

IN INTEREST OF FREEDMEN.

Address by Mrs. E. E. Swift in Second Presbyterian Church.

An interesting meeting was held yesterday afternoon in the lecture room of the Second Presbyterian church, when, after some preliminaries, an earnest address was delivered by Mrs. E. E. Swift, of Allegheny, in the interests of the colored people, she being sent by the board of freedmen.

She spoke of the history of the colored people who were brought to this country before the Mayflower Pilgrims landed, to a life of slavery. There were many slaveholders who desired to make the condition of their slaves better, but the system was wicked as well as wrong. It is a fact that eighty thousand of these people willingly laid down their lives in the service of the country, and were loyal to home, master and soldiers.

The emancipation proclamation left them free men, but they were so poor, so lonely, and so friendless that it was thought by many that they would not survive; they were given the ballot, yet the masters regarded them as their chattels and thought there was little likelihood that the slaves would ever become rulers.

They are emancipated; they may have enjoyed more freedom than they would have had in any other part of the world, yet their first cry was for knowledge and the record of what has been accomplished in the past twenty five years seems like the eighth wonder of the world. It is said by some that they do only menial work and nothing along advanced lines. This is a mistake, because a student of a school in Tennessee constructed a telescope which is in use in one of the large observatories of this country. They have contributed much in the way of literature, two instances being the Greek grammar used in certain parts of Ohio, and the book called "A Voice from the South," both written by negroes. Some of the ablest lawyers, physicians and financiers of the south are found among negroes.

All this has been accomplished while they have been doing the menial work. They also believe in helping others and are self-reliant, and are possessed of great fidelity to their own race.

Some people believe that if these people are elevated that dreadful things will happen; but Mrs. Swift declares that there would not be one-sixteenth as much crime and trouble if they were enlightened, and there is nothing to fear from the elevation of this people.

Christians owe a debt of gratitude to these for their service, and it is right that they should be assisted. It should be remembered that the board of freedmen desires to give only a few a high school education in order that they may teach the masses. If God had not a destiny for these people he would never have increased their race so rapidly.

More than 3,000 churches did not contribute anything last year to this work, and it does seem as if the doors which Christ has opened should be entered.

Mrs. Swift concluded her remarks by expressing the wish that the ladies of this district would do all in their power to further this good work, and that in the near future a collection be taken in the different Sunday schools of the Presbyterian church.

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**SPORTS**

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The baseball season is drawing to a close, and the excitement of the playoffs is in full swing. The Boston Red Sox are leading the American League, while the St. Louis Cardinals are the top team in the National League. The World Series is expected to be a thrilling contest between the two leagues' champions. Fans are eagerly awaiting the start of the series, which is set to begin in early November. The stakes are high, and the competition is fierce. The Red Sox have a strong pitching staff, while the Cardinals have a powerful batting lineup. The series is expected to be a classic, with many close games and dramatic moments. Fans are encouraged to watch every game and cheer for their favorite team. The World Series is the pinnacle of the baseball season, and it promises to be a memorable event for all who follow the sport.

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The Boston Red Sox are the current leaders of the American League, having secured the top spot in the playoffs. Their pitching staff, led by Cy Young, has been exceptional throughout the season. The St. Louis Cardinals, on the other hand, have been the dominant force in the National League, with a batting average that is second to none. The World Series is the ultimate test of their skills, and it is expected to be a highly competitive affair. Fans are looking forward to seeing how these two teams perform under the pressure of the big game. The series is set to be a classic, with many close games and dramatic moments. Fans are encouraged to watch every game and cheer for their favorite team. The World Series is the pinnacle of the baseball season, and it promises to be a memorable event for all who follow the sport.

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