

identical with that of the American Tract Society. This was first made manifest in the year 1848 through the suppression of a book which contained a description of the condition of slaves. This book was prepared from an edition of the London Tract Society, by the late Rev. Thos. H. Gallaudet of Hartford, and after his careful revision was published with the approval of the Committee of the S. S. Union. But on the representation of an officer of the Society at the South, it was suppressed. The book is the story of "*Jacob and his Sons*," and the offensive passage is as follows.

"What is a slave, mother?" asked Mary, "is it a servant?"

"Yes," replied her mother, "slaves are servants; for they work for their masters and wait on them; but they are not hired servants; but they are bought and sold like beasts, and have nothing but what their masters choose to give them. They are obliged to work very hard, and sometimes their masters use them cruelly, beat them, and starve them, and kill them; for they have nobody to help them. Sometimes they are chained together and driven about like beasts."

"Poor things!" said Mary; "but why do not they leave their masters when they use them ill? The other day Margaret left you, mother, because she was tired of living here, though you never treated her unkindly: I wonder that the slaves live with their masters who are not kind to them."

"They do not like to be slaves," answered her mother; "but they are not permitted to leave their masters whenever they wish. Servants are paid for working for their masters and mistresses, and, if they do not like to stay, they may go and live somewhere else. But the poor unhappy slaves are obliged to stay with their master as long as he chooses to keep them. And if the master is tired of his slaves, then he may sell them to another if he wishes to."

The reason the Committee gives for suppressing the book is as follows:—

"It appears that the book in question was reprinted from an English copy, nearly twenty years since, when the state of public feeling on this subject was very different from what it is at present, and when such a passage (though as