

PRO-SLAVERY BIBLE.

CHAPTER I.

1. "He that stealeth a man," *except* he has African blood in him, "and selleth him, or if he be found in his hand," *except* the laws forbid emancipation, "he shall surely be put to death."

2. "Thou shalt have no other gods before me," *except* when slaveholders enact, that a slave "owes to his master and to all his family a respect *without bounds*, and an *absolute obedience*." See *Law of Louisiana*.

3. "For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the Lord; I will set him in safety from him that puffeth at him," *unless* he is a slaveholder,

4. "Deliver the poor and needy; rid them out of the hand of the wicked," *except* some ecclesiastical body advise you "wholly to refrain."

5. "The Lord executeth righteousness and judgement for *all* that are oppressed," *except* slaves and colored people.

6. "He that despiseth his neighbor," *except* he has a colored skin, "sinneth."

7. "Rob not the poor," *except* they are black, "because he is poor—for the Lord will plead their cause, and spoil the soul of those that spoiled them," *except* they are slaveholders.

8. "Open thy mouth for the dumb," *except*

they are slaves: "plead the cause of the poor and needy," only don't "desecrate the holy Sabbath" by doing so on that day.

9. "So I returned and considered all the oppressions that are done under the sun," *except* in the slaveholding states.

10. "Relieve the oppressed," *except* they are slaves.

11. "For they shall cry unto the Lord, because of the oppressors, and he shall send them a Saviour and he shall deliver them," *if* the slaveholders will let him.

12. "He that despiseth the gain of oppression" is a great fanatic.

13. "Cry aloud," [not against slaveholding,] "spare not" [the abolitionist;] "lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people" [except they are members of *our* church] "their transgressions and their sins," *except* they are slaveholders.

14. "Is not this the fast I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness," when the laws of the state will let you, "to undo the heavy burdens," if slaveholders don't oppose it; "and let the oppressed go free," *except* they are slaves, "and that ye break every yoke," *except* it is *inexpedient*.

15. "Thus saith the Lord, execute judgment in the morning, and deliver him that is spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor," *except* he is a **slaveholder**.

16. "Wo unto him that useth his neighbor's services without wages," unless he first make a slave of him.

17. "Search the scriptures," if slaveholders will let you: not without.

18. "What God has joined, let no man put asunder," *except* slaveholders; they may part husbands and wives at pleasure.

19. "Ye know that they which are accounted, to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and their great ones exercise authority upon them. But so it shall *not* be among you," *except* you are owners of slaves, or slave drivers.

20. "Ye devour widows' houses"—"therefore ye shall receive greater damnation," *except* ye are slaveholders.

21. "Let every man have his own wife," *except* he is a slave, "and every woman her own husband," *except* she is a slave.

22. "Wives submit to your own husbands," *except* you are slaves; in that case you must "submit to any white man," or you may "receive thirty lashes on" the "bare back well laid on:" or if you "shall assault and strike such white person" you "may be lawfully killed."*

23. Keep thyself pure," *except* you are a slave and white men choose to defile you.

24. Parents bring up your children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord," *except* they are slaves; then bring them up for the market.

* See Laws of Kentucky, S. Carolina and Georgia.

25. Children obey your parents," unless slaveholders forbid it.

26. "Preach the gospel to every creature," *if* slaveholders will let you.

27. "Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty," *except* where slaveholders choose not to have any.

28. He that will not work neither shall he eat," unless he is a slaveholder.

29. "Honor all men," *except* colored people and abolitionists.

30. "Render to all their dues," *except* slaves.

31. "Masters, give unto your servants that which is just and equal," *except* they are slaves.

32. "Forbearing threatening," *except* you are slaveholders, or slave drivers, then you could not keep up your "domestic institutions" without.

33. "The law is made for men-stealers," and not for those who inherit stolen men, and *baby* stealers; for then it would condemn "Dr. Capers, Dr. Pierce, and Dr. Olion,* and all those 'Patriarchal slaveholders,' who enslave the babies born on their plantations.

34. "Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you. Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Behold the hire

* Bp. H. affirmed at the N. E. Conference that Drs. Capers, Pierce, and Olion, were slaveholders.—ED.

of the laborers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth; and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of Sabbaoth."

Such is the *practical* reading of the bible by pro-slavery men. Thus do they derive comfort and encouragement in approving or apologizing for a system of iniquity. With all the foregoing texts before their eyes (says a satirical writer) how can any person be so fanatical, and stupid as not to see that the bible is a pro-slavery book!

A SHORT CATECHISM,

ADAPTED TO ALL PARTS OF THE UNITED STATES.

1. Why is American slaveholding in all cases not sinful?

Because its victims are *black*.

2. Why is gradual emancipation right?

Because the slaves are *black*.

3. Why is immediate emancipation wrong and dangerous?

Because the slaves are *black*.

4. Why ought one-sixth portion of the American population be exiled from their native soil?

Because they are *black*.

5. Why would the slaves, if emancipated, cut the throats of their masters?

Because they are *black*.

6. Why are our slaves not fit for freedom?

Because they are *black*.

7. Why are American slaveholders not thieves, tyrants, and men-stealers?

Because their victims are *black*.

8. Why does the Bible justify American slavery?

Because its victims are *black*.

9. Why ought not the Priest and the Levite, "passing by on the other side," to be sternly rebuked?

Because the man who has fallen among thieves, and lies weltering in his blood, is *black*.

10. Why are abolitionists fanatics, madmen, and incendiaries?

Because those for whom they plead are *black*.

11. Why are they wrong in their principles and measures?

Because the slaves are *black*.

12. Why is all the prudence, moderation, judiciousness, philanthropy, and piety on the side of their opponents?

Because the slaves are *black*.

13. Why ought not the free discussion of slavery to be tolerated?

Because its victims are *black*.

14. Why is Lynch law, as applied to abolitionists, better than common law?

Because the slaves, whom they seek to emancipate are *black*.

15. Why are the slaves contented and happy?
Because they are *black*.

16. Why don't they want to be free?
Because they are *black*.

17. Why are they not created in the image of God?

Because their skin is *black*.

18. Why are they not cruelly treated, but enjoy unusual comforts and privileges?

Because they are *black*.

19. Why are they not our brethren and countrymen?

Because they are *black*.

20. Why is it unconstitutional to pity and defend them?

Because they are *black*.

21. Why is it a violation of the national compact to rebuke their masters?

Because they are *black*.

22. Why will they be lazy, improvident, and worthless, if set free?

Because their skin is *black*.

23. Why will the whites wish to amalgamate with them in a state of freedom?

Because they are *black*.

24. Why must the Union be dissolved, should congress abolish slavery in the District of Columbia?

Because the slaves in that District are *black*.

25. Why are abolitionists justly treated as outlaws in one half of the Union?

Because those whose cause they espouse are *black*.

26. Why is slavery the "corner stone of our republican edifice?"

Because its victims are *black*.

We have thus given twenty-six replies to those who assail our principles and measures—that is, one reply, unanswerable and all-comprehensive, to all the cavils, complaints, criticisms, objections, and difficulties which swarm in each state in the Union, against our holy enterprise. The victims are BLACK! "That alters the case!" There is not an individual in all this country, who is not conscious before God, that if the slaves at the South should be to-day miraculously transformed into men of white complexions, to-morrow the abolitionists would be recognised and cheered as the best friends of their race; their principles would be eulogised as sound and incontrovertible, and their measures as rational and indispensable. Then, indeed, immediate emancipation would be the right of the slaves, and the duty of the masters! IS IT NOT SO?

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