of this country, both North and South, have always laid too much stress upon the aid which the Federal government could and ought to afford them, in their material interests. Hence, at a very early period, a struggle for the ascendancy in the government of rival interests so soon terminated in sectional prejudices and hatred, which culminated finally in a fraternal war.

The rapid increase of an enterprising white population at the North not only gave it a superiority in numbers, but in wealth, which soon gave it such a controlling influence in the government, as led it to manipulate and control its power, so as to enhance its wealth and finally its authority and power.

Had the South sought to husband its resources, increase its population, manufacture its own material and conduct its own commerce, instead of wasting its strength in a contest at large odds for political power, the supposed necessity for the late unfortunate war would never have existed.

Wealth is power, among nations as among individuals. After all, that is really what the world is seeking. Had the South, therefore, laid the foundations of its wealth in the increase of its white population, in their skill in agriculture, mechanics, manufactures, and in the enterprise and management of its own commerce, rather than in the increase of its slaves and the destruction, instead of the improvement, of its virgin soil, the negro, the "slighty negro," would now have become an important constituent in our wealth now needed in our politics.

The South, by the simple improvement of the vantage ground she possessed in her soil, her climate, and her resources, under the skill and energy of an accumulating white population of the best chance of foreigners, instead of being a "boneyard of wood" and a drawer of "water for the North," because of her sheer devotion to the idea of wealth in the dull, ignorant, lazy negro, would have been a fair and equal competitor with the North to-day, and measurably independent of her in the scale of enterprise and commerce, in whatever could promote health and consequently real strength.

The North, having accomplished its purpose in securing the control of the government, let the South now go back to the stand-point in the history of the North, and imitate her example and follow her footsteps, which led her on to wealth and power. Let the Southern people cease to worry and fret themselves over fruitless contests with the North for political power, and control in the government. Let them give a trace to merely political parties and to partisan politics. Connect, if need be to the North, the right, humanly possesses the power, to control the national government, and trust to its practical sense, and to its keen perception of its own interests, the reach and the tendency of showing humanity, forbearance and justice to a down-trodden and impoverished people, by administering the government so as not to oppose, but to build up, all portions of the Republic.

But let the Southern people, with one heart and one mind, coalesce, concentrate and consolidate, in close and compact organizations, for our present and future material prosperity. Population, skilled labor, and well directed energy must supply the place of capital, for a time at least. We must endeavor to cultivate our lands with the most efficient and cheap labor that can be procured—to manufacture our own implements, tools, articles for domestic use, and our own clothing, grow our own bread, raise our own meat, eat butter and cheese,—fix everything we consume—and manufacture our own material, as far as possible, and conduct our own commerce.

Above all, every one must learn to export more than we import into the State. Unless, as a State, we learn to buy less from abroad than we sell, poverty and bankruptcy must follow. And if we borrow greenbacks from abroad, at a ruinous discount, to be paid in gold at a future day, with interest, to build railroads or other improvements, what is to be the upshot but bankruptcy or slavery? What man can presume to believe, who has fifty cents or twenty cents to his name, and gives his vote for a bond, to be paid in a sum without a cent or bear, indolent to human suffering and impotent to govern.

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