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The New Bern Republican.

NEW BERNE, SEPTEMBER 24, 1868.

"THIS IS MY OWN MY NATIVE LAND."

SPEECH OF R. W. LASSITER, ESQ., OF GRANVILLE.

[Prepared for delivery before the State Mass Meeting on the 16th of September, 1868, and published by request of the Republican Executive Committee.]

That a government should have been founded less than a century ago and have grown great in numbers, powerful in influence and riches, and have given higher guarantees for the full enjoyment of civil and religious liberty than any other country known on the globe; that a Constitution and laws should have been formed with such wisdom and justice that the framers have been designated as sages, patriots, and fathers; and that the portion of people who were better qualified to appreciate true blessings should with premeditation resolve to break up and disavow such a government, involves a mystery that requires investigation, and challenges the earnest consideration of all thoughtful and patriotic men.

But secession became a fixed thing, apparently by the people, and yet not of the people. Its results soon disclosed what had been faintly foreshadowed by the dim light of history or the still feeble light of experience, and only here and there the prophetic voice of warning was raised, declaring the virtue and efficacy of prevention.

him. Ah, the sun of freedom has risen upon his race. They are now in our midst, and a great practical and moral question arises as to what duty and action is demanded at our hands.

To solve the question as to what is best to be done for the good of both races under these peculiar circumstances is the trouble. This question has to be met and disposed of, and it is expedient to make some provision for the race. To send them from our land, country and nation is plainly impracticable.

But a more important light in which to view the condition of four millions of human beings is that which affects their moral character. The late slave is uneducated as a general thing, and he is also poor. For these calamities he is not to be blamed.

But this cannot be done. The proposition which was made on Mount Calvary, nearly nineteen hundred years ago, to redeem from sin and eternal death a lost world, was made for the colored as well as the white man.

But the public mind is needlessly alarmed at negro equality and negro supremacy, and passions and prejudices of men have gone beyond any known rule of justice, and the man who dares to claim only even justice for the colored race is forthwith denounced in unparagoned terms without reason.

and shall not the land of boasted freedom rise above the prejudices of the ignorant, shake off the shackles imposed by party leaders, and assert the great truth that moral excellence can alone give dignity and value to human conduct, and lay aside the groundless fear of social equality and negro supremacy?

The success of such a party would deprive nearly a million of men of the right of suffrage. Would this be right, if it were practicable? It is impossible to deprive these men of suffrage peaceably, and it is better to be reconciled to what you cannot alter or improve.

And his dying words will find a response in a million of hearts whose hands have laid down the sword and will only take it up again in defence of human rights, for the vindication of which the moral influence of the civilized world stands pledged.

These are views which may induce others to endorse measures of peace, as the surest foundation for the prosperity of our country. Let us choose the man who says "let us have peace," rather than the man who says "let there be war, and let the army undo its usurpation."

JOHN S. MANIX, City Clerk.
New Bern, N. C., March 30th, 1868.

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