

not fail to see a field for interesting study in the rise, progress, and status of this Society. But we cannot follow the subject further.

A VOICE FROM MICHIGAN.

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DEAR BROTHER OLIPHANT:—The blessed cause of our divine and heavenly Master seems to be on the advance in this section of country. But it may be truly said of Southern Michigan, "that the harvest is great, but the laborers are few," while there cannot probably be found a more inviting field for missionary labor than this state, yet in Michigan it is not possible to count one half dozen efficient evangelists engaged in proclaiming the unadulterated truths of primitive Christianity. And while the tongue of the faithful and philanthropic missionary has portrayed the unsearchable riches of Christ to the untutored savage in the wilds of the far distant west, and through the same humble instrumentality even trans-Atlantic climes have been made to glow in the divine effulgence of the Sun of Righteousness, yet the State of Michigan, one of the fairest portions of our heaven-favored Republic, distinguished for her growing prosperity and the intelligence of her citizens, seems not to fall within the purview of any missionary enterprise contemplated by the brotherhood. Why expend thousand of dollars on a fruitless mission to the land of Palestine still resting under the curse of Almighty God, while millions in our midst whose hearts are open to the reception of truth, are perishing for lack of knowledge! Some brethren seem to be filled with missionary zeal, but their philanthropy appears to be restricted to the poor wandering sons of Jacob, or the untutored heathen in some distant clime; but in behalf of the poor down-trodden and perishing of our own nation, they have no benevolent plea to offer. We need foreign missions, but we want home missions first. More than nine tenths of the population of this State have never had an opportunity of hearing the gospel in its pristine simplicity and beauty; notwithstanding all the intelligence of which our people can boast, yet in a religious point of view, "darkness covers the land and gross darkness the people," infidelity with unblushing mien, even under the garb of sanctity, has reared its hydra head in almost every hamlet, while sectarian dogmas in the pulpit have almost entirely superseded 'Jesus Christ and him crucified.' Nothing save christianity as it came