

**"When Rogues Fall out," etc. An Abolitionist Denounces "the whole Idea of Freedmen as a Hideous Joke."**

At a recent meeting of the Boston Anti-Slavery Society a sharp debate took place in relation to the condition of the freed negroes, the effect of Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation, etc., etc. Dr. Knox, who had been down near Beaufort, within Gen. Saxton's lines, and who declared that he spoke the literal truth, said :

That the whole idea of "freedmen" was a hideous joke—the President's Emancipation Proclamation a sham. The so-called freedmen of the South were, to-day, as bad off as they were in slavery ; worse off than before the war, for the Northern men who have gone down there and undertaken the charge of the "poor negro," in the name of philanthropy, were full as wicked, as oppressive, as tyrannical,—yes, more wicked and avaricious, than the original slaveholder. The day wages for a negro on the Sea Island cotton fields are worth \$4 a day, at the present prices of cotton ; but they who hold these plantations make the negro work for *fifteen cents* a day, and, if he dares to complain, is treated with the foulest language, abused in various cruel ways, scourged, told he is not worthy of freedom if he complains, and threatened with immediate enlistment in the army. In this way they are forced to submit to the most galling servitude.

Dr. Knox then turned his attention to the Freedman's Society. He characterized it as "The God-forsaken National Freedmen's Aid Society." It was a humbug, a cheat, obtained funds under false pretenses to buy goods, which they sell to the negro and they pocket the money. The Society, united with the new Northern slaveholders, were grinding the negro to the dust, in the name of humanity, and growing rich out of the sufferings of the black man and the miseries of the country. As for Gen. Saxton, Dr. Knox declares in the most emphatic terms and repeated the declaration, that "Gen. Saxton, who is a coward and a rascal, stands at the head of this oppression and is, practically, the leader and the head of the slaveholders at Port Royal."