

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 this error in theory only, as every~~ body 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 liberally 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 a fair show. In other words, there exists a just sense of fair play.

It is a good thing to stir the people up sometimes to a sense of the gross injustice that exists in many directions, and if Mr. Cable would talk to the people from every lecture platform as he talks to the readers of the Century, he would sow seed that in the future would ripen into a magnificent harvest. Please grant me space for one quotation from Mr. Cable's article:

Were we whites of the south to remove every way as we are and our six million blacks to give place to any so called whites exactly their equals man for man in mind, moral and wealth, provide only that they had lasted two years of American freedom, and were the same system of tyrannies attempted upon them, there would be as bloody an uprising as this country had ever

Yours truly,

FAIR PLAY.