

The Same People Who Fought to Preserve Slavery a Hundred Years Ago Make Up the Lynching Mobs Today. Abolitionists FOUGHT for Freedom for Us, and We Ought to Be Willing to FIGHT to Keep it.

To the Editor of the AFRC

For many reasons I cannot concur with T. E.'s forum letter in the method that he offers to bring about a settlement of racial differences, and ultimately universal peace (in Maryland's lynch area).

I think T. E. held up the splinter in the eyes of the white mob, but was not able to discern a plank in his own, but advocated an age-old principle, "an eye for an eye."

Jesus Christ gave a new commandment to the world, "love thy neighbor as thyself." I am wondering if T. E. considers the American white man a neighbor of ours.

Less than a century ago Garrison, Stowe, and the immortal John Brown with many other members of his group, died a martyr's death for the cause of our freedom, and then this brilliant journalist advocates wholesale lynching of the descendants of these men. It seems to me like a case of biting the hand that has nurtured us, and kicking over the ladder by which we have risen.

I think it quite unfair to measure the white race by the same standard for all, for I conscientiously believe that the same degrees of inferiority, and superiority exist for all races, and in all races.

Although I do not exonerate the white mobs for their brutality, still at the same time it would be well to study the real cause which has produced such a despicable effect.

"Thou shalt not kill," applies as much to one race as it does to another, T. E., and if we would be conscientious, and fair we could discover where the real trouble is, and carefully combat the evil without fighting fire with fire.

But there is neither east nor west,
Border nor breed, nor birth,
When two strong men stand face to face,
Though they come from the ends of the earth.

A COUNTRY PARSON.

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