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AGENTS. MAINE.—A. Soule, Bath. NEW-HAMPSHIRE.—N. P. Rogers, Concord; William Wilbur, Dover; Leonard Chase, Milford. VERMONT.—John Bennett, Woodstock; Rowland T. Robinson, North Ferrisburgh.

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From the Emancipator and Free America. The writer of the following article is a lady of great respectability, and has commended her family from a slave to a free State, and whose statements may be relied on as true: The Famished Hand.

In the year 1834 or 5, I left Norfolk, Va. in a large schooner, bound for New-York. One of the cabin passengers was a sick and feeble child. The second day after we left Norfolk, the child died for food, and I offered to prepare a toast for it. For this purpose I went to the cook's room, which was below the deck, and in going to which it was necessary to pass a quantity of freight which had been put on board at Norfolk. The steward kindly assisted me in making the toast, and added a cracker and a cup of tea. With these on a small water, I was returning to the cabin, when in passing the freight, which consisted of boxes, &c., a little tawny, famished looking hand was held out from between the packages. The skeleton fingers, agitated by a convulsive movement, were evidently reached forth with a view to the food in my possession. Shocked, but not alarmed by the apparition, I laid the cracker on the hand, which was immediately withdrawn. No one observed the transaction, and I went swiftly to the cabin. The sick child was gratified with his meal; and when, in the afternoon, it wanted more, I again offered my services. I apologized to the steward for the liberty I was taking in visiting his premises so often, but pleaded the necessity of attending to the little invalid. I found he was a father, and inquired the names of his children. I brought him presents for them, and ingratiated myself into his favor, that I soon had free access to the cabin. I was preparing a dinner for myself, as well as for the little one in the cabin. But whatever I could procure was divided with the famished hand, which to me had become a precious charge. There must have been an eye to watch my motions. In fancy I could see that eye gleaming at my approach, but at other times closed in dim despair.

As all was tranquil on board, it was evident that the cabin was a safe and pleasant place. Presently a fugitive; and I humbly request to Charles, for following me the privilege of ministering to the wants of his unfortunate, despaired and persecuted inmate. That the unfortunate being was a slave, I doubted not; but how could I serve him or her, or whoever it might be, effectually? I knew the laws and usages in such cases. I know the poor being had nothing to hope from the captain and crew of the vessel, and repeatedly asked myself the agonizing question, will there be any way of escape. I had hope that we might land in the night, and so, under favor of darkness, the fugitive be enabled to go ashore unseen by those on board. I determined to watch for, and assist the creature who had thus provisionally consigned to my care. On the sixth day, (we having a long passage,) I found that the goods below were being moved, in order to come at the place which was wanted, and as it was a rainy day, I could not go below. My heart seemed to be torn within me for the safety of the sufferer had become dear to me. We sat down to dinner, but the dishes swam before my eyes. I felt that a discovery must take place. The tumbling of the freight below had not ceased. Each moment I expected an alarm. At length I heard a sudden halloo below, and immediately I went forward to the cabin, looking and feeling for the company, and whispered to the captain. The captain was carrying, but immediately laid down his knife and fork, and went on deck. One of the passengers followed him, but soon returned, and in a laughing manner, informed us that a strange passenger had been found among the freight. "It is," added he, "a small mulatto boy, who says he belongs to Mr. ———— of Norfolk. That he had been concealed among the freight, and was there for two weeks, and secreted himself in the schooner the night before we sailed. He is going to New-York to find his father, who escaped two years since. And," continued he, "he is starved to a skeleton, hardly worth taking back." Many jokes were passed as to the manner of his being renovated, when he should again fall into the hands of his master. Others thought the vessel must put immediately back. Others were of opinion that he was a free man. Eight or ten hours' sail of New-York, the vessel had made, and the boy carried back on her return. The unfortunate child had been brought on deck, and we all left the cabin to look at him. I followed behind, almost unwilling to see him, and stood some time by the companionway in order to gain strength for the interview. I then proceeded forward. As soon as he discovered me, a bright gleam shone over his countenance, and he instinctively held out to me the palm of his hand, as if he would be no longer to be controlled. There stood a child before me, not more than eleven or twelve years of age, of yellow complexion, and sad countenance, nearly naked, his back scarred with scars, and his flesh wasted to the bone. I burst into tears, into lamentations, and the tears of others were, for a moment, turned into sympathy.

It however, began to be suspected that I had been seen by him, and in that case, the vessel must put back, in order to give me up also. But I related the circumstances as they occurred, and all appeared satisfied with the truth of my statement. I requested that I might be allowed to feed the boy, which request was granted, and I carried him some dinner on a plate. He ate voraciously; and as I stood beside him, he looked into my face at every mouthful. There was something confiding in his look. When he had finished his meal, as I took the plate from his hand, he leaned his head toward me like a weary child. Oh, that I could have offered him a place of rest; that I could have comforted and protected him; a helpless child, a feeble, emaciated, suffering innocent, reserved for bondage and torture!

Towards evening he was taken below, and I was no more allowed to see him; but I learned that he was put in the steerage, strongly bound, and that the captain had ordered the vessel to put back, and to be consulted as to the disposal of him. We came to anchor during the night, at some distance below the city, the captain informing us in the morning, that the vessel had been forbidden to enter the port with a fugitive slave on board; that she must discharge her cargo where she lay, and return with all possible despatch to Norfolk. A boat was provided to carry us up, and I remarked to the captain that there was a great deal about a helpless child. He replied, "The laws must be obeyed."

As I approached the city, I could not help exclaiming, "Is this the region, this soil of boasted freedom? Here, when the child is treated like a felon, manacled, anchored from the shore, to be sent back to slavery and the lash, deprived of the fostering care which even the brute is allowed to exercise toward its young? Here the glender boy seeks the protection of his father, same dear to helpless ones! Does Humanity aid him in the yearning? No, Humanity is circumscribed in her operations by laws which consign one portion of Freedom's sons and daughters to the service, the control, and the brutality of the other. Humanity looks on them and weeps. More she cannot do. 'The laws must be obeyed.'"

And now, since years have passed, where is that boy? Does he still live in hopeless bondage? Are other scars added to his unhealed wounds? At what age was he when he was placed in that vessel? When I saw him, he appeared innocent as a child of freedom. He felt and suffered as a child of free parents would feel and suffer. His sorrows were touching as the sorrows of a white child would have been. Alas! poor youth, from me thy face is hidden. If living, thou art still young; but were thy days turned into years, what a volume to read the human eye! S. E. S.



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New-England Anti-Slavery Convention.

The New-England Anti-Slavery Convention... The Convention opened on Thursday... The Convention was held in the City of Boston...

religious teachers declare that the Bible (which they call the word of God) sanctions slavery, and require you to submit to it as of rightful authority. Believe them not! They all speak falsely, and the truth is not in them.

the day of jubilee—your own emancipation—on this side of the grave. Take courage! Be filled with hope and comfort! Your redemption draws nigh, for the Lord is mighty at work in your behalf.

us no terrors; for we regard it, as far preferable to a perpetuity of slavery. Such a dissolution you would have no occasion to lament; for it would enable you to obtain your freedom and independence in a single day.

Letter from H. C. Howells. Mr. ALFRED DIXON—I much regret I did not write to you before I left America, and request you to send your paper after me, having returned, for a season, to my native land.

ask themselves solemnly, if it may not be possible that they are fighting against God, and that their zeal wants more knowledge, and not reflect so much on those who 'apologize,' but be willing that every man should be fully persuaded in his own mind; and if your opinion is 'firm,' that others are willing to bury anti-slavery beneath the machinery of a slave-holding 'Church,' you should be willing also to give others their opinion that this permanent machinery has been the instrument of sending more souls to perdition than all other influences of Satan combined.

POETRY.

VERMONT'S RESPONSE TO MASSACHUSETTS.

From the Voice of Freedom. God speed thee, Massachusetts, in thy conflict for the right; Like Israel's valiant son of old, 'Go on in this thy might,'

Thou wert nigh when the mountain streams gladden'd the sight; When the autumn's blast smote the proud tree; In the corn-field of plenty, or desert of blight,

CHRISTIAN REFORM.

The Menonites.

New-York, May 21, 1843.

MR. GARRISON: I have just had a conversation with a very intelligent German gentleman, Mr. Roper, from Lancaster County in the interior of Pennsylvania.

MISCELLANY.

From the Christian Herald.

Jesus, the Philanthropist.

Jesus, viewed in any light whatever, is an extraordinary and sublime character. In all his offices and relations, attributes and purposes, he stands out as one possessed of that excellence, which alone constitutes true greatness, true glory.

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And the elements are melting, with fervent heat, (not Miller's heat, from physical fire, but the heat of holiness, refining the gold through seven furnaces, and He has promised to draw his children through many waters, that the bride, the Lamb's wife, may shine as the New Jerusalem, come down from heaven, adorned for her husband, who will appear to claim her, without spot or wrinkle, or any such thing, within the short space of forty-three years.

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Notice to the Public.

The Agent and Trustees of the African Methodist Episcopal Church hereby give notice that Y. M. BUTLER has got the deed in fee simple of the property of the church, and is about to sell it.

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