

owe to the civilized world." "Last of all, in this great struggle, we defend the cause of God and religion."—"To the South the high position is assigned of defending, before all nations, the cause of all religion and of all truth,"—viz., by conserving and perpetuating the bondage of four millions of fellow-creatures, whose right to freedom is as certainly Heaven-sanctioned as their own.

We subjoin one short paragraph entire, as a sample of the reckless daring, and of the facile and elegant utterance that characterize this singular but very saddening discourse. After dealing at length and diffusely with the above-named topics, the preacher thus summarizes and asseverates :—

"This argument then which sweeps over the entire circle of our relations, touches the four cardinal points of duty TO OURSELVES, TO OUR SLAVES, TO THE WORLD, AND TO ALMIGHTY GOD. It establishes the nature and solemnity of our present trust to PRESERVE AND TRANSMIT OUR EXISTING SYSTEM OF DOMESTIC SERVITUDE, WITH THE RIGHT, UNCHANGED BY MAN, TO GO AND ROOT ITSELF WHEREVER PROVIDENCE AND NATURE MAY CONVEY IT." "This trust we will discharge in the face of the worst possible peril. Though war be the aggregation of all evils, yet should the madness of the hour appeal to the arbitration of the sword; we will not shrink from the baptism of fire. If modern crusaders stand in serried ranks upon some plain of Esdrælon, there shall we be in defence of our trust. Not till the last man has fallen behind the last rampart, shall it drop from our hands: and then only to surrender it to the God who gave it." What! God give Slavery to Americans in trust!!!

Passing over the blatant bravado so disgustingly exhibited, what think ye, christian readers, of the principles here advanced and advocated? Are they worthy of a christian minister? Are they worthy of a civilised or sane man? Are they not a disgrace to the age, and a libel on our common christianity? Humanity, reason and religion unitedly, prompt the cry of SHAME! Are we not warranted to say that woe awaits that land whose people could listen to such sentiments with approbation or even with tolerance?

But the christian advocacy of slavery is not confined to the Southern States, where oppression riots in all its loathsomeness, and has reduced to absolute rottenness the entire social system. There are christian ministers in the free North who disgrace their profession, and bring a stigma on christianity by officiously apologizing for, and even advocating on christian principles (as they have them) the abominable system of bondage that covers and curses the South.

There lies before us a sermon by John C. Lord, D.D., of Buffalo, preached 4th January, 1861, which, though containing many statements that are true, and sundry counsels that are good, is saturated with pro-slaveryism. The Dr. cordially approves of what he says were the sentiments of the North and the South, in regard to slavery, when the Constitution of the Union was framed. "In all