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BEFORE AND SINCE.

Referring in yesterday's issue to the case of Plum Levi as giving illustration of the kindly, often affectionate, relation that existed between master and slave we thought the suggestion might be carried farther to show that the mutual good feeling proved to exist in those re lations, was not without its lasting influence in shaping the course of life of the slave, of freedman, made dependent upon his own character and exertions. The old slave may not always have become the lettered or prominent man of his peo ple; but he has proved the most prudent provident, industrious, and therefore the more contented one. And it is a certain fact that the old slave has been for less conspicuous in criminal annals than the generation born in freedom. coming to manhood, and in all things his own master.

In relation to these people, we make two extracts which will be read with some interest. The first is from the News and Courier of the 26th:

Between these "old family servants" and their old owners the kindest relations still exist. The bond between them is nearly the only bond that is left between the two races, and when it too is a-solved, as it will be dissolved in a few more years, the separation of the white and blacks will be complete and final The old family servants have played as important part in the history of th South during the past twenty-five years, and we may well be thankful that they did not "disappear" with slavery, but remained to soften the aspertites of a political struggle in which they themselves, saily enough, have been among the greatest sufferers. the greatest sufferers.

The other is from the Washington corespondence of the Baltimore Sun;

It is a matter of every-day common remark here that the best classes of the colored people in every respect are to be found among those who lived in the days of slavery. These are almost with-out exception good citizens, who respect themselves and respect others, and command the regard and confidence of th community. The two colored actors in the triple tragedy here last week were both under twenty-one years of age, and perhaps nine-tenths of the desperador-and toughs of that race have not attained manhood. The police of Washington have a most trying time with these desperadoes. In making arrests they run constant risk of the most serious bodily injury, as violent resistance is the rule among those who regard them-selves as heroes, and who are fast com-ing to be looked upon as such by their own people. The colored population of Washington is constantly on the in-crease, for here in one way and another there seems to be no inconsistency in the full supply of bodily comorts and chronic dleness. In the mean while the old-time plendid plantations of Maryland and virginia contiguous to Washington are rapidly becoming wilderness for want of adequate labor. If the republican sena-tors would let the South alone for a while and devote their attention for a season to the clavation and improvement of the negro in the community right tented negroes in search of the im sope for so much political advantage, dication of being true to their profes

Senator Blair, who is never happy unless he finds something in which to intermeddle, is busying himself with the rights or the wrongs of the blacks in the South; and in a recent speech at Washington reminded his colored audience that their race was so numerous in this country that their rights could not be denied them if they demanded them. It might strike the most indifferent observer that the District of Columbia is an unfortunate field upon which to hoist the banner of negro rights and negro wrongs with view of encouragement or example to the together with packet emery board, or negroes elsewhere; for it was in the District that the sincerity and consistency of leading republicans Edmunds, Morrill. Sherman, perhaps Blair himself, had ample test, resulting in the exposure of all of them as blatant hypocrites. These men forced negro suffrage upon the South, and also established it in the District of Columbia, the Mecca of the freedman. The District became crowded with negroes, and they exercised all their new rights and privileges with an abandon that would have been amusing if it had Lynn comes home to us in a more per not been hurtful. These three senators, above named, perhaps also Mr. Blair himselt, were large property holders in the District; and like property holders elsewhere, notably here in the South, they rebelled against the power and the license enjoyed by this large body of non and also to avail himself of certain local taxpayers to levy contribution ad libitum upon those who did have property. These senators had a ready relief not possessed by the Southern people; and female, stuck to the last; and in the they applied it promptly and remorselessly by depriving the people of the District, white and black alike, punishing the innocent as well as the guilty, of the right of suffrage. And they would never Hand work gave place largely to marenew the grant. They have seen with chine work upon its general adoption; their own eyes and felt through their own pockets what means an irresponsible suffrage.

farther in profiting by the experience the foundation of all its fortunes. The drawn from observation in Washington population had probably reached fifty City. The grievances they complain of thousand, and it must have been a prosas inflicted upon the negroes of the South generally are not unlike those they have subjected to a loss counted by millions. witnessed daily in Washington, for some of which they found the summary remedy by deprivation of suffrage. Some of them have defied all remedies, and would prove to them the unmanageable problem present on the much larger area of the whole scouth if the solution of it be sought be

politicians. What solution has been reached may be learned by the following extract from a Washington letter in the

Congress for year after year succeeding the war made the most lavish appropria-tions for the benefit of the race. Common chool facilities have been opened to them without stint. They enjoy perfect equality of civil rights. All avenues of employment, public and private, are free to them. Under such auspices the happiest results might reasonably have been auticipated. The criminal stotistus show whether they have been realized. The colored population of the District is about one-third of the whole, while it furnishes from 50 to 70 per cent, of the riminals. Of nineteen cases of murder in he last year the principals in fourtee were colored. Arrests for carrying concaled weapons disclose a proportion of hree colored to one white, and in cases f petit larceny and sneak-thieving this proportion is maintained. What is more perplexing in this anhappy disclosure is the fact that an overwhelming percent age of the criminal offenses among the colored people are committed by the coung—by those born after the war, who never stood under the shadow of slavery and who have had equal advantages ery character with the white youth r as public provision is concerned. dution of all this opens the widest fie or inquiry and organ Referring again to Mr. Blair's speech

we find in one of his remarks he suggest what might prove a dangerous boomering to his party. He reminds the ne groes that in four of the Northern States her hold the balance of power, and might exercise it to force the South to grant alleged denied rights to their rethren. Mr. Blair assumes very com olacently that this power is to be exer rised as a matter of course in co-opera ion with the republican party. But reminding the negroes of the north of their power, he unwit tingly reminds them that they too lave wrongs to redress and rights to as sert; that they too have been denied of ices and honors and privileges to a la greater degree than their brethren of the South, and that their aspirations ennever rise higher than that, of the love orders of his party. Perhaps some of these days Mr. Blair may find this balmee of power applied where it is most mexpected and undesirable

Those so called semi-barbarous people of latin origin in Mexico and South America exhibit wastly more practice and progressive people of the United States in dealing with questions growing out of the negro problem. We rush pel mell, helter skeiter into all sorts of ver uresome experiments, harried along wild tide of blind philanthropy or uncal ulating sectional hatred. These latin take a sensible view of a race, it is our northern friends, say intrin sically the equal of the white man yet with probation too short to qualify him to take part in the affairs of government; and so Brazil ho ittached an educational qualification to the suffrage to the extent of a knowl newly emancipated slave should not b able by his vote to neutralize that of me who knows with what purpose his vote is cast. Here we permit Sambo, without the knowledge of a letter, or conception of a principle, cast his vote to ancel the act of a Daniel Webster or a John C. Calhoun. Mexico, desirous of immigration, and liberal and generous in the proffers of lands and privileges, is yet too wise to open the floodgates to an unchecked torrent of ignorant discon- BLANK BOOKS, EVERY GRADE ider their eyes they might perhaps not portrace and the distinctions they could never attain at home; an so the government has limited the number of immigrants of that race to be spread over a period of ten years; conditional also upon the good moral char-acter and industrious habits of the im-migrants. In this action both Brazil and Mexico display wise caution, a cha acteristic totally wanting in the states men of the north, who would advance the negro to the highest position provided always that he exercise

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