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is best able to take care of him, and, sad though it may seem, the negro's place is among us.

We must then do our duty,—make the best we can of the negro. Education and cultivation will not hurt him. While he can never attain prominence, nor rise far above his present standard, yet we should keep him as far from his original condition as possible. But to do this, one section of the country should not bear the burden alone. The south has been punished amply for every injury it has done the negro, even from the most fanatic negro sympathizer's point of view. Let the north now come to her assistance. North and south have laid aside their prejudices and acknowledge their brotherly love. Let them share alike this common burden. If the negro is left alone, he must perish. If he crowds out the whites in any particular locality in this Union, that section will become a barren spot, and the negro will drift back into his original condition, as far as permitted. Guard against this. Prevent local colonies anywhere in the United States. Encourage disintegration. Scatter the negroes equally throughout the Union. Let the north offer inducements for immigration. Let the south organize emigration societies in every county, in every state, and encourage disintegration by word, by act, and by deed. Southerners can well afford to pay every negro's fare to the north, and give him a start in life. When the negro is equally divided between the north, and the south, and the east, and the west, each section will bear its share of the burden, and the knotty problem will be solved.

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#### V. EDUCATIONAL POSSIBILITIES.

In the present condition of affairs in the south it is easier to find errors than remedies; yet I am tempted to say that any one who can so far lift himself above party, race, and geographical divisions as to make a calm, philo-