

RACE QUESTION IN THE U. S.

in Southern United States by a Talented Southerner.

FUTURE OF THE BLACKS OF THE SOUTH

Correspondent Tells What has Been and Predicts What will be in the Future

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The negro question in the United States, like Banquo's Ghost, will not down. It has puzzled the minds of the greatest statesmen and divines of the 19th century and is still perplexing them in the 20th. Now permit me to call the attention of your readers to the fact that God rules the destiny of nations as well as individuals and that He has never brought about any great incident or change in human affairs but through the shedding of blood. The scarlet thread runs pronouncedly through the wood of every epoch. It began in the cradle of man's existence and we easily trace it all through the Moslem dispensation; then the Father's Only Begotten Son came in the meridian of time and shed His blood—His precious blood—on Calvary, to save the children of men, redeem the world and bring a fallen race back into the presence of the Creator. Recollect how freshly the blood of martyrs and reformers flowed during the great reformation of the 16th century started by that fearless old German, Martin Luther. When our own colonies desired freedom from the Mother government in Great Britain, it was only brought about by war and bloodshed. The Ethiopians, so-called Negroes (descendants of Ham, Noah's third son), were, during this time, in the jungles and mountains of Africa—wild, ferocious and cannibalistic. He would ever have remained so had the Providence of God ordained. But the Lord had said through the mouth of his prophet in the Holy Scriptures that the stretch forth His hands to redeem.

The Lord put it into the minds and hearts of the sons of Shem and Japheth to go to Africa and steal and buy the negroes and bring them to America. It was 243 years from the time the first cargo of slaves landed on the North American continent and were sold, until Abraham Lincoln set them free. They had to be placed in a condition of servitude at first and compelled to adopt habits of civilization in both food and raiment and dwelling. Had they been turned loose to shift for themselves in the forests of America they would have remained the same wild man-eaters they were when captured in Africa. For they were enslaved and made to labor. All of the original stock died out and so did other succeeding generations. As time rolled on they were getting farther and farther away from the habits and desires of their forefathers. They made good, kind and faithful servants. As I pen these lines for my friends away in Canada my mind goes back to

the old plantation scenes in Georgia where I was born, and where, in childhood's happy days I saw the happy smiling faces of Uncle Ben and old "Mammy"—who seemed to love and care for us as much as our own parents. I can hear their voices during the long winter evenings as they sit around their cabin fires, singing, so full of trust and pathos, "Gwine for to cary me home."

These dear old Ethiopians have long since gone to paradise to await the resurrection. There were thousands like them all over the dear old south. But the time has come for the race to be made free and equal with the white man before the law. For years and years the Negro question had been seething and bubbling, like the "hell-hot" broth of Mammy's venchies. "Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe ad written Uncle Tom's Cabin and it is said that its circulation seconded that of the Bible. She had inculcated some truths but they were badly mingled with exaggerated falsehood, and a fanatical patriotism. Nearly all the people of the north believed every word of it and it simply inflamed them against the people of the south. "Ole John Brown" was a hero to the north and a traitor to the south. He got up the Harper's Ferry, Virginia Insurrection, and was the first man to fire upon the United States flag and not the people in the States flag and not the people in the Federal Government.

Statesmen foreseeing the gathering storm, endeavored to bring about a compromise by offering to buy slaves and return them to Africa. But that was not God's plan—blood must needs be shed to accomplish His designs. The North was a flame and the South was a powder magazine. Never shall I forget the scenes and feelings of the South when the torch of war rekindled through the land. The very flower of young Southern manhood leaped to defend her home and firesides and will go down in history that we made the most gallant fight for constitutional liberty the world has ever beheld. But fight ever so bravely we could not withstand the vandal hordes of the North and the North triumphed and the Ethiopians were free. Then came the sad and turbulent days of reconstruction—the Northern " Carpet-bagger"—the Southern "Scalawag" and the Klux Klan. The first was simply, any unprincipled adventurer who cared for nothing but loot; the second was a base, traitor—the vilest thing the human mind can conceive of—who like his prototype Judas sold out his overpowered people for money; the last was an organization composed of the best, element of the south and was simply a protection for the women and the children—the virtues of the home and the purity of its daughters. It served its purpose. For 44 years, nearly half a century, the Ethiopian has been free and equal with the white man before the law. He has had his schools, and hundreds of thousands of dollars appropriated by the various state legislatures of the South. He has, in the main, been learning and preparing himself for future usefulness to his race and the land of his forefathers. Among them today we find learned doctors of medicine, surgery, dentistry and pharmacy; we find astute lawyers and considerable witchcraft; we find the successful farmer, the vine dresser, the brick and stone mason and in fact every manner of workmen in wood and iron. The climate of the south is suitable to his nature but he must leave it. Like the mutterings of a distant thunder, the darkened clouds and the vivid flash of the angry lightnings athwart the sky portend the coming

storm, so do the lynchings of the negro, north, south, east and west, for the horrible crimes of his baser nature—the writings of Dixon (the Clansman) and the Leopard's Spots which are absolutely true books) their presentation upon the stage throughout the United States the great protest that is being registered against the action of President Roosevelt by the white and blacknegroes because he so justly disbanded three companies of the 25th Infantry together with his recent message to Congress in which he said that the chief sin of the negro should be punished by death—all these but too plainly portray the storm that is soon to burst in all its fury against the Ethiopian and drive him back to the rich and fertile soil of his forefathers in Africa, there to set up a republican form of government and in God's own due time become a great and useful nation—putting to good account the things he has learned and adopted from his white brother in America.

Such is the ultimate destiny of the negro race and nothing can change it. "The sunset of life gives me mystical lore. And coming events cast their shadows before." Just as the writings of Uncle Tom's Cabin, John Brown's Harper's Ferry Raid, and the singing of the abolition song, "Nelly Gray," were the forerunners of his emancipation, so all the things I have so briefly enumerated but the precursors of his exit from the "land of the free and the home of the brave."

Note—Mr. Hauser, who has contributed the above excellent article to the Albertan is a veteran of the Civil War and writing from the south, a southerner, his contribution is certainly worthy of consideration. He was educated at a Methodist minister at Trinity College, North Carolina, but has spent most of his time in the old Dominion state Virginia.—Ed.

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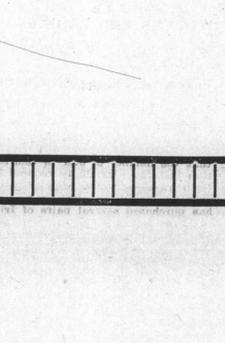
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