

*and to walk humbly with their God."* But what will men think of the religion of Christ, and how are they likely to act in regard to it, when they see its professors ruthlessly trampling on justice and mercy, and walking the while most haughtily before high Heaven? The Christian slaveocracy in the neighbouring States, including ministers and people, are doing what they can to induce the uninvestigating multitude to conclude that the truth of God is a lie—that the blessed Gospel of Christ is a delusion and a snare. We may well wail over the conduct of the one, but we can hardly wonder at the conclusion of the other, so outrageously opposed to the spirit and the precepts of the Gospel, are slave-holding and the advocacy of slavery. More entire or more manifest antagonism there could not be. The profession of honesty and practice of theft; the avowal of kindness while perpetrating cruelty, would not be more grossly inconsistent; indeed Christian slave-holders and their abettors strikingly illustrate these loathsome incongruities. It has long puzzled our judgment and taxed our charity, to conceive and believe that those who steal or deliberately hold in bondage their fellow creatures can be *real* Christians—can be persons "born of the Spirit"—"created anew in Christ Jesus. We gratefully glory in the abounding grace of God that can reach and rescue the very chief of sinners; but surely that grace, sooner or later, slays sin in the heart, and arrests it in the life, of all its recipients. Divine grace will obtain the mastery over the adverse influences of early training, of after-education, and of worldly interests, as well as over the heart's native depravity. But where there is no "turning from sin unto God"—where there are no "works meet for repentance;" but, on the contrary, a dogged and boastful perseverance in sin, a "glorying in shame," and all this, despite earnest and repeated reproofs, What, we ask, can the largest and tenderest Christian charity do, but submit to the painful conclusion that those guilty of such things, are deceiving themselves in supposing that they are real and loving disciples of Jesus Christ, and that they are doing Him foul dishonour in calling themselves by His name? Will facts allow us to entertain the idea that these are "times of ignorance" at which God will wink? The abundance of Bibles, and the ample means afforded of acquiring religious knowledge, promptly and emphatically answer, No! The Sun of Righteousness shines brightly on the neighbouring land of bondage, so that the oppressors there cannot be sheltered or excused by the plea of ignorance. Their guilt would be far less, and the character of christianity would fare better were they shrouded in a night of ignorance, as moonless and starless as that which covers Dahomey or Ashantee. But they "dwell in day." They enjoy abundantly the light of gospel truth. Many of them are lusty professors of christianity, yea, some of them are ministers of the gospel of peace! Hence their conduct toward their brethren of sable hue causes blank astonishment, and calls for bitter lamentation. That professed servants of Jesus Christ, men gifted and accomplished in no