

The better element of the colored race is not in sympathy with either of these self-appointed apostles of bloodshed. They know that their personal rights, the safety of life, the enjoyment of property, and the pursuit of happiness, are as surely guaranteed by the revised constitution of Virginia as they are in any other State of the Union. They also know that when the settlement of political questions is appealed to the torch and the sword, the extermination of the weaker race will as surely follow as night succeeds day. Therefore, we have no idea that the incendiary advice of Hayes and Wise will be seriously considered by any great number of colored people in Virginia.

All the same, both of these missionaries of hatred and carnage should be consigned in the estimation of all right-thinking men to the infamy they have so richly earned—John Wise to the greater depth, because of his better knowledge and his superior opportunity.