

States. Well, truly, has one of their own writers—the Hon. James G. Birney—styled the “American churches the bulwark of slavery !”

But this Report embraces merely a tithe—a mere tithe—of the history of the religious literature developments of the religious denominations and societies in the United States in their course of obliquity and sin. The plea of *ignorance* cannot avail them. A list of nearly one hundred *prominent* religious societies can be obtained, of which, perhaps, only five or six are pure on this question in their publications and intentions. There are, it is believed, between *forty and fifty thousand* Protestant ministers of religion scattered over the United States, and they now circulate many *millions* of copies of religious publications and periodicals; but what avails all? The slave system, with its injustice and its horrors, has increased,—the minds of the people, from their childhood (instanced by the *Child's Paper*), have been kept quiet and *silenced* on the sin and system of slavery, and on vital points of our Christian faith,—the “*silent literature*” on the sin of their country is mute !

1. Prominently and so briefly putting the matter as above, before a Canadian people, let us next enquire, as briefly, what have our own Religious societies and ministers of religion in Canada been doing, for the last twenty years, in the cause of the slave's rights, for the freedom of the African. They have, neither more or less, been following,—at however as remote a distance as they themselves will be pleased to put their position,—just in the “wake” of the American organizations. With the exception of the generous and humane Buxton Mission of the (Free) Presbyterian Church, and the exceptions of mere declarations by way of Resolutions proposed, seconded, and carried against slavery, at annual meetings (and these chiefly in summer of 1855) what have our ministers of religion been doing? They have