

the government in their hands, but were far exceeded by the slaves in number, many slaves being often subject to one citizen."

[Potter's Grecian Antiquities, page 39.]

### IN JUDEA.

"On the next day Moses called the people together with the women and children, to a congregation, so as the very *slaves* were present, also that they might engage themselves to the observation of the laws by oath."—Josephus.

These were the master States of Antiquity, and in all the nations which lived prior to the christian era slavery existed; and history attests the fact that when it existed in the most exact condition, then were exhibited the highest qualities moral and intellectual.

Its recognition by inspiration in Judea.—"Then thou shalt take an awl and thrust it through his ear unto the door, and he shall be thy servant forever."—Deuteronomy.

"But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God, in it thou shalt do no manner of work, thou nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy man servant, nor thy maid servant, nor thine ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy cattle, nor the stranger that is within thy gates; that thy man servant and thy maid servant may rest as well as thou."—Deuteronomy.

And "I" (Jacob) "have oxen and asses, flocks and men servants and maid servants"—Genesis.

This was under the Patriarchal government which was considered the simplest and best form of society and directly approved of God.

This command was delivered on the summit of mount Sanai amidst thunderings and lightnings and the recognition of slavery is as distinct a portion of it as the Sabbath, and the latter is observed while slavery is attempted to be destroyed.

Its recognition under the christian dispensation—"Masters give unto your *servants* that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a master in heaven."—Colossians. "Children obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right."—Ephesians.

"*Servants*, be obedient to them that are your *masters* according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of heart as unto Christ."—Ephesians.

It is sometimes objected that servants are not slaves, but in reply to this it is sufficient to say, that the original word which is translated servant is *doulos*, which signifies a "slave bondman or servant." It is used above to indicate the class of slaves in Attica. But the three quotations above from St. Paul, Christ's chosen vessel, solve the great problem. In these authorities from which quotations are made to show its existence in the master states of antiquity, it will be found that they were treated with great severity; and such was the case with all the nations of antiquity. St. Paul uses the same word to describe the obedience of the child and the servant—thus indicating which was to be the bond of servitude. Parents are au-