

Very important of Anti-Sla-  
very reform.

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We have received from many quarters, letters relative to the W. Beecher a Lyceum. Before annotating upon them in the Mass, as we now mean to do, it is well to restate the cases pending between that institution & its antagonist, the New Beecher a Lecture Association. The term, antagonist, is used advisedly; for between the two there is a moral opposition, a moral contest, a moral repugnance.

The principle on which the original institution is conducted, is inhuman & wrong. It virtually excludes from its advantages those who most need them. It

Dollars on

situated in

in the County of

occupied

being not more than the actual value of said Property, as appears by the proposal of the said assured, lodged with the Secretary of this Company. *Provided always*, that this insurance is not intended to apply to, or cover any books of account, bills of exchange, notes, deeds, or securities of property of any kind, books, musical instruments, wearing apparel, plate, money, jewels, medals, paintings, statuary, or other curiosities, unless specified in this Policy. *It is also provided always*, that there shall be no Smoking in or about any Carpenters', Cabinet makers', Piano-Forfe makers', Wheelwrights', Turners', Carvers' or Coopers' Shops, or Stables, containing property herein insured, and it is *also provided always*, that there shall be no Alcohol or Spirit Gas used for inflammable purposes in any Building or Buildings containing Property herein insured, which are occupied for the purposes before mentioned.

**Nobb, be ff Bnobur,** That the absolute and conditional funds of said Company are hereby bound and subjected to satisfy and make good unto the said assured, happen to said Property, within the term aforesaid, according to the true intent and meaning of said By-Laws. Provided, nevertheless, that if the whole of the absolute, and conditional funds of said Company, should be insufficient to pay and satisfy all damages that may happen, in such case, a just average shall be made to the sufferers, and the payment to be demanded, in virtue of this Policy, shall be a dividend of said stock, in proportion to the sum insured, and the rate of damage.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Mechanics' Mutual Fire Insurance Company hath caused this Policy to be subscribed by their President, and countersigned by their Secretary, and sealed with their common seal, this first day of  
and forty

President.

Secretary.

takes the colored population, those whom the undeserived contempt & ill usage of society have degraded, those whom a cruel prejudice has condemned to ignorance, & increases their deprivations, by adding its own weight to their burden of proscriptions. Unless they will acknowledge themselves deserving of that contemptuous estimate, and give their sanction to that proscription by sitting apart from the rest of the assembly, in seats selected for them by the curators of the Lyceum, that institution condemns them, so far as its power goes, to perpetual ignorance.

This course of the Lyceum excited, as it ought to have done, the indignant condemnation of the New-England Abolitionists.

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No. 

**MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,**  
**MECHANICS'**  
**For Insuring Buildings and other Property against Damage by Fire.**

**This Policy of Insurance Witnesseth, That Whereas,**

Premium.

\$

Deposit.

\$

Liability

of  
 MECHANICS' MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, incorporated in the County of  
 to the By-Laws of said Company (hereto annexed,) paid the sum of  
 Dollars and  
 Dollars and  
 Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, to pay all such sum or sums as may be assessed by the President and Directors of said Company, pursuant to  
 the said By-Laws, but not in any event to exceed the sum of

a Member of the  
 agreeably

**In consideration of the Premises, the said**

Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, are hereby insured against Loss or Damage by Fire, under  
 the conditions and limitations expressed in the said By-Laws, and in this Policy, for one year from the first day of  
 at noon, the sum of  
 which will be in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty

Sum Insured.

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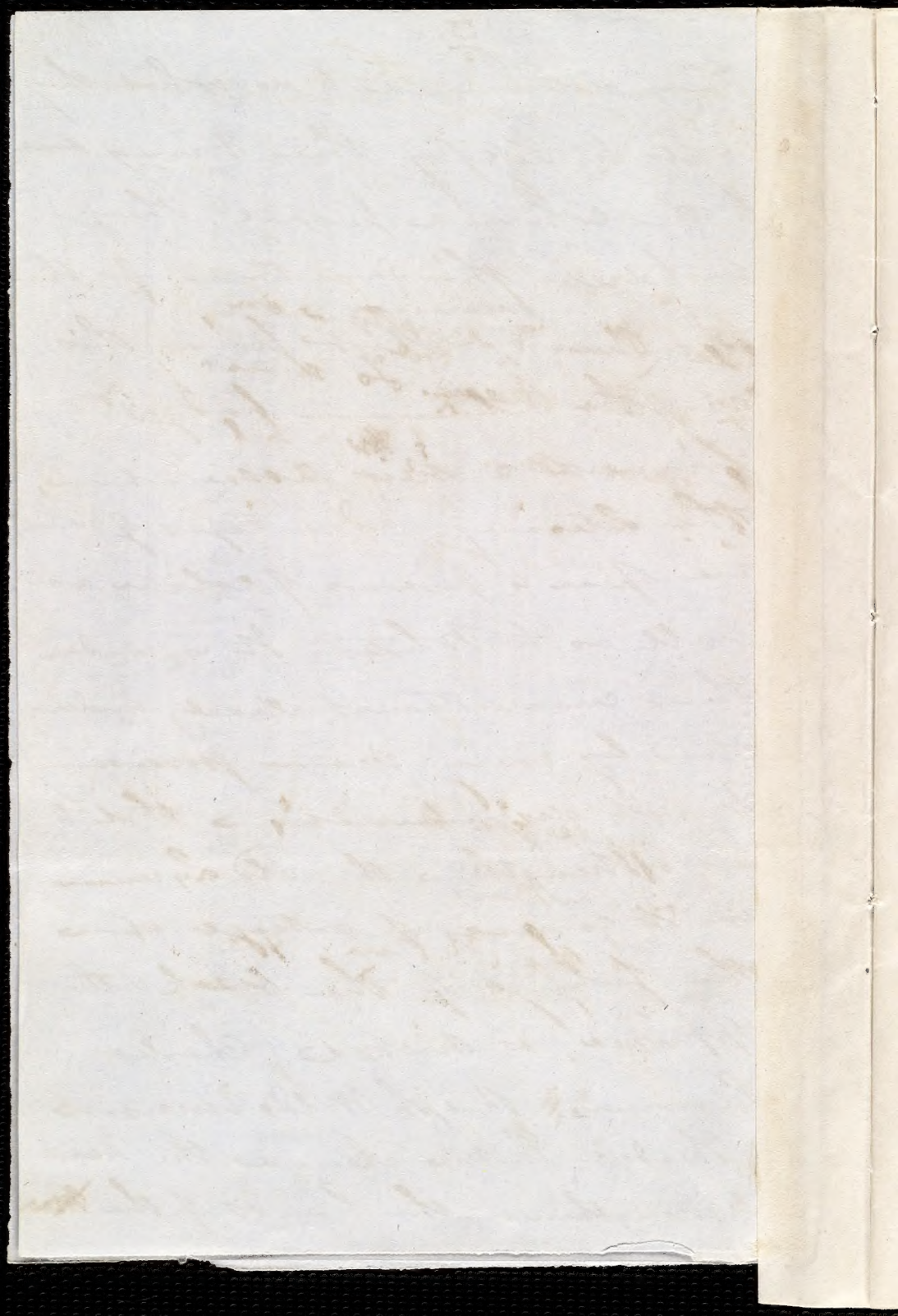
They determined to see what they  
 could to rectify the wrong done  
 to the colored people. They  
 withdrew the sanctions of their  
 presence & support from this  
 cruel & inhuman body, &  
 formed a new Association,  
 the literary advantages of which  
 are open to persons of colour as  
 well as to Whites. It is, under  
 these circumstances, clearly under-  
 stood by every man possessing  
 Moral discrimination, that to  
 aid & strengthen the old Lyceum,  
 in its course of outrage upon  
 the feelings of the weak & the  
 oppressed, is wicked. Charles  
 Sumner, Ralph Waldo Emerson  
 & Theodore Parker cheered the hearts  
 & strengthened the hands of the

are merely insured against Loss or Damage by Fire, under  
 which will be in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty

at noon, until the first day of  
 at noon, the sum of

Sum Insured.

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right-minded in their  
~~view of the matter~~  
to difficult task of reforming  
the public sentiment of the United  
States, by refusing to share the  
wrong-doing of the old <sup>Lycium</sup> ~~one~~,  
while they accepted the fellow-  
ship of the new <sup>one</sup>. To men of  
enlarged minds, & philosophical  
observations, & a feeling hearts,  
this did not seem a local quar-  
rel, a party spite or a personal  
controversy; but a conflict of  
principle, an obligation of duty,  
& a struggle for the welfare & rights  
of Mankind.

To the shame of our Country,  
it must be said, that there is  
hardly a town within its bound-  
aries, which does not need this  
example of the abhorrence of

NEW ENGLAND BANK,

Your NOTE for

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Dollars

Cents,

is due this day, and you are requested to pay the same.

E. P. CLARK, CASHIER.



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New Bedford: - Scarcely an individual out of the anti-slavery ranks whose means & injustice are not rebuked by the nobleness of Mr Sumner, Mr Parker & Mr Emerson.

The old Lyceum continues to make great efforts to sustain itself by inviting to its cooperation all the able lecturers far & near, & it does not make a principle of explaining to them the circumstances in which they <sup>will</sup> place themselves by accepting a fee of 20 dollars & travelling expenses ~~xxxx~~ is the inducement to lecture, & consequently every man accepts who is not aware of any reasons why

No. ██████████

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**MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,**  
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This Policy of Insurance Witnesseth, That Whereas,

of \_\_\_\_\_ in the County of \_\_\_\_\_ a Member of the \_\_\_\_\_  
MECHANICS' MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, incorporated the fifteenth day of April, A. D. 1836,  
to the By-Laws of said Company (hereunto annexed,) paid the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ agreeably  
Dollars and \_\_\_\_\_  
Dollars and \_\_\_\_\_  
Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, to pay all such sum or sums as may be assessed by the President and Directors of said Company, pursuant to  
the said By-Laws, but not in any event to exceed the sum of \_\_\_\_\_  
Cents, as Deposit, and the further sum of \_\_\_\_\_  
Cents, as Premium, and also bound and obliged

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Deposit.

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Liability

\$

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at noon, until the first day of \_\_\_\_\_  
at noon, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_  
which will be in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty

he should refuse; and it is understood that <sup>the Rev.</sup> Mr. Watson of Boston & other gentlemen, have accepted, on their ignorance of the facts, an invitation that they would have rejected had they been better informed.

The present is a suitable opportunity to assure them that the testimony which ought not to be lost through the fault of others, & which it is not too late to put our record by communication with both Disciples & with abolitionists generally through the columns of the Liberator or Standard, will greatly cheer & help the Cause of Freedom & Humanity. —

*From the Lib. a line of history.* A little water clears them from this

It is painfully interesting to observe the determined effort at

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in the year one thousand eight hundred

thousand.

Secretary.

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Self-deceptions which those  
Lecturers make, who, with full  
knowledge of the facts, give  
their assistance to the assault  
of the old Lyceum upon the  
people & the oppressed, & their  
sanctions to a vulgar & unhu-  
man prejudice which is both  
the cause & the effect of sla-  
very.

One Lecturer says, <sup>that</sup> <sup>he</sup>  
"dares say there is blame on  
both sides; - hates party spirit; -  
has excellent friends in both  
institutions; - believes both are  
doing good; - likes to preserve  
the juste milieu: - and  
should be willing if asked,  
to lecture for both, because it  
is a duty to improve every

NEW ENGLAND BANK,

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Opportunity of doing good by  
imparting knowledge." And  
So he stands first for the  
great common work which  
Americans have since '83  
proposed to themselves, of mak-  
ing, for the time being, an  
equal division of their influ-  
ence between God & Man.  
~~What a rejection~~  
Another lecturer has  
for years ministered to a  
congregation with whom  
he fears to lose his influ-  
ence by attacking their  
sinful prejudices against colour,  
and, his conscience ~~is~~ <sup>being</sup> scared  
& indurated by the perpetual  
presence of a "hepro pew," But  
he feels no self-reproach, as  
he prepares to strengthen abroad

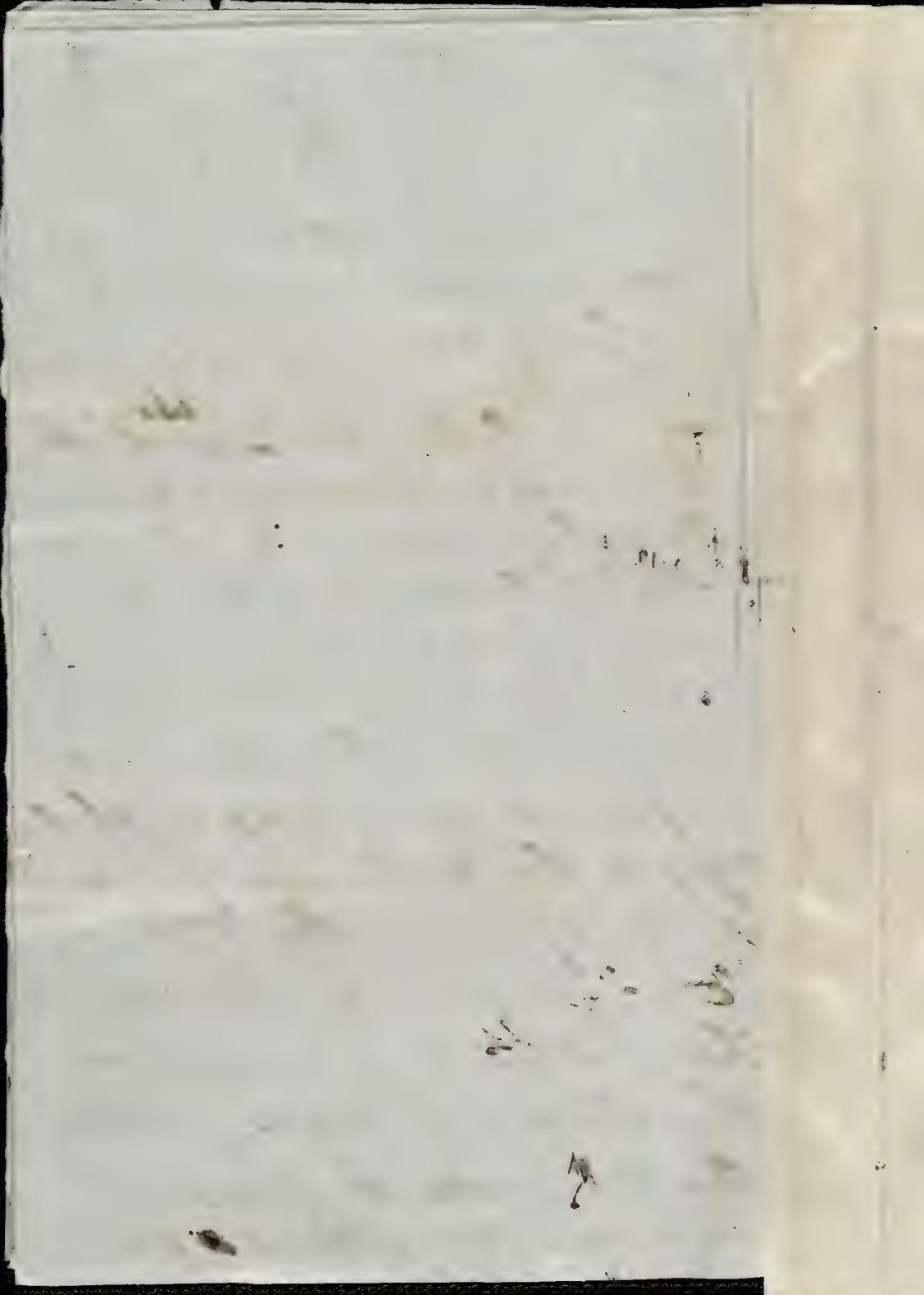




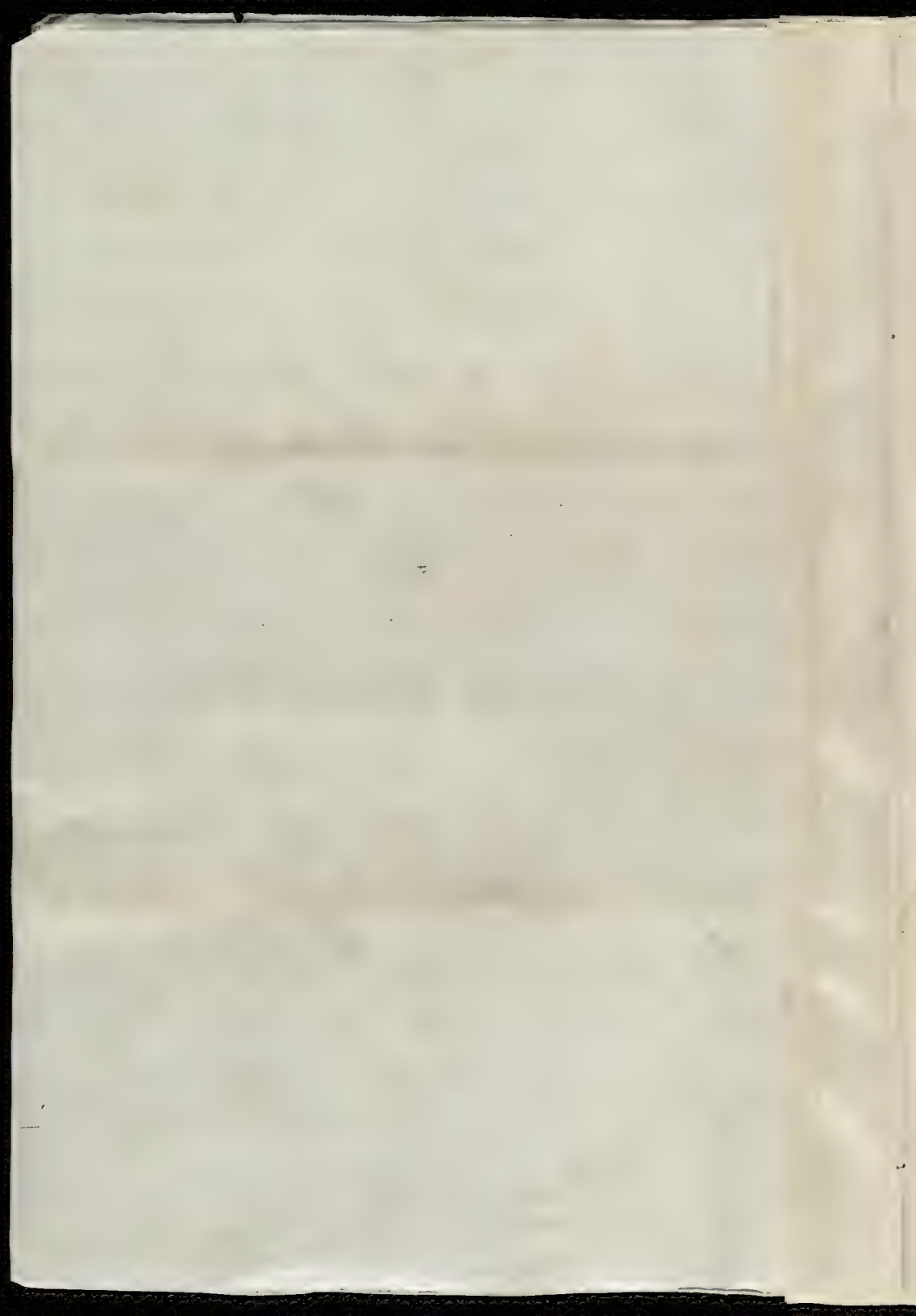
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the prejudice of which he is  
the slave at home.

Another still, an older,  
deeper, colder-hearted, cleve-  
er-headed man, enquires  
"thus begun, where shall  
we end? Coöperation with the  
Oppressor in his work of Proscrip-  
tion being received by him &  
all beholders as a sanction  
of wrong, we are of course  
equally bound to withdraw  
from the church as at  
present organized, on theo-  
logy to the exclusion of moral-  
ity: and from the state  
as at present constituted, of  
Householders & Free-men on  
the Basis of Negro Slavery.  
One step creates the necessity  
for a second & a third, till



All these are called to the choice  
 between good & evil: to the  
 Moral battle for the oppressed:  
 to the faithful rebukes of the  
 Oppressor: to the preaching of  
 that very gospel of Liberty  
 to the captive that Jesus  
 preached: of that very gospel  
 of remembrance of the fetters  
 that Paul taught: of  
 that very gospel of imman-  
 ent love that James  
 enunciates. They choose  
 the prejudice, forgetful selfish  
 Slavish part, & smother the  
 while about giving all the  
 literary information they can,  
 & the like! Alas —  
 "Never looks the choice momentary  
 till the Judgment has passed"



all things are unsettled.  
Better, far better that three  
Millions <sup>of blacks</sup> should continue to be  
Slaves, than that the institu-  
tions which secure the well be-  
ing of fourteen millions of whites  
should be shaken. "

Here insert  
from p. 12  
are

These <sup>of</sup> <sup>in</sup> <sup>unhappy</sup> <sup>degrees,</sup>  
are <sup>RA</sup> <sup>wicked</sup> men  
so blinded by their selfish-

ness as to have failed to perceive  
<sup>fatally</sup> how this quiet sanction <sup>of</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>whites</sup>  
operates against the welfare of the <sup>by</sup>  
community the public mind, destroying  
that ark of a people's safety -  
the <sup>public</sup> sense of right, & making indi-  
vidual hearts insensible of respon-  
ding to truth & honesty. yet ~~and~~  
~~all who have made a similar~~  
<sup>they all</sup> ~~do~~, plead their conscientious

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conviction as a sufficient <sup>3</sup> justification, with all the confidence of a Luther at Worms!

It is the work of abolitionists to arouse & enlighten these consciences which have been deadened & darkened by wrong doing, till they are unable to discern good from evil or feel their difference between ~~right & wrong~~ & ~~virtue & vice~~ <sup>to distinguish the</sup> ~~belongs to~~ line of conduct that is in harmony with freedom from that which accords with Slavery.

M. W. C.

Ms. A. 9. 2. 16. 45