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HAS DONE NO GOOD.

MR. BATES EDUCATING THE NEGRO HAS BEEN A FAILURE.

It is not the remedy sought—The Present Generation of Negroes Have Gained Nothing by All of Their Book Learning.

Mr. Bates in Atlanta Constitution. A neighbor said to me, "Major, what is all this racket about—this rumpus—this swamping about the negro? Have they risen again? You remember how they used to rise before the war, but they generally went to the corn field or the cotton patch. I've been reading the New York Journal and it looks like something must have happened in Mississippi or somewhere, and the bishops and college folks and yanked women are mightily bothered about 'em."

Well, it is amusing to read these state platitudes and theories about the negro. A few of them are scorable, some of them a delusion, and some are some idiotic. With most of them education seems to be the panacea for everything and some of them want kindergarten school for the babies and separate school for the mothers to learn physiology. Some of the northern female antiquaries want social equality and hint at miscegenation as the coming remedy. Some say that separation is the only solution and that negro must go, and some say that every dollar spent on their education widens the gulf between the races. One very sensible writer says stop their voting and stop paying taxes for their education.

Take them all together and they don't harmonize on any pin, though a large majority, with Dr. Curry in the lead, are for education—more education. Well, it is possible for even so great and good a man as Dr. Curry to be mistaken. He and Bishop Candier and some others on that line have made a life time business of educating young people, and are naturally disposed to magnify its importance, but it seems to me when we try an experiment for thirty years and spend over one hundred millions of dollars on it, and the negroes get worse instead of better, it is time to halt and try some other method.

These negroes are a new generation and know nothing of slavery. The northern idea seems to be that these are the same negroes we had before the war, and that they have recently emerged from slavery and semi-barbarism, and must be educated into good citizenship. This is a mistake. The old-time negroes had a very good education—not in book learning, but by contact and associations with their masters and their masters' families and neighbors. Education is not all gotten from books. It comes through the ear as well as through the eye. Our old-time slaves were better edu-

ated for usefulness and happiness than are the college graduates of to-day. They had more common sense and far more morality. We had among them carpenters, masons, blacksmiths, tanners, shoemakers, linens, wagon makers, painters, paperers, millwrights, and we had good farmers and gardeners and millers and bootlers.

Among the women we had weavers, carders, spinners, seamstresses, chambermaids, butter makers, cooks and nurses and they were all educated in their business. I owned a carpenter who could plan and build a first-class house and make a handsome mantel and run a modern staircase. I owned another who grew up from infancy with my children, and who could paint and paper and cook and put down carpets and do other useful things, and he was my faithful bodyguard during the war and is still devoted to my family. Education—why, the children taught to read, and that was enough for him, and he was always happy and contented. He had the daily benefit of example and precept. Why is it that we have now over 4,000,000 confessions and did not have one then? All this maudlin philanthropy has come from the idea that our negroes were savage until freedom came, and the truth is they were better fed and clothed and housed and far happier than the poor of the northern states. I do not remember to have ever punished but one of our slaves—our own boys got most of the whipping, and the negroes grew up in fear of it. It is not the lack of education that increases crime and fills our prisons, for it is recorded that 47 per cent of the convicts can read and write. What is wanted is good moral training and the fear of punishment for crime. The negro got none of this from their parents or their teachers or preachers, while in slavery their race trait of stealing little things was curbed and restrained, but it has come back in full force and now all this generation with but few exceptions. We have had but one domestic servant in twenty five years who would not steal, or as they call it take little things on the sly. We expect them to steal and are never disappointed. It is just as much a race trait in the negro as it is in the Arab or the posterity of Ishmael. It is to the credit of the negro that he will not cheat nor betray your confidence. It is to the discredit of Jews and Gentiles that they will cheat you or deceive you if they can "honorably."

But the most alarming trait among the negroes is their utter disregard for chastity and their conjugal obligations. A large majority of the negro women are harlots and their children are bastards. This lack of womanly virtue is no drawback on their social standing or their church membership. If a woman belongs to the Daughters of Zion and pays her mite to the preacher she is one of the saints. A negro never turned out of church. They never suffer from remorse or the stings of conscience. They fear ghosts and

ghosts, but not hell or the devil. Their religion is a compound of emotion and superstition. Neither the jail nor the gallows gives them much concern, for they spend their time in eating and sleeping, and then go straight to Jesus. They are a curious and interesting race of people. Imitations as monkeys, they readily fall into all the vices and follies of the white folk—negro boys all smoke cigarettes, and young bucks about the towns and cities wear innards and the girls wear spectacles and black stockings because the white girls do. A lady who has recently gone to Washington city to live writes to the New York Press that she cannot get a reliable or trust worthy negro servant, and says: "I have all the good negroes gone down south to Booker Washington's school. What has become of all that faithful dog-like service the southern folk are about? I have tried a whole procession of them, and they have worn out my patience. The last one I engaged came next morning at 10 o'clock wearing a white tulle hat and a pink satin bodice!"

But we still find them willing and useful at my house and patriots like my wife and myself who have to keep open house for our common-law relatives and kindred and friends can hardly get along without them. I can still blast my shoes and go to market and the postoffice and work in the garden, and I don't mind making one tin in the morning, if I feel well enough to get up, but there are numerous little things I don't like to have to do. Old Uncle Tom is sleeping sound for me now and my wife has just sent him a cup of coffee and some bread to help out his dinner. She has great regard for these old humble good natured negroes. I don't believe Uncle Tom would steal for he says it was whipped out of him when he was a boy. Fitz it isn't the race now to whip them and save them from the chain-gang. What a den of negro burglars and thieves there must be in Atlanta, judging from the daily business of the recorder's court. I reckon it is as bad in the other cities, but we don't hear of it. Bishop Gailor says the Tennessee people have tired education long enough and the people will no longer be overruled with a band of trifling white and immoral negroes. Miscellaneous dispatches that although the negroes outnumber the whites they pay only 10 per cent of the poll tax and get back 60 per cent for their own education, and that has got to be stopped. If a negro won't pay a dollar a year for the education of his children then they don't deserve it, and the people have determined to quit spending half a million a year upon them. Georgia seems determined to do the same thing, and our people will say amen. Let them have the laws they pay and so more. Nothing in this world costs nothing. Mr. C. A. Howard, whom I met lately in this community loved and

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to cover was one of the best colored and the best man I ever met, and he told me that he never had but a few months schooling and he priced his education at the more because he got it hard for he was poor and had to work by day and study by the light of a candle by night.

Well, this is enough for one time—whether it be orthodox or heterodox it is my duty and nobody is responsible for it but myself. I have some cardinal principles about the negro that I dare to maintain. I would have every brute who associated a white woman. I could see him, however, or be rood or hanged, drawn or quartered. If this is treason make the most of it. I would pursue him with arms and pitefork as Israel Putnam pursued the last that devoured the lambs of his flock. Even the law assumes some homicide when done in the heat of passion and before a man has time to cool. A father or a husband or a brother of the victim never needs a rankin and stings to the quick so long as life lasts. If the officer gets the brute first let him keep him, but I have little respect for the officer who runs his horse to get him first. I have not forgotten the ten years we lived in the country and the apprehension I felt every day that I was away from home. The citizens who live in towns or cities and whose wives and daughters are protected by day and by night know nothing about the shadowy fear that follows those who live in the country and have no protection against the brute. This fear is the greatest impediment to the country schools and the controlling reason that causes every progressive farmer to run out his farm and move to town. It was this that broke up our school and brought my family and most of my neighbors to Cantonville.

And now the southern press is gleaming over the prospect of reducing our representation because the negro has been disfranchised. "Let them do it," says Bishop Gailor—we must control the negro or the south will be ruined by them. After it is done we will have peace—or will the republican party and the G. A. R.'s (grab all republicans) hear for something to feed upon? Well, Missouri is still sitting at the gate, but it was Haman who was hanged.

P. S.—I have just read Bishop Kelley's reply to the symposium and heartily endorse every word of it. He utterly denounces the negro and knows what he is writing about. And I have read Prof. Connell's earnest pleading for the negro girls who are turning the little white children all over the sunny south. He begs the mothers of these children to train these curses in good morals and virtuous conduct and says them from shame and disgrace. The letter is admirable, and so are all his writings and speeches. I have great respect for him.

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