

millions of slaves should be set at liberty, but I doubt very much whether the Bible warrants us to wage war even for objects so desirable. A bonus might be given to the owners of slaves, as was done by Britain in the West Indies—or some other method might be adopted to liberate the oppressed besides that of employing physical force. Different individuals may view this subject differently but it has always appeared to me that both sections of the Union would succeed better than they now do had each a government of its own. Their interests are so diverse that it is all but impossible to frame laws acceptable to both. I have no desire to see slavery perpetuated.—*The Bible, humanity and common sense* are alike opposed to it.—Let all who are convinced of the evil of slavery use all their influence (short of physical force) for its overthrow.—Slavery existed in the days of Christ and his apostles but the weapons of their warfare were not carnal, yet powerful for the pulling down the strongholds of sin and Satan.

J. D.

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[We are always glad to hear from our old friend J. D. And though we differ from him on sundry points to which he refers in the above, we can agree to differ, and give full liberty, within certain limitations, to our contributors to express their views and convictions. M.]

“AND THOU SHALT CALL HIS NAME JESUS.”

O! what a soul inspiring theme,
For thought, and praise and love,
Is he, who though by us unseen,
Now pleads our cause above.

His loving heart o'er sinners yearns,
And pity fills his breast:
And to the wand'rer who returns,
To seek his promised rest.

To walk fore'er in wisdom's ways,
Still guided by his love,—
Their mourning he will turn to praise,
And every fear remove.

And sweetest pleasure such retain,
And bliss beyond they see,
Where free from sin without a stain,
Through all eternity,