

Notes
of an address
at

Calvary Baptist Church
54th St 6th Ave
New York
Mar 4th 1890

No 36

Subject
Negro Emancipation

Notes
of an address
at
Newbury Baptist Church
Sept 6. 1890
Huntington
Nov 11/1890

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Address
at -

Calvary Baptist Church
57th St. & 6th Ave
New York
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March 4th 1890

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1890
 of the
 Address
 at
 County Baptist Church
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 Delaware
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Baptist
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1.
A morning paper has
these encouraging words:

"The Hon. Frank Johnston, a
leading Democrat of Miss.¹³
in a published interview, states
the case frankly & justly.

That the 15th Amendment
can never be repealed he ad-
mits, and sensibly contends
that all policies based on the
hope that it may be
repealed "must prove fatal
and mischievous in the
extreme". In whatever we
do, he says, we must recog-

nize the spirit and letter²;
of the Federal Constitution.

The Journal adds:

"If this wise advice were
honestly followed
the "negro question" would
be quickly and honorably
and satisfactorily settled."

Let us see for a moment
what that 15th Amendment
is: Constitution of the
United States, Article 15th
Section 1st.

The right of citizens of the
United States to vote shall

not be denied or abridged³
by the United States or
by any state on account
of race, color, or previous
condition of servitude.

Section 2nd - The Congress
shall have power to
enforce this article by
appropriate legislation.

That is the 15th Amendment
adopted in good faith by
the people of the United States
during the years 1869 & 1870.

And of course it is to
be carried out in its plain

meaning by Congress, 4
The Executive & The
Supreme Court; also
by the corresponding
state authorities. Neither
is there any possible
excuse for breaking this
fundamental law, or
for seeking to evade
it on the part of any
individual inhabitant
of the land. The unfitness
for citizenship of those
who are already citizens
may be objected to, may be
greatly feared, may be
already alarming. I am

5.
good people see that
unfitness when it exists:
I am rejoiced that they
write about ^{it}, publish
articles about it, and
talk about it everywhere.

unfitness to be a citizen
according to the estimate of
different minds differs.
The color of the hair &
eyes never can be alleged
to produce it, & surely under
the 15th Amendment the
color of the skin cannot
produce it. He is but a
prejudiced apology of a man

who would dare make
the ^{absurd} claim now. (6)

But the cry comes to us:
We do not fear Color, but
ignorance; we do not
fear the African ^{type}, so much,
as his viciousness; we
do not fear his vote so
much, as his holding
office.

It may be an honest cry.

We answer we do not
fear the city masses of
the north as voters, except
when ignorant; we do
not fear the foreign classes
as voters except when vicious.

A. We do not at all 7.
pay their vote so much
as their holding office.

There are then three distinct
conditions of unfitness,
on the part of those who
are already citizens, for
the exercise of the rights
& privileges of citizenship.

1st Ignorance

2nd Viciousness

3rd The office-seeking.

How clear the remedy
for all this; almost too
clear to be stated without
making the boys call for

their favorite anathema.

But here we venture:-

Education! yes,

Education. But a
sharp friend whispers, &
it sounds to my poor
dull ears like a shriek:

"Education makes wicked
folks wicked!"

I answer. Medicine
makes sick folks
sicker!

Emphasize it again &
again forever that

Education & Medicine
of the wrong sort may be
& often are a curse! a

a curse to the recipient &
a curse to his neighbors.

Teach a boy from babyhood,
and before this. The mother &
the father, that it is not
degrading to plant potatoes
& raise chickens - and
that boy will not be
ruined by his Virgil or
his Balcanus or by voting.
Right Medicine is
acceptable: right edu-
cation is the ^{sure} remedy.

Tell you, Mr President, the
graduates of Hampton could
be trusted to vote. They
learn books; they learn *indus*

tries: The most of them are ¹⁰
too well trained to reach
office.

Now viciousness is not
gotten out of the heart of a
man by expansion of the
intellect. Else Aaron Burr
would have been a
saint. All conspirators
against society have brains
enough - have knowledge
enough. Viciousness
is to be removed by regener-
ation. Mothers & fathers,
Sunday schools, good teachers,
Synagogues, cathedrals &
churches. Put on your
whole spiritual & moral
energy. ^{God will help you to}
regenerate the heart!