Counterfeit

BY A SPECTATOR. No. 1.

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 existence; they have lived and died; they have known much harder times and stronger blood was given to their oppressors. More than three millions of their descendants now live and labor beneath tyrants, every one of whom is a land of millions and millions! and at the same time hundreds of millions of human beings are in a state of slavery, not to get only of their just dues for labor, but of themselves, even of their own individuality! In open defiance of humanity’s laws; for teaching a slave to read, is a fine of five hundred dollars.

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

Yes, you must destroy the laws of your master 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 bulwark of abolitionism, a con- nected with death, as an agreement with hell, a treaty of peace, unity, and concurrence with the federal government, open rebellion against the fixed idea of slavery.

When the report of this act reached the dark regions, I think the denizens of the pit must have held a jubilee:

J. Wesley called Slavery “the sum of all villanies.” One of your叫 is “the mystery of iniquity.” Slavery is a continued and powerful opposition to mankind. Mormonism is a doctrine that has turned men into monstrous, inhuman, and human beings into beasts of burden. This is in the U. States a land of millions and millions! and at the same time hundreds of millions of human beings are in a state of slavery, not to get only of their just dues for labor, but of themselves, even of their own individuality! In open defiance of humanity’s laws; for teaching a slave to read, is a fine of five hundred dollars.

The Bible overflows with dejections against the oppressors of suffering humanity. They live in characters of love 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 “kill me.” I would have rewards; that every great nation which has gone down felt itself secure on the very eve of its fall; its destructive work is a moment, suspense, and preparation. This nation has been warned like the nations of old, still a vast majority slumber and sleep, as it were, over a relentless fire. Slavery, as the Bible says, is all in its force, is surprising the country down to destruction. Remember, the North or the nominal Free States are the grand stronghold of American missionary servitude. But what can we do?

What can be done to overthrow this Mystery of Iniquity?

Ask the twenty thousand clergymen, with more than two millions of Church members, and in what at least two hundred and eighty thousand are officers of the Church, and influential bodies; how many of your meeting houses and other public buildings have we in which to plead the cause of suffering darkness, and darkness? Remember, if you shut your hearts and your people against the slave and his best friends, you stand in a charge, and without deep repentance the gain will be closed against you.—Blessed are the meek with the law’s, “for they shall inherit the earth.” 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. B. T. Lowry was murdered in Allen, by a lot of slaves, November, 1857, had nineteen centuries of the northern clergy come out, and known the General Congress, washed their guilty chains from the blood of a murdered brother, with millions of slaves, the judgement of slavery, but this, that could have been destroyed.—It will be in vain, to expect that of the North and South until the coming of the 1857 that it was being, and is being, destroyed by every friend of humanity. But the question returns—What can we do? What did Mrs. H. B. Howe do when the report of the Senate Slave Law of 1650 was known? It electrified her soul! she went up to the floor of the House of Representatives—Meacham, of Kansas, and spiritual wickedness, in high places; all these must be overthrown. Keep it in mind that the time of the great and Golden Age is here. Our country has been blasted long enough by selfish and political, to the Supreme Court of the U. States. They are no castles, no strongholds, no walls, no towers, no bulwarks, no journals, no lives, no chance of saving; the law and society. But the man who gains that the courts of the North, South, East, West, and the Federal Government, the last effort is to be made, without the vote, that can be done, and will be done, by the other way, by Amalgamation. The time is not for distant when the system will go down in a second 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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