

BY A SPECTATOR. No. I.

What has Slavery done in the U. States for the last two hundred years? Yes, what has it done? IT HAS
BLASTED AND CURSED THE LAND!

Seven generations of the human race have come into existence and gone out of the same; they lived in ignorance and died in darkness: their strength and blood was given to their oppressors. More than three millions of their descendants now live and labor for heathen tyrants, without reward! Is the U. States a land of Missionaries and Bibles? and at the same time holds millions of human beings in worse than Turkish bondage; robbing them not only of their just dues for labor, but of themselves, even of their own individuality! in open defiance of heaven's laws; for teaching a slave to read, is a fine of five hundred dollars.

J. Wesley called Slavery "the sum of all villanies." One of yore called it "the mystery of iniquity." Slavery combines all the abominations which are known on the earth; it has turned men into monsters, christians into infidels, and human beings into beasts of burden. This seven-headed monster has destroyed the vitality of a vast majority of the American Churches. The Pulpit and Press are parralyzed or nearly dumb! The Fugitive Slave Law of September 18th, 1850, was the crowning point of all:

WHOEVER REFUSES TO BOW DOWN TO THIS MONSTER MUST BE KILLED!

Yes, you must disobey the laws of your maker and your own humanity, or expose yourself to a fine of one thousand dollars and six months' imprisonment. This law has been called, and rightly called, "The grand bill of abominations, a covenant with death, an agreement with hell, a treaty of peace, amity, and commerce When the report of this Act reached the dark regions, I think the demons of the pit must have held a Jubilee:

> "Even Satan would struggle his despair to quell, Hope almost blossomed in the shades of hell."

All the halls of pandemonium must have been brightly lighted up in extra splendor. The Constitution of the U. States, by this Act, has been broken down, trodden under foot, in not less than twelve particulars; also, all the Constitutions and laws of every State, as far as liberty is concerned. It has sent fear, poverty, destruction, and dispersion into every colored family in the land. It has bound the hands of every benevolent man and woman, of every cast and color: thus, warring continually against heaven and humanity, it has transcended the worst laws of the Jews, Heathens, Turks, and Arabs. Where are our Missionaries gone? we want them here! This Act of 1850 has brought shame, disgrace, sin, and reproach to our whole country; a blot on human nature—the darkest recorded that ever saw the sun. Tell it not to the Heathens in the East, that in

the land of Christian America there are Infidel clergymen who uphold and support fall these abominations—who declare that the Fugitive Slave Law ought to be carried out and obeyed to its letter. Yes, this law must be carried into effect. sooner than the laws of the great Creator. Shut! shut the Book of Life! Lo, with the Infernal powers,—yes, open rebellion against the God of eternity." These are only parts and parcels of this infernal system, but the volcanic thunders of the grand abomination, who can understand? Well might the Prophet of old exclaim, "A sinful nation, people laden with iniquity, a deed of evil doers, children that are corrupters; your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul loatheth."

The Bible overflows with denunciations against the oppressors of suffering humanity; they blaze in characters of fire mingled with blood; still the great body of the people, both in Church and State, like the Jews of old, believe it not, but cry "all is well." I would here remark, that every great nation which has gone down felt itself secure on the very eve of its fall; its destruction came in a moment, unexpected, and unprepared. This nation has been warned like the nations of old, still a vast majority slumber and sleep, as it were, over a volcanic fire. Slavery, with a mountain weight, in all its forms, is carrying the country down to destruction. Remember, the North or the nominal Free States are the grand stronghold of American involuntary servitude. But what can I do? says one:

What can be done to overthrow this Mystery of Iniquity?

Ask the twenty thousand clergymen, with more than two millions of churchmembers in the North, what they might have done, and what they ought to have done, and what they must do without delay, or fall under their own condemnation. I would here ask this powerful and influential body, how many of your meetinghouses and other public buildings can we have in which to plead the cause of suffering down-trodden humanity? Remember, if you shut your hearts and your pulpits against the slave and his best friends, you stand in a fearful place; without deep repentance the gates of mercy will be closed against you,—"Blessed are the merciful," saith our Lord, "for they shall obtain mercy." I know that many of you, like Adam of old, are hiding yourselves behind organizations, but this plea will be no shelter for you. When the Rev. E. P. Lovejoy was murdered in Alton, by a lot of slavites, November, 1837, had nineteen-twentieths of the northern clergy come out, and blown the Gospel trump, washed their pulpits clean from the blood of a martyred brother, with millions of slaves, the Juggernaut of slavery, before this, would have been destroyed. It will be in vain to expect that the South, as a general thing, will emancipate their slaves as long as the North, with a death-like struggle both in Church and State, support the system. But the

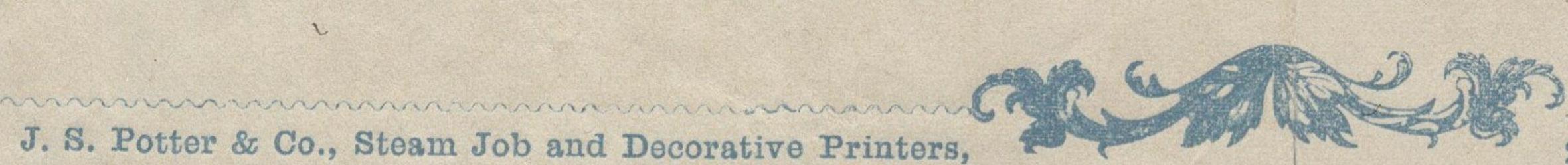
question returns-What can I do? What did Mrs. H. B. Stowe do when the report of the Satanic Slave Law of 1850 was known? It electrified her soul! she waked up Uncle Tom from his Cabin, with a blast that has almost shook the globe! "Go thou and do likewise." You can write, print, preach, and pray for suffering humanity. You can rectify your own and public opinion. You can and ought to labor for the purification of the Christian Church. Many of you can vote for liberty instead of slavery. You can organize committees of safety in every town, city, and State in the great North. There is no time to be lost, the slavites neither slumber nor sleep; they must be met at the ballot-box, and their power overcome! They intend to have the Isle of Cuba annexed to this Union, in order to strengthen the slaveholding power in Congress. In order to stop this plan, we must have, if possible, one hundred men elected to the next Congress, from the North: men like Giddings, Chase, Seward, Hale, Sumner, and Mann: men who are fearless, talented, and well-informed; such men as these will be likely to do honor to themselves and their country. These men deserve well of their country and all mankind, and ought to be re-elected to Congress, with many more of a like stamp. If you intend to overthrow Slavery, you must

COME OUT FROM WHIGGERY, FREE SOILISM, DEMOCRACY, FREE DEMOCRACY,

CHURCH ORGANIZATIONS, and all other names and parties, and establish one uniform standard at the ballot-box. Vote for Liberty! the other party will vote for Slavery, of course. The people will know much better how to vote then than they do now; the lines between freedom and slavery will then be fairly drawn. Keep it in mind that we must have an Anti-Slavery President and Vice-President at the next election; our country has been blasted long enough by slaveholding rulers. Whenever the administration of the country is changed from slavery to freedom, the Supreme Court of the U. States will no longer tell us that the Constitution binds the whole nation to render up escaping slaves; nor will slavites threaten to dissolve the Union, and hang every friend of humanity by the neck if he should enter a Southern State. No, they will stop their boasting and threatening whenever they find themselves overpowered. Yes, they will be still as

dissolve the Union. If you do, we are all ruined!" Remember, there will be a long struggle between right and wrong-Liberty and Slavery. There are Ignorance, Prejudice, Selfishness, Sectarianism—powerful oppressors—Moloch, Mammon, and spiritual wickedness, in high places: all these must be overcome. Keep it in mind, that nine of the largest States, here at the North, can choose a President of the U. States, if they are so determined. Remember, there is more power in small strips of paper of the right stamp, thrown into the ballot-box, than there is in leaden bullets. There are only two ways for Slavery to be destroyed; one is to vote it down here at the North-this can be done peaceably, and without expense; the other way, by Amalgamation. The time is not far distant when the system will go down in a cloud of blood mingled with fire, unless the wisdom of the North timely prevents. In conclusion, I would say

"Blessed is that Servant who shall be found at the coming of our Lord, faithfully doing his Master's will."



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