

a maxim of Christian men—"Be patient! your wrongs are your very strength!"

When the armed day came, and their adversaries came out to consume them, then, and only then, they took up arms, and surrounded their homes with living men, determined not to attack, but never to surrender.

They stood on free soil. They felt free hearts beating in their bosoms. But no flag of their country waved over their head. An army of the United States, made up mostly of aliens, carried the flag of their country over to the side of their persecutors. Yet, deserted, betrayed, and wronged beyond the measure of any but heroic patience, they nobly redeemed their lives, and, without one drop of blood spilt, scattered their foes. Shall the prayers, the help, the sympathy of the free men of the North be withheld, while the bugle is sounding through the South, and men are gathering, and weeks only are left between this day and that on which battle shall once more unfold its wings, not again to be closed until the earth has drank blood to its fill?

But if, with prompt liberality, we fortify those heroic men that are there, the emissaries of evil will come up, look, be afraid, and pass away. False peace will bring certain war. Arms and courage will inevitably secure an unbroken peace.

Once, when England only asserted the right to tax the colonies without representation, the colonies rebelled, and went to war. But now a foreign Legislature has been imposed upon Kansas. That Legislature has legalized Slavery, against the known wishes of nine-tenths of the actual settlers. It has decreed that no man shall enter the Territory, who will not take an oath of allegiance to this spurious legislation. It has made it death to give liberty to men escaping from oppression. It has muzzled the press. It has forbidden discussion. It has made free speech a penitentiary offence. The rights for which the old colonists fought were superficial, compared with these. These are rights which lie at the very heart of personal liberty. Indeed, there can be no personal freedom, when free speech, a free press, a free canvass and discussion, are penitentiary offences! These are the laws that the President is determined to enforce! Congress is to be asked money to sustain this government in Kansas, and to pay for an army to cut the throats of every free citizen that will not yield to this infamy!

Already the Senate, controlled by the slave interest, arrogantly offers to snatch from the House its immemorial right of originating appropriation bills. The *pretence* is to save money. The *reason* is to gain money for Kansas butchery. They fear that the House will not appropriate for such a nefarious abomination as that which broods the plains. The Senate knows that every dollar voted for the army and for Kansas, will, in the