

auspices of this Society, carries on its operations within the limits of this Diocese, and every well wisher of our race will rejoice to learn, that enlightened and well directed efforts are made to bring the knowledge of salvation to this down-trodden people.

So long as slavery is upheld by the laws of the neighbouring republic, so long will the degraded and enslaved African, who hears of Canada as a land of freedom and a refuge from cruelty and oppression, seek to escape from a country in which the first rights of manhood are denied him, and to reach these shores, where, sheltered beneath the flag under which no slave can live, he may carry himself erect as an immortal being, and experience the protection of those laws which recognize no difference between man and man, but extend to all whom God has created in his own image, the privileges which belong alike to all the heirs of immortality.

Having now set before you, my Reverend Brethren, such statistical statements as I conceive to be necessary at the present time, and having briefly glanced at some other subjects of interest, I will proceed, humbly invoking the Divine blessing, to direct your attention to some questions of a purely spiritual character, the consideration of which may be profitable to us all.

And, first, with reference to the high and holy office which has been committed to us. This office is thus described in the exhortation of the Bishop to such as are admitted to the higher order of the Ministry in our Church, in which we find the following solemn words, "And now again we exhort you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you have in remembrance into how high a dignity, and to how weighty an office and charge ye are called, that is to say, to be Messengers, Watchmen, and Stewards of the Lord: to teach and to premonish, to feed and provide for the Lord's family, to seek for Christ's sheep that are dispersed abroad, and for His children who are in the midst of this naughty world, that they may be saved through Christ for ever." Here we have