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THE CORRESPONDENTS.

It is not too much to say that a more reputable, discriminating, fair, capable body of newspaper correspondents never gathered in any centre than those who have lately visited our city during the disturbances between whites and blacks.

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SUGGESTED BY PROFESSOR LEE'S LETTER.

The letter sent from Wilmington on 12th inst. to the Baltimore Sun by Professor Guy Carleton Lee, and found in the Messenger of 15th, is a noticeable communication relative to the late disturbances and the cause thereof.

At Wilson the negroes were excited by promises and incited to plans of devilry as a consequence. Fortunately the match applied failed to kindle the pile.

the game did not end as proposed. Read this from Professor Lee:

"The Wilson negroes had been told that they were strong enough to have their will, that because they furnished the labor they supported the white people; that they could prevent giving North Carolina and the negro to the democrats, your natural enemies."

The negroes were not wholly to blame in their attitude. Their condition arouses pity in the mind of the southerner. He sees the great delusions under which the race labors and is struggling to remove the cause.

Negroes of the south are but clay in the hands of the potter, and the potter cares not what vessel he makes if it will serve his purposes.

The supreme editorial asses in the north who think the are born journalistic Solomons, would do well to give heed to what this calm, clearheaded Professor says. If they really comprehend the situation they would not be so swift and blind in their censure. They are simply stupid and infatuated.

When the Professor first entered Wilmington he found quiet prevailing—armed quiet, so to speak—and but one sentiment—a government of white men and by white men and for white men. He seems to have soon caught on to the status of Governor Russell with all genuine North Carolinians.

"No one has a good word for this man, whose acts are condemned as bitterly and as justly as were those of his predecessors in action—the officials of the 'carpet-bag regime.'"

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There is a certainty that the almost unvarying kindness and sympathy of the whites have been misleading and unfortunate.

Said one of our influential citizens who met the men of the north in battle, to us a few days ago as we were discussing the negro character: "My father told me after the war, whatever you do be sure not to favor the negro. Give him work but not charity. Make him feel his responsibility as a man and citizen, and compel him to work out his own destiny."

Wise words and most timely. Nothing has been more mistaken than to grant gratuitous favors to the negroes. They felt no gratitude for your favors while leaning on you for help.

So we give one more extract from the Professor: "The stern treatment of the disturbances here is but the first lesson in a long course on which the negro is now entering—a course not of coercion, not of abuse, not of oppression, but of helpful kindness, exact justice, of firm and wise control."

The white man realizes that errors have been made in the treatment of the negro problem. The negro admits it, but these errors are errors of over-kindness, of too much coddling, too much help and not of too much force."

The whites will certainly treat the negroes fairly, kindly, affording them protection. They are not now, and have never been their enemies, if they had been the latter there would have been 1,000 dead negroes in Wilmington in the late riot that was inspired by and precipitated by negroes.

There is one thing that can easily disturb the peace now—incendiaryism.

A FRAUD.

We clip the following from the Richmond (Va.) Times. It seems one of the fled negro preachers has turned up begging in Richmond, a staunch democratic city. Hence he masquerades as a "democrat" who had been "driven away from North Carolina because he was a democrat."

If he is one of the escaped negro preachers of this city—one of the rascals who bellowed about the Rattlesnake villainous editorial and said they would sustain the vile sheet and the infernal slander at "the risk of their lives," he is a fraud.

None of the gang of enemies and conspirators was a democrat. Here is the clipping:

DEMOCRATIC NEGRO.

Mayor Taylor had a call yesterday in the person of a negro Baptist preacher from Wilmington, N. C.

He said he was driven away from North Carolina because he was a negro democrat. He wanted to get a pass to Washington, where he thought he could get something to do.

The mayor had no means at his disposal for the payment of transportation, so the darky went forth to seek aid elsewhere.

HOME FOLKS.

To show the foreign character of the late disturbances here, it was mentioned to us on Monday that every negro known to have been killed here last Thursday did not live here, but had come in to help the negroes and thus brought upon himself what he got. It is further noticeable that nearly all the white radicals who have been factors for evil and enemies of the whites have been of the north—were

not "native here and to the manner born."

Did you read the scoundrel Manly's lie. He knows he is deliberately lying when he said that his Rattlesnake editorial had been misquoted, mutilated, etc. The Messenger was the first paper in North Carolina to publish it and comment upon it. It was not a week after it appeared as stated. The reason the whites did not fire up sooner was because decent whites never saw it. This writer never handled a copy in his life. If he had to handle such virginal trash he would handle it with tongs. Manly's health will be better among the negrophilists in yankeedom than in North Carolina. The atmosphere of Wilmington would prove highly deleterious to his well being. Manly ought to change his skin and stop lying.

If the republicans generally are talking around the state as they are talking in Raleigh it would indeed seem that henceforth negro importance as a political factor is "clean gone forever."

If all parties are agreed as to the necessity of dropping him out altogether as a constituent in politics in North Carolina then the end has come to them as disturbers of the peace and as instruments of evil in distressing and oppressing the white race. But we are rather doubtful of all that is said. It is very certain that the "occupation" of the Butlers and Russells and Dockerys and Holtons and Pearsons and Cooks and the carpet-baggers will "be gone" if the negroes are really eliminated from the political campaigns hereafter. The remedy is well known to lie in an educational test like several southern states now have.

A negro Methodist paper at Charlotte publishes a letter from a negro preacher up north abusing us. We care no more for the vapors and abuse of such a hound than we do for the barking of a flea dog through the palings. We pity such fools while despising their vile expectations. We apologize to our readers for saying this much.

LYING A FINE ART.

The northern editors are given over to error and imagine a vain thing, and make falsehood a fine art. We told a venerable friend that the northern press was abusing and slandering the people of Wilmington. The reply was, and it will find an echo of sympathy and approval in many a heart: "I am not caring a cent. The older I grow the more I hate 'em." They are certainly given over to delusion and a lie and to ignorance, the cock-sure editors of the north. In 1866, the north tried to put the south forever under the rule and power of the negro, and its organs are warming up in abuse and misrepresentation, and are very mad because they can not keep North Carolina still under the negro rule in 1893.

With the great triumph liberation is here to stay, restoration will follow, and the end of barbaric rule has come. Esto perpetua.

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NORTHERN METHODS, CENSURE AND HYPOCRISY.

In Philadelphia the republicans stuffed the ballots by the thousands. The Record gives an account of the rascality and cheating and the wards and number of frauds. That is precisely in keeping with the past history of that corrupt rascality, false party. They will wax furious over any cheating or wrong doing in the south in elections, but it is a fact that all men know and none but a fruitful liar would gainsay or deny, that for twenty five or thirty years wholesale intimidation has been practiced upon the great class of workmen by which hundreds of thousands were compelled to vote with the bosses and masters. It is equally well known that the white and negro voters all through the north have been bought up like sheep and voted as if dumb. Hanna bought the election for McKinley, and the vicious slanderers of the south "up there" know it as well as they know how to eat when hungry.

But this is not all of the studied, systematic rascality they have practiced all through the years against a free ballot and a fair count. They have not only debauched, intimidated and bought the voters, but they have persecuted, hounded and punished those who kicked at their rascalities and oppressions. They have carried their elections from time to time by wholesale frauds and coercive practices, and they lie when they deny it.

The truth is they are shameless hypocrites in their pretences of political honesty, and infamous oppressors in their Force bill attempts (McKinley in the lead) and other appliances of wrong doing and villainy. The article clipped from the Washington Post to be found in Tuesday's Messenger brought out with due emphasis a fact,

and showed the precise difference in northern and southern election methods. Said the "tall gaunt son of the tar heel state" in reply to a "sharp featured New England man"—of the nasal twang fraternity of course, one of your "drizzling Down East know-alls"—as he was swelling out in a tirade against the south and in a sort of "sermonette" on the rights of suffrage—he was shut up by the "big mountaineer" in this wise, but good naturedly:

"Look here, you all yankees don't let the Italia's, Portygeese, and French-Canadianism you I notice, an' ef you was down in No'th Carolina you'd do jes the same as we all: only you'd count 'em out while we scare 'em out."

That is exactly the size of it. In the north they pursue methods that are many sided but invincible. But they can the next day after the meanness and rascality turn up their high moral noses and with nasal twang abuse the south as rascals, cut throats and murderers. All the meanness and hypocrisy of the world really appear to be concentrated in the Great North.

"A goodly apple rotten at the heart. Oh, what a goodly outside falsehood hath!"

That some greatest of poets says again and it is a perfect picture: "And seem a saint, when most I play the devil."

Why, I can smile. \* \* \* \* \* And wet my cheeks with artificial tears, And frame my face to all occasions."

BREVITIES.

Dingley says silver is dead. So have said other prophets of evil. It may arise to life in 1900. He thinks an anomalous high tariff tax was one cause of the great "republican triumph." Ugh!

Rear Admiral Schley is back from Porto Rico. He is enthusiastic over the island. He will not criticize Sampson. He has been punished enough perhaps for his incapacity and envy. Schley says that when Cervera's fleet was discovered no one knew where it had been.

The United States are making enemies among the nations. Since they began their course of conquest and expansion they have lost all sympathy in Europe. Great Britain alone will be their friend in extremity. The continental powers will probably unite to intimidate Uncle Sam. Such is the talk in London.

The Richmond Dispatch understands the North Carolina situation. It says: "The North Carolina red shirt will now be laid aside for the white garment of peace. Unless, indeed, the radical fomenters of race- strife shall insist on having, otherwise, in which case the inevitable further outcome will be more suffering on the part of the negro dupes and tools through whom the leaders refused to spill and plunder."

DONE WITH THE NEGRO.

Colonel Fortune Wants Him Colonized The Republican Party, Lily White and the Populist Party Dead.

The earnest reader will not be inadvertent to the fact that in attempting to correct something which does not need correction, Prof. Junius Brutus Fortune lays down the proposition, in the following communication, that the negro should be colonized. Professor Fortune is the clerk of the United States court for the Eastern district of North Carolina, an ardent republican from "way back—Bitter creek, near the head waters. We want it definitely understood that this suggestion of colonization does not come from a democrat, but from a republican of the old red-string type.

To the Editor of The Observer: I see in The Observer of November 11th, Colonel Odis represents me as saying that this election has settled two things—established white supremacy and an end to the populist party. When asked by Colonel Odis what I had to say about the election, I said this: I had settled two things. It has eliminated the negro from politics and put an end to the populist party. I said further that I wanted to see the republican party in North Carolina organize on the line of the national republican platform, as it is organized in New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Indiana and other states. And let the populists take their stand politically where they please.

As to the future of the negroes, colonization is the thing for them. And every leading negro in the United States should begin to advocate it. Respectfully, J. B. FORTUNE.

Raleigh, Nov. 12th.

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