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liation for the unjust prejudices which exist towards us as a people. We reject the idea, entertained by many, that the black man can never enjoy equal privileges in this country with other classes. To admit this would be to distrust the power of the Gospel, and to doubt its universal triumph. We regard the enslavement of our race to be the highest crime against God and man, and we hope, by teaching the Kings and Chiefs of Africa better things, to induce them to exterminate the slave trade and engage in lawful commerce, and in this way aid in destroying slavery in this and all other lands. In carrying out our objects we ask for volunteers, and only for volunteers. We appeal to all on the broad grounds of humanity and Christian love. Our plan of operation in Africa is this:

1. To confirm the friendly relations already established by members of the society now there, with some of the chiefs in the Yoruba country, by sending out a company of virtuous, intelligent and enterprising colored people, who are now ready to act as pioneers, and who will proceed as soon as the necessary funds are raised.

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4. To promote lawful commerce upon the coast of Africa, and the growth of cotton and other tropical products by free labor.

With the blessing of God we hope to secure, as the results of our efforts, the diffusion of the Gospel in Africa, and the consequent overthrow of idolatry and superstition, the destruction of the African slave trade, and the establishment of civil government by free colored men, based upon true Christian principles, where ample scope may be afforded to all for the exercise of every mental and moral faculty.

In behalf of this important enterprises we appeal to the patriot, the philanthropist and the Christian—believing that the generous sympathy of our nature will lead very many to act the part of the good Samaritan towards Africa, by contributing liberally to this object, and thus enabling the society to enter at once upon the work of African evangelization and civilization.

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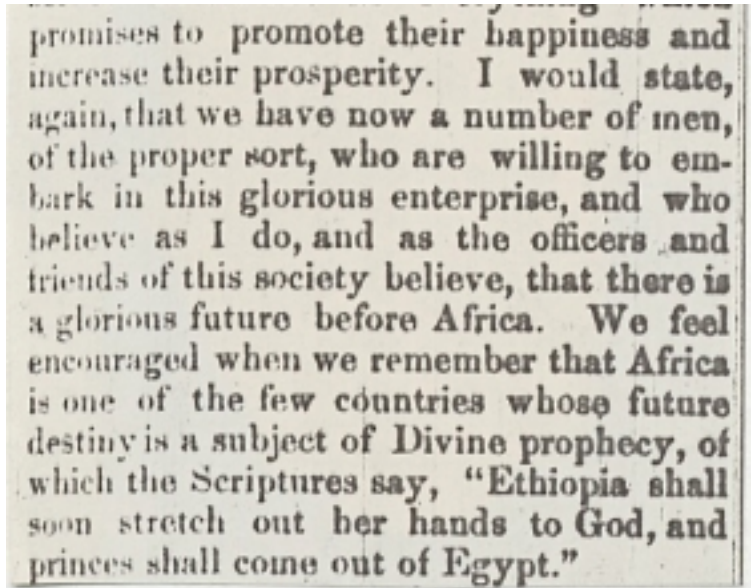
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