

all the Southern States have a worse evil to contend with than the mean and demoralised white. He is a man of quick improvement and rapid intellectual growth when placed beside the freed slave. The former will die out or be supplanted by fresh blood in a generation ; not so fast with the nigger ; naturally a man of low attainments, long years of slavery have made him worse. Brought up to work through the fear of the lash, totally uneducated, and taught to hold loose and immoral ideas by their masters, was it a matter of surprise that the nigger should hang himself on a rope of his master's and his own construction ? Was it a wonder that, after so many years of hard toil and degradation, he should drink too much of the spirit of freedom, and hunger very sorely after the fleshpots ? It is a just retribution. The tobacco and cotton planters of the generous South may complain of their hard lot in having the uneducated, vicious negro put politically, and in many respects socially, on a level with themselves ; but they must remember who it was that produced this calamity—who it was that fostered up the system of slavery so rudely destroyed by an all-powerful Creator. They are reaping a judgment for their evil ways ; and yet they were only the principal actors in the great drama of slavery. The politicians of the North added their support and moral influence to the trade in human blood. However, we must make a halt, as we do not intend to enter upon the great question of slavery in the States. Such is the State of Virginia at present, with its demoralised planter, its vicious and lazy labourer. The great question is, Can the negro be