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in supporting measures for the diffusion of chris- in case of sickness, or death, he may always be earnest and frequent prayer. tian knowledge at home and abroad. Coming near to administer his sacred offices. fore our readers. We rejoice that it appears immediately after the publication of Mr. Key's excellent letter to the Rev. Mr. Tappan.

on at least two classes of society, -namely, abolitionists and southern men.

gia and South Carolina have set Maryland and learned, pious and prudent teachers. The missionary spirit, directed to the salvation of the coloured race, is not confined to the southern states. Only make it safe and practicable to commence the work among ourselves, and the churches of Jesus Christ are abundantly supplied with the men who are ready and willing to engage in it.

text, Acts xi. 18.—'When they heard these things | the last year, the Rev. Mr. Webb, an Episcopal | winter has been spent entirely on his plantation,) | number have been added to the communion; and they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, clergyman, has been employed as a missionary in he has been labouring for the moral, social and so far as I have been able to learn, most of them then hath God also to the Gentile granted repentance unto life'-he says:

make, respecting the religious instruction of the to secure upon his own plantations, the services of day-while Mr. Clay himself met the adults, or Sanday in the church, and also on many of the this state, and the adjacent counties of Georgia. discouraged by the death of so active and influen- every evening, for instruction in the word of The Methodists have had access to a number of past efforts.

With these views, I have long had it in mind, and catechising throughout the whole year. to prepare for your hearing, a short narrative of 4. In the neighbourhood of Beaufort, which I | master feared and served God himself, he was the efforts, which have been made at various times, had occasion to visit, efforts have been made for | determined to use all efforts for inducing them to for the religious instruction of the coloured people | the religious instruction of coloured people for | do the same. in general—but the materials for this, have not | many years, and with considerable success. The | The appearance of the place and people, alike yet been collected, and I would confine myself, at | Baptist and Episcopal ministers in charge of the | bespeak the outward success, which has attended present, to an outline of what I have been able to | churches there, have devoted much of their time | Mr. Clay's efforts. The improvements and order see and hear upon this subject, in my recent | to this object, and there must be at least fifteen | of the plantatation show that work has not been excursion through a section of country, where | hundred, or two thousand coloured members | neglected, while the decency, sobriety, cleanliness, cessfully conducted.

in St. Paul's Parish.—The plantations in this coloured children, and if I mistake not, for the for their master, but in the crops raised for them- ject which has been brought before you,) have neighbourhood are large, and the number of labou- adults also, where they are orally taught catechism, selves, worked in their own time,—and in the gar- been lurking in the minds of any of you, the simrers consequently great. It was gratifying to find hymns, and portions of the word of God. Some dens around their houses, which as well as the ple rehearsal of what your minister has thus seen that their instruction in the knowledge of salva- years ago, similar schools were kept up, daily, houses and premises, were generally kept in excel- and heard for himself, may lead you, not only like tion was very far from being neglected. For upon many of the plantations by the female mem- lent order. To their conduct, Mr. Clay bore those in the text, to suppress objections but even several years back, Methodist missionaries have bers of the families of the planters—but these have, decided testimony. Punishment, was compara- to glorify God by thanksgiving, and praise for the chatechised the children every other week. Their | neighbourhood, once a fortnight. success has been considerable—many have been | The coloured Sunday school connected with the | prompt and uniform in punishing them, every year In the neat and commodious Episcopal church, are two in this parish, preach from place to place, to lament its being misplaced. As to their piety, mised land. Then and there Moses, as commanderected within a few years, in that neighbourhood, on every Lord's day, and sometimes during the it was a subject of regret to Mr. Clay, that com- ed by God, told them that when they had passed there are large and convenient galleries for the week-so that there are very few, even of the old paratively, so few of his people had united them- over Jordan they should build the altar of the the stated service on each Lord's day, the rector, not the gospel brought to their very doors. The ascribe to the high standard of religious character, the people, saying—'These shall stand upon Mount and trustworthy instructors.

and Methodist missionaries have been labouring all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have has not been lost on his neighbours-many who once among them for several years. Those of the plan- love, one to another.'-This vexed and vexing | viewed his plans with distrust, have now adopted ters with whom I conversed, were fully convinced | question, unsatisfactory as it is, among the most | them-and I was glad to have the testimony of of the benefits, even in a temporal point of view, enlightened and learned, is of course among them one of the most respectable and extensive factors of having the gospel preached on their plantations, fraught with nothing but evil. This evil is to be in Savannah, or perhaps in the southern country, indeed their difficulty was, that the missionary | checked-and how, except through God's bless- | that he considered Mr. Clay's altogether the best

The information contained in this discourse is | was not able, from the wide extent of his circuit, | ing, which by filling the hearts of all, with the | managed plantation, of which he had heard. I valuable, on account of the high source from to be present at each place as often as they love of Christ, and of all who love Christ, shall was also glad to perceive that a very decided which it emanates. The writer is a distinguished | wished—and one of them, whose possessions were | make them willing to differ in some points, but | change is taking place in public sentiment, upon divine of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the sible, an Episcopal minister to settle in the neigh- and righteousness of life. That such a blessing coloured people. A gentleman in St. Luke's city of Charleston; is a devoted philanthropist bourhood, and take parochial charge of his people, may descend, not only on them, but upon all who parish, at whose house I stopped, stated frankly christian, and withal, most successfully engaged and those on a few adjoining plantations; so that are set at variance with each other, should be our that neither himself nor a neighbouring friend

from such a source, and relating to a subject of the lower part of Prince William's parish, in Beau- Rev. Mr. Young, laboured for many years, for the very deep interest to the southern states, it is with fort district. On many, though not all of the large spiritual welfare of the coloured people, by means more than ordinary pleasure that we place it be- plantations on the Combahee river, which partly of a Sunday school and stated preaching, both in of their own accord, suggested to him that the bounds this parish, the Methodist missionaries are | the church and on the plantations, and not without | people should be assembled for religious worship, employed, and so far as I could learn the results, success. It was only a few days since that I met and instruction. gave much satisfaction to the proprietors. On on the Ogeechee, in Georgia, a servant, formerly It is gratifying, to know that systematic and those plantations where the methodist missionaries one of his communicants, who spoke of his instruc- zealous exertions are made for the same object, The productions are alike tempered with judg- are not employed, I am inclined to think, that the tion with deep gratitude, while her upright and in other parts of our state and Georgia, by chrisment and prudence; they breathe the spirit of the services of a minister of the Episcopal church, christian life, proved to all around that the instruc- tians of all denominations.—The Rev. Charles gospel, and cannot fail to make good impressions approved of by the bishop, would be accepted; tion had not been fruitless. The Rev. Mr. Dupont, Colcock Jones, (a nephew of our late lamented and in the meantime, though public service is not | now the rector of the church at Grahamville, is | friend and brother, Judge Colcock,) has for held on these plantations, the people have the deeply interested in the religious improvement of many years past, been actively and devotedly opportunity, which I understand they readily em- | this portion of his flock-and indeed has often | engaged in this work in Liberty county, Geor-Let us no longer fear to encourage, by every brace, of attending divine service at the neigh- desired, (should the providence of God permit,) | gia, and has, perhaps, done more for its advanceprudent measure, the moral and religious instruc- | bouring places, and thus have access to the means | to devote himself to this work exclusively. He | ment than any one known individual.—He has tion of the coloured race. The planters of Geor. of grace. The Rev. Mr. Stephen Elliot, Sr. rec- preaches to the coloured people every Sunday in already prepared for the coloured people an exceltor of this parish, devotes much of his time during | the summer season, at the church; and during the | lent doctrinal catechism; and is preparing another the winter months, to the religious instruction of winter, visits the plantations. There are, besides, of a historical character—as well as short and sim-Virginia a noble example. They have only to the people on the south-west side of the Comba- Sunday schools for both children and adults. A ple sermons, to be read to them by their teachers. announce their readiness to co-operate in this hee; and when I saw him a few days since, was Methodist missionary also resides at Grahamville, Having been called for a time to the highly hobenevolent enterprise, and there are several chris- making arrangements with his neighbours, for the large rice plan- nourable and useful post of professor of one of the tian denominations ready and willing to supply erection of a church for the coloured people, on tations on the Savannah river the public road, at which, he proposed to hold The vicinity which I next visited was one, bia,—his heart so yearned after his former favouservice on Sunday afternoons during the winter- | where, perhaps, the most judicious and successful | rite occupation, that he has recently returned to and he hopes, the next season, to be able to visit | plans have been adopted, and carried on for many | it, and is now engaged in its humbler duties with some of the large plantations near him, for the | years, with a view to the improvement of this | fresh ardour. purpose of catechising the children.

this parish, the Methodists have been labouring | gia. Mr. Clay is a gentleman of a high order of | ary to this people, on the Messrs. Clarksons' planfor several years—though the missionaries, whom | character, whether it respects general intelligence | tations, on the Wateree—though his health has I saw for a few moments, lamented that their suc- and virtue, or christian principle and conduct. been delicate, his zealous labours have been abun-After a few, brief, introductory remarks on the cess had not been as great as elsewhere. Within For sixteen years past, (during which time every dant, and not without success.-A considerable this section of country, by several of the planters,- religious advancement of those who in the provi- act consistently. prominent among whom, was the late Col. James | dence of God had become his. His sister, a lady | Cuthbert, who ever evinced a deep interest in this of superior intellect and devoted piety helped him 'I select the passage without reference to any object, and not only advocated its efficient prose- efficiently in his praiseworthy object. She orgaspecial application, for the purpose of bringing to cution in the diocesian convention, (where his voice | nized a class of children, upon the infant school your view, a brief and cursory outline of such per- had much weight on this point, as he was known | system—and taught them orally catechism, hymns sonal observations as I have been able recently to | to be a large proprietor,) but was always anxious | and scripture—devoting to this duty a part of every coloured people along the southern sea-board of competent ministers.—Mr. Webb has been much | such of them as could or would come, regularly trust, the subject will not prove uninteresting, tial a friend to the object—but his labours thus God and prayer—and on Sundays, some minister the large plantations on the Santee, for many years feeling assured of its vast importance—for what so far have been as successful as he could have preached on the plantation, or the people attended likely to convince even the sceptical, of the divine | expected .- He resides (during the winter,) upon | divine service, which was held, at the distance of origin and power of the gospel, as facts, which one of the plantations in the lower part of the three or four miles. Mr. Clay being a man of attest its meliorating influence upon those, deemed parish, where, with the assistance of his wife, he excellent judgment, and unwearied diligence, least accessible to its spiritual nature, and what, catechises the children often during the week .- | while he imparted religious knowledge, conducted | people on Waccamaw; and though his progress, at the same time, so full of comfort and encourage. He preaches to the people every other Sunday, the management of his people with great success, ment to those, who engaged among ourselves, in and in the interval preaches to them at night.— as planter. His discipline, though not severe, was the praiseworthy but laborious work of training up | His summer residence is necessarily at McPher- | uniform. Offences small or great, were not overin the nurture and admonition of the Lord, the sonville, many miles distant, so that his labours looked, though such as involved moral turpitude, same class of people, may have almost sunk into are attended with greater fatigue; but in this were dealt with most decidedly. All inconsistenhopeless despondency at the fruitlessness of their | neighbourhood also, there are several plantations | cies on the part of those who professed religion, under his pastoral care, which he visits, preaching | were at once reported to their church officers, and

The next neighbourhood which I passed through, 3. The next neighbourhood that I visited, was was Grahamville, in St. Luke's parish.—Here the

class-I mean the plantation of Mr. Thomas Clay, The Rev. Mr. Scriven, of our own church, has On the cotton plantations on the lower part of on the Ogeechee river, in Bryan county, Geor- for several years past, been engaged as a mission-

those efforts have been most judiciously and suc- | belonging to the Baptist church. - In the Episco- | cheerfulness and intelligent civility of the people, pal church, the number is considerably smaller. In attest, certainly, an external reformation—their The place I first visited, was Wilton Bluff, both of these churches there are schools for the industry was manifest, not only in the work done | brethren, that if doubts or prejudices (on the subbeen employed by the proprietors of some of the in many instances, been discontinued, as being | tively rare, as the people knew what they had to | good work of reformation he is carrying on among most thickly settled plantations.-These have the less necessary, since the Methodist mission- do, and did it cheerfully .- Intemperance, adultery, this class of our population.' preached to the people, generally, as often as once | aries have undertaken the work, and catechised | theft, fighting, quarreling and lying, were becomevery other Lord's day throughout the year, and the children on most of the plantations in that ing uncommon—and as he is indefatigable in investigating and detecting these offences, and added to their communion-and the testimony of Episcopal church in Beaufort, numbered at one they are diminishing. A decided moral tone perthe owners and managers unequivocally is, that a | time upwards of one hundred scholars, who made | vades them as a body, and though of course there | sensible and and decided change has taken place in | surprising progress in the knowledge of divine | are exceptions, most of them possess most fully, the morals and habits, and conduct of the people. | truth. The Methodist missionaries, of which there | their owner's confidence, and he has not often | of toil and suffering came to the verge of the proaccommodation of the coloured people.-And after and decrepid, in that section of country who have selves with the church. This, perhaps, was to be Lord their God with whole stones, and charged (the reverend Mr. Fowles,) is in the habit of results have been most happy. From personal which he maintained—and those who did profess Gerizim to bless the people, and these shall stand instructing, with much care and attention, such of observation, I was able to discover a manifest religion, adhered, he stated, in general with much upon Mount Ebal to curse.'—After Joshua led them as are willing to remain.—He used, also, improvement in the moral and physical condition consistency to this standard—most, if not all, both them over Jordan, he wrote on the stones a copy until prevented by the failure of his health, to visit of the people. Vices which formerly prevailed old and young were under the influence of reli- of the law: and all Israel and their elders, and the plantations during the week, for the purpose | without rebuke, or shame, are now utterly discoun- | gious principle, but he regretted that there was | officers and judges, stood on this side of the Ark, of catechising the children, and instructing the tenanced among them. Their temporal condition less fervour and devotion than could have been and on that side; half of them over against Mount adults. His success has been encouraging, and has also been decidedly meliorated by that godli- wished. Their minister at present is Mr. McGill, Gerizim, and half of them over against Mount Ebal: the interest which he feels in the work, is such, ness which is profitable for the life that now is, who is deeply interested in the religious instruc- and amid that scene of sublimity, the most awful as to induce him to spend his summer in the as well as that which is to come. The necessity tion of the coloured people—he has about fifteen and tremendous of any that had happened on earth, neighbourhood, so as to continue his efforts at a for corporeal punishment has very much dimi- hundred altogether under his pastoral care, and he read all the words of the law, and the cursing season when he has been compelled, though reluc- nished; and their social state has in every respect about four hundred and fifty of them church mem- and blessings according to all that is written in tantly, to leave them. -So that it may be confidently improved. The proprietors are not content with bers. -Mr. McGill preaches to them on the plan- the book of the law. affirmed as to this section of the country, that | managers, who neglect their people, and attends their | 'Fellow-countrymen, the ark of your covenant there are none of the coloured people, who have quently, the characters of that important class of meetings for administering discipline, and admit- is the Declaration of Independence; the articles of not the opportunity of attending divine service, men in our southern country, overseers, is becom. | ting members. I was very much delighted and | confederation. Whence came curses, is our Mount within four or six miles of their residence, at least | ing very much improved. Many of them are | surprised, with the progress of the children in Miss | Ebal, and your Mount Gerizim is the Constitution once every fortnight-and in this particular, they | decidedly pious men, and belonging in general to | Clay's school, and also in Miss Elliott's, on the | of the United States. [Cheers.] Preserve it in are more highly favoured, than a large portion of the Baptist or Methodist church, they exercise, other side of the river. The teaching was wholly your inmost souls as a sign and blessing; bind it as the white population in the south-western states, through their church discipline, a wholesome and oral, and some of the children could repeat sixty a frontlet between your eyes; treasure it in your if not in many of the upper districts of our own godly control over the people under their care, hymns—those of four years of age, could say three heart of hearts; think of it when setting down, state. It was pleasing to see the gratitude with | who belong to the same communion.—It is sad | or four.—They knew the greater part of Jones' | when rising up, and walking forth to breathe the which many of them regarded their religious pri- and humiliating to relate, (but so it is, in the judg- Catechism, which is a large one, could repeat the blessed air of heaven.-Write it on the lintels of vileges. I preached to them both in the church | ment of most of the pious and judicious persons, | Litany, the General Confession, the Creed, the | your doors and gates-posts; cling to it as you do and on one of the plantations, and they seemed to with whom I conversed on the subject.) that one Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments—and to your earthly life; adhere to it as the cords of rejoice with thanksgiving in the glad tidings of of the greatest obstacles to the advancement of the sung with great life and harmony, a number of diffi- your eternal salvation. So shall your children and salvation—so far as I could hear, there existed no gospel among the coloured people in this section | cult tunes. In short I have never yet seen, the white | your children's children celebrate this day fifty objection in the minds of any of the proprietors | particularly, is to be found in a sectarian spirit, | children in any Sunday school, exhibit more accu- | years hence, with all, and more than all, the blessthere, to having their people taught in religious | which was prevailing among them-which is the | racy and readiness in their recitations, than the | ings which we enjoy-and with all the blessings knowledge, provided it was done by competent true church,' a question, which in all ages has so coloured children on the Ogeechee—their conduct that were promised and bestowed upon the chilrent and torn asunder the mystical body of Christ, too, both in school and at other times, satisfied their dren of Israel, for their obedience to the law of God.'

2. The next neighbourhood that I visited, was and led his followers to lose that badge of disciple- teachers that the influence of truth upon them, Ashepoo,—here too, the plantations are large— ship, which he, himself prescribed—'by this shall though slow, was sure.—The example of Mr. Clay whom he named, would a few years ago, have listened to the proposal of having preaching for their people, neither of them being religious menwhereas both of them, a few months since, on a visit of their clergyman to their plantations, had

branches in the Theological Seminary at Colum-

The labours of the Rev. Mr. Young, among the coloured people on John's Island, have been attended with a signal blessing. He reports upwards of a hundred added to his church in one year, and their conduct, with some few exceptions, he represents as commendable. He preaches to them on plantations—a Sunday school is also in operation, past—and when I last inquired of one of the gentlemen most interested, the result was gratifying indeed. The Rev. Mr. Glennie, (also of our church,) devotes much of his time to the coloured as he told me, was slow, it was certain that a decided change for the better, was taking place in them-and their owners were manifesting an increased desire to have them instructed .- Indeed from the parochial reports of our clergy, given in at the last diocesian convention, it was encouraging to see that in almost every parish, whether in the people made to see and feel, that as their the city, or country, some exertions were made either by Sunday schools, or some other means for the religious improvement of this portion of our

Brethren, I cannot close these cursory remarks without proposing that something more should be done in this city, God helping us, for the promotion of the object I have been speaking of-

In conclusion, let me express the hope, dear

The following beautiful peroration closed the late half century address of the Hon. J Q. Adams, at New York.

'The children of Israel, after forty or fifty years