

same evening across the Detroit River to Windsor, Canada, to the land of freedom. It was well said, by Prof. Sampson, that the Afri-American is a new race, and is not the direct descendant of any people that have ever flourished; that the glory of the black race is yet to come. In a general way it would be useless for us to try to trace our descent back to our fatherland. Some few can. In my opinion, as I have stated before in this work, the Africans were conveyed to this continent, through the wise Providence of God; in order to receive the light of His Holy word and then return and proclaim the glad tidings through our fatherland and bid them to "arise and shine for the light is come and the glory of the Lord is arisen upon them." It is the black races of America and other countries that are destined to Christianize the dark continent of Africa. In a general way there has been proof enough to convince the world of this fact. In 1816, the African Methodist Episcopal Church of America was organized in the city of Philadelphia. The Rev. Richard Allen was ordained and made the first bishop, April 11th, the same year, with only seven itinerants. This small number of Christian heroes travelled from one city to another preaching the gospel, and God blessed their good work. They crossed the Allegheny mountains and travelled along the Monongahela valley, preaching the light of the gospel, until they arrived at Pittsburg, where they set up the banner of God. From there they proceeded to