

## 10 PRINCIPLES OF AMERICAN SLAVERY.

this christian land! What correspondence is there between the celebrations, festivities, and other displays of religious hilarity, both in christian and pagan lands, and this horrible system of chattel slavery, by which four millions of human beings are deprived of their God-given rights, robbed of every attribute of humanity, and reduced to the condition of mere property?

Many regard the excitement produced by the agitation of this subject a sufficient excuse for their indifference and inactivity. Others so undervalue the rights and privileges of the colored race as to induce them to scoff and gainsay their present condition. These are among the causes which have hitherto checked and retarded all progress in the attempts made towards emancipation, as also all improvement of the condition of the slave, in regard to the moral and physical sciences, mental cultivation, and general knowledge. The cry of these persons is, that the agitation of the question has rolled back the cause of emancipation fifty or a hundred years, if not more. This, say they, is a political question, belonging to the South, which we in the Northern States, in Canada, and in other parts of the world, have nothing to do with; and that it does not become us to meddle with their institutions. Just as though the down-trodden millions of the South have no claim to our sympathy, and that we have no inter-

est  
mar  
en"  
send  
and  
indi  
own  
No  
aris  
high  
the  
chur  
law  
mea  
vict  
at li  
may  
A  
incr  
ed i  
on  
dist  
mea  
ject  
ema  
tran  
A  
than  
Egy  
on  
terr  
red