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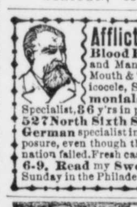

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A PASTOR'S ADVICE TO HIS PEOPLE.

The following wholesome advice was given in the form of a sermon by Rev. F. H. Butler, of Charles Wesley M. E. Church, colored, of Centreville, last Sunday night week. Rev. Mr. Butler is one of the ablest ministers in the Delaware M. E. Conference, and he is using his talents in a practical, sensible and respectful way to elevate his race. It is to be hoped his advise will be fully understood, oppreciated and heeded.

At the Charles Wesley M. E. Church last Sunday night week in the presence of a large congregation, Rev. F. H. Butler said in reference to the coming session of the State Legislature: "Every citizen of the State is now looking to Annapolis. The veitory of last November was won on the basis of the elimination of the illiterate negro vote. Undoubtedly Maryland takes her place as a Southern State and proposes to enact such legislation as will cause the negro vote to be reduced to a minimum. As we enter upon the year 1904 with such a condition confronting us we have some food for serious and wholesome thought. The time has come when the negro must cease to look to the white man for help, but must hew out his own way. The question of the hour is not what the race of superior advantages and endowments is going to do for us, but what are we going to do for ourselves? If a constitutional amendment is enacted in this commonwealth requiring either an educational or property qualification, the proper course to pursue is to prepare to meet it, for in granting the high privilege of suffrage every commonwealth that places a premium upon intelligence and industry builds a bulwark of defense that will stand the test of ages.

The great objectionable feature of the proposed constitutional amendment is the "grandfather clause," which allows room for the exercise of the privilege of suffrage to some whites who are as poor and as ignorant as some of the negroes. Ignorance is dangerous no matter who the unfortunate is, and it is to be hoped that if this clause gets into the Maryland enactment at all it will only be temporary, as it is in the more progressive states of the South, and will not stand as a permanent feature. If the party in control at Annapolis will treat this subject fairly and give us an amendment that discriminates against the ignorant and poverty races there are thousands of well-thinking negroes in the State who will vote for it when it is submitted to the people.

While we occupy an unenviable position just now, it is not to be supposed that we are entirely without friends. Our worst enemies are not those of the Caucausion race who say unpleasant things about us, but those of our own race who would rather hold up a street corner than do a day's work and who apparrently have no visible means of existence. Like other races recently emancipated, some mistake freedom for license. I am thankful though that our number of professed idlers is constantly growing less. Idleness breeds crime, and in proportion as we get rid of idlers we get rid of criminals. The man who won't work should be shunned as deadly poison.

Another matter that will greatly help us is to make ourselves less conspicuous on Saturday nights. Whatever is to be done in a business way on this busy day let it be done quietly and with order. When you are through depart. Much sentiment can be made in our favor by quiet, genteel conduct on the street and in public places of travel. The predominating sentiment of the people, despite what hot-headed and irresponsible individuals may say or write, is to deal fairly with us if we deal fairly with ourselves.

I am not despondent. There is hope of a better day. We are living in the midst of a strong and dominant race—a race that has mastered and subjected every race with which it has come in contact; a race that though it comprises one-fifteenth of mankind, rules one-third of the earth's surface and one-forth of all its people. Of this race the humble, faithful negro simply asks for equality before the law, justice in the courts and the opportunity to earn his bread by honest toil. It these be granted the two races will work out their destiny, each in its respective sphere in all that makes for progress, together, yet separate now and forever as far as miscegenation is concerned.

ANIMALS WITH HANDS.

The Use of the Paws In Conveying Food to the Mouth.

Kangaroos use their hands very readily to hold food in and to put it to their mouths. As their fore legs are so short that they have to browse in a stooping position, they seem pleased when able to secure a large bunch of cabbage or other vegetable provender and to hold it in their hands to eat. Sometimes the young kangaroo, looking out of the pouch, catches one or two of the leaves which the old one drops, and the pair may be seen each nibbling at the salad held in their hands, one, so to speak, "one floor" above the other. In "Alice In Wonderland" the lizard is always making notes on a slate and then trying to rub them out again with his fingers. Many lizards' feet are so like hands that it is rather surprising that they are only used for running and climbing. But that is the main purpose to which lizards apply them. The slow, deliberate clasping and unclasping of a chameleon's feet look like the movements which the hands of a sleep-walker might make were he trying to creep down the banisters. The chameleon's are almost deformed hands, yet they have a certain superficial resemblance to the feet of the parrots, which more than other birds use the foot for many of the purposes of a hand when feeding.

To see many of the smaller rodents—ground squirrels, prairie dogs and marmots—hold their food, usually in both paws, is to learn a lesson in the dexterous use of hands without thumbs. Rats and mice do not, as a rule, "clinch" what they hold, but merely support it in their paws, the movements being much less human than they appear. Nothing more readily suggests the momentary impression that a pretty little monkey is remotely "a man and a brother" than when he stretches out his neat little palm, fingers and thumb, and with all the movements proper to the civilized mode of greeting insists on shaking hands. But no one feels in the least inclined to grasp the clawed digits of any of the rodents which use their paws to hold food. They are only "holders," not hands.—London Spectator.

SECRETS OF SUCCESS.

Push, said the button.
Never be led, said the pencil.
Take pains, said the window.
Always keep cool, said the ice.
Be up to date, said the calendar.
Do business on tick, said the clock.
Never lose your head, said the barrel.
Never do anything offhand, said the glove.
Doing a driving business, said the hammer.
Be sharp in all your dealings, said the knife.
Trust to your stars for success, said the night.
Spend much time in reflection, said the mirror.
Make much of small things, said the microscope.
Strive to make a good impression, said the seal.
Find a good thing and stick to it, said the glue.
Turn all things to your advantage, said the lathe.
Make the most of your good points, said the compass.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

All That Was Lacking.

He had been away on a business trip for quite a long time and had brought his wife a handsome fan upon his return.

"You're just perfectly lovely, Fred," she said. "It's the daintiest and most beautiful fan I ever saw."

"I'm glad you like it," he returned, with evident gratification.

"How could I help liking anything so pretty?" she asked, and then she added with a sigh, "I only wish I could carry it some time."

"Why can't you?" he demanded.

"No gown to go with it," she answered promptly. "There ought to be a gown to match or at least one that wouldn't look shabby beside it if"—

She got the gown. He kicked himself for two days and ever thereafter bought fans to match what she already had.—New York Times.

Runciman and Henley.

It is related that shortly after Runciman, the well known writer on seafarers and smugglers and poachers, had bitterly fallen out with W. E. Henley he lay dying in London. To Henley in Edinburgh, lame and ill, came an indirect message that Runciman believed that if Henley could come and look on him he would get well. It was a dying man's whimsy, but Henley took the train from Edinburgh and arrived in London to find his friend dead.

A Modern Instance.

"In some circles of ancient magnificence," said the pedantic person, "it was customary to have a skeleton at the feast."

"We follow that custom at our house," answered Mr. Meekton. "We have a turkey one meal and the skeleton for the next four."—Exchange.

Tipping the Scales.

"Confound it!" growled Closeman. "I dropped a dime in that weighing machine instead of a penny."

"Ha, ha!" chuckled his buffoon friend. "I guess that's when you tipped the scales."—Philadelphia Record.

A Satisfying Portrait.

Mr. Roxe—This portrait doesn't look like my wife at all.

Artist—I know it doesn't, but it looks as she thinks she looks.—Judge.

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