Female Piety. There is a ray of hallow'd light, That beams from woman's eye; From Heaven it wing'd celestial flight, Its fairest work to guide aright, Homeward through the sky: Its brilliant ray reflects a flame That lights the soul to bliss; The sweet reward its vot'ries claim, In Heaven a place, and here a name,

The heart where kindred merit dwells, It lights with grateful love; Its balm all mental wo dispels, And heavenly peace the bosom swells, To raise its thoughts above! The prince and peasant at its shrine, In homage bow the knee; Love, faith, and charity combine To make its pathway brighter shine-From earthly follies free.

Can fears of death dismiss.

Around the calm domestic hearth It yields a genial joy; It sheds a ray of hallowed worth, Pure as the dew that morn gives birth-No cares can e'er destroy! 'Tis there, retired from worldly glare, For happiness we flee; Kneeling in holy, fervent pray'r, The calmness of devotion share, With spotless Female Piety.

I wish he would decide!

I wish he would decide, mamma, I wish he would decide; I've been a bridesmaid twenty times, When shall I be a bride? My cousin Anne, my sister Fan, The nuptial knot have tied, Yet come what will, I'm single still-I wish he would decide!

He takes me to the play, mamma, He brings me pretty books, He woos me with his eyes, mamma, Such speechless things he looks! Whene'er I roam-abroad, at home-He lingers by my side; Yet come what will, I'm single still-I wish he would decide!

I throw out many hints, mamma, I speak of other beaux, I talk about domestic life, And sing 'They don't propose.' But, ah! how vain each piteous strain, His wavering heart to guide; Do what I will, I'm single still-I wish he would decide!

I really shall insist, mamma, If nothing intervenes, My brother Thomas questions him, And asks him what he means? And if he wants to break, mamma, My passion or my pride, Unconquered yet, shall scorn regret, I wish he would decide.

(From the Christian Advocate and Journal.) Letters from Africa,

To the Cor. Secretary of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Monrovia, West Africa, April 22, 1838. VERY DEAR SIR:-The knowledge which have of your ardent attachment to the missionary cause-your personal devotedness to its interestsand the enthusiasm with which you receive intelli. held. gence which relates to missionary operations, and the advancement of christianity in foreign and heathen countries, added to my personal acquaintance with you-are my apologies for wishing to | had to contend with-an inhospitable and unoccupy a few minutes of your time in giving you a known climate, the diseases of which swept them cursory account of the state and prosperity of your off, scarcely leaving one to tell the story. Permission in Africa, and also its wants, and reliance haps the first who attempted to secure a residence upon your efficient board for the means to enable here, as missionaries, were the Moravians, from it to continue its onward marches toward the gigantic conquest had in contemplation—that of | hands and pure hearts,' and laboured arduously for making this widely spread heathen and idolatrous country tributary to the christian religion, and of | victims to the destroying and withering influences establishing peace and happiness in all the borders of this vast continent, through the benign influence of Immanuel's banner, which shall be seen to wave high o'er the battlements where Satan, for so many centuries, has held an undisputed sway. you to our missionary board will not be deemed feeble efforts are given to further the same glori- and appointed them to other fields of labour conous undertaking; and residing in the midst of the | taining fewer privations and less of suffering. operations, witnessing the triumphant achieveexpended upon these benighted shores.

take a view of the extent of the field, which is sent their messengers to proclaim liberty to the that I possess, you could scarcely credit it. truly great, 'and white already to harvest,' of the heathen millions who reside in this country-of which had been erected; for this they toiled, and yours, &c. the manner of their superstitious worship, and of strove hard to maintain their ground, but they the gross moral darkness which has till recently were speedily carried away by the destruction teacher to take charge of the Academy in Liberia, every where pervaded the whole land; but I shall that wasteth at noon-day:' here we have the ashes no one competent has yet offered himself. Who content myself with glancing rapidly at the com- of a Cloud, a Savage, a Laird, a Cox, a Wright, will come up to our help in this matter? N. B. mencement of better days in the history of this and a score of others, who all died martyrs to the forlorn daughter of misery, whose powers have cause in Monrovia. Some who thought to escape been made to bow and succumb to idolatry, and | death by a residence in other countries, unable to

despair alone. lous country was in total darkness. Here igno- friends. Notwithstanding death made haste to rance and superstition had erected their temples, throw his deadly arrows, yet these beloved ones which towered to the skies, and their votaries and have left a name behind them that will endure and victims were no others than all the fallen sons of | be venerated by the people here as long as chrisbers of the human family were bought and sold, ocean to cast up its troubled billows upon the and eaten by their fellows, with impunity; the borders of the plot of ground in which they lie. coast swarmed with slave ships; polygamy, and | And we who now occupy the territory are comevery adulterous and incestuous vice, and degra- pelled to exclaim, 'What hath God wrought! ding passion was fully indulged; the mental facul- | Surely 'the lines have fallen to us in pleasant a parallel with the brute creation, and the nakedness of the intellectual part was only equalled by the Baptist, and Presbyterian missionaries have bowed with reverential awe.

human nature which was here presented to those settlement in Liberia, over all who avail themthat first came to bring 'good tidings of great joy to those which sat in the region and shadow of My dear sir, it is certainly a source of much

God,' nevertheless we can confidently assert that | and better men. Why it is, we know not; but more has been accomplished during a few years | 'it is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our than could have been anticipated by the most eyes.' The church is moving forward most unsanguine believer in the feasibility of christian- | precedentedly; nearly all the settlements have izing Africa. Though slavery is not entirely aban- | drunk largely from the great Fountain Head. doned, we know that many of its principal marts | have witnessed thirty and upward around the altar are; and there is little room for doubting that the | at one time, praying for the regenerating influences traffic in human flesh and blood has received a of the Holy Spirit; among which number were check from which it can never recover. Certain | several natives, sons and daughters of the forest, it is, that with a little renewed effort and support | who have renounced their 'greegree idols,' and from home, we will have closed in the coast, and | proved 'that of a truth God is no respecter of perthen it must be relinquished; the united energies | sons, but, in every nation, he that feareth him and of the missionary and colonization societies will | worketh righteousness is accepted of him.' We bring about that event. Though Devil worship | have a class of children and native converts which has not been entirely superseded by the knowledge | meets weekly at our mission house; and I assure of the christian's God, in many places it has; and | you, that to hear the simple unvarnished tale of now we can point the skeptical to numerous green | the sweets of pardoning love, as told by those and verdant spots in this hitherto vast, barren | children, is sufficient to melt a heart, though it be desert, which are redeeming qualities in the face as hard as the nether mill-stone. of Africa's destiny; portions that denote the return of the wanderer, and a desire to be numbered | brick church, a convenient mission-house, and the among the fold of Christ's people. From the suc- | walls nearly completed for an academy. Brother cess which has thus far crowned the exertions | Seys thus far has acted as principal; the pupils made, we may look forward to a period not far | number better than one hundred, and for the distant, when Africa shall send her wise men from | present meet in the church till the academy is the east' to inquire concerning the dawn of the | completed. At the other settlements and towns Gospel light which is now breaking in upon its | we have mission-houses, churches, and schoolwestern verge, and when these beacon rays shall houses; at Millsburg, a flourishing manual labour have gathered strength and arisen from feeble academy. twilight to be the full sun of righteousness in meridian splendour, diffusing light and gospel pri- Send us help; send us men of stature—giants; whole, I can say with truth on my side, that it is vileges to the perishing millions who are travers- and let us go up at once and possess it.' From the lowest possible extent, and shrouded in igno- | year's residence in this country, I am prepared to rance by gloomy superstition, and the false doc- | say, that delicate and weakly individuals are not trines of Mohammed. Then shall the heralds of | the best calculated to endure the influences of the cross be sent and received to plant the ensign | this climate; and perhaps the remark will hold of the Gospel throughout this land; because she | equally good in a mental as well as physical sense. who has been oppressed by all nations, and looked upon as being inferior in God's creation of intelli- possessed of sufficient stamina of constitution to in the precepts of the book of holiness, and appear life, and who would be fully able to meet the among the redeemed with shouting and great | cavils of, and argue with a well taught Mohammerejoicings; then shall the wilderness and the soli- dan, and convince him of the superiority of the tary place be glad for them, and the desert shall Bible and its doctrines over those of the Koran. rejoice and blossom as the rose.'

vinyard; since which time the different branches of the church militant have seemed to vie with each other in striving to be foremost in the grand of portraying the zeal manifested and good accomsuitable than the one from which I write-Monrovia. This place, which possesses every religious enjoyment and civil privilege, an industrious community, intelligent citizens; in a word, a town containing public buildings and private dwellings, built of brick, stone, rough cast, &c. combining one of the principal 'slave factories,' where the inhabitants were sold in cargoes by the native kings to the slave-dealer. This very rock was known far and wide, by the Spanish slave cruiser, as a place from whence he could get a valuable cargo, and take his departure for foreign isles heavily laden with the blood and sinews of Africa's children. Here, upon the very spot where are erected our churches, whose altars have been dedicated to the worship of the living God, human victims have been offered in sacrifice to appease the idol deities; -here man and beast prowled widely in search of each other; and here was 'the Devil's bush,' under which the 'devil man' sought instruction and light from the prince of darkness, and around which native palavers were

But the long established slave system, and the rude and savage state of the natives were not all the obstacles and impediments that the missionary Switzerland; and though they were 'men of clean the spread of their Master's kingdom, yet they fell of the diseases of the place: their ranks were supported and filled by new supplies from home, until there were no others to volunteer to fill the vacancies made in their numbers by the 'noisome pestilence.' Thus they, who were never before known am induced to believe that a letter from me through | to abandon any station because of persecution or hardships, relinquished Monrovia, and recalled the altogether preposterous, inasmuch as my own remaining weakened and enervated individuals,

Other branches of the church, believing it their ments of Messiah's kingdom, I am anxious to add | duty to do something for this bleeding country, my humble testimony in behalf of the good result- | sent their pioneers to prepare the way; but they ing from the means and labours which you have | too suffered in common with those who had preceded them, and perished in the undertaking. If the limits of a letter would permit, we might | The Baptists, the Methodists, and Presbyterians captives, and to support the blood-stained banner whose visage wears a darkened aspect from endure the voyage, sunk, and are in the deep bosom of the ocean buried,' while a few reached But a few years since, and this vast and popu- their homes happy to die in the bosom of their Adam who resided in these regions. The mem- | tianity shall continue to be taught, or the agitated ties of the human species were reduced almost to | places.' 'Other men have laboured, and we have entered into their labours.' Though the Moravian, the entire nudity of the corporeal form. The devil | all forsaken this place, yet thanks be to God who was worshipped as the true God, and the inferior | giveth us the victory,' and hath upheld the efforts animals esteemed as deities, before whom they made by the Methodist E. Church, that she continues to survive and spread abroad a shadowing Such is but a faint picture of that depraved influence, not only in Monrovia, but in every

death;' and though we cannot now say that the | thankfulness and rejoicing that our lives are

whole population has been changed from dark- spared, and we permitted to stand and live and ness to light, and from the power of Satan unto enjoy good health upon the very graves of greater

We have a large and commodious stone and

The land lies before us, and looks invitingly. ing the wilds of Africa, with minds degraded to the knowledge which I have acquired by nearly a When I refer to my health in America, I speak of Men are wanted to go into the interior who are gent beings, shall stand forth in purity and walk undergo the hardships consequent upon such a

The mission also much needs a suitable person It is but a few years since the christian church to take charge of the academy, as principal. The aroused itself from its lethargy and slumbering, to | many and arduous duties of the superintendent so put forth its energies in behalf of this long neglect- | frequently demand his presence at the other towns, ed, but vitally important corner of the great moral | that it is impossible for him to continue to fill the chair; and lastly, can you not send a printer, and and usefulness. printing establishment? The cause demands it. We greatly need an organ through which we can and benevolent enterprise: and if I were desirous be heard, and let the American people know that coming up to them as fast as could be expected they are not giving their thousands to the Liberia of persons in their circumstances. It is a matter plished, by selecting and giving as an example any Methodist mission for nothing. Would a semi- put out of the reach of controversy, that the husone point of this coast, none appears to be more | monthly paper, edited by your superintendent of bandman must first be a partaker of the fruits,' in this mission, not get a sufficiency of subscribers in America and Liberia to support it? From three to five hundred might be obtained here; besides the office would be of great advantage in printing

the smaller books and cards for the schools. With the assistance that I have just referred you all the comforts and many of the luxuries of life, to, and the continued blessing of God, we shall was, less than a score of years since, known as | go on prosperously. O try, and awaken the people to a spirit of increased liberality; it is a glorious cause, inasmuch as it is only lending to Him for us' to hold it up, represent, and look at it. who hath said, They shall receive a hundred-fold in this present life, and in the world to come life preaching the Gospel of Christ, and our congreeverlasting. I sincerely believe that every twenty gations are overflowing, and weeping congregadollars expended here will 'save a soul alive. Who can estimate the benefit and influence of that mercy. O may they obtain it! Amen! I exsoul in turning many from darkness to light! that pittance into the treasury of the Lord. Are there no young men at your different universities or colleges that will volunteer for Africa? To calling upon him, if there are remaining inquiries live in Liberia is not to die; myself, and others to be satisfied. He undoubtedly will take pleawith me, enjoy good health. The two females who came out with me have been teaching school, him to come home,' you meant evacuating his one at Millsburg, the other in this town, for several months, with but little interruption by fever. dissent from your opinion. Miss Beers has taught three months, without a day's intermission. The Rev. Mr. Seys continues to visit all the stations down the coast, and up the wedded to our interest to make up his mind to rivers. Mrs. Seys has been quite poorly; she has borne the heat and burden of the day in Africa. The Rev. J. B. Barton, his wife and mother, have will bring him from Africa's sheres entirely, and all had several trifling attacks of fever, which

and appear to be acclimated. We are happy to know, that, not only in Africa, Terry. Yours, most humbly, but by recent accounts given in the Advocate, the ark is moving forward in all the missionary stations: goodly reports are published from South America, Green Bay, and the Rocky Mountains, which greatly revives our courage by the way. Liberia represent our interesting colonies in that From the simultaneous effort now making, we may reasonably conclude that the time is not far distant when the stone that was cut out of the from the Rev. Beverly Wilson, (well known mountain without hands, will shortly break in here) to a gentleman in this Borough, dated, chaff of the summer threshing floors-and the wind shall carry them away that no place will be found for them, and itself increase and fill the | thankful to the blessed Lord for what he has done

whole earth."

With much esteem, I remain very respectfully S. M. E. GOHEEN.

Remarks—Though we have advertised for a

New-York, June 23, 1838.

accompanying letter is a member of the Liberia on motion of the Rev. Mason Noble, it was Conference, and stationed at Mount Emory. This brother was converted on what is now known as | gers and friends of the society to endeavour to Windham circuit, Delaware district, New-York raise for its object, in the next six months, ONE Conference. From the time of his conversion | HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS.' until he left our shores for Africa, he led a life of ardent devotion—improving his mind, as he had opportunity-to secure which, it was his custom | two thousand dollars, for the society.' to carry in his pocket constantly some useful work. He at one time taught a district school composed of white children, and gave general satisfaction.

If you think there is any thing in the letter which would be pleasing to your readers in general, I am sure that among his numerous friends, who are in many instances the patrons of your paper, any information in relation to him, and the blessed work in which he is engaged, will be matter of great satisfaction, and serve perhaps to keep their hearts warm in the good work of sending the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Respectfully your friend and brother, DAVID TERRY. Mount Emory, W. Africa, April 12, 1838.

REV. AND DEAR SIR:-Your letter of the 24th of August reached me when at Monrovia, attending the conference; but I had not time to reply to it then, before the vessel by which I intended to send it, put to sea. But as the Emperor sails to New-York soon, I embrace this opportunity of giving the information you desired of me.

But first, I must express my gratitude to you for the kind advice and encouragement which your letter bore to me, and for those ties of friendship and christian respect that it breathed, which neither time, nor distance, nor unworthiness can sever or impair. I was gratified to learn that my communication afforded yourself and Mrs. Terry the least satisfaction, and that I could be the humble instrument of adding one pleasant sensation—if it be but as a 'cup of cold water'—to minds professedly, and, I trust, exclusively, engaged in extending the reign of Messiah, and gathering the lost sheep, 'scattered and peeled,' without a fold and without a shepherd, within the pale of the church, and to the communion of

I need not here again express my solicitude for you and yours—and need not say it is my fervent prayer that you may possess a large share of sanctifying and quickening grace, and that yours may always inherit a Saviour's family blessing.

Your first question is about my health. As to this, sir, it is better now, and has been, since about the time I wrote you, than before. On the much better in Africa than it was in America. that presence of acute pain by which I was unable to pursue any thing with the well founded hope of a successful termination. From that annoying disability I am greatly relieved in Africa; but, as was to be expected, a constitution formed in a temperate, has suffered enervation by a removal to, and continuance in a tropical climate.

2d. Mrs. Burns is a native of the city of Baltimore, of French descent, educated a Catholic, but emigrated with a brother-in-law and two sisters to this colony, at its first settlement. One sister died with the fever. The rest have, since my coming to Palmas, been converted and joined our society. They are now walking in the fear of God, and comfort of the Holy Ghost. I have tried a married life now one year, and I believe that this union is promotive both of my happiness

Lastly. We are trying to point our societies to the advance grounds in holiness, and they are order to a clear, pointed, and winning description of their properties and taste. In raising the standard of christian experience and privilege, we cannot, if we have not ourselves been partakers 'of the powers of the world to come,' but be affected under a conviction of our lameness and our leanness. It is a subject about which if we talk, 'the fire burns;' so that, whether we have obtained the blessing or not, I believe it is 'good Recently I feel an unusual degree of liberty in tions. In fact, sinners are beginning to cry for pect that the ship which carries this across the Who would refuse out of their abundance to throw great waters will also bear our beloved superintendent, the Rev. John Seys, and family to your shores. I hope you will do me the favour of sure in answering them. But if by 'persuading post entirely and finally, I beg leave to record my

He is too much beloved and too much depended on to forsake us now. Besides, he is too deeply such a measure. No, sir, nothing but the flat negation of the board to his farther labours in Africa cause him to bid adieu to a scene where he has only lasted a day or two each; they are now well, laboured and suffered so much for Christ's sake. But I must bid you adieu. My regards to Mrs.

FRANCIS BURNS.

LIBERIA.-The Norfolk Herald says, we are gratified to learn that letters lately received from country as growing and thriving as we could wish. The following is an extract from one of them,

White Plains, Millsburg, May 12, 1838 DEAR SIR:-I have great reason to be very for me, and those by whom I am surrounded. I perceive my sheet is filled. I fear the great | rejoice that I have come to this country. It prolixity of this letter will weary you. My health | becomes more and more interesting to me; and it is good; my privations have been few; and if I must be the same to every interesting mind. I am were to write of half the comforts and enjoyments | happy to say that I have the pleasure of seeing many of the heathens uniting themselves to the Church of Christ, and we have great reason to be encouraged to continue our labour, as we know that it has not been in vain. The colony has been improving the last twelve months, the people have become most able farmers, and they will find it to their advantage.

(From the Christian Statesman.)

At a meeting of the friends of the American Colonization Society, held in the city of Wash-REV. AND DEAR BROTHER:-The writer of the ington, on Wednesday evening, the 13th instant,

Resolved, 'That it be recommended to the mana-

Also, on motion of the Rev. Mr. M'Lain, 'that an immediate effort be made, to raise in this city, The meeting adjourned (as stated in our last)

to assemble again on the evening of the 29th instant, in the Rev. Mr. M'Lain's church, to receive the report of the committee. Several hundred, and fifty dollars subscriptions, are already received. Let each friend of the cause in this city give but a single dollar, and the proposed sum will be raised. Some gentlemen have expressed regret that the proposition had not been to raise in Washington \$10,000, and believe that if 20,000 was subscribed here for the American Bible Society, half that amount might be obtained for the American Colonization Society.

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