

18, 1859. The text was, Matthew v. 33, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

"How little has the civilised and Christian world yet done for Africa. It has fringed, indeed, its borders here and there with the soldiers of the Cross. It has sought to extend its commerce into portions of the land; but the curse of slavery which it has inflicted upon it has more than counterbalanced all the efforts for its good. What a reproach is it to the civilised whiteman that he has left for so many centuries his brother man in the degradation in which we find him in all parts of this vast continent. For near two thousand years Christ has been known to Europe; but his name has never yet been heard—the redemption that he hath wrought has never yet been proclaimed to the tribes in the interior of South Africa. It is said that there are at least sixty millions beyond our territories, for whom, as yet, nothing has been done. And within our dominions, how many are there around our very doors, dwelling in the midst of us, who are still, alas, far off from Christ, without hope and without God in the world. Here are thousands, even in this very city, with whom you hold daily intercourse, either followers of the false prophet, or else in heathen darkness, ignorant in either case of the only way of salvation; and in every village and district of the country the same state of things exist. It was chiefly this sad spectacle, which I, more than others, was called to behold, which I could not remedy, which the feeble infant Church of the land could not remedy, even if it had felt—which I fear, brethren, I may not say—that it was called to labor to remedy. It was this which led me to leave my appointed field of labour for a lengthened period, in hope that I might induce the mother Church to do that which we could not do. To this one object, every day, almost every hour of well-nigh two years, has been devoted. They have been years of much toil and anxiety; but they have not I trust been without their fruit.

It is due to you that I should state what are the works in which I have been engaged, and how far they have been brought to a successful completion. And you will, I feel assured, be not uninterested in hearing about them. There are four works chiefly that I went to England to accomplish:—

1. The subdivision of this unwieldy diocese, by the erection of St Helena into a separate See.
2. The maintenance of our existing work amongst our English brethren and our coloured brethren.
3. The foundation of missions beyond our dominions.
4. The complete establishment of our native institution founded by our Governor.

A word or two I may offer with regard to each of these. Situated at a distance of near two thousand miles from our shores, it has been impossible for me to exercise a real oversight over the Church of St. Helena. When last amongst my people there, I told them that I never had been, and never could be, a true chief pastor to them; and that the