

GOD'S FREE-MAN.

“ I HAVE known,”—said one, who had been a slave,—the other day in a crowded hall of one of our English barrack towns, “the awful bondage of a double slavery—slavery of body for nearly twenty-nine years to southern masters, and slavery of soul to the devil.”

“I know the glorious sense of emancipation from earth's slavery, proclaimed by Abraham Lincoln, and the more wondrous, the more glorious freedom through Jesus, the Son of God, and whom the Son makes free is free indeed. But I tell you, dear friends, saved or unsaved, if I had the power and was compelled to choose between going back to the bitterest slavery of the south, with its chains, its floggings, its whipping posts, its ignorance, its persecutions, but still to have Jesus as my friend and Saviour—to choose, I say, between all that with Christ, and the more attractive-looking life of a millionaire without Christ, without Jesus, I would say, “Here are my hands, bind them with chains; here is my back, scourge it as you will; treat me worse than your cattle, make me the victim of the most terrible type of earth's slavery, but still to have Jesus I would gladly choose to go back to all this.”

His price is beyond rubies. “Oh! taste and see that the Lord is gracious.”