

MR. CABLE AND THE FREEDMAN.

We have received from an esteemed correspondent, a communication in relation to George W. Cable's article entitled "The Freedman's Case in Equity," which we publish with pleasure, reserving, of course, our right to disagree with the writer regarding the propriety of Mr. Cable substituting his magazine article for the readings which he is booked for in La Crosse on Thursday evening. Mr. Cable's article in the Century is an able one and unquestionably strikes the keynote to the solution of the negro question—a note which would have been sounded from the south years ago had not the Republican party leaders precluded such a wished-for result by using the ignorant negroes as political factors for mere party purposes. It is only after twenty-five years of bloody shirt and southern outrage politics, that the time has arrived when such men as Mr. Cable can express their honest sentiments, without sacrificing self respect; in other words, without feeling that they were coerced and forced. We wish that Mr. Cable's article could be generally read both north and south because we believe the free expression of such sentiments would tend to hasten the adjustment and recognition of equal rights before the law, which the removal of the political pressure by the late election has made an assured result within a reasonable time. We are afraid that our correspondent is not as constant and careful a reader of THE CHRONICLE as might be inferred from his comments, or he would have seen our editorial comment upon Mr. Cable's Century article in the issue of January 3d, which closes as follows:

" * * * That a white hoodlum is better company than a black minister of the gospel or a college professor of Senegambian extraction, is a damnable heresy which the southerner will soon enter into competition with his northern fellow citizen to see who will get rid of it first in practice. The north ~~is free from it now in theory only, or everybody knows.~~ Mr. Cable presents this subject to the southern people in a light that will not fade, painting every injustice to the black man in its proper colors, and points out some of the direful consequences that will ensue unless something is done to ameliorate the injustice now suffered by some millions of American citizens in the south. The negro is sufficiently in the minority so that his social rights may be accorded to him without endangering the political supremacy of intelligence in all the southern states.

The communication referred to is as follows:

To the Editor of the Chronicle:
If the lecture committee of the Library association desire to give the people a profoundly interesting entertainment on Thursday evening I would suggest that they induce Mr. Cable to read his Century Magazine article entitled "The Freedman's Case in Equity."

The article has attracted wide spread attention, and coming from a southern man of Mr. Cable's prominence is entitled to consideration. I have been watching the columns of your paper daily since the appearance of the article to see what treatment it would receive from you. All the leading journals of the country, except yours, have dealt more or less at length with it; and although the article does not contain a word of a political nature, but treats solely and simply of the civil rights of the negroes in the south, the papers have commented upon it favorably or unfavorably, exactly as their political bias leans one way or the other.

There is a latent disposition on the part of the American people to give everybody

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