

NORTHRUP PETITION.

Mrs. B. D. Hawkes, of Bethany, writes:—
“I send you a copy of the Petition we are circulating, thinking some friend in Rochester would obtain signatures to accompany ours, thereby increasing its respectability, and gaining attention to the subject. If we can only excite discussion upon the matter, good to the oppressed may accrue.”

The following is the petition:

To the Honorable Senators and House of Representatives in Congress assembled:

The undersigned, your petitioners, legal voters of the State of New York, respectfully represent to your Honorable body, that Solomon Northrup, a citizen of this State, and at the time of his seizure a resident of the County of Saratoga, was, in the spring of 1841, kidnapped and carried into slavery, sold in the slave market of Washington, and was for twelve years detained in slavery in different parts of the State of Louisiana.

And we respectfully request some suitable action of your Honorable body to indemnify him by some adequate compensation for the time thus spent in the unrequited service of worse than Egyptian taskmasters.

And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.