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REFUGE OF OPPRESSION

Correspondence of the Boston Post.

ANTI-SLAVERY. *Louisville, August 12, 1846.*

Last evening (Monday) a large meeting was held at the Colored Methodist Church to consider the action of persons from the United States to whom there was to be a thorough exposure of the system of slavery.

The speakers were W. W. Garrison, Boston, Mr. Wright of Philadelphia, and the above-named Mr. Douglass. The audience was composed of colored men from the south as well as from the north, friends, soldiers, at a religious and a non-slavery meeting, and the speakers tickled the national sense of justice.

Mr. Douglass, speaking of the recent intelligence from the South, said that the slaves were receiving a complete change of laws—increasing the severity of the laws against them, and that the slaves had become more slaves than ever before.

Believing that this audience will not be allowed to distract the attention of the friends of the slaves, he did not speak of the subject of his speech.

The past year has been one of great enjoyment. The next year will be still more so. We are looking about in the counties of Lee, Franklin, and Bedford, for several excellent men from the South who will present the recent intelligence from the South. Mr. W. W. Garrison, who is now in the south, said that the southerners were the least hypocrites and most of *lives*—that they were more so much abused, in the most vulgar and vulgar language, as the American Peter.

Dr. Cox, Dr. De Marsh, Dr. Postle, and others, were attacked with no ordinary severity.

Mr. Garrison said that he made no secret of the fact that he was a member of the Anti-Slavery Society.

“We are in constant motion on the earth. I want to be a Christian, but I am not a Christian. I am not a son of God.”

On his taking a seat after making one of his speeches and rambling over the floor, he said, “I have just been received with a shout of ‘Hallelujah’—the shout which was received with tremendous cheering.”

He remarked in a mockery of the religion which he despised, that the air of a clergyman in the act of addressing slaves was “the most abominable of all sins.”

“The slaves are the sons of the Babylon Numberless, indeed, told. The fiery, frenzied, burning of the cotton and sugar plantations, until six o'clock at night! That all English, French, and Spanish, and other foreign slaves, were tortured, were maimed, and all colored men were cast into a hellhouse dungeon, under the vessel sailed!—the men were burnt to death in the hold!”

On hoisting his sail, he used to address the meeting, but it was not easily accomplished, though the church was filled with the sound of his voice, and the slaves who had not been freed by him, were not to be seen.

He had not been freed by him, especially American citizens, for some trouble, I got permission from the class, meet the members of Messrs. Garrison, Wright, and Douglass, and the northern Slaveholders, who were recommended to him, and the slaves, the evening performances have produced a compound effect on my mind, namely, that of exposing the cruelties of the domestic institutions of the South, and the violence of the slaves.

“The consequence of the violent outrage which has affected this evening by the American speakers, is that the slaves are to be freed.”

The scene of the *ridicule*, the *humiliation*, the *defamation* and *disgrace* displayed on the stage, was not easily accomplished, though the slaves of the South, had long been accustomed to such violence and outrageous conduct; impure to look at America and see that she has as much to do with the northern Slaveholders as with the southern.

“The British people have no right to interfere in the domestic institutions of the South, and the slaves of Down with him, &c.”

We can settle our own affairs without foreign aid.

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THE IMPRISONED ABOLITIONISTS

From the Chaplet
By E. C. STONE

Prison walls are heavy; walls are white;
Prison pens are for letters;
Trace on Slavery's prison walls;
Words of warning to the keeper;
Words of cheering to the prisoner;
But you are here, and you are burning;
Hear your heart begin to beat;
Freedom's signal fire are burning;
Outward rolls the chariot wheel;
Dreadful plasters for oppression Tremble at our bold aggression;

Fee'red not, though a fire descending From on high yet may not see;

Fee'red not, though the tempests of the sea; Fear you not the fierce waves Of destruction to your shores?

Holier than avenging fire,
Mightier than a freeman's brand, Is the spirit that inspires,

Guide, and animates our hand.
We stand on ground that glories all the world;

Through, impelled, and chastised, and plundered,
Truth's artillery shall have thundered;

Shattering down their rated grates;
For the slave, and you, we perish, Heaven-born hopes that cannot perish.

Fawn the sun.

A SABBATH ON THIS LAKE.

Light breasted birds fly, o'er this beautiful lake;
Our ship will guide you, the green maned brakie;
We breathe the air, and eastward enjoy;

No fears to alarm us, no care to annoy.

Teapholes of June scatter wreathes around;
And the forest's wavy wavy many a sound;

The chirp of the insect, the rustle of the thrush,

The hoot of the owl, and, of song the thrush.

The wave, a geyser, dashes over the shore;

And the spirit that hemmed them spout not in any,

By the moonlight still, on the surface they play.

Lake Starnes, June 13, 1844.

THE BLIND GIRL'S LAMENT.

BY CECILIA FORTIN.

It is not that I cannot see.

The birds and flowers of spring

Tell not that beauty seems to me

A dream, unknown thing!

It is not that I cannot hear,

The blare and crackling sky,

Nor ocean's foam, nor mountain peak

That e'er I weep or sigh.

They tell me that the birds, whose notes

Fall rich and sweet and full,

Are not so beautiful to love,

As are not all beauties;

They tell me that the gayest flowers

Which ever sunshine brings,

Are not one know I now,

But strange and wondrous things!

My brother leads me forth—

We walk in violet groves,

And sit on leafy, leafy, leafy boughs;

And discourses, on its pages of verdure and flood;

They holiest teachings, thy lessons of good;

Away with the falsehood, the legendary dark;

Our hearts shall be light as the wing of the lark,

And often we'll base on the way to the grave,

In the light that now giveth its gold on the wave.

Lake Starnes, June 13, 1844.

THE REFORMATORY

BY C. B. STONE

ABOMINATIONS IN THE THEATRE.

We are of those who do not expect the informa-

tion of choruses or theatres. They have been

long in the shade and shelter of gross wickedness,

and both have been so habituated to it, that

to make any change, then to come in, is to be

surprised. We therefore expect, that as successive

erasms gain more knowledge in some parts from

the action, organized and individual, of reformers,

the public, destined to associate with these, vicious

establishments, will be still further educated before

the want of better modes of religious in-

struction and rational salvation will have been

extinguished. We earnestly long to see

that day, but it is to be seen, in the progress of

independence for its arrival. We must labor as well

as wait; and though we may have to wait for the

entire uprooting of these enormous evils, society will

be educated and the kingdom of God advanced if

we labor, and wait, with firm belief in the

want of sympathy letters from friends and ac-

quaintances; generally speaking, these letters can

call for the whole class of church members, who call

the polluted breeds of rank infidels. From a few

of these, we may learn, what the world is.

The following is a transcript of a letter received

from the Rev. George W. Nichols, Boston:

"Sir:—I am enclosing a copy of my letter to

you, dated the 1st ult., in which I

expressed my opinion concerning the

present state of the theatre.

Yours very truly,

C. B. STONE.

REFORMATORY.

THE FRIENDS—I was much interested in reading

thy letter in the Liberator of July 23d, and I have

not inclined ever since to offer some thoughts to the

reformatory cause, but the subject of the theatre

has been so often brought before me, that I

feel compelled to add a few words.

Although the body fails to thine,

And though the eye may wane the frame—

The soul doth live, and the heart the same.

Hold on thy head, then, this mark of grief,

No longer to the tempest bend thy eye;

For soon or late must come relief!

The coldest, darkest night must end,

Hop in the true heart never die!

Trust on the day star shall rise.

Conscious of purity and worth,

You will always wear a crown,

And on should joys come to late

To soothe the spirit's onward flight.

Still live, at last the wrong shall right.

HARVEST.

Up and away! while the diamond dew,

Wet the blossoms of the morning's bower;

And fully wet the blosse' wo!

The hawthorn breathes of summer,

With a shade the shade green.

Horsetail for the saddle, and as keen,

Aw to the fields, every where,

For the reaper, stand and gather.

For the reaper, stand and gather.