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P R E F A C E .

THERE is, perhaps, little need of detaining the kind reader, even for one moment, in this the vestibule of our Temple of Liberty, to state the motives and reasons for the publication of this collection of Anti-slavery testimonies.

The good cause to which the volume is devoted;— the influence which must ever be exerted by persons of exalted character, and high mental endowments;— the fact that society is slow to accept any cause that has not the baptism of the acknowledged noble and good;— the happiness arising from making any exertion to ameliorate the condition of the injured race amongst us, will, at once, suggest reasons and motives for sending forth this offering, which, while it shall prove acceptable as a GIRL BOOK, may help to swell the tide of that sentiment that, by the Divine blessing, will sweep away from this otherwise happy land, the great sin of SLAVERY.

Should this publication be instrumental in casting *one* ray of hope on the heart of one poor slave, or should it draw the attention of one person, hitherto uninterested,

to the deep wrongs of the bondman, or cause one sincere and earnest effort to promote emancipation, we believe that the kind contributors, who have generously responded to our call, not less than the members of our Society, will feel themselves gratified and compensated.

The proceeds of the sale of the "AUTOGRAPHS FOR FREEDOM," will be devoted to the dissemination of light and truth on the subject of slavery throughout the country.

On behalf of "*The Rochester Ladies' Anti-Slavery Society,*"

JULIA GRIFFITHS, *Secretary.*

ROCHESTER, 1852.

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BE UP AND DOING.

CAN nothing be done for Freedom? Yes, much can be done. Everything can be done. Slavery can be confined within its present bounds. It can be meliorated. It can be, and it must be abolished. The task is as simple as its performance would be beneficent and as its rewards would be glorious. It requires only that we follow this plain rule of conduct and course of activity, namely, to do, everywhere, and on every occasion what we can, and not to neglect nor refuse to do what we can at any time, because at that precise time and on that particular occasion we cannot do more. Circumstances define possibilities. When we have done our best to shape them and to make them propitious, we may rest satisfied that superior wisdom has, nevertheless,