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The means of maintaining and perpetuating this wide-spread Confederal of Independent States was the subject of the Rev. Mr. Chamber's discourse on Thanksgiving Day.

After reading a part of the eighth chapter of Deuteronomy, and the second chapter of 1st Timothy, of the theme of his discourse, he remarked—

"I have announced to you my purpose to relieve my heart of a burden that has oppressed me for a long time. I am an American citizen, and I love the glorious Republic of the United States. I love the God of this Bible. I love my country, its Constitution, and its laws. I am a man of peace. I have a heart for the nation. I love it from its extreme Northern verge to the utmost limits of its Southern boundary. I love it from the spot upon which falls the first ray of the morning sun, to that far off West, where linger the last beams of the sun's evening retirement. I love it as a man. I am ready to live by it as a unit; I am ready to put the blood of my heart fresh upon its altar rather than see it anything else a unit."

"The worth of this Union to ourselves and to the world of mankind, is infinitely beyond price. No powers of arithmetic, no mathematical genius, however cultivated, can figure out the value of the Republic of the United States. The eyes of the civilized world are upon us to-day. Fixed and steady is that gaze that comes from every quarter of the globe; it seems just to hover, in its burning look, upon this galaxy of States. The nations of mankind are watching us with special interest, because we are engaged in working out the great, the momentous problem of self-government. The finger of scorn has been pointed; the pen of the opponent of republics has been dipped long and deep, and has dashed rapidly across the page, declaring the impossibility of our success."

It has long been my fixed opinion that the monarchs of Europe, and especially England, were jealous of us. After this some of the apparent developments of this jealousy in the history of our country, and the efforts made to divide us both at home and abroad, Mr. C. spoke of the solemn obligation resting upon all in authority, and also on every citizen, to yield obedience to the Laws and Constitution of the United States. To this duty we are bound by all the obligations of self-government. He presented the solemnity of the oath in a clear light, of which many seem to think lightly, and then remarked: "You may possibly say to me, 'But I am native-born. I never took this oath of fidelity to the Constitution and the laws.' But, my brother, your birthright is not your own. You are bound by all the obligations of citizenship. Being born here, you are bound to obey the Constitution and the laws. No man has a right to set them aside."

Now, for example, the Constitution most positively and absolutely provides that a fugitive from labor, escaping from one State to another, shall be delivered up. This is the Constitution. I am not looking to change its obligations. Being born here, you are bound to obey the Constitution and the laws. No man has a right to set them aside."

With regard to the law, it is not my purpose to say whether that is a right law or a wrong law; but it is the law of the land. Every public officer is by oath, bound to obey it. No individual man has a right to ignore that law; while it is the law, you and I and all the citizens of this country are bound to obey it, where