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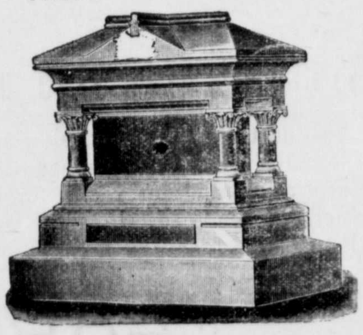

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A LETTER AND REPLY.

THE NEGRO EVERYWHERE.

To the Editor of the Easton *Ledger*:

We, the respectable and more favored negroes of Talbot county, feel it to be our duty to render you our hearty thanks for your foresight and the intelligent manner in which you expressed your thoughts in the *Ledger* of the 28th of November, ult., relative to the approaching danger of some of our young people. We thank you again.

I have been at work and at prayer for the betterment of the morals of our young people all over this State and everywhere for some years. I have obtained some good results, but my work, generally, has been too fruitless to give much encouragement. I have either failed to pray right, or God has sealed his kindled wrath against us, or some false-hearted would-be-leader is in His way so that He cannot do His work. Last winter I wrote a letter to my people on "Good Morals," and circulated it in several counties of the State. I received choruses of praise from white and colored for that article, but I fear now that that was the end of it.

It is a peculiar truth that, every time I write an article for publication, I care not about the applause, but the effects that are put into one's practical life. I want to reach that better part of the individual and arouse it to righteous action and living. I do not ask you, dear reader, for fame, but for your consideration and action and life, remodeled into a good character, a holier being.

There could be no man in this world to see the colored boys and girls and young men and women everywhere divesting themselves of their evil propensities, wicked habits and immoral characters and replacing them with holy lives, ennobling habits and characters that would command the respect of all civilized people. It pains me to think of it, but I must tell the truth, some of our people are really obnoxious to society. I wish I were able to hold a large mirror, as it were, before all such colored people, so that they might see themselves as others see them. This especial gift of sight, I am sorry to say, is not given to all.

I do not mean to abuse anyone, but I do mean to chasten and to show each guilty party his worst self, and I beg you let me succeed.

If this element of our people is not reached through the parents, organized into parental associations all over this country and backed up by a harmonious union of parents with parents and those parents with teachers, I am left adrift upon a sea of hopeless wandering for rescue. Our dear, good mothers have organized a "Mothers and Married Women's Association" in this town (Easton) by which I hope great good will be done toward the elevation of the race. They need your encouragement, Mr. Editor.

Dear colored friends, let me suggest, let me advise, let me entreat, let me exhort you to stop and *consider* just five minutes that you may get an idea of the life you are living. Remember that you are not living alone, but with some one else; and not for yourself any more than for others around you. Their comforts and pleasures depend very largely upon the life you live.

I might write a book, but if I have accomplished or shall accomplish any good by the writing of this letter, let it suffice to exhort:

So live, that others may happier be,
So live, that thou, thyself, mayest be free;
So live, that peace and happiness may flow,
So live, that from thee a great race shall grow.

MALACHI RASIN,
Easton, Md.

THE REPLY.

To the above communication Editor Haddaway made the following editorial reference:

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MALACHI.

The sensible, almost pitiful pleading of Malachi Rasin, a colored school teacher of Easton to be found in the *Ledger* today, to his own people, shows that he is acquiring a sensible recognition of existing facts and would mend them if in his power it lay. It is like—this is not said disparagingly—the groping of a man in the dark who can faintly discern a glimmering light, twilight, possibly, and with nobleness of heart enough to utilize even that little glimmer in warning his people of the pitfalls before them, indiscernible to them in their total, yet satisfied and happy darkness. In so far as he works on right lines for the right improvement of "The Negro Everywhere" (this headline is his) Malachi Rasin will have the sympathy and help of the *Ledger*.

Idleness is at the bottom of all the evils of which the correspondent complains. Big school houses, fine school equipments, book learning, church bells politics, voting, holding office, organs, and pianos,—these are utterly insufficient to work out such a salvation as Malachi Rasin seems to be striving for. "I have been at work and at prayers," he says, "for the betterment of the morals of our young people," and he confesses that his work and his prayers are alike failures. Suppose he tries more work and less prayer, and ascertain if the cornfield is not a better place for the morals of his young people than the bush meeting.

Improvement comes not through shouting and ejaculations, but through work, training, obedience, submission,—in this case work for, training by, obedience and submission to the superior race on lines, of course, equitable and generous Any other are impossible. But work is the starting point. Let him counsel his people to put out their boys and girls to good homes among the white people, where they will have to work, will be trained to be useful, and taught good manners and good morals. There is a demand for useful people always. Useless people, whether white or black, are a curse and a menace to any community.

TELL THE TRUTH, EDITOR.

Western Editor Describes Swell Wedding Quite Differently From Custom.

A Western editor who believes in telling the truth printed the following "Willie Shortlike and Bettie Bloomers were married at the——church last evening. The church was very prettily decorated with flowers and potted plants, borrowed promiscuously from over town from people who didn't want to lend them. The decoration was done under protest by some of the members of the church, who were asked to do so by the bride, and couldn't well refuse. The ladies are of the opinion that if the couple were so bent on having a stylish wedding they should have been willing to pay some one to chase all over the town for a day getting flowers together and then taking them home again.

"The bride wore a handsome Silverstein gown, made at home, and the groom was decked out in a $10 hand-me-down suit. The ushers wore cutaway coats, borrowed for the occasion. Sallie Potts was maid of honor, and the concensus of opinion was that she was 2-to-1 better looking than the bride. The young couple took the morning train for St. Louis, where they will spend more money in a few days than Willie can earn in three months.

"Willie says now that he's married he's going to settle down. Some of our merchants think it would have been better if he had settled up first. The groom gets a salary of $27 a month, which is about the allowance Bettie has been used to for pin money. We wish for Willie's sake that the old saying that it takes no more to support two than one wasn't a lie.

"The bride sent us a shoe box full of a conglomeration of stuff supposed to be cake. If this is a sample of Bettie's cooking, we feel sorry for Willie. Our janitor's dog fell heir to the cake, and now he's lying in the cold, cold ground. But this wedding is none of our funeral. If Willie and Bettie are satisfied we've got no kick coming."

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