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A FUGITIVE NEGRO.—A runaway slave calling himself the Rev. Dr. Pennington addressed a large meeting in Glasgow, Scotland, on the 11th ult. A report in the Glasgow Mail says:

The reverend doctor went on in a long and eloquent speech, to give a variety of details as to the state of matters on the question of slavery in the Southern States, and the progress the colored population of America were making in civilization. The numbers escaping annually from slavery in the South and going to the free States of the Union was estimated at 2,500, many of whom sought an asylum in Canada, after having encountered innumerable dangers from rifle-men, bloodhounds and wanderings through deserts. He read a letter from the Rev. Dr. Burns, of Toronto, to show that the number of negroes in Canada was estimated at twenty thousand; and he (Dr. Pennington) had no doubt they had now increased to thirty thousand. He wanted some safe Canaan for his brethren after they had crossed the Red Sea out of Egypt. He would prefer Jamaica to Canada, as it was more congenial to their Southern constitutions; and he had hopes that thousands of them would yet find a home in some of the West India Islands.