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A Grand, Uplifting and Inspiring Work of Love and Mercy at Melvale.

We most sincerely wish that Governor Lowndes, Col. John Walter Smith and many others of that stamp of culture and financial ability, could have seen and witnessed what the writer richly enjoyed on last Sunday afternoon. We do not propose, while passing through the present campaign to permit men of wealth and standing protesting their interest in the welfare of our people, to remain ignorant of the splendid opportunities for evincing in a most practical manner their sympathy for the unfortunate Junior members of the race.

Through the kind and generous invitation of the good man, whose praise is in all the Churches, Mr. Gollisborough S. Griffith, the President of the Industrial Home for Colored girls at Melvale, the Editor of the LEADER, in company with the honored president, Rev. Mr. Stendermire and Mrs. Marks of Chicago, enjoyed a pleasant drive to the Home. Arriving there shortly before 3 o'clock. We were most cordially greeted by the very estimable Superintendent, Mrs. HANNAH F. WHITTEMORE. The little room doing duty for a chapel was literally packed. What a splendid opportunity is here presented! A more appropriate and helpful gift could not be made by some rich person than a beautiful chapel upon the grounds of the institution. Especially in work among the very poor and unfortunate such as are inmates of this some should richness and beauty obtain in the appointments of the sanctuary. We dare not expatiate at length on what we saw and heard. Space would not begin to permit. As we stood there looking into the eyes of those girls and with all the enthusiasm of our soul portraying to them the very great love of their Father in Heaven for each one of them, and as we told them of the golden channel of prayer by which grace would descend into their souls. We said to ourselves, this is one of the most blessed, institutions in the State of Maryland. And we wondered why men with plenty of money would give beautiful political suppers and banquets and contribute most freely to corruption funds, and at the same time talk so much about the Race Problem and criminality among young Negroes and yet draw tightly their purse strings against such charities. As one would look into the faces of these girls, some very dark, others with attractive personality, some without any knowledge of a mother's love, and the charms of home, some from the alleys, streets, and haunts of vice, others the victims of many improper influences, and all of them susceptible of the blessings of tenderness, love and sympathy, he could but thank God that such a motherly woman as Mrs. Whittemore, although of another race, had lived and moved and had her being, among these varied complexed children of the common Father, not in vain.

Such spontaneous and soul stirring singing we have not heard in years. And when it came to their knowledge of the Sunday School lesson and their voluminous outburst in answer to every question asked, their knowledge of and memory of the Holy Scriptures, we said to ourselves, verily has God hid these things from the wise and prudent and revealed them unto babes. Short stirring addresses were made by all the visitors present, and lo! and behold, we went out there to help and cheer these girls but they infinitely cheered and blessed us more than we were able to help them. We may well thank God for this grand home, rescuing and redeeming so many of the poor, unfortunate girls of the race.

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The publishers of the Ledger aim to furnish a first class family weekly at the lowest possible price, so that, on account of the smallness of the price charged, it may each week find its way into the homes of even the very poorest of the race.

We are specially desirous of increasing the out of town circulation in the various counties of Maryland as well as in other states, and to that end we desire to make the following most liberal offer. To any reliable person, outside of Baltimore, who will send us 10 annual subscribers at 50c. each for the year, we will allow such an one 40 per cent. of the money thus collected as commission. That is, they collect five dollars for the ten subscribers; they retain two dollars, and send us only three; for which we will send the paper to each one for the period of one year, post-paid.

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We propose to keep this offer open only for a short while. Certainly if there be appreciation for a good paper, from all of the counties of Maryland we ought to receive long lists of subscriptions.

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Are They Cannibals?

The Maryland Democracy at its Convention on Wednesday adopted a splendid platform, but spoke of the colored population in their midst. Are Maryland Democrats turn to cannibals? Have they fallen to eating their negroes instead of hanging or shooting them? The Martinsburg Statesman.

The Most Criminal.

It should not be overlooked that in Georgia where most has been done to keep the Negro repressed and degraded there the Negro today, on the showing of the published reports, is the most criminal, and lynching is a daily pastime. These things have their serious and sad lessons.—Atn-Prebyteria.

The Black Plank.

Of all the laughable things the black plank of the late Democratic Convention is the funniest. All praise to our estimable contemporary the Evening News for its timely criticism with respect to the flourishing of this black flag. Governor Lowndes is entitled to his due, and if ever a man respected, and that most scrupulously, the "Anglo-Saxon" sentiment, certainly Governor Lowndes ought to stand at the head of the class. After having completely sacrificed his faithful black allies, in order to conserve that healthy traditional Maryland conservatism, keeping the negro securely in the back ground, so far as political recognition is concerned, an permitting the law to take due course whenever it concerned them as criminals, to be accused of leniency or favoritism towards Negroes can only be understood as by way of irony, or gentle sarcasm. The downright insincerity of the Democratic Black Plank is most evident in its contradiction in one sentence of what it affirms in another. The Black Plank, no doubt, was evolved by the white crank.

The Democrat Tar-Baby.

The attempt made in the platform to arouse race prejudice is the worst feature of the whole meaningless straddling composition, which is said to be the declaration of principles of the Democratic party in Maryland. It is not right if it is unjust, it is a serious thing, fraught with evil when a great political organization goes into the field with a declaration that to win they say that they must arouse the most bitter feeling in the human breast by appealing to the worst passions of their fellow man.—The Marlboro Times.

There is another feature in the platform concerning which we take occasion to utter a warning. A considerable amount of space is devoted to the race element in the Maryland situation. We trust that the party will not place much dependence, or throw much emphasis, upon this phase of its contention. There does not exist in Maryland a "dangerous condition of affairs" in this respect, and it would be a great misfortune to the State if the idea were to be cultivated that there does. What is dangerous is the doctrine stated in the platform that safety and protection from those evils can only be found in the return to political power of the Democracy. We are fortunately not in the condition of some States farther South, in which the educated and property owning classes feel that there is only one party to which their government can safely be entrusted. We are in a position in which either party is compelled to show its credentials by its conduct of the public business, and in which either, if found wanting by this test, must be prepared to turn over the control to the other. We wish to preserve this healthy condition of things; and the people are sufficiently intelligent not to be driven out of it by any race bugaboo.—Baltimore Evening News.

But the immediate recognition demanded by Mr. Bryan for a Philippine Republic is to its credit not yet dream of in the philosophy of the Maryland Democracy; both issues are hurriedly crowded aside for elaborate fulmination against "negro domination" in State politics, which in its extravagant absurdity fitly crown the Convention shifty declaration upon a slip leaf. New York Tribune.

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David Livingstone, able to conquer the lion, able to conquer the panther, able to conquer the savage, yet conquered by this delusion, this halloo... nation, this great swindle of the ages, so when they find him dead they find him on his knees. William E. Gladstone, the strongest intellect in England, unable to resist this chimeric, this fallacy, this delusion of the Christian religion, went to the house of God every Sabbath and often, at the invitation of the pastor, read the prayers to the people. If those who believe are overborne by this delusion, what chance is there for you and for me? Besides that, I have noticed that first of all, this cannot be depended on for steadfastness in the proclamation of their sentiments. Goethe, a leading skeptic, was so wrought upon by this Christianity in a weak moment he cried out, "My belief in the Bible has saved me in my literary and moral life." Rousseau, one of the most eloquent champions of infidelity, spending his whole life warring against Christianity, cried out, "The safety of the Scriptures amazes me." Altemont, the notorious infidel, one would think he would have been able to see through the delusion of the Christian religion. Oh, no! After talking against Christianity all his days, in his last hours he cried out, "Oh, Thou, blest and most indulgent Lord God, I have at last found a refuge for my soul from Thy frown!" Voltaire, the most talented infidel the world ever saw, writing 250 publications, and the most of them spiteful against Christianity, himself the most voracious libertine of the century—one would have thought he could have been depended upon for steadfastness in the advocacy of infidelity and in the war against the terrible claims of the delusion of the Gospel. But no; in his last hour he asks for Christian burial, and asks that they give him the sacrament of the Lord Jesus Christ. Why, you cannot depend upon these first rate infidels; you cannot depend upon their power to resist this great delusion of Christianity. Thomas Paine, the god of modern skeptics, his birthday celebrated in New York and Boston with great enthusiasm—Thomas Paine, the paragon of Bible haters—Thomas Paine, about whose infidelity William Carver, wrote in a letter which I have at my house, saying that he drank a quart of rum a day and was too mean and too dishonest to pay for it—Thomas Paine, the adorer of modern infidelity—Thomas Paine, who stole another man's wife in England and brought her to this country—Thomas Paine, who was so equal and so fastidious and so drunk and so profane and so beastly in his habits, sometimes picked out of the ditch, sometimes too ill to be picked out—Thomas Paine, who would have thought that he could have been depended upon for steadfastness against this great delusion. But no. In his dying hour he begs the Lord Jesus Christ for mercy. Powerful delusion, all conquering delusion, snatching delusion of the Christian religion. Yes, it goes on. It is so imperious, and it is so overbearing, this chimera of the Gospel, that, having conquered the great picture galleries of the world, the old masters and the young masters; it is not satisfied until it has conquered the music of the world, the look over the program of magnificent musical festival and sees what are the great performances and learns that the greatest of all the subjects are religious subjects. Deluded lawyers—Lord Cairns, the highest legal authority in England, the ex-advisee of the throne, spending his vacation in preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the poor people of Scotland. Frederick T. Frelinghuysen, of New Jersey, once Secretary of State, an old-fashioned Evangelical Christian, an elder in the Reformed Church, John Bright, a devoted Quaker, Henry Wilson, the Vice-President of the United States, dying a devoted Methodist or Congregationalist. Earl of Kintore dying a devoted Presbyterian. Yes, this delusion of the Christian religion shows itself in the fact that it goes to those who are in trouble. Now, it is bad enough to cheat a man when he is well and when he is prosperous, but this religion comes to a man when he is sick and says: "You will be well again after awhile. You are going into a land where there are no coughs, and no pleurisies, and no consumptions, and no languishing. Take courage and bear up." Yes, this awful chimera of the Gospel comes to the poor and it says to them, "You are on your way to vast estates and to divisions all ways delectable." This delusion of Christianity comes to the bereft, and it talks of reunion before the throne and of the cessation of all sorrow. And then, to show that this delusion will stop at absolutely nothing, it goes to the dying bed and fills the man with anticipations. How much better it would be to have him die without any more hope than wine and rats and snakes shovel him under! That is all. Nothing more left of him. He will never know anything again. Shovel him under! The soul is only a superior part of the body, and when the body disintegrates the soul disintegrates. Annihilation, vacancy, everlasting blank, obliteration. Why not present all that beautiful doctrine to the dying instead of coming with this hoax, this swindle of the Christian religion, and filling the dying man with anticipations of another life until some in the last hour have clasped their hands, and some have shouted, and some have sung, and some have been so overwrought with joy that they could only look eastward? Palace gates opening, they thought—diamond coronets flashing, hands beckoning, orchestras sounding. Little children dying actually believing they saw their departed parents, so that although the little children had been so weak and feeble and sick for weeks they could not turn on their dying pillow at the last, in a paroxysm of rapture uncontrollable they sprang to their feet and shouted, "Mother, catch me; I am coming." And to show the immensity of this delusion, this awful swindle of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, I open a hospital, and I bring into that hospital the deathbeds of a great many Christian people, and I take you by the hand, and I walk up and down the ward of that hospital, and I ask a few questions. I ask, "Dying Stephen, what have you to say?" "Lord, Jesus, receive my spirit." "Dying John Wesley, what have you to say?" "The best of all is God with us." "Dying Edward Payson, what have you to say?" "I float in a sea of glory." "Dying John Bradford, what have you to say?" "If there be any way of going out of here, or between an horseback, or in a gory chariot, it is this." "O my Lord, my God, what a delusion, what a glorious delusion! Submerge me with it, fill my eyes and ears with it, put it under my head for a pillow—this delusion spread it over me for a canopy, put it underneath me for an outspread wing, roll it over me in ocean surges 10,000 fathoms deep, if it annihilates, and if it annihilates are a reality and the Christian religion is a delusion, give me the delusion. Well, we will soon understand it all. Your life and mine will soon be over. We will come to the last day of the music, to the last act of the tragedy, to the last page of the book—yes, to the last line and to the last word—and to you and me it will either be midnoon or midnight!

### INDUSTRIAL HOME.

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### Ocean City.

On Friday evening of last week a grand reception and ball was given in honor of Miss Elizabeth Outlaw of New York by Mrs. Lillian Greenwood and Mr. William Brooks. Among the many prominent guests were, Messrs W. T. Naylor W. W. Thompson and Miss Nanie Britton.  
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