been sufficient to found a colony, which but for evil, and, unfortunately controlling influences, would, at this day, would have been considered by the free coloured man of Maryland as attractive to him, as America is now to the foreigner who seeks our shores - and the same cause operating to produce the same effect, as rapid an emigration would, save for the evil influences alluded to, at this day have been going on from United States to Africa, as is now taking place from England, Ireland, Germany &c to America.

In 1832 an expedition of one hundred thirty emigrants was gotten up, in a few weeks, in a single county of the State; and the unbiassed judgement of the free coloured people is, to remain in this country until they obtain social and political equality, which is promised to them as the result of their refusal to emigrate. It is faith in this delusive promise which checks the progress of colonization.

It is not intended to review the proceedings of the abolitionists. Their consequences are universally admitted in all the slave-holding states. They have not only failed utterly to ameliorate the condition of the coloured population, but they have made it necessary for masters, in self defence, to curtail the privileges of their slaves: and they have created a feeling between the whites and the free coloured people which must have opened the eyes of both, by this time to the fact, that in the same land it is in vain for them to expect to live in peace and equality together.

Whether the result is brought about by legislative action or by the feeling of the community, operating in a thousand ways - and none the less effectually because it has no expression on the statute book - colonization holds, that the time when the whites and the free coloured people must separate, must come. The result may be retarded or hastened by circumstances - but come it must - and what colonization has accomplished has been the preparation of an outlet for emigration against the time when the free coloured man himself will admit that there is no alternative but removal.

No stronger illustration of what must one day happen can be afforded, than is presented by the experience of a single district in the city of Baltimore. A few years ago, the labour about Fells Point and the shipping was performed mostly by free coloured men. Now there are but few, comparatively, to be seen there. In their place is a German population, which has gradually, but thoroughly, elbowed them away - and long as Baltimore may exist as a city, the labour on Fells Point will be white labour. The same result will take place every where. As the white man, holding the political power, jostles the other in the avenues of employment, the latter must go to the wall. In the chief city of the non-slave-holding state of New York even, a coloured man cannot obtain a license to drive a hack or a dray; and yet it is in New York that the presses of abolition

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