

general colportage operations in dissemination a pure knowledge, by man's authority, of Christianity. See catalogue of 8 long folio pages, obtained at U. C. Tract Society's Rooms, Toronto.

A want of sterling honesty with humility, in religious Teachers and in their profession, does much mischief to enquiring and truthful minds—and in the world—and is a curse to Christianity and to the Cross of Jesus Christ.

JOHN J. E. LINTON.

Stratford, C. W., March 17th, 1856.

See advertisement of 'A Minister for Sale,' and List of Publications, Nov., 1855. [Nos. 6 and 7.]

(Notice, No. 10.)

### Slavery--Republicanism

In the name of **Humanity** I make this Appeal to Canadians!

Various Books, Tracts, Hymn Books, Periodicals, &c., &c., (some of them incorrect copies) of the Societies and Religious bodies in the United States, which are named below, are circulated and sold in Canada, by colporteurs [book carriers], by Tract Societies and by others. These American societies and bodies I have unremittingly, for some time past, publicly denounced and proved, as Pro-Slavery or Silent, and some [if not all] formed especially on a Republican Basis or foundation, and opposed even on such principles to our British institutions. Though many of these Societies, &c., have been shamed as it were, [since religious, humane, and Godwise principles are apparently trampled under foot,] to discontinue their sinful and inhumane practices, in a Free and a British Province, yet I am led to believe that clandestinely or otherwise, such evil practices are continued and encouraged.

I therefore appeal to all laymen in Canada,—to all men and women of humanity who are opposed to the sin and curse of Slavery, and who hail our noble Province as a land and an asylum for the free,—for the oppressed,—and for the Fugitive from American-Christian slavery,—to aid in *discountenancing* in our free Province of Canada the circulation of such books, tracts, &c., and having any fellowship with such societies.

The Societies referred to are:—

1. The American Tract Society, New York.

2. The American Sunday School Union, Philadelphia.

3. The Presbyterian Board of Publication, Chesnut-street, Philadelphia.

4. The Methodist Episcopal Church, (north) Book concern, 200 Mulberry-st, New York.

5. The American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia, and American Baptist Missionary Union, Boston. [All Baptists of United States, except the "Free Will" and the "Free Baptists," are either pro-slavery or silent—see "Facts for Baptist's Churches," p. 408.]

6. American and Foreign Bible Society, [Baptist,] and the American Bible Union, [Baptist,] Nassau and Broome-streets, N. York.

7. American Bible Society, Astor Place N. Y., with many others, of whose pro-slavery and silent character reliable information can be obtained at 48 Beekman-street, N. Y.

Let the touchstone question be put: "What books, tracts, &c., do you publish, circulate, or sell, against Slavery—and are the Bibles circulated amongst the "bond and the free"—and let proof be produced on the spot, as Canadians have been deceived. As a resident Scotch emigrant

of 23 years in Canada, I have been deceived—sinfully so.

J. J. E. LINTON.

Stratford, C. W., July 8, 1856.

### (VALUABLE BOOK.)

#### Facts for Baptist Churches.

Collected, arranged and reviewed by Rev. A. T. Foss, and E. Mathews.—[Free Mission Baptists]—p. 408—Baptist Free Mission Society—1850.

This is a book which NO BAPTIST in Canada—lay or clerical—should be without. It is surprising to find, that the pro-slavery imbibings of the American Baptist Churches should be honoregated by the Regular Baptists in Canada. Witness the Grand Ligne Mission of Canada East,—and the regular Baptists of Canada, their organ the *Christian Messenger* of Brantford, C. W. There is no use of shamming the matter. Let Lay Baptists search and find. The American Free Missionists—commonly called the "American Free Baptists, [Secretary, Rev. A. L. Post, Montrose, Pennsylvania], and the "Free Will Baptists" of Dover, New Hampshire, U. S., [two distinct bodies,] are open Anti Slavery churches, and compose part of the few referred to, who denounce slavery. The Union Baptists of Canada, *Gospel Tribune*, of Toronto, by Rev. R. Dick,] are also free from the sin and curse of Slavery.

Wesleyan Methodists of Canada, with your despotic organ, the *Christian Guardian*, and fellowshiping with pro-slavery Methodist E. Church [North,] of 200 Mulberry-street, New York,—what do you also say—Lay Methodists, search and find.

J. J. E. L.

June 30, 1856.

(Notice, No. 11.)

#### Upper Canada Tract Society—Slavery.

The public are notified that colporteurs from this Society [Yonge-street, Toronto], contrary to all just and honest expectations, are perambulating the streets, highways, and sidelines of this country, with books of pro-slavery *Silent American Tract Society*, of Nassau street, New York.

J. J. E. L.

Stratford, C. W., July 17th, 1856.

(Notice, No. 14.)

### CAUTION!

#### Slavery Fellowship and Methodism—Imposition.

1st. The Methodist Episcopal Church (north) of the United States, has countenanced and still continues by its discipline to countenance, the iniquitous system of Slavery!—of the holding, buying and selling of human beings—souls and bodies of men, women and children. Their class-leaders, Ministers and members, buy, hold and sell slaves. Ministers of religion, with authority and license to preach the blessed Gospel of Christ, being slaves, have been sold in the public market as goods and chattels—as a pig or a horse! Their chief publishing place is at No. 200 Mulberry-street, New York. [See title page of their books, &c., and as referred to in the *Christian Guardian*, of Toronto.

2nd. The Canada Wesleyan Methodist Church, Rev. Enoch Wood, of Toronto, President of Conference, *fellowships* with countenance and receives, the above Methodist Episcopal Church [north] as a church equally as one with themselves.—They sell and circulate their books, &c., in Canada; nay, more, got their Canada Sunday Advocate, printed at No. 200 Mulberry-street, being a copy, or next to one,

of the same kind of publication printed and circulated from New York by the M. E. Church [north]. They also call it 'Our Church' and our 'Mother Church.' They permit, or send ministers of their churches in Canada, to preach and labour in the U. S. under said church. They had delegates [Revs. John Ryerson and Richard Jones] at the Quadrennial General Conference of the Methodist E. Church [north] at Indianapolis, Indiana, in May, '56, at which these Rev. gentlemen delivered speeches, which contained not a word of remonstrance or advice as to the sin and evil of Slavery—so existing in their midst. And they also preached. The editor of the *Christian Guardian* was there also. Reliable copies of the proceedings are in my possession.

3. The British laws declare Slavery, and all traffic and participation, in the same, as **Felony!** Are we, Canadians, under the humane and general government of the British Empire, are we, a loyal people, to be supporters by aid, advice or money, of any such Body or Bodies, which countenance and fellowship with pro-slavery Bodies! Are we! Whilst the highest and noblest in Briton's land, as well as the lowest, who support and traffic or have property in slavery, are liable to the pain and penalties of that British law, are we free from it? Shall we prefer Republican maxims, religious and political, to our free monarchical institutions!

4. The inhabitants of Stratford, and its vicinity [wherein also live the purchased human flesh and blood of Slavery, yes, bought with our cash]—we are called upon by public large handbills, to contribute on Sunday, the 23rd November, inst., and following days, by our money, to the support of the said Canada Wesleyan Methodist Church! The names of said Revd. Enoch Wood,—also Rev. Robert Cooney, D. D., of Guelph, and Rev. Lewis Warner, District Chairman, are stated in these handbills as to be present at the meeting!

5. The Subscriber will D. V. continue, as he refore, to take every means in his power [while the evils of said fellowship, &c. exist] which time, influence and money give him, with the aid of humane people, to endeavour to extirpate and do away with every kind of pro-Slavery FELLOWSHIP and religious imposition thereby, which has hitherto been, and continues to be, (for shame!) practiced on a Canadian and a loyal people, by several of our Religious Tract and book and other Societies, Churches, and ministers of religion, in Canada.

J. J. E. LINTON.

Stratford, C. W., Nov. 17th, 1856.

(Notice, No. 15.)

### Abominable Dishonesty, Hypocrisy and Imposition!

#### The American Tract Society and Slavery.—A. S. School Union.

"That abominable crime, the Slave Trade."—(Speech lately of Lord Palmerston, at Manchester, Eng.)

NOTE.—We had supposed that the true cause and prosperity, and pure indoctrination of christianity with loyal principles, in Canada, would, by this time, have been the heart's delight of every christian. If facts are any guide to us, it does not so appear.

Are any, and who are they, in Canada, as our ministers of religion, Religious Tract Societies, Colporteurs, and of our Religious papers, who yet support the American Tract Society or American Sunday School Union?

See the advertisement dated 28th Nov. of the *Child's Paper* and *American Messenger*, for 1857, of said Tract Society, in the *Montreal Witness*, of 29th November, —and compare such with the following article of the *Streetsville Review*, C. W., of same date, as to said *American Messenger*, &c. Will the *Montreal Witness*, by Jno. Dougall its proprietor, never be cured of hypocrisy, or dealing unfairly in religious matters—for there is an article in his said paper on the *desloyalty* of the Roman Catholics, when he knows, he ought to know as the conductor of a public and a religious journal, that the foundation of the American Tract Society is rank *Republicanism*,—besides spurious printing, and pro-slavery abasement! The publications of these Societies, he has previously reviewed and recommended, without any remonstrance, [see throughout 'Home Evangelisation' p. 171, published by American Tract Society, with its reflections against the Irish, &c., and which book, and others of that Society's books, and A. S. S. Union, for shame! are sold by the Upper Canada Tract Society, Toronto, and said advertisement in the *Witness* is signed 'James Milne' as depository of the Montreal Union Tract Society. For shame!

The American Sunday School Union dare not publish a sentence in favour of the freedom of the slave, or allude to the subject of slavery, and is also strictly *Republican!*

The sighs and tears, blood-stains and groans of slave humanity, are extorted for the support of the issues of Books of the Presbyterian Board of Publication [old school] at Philadelphia. Hear that, ye Free Presbyterians of Canada, who Colporteur their Books! The Wesleyan Methodists of Canada are duped by their Preachers for a similar support of a more dismal, direct and fraternal kind, as to their system! The 'Facts for Baptist Churches' speak in unmistakable language as to those the Regular Baptists of Canada fraternize with!

Let our own home and British reliable religious literature be put in our children's hands, such as 'The Children's Paper' published by T. Nelson and Sons at Toronto, etc., and so worthily recommended by a Canadian Press.

J. J. E. LINTON.

Stratford C. W., Dec. 1, 1856.

### "AMERICAN MESSENGER."

From the *Streetsville Review*, Nov. 29.

Such is the title of a monthly paper emanating from the American Tract Society and to circulate which in Canada exertions are at present being used.

From a prominent article in a number of this print now before us, we make the following excerpt:

"I feel it a duty to bear my solemn testimony against the spirit of the day you live in; to warn you against its infection. It is not Atheism I fear so much in the present times as *Pantheism*. It is not the system which says nothing is true, so much as the system which says everything is true; it is not the system which says there is no Saviour, so much as the system which says there are many Saviours, and many ways of peace. It is the system which is so liberal, that it dares not say anything is false. It is the system which is so charitable, that it will allow everything to be true. It is the system which seems ready to allow honour to others as well as our Lord Jesus Christ, and to hope well of all men, however contradictory their religious opinions may be. Confucius and Zoroaster, Socrates and Mahomet, the Indian Brahmins and the African devil-worshippers, Arius and Pelagius, Ignatius Loyola and Socinus, all are to be treated respectfully, none are to be condemned.—