

had she not found a new and all-glorious

course of action in the altered conduct of her

husband.

She had always been accustomed to

wealth, station, and leisure; a narrow income,

attention to business, and the companionship of

persons whose rank and position were not

enough, in the first few months of their

marriage, to come home regularly, night after

night, and find Grace waiting for him with a

kind and affectionate greeting.

"I am so glad to see you," she would

exclaim, "but after the romance of the

thing over, it was quite different. Then she

was not the same person who he had

known and loved; she had become a star

in her own sphere; her beauty, accom-

plishments, and talent, rendered her com-

panionship so desirable, that he had

been obliged to leave her, and she had

the angle; no sweet face lay among the

pillows, no soft breathing stirred the silent

air, and the perfect stillness, how they

shook the heart.

"I have somewhere read a beautiful

little poem, suggested by a custom of the Alps

kept in sight the back and; and he

other, who invariably out his shadow, la-

gion are afraid to venture, they first carry

up the ladder, then they follow; and their

young have gone. So with Grace: the good

Shepherd had taken her lamb to the green

pasture and still waiter of the Heavenly

country, and she had followed; but she

had wandered far from the right path; blind-

ed by the mists of sin and passion, she saw

nothing but the narrow way, and she

was lost. "I am the Way, the Truth, and

the Life." In patience and humility she

sought this Way, and by it came unto the

Father.

[TO BE CONCLUDED IN OUR NEXT.]

FOR THE NATIONAL ERA.

THOR, THE THUNDER GOD IN THE MISSIS-

SIPPI VALLEY.

BY G. W. WALKER.

In his Amazon Echo on the Hero as Dirin-

ty, Mr. Thomas Carlyle, after describing one

of the poetical characteristics of the old Scan-

dinavian mythology, suggests that the names of

the gods, and the names of the heroes, are all

in the land of their birth, may still be now

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point just as Thialfe was leaving it. The

Scandinavian poet reminds us of Puck, and

of the fairy who, in a long time ago

and not unintelligibly, was thought to

embody. "What the people now want?"

he replied, "is the opportunity of earning their

bread, and of being able to support their

family, and to be able to support their

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such regulations can never be permitted to intrude upon or to obstruct the just rights of the owner to reclaim his slave, derived from the Constitution of the United States, or with the remedies prescribed by Congress to aid and enforce the same."

Upon these grounds, we are of opinion that the act of Illinois, upon which this indictment is founded, is constitutional, and therefore affirmed by the judgment.

WM. THOS. CARROLL, C. S. C. U. S.
Judge McLean, dissent.

WASHINGTON, D. C.
THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 1853.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS AND SUBSCRIBERS.

Our lists of ad- to the commencement of a new volume. All new subscribers, who are desirous of receiving the paper for some days back, will be communicated with the volume.

Advertisements, by design, who are agents and who are now in the office, are to be published in giving the initials of each subscriber named, as we often have had to do with the same names, and are therefore liable to give credit to the wrong individual.

We give no receipts. As we do strictly a cash business, the receipt of the post office is our receipt. If, by an oversight, a person should receive a paper beyond the time paid for, it is our loss, not theirs.

Persons who have sent clubs of ten or upwards are privileged to add to the club at the rate of \$1.50 each, or either \$1.00 or \$2.00 extra.

Salaries, when they are changed from one name to the post office, will be charged from, as well as the office to pay with its thereafter sent.

As we are obliged to pay 1 1/2 per cent. discount on Western funds, our friends would oblige us by sending, if not too inconvenient, Eastern money, especially notes five dollars upwards, on Baltimore, or on New York, or Boston—Eastern notes five dollars being at 1/2 per cent., and notes of five dollars, on good banks in the cities named, at par.

They will please be careful to send us no notes on any banks in this District, except the following:

- Bank of Commerce, Georgetown; Hugh B. Swensy, Cashier.
- Bank of the Metropolis, Washington; J. W. May, President; J. M. Deane, Cashier.
- Bank of Washington, Washington; William Guntton, President; Jas. Adams, Cashier.
- Patriotic Bank, Washington; G. C. Grammer, President; C. Bestor, Cashier.
- Exchange Bank, Washington; W. Solden, President; W. C. Bestor, Cashier.

It will be seen from the following note, that Mrs. Southworth is prevented, by indisposition, from beginning her story till next week.

PROSEPIER HALL, Jan. 2, 1853.

DEAR DR. BAILEY: Very serious indisposition prevented me from attending the meeting of the Association on Friday last, so that I have to crave the indulgence of yourself and readers until the next paper.

Respectfully,
EMMA D. E. SOUTHWORTH.

"THOU, THOU THORNS GOD!" The new contributor who furnished this article on our first page, will be ever welcome to our columns. He has hit upon a rich vein.

CONGRATULATIONS THAT ISSUE us. So great is the work of our subscribers, that we have to write for any business but opening letters and writing editorials. In a few weeks we trust we shall be able to attend to them.

MR. W. HARMER, Agent of the American Anti-Slavery Society, No. 48 Beekman street, is our agent for the city of New York, and is fully authorized to receive for subscriptions to this paper.

MR. S. B. NOBLE, of Andover, Michigan, who proposes to travel in Michigan this winter, is an authorized agent for the National Era.

NUMBERS WANTED.—Subscribers who do not file the Era, and have on hand Nos. 302, 303, 306, 307, 309, will confer a favor by remailing them to this office.

"The Friend of Youth for the present suspended.

WISCONSIN, MASS. Dec. 19, 1852.

To the Editor of the National Era:

DEAR SIR: I cannot resist the impulse to express the thanks of one small household to the authors of those beautiful and interesting "Stories for Children and Youth," in the National Era. Let me add my hope, that the name of author may be known to all, and that other contributions, in the same department, may follow. This I say, in consequence of the "anonymous work," concluded, "in your number." Truly yours,
T. W. HIGGINSON.

The author is Miss Eliza L. Sprout, who lives in Philadelphia. We shall have more communications from her in the course of the year.

"CIRCULATE THIS DOCUMENT."

Although the election is over, the Independent Democratic Association, of the District of Columbia, has decided to disband their organization. The success of the Compromise Democratic candidate at the next election, is a final settlement of the question of slavery, and that agitation should cease. The following admirable Speeches can be supplied at the annual, and orders for them are respectfully solicited.

HON. BRADY MANN'S SPEECH on the Institution of Slavery. Delivered in the House of Representatives, on August 17, 1852. Twenty-four pages. Price, including postage, 83 per hundred.

HON. CHARLES BRADY'S SPEECH on the Fugitive Slave Law. Delivered in the House of Representatives, August 26, 1852. Thirty-two pages. Price, including postage, 83 per hundred.

HON. N. S. THOMPSON'S SPEECH on the Present Position of the Democratic Party. Delivered in the House of Representatives, June 23, 1852. Eighty pages. Price to sent per hundred, including postage. Address A. M. GAYNEVER, Secretary.

No. 105, Washington City, D. C.
NOVEMBER 8, 1852.

The above Speeches are sold by William H. Bond, 48 Beekman street, New York.

THE SEPARATION AND MEETING.

A few evenings ago, many of our citizens, among them several slaveholders, were gathered about the humble dwelling of Barbara Peterson, an old colored woman, familiarly known as Aunt Barbara. Soon, a well-dressed "old man" came. "As a stout, good-looking colored man, about twenty-six years of age, rapidly approached. "Aunt Barbara" sprang towards him, and faintly in his arms: it was her own, her only, and so was a widow. He had returned from the grave, but from the slave pen, the grave of living men. Barbara Peterson had been stripped of her children, one of our, five had been sold away to the plantations of the far South, and Henry was all that was left her. She was poor, and, but for him, destitute. He was a slave held by a rich merchant of Washington, from whom he had his own—at eight dollars a month—boarding and clothing him. Hundreds of dollars had she paid punctually, and often had Henry proposed to buy himself, but he would not incur the expense.

One day not long since, while attending his business, he was seized by two constables, who told him they had a warrant for him. He said he had been doing no wrong, but went with them to a magistrate's office. There he was immediately manacled, and dispatched to Baltimore, where he was thrown into the slave

pen. He had been sold by the master to the trader!

The manner of his seizure was designed to prevent any notice of indignation, which it was supposed such a transaction would provoke. Barbara soon heard of it, and with a heart breaking with anguish, she hastened to some of her friends, and told her story. An officer of the United States Army proceeded forthwith to Baltimore, and on the next day a trader called on her for \$1,000, on condition that the sum of \$50 should be deposited as forfeit money, provided the whole amount could not be raised in ten days. On his return, several gentlemen, among them the Mayor of the city—the majority of them slaveholders—undertook to raise the sum, and at last happily succeeded. The price was paid down; Henry was redeemed; and it was he, who on the evening mentioned, in breathless haste from the cars, clasped in his arms his aged mother, overcome with excess of joy.

We were mentioning these facts, how what the Law of Congress allows in Washington, how some will use the terrible prerogative with which it invests them, and to what an extent public sentiment here is in advance of the Law. Would that in every similar case, occurring in the District, we could record an equally happy termination!

OUR FOREIGN RELATIONS.

Until lately, questions of domestic concern have principally occupied the attention of the People and the Government. Questions affecting our Foreign Relations have generally held a subordinate position. Long-continued peace, and the absence of any long-continued controversy with England in regard to Oregon excited but a transient interest, and the war with Mexico produced far less agitation, than the question of Slavery, in connection with the territorial acquisition to which it has given rise. But, we seem to be on the threshold of a new era. The important questions of internal concern which have so long constituted the basis of party divisions, have generally been settled—settled in accordance with the principles of the Party which has given to the country a President, and a President who has given to the Party has been routed, and there is certainly a prevalent disposition among its scattered members to acquiesce in the popular verdict against them.

It is at this moment that our Foreign Relations begin to assume an importance which belongs to no domestic question, and which is of Slavery. Indeed, they derive additional importance from the fact that this question has become intimately complicated with them.

Difficulties begin to encompass us on every side. Hard problems will be presented for solution, and France and England will be called upon to take sides. For months past, the Paris papers supposed to represent his opinions have been discouraging the growth and usurpations of the Anglo-Saxon race, especially on this continent—the inability of the Latin race to govern the French colonies, and the anger that Mexico may fall a prey to its own grown ambition—the duty that devolves upon France, as the head of the Latin race, to step forth in its defence, and preserve it to its integrity. Add to this, that the two races are generally divided by religious—on one being Catholic, and the other Protestant—France being naturally desirous of saving his authority in this hemisphere from subversion. Just at this point, we find a French Count in Seneca, a Mexican province adjoining California, and another French Count in California, who claims, but really making war against the local Government, routing its troops, and raising the flag of the French Empire. This may be unauthorized; it may be an experiment, to ascertain how far this country is disposed to acquiesce in any such French colonialism; but it is certainly to be disclaimed, should our Government appear hesitating or timid.

Almost at the same time, a correspondence is disclosed, showing that this Government has been encouraging intervention—armed intervention—between France and England, in the affairs of the continent, for the purpose of rebuking and restricting the power of a black Empire. And, as a sequel, a report reaches our shores that, in accordance with a treaty of several years' standing, France, with a view to make good her claims, has sent a fleet of war vessels, recently raised by our Government—has taken possession of Samana, an important naval station, from which it can overlook the course of our commerce. And next we hear of the presence of her fleets at Vera Cruz, on the port of entry to Mexico, and anarchy, and almost in a state of disorganization. On the Atlantic, on the Gulf, on the Pacific, the Empire flares its banner in our face, as if prepared to discharge the mission assigned to it by the Peace of Amiens, as its defender and champion of the Latin race.

How Slavery complicates this matter. If Hayti had been a white Republic or Empire, this Government would never have united with European Powers to put it down, and have sponsored their menaces against it. It was peculiarly antagonistic and interesting of the Slave Power which has been working to obtain, through the medium of a Dominican Republic, a foothold in Hayti, for the purpose of operating against the black race there, which led the American Government, in gross violation of the Monroe Doctrine, to send a fleet to encourage the joint intervention of England and France in the affairs of this hemisphere—and the result shows that, under the lead of this miserable sectional power, it has played directly into the hands of France. Now, suppose French colonialism, or Spanish colonialism, that is the Government to do? If it acquiesces, our declaration against European intervention in the concerns of this New World will be treated with contempt, and we shall be more insecure than if it had never been proclaimed.

It is well to ask, in this connection, "What should France, we must go to war. What, then, would be our position? Dominion, that is white? Republic, we have been trying to warp into life, would be the ally of France, and Sologne the necessary ally of the United States! How would that be? Slavery? It is a mere municipal regulation? And yet? To this complication it must come, if France, having taken possession of Samana, should resolve to retire, unless this Government, indeed, is prepared to set its own words, and lay itself open to indignity and aggression. It may be a question of retaliation, crookedness, and wrongness in the conduct of our Foreign Relations; it is this Element of negro slavery! Under its influence, "the good that we would, we do not, and the evil that we would not that we do."

With England, France alone are difficulties here. With England, and we have an unsettled question in Central America; and, if report speak truth, we have there also waivered the doctrine of the Monroe declaration. With England, and France, and Spain, we have the great controversy about Cuba. Our entire policy in relation to it is now known. The

American Government has worked hard for the acquisition of that important island. It has offered two hundred millions of dollars for it. It has sought to frighten Spain, by holding up the prospect of a blockade, and by the grasping desires of England. It has announced that it will resist its acquisition by any other Power, with all the means at its disposal. It disclaims any purpose to extend the island, by force or fraud, so long as it shall remain in the hands of a foreign Power. It has sought to wrangle over the island, but it has not succeeded. It has sought to acquire it by any other Power, with all the means at its disposal. It disclaims any purpose to extend the island, by force or fraud, so long as it shall remain in the hands of a foreign Power. It has sought to wrangle over the island, but it has not succeeded. It has sought to acquire it by any other Power, with all the means at its disposal. 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