

Our Duty.

The following article from the Union Times, has the right ring in its tone:

Another year is upon us, and before its close, we will have another general election. State officers, members of the legislature and congressmen are to be elected by us in October next.

It is of vital moment to the best interest of our State, that the present incumbent be defeated, and good men elected in their stead. This is practicable, if we will simply do two things, which wisdom demands.

1. Be united. He who prefers a man or set of men to the success of the party opposed to official dishonesty, is not true. He may boast, that he is not fettered by party nominations; but when he pursues a course, which must end in the defeat of good men, he is himself not a patriot, and not to be trusted.

2. We must be practicable. The fourteenth and fifteenth amendments to the Constitution of the United States, have settled many things—the first is passed and the second will be. We must read the changes wrought by these amendments. Questions which divided the two great political parties of the Country two years ago, would appear ridiculous, if juggled into a political canvass now. They are settled against us. Congressional Reconstruction and Negro Suffrage are issues of the past, quite as much so as the Louisiana Purchase and the Mexican War. If we do not so regard them, we are impracticable, unwise and destined to defeat. Victory is in our hands, if we will only grasp it.

Our platform is one upon which white and black may unite and join hands; it is OPPOSITION TO OFFICIAL DISHONESTY. We want no other plank. Upon this we would nominate good men; and they would be elected.

We beg our readers to think over these things, and begin to prepare themselves. By July, we ought to have our candidates in the field, without division. Soon, we very soon, we should commence the work of organization. Let men begin to think of clubs; and let clubs be as brief in their resolutions as possible. Let them, above all things, be wise, and careful not to waste their strength in tilting against wind-mills.

The Chester Reporter, highly commends the article, and says:

"We have been impracticable too long. Let us leave for awhile the United States to take care of themselves, and bend all our energies to the task of making our condition in South Carolina more reliable."

This is the right view of the case.—The general tone and some of the expressions of the Union Times, will remind our readers of the views expressed from time to time in the editorial columns of the ORANGEBURG NEWS. It is with a lively feeling of congratulation that we notice this adoption of our views; of congratulation, not that our opinion is concurred in by others, but that others, of the Press of the State, are adopting the proper and practical view of our position and duty.

Let every paper in the State adopt the same tone, and echo the same sentiments, and we shall saved; our birthright and heritage shall be restored.

The adoption of this practical tone by our State papers, and by Hampton and others, of our leaders, are the dim dawning of the day of restoration and redemption, whose sun shall soon beam in its meridian splendor on a happy people.

Men of Carolina, you may not disregard your palpable, plain and sacred duty to your state! You cannot stand aloof from the real issues of the hour; you cannot like Don Quixote, crazed with a delusive anachronism, waste your strength in tilting at windmills, while the rush and conflict of real issues hang in the balance, and the devotion of your talent and energy will settle them in your favor.

Leave the dead issues and prejudices of the past! Leave off the maudlin protest against their settlement against you! Up, and to the work before you!

It is as solemn a duty of patriotism, and of heroic chivalry, to enter into the arena of duty to your state now as it was for you to rally to the conflict when the cry was "Boot and Saddle."

A clarion voice peals forth our duty in our ears to-day, as distinctly and as ringing as when the bugles of Manassas sounded to the charge. Craven, coward was he then who rallied not where manhood and duty called; and craven is he

now, who will not devote his energy in this hour, perhaps of sorrier trial.

The Democratic party, as it was in no more; the other great party, with its machinery, dominates in our State, and its terrible power by the operation of labyrinthine leagues and secret oaths, has fallen into the hands of a small clique in each county and section of our State. Men of no merit, talent or character have all the positions in the State. The stranger rules and represents us: our laws are framed at the North. By incentives, promises, secret associations, and by our own default, the agents and emissaries of this party, have acquired complete sway over the colored people. Like a blind giant, the colored majority exerts its strength and power, not to benefit themselves, but to augment and perpetuate this frightful usurpation. We say one of the reasons of this state of things is our own default. Instead of at once taking in the real position of affairs, realizing Reconstruction and colored suffrage as settled facts, and using these as data, accepting them and turning them into good; we have sat down in our ashes, and amid the ruins of our State, and moaned like women at the ruthless change. One might well ask, whether all the men in the South were slain in her war; whether they all sleep 'neath her turf, and only the wind and the women are left to moan and to lament at their graves.

It is true, the people of this State, and of the other Southern States, did make one effort, one rally, since the war. But it was an effort to do what? An effort to restore the past. The Democratic party at the North, reared its staudard, and to allure the white votes of the South, to save the party in its extreme need held out the delusive hope that negro suffrage would not be permanent.

It was a snare! We would admit the freedom of the colored man, but the fond hope that his right of voting must be qualified or abolished deluded us, ensnared us. Our effort was not made upon the basis of fact, and accomplished change, but upon a delusive hope, held out to us, that these issues would be reconsidered—that the past would be partially restored. This was the nature of our effort at the Grant and Seymour election in 1868. Our effort was a failure, our delusive hopes, blighted.

Recoiling from this second defeat and disappointment, we have relapsed into our supine lethargy of inaction, or some have gone over to the agency of the Republican party. There is another, and a proper effort to be made. 'Tis no compromise of principle. 'Tis the plain, sensible realization of our position, an appreciation of what is settled and fixed, and a knowledge of what is our palpable and true duty.

Reconstruction, colored suffrage whether politically and metaphysically just and right, or not, are settled facts the colored majority is the means by which whoever governs the State, must be chosen. This is the position of our State. Our duty is reconciliation, securing the friendship, votes, and labors of the colored man. To do this, of course, he is to be treated very differently from what he was when a slave. We are to start out with the admission and recognition of his rights of citizenship. We are to guarantee these rights to him. He is not avaricious but easily appeased and satisfied. Let us treat the colored man as a human being no longer ridiculing his grotesque in importance or his ignorance, but let us secure, and assist him, in his right of voting, of acquiring an education, having a home, of being happy, and reaping the rich rewards of honesty and industry.

He does not ask for more than the and, however prejudice or sophistry may blind us, he has a right to the things. When we guarantee to him these things, we do our duty as an intelligent, Christian people, and, we secure his valuable labor, the best adapted to our soil and climate, and his friendship. This is our plain duty, by its discharge by this course of treatment of the colored man we will acquire the influence over his votes, that the Republican party at the North, through the agency of its leagued holds and sways over him. All the men of Carolina do not sleep, beneath the wretched mounds of her

heroes, thousands of them live for her yet. Let them do their duty to her now. Their duty, is as patriotic and as sacred, as was theirs who, were slain in her battles, the discharge of this duty will be as crowning and as glorious, as are those trophies heaped by a people's love, upon the tombs of their martyrs. South Carolina can be redeemed and restored to her sons. These sentiments of our cotemporary, and the words of high import, ringing from the lips of Hampton and Everett, are the harbinger of that

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