

Beecher, Henry Ward. Patriotic Addresses in American and England, From 1850 to 1885, on Slavery, the Civil War, and the Development of Civil Liberty in the United States. New York: Fords, Howard, the Hulburt, 1889.

“American Slavery.” Speech before the American and Foreign Anti-Slavery Society, New York May 6, 1861; recalls in making this speech that he is a minister of Christ and most of the people in audience are religious; will consider slavery from a Christian standpoint; believes that all men have a love for irresponsible power; those holding slaves enjoy the power; sees commerce as bulwark of slavery in North and South; Christianity of the church has not yet dealt with slavery; Christianity is no respecter of persons and should have regard for poor Africans; sees no comparison between Hebrew and American slavery; some southern ministers have preached against certain practices and perhaps lessened some evils but in general Christianity allows great enormities to continue; not talking about abuse of the system, the system of slavery is itself abuse; notice how north has done nothing but largely stigmatize free blacks; suppressing free speech is a great danger to the Union and especially opposed the fugitive slavery law that tells him to violate Christian conscience; pp.178-95.

October 24, 1863, Farewell Breakfast, Manchester England comments on recent riots in New York; “The rioters were as a body unquestionably Irishmen. But you must not think I am saying this in any ill-will to them. These Irish laborers come to us poor and uneducated creatures, easily led by more intelligent men, men who work through their passions. By corrupt Americans . . . they have been assiduously taught that the emancipation of the slave would take away from them the market of labor and that emancipation would bring the whole South Northward; which is the just the opposite to the truth, that it is likely to take the whole colored North Southward.”: draft then spurred them on “They were blind, ignorant, misled creatures, who thought they were fighting not so much against the blacks as for themselves.” Praises many New York conservatives for quickly raising money for the victims of the riot--had their eyes opened by the riot. pp. 611-12.

Address at the Raising of the Union Flag over Fort Sumter, April 14, 1865,--thank God to raise this flag over the fort once again; no compromises, rebels must submit; must have “unswerving loyalty” and “universal liberty.” P. 679; we had to wander like Moses in the Wilderness before emancipation and victory; cannot restore status quo ante bellum; secession political plotters miscalculated and are responsible for total costs of this war; render thanks chiefly to God==though Beecher also eulogized president, government, and military men; pp. 676-697.

Abraham Lincoln, Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, April 23, 1865, Text Deut. 34:1-5; Great figure of Moses who does not get to enter the promised land; notes Lincoln’s great steadiness and fortitude in times of trial; our rejoicing turned to sorrow; notes how Lincoln’s great heart bled for many; this is a “crime against universal government.” Not just our government; martyr is now journeying toward Illinois compared to Washington, to David? pp. 702-12.