

Joint Councils

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as compared [11.2.22]

The Zoutpansberg area, in common with the rest of the Province, is not very much behind in inter-racialism. Joint Council Meetings used to be the monopoly of towns, and the rural areas were accused of indifference and lack of courage ⁱⁿ to denounce racial hatred, or perhaps this was so ^{perhaps} because the question ^{had not yet been} was not so acute as it was in urban ^{areas} centres. True we lacked courage, but we would like to point out that the fact that ^{had} racial ^{prejudice} hatred was no better ^{here} than ⁱⁿ the towns, all the same. ^{now} The towns ^{are} have very liberally extended their ^{hand} help, — as ^{well as} those of us who have had the privilege to attend the first Joint Council Meeting recently held at Elin Hospital, at which Mr J P Reinhardt Jones was the speaker, will bear with us that the towns have done us a great service. Besides the ^{humour} which attacked to it, to the amusement of all, ^{at that meeting that Dr H. Jones gave that night} the speech was typical of its inspiration, logic, persuasive appeal and its inspiration.

It has been ^{he} pointed to us that white and black ^{one} of this Country are dependent on ^{one} another, and their prosperity of the Country can only be attainable if both are equally prosperous. The Joint Council Movement is the result of the combined labours of both, through the ^{influence} persons of Dr Jones and Dr Aggrey. Many things which, many years ago were impossible, ^{are now} have been accomplished without ^{any} the loss of either. That there is a good spirit abroad is a fact

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that cannot be denied.

We on the other side of the colour line have been strongly advised not to keep ^{our} troubles by ourselves ~~and~~ to disregard the Council. We appreciate the advice and we shall see to it that we become useful ~~members~~ members rather than be stumbling-blocks. We would also wish to point to the other side that it should learn to respect Eden listen to and ~~over~~ ^{can} respect our point of view. If this ~~could~~ ^{can} be the case, ~~we~~ ^{then} ~~have~~ ^{do} not-
~~hesitation~~ that to say that the newly formed Council will ~~help~~ ^{and} ~~to~~ ^{which it} ~~achieve~~ ^{stands for} the course it is directed.
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