

FUGITIVE SLAVES IN CANADA.

ELGIN SETTLEMENT.

There are upwards of Thirty Thousand Coloured persons in Canada, mostly Fugitives from the United States. With the view of improving the social and moral condition of the Coloured population, in 1857 a number of benevolent gentlemen of different denominations, under the patronage of Lord Elgin, the then Governor of Canada, formed an Association, which was incorporated by Act of Parliament in 1859, under the title of the Elgin Association. Eighteen Thousand Dollars were subscribed, and Nine Thousand Acres of Land secured from Government, in the Township of Haldimand, and County of Kent. These Lands were divided into Farms of Fifty Acres each, and given to Coloured settlers at a nominal price.

The object of this effort is to show by practical experiment, that the Coloured man, when placed in favorable circumstances, could support himself by his own industry; and to refute the charge brought against him by the pro-slavery party in the United States, that he would not support himself when set free.

On these Lands upwards of Two Hundred Families are now settled, supporting themselves by their own industry. Lord Althorp, now Earl Spencer, of England, who visited the Settlement in 1867, and Professor Gibson, of Belfast, and the Rev. William McClure, of Londonderry, who spent two days last September in visiting the Settlement, will testify to the success of the experiment, and the industry of the Settlers.

On these Lands a Church has been erected, to supply the adult population with the means of grace; and Schools have been established to give the children a good education. These Schools are now attended by upwards of One Hundred pupils. That number would be yearly increased by a more liberal and permanent support. One teacher had to be dismissed last year for want of funds.

The Buildings are all of a temporary kind, and will require to be replaced by others of a more substantial and permanent nature.

The Schools will require the support of friends for some time to come.

It is on behalf of the spiritual and educational part of the enterprise that we now appeal to you. We ask nothing for their temporal support. We ask you to aid us only in the erection of good and substantial buildings; place the Schools on a permanent and efficient basis by endowment; create a few Bursaries for the purpose of preparing young men of piety and talents for future usefulness, either in Canada, the United States, or Africa.

Seven Thousand Pounds will be required for the objects contemplated.

The object of our visit has been brought fully before the people of Dublin, at a large public meeting held in the Metropolitan Hall, July the 12th, at which the Lord Mayor presided. The following is a list of gentlemen in Dublin and its vicinity, who sympathize with the movement and have aided with their donations this effort to improve the social and moral condition of a large neglected and deeply injured race. We solicit your aid on behalf of the same object. Your donation may be sent either to RICHARD ALLEN, Esq., 28, Lower Sackville-street, or HENRY MOON, Esq., 27, Capel-street, Dublin, who have kindly consented to act as Treasurers for the fund.

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