

ter power. "The plains," a term applied to level country, "are generally sandy, and yield regular average and certain crops, without reference to the seasons."* They are similar to the western prairies, but more capital is necessary to cultivate them than for timber lands. The advantage of timbered land, to purchasers of small capital, over plains, is considerable. On cultivated, or plain lands, on which timber is thinly scattered, the earliest return for labor spent is deferred to the growth of a crop; besides the mode of tillage is different. Not so on the timbered lands; wood ever meets a ready and cash sale, and more may be realized from firewood than to three times pay the cost of a farm. Wood land will average seventy cords to the acre, every cord of which can be readily disposed of at two and two and a half dollars, cash, in the towns. The regularity of the seasons tends, also, to increase the farmer's security, so that of all other men, he is least apprehensive of want. "If the fall wheat fails," says the little book referred to, "he replaces it with spring wheat; and our seasons are so peculiar that some crops are always certain to be productive." * * * Those whose capital invested in it is their own, are sure to increase their means and wealth. * * * If a farmer determines to keep out of debt, and be satisfied with what his farm yields, independence in a few years will be the result." The above extracts are intended for the benefit of the emigrants in general,—men of small means, or with no capital,—and show what may be expected by generally the least wealthy who settle in a new country. From the many instances of success under my observation, (particularly of formerly totally destitute colored persons,) I firmly believe that with an axe and a little energy, an independent position would result in a short period. The cost of clearing wild lands, is also an important item; by that is meant putting land in a state to receive a crop,—it includes clearing of trees, fencing, &c. This can be done at less cost near the settled districts. "In moderately timbered" lands, ten dollars the acre is the least for which it can be done,—more remote, the price varies from that to

* Catechism.