

## WITNESSES AGAINST SLAVERY.

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THE author of "Martyria" and "Euthanasy" has lately been speaking to the people of Gloucester, Mass., on the Nebraska Bill. His address is published at large in the Boston Religious Magazine. In the following passage there is evidence from many witnesses, fitly and eloquently joined together.

This great crime of extending slavery, let a man assent to it in the light of this age, and in the light of this age he shall be reproached by every generous sentiment that is abroad, and by every earnest aspiration that is reaching upwards for strength, and indeed by every true book he tries to read. He shall hear tones he never seemed to hear before, tones of just condemnation on him, from Chaucer in the early dawn of our era, and from Spenser and Massinger, and from the gentle Tennyson and from Bryant. Let him try to read, and he shall find himself the contempt of Shakspeare, and accursed by Milton, alienated from the company of Roscoe and Macaulay, spurned from communion with Landor, and become a mark for the thunderbolts of Burke. Let him try to read, and from one page and another shall glare upon him painfully the names of Clarkson and Brougham and Wilberforce and Channing. Let him try to read, and he shall find himself no company for Crabbe or Wordsworth or Campbell or Coleridge or Lamb or Moore or Hood. Let him try to read; and in Byron, page after page, he shall find himself cursed in every way but by name. Let him try to read;