

bulwark of the Missouri Compromise was broken down; and the Slave Power, stimulated and sustained by cotton and cupidity, became open masters of the nation and the nation's councils. Territory before made sacred to liberty by solemn law of the United States, was then laid open for the pollution of slavery. It was an audacious conquest, barbarous in its prominent purpose, and, in its operation, enlarging the domain of barbarism. But that great and outwardly prosperous nation will find out sometime, mayhap ere long, that there is a higher power in the universe than cotton; higher interests than commercial interests; and a law, a "higher law," which politicians may not defy with impunity. Multitudes of noble minds and generous hearts, in the United States, know and feel all this already. And now that this last blow has been successfully struck against justice and an advancing civilization, they think that the stroke has aroused the conscience of the nation, and that the cause of freedom will be a speedy gainer by the reaction. Already have peaceful hosts emigrated from the north, resolved to reconquer a portion of the fair soil to the exclusive domain of liberty. Already has the ballot-box been made to speak more significantly on the side of humanity. Already has a current set in to renew and strengthen the nation's faith that "a *man* is of more value than the golden wedge of Ophir,"* or the cotton crop of Carolina. O, that that youthful giant nation were true to the grand ideas which gave it birth!

In the tumult of war and the movement of slavery which we have noticed we have seen man as a prime agent and immediate moving power. His hands deliberately raised the warlike weapons in Europe. His