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Thachers say Old John Brown is insane.

Old John Brown says he is perfectly sane, and has only acted after maturing his plan.

Thachers say the burning of Brown's house, etc., by the Border Ruffians in Kansas drove him to his nefarious acts at Harper's Ferry.

Old John Brown says that for many years, thirty, we believe, he has had in contemplation the movement.

Thachers say Old John Brown was driven to acts of violence with the view of revenge.

Old John Brown says that he has been in no wise actuated by feelings of revenge, but "his love for the negro, and his great sympathy for him in bondage" has only actuated him to act as he has done.

Thachers say Old John Brown did not have a fair trial.

Old John Brown, in his speech to the Court, insisted that he has had a fair trial, and thanked the Court for it.

Query – Who knows best?

Old John Brown or the Rev. Timothy and his would be Judge, S. O. Thacher?

While Republicanism needs to be fully promulgated to the people, we cannot think it needs any such defenders as either of the trio.