

their manner and conduct, of nothing are they so afraid as doing anything that would cause their removal from the school?"

CASES OF FUGITIVES.—I speak in general of the children, as it would be an injustice to say the colored children were not equally improved, and as well conducted as their white schoolfellows. The circumstances connected with the history of many of these poor children, must render them an object of interest to every Christian heart. I may mention two or three cases:—

A brother and sister named H——. Their father, a Virginian planter, treated them and their mother, a fair, interesting young woman, with great kindness for many years; suddenly he took it into his head to start for California, and with the other slaves on his property, actually offered the mother, and his own children, for sale. She telegraphed to her father, then at a distance of 500 miles. Poor C—— had himself been a slave, and had purchased his freedom for 2000 dols. He arrived at the moment when his daughter and her children were exposed by the unnatural monster on the block for sale. Having by honest industry saved 700 dols., he became the purchaser of his daughter at that price. Free herself, she fled that night with her two interesting children to Canada, and settled in London.

A family of seventeen persons of the name of B——,—a mother, daughters, and grandchildren, succeeded in making their escape and reaching this place in the early part of last spring. The grandmother and daughters, being the children of white fathers, are exceedingly fair and good looking. Their sad history is, alas! one too common among persons of their class, held in the cruel bonds of slavery. Their personal attractions proved to them a curse. In their own words, they fled from the double bondage of soul and body; two of them succeeded in bringing their children with them. Young, fair, blue eyed, interesting little ones, who regularly attend the Day and Sunday school, with three of their aunts.

Four S——'s, three sisters and a brother. The case of the father of these poor children exhibits, in language beyond expression, the awful results and cruel curse of slavery. A pious, inoffensive, and industrious man, he declared he would rather have worked to purchase his freedom, if permitted; but, goaded to madness from the cruelty of the treatment to which he was subjected, he succeeded under God's mercy, with his family, in making his escape to Canada. It is not too much to say that every muscle of his legs, arms, and back, are contracted from the cruel tortures to which this poor man has been subjected under the application of the lash; large pieces have been literally cut from the body, and there are periods when the whole frame becomes fearfully convulsed. Mr. Ballantine was the first to find them out. Upon his entering the house, the mother exclaimed, "You are the first white man that has ever crossed my threshold except for evil or cruel purposes,—God bless and prosper you for your Christian love."

S—— A——. This child's father presents a case of as stern integrity as is to be found in the history of our race: his wife