

shopping district, almost every day, and especially on rainy days, crowds of white loafers can be seen standing on the corners, and with a policeman in the centre of the street, not a word is ever said to them. They are never told to "move on." Oh no, these are white men. As a matter of fact, after all said or done, we do not believe there is more criminality among the colored than among the white, as many would have us believe. The colored man is neither better nor worse than the average white man, and we do not believe that he should be treated any better nor worse than the white man. Let every man have a fair chance, and treat every man just like any other man would be treated under like circumstances.

THIS WAS AN OUTRAGE.

Last Saturday night the police of the Northwestern District, under the direction of the Captain, started in and arrested over one hundred colored men in that district. The charge against them was that of "obstructing the free passage of pedestrians on the street." It was charged that on Saturday nights the crowds of colored men were so great that many women and children were forced to walk in the streets instead of on the pavement.

Among the number arrested were a number of reputable colored men who never had anything to do with the police or police stations in their lives, and were doing nothing more than stopping for a moment to talk with a friend. It was stated that it was more than a man's liberty was worth to even stop on a corner for a street car. As many as a dozen or more were "run in" at one time. It was fun for the policemen.

We do not countenance for a moment any infraction of the law, but there ought to be a limit to the officiousness of the policemen in what generally termed the "Black Belt." We know that there are plenty of law breakers among us, too many fact; but that is no excuse for the police to arrest every man he meets on the street, simply because he is colored. And this is just what was done on Saturday night. It was a question of color, nothing more, nothing less. If Captain Ward desires to break up disorder in his district, he will have the aid of the well behaved people in his district, white and colored; but to pick up a hundred or more men on the street and lock them up all night without any warrant other than clearing the streets is an outrage and the colored people ought to let the Police Commissioners know it. We have seen something of the action of the police on similar occasions and know what we are talking about.

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