

FAVOURABLE SYMPTOMS.

We cannot close, however, without saying that there are signs that slavery is wasting in some portions of the Union. "Emigration from the north has been slowly beating in upon Virginia and Maryland, renovating worn-out lands, and consolidating a population that neither own nor work slaves, and who show to all that surround them, the greater value of free labour. In Missouri the anti-slaveholding population has so largely increased during the last few years, that the question of emancipation has been boldly mooted in her Legislature, and though disposed of for the present by the slaveholding interest, is likely to come up again at the August election, when a large party are prepared to make it the issue on which the contest shall be waged at the polls. In 1851 the free men of Missouri were as 65 to 1 to the slaves; now they are as 132 to 1. On the borders of Iowa, Missouri is virtually free, and a Representative of St. Louis in the State Legislature, did not hesitate to say that 'emancipation is already actually going on in Missouri,' and in twenty-two counties of the State is 'practically accomplished.'"

Meanwhile, no one should look on, unsympathizing with the grievances of so many oppressed immortals. Surely the duty is more incumbent than less to strengthen, by all methods open to us, the hands of the friends of liberty and justice in the States. And were it but to renew our assurances of interest in their exertions, and to express our expectations from their perseverance and determination, were it but to pray to the Almighty for their success,—our meetings as a society are still called for, and should be continued.

On behalf of the Committee,

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