

K. C. COLORED SCHOOLS.

The colored people of Kansas City Missouri have seven distinct schools, giving employment to more than thirty teachers. It is safe to say that the expense of running the seven schools will approach closely \$8,000 per month. The school Board, has been very careful to select the ablest and purest teachers, out of the number, applying for positions. If a mistake has been made in one or two particulars it ought not to cause surprise, when the source of the Board's information is remembered. They have to depend almost entirely on what our own people say about a teacher and very often we are moved to say good or bad of a teacher, depending upon whether we like or dislike the applicant. We are of the opinion that the colored people are not sufficiently grateful for the benefits in an educational way which they are receiving. We ought to keep constantly before us the fact, that the taxes of the colored people in Kansas City Mo., would not run the schools longer than two months in the year if it was not supplemented by the money of white people. Now when this is remembered and if there are those who doubt the statement let them consult the tax record, ought we not to be less dictatorial in our demands. We have no confidence in the Negro, be he teacher, patron or pupil who desires to always mix with white people. Let us not be misunderstood, we do not believe that mixed institutes or even mixed schools would necessarily injure the races, but we do contend that a people who have been doing business, for themselves, for centuries can with plausible reason object to a people less than thirty years old mixing with them. Again we do not believe it is good sense for us to cry about it. Instead of becoming angry, and declaring that we will do nothing unless allowed to mingle with white folks, we ought to accept their decision, which denies us admission and go to work to prove, to them, beyond question, that they are losing something worth having by not being with us. We can do this if we will. The colored teacher, who is not willing to try to do this, is not capable of teaching and should not be re elected. The school Board of Kansas City, Mo., can serve our race by establishing a rule, which will teach race pride. We believe they will do it.

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