FREDERICK DOUGLASS

We cannot do better than publish, as our leading article, the following letter from this eloquent advocate of human rights. Mr. Douglass can sympathize with the working men, whose trying experience of sixteen years is the history of every periodical published by the National Labor

ers' Journal, published in New York, from 1825 to 1836. It was so with the American Colonizer, Thomas San Rameal the Emancipator, Stephen Myers, Dr. David Ruggles, Martin R. Delany. All felt and suffered the "gratifying accident to being in a country where industry is the avenue to the Golden State, laboring under the same grievous embarrassment, and feeling the same words of cheer and encouragement—they come like balm to the wounded spirit. He says truly, that "our cause is one that is less likely to be injured by the defeat of one individual than of another."

My Dear Sir—Our paper, The Exclamator, is in your charge on the close of your third year. Your three years' experience of sixteen years. For this length of time, sustained mainly by a few friends, I, like yourself, endeavored to serve the cause of Freedom. The work was not easy; it was not easy to raise money, to get subscribers, to have a paper to print. But I am glad to see that you have succeeded, and that the paper is doing well.

I cannot boast that I served the cause of Freedom with as much zeal and industry as you have done, but I do know that I have served it faithfully, and kept it alive. I hope that I have served it more ably and effectively than you have done, and that you will continue to do so.

I regret to see that you are leaving the Golden State, but I am glad to see that you are going to enter upon a new field, where you will be able to do more for the cause of Freedom. I hope that you will be successful in your new work, and that you will continue to do all in your power to advance the cause of Liberty.

I shall miss your papers, and I shall miss your letters, but I have no doubt that you will continue to write and publish them. I wish you every success in your new work, and I hope that you will continue to do all in your power to advance the cause of Liberty.

Your friend,

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