

## **A Colored Leader Speaks.**

Frederick Douglass, a leader and shining light among the colored people, whose word has always been regarded as law to his race, expresses the following opinion of radical friendship for his people. In a Fourth of July speech at Hillsdale, near Washington City, he "drove the nail home" thus :

"All we ask is a fair field to work in and the white man to leave us alone. We have been injured more than we have been helped by men who have professed to be our friends. They are lawyers without clients, broken-down ministers without churches, wandering teachers without schools. They are great beggars. They have the gift of begging down to a nicety! They are great at getting out circulars. They scatter them broadcast over the land as leaves before autumnal gales. If you are worth anything they will find out where you live; and if you never got a letter before you will get one now. Fellow-citizens, we must stop these men from begging for us. They misrepresent us, and cause the country to look upon us as a poor and helpless people."

Referring to the Freedmen's Saving Bank, he said :

"We have had a 'Freedmen's Saving Bank,' but we don't want any more. Our white friends told us that if we had cents, to bring them to them, and they would take care of them, and if we had dollars, or hundreds, or thousands, also to bring them to them. They told us they had a goose and a golden egg. Yes, we put our millions there, but where are they now? The men who went into that bank a few years ago, poor men, are now domiciled in beautiful homes and drive their fine turn-outs."