

freedom and progress. What does success to the Southern slave power imply—that is such success as they expected? It implies the extension of the slave power all around the gulf of Mexico, and finally, all through tropical America. The design has been entertained and expressed of making the slave power the ruling power on the American continent. Supposing the slave power had maintained its supremacy in the government of the United States, what would have been the result? The result would have been the employment of all the resources of the Government in time to come, as heretofore, in the interest of human bondage only in the future on a gigantic scale. And what was to hinder them doing as they pleased in all North America at least? We ought to be very thankful that a power has been raised up between us and this tremendous power to protect our homes. What would England and Canada do against a million or two of men in arms?

But nations here are punished for their crimes, and according to their crimes. The great sinners in this war, according to our ideas of right and wrong, are the slaveholders of the South,—for they are receiving the heaviest portion of judgments. Next, the Northern States are receiving their portion according to their works, for their complicity with slavery. England and France are also receiving their portions in the destitution of their people, and the general suffering caused by the war. The cup may pass through to us also here in Canada.

The idea that the South had grievances is a mere pretext. Their only grievance was that they could not re-open the slave trade, nor extend the dominion of slavery fast enough, nor far enough to satisfy their greed. Three fourths of the revenue was raised on goods used in the North, while the South obtained nearly one half of it for their nation, and then, as the Government has been administered in the interest of the South, and by Southern men, or by Northern men with Southern principles, this ado about this tariff for protection is a mere blind; for this tariff has been laid on by the Democratic party in power: that is, by the South, for purposes of revenue alone; as this is one of the doctrines of that party that has really been in power in the nation for the past thirty years. This manifest sympathy on our part in favour of the South doubtless arises from "the old hatred," caused by the revolution of '76. As to which has shown most ill will or most forbearance it might be difficult to determine. There are perhaps about an equal number on both sides that the name *Yankee* or *British* will raise to a fury at any time. As to George III., he was doubtless a good king, and better when old than while young. His afflictions may have had something to do with making him good, the same as other people. The evidence, however, is pretty plain that, like