

THE LECTURE at Huntington Hall, last evening, by Dr. P. B. Randolph of New Orleans, was the eleventh of the first course before the Middlesex Mechanics' Association. He commenced by remarking that the world was our theatre; the stage, the United States of North America; the play, human rights; principal villain, Wilkes Booth; first old woman, Jeff. Davis; prompter, Charles Sumner; brigands, the copperhead party; clown, Andy Johnson; orchestra, the Republican party; ballet, the rebel South; ballet master, Ben. Butler. In the remarks that he should make he desired to be considered the lips of three million oppressed human beings in the South. After the Loyalists' convention at Philadelphia and while kneeling at the grave of the lamented Lincoln, he, in common with other delegates to that convention, made a solemn vow that he would not relinquish his efforts till the free flag of the United States could wave unmolested over every inch of American soil, and he should, by the blessing of God, fulfil his pledge, solemnly given. There was a vitiation of morals under the institution of slavery, and a new civilization needs to be planted South. No Southern man except John C. Calhoun, ever had an idea since the world began, and yet they ridiculed the Republican party as the party of but one idea. The North was wealthy in what constituted true wealth—mental power and honesty of heart. The lecturer referred to the demoralization of society in the South, under the institution of slavery. Art and science could not flourish among a people so degraded. It was a noticeable fact that the Southern men held their heads back, more than erect, while the Yankee marched along with his head bent forward, his hands in his pockets, wrapped in meditation. This characteristic might be illustrative of mental power. Go into a field of barley and the full heads of grain were found drooping, while the empty ones stood erect. Two definitions of the word Yankee were given—one from the Turkish language, signifying New World; and the other from the Sanscrit, *Yan*, signifying will, force, energy; and *key* in English, to unlock—to search out and investigate by the mental faculties.

Slavery had vitiated the religious feeling of the South. If Andrew Johnson was the negro's Moses, good morning, Pharaoh! The colored people of the South feel the despotism and tyranny exercised over them as no other people ever felt it; should they have relief? He did not dare return to his old home at New Orleans, for fear of assassination. An anecdote was related of a man who, when putting on his boot in an Eastern country, felt inside it the slimy folds of the cobra cabella, one of the most poisonous of serpents. He hesitated what to do but finally stamped his boot with such force as to crush the serpent and save his life. So the copperhead party was the serpent that had got into the boot of the nation; the Fortieth Congress would stamp upon it and crush it out of existence.