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Now is the time, the present session of Congress. If no other man on this floor were willing to vote in the affirmative, though I stood alone,—which I shall not, and for which I am thankful—I would hold up both hands and say to our members in Congress, "Gentlemen, in the name of humanity, in the name of our common country, I pray you from my heart of hearts, vote for the bill now before you."

Mr. Speaker, we are progressing gloriously. This is the best age the country has ever seen; the best year we have ever had; the growth of liberty, virtue, and of greatness and glory, is more magnificent than ever before. These are golden hours. I am comparatively a young man, yet I can remember when a clergyman of the gospel was dragged through Washington street in the city of Boston, in the city of the Pariahs, with a halter around his neck, simply because he dared to question the moral right of slavery. I remember when a company of ladies simply holding a prayer meeting for the fugitive slave, was broken up by the broad cloth gentry of the same city—I remember when notice sent to the pulpits of Boston, craving Christian sympathy for panting fugitives who had refuge there, were spurned and hissed at. I remember well when Boston court house was environed with chains in obedience to slaveocrats. All this hard by Banker Hill! You, and we all remember a dark catalogue of such events. But now! how changed! Gerritt Smith, Wendell Phillips, Geo. B. Cheever and Horace Greeley, are called upon to speak—and to speak where?—Why, sir, in Washington, in the Smithsonian Institute, the nursery of national science, the great temple of letters. They are called upon to come there and speak upon this very identical subject; but do they have learners? Ay, sir, the trouble is not to get hearers, but to get room for the hearers. Right in the city of Washington, Gerritt Smith has lectured within a week—by the way, one of the class of men who have told the world more truth than the world has yet given them credit for; but pay-day comes in all such cases; it comes in a little while after, and it will surely come in this case. It is only a little while ago when Charles Sumner, one of God's noble men, stood up in the United States Senate and advocated the principles of freedom and truth; and there came the representatives of this accursed and damnable institution armed with a blood guon and smote him to the dust. The blood spots of the almost martyr upon the floor of the Senate Chamber will send up a lasting cry for retribution against those fiends in human form who prompted and applauded the deed. Escaping justice at the hand of man, Brooks, the immediate agent and guilty miscreant, was touched by the retributive finger of the invisible and withered from the earth. Sumner was hissed and scorned from social circles. Now he stands almost the master man, if not the Nestor among the Nestors of the United States Senate. Old John Quincy Adams once presented petitions from his constituency drawn in the mildest language for the abolition of slavery in the District of Columbia. If they had prayed to Genia language so feeble their prayers would hardly have gone higher than their heads. But mid as the petitions were, when the old age presented them, they raised a hoarse roar as if all Pandemonium had broken loose. Now, sir, that same Congress has a bill before it to abolish slavery in the District of Columbia; and not only that, but has a bill before it forbidding the officers of our army to return slaves to their masters.—Congress is coming up to the true line of action (Oh, we are progressing. But a few years ago there was indescribable, unearthly terror in the word abolitionist. In the north you had but to call a man an abolitionist and every nerve in his body quivered while his heart palpitated. Thank God, that cloud so full of lightning and thunder has lost all its electricity and is passing away. It will not be many years before a man will be as much ashamed to be called an anti-abolitionist, as he would be to be called a sheep thief. All I have to say touching this matter is this. I have always guaranteed the constitutional rights of Southerners; nor say have none. This I will say about the abolitionism, that if to give linseed-walkey for rags; if to substitute joys for sorrows; smiles for tears, and the comforts of home for disordered and disjoined domestic relations; if to give freedom for slavery makes a man an abolitionist, put me down as one; I take the responsibility.

One remark more and I make it in respect to my honored friend, the Senator from Berks, (Mr. Cramer.) He remarked that he would not discuss these resolutions if discussion came up now; but he will probably change his mind and enter into this discussion. The other day in a certain debate he made a remark in answer to something I said, and I did not reply to it then. I take this occasion to answer him, because the subject is in keeping with, and germane to that now under consideration. The Senator stated that the Constitution of this country was made by white men and made for white men. All right, sir, he is properly understood. The sunlight of yonder heavens was made for white men; the breath of nature that fans us and gives us vitality was made for white men; the refreshing elements that bubbles up from the rippling fountain and and from the heart of the earth to quench our thirst was made for white men. But was the sunlight made for them only? Was that natural breath made for them exclusively?—was the fountain that shakes the thirst and gives physical energy made for them only? Isay the sunlight, the breath of vitality and the fountains of water were made for humanity; and I say that liberty is God's birthright to humanity. The men who drafted the Constitution would the Declaration of Independence intended and did embody that great principle. They made the constitution and uttered the declaration for humanity. Go away with your adjective "white." It is an intruder on those glorious documents. Their authors never put it there. The Great Creator made that Senator white and made me white; and I am thankful to Him that He did. But in His inscrutable wisdom, He has made some others black; but are they less human?—They have the feeling of humanity—the flashing of fancy—the capacities of reason—the yearnings after immortality; and these are the organic principles of all humanity. I challenge the world to deny it. Every human being has the right to be, to enjoy all that his nature is capable of being, of becoming or of enjoying. God has made certain men with their faces a little darker than mine; but if they are capable of enjoying freedom, life, liberty and the pursuits of happiness, it is your duty to give it to them; and woe to the government, sooner or later, that refuses to do it, and throws itself athwart their pathway of progress. I am no infidel; but if we

as a nation, can hold up and perpetuate slavery, age, after age, sanction it legally and christen it ecclesiastically, and at the same time prosper ourselves, be free, and happy, and great, escaping all the consequences divinely threatened against injustice and oppression, then this, if anything, would constrain me not only to question Bible, but to doubt the very existence of the Deity Himself. But in the signs of the present there is no reason for scepticism or fear. I look around me, I look upon our brave armies, I look upon the sentiments and feelings of the people, I look upon the growth and onward march of public opinion, I look upon the resolved action of Congress, I look at the outcroppings of seeming Providential interposition in our behalf, I look at these and many other things, sir, and then I am exceedingly encouraged in regard to our country. We were born in 1776, we were born again in 1862 or thereabouts. Then we sprang upon an infant existence as a nation. Now, if our principles and patriotism are commensurate with the demands of the age, we leap into national manhood with the lines of greatness and glory stretching onward before us into the infinite future. That we may secure our nation's peace and perpetuity, let slavery be abolished in the District of Columbia, that its foul abominations may no longer send their wailing stench into the very windows of the capital. The slaves of all rebels are now virtually and actually free. Let the Government so recognize and treat them. Confiscate the property of all traitors and apply it to the payment of the war debt, compel the instigators of this fratricidal war to meet its expenses as far as possible, and not constrain the patriotic people of the north to first pour out their blood like water in defence of the country, and then impoverish themselves in paying these enormous expenses.

Thus much do. Do it speedily, and when done it will stimulate the heroism of our soldiers, inspire the people with new zeal, help crush the heart of treason, and place the Republic upon a sure and beneficent foundation. I have no fear for the country, no despair of the result if we are but true to ourselves—true to the historic memories of the land—true to God and humanity, I look forward, sir, with joyful emotions to the day when from this country the great disturbing element shall be removed, and removed forever; when the last shackles shall be broken—when the last slave redeemed and disenfranchised, shall lift his hands to Heaven with thanksgiving that he is allowed to enjoy the rich immunities of his manhood. That day will surely come, and when it comes will constitute a new era in our existence. It will form the brightest spot upon the canvass of our nationality. Posterity will look back to it with rejoicing. Upon it the poet will rhapsodize in future days, and over it the Christian philosopher will bend with reverential adoration. It will furnish the sculptor his models, the painter the theme of his sketches, while from it the historian shall gather abundant material for the most glorious and gorgeous page in American history.

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