

And now, dearly beloved brethren, with these few words of exhortation, we commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which shall build you up, and bring forth much fruit unto you, which are glorified.

WEST INDIA EMANCIPATION.

This great deed of justice and mercy has been pronounced by the pro-slavery advocate an entire failure. How falsely, the following extract from a speech delivered by G. Thompson, Manchester, England, shows most conclusively. He refers to the highest authorities. The first is Mr. Davy, brother of the illustrious chemist:

"Speaking of *Tobago*, he says, that, in 1847, there were among the emancipated slaves 786 registered freeholders, and that they were fast increasing, and would soon become a middle class. Of the negroes of *St. Vincent*, who number 26,000, he says, they have gone on improving since the time of slavery and apprenticeship, especially as regards industry, frugality, and thrift. Most of them have laid by money: a large number have become purchasers of land, and are indefatigable when working on their own account. Poverty and profligacy are almost unknown. One of the stipendiary magistrates, alluding to this happy circumstance, states: 'I do not recollect an instance, during a four years' residence on the island, of being once asked for alms'; and another, reports: 'The peasantry appear joyful and happy in their little homesteads; many of them possessing comfortable cottages on their patches of land, upon which they grow the sugar cane, and grind it on the neighbouring estates for half the produce, by which they obtain a considerable sum, besides the provisions they send to market, and their daily earnings whenever they choose to work on the sugar plantations. Thus they are in comparatively easy circumstances, and are fast approaching an important position in society.' The *Governor of this same island* says: 'When we turn to the great body of the native population, it is beyond all dispute that it has been the subject of progressive amelioration, both moral and physical. Seventeen years only have run their course since they were emancipated from a state absolutely opposed to all improvement; and with this recollection I record, not only my satisfaction, but a feeling of joyful surprise at the advances made by them during the six years to which my observation and experience have extended. As a general rule, they possess beyond all reasonable question most of the essential elements of progress, and in a pre-eminent degree natural intelligence and quickness of perception, sharpened by a praiseworthy desire to better their condition.' In *Antigua*, the testimony of the Governor is that the peasantry, since their emancipation, which was fully granted them on the 1st of August, 1834, have improved, and are an improving people. In orderly demeanour, in observance of the laws, in submission to constituted authorities, in respectful deportment towards their superiors, and in the discharge of many of the obligations of social life, they are eminently conspicuous. Three-fourths of the labourers on this island have cottages of their own, all built since emancipation, and each possessing a small freehold. They have a pride in the erection and adornment of these cottages, in the possession of property of their own, in striving to raise themselves in the ranks of social intercourse, and in promoting the advancement and welfare of their children. Friendly societies are established among them, and 15,588 persons are connected with these institutions. They have also established a saving bank. The account given of the emancipated population of *St. Christopher*, is not less favourable than that just quoted relative to *Antigua*. Their dwellings have rapidly increased since their freedom, in comfort, extent and durability. The establishment of villages, and the progress of free tenancy, promise

the total annihilation of the last remnant of the slave system. The Governor reports to the home authorities, that too much praise cannot be bestowed upon the population, who alone, by their industry and perseverance, are bringing about this desirable end. Other equally favourable traits are mentioned, indicative of good conduct and improvement, as the rareness of drunkenness, the diminishing number of convictions, the formation and well-doing of benefit societies, and the bearing contentedly a reduction of wages when the profits of the planter are reduced. The population of *Neris* is described as well-ordered and peaceable. No military force is stationed in the island, nor has it even a police, for neither is needed. The old villages on the estates have been nearly abandoned, and dwellings of a better description have supplied their place. The entire number of the emancipated peasantry is not more than 8,000; yet, in 1845, no fewer than 1,912 were enrolled in benefit societies, while of destitute paupers there were only 140. More than half of these freed persons belong to the Wesleyan Society.

"The enfranchised population of *Dominica* is about 20,000. In this island they are described as comfortable and prosperous, as shown in the frequent occurrence of weddings which are usually conducted in an expensive manner; by their decent appearance, domestic arrangements, habits, and modes of living, and especially in the greater care and attention they evince towards their children. The profitable result of their labour places at command, to an extensive degree, the comforts of life; little effort is requisite to obtain necessaries: the unlimited occupation of land, a most generous soil, and usually propitious seasons, combine to render them independent and happy. Poverty is a fiction!"—*Exchange Paper*.

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