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And I will come near to you to judgement; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against the false swearers, and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the Lord of Hosts.

NOTICE.

We are not responsible for the views of our Correspondents. Advertisements to be inserted in the CITIZEN must be received by Thursday evening.

SATURDAY, JULY 31, 1875.

No Strife among brethren.

It is possible that some of our readers have noticed the severe terms in which some of our white friends are speaking for robbing the colored people, or at least, misappropriating funds raised to aid them.

In the second place the American Missionary Association, which seems to be now the object of special dislike, was commended for the grand purpose of espousing the cause of the slave, a most necessary and heroic work at the time.

No society, probably, in the history of the world labored more assiduously or successfully for the elevation of any people than this Society did for the colored race.

Now, are these Northern donors who constitute the American Missionary Association to be condemned because they have selected white men to administer their bounty? Surely it was their business to put men they knew and trusted for wisdom, prudence, and ability, as well as integrity, into the management of their society.

found necessary to keep the management in the hands of those who give the funds, and not to put it into the hands of those who are to receive the benefit of them.

With respect to robbing Howard University to establish a Congregational church in Washington, the facts are, we understand, that a part of the endowment fund of the University was loaned to the Congregational Church there, which is said to be the only church in Washington that admits colored people on precisely the same footing as whites.

The colored men are right in doing all in their power to foster manhood, independence, self-support, and business management among their brethren, but to distrust and denounce those who have done so much for them is simply monstrous ingratitude.

A Colored Man's Views of a Colored Declaration of Independence.

CHARLESTON, S. C., July 28, 1875. To the Editor of the Free Citizen, Orangeburg, S. C.: DEAR SIR:—I have read with some interest an editorial in your issue of the 24th inst., under the caption—'No interest in the back man.'

Your article commences with a quotation from a Washington telegram noticing a meeting held there, the object of which meeting was to start a newspaper in the interest of the colored people.

Sir, when the honorable, the gifted and much respected Frederick Douglass advised the colored people to depend more upon themselves and not continually to hang on the coat skirts of our more favored brother, and also warned them of the designing and unprincipled demagogues, (and all of them are not white men), I agreed with him and inwardly thanked him for this timely advice; but, sir, I cannot believe that Mr. Douglass, or even Mr. Langston, or any other colored man who has sense enough to know when he is hungry, would endorse any such tomfoolery as is contained in the words quoted above.

was thought of even, have been given in the interest of that genuine republicanism in government which knows no distinction on account of race, color, &c. Sir, let newspapers be owned and published and edited by colored men.

Let the black man and the white man, under the banner of one country and one citizenship, recognize and understand the law of mutual dependence, cultivate friendly relations, each respecting the rights and lawful privileges of the other, without discriminations on account of color or circumstances of birth, and all will be well.

This is the duty of the white man and the black man alike; this is the business and the work of the press, controlled by white or colored men, this is the duty of the hour by pulpit, press and rostrum.

Respectfully, A. J. RANSIER.

ORANCEBURG S. C., July 29th 1875.

EDITOR FREE CITIZEN:—It is seldom that I notice the effusions of lick-spittles and sycophants, but a recent account, published in the News and Courier, of the difficulty which I became involved in at Branchville with Hall, my then partner, is so utterly at variance with truth and so deeply steeped in a gangrene of prejudice against me, that I cannot refrain from making the following corrections:

In the first place Hall was never proprietor of the Blackville Sun, as asserted by the Branchville non-descript. The paper was owned by us jointly; and, in the second place, I did not fire 'recklessly and with no regard for those on the platform,' but tried to defend myself as best I could under the circumstances.

I am hors de combat now Mr. Editor, and almost too weak to write, but I want those who have cast their scribbles on the brain to know that I hope soon to be able to defend myself against their attacks no matter in what shape they may come.

Yours very truly, J. FELDER MEYERS.

Prayer in the Family.

The first Church was a family Church, the first priesthood and ministry were over a household, and the first social prayer was doubtless in the home circle. It is not needful to be argued out, or sent forth in the form of scriptural proof, that there should be prayer in the home.

It is good for the whole family—wife, children, guests, and servants—to worship God in this way. Even the cats and dogs, and other domestic animals, come to recognize the usage, and seem the better for it, though they may not understand the import as fully as their masters. Servants may avoid participation, but they feel the influence, and are conscious that God is under the roof as above it.

Can that be called a religious home in which there is no family worship? The world says nay, and so say we. There may be pious individuals in it but there is no Church in the house. It does not stand in the aggregate as a religious household, and its testimony in this capacity is wanting.

R. R. EXCURSION TO ORANCEBURG.—The Central Club of South Carolina, have arranged an excursion to Orangeburg, for the purpose of a celebration of emancipation in the West India Islands.

TRIFLES.—Michael Angelo was one day explaining to a visitor at his studio what he had been doing to a statue since his previous visit.

'I have retouche' this part, polished that, softened this feature, brought out that muscle, given some expression to this lip, and more energy to that limb.'

'But these are trifles,' remarked the visitor. 'It may be so,' replied the sculptor; 'but recollect that trifles make perfection, and perfection is no trifle.'

CANVASSERS

wanted for two weeks in French art, Little Runaway and her Pets, and the pretty pair 'The Dinner, and the Nap.' These pictures are worthy of a place in costly homes and expensive enough for the simplest sitting rapidly and TAKE ON SIGHT. We guarantee ready sale, good prices, a quick return. Any active person who will take hold can make a handsome income. Send for our best terms at once.

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Greenville and return 15 00; Walhalla and return 16 00; Pendleton and return 16 00; Anderson and return 16 00; Spartanburg and return 13 00; Statesburg and return 15 00.

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First-class Drug Store. Careful attention paid to the compounding of Prescriptions and all orders promptly attended to. Call on him at his Popular Drug Store, Orangeburg, Feb. 18, 1875.

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KOHN'S. Having removed to their New Brick Store, are now better prepared to meet the wants of their customers than ever.

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And in order to cultivate a trade for these fine grades I will sell them VERY LOW.

I have also received this morning another car-load of Solomon's Fancy Flour.

Fresh ground and Made especially for me from the Finest Selected Wheat. I have never had a complaint of this brand of flour.

IMPORTANT NOTICE! Inferior KEROSENE OIL is so dangerous and so many accidents have occurred from its use.

I will sell this Pure Oil cheaper than the same grade of Oil can be sold at in this city. Families using this Oil are safe. The use of the common Oils now FLOODING THE MARKET is equivalent to bringing into the family destruction and death!

I have also received: 10 Tierces Fresh Cured Davis' Hams, 10 Boxes Cream Cheese, direct from the Dairy,

25 Firkins Goshen Butter, direct from the Dairy, which has all the freshness and flavor of the flowers. 5 Tierces of Baltimore Sugar-Cured Strips,

10 Barrels of Extra Mess Mackerel, averaging twenty ounces. 25 Sacks Laguayra Coffee, equal to Java. 50 Sacks of assorted Rio, by last Rio steamer.

With a full supply of CHOICE GROCERIES. Fresh all the year. My stock is full, with prices low and good times coming.

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