

lower drudgeries of life, nevertheless is universal when referred to the higher planes of the business and social world. Even in sporting and amusement circles the same partiality is dominant. Says a writer in one of our Southern exchanges, commenting on the fact that one of the guards of the Harvard foot-ball team was a negro. "If anyone wants to precipitate a 'race conflict' in North Carolina, let him organize negro foot-ball teams. The Spanish bull fight would sink into insignificance." How readily and quickly an inhuman white man or insane negro, taking advantage of these prejudices and animosities, would precipitate a conflict between the two races, could only be known should the occasion arise. Demagogues and sentimentalists have endeavored to close our eyes to any present danger, but it exists notwithstanding.

Divers and diverse have been the theories advanced for the amelioration of the negro and the removal of this prejudice and harsh feeling existing between the two races. Perhaps the most familiar of these is the scheme of transferring him to a western State, to a South or Central American country, or even to his former African home. Only recently a writer in the *Athenæum* recommended establishing another African colony and transporting the negroes thence. Our experiment with Liberia has certainly not proved a success, but however this may be, no one party or community of thinking has yet united in accepting any of these plans. Till some definite and acceptable plan is proposed, if ever, let the process of negro education as advanced and advocated by Senator Bruce, by all means be established. Having freed the black man, our country, if it retains him, is under the same

responsibility to educate him. The northern negro is not alone in his desire for enlightenment, his southern brother is just as anxious. Give him the facilities, even if it must be, at government expense. This will at least tend to restrain race sentiment. If the black man is incapable of accommodating himself to our ways and habits, as some claim, at least, in the absence of something better, give him a fair trial of being educated up to them. Education has performed many wonderful things, it may succeed even in this.

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WE would like to call the attention of the Board of Trustees to the question of dancing at the college. There is no doubt, but that the subject will be considered by them during the January meeting and we are unable to form an opinion as to the probable result. There is a general feeling among the students that some members of the board, who object to dancing, do not appreciate the fact that the character of the men now at the institution is far different from that of its students of past years and that to make up for the otherwise unenjoyable social condition of the institution it should grant the privilege of dancing, at least, at specified times during each term.

We have noticed that, during the year, four well known colleges of our country have inaugurated rules requiring dancing as part of their regular training and all of the best military schools pronounce its effects as indispensable to thorough physical culture.

The action taken by the faculty in extending the holiday vacation was one for which it is receiving many expressions of praise among