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Dear Sir:

I have your defence of  
Slavery as a Christian insti-  
tution and a Christianizing  
force. Such notions must of-  
fer the Devil great satisfaction.  
Slavery gave the master  
power to kill or ravish the  
Slave at will; it taught him  
that God allowed the white  
man to protect himself and  
his home, but denied the  
colored man a home  
and all right of defence.  
It denied the rights of  
the Slave to marry, to  
have legitimate off-  
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spring; to read the word  
of God. lest he should  
do any of these wicked  
things. The law of every  
slave state punished  
severely any one who  
should teach him to  
read or write; and the  
marriage ceremony of the  
church was declared null  
if repeated by a minister  
over a coloured slave  
couple.

If this is Christianity;  
hell is full of Christians;  
though I think there may be  
room for the man who  
does despite to all Christian teaching  
by exparing such hellish erro-  
rity as a part of God's plan

for Christianizing Africa.

The simple fact is that having robbed the colored man for two centuries and a half, we want now to run him out of the country and so go whining about the hard work in Africa. When Africa is Christianized it will be by killing of the negroes and building churches in the graveyard. That is the way Slavery Christianizes, and a religion which is filled on Slavery  
(over)

and murder, on false-  
hood injustice and  
appreciation may do  
for fools and hypocrites  
to swirl about but  
God will have no  
more to do with it  
in the next world  
than an honest-minded  
man in this. It is not  
he that says "hard! hard!",  
but him that doeth the  
will of the Father," that will  
get recognition then and  
the man whose Christianity  
is an endorsement of Slavery is  
a means of Grace, is just as far  
from doing that will as Hell can be  
from Heaven.

Yours  
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