

such free negroes . . . and for the punishment of persons who shall bring them into the State *or employ or harbour them therein.*

“ Whether of these twain thinkest thou was neighbour unto” this poor helpless negro slave ?

The one cry of the South is for peace. Is that a less Christian cry than the Northern shriek for blood and war ? “ Greek fire for the Southern masses, and HELL FIRE for their leaders !” Is it by lips hardened to such words as these that Christian duties and Christian charity are to be taught ?

My task is done. I do not presume to offer a final solution to the momentous question you have so boldly raised ; I do but suggest a reason here and there why it should not be summarily decided in the manner in which you have endeavoured to decide it. GOD be thanked that upon us in tranquil England the necessity for a decision is not forced. But it may be— I believe it is—only the more our bounden duty, in very gratitude for the exemption, to see, as far as in us lies, that our own countrymen at least do not abuse the advantages that have been given them, to render yet more grievous, through their injustice and misrepresentation, the difficulties of those on whom this heavy burden has been laid.

THE END.

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