

## ENCOURAGING TO THE RACE.

Last Sunday night at one of our churches, we witnessed a very pleasing and significant event, and we feel certain that were such things to happen more frequently there would be a better understanding between the races. The occasion was a financial rally. The services were well under way when some 20 or more members of the East Baltimore station M. E. Church (white) marched into the church and were ushered upon the choir platform while the orchestra was seated just in front of the pulpit. This choir of white singers, with the greatest of freedom and good fellowship, took charge of the music for the evening. These white people went away from that colored church with a new view of the Negro and have the honor of being the first white choir to go into a Negro church to help out in a service in the past twenty years or more. The addresses made by a newspaper editor and a public school teacher were highly appreciated by our brothers in white and they are very profuse in expressions of satisfaction over the businesslike and decorous methods of the service.

We have always contended that if by any means we could bring the white people and our best colored people together once in a while, it would bring to pass a better feeling and a better understanding between the races. The new Negro and the new white man of the South will get on all right, if they can by any means get better acquainted; and there is no better way to bring this to pass, than by meeting in our churches and school houses. It is a great mistake for the white people to judge our race by what they see at depots and in the rum shops on Saturday nights. Let them come into our churches as these white people did last Sunday night and they will get a new view of the Negro out of which will grow a new appreciation and a better friendship.

It was only a year or two ago, that one of our leading Southern papers urged upon the white clergymen of the South, the importance of getting into the pulpits of the South the importance of getting into the pulpits of the Negro churches and thereby encouraging the colored people to strive to attain the ideals of the Mosaic code of morals, and at the same time make the acquaintance of the moral and religious leaders of the race. It was suggested by that same paper that it might be difficult in many places to get into the Negro pulpits but it must be done, even if the white clergy had to ask the privilege.

We were glad to note this advice and we believe we can speak for our people and say: nothing would please us better than to have the white clergymen of the South come into our pulpits and preach for us the great fundamental truths about sin, and salvation with a full recognition of the great underlying truth of human affinities: the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man.

Those who sat with us in that service last Sunday night were made to feel that even after all the apparent opposition on the part of the politicians who are self centered, there is yet a large company of white people who will neither ignore nor repudiate the Golden Rule.