

the formation of their dispositions, habits, usefulness and success in life. Our daughters should be by Education, instructed, refined, and exalted to that position which qualifies them, as mothers to teach our children in such a manner that our sons may become useful to their God, their country, society and themselves, and their daughters, teachers, ornament to society and frugal housewives, making home happy and delightful.

A committee has been engaged in revising the old, and preparing a new code of laws which will be presented to you for your action. I would recommend the adoption of such laws as are best adopted to our people and their condition; laws that will punish and prevent crime; that will protect the weak as well as the strong; the poor, as well as the rich, and that will give justice and equity to all. And inasmuch as there are Freedmen among us, whose rights under the treaty of 1866, have not by some been recognized, and in consequence thereof have been discouraged, are not improving or advancing as they might do; and the treaty relative thereto being so plain that no one can mistake or misunderstand it. I allude particularly to those known as the McGilverly or McGilbrey Freedmen whom we know belonged to our own people, were here within our country when the treaty was made and have remained among us ever since. I would recommend if necessary that some action be had recognizing the rights of all who under the treaty are entitled to citizenship and equal rights and privileges with us.