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The following corollaries are amply sus-
tained by the language of the slave codes
themselves:—1. Man, created in the image of
of God, is reduced to a thing. 2. Man is
robbed of his invaluable right to liberty,
and is held in perpetual captivity. 3. Man
can own no property, and is daily plundered
of the fruits of his toil. Christ says, "The
laborer is worthy of his hire." But the slave-
holder says, "I will yoke him with the brutes,
and he shall work for me without any com-
pensation, other than what the brutes re-
ceive." 4. Man can make no contract. God
has established the marriage relations; and
Christ has said, "What therefore God hath
joined together let not man put asunder."
The slave-holder denies this right, and forbids
to marry—not a single slave in the United
States is legally married. The nominal mar-
riages they contract are not marriages in the
proper sense of the word, and may be, and
are broken at any time, to suit the will or
interest of the master. These ties are wick-
edly and cruelly sundered every day. Look,
then, at the awful state of concubinage forced
upon the millions of slaves in the South by
the statute law of the Slave States. 5. Man
is denied the benefits of education, and is
compelled to disobey the divine command to
"search the Scriptures." The Bible is a sealed
book to the slave—sealed by the express