

[Excerpts from questions offered by the teachers at the Nine Partners Boarding School, to their Pupils, and the answers given by them. The Scholars had the liberty of referring to books for aid, when they found themselves unable to give proper answers without assistance. Published in Danville, VT. by Daniel Lowell, 1815]

**Are there any slaves in the United States?** Some of the New England states have proved that they consider all mankind “free and equal” by not allowing slavery in them, the middle states have provided for their gradual emancipation, but in the southern part of the Union, this dreadful evil and all its baneful effects, prevail to an alarming degree.

**Do Friends hold slaves?** There were formerly instances of it, but at present there are none.

**Do they countenance or promote slavery in any way?** If using such articles as are produced by the labor of slaves, is countenancing, or promoting slavery, we are not clear of it, but there are some amongst us who believe it is right to abstain from those things.