

The burden of Bishop Lampton's talks seems to be to impress people that he does not seek "social equality," as though that was not known from his letter to Stephenson Archer and other white citizens of Greenville, Mississippi, last summer.

In an address to the Negro Masons at Vicksburg in December, the *Mobile Register* quotes him as saying:

Social equality is as far from the negro as heaven is from earth. Those who claim we seek social equality are mistaken. We all believe in the absolute separation of the races along social lines and ask only for protection under the law, a fair chance in the race of life, and we will make our own social circles.

In an address before the North Carolina Conference of the M. E. Church, South, containing many excellent passages, Prof. John W. Gilbert, while making a plea for the fatherhood of God, and the brotherhood of man, had to interlard the following: "I do not mean to imply that there ought to be any social equality in this matter." Think of this! No "social equality" between the children of a common father! This sort of talk from men professing the religion of Jesus, to other men professing the same religion shows how hollow our American life is. What mean these words: "One is your Master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren." "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God; and if children then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ." If men say they will neither accept nor practice the precepts of Christianity, all right. That is their privilege. There is no quarrel with them. But if they profess to accept and practice these precepts, and at the same time indulge in senseless drivel about "social equality," they merit the anathema of Him who said: "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves."

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The matter and quality of talk which audiences listen to is of great importance. It is interesting to note what men say whom other men look to for leadership. There is a sameness and banality in the extracts given below which betoken; if not impoverishment of intellect, a desire to serve the moods and fads of the time.