

For the Palladium of Liberty.
LIBERTY ESSAYS.
BY A COLORED MAN.
No. 3.

MR. JENKINS—It is a fact, sanctioned by reason, history, and revelation, that the colored people, placed in similar circumstances and under the same training, are equal to the whites—morally, intellectually and physically.

Theological philosophers, judging from terms used in describing the formation of man, and circumstances attending it, believe that the color of our first parents was red, which, in my opinion, is a fact. That being the case, the black and white colors found in the human race, are not original hues, but have been produced by change of climate, manners and food. So, in this respect, the black and white man are on a level, both parties being comprised under the name of colored people, and if a color of the skin, different from that of the Adamite hue, gives the white man the privilege to enslave the black man, the latter has the same privilege to bind in chains the former. If a black skin is disgraceful, a white one is equally so, both being corruptions of the original color.

God pronounces them equal, proclaiming the fact that "he formed of one blood ALL the nations that dwell on the earth." Their flesh and blood, and sources of intellectual and moral power are the same, although in color they differ from Adam and Eve. To the proud, scornful, fellow creatures, He says: "Who made thee to differ?" On account of color, on account of difference in person, we draw lines of distinction between man and man, but He acts differently; the Scripture saying, "God is no respecter of persons." He only severs the just from the unjust; He only punishes for sin.

The white color in the human race is the effect of luxury and effeminacy. A fully white man was not known until about A. D. 1000. Therefore, the black people have the best claim to the men of talent, genius and holiness from Adam down to the 10th century, for their skins were dark more or less—except the color of the Saviour, which, according to a letter addressed to a Roman governor of that time, was of singular whiteness and brilliancy, to prove that he was conceived of the Holy Ghost, and not by human copulation, the dark skin being the characteristic hue of that age—this fact rather

affording evidence for than against my argument.

At this time in the regions around the spot where Eden was located in Asia, the color of the human skin is red, and in some places, where the heat of the sun from local causes is greater than in others, "black!" If we believe in one original couple—one Adam and Eve—we must believe that difference in color sprang from difference in climate. A white man in a temperate climate, if exposed much, and eats certain kinds of food, will become red. The curled hair of the negro race is produced by the heat of the sun, may be proved by a simple experiment. Take a long straight hair from the head of a white man, hold it near the blaze of a candle or fire, and it will gradually curl, and remain so. If, as some say, the "curled race" of Ham were located in Africa purposely to be enslaved, a part of Africa must have travelled over the ocean and extended into the East Indies, for there are several races in that country who have black skins and curled hair. Neal was a red man, and if he intended to curse Ham with a change of color, instead of making him a little redder—that is black—he would have turned him white, for contrasted with red, the white would have formed a stronger mark of distinction than black. From local causes Africa, almost generally, is hotter than the hottest of other countries under the same parallels of latitude, and therefore will sooner darken the skin and frizzle the hair. In Ethiopia, in Africa, immediately under the equator, in the time of Herodotus, an ancient author, the majority of the inhabitants from local causes, acted differently, but, at this time, from the operation of the sun since the age of Herodotus, the majority have curled hair—while in Guinea, adjoining Ethiopia, and under the same equator, from local causes, acting differently, the majority—perhaps all—have curled hair. On the borders of Africa, where the rays of the sun are moderated, by the cool air of the ocean, the color of the skin is usually red, and the hair long, while, in the interior, particularly at the equator where the atmosphere of the ocean does not operate, and where the sand of the deserts increase the heat of the sun, the skin is of the deepest black, and the hair the most frizzled. From climate, in Guinea, the dogs and birds, as well as men, are black while in the northern regions the animals are all white. The

scripture says, "The righteous man is merciful to his beast."—certainly Noah did not curse the dogs and birds, as the pro-slavery people say. The white man, therefore, is as much a man of color as the black man—the latter, however, having the advantage, while being a mark of degeneration, while the black is rather an improvement on the original red—only a deeper red! Black and white have been weighed in the scales, and the white man is found wanting!!! I have proved more than I intended—thank God for instructing me on this point—that the black race, instead of being equal, are superior to the white race!!!!

[To be continued in our next.]

CONVENTION.

According to previous notice in the Palladium of Liberty, for a Convention to be held on the 18th of September, 1844, in the city of Columbus, Ohio, the Convention met at 10 o'clock in the Baptist Church, and was called to order by Mr. D. Jenkins.

On motion of J. Leach, of Ross, the Rev. J. Martin of Washington was called to the Chair, and as motion of Mr. D. Jenkins, Mr. J. Leach and W. H. Barnham were appointed Secretaries pro tem.

On motion of Mr. D. Jenkins, the delegates were called by counties, at which time the following counties were represented:

Belmont County. A. L. Harper, J. Francis.

Champaign County. H. Ford, J. Adams.

Clinch County. J. Brady.

Erie County. F. Swearing.

Fairfield County. S. Smith, W. Jones, J. W. Johnson, E. W. Lewis.

Franklin County. J. P. Smith, J. D. Taylor, W. Guy, A. E. Graham, J. Carter.

Highland County. J. W. Delany, H. Whelan, A. Plim, J. Taylor, J. Elliot.

Licking County. W. Jenkins, F. A. Baker, A. Plim, J. Taylor, J. Elliot.

Lagay County. R. W. Hestbeck.

Lorain County. D. Day.

Madison County. B. Jackson.

Montgomery County. T. Jefferson, J. Davis, Jr.

Nashington County. W. Gassaway, E. Herrie.

D. J. Lett, W. H. Barnham, Rev. J. Martin, Ross County. C. H. Langston, J. Ward, W. W. Chanciller, J. Leach, W. Langston, P. James, W. R. Cassinger, Jackson County. T. Woodson, S. D. Leach, Richway County. T. J. Merritt, Brown County. R. Dent, Butler County. S. Jones, Indianapolis Indiana. J. G. Britton, Morgan County. O. Martin, Hamilton County. A. M. Sumner, W. H. Yancy, P. Austin, M. L. Langston, W. W. Watson, J. Rolle, C. Satchel, R. P. Graham, J. J. Jones, E. W. Walker, J. H. Perkins, W. D. Brown, Clark County. E. Roberts, H. E. R. Lewis.

On motion of G. W. Boote, it was then resolved that Mr. L. D. Taylor, of Columbus be President of the Convention.

On motion of ——— it was resolved that Rev. J. Martin be Vice President.

On motion of D. Jenkins it was resolved that W. H. Barnham be Secretary.

On motion of Wm. Guy, it was resolved that F. J. Baker be assistant Secretary.

Resolved, That one from each county be appointed on a committee to report business for the Convention.

Resolved, That each delegation present one of their body to be on this committee. A. L. Harper, L. Adams, J. Brady, F. Swearing, Smith, D. Jenkins, H. Wheeler, W. Boote, D. Day, D. Day, C. Lewis, T. Jefferson, W. Gassaway, O. H. Langston, L. B. Leach, M. Sumner, T. J. Merritt, R. Dent.

On motion, it was resolved that a committee of five to draw rules and by-laws for the Convention.

On motion, it was resolved that the Chair appoint the committee on rules. S. Smith, D. Jenkins, F. Leachfield, A. E. Graham, N. Taylor.

On motion, it was resolved to adjourn until 9 o'clock.

Pursuant to adjournment the Convention met at 9 o'clock, and was called to order by the Chair. The throne of Grace was addressed by the Rev. Mr. Adams.

The committee on rules reported the rules of the National Convention of Buffalo, for the adoption of this Convention.

On motion, it was resolved that the Convention adjourn at 12 M.

On motion, it was resolved that the committee on rules be released.

On motion, it was resolved that J. G. Britton and N. Morgan, of Indiana, be received and participate in the Convention.

On motion, it was resolved that all persons that are favorable to the elevation of the colored people of Ohio, participate in the Convention, without the privilege of voting.

On motion, it was resolved that the business committee report.

On motion, it was resolved that the report of the committee be received.

On motion, it was resolved that a committee of finance be appointed by the Chair. C. H. Dingleton, G. W. Boote, S. Jones.

On motion, it was resolved that the last resolution of the business committee be adopted.

On motion, it was resolved that the first resolution of the business committee be the order of the day, Sept. 19.

On motion, it was resolved that A. E. Graham be released from the Vice-Presidency.

On motion, it was resolved that D. P. Jenkins be the 2d Vice-President of the Convention.

On motion, it was resolved that we adjourn until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

September 10.

Pursuant to adjournment the Convention met in session at 9 A. M. H. H. was called to order by the Chair, and the throne of Grace was addressed by the Rev. J. Martin. Roll was called and the proceedings of yesterday were read, &c.

On motion, was resolved that Mr. Henry Bibb be admitted to participate as a delegate in this Convention.

On motion, it was resolved that all delegates names not present be inserted on the roll.

On motion, it was resolved that there be a committee of five appointed on education, A. E. Graham, C. H. Langston, J. Martin, D. Jenkins, D. Day.

On motion of J. Leach, it was resolved that no resolution be received unless it is reduced to writing with pen and ink.

On motion, it was resolved that the committee on finance attend to their business when they think it proper.

On motion, it was resolved that the proper method of prosecuting the business of Conventions is by reference to appropriate committees with instruction to report plans of operation, &c. for their deliberation.

First Resolution of the Report.

Resolved, That the education of our people throughout the State, calls loudly for action, and demands immediate attention of this Convention, standing as it does pre eminently distinguished as first in order of the catalogue of business.

Second Resolution carried.

Resolved, That in resolution with the subject of general education, stands that of the right to the enjoyment of common school privilege under the public school system of the State; consequently it devolves upon this Convention, as one of its highest duties, to devise some means of testing the validity and constitutionality of those State laws by which a large majority of the colored citizens of Ohio are excluded from those high and important privileges so essential to the elevation of any people.

On motion, it was resolved that a judiciary committee of five be appointed. D. Jenkins, H. Ball, J. Leach, C. H. Langston, J. L. Watson, to which the 2d and 3d resolutions were referred.

Third Resolution carried.

Resolved that energetic action should be taken by this Convention in the adoption of the proper measure and raising the means for the removal of those grossly inconsistent, unconstitutional and oppressive enactments by which colored people are debarred the right of testifying on oath in courts of justice, feeling almost the assurance that whenever those laws shall be brought before the enlightened Supreme Court of Ohio, they will be annulled.

The hour of adjournment having arrived, On motion, the Convention adjourned.

ATTESTATION SECT-10

Pursuant to adjournment the Convention met at 9 o'clock. The house was called to order by the Chair, and the throne of Grace was addressed by the Rev. Mr. ———, after which the roll was called and minutes of the preceding meeting read, after which the third resolution

was called for and the yeas and nays taken. Yeas, A. L. Harper, F. C. Jones, Lewis, Adams, H. Ford, F. Swearing, S. Smith, G. W. Johnson, G. W. Lewis, D. Jenkins, L. D. Taylor, Carter, Luford, Pounder, Bryant, Wheeler, Plim, Taylor, Delany, Hughes, Elliot, H. Harris, G. W. Boote, Bullock, Gassaway, Lett, Martin, Barnham, C. H. Langston, Ward, J. Leach, Jones, H. Bibb, Watson, D. Day, D. Day, Lewis, J. Davis, Jr., Rogers, T. Jefferson, J. James, L. B. Leach, Merritt, A. M. Sumner, R. Roberts, Dr. Lewis.

On motion, it was resolved that the third resolution be referred to the judiciary committee.

Fourth Resolution carried.

Resolved, That it is the duty of our people to continue respectfully to the Legislature of our State for the repeal of those mischievous laws which stain the escutcheon of our otherwise free State.

TO BE CONTINUED.

PALLADIUM OF LIBERTY.
COLUMBUS, WEDNESDAY, SEP. 25.

"We hold these truths to be self evident, that all men are created free and equal."

NOTICE.

DR. E. R. LEWIS, will lecture on Friday evening next at early candle light, on Phrenology. The money to be appropriated to the Palladium of Liberty. The Lecture to take place at the Hanibal Hall. The friends generally are invited to attend.

To William Almy—

Agreeable to your request, I give you my opinion, with regard to the things found in your possession belonging to me. I suppose you took them from necessity, and cannot believe, from your previous good conduct, but what you intended to return them to me without loss.

RICHARD B. COWLES.
Neil House, Sep. 28, 1844.

Receipts of the Palladium of Liberty for the month of July, August and September, 1844.

L. King, 50 cents; J. Hunt, 25, C. Lewis, 75, A. R. Jackson, 37, A. Lucas, 50, L. Briggs, 75, N. Watkins, 25, J. Gates, 25, S. Linn, 25, W. H. Evans, 25, H. Galloway, 50, A. N. Redman, 50, M. Semore, \$1.00, M. McCut, 25, A. N. Redman, 25, S. Spenser, 75, W. Robinson, 25, C. Clark, 75, A. Allen, 77, J. Jackson, 35, J. Baker, 37, J. Martin, 75, T. Walker, 90, J. Quail, 10, S. Lucas, 25, N. Brant, 31, A. Bailey, 50, H. Headerson, 25, M. Bower, 25, J. Har, 28, A. Farrow, 75, R. Rayner, 75, H. A. Thompson, 75, E. Farrow, 25, D. Clark, 25, G. W. Parker, 55, A. Cook, 25, G. Young, 75, G. Simpson, 25, T. F. Eld, 75, W. Nuly, 25, I. Gings, 25, W. Bradley, 25, T. Hawkins, 75, H. C. Bibb, 75, H. D. Smith, 25, J. Nasson, 75, J. Archer, 25, N. Brown, 75, A. Banks, 75, J. Leach, 75, S. Hodge, 75, J. Anderson, 50, M. Mitchell, 37, W. Young, 37, E. Johnson, 37, S. Linn, 25, Dunlap, 25, B. Walder, 50, J. Conway, 25, T. Walden, 50, Lewis W. Jackson, 25, M. A. Jenkins, 37, H. Scott, 25, W. H. Walker, 25, O. H. Castle, 75, J. H. J. 37, S. Roy, 75, W. Hodge, 75, A. Mitchell, 31, H. Scott, 50, W. H. H. 75, J. Twiss, 25, M. A. Jenkins, 37, M. Walker, 75, P. Jones, 75, J. Hargrave, 75, B. Messer, 50, J. Brady, 75, P. W. Johnson, 75, H. Wheeler, 75, A. Brant, 75, J. Hughes, 22, H. Turner, 75, W. Walder, 75, J. G. Brinson, 75, E. Moore, 75, J. Wheeler, 75, E. Lucas, 75,

