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have been prowling like beasts of prey over that devoted country.* The press has been destroyed, the firebrand called into requisition, and the blood of murdered citizens has mingled with the flame of burning towns, as an offering to the Slave power of the South.

Laws, more heinous and tyrannical than were ever enforced by a Roman tyrant, or a Draco, written in blood; laws, a disgrace to the nineteenth century; a blot on the intelligence of the age; have been enacted by Missouri invaders; who had no moral or legal right to pass such enactments, while the arm of the government, instead of extending protection to the residents, has either directly aided the oppressors or connived at the oppression. These are facts, as irrefutable as they are startling and condemnatory. Facts! which, when recorded on the page of history, shall make the present administration a byword and scorn among the nations, and stamp it with eternal and indelible infamy!

The great Democratic doctrines of man's equality, and of the greatest happiness to the greatest number, have been treated as a nullity—well enough for a Fourth of July oration—a pleasant philosophical idea—but not a tangible reality. The Convention† which assembled at Cincinnati, instead of rebuking their rulers for their deeds of tyranny, indorsed their crimes; and, subsequently, the nominee of that Convention, in his desire to pay obeisance to the Slave power, ratified with his approbation all the misdeeds and crimes which have been perpetrated. The constitutional infractions; the flagrant acts of injustice; the sacking of cities, and the contentions and strife which have been engendered by mal-administration,—all were accepted without censure.

We have heard it asserted by Slavery extensionists, that if the people of Kansas would only yield obedience to the terri-

* See Report of Congressional Committee, Code of Kansas, &c.

† See Report of the Proceedings of the Cincinnati Convention.