

"The white children will assemble at the schoolhouse, at ten tomorrow bearing flowers, and will be received by the ex-President." These were the words of an associated press despatch from Swannock, Georgia. Nothing could be more appropriate or more clearly exemplify the distinctions of race and the gulf that lies between the two peoples who inhabit the South. By the census of 1880, there were in that state 816,000 whites and 725,000 blacks, and in the city of Swannock 15,041 whites, and 15,654 blacks. There

maintaining and defending which, their white neighbors are exalting their former leader to the skies.

Is it any wonder that there is a gulf between these two peoples? All that is most holy to one is most abhorrent to the other! What the one mourns as the climax of misfortune the other gives thanks for as a miracle of mercy! The idea that the one remembers with exultant pride, the other recalls with a horror that words cannot express! While one half the state are drowned in tears for the <sup>shame and humiliation</sup> of the ~~destruction~~ <sup>destruction</sup> he represents, the other society are uttering acclamations of praise for his overthrow!

are, probably, by this time, more blacks than whites in the whole state. The white population tenders to the representative of a specific idea, the ~~most~~ grandest ovation ever bestowed upon a living man in that portion of the country. They strew the path of Jefferson Davis with flowers as that of a conquering hero and struggle as with each other for a chance to touch his hand, because he represents to them the cause for which they gave their blood and in the grave of which their fondest hopes lie buried. He is to them the incarnation of what they most desired and

what they most have mourned. It is but natural that they almost deify him who is the very incarnation of their most fervent aspiration.

To the other moiety of this population however, this man represents the extreme of despair. The nation whose head he was rested on slavery as a cornerstone. It was the advocate and exponent of human chattelism. It even chose to die rather than loose its hold upon an enslaved people. All that they have of liberty, hope or opportunity, they owe to the downfall and overthrow of that idea, for supporting

Get there are those who would close  
their eyes to both these facts and insist  
that there is no race problem to  
be solved at the South! When the  
negro, as a race is ready to ~~take~~ <sup>echo</sup> the  
plaudits which the white people of the South  
shower upon the head of the President of  
the Confederacy, or the whites rejoice  
in the downfall of Confederate power because  
the slave thereby achieved liberty  
and the freedman parity of right and  
privilege — then and not till then, there will be  
no conflict of interest or clash of sentiment <sup>between</sup> ~~among~~  
the equally-divided two races!