The Annual Report of the Mississippi State Colonization Society.

zation Society, held at the Methodist Episcopal annual report of the executive committee, with best and permanent interests of the free coloured of the same printed in pamphlet form, to be dispeople of this country are to be secured by their posed of by the executive committee. emigration to Africa, the land of their forefathers. The meeting also passed other resolutions, setting forth the belief of the members, that apart from the abstract question of slavery, the Colonization Society recommends itself to the entire confidence and ardent support of the christian, the philanthropist and the American citizen; that in the colonization in Africa of the | their eighth annual report, the executive commitfree coloured people of this country, and the | tee feel themselves called upon to acknowledge consequent introduction of the arts and laws of with humble gratitude, the favour which a wise, civilization, of letters, and above all of the bless- merciful and over-ruling Providence has vouchings of the christian religion, they behold a won- | safed to their labours. This has ever been the case derful accomplishment of the purposes of divine | from the earliest period of this Society's brief exislove towards that hitherto benighted people, and | tence, but it has never been more manifest than that whether in reference to the colonists, the during the present year, not only in the prospernatives of Africa, the slaves of this country or the ous condition of our colony in Africa, but also citizens themselves, the plan of colonization pro- in the encouragement it meets with from the inmises good unmixed with evil; and that they find | creased patronage and favour extended by our felthemselves called upon by such convictions and low citizens. cheered by unexampled success, to persevere in | The executive committee beg leave briefly to

the Society, the report of the executive commit- meeting formed a memorable epoch in the history tee, which was read and adopted at the same of this Society. Previously to that meeting, this meeting, says that it is proposed to imitate the | Society existed as a mere fiscal agent of the parent example of the 'Maryland Colonization Society,' | board, for the purpose of collecting and transmitand to make it the interest of the free coloured | ing funds to be expended by the American Colopeople of this country to emigrate to Africa. Of | nization Society in furtherance of the general inthe judiciousness of such a policy, there can be terests of African colonization. the best results .- Balt. American.

WEDNESDAY, March 14, 1838. The annual meeting of the Mississippi State

Colonization Society, was held at the Methodist Episcopal church in Natchez.

that the president was so much indisposed as to be unable to attend, and none of the vice-presidents being present, Doctor John Ker was nominated by the Rev. B. M. Drake, and unanimously chosen to preside at this meeting.

At the request of the chairman, the Rev. D. C. Page commenced the services of the day by

then read the report of the executive committee and it was on motion of L. Wailes, Esq. Resolved, That the report be accepted.

The following resolutions were adopted unanimously. No. 1, on motion of Rev. B. M. Drake: No. 2, on motion of Rev. D. C. Page; No. 3, on motion of Rev. S. G. Winchester; and No. 4, on motion of Rev. Wm. Winans; each of the gentlemen having addressed the meeting in support of the resolution offered by him.

1. Resolved, That our convictions are strengthened and confirmed, that the best and permanent interests of the free coloured people of this country, are to be secured only by their emigration to Africa, the land of their forefathers.

2. Resolved, That apart altogether from the abstract question of domestic slavery, the Colonization Society commends itself to the entire con- nation towards the close of July; and immedifidence and the ardent support of the christian, the philanthropist and the American citizen.

3. Resolved, That in the colonization in Africa of the free coloured people of this country, and the consequent introduction of the arts and laws of civilization, of letters, and above all, of the blessings of the christian religion, we behold a wonderful accomplishment of the purposes of divine love towards that hitherto benighted and miserable people.

. Resolved, That whether in reference to the colonists, to the natives of Africa, to the slaves of this country, or the citizens themselves, the plan of colonization promises good, unmixed with evil; domestic agent of this Society, gives a concise and that we feel called upon by these convictions, | view of the state of things at that time: and cheered and encouraged by unexampled success, to persevere in our efforts to extend and increase these blessings.

On motion of Rev. R. S. Finley, Resolved, That as citizens of Mississippi, we contemplate with proud approbation, the munificent provision made for the benefit of African colonization, by the will of the late lamented Captain Isaac Ross; and that we shall rejoice to assist in establishing on the shore of Mississippi in Africa, some memorial of his name.

On motion of Rev. B. M. Drake, Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to nominate officers for the ensuing year, to an adjourned meeting of the Society, to be held in this place on Wednesday next, the 21st instant, at 4 o'clock,

Messrs. B. M. Blake, S. G. Winchester, and A. C. Henderson, were appointed.

WEDNESDAY, March 21, 1838. The Society met according to adjournment. for the ensuing year, having nominated the following persons, they were unanimously elected, viz: President.—Stephen Duncan.

Zebulon Butler, J. Chamberlain and John Ker. Secretary.—Thomas Henderson.

Treasurer .- Franklin Beaumont. Henderson, Alexander C. Henderson, Wm. St. cles for export, as well as for domestic consump- grate, but to prevent their going in greater num-John Elliott, Wm. C. Conner, Wm. Dunbar, Ben- tion, are represented as abundant among the na- bers than we can conveniently transport and projamin Chase, James G. Carson, William Harris, tives, and the interior of the country is said to vide for in the colony. As our colony advances J. Beaumont, S. G. Winchester, Wm. Bisland, A. abound in that valuable article of African com- in wealth, prosperty and power, their prejudices for weak and low spirits beyond what either in-P. Merrill, Peter Little, H. W. Huntington.

the secretary, B. M. Drake, and the treasurer. a committee of three be appointed to report a re- for the passage over it, of vessels of a large class, sary result of the success of our colony. It is Society.

S. G. Winchester, were appointed. On motion of Rev. B. M. Drake, Resolved, That At a meeting of the Mississippi State Coloni- | the Secretary be instructed to have published, the church in Natchez, a resolution was adopted ex- the proceedings of the last and present meetings pressive of the opinion of the Society, that the of this Society; and to have five hundred copies

> And the meeting adjourned. JOHN KER, President. THOMAS HENDERSON, Secretary.

Report.

In presenting to the State Colonization Society

In stating the policy intended to be pursued by held on the 16th March, 1836, especially, as that

colony, and also to secure the services of compe-May last, and arrived at the place of their destioffices. Our latest advices from them are dated in the colony. But they contain intelligence of delighted and surprised at the progress made in the establishment of our colony under the superintendence of Mr. Daniel Johnston, who had been appointed temporary agent for colonial affairs, by the governor of Liberia.

The following extract of a letter written to the

'We arrived at this place on the 22d July, and were astonished to find it so much improved. Houses were constructed, and all things in readiness for the reception of emigrants. An ample store-house built two stories high, enclosed with boards sawed, and covered with shingles made at this place; a blacksmith shop, a barricade, a garden of one or two acres, planted with fruit trees : three yoke of oxen, broken and at work; cart and other implements, all constructed (even to the wheels) on the spot; and lastly, a schooner of thirty tons burthen, more than half completed.'

fidelity, capacity and incredible industry of Mr. Johnston, than to state that all the above-mention- this enterprise will be ultimately viewed by those ed important particulars, were accomplished under | who are more directly the objects of the Society's his superintendence in the short space of eight | benevolent intentions and labours, viz: the free months, in the midst of many discouragements of people of colour among us. Hitherto this class of a very serious nature; amongst which may be people have looked upon the enterprise with susmentioned, the exceedingly limited means fur- picion and alarm. This has grown out of ignonished him for that purpose, the most of it having rance of its design and misapprehension of its been done by advances made from his own private | tendencies. And this alarm and jealousy has resources, or obtained upon the credit of the socie- been fostered and increased, and in many in-The committee appointed to nominate officers ty, endorsed by his individual responsibility. Our stances created by the systematic efforts and peragents were equally gratified with the location of severing and cruel diligence of the emissaries of the colony, viewed in connection with its natural | the Anti-Slavery Society. advantages. The population of the settlement had But the committee entertain the confident ex-Vice-Presidents .- David Hunt, James Railey, enjoyed good health, and from the situation of the pectation that this unfortunate people will not Thomas Freeland, Cowles Mead, J. R. Nicholson, country it was supposed that the climate must be long continue the victims of so unhappy a delu-Wm. Winans, D. C. Page, Edward McGehee, salubrious. The banks of the Sinoe river are sion. If our colony shall continue to prosper by high and composed of granite rock, and the coun- the blessings of God upon our labours, until it shall try abounds in pure and wholesome water. The become universally known as a desirable home soil is fertile, and the territory abounds in cattle and resting place for our free colored population Managers.-Levin Wailes, B. M. Drake, John and grain. Rice and Palm oil, important arti- the difficulty will not be to persuade them to emimerce, Cam-wood. The harbor of Greenville is will gradually give. way. Confidence will take Executive Committee - The president, John Ker, excellent. The bay affords excellent anchorage the place of suspicion, and alarm will be changed for vessels in eight fathoms water. The bar at | into affectionate gratitude towards their benefac-On motion of Rev. B. M. Drake, Resolved, That | the mouth of the river affords water sufficient | tors. This will be a natural and indeed a necesvised constitution to the next meeting of this and such is the nature of the river that vessels the voice of experience uttered by the history of Who executes BOOK and JOB PRINTING with neatness may approach close to the bank and unload at the I the progress of similar enterprises. In illustra-

in the colony at the time of our last advices, and | cularly refer to the history of the Maryland Colothe only one mentioned as having occurred, was | nization Society. When they commenced foundthat of the governor, Mr. Finley, brought on by | ing their colony at Cape Palmas in 1834, they excessive labour and too much exposure, in the had to contend with the same adverse influences discharge of his official duties. He was conva- and prejudices against their enterprise on the part tal, and had sufficient strength to write a short | contend with. They adopted the principle explan of future operations and prospects.

to prosecute every thing with vigor. The com- the prejudices of the free people of colour against mittee have been for a long time anxiously ex- emigration thither, must be obtained in the colopecting despatches from our colony, but have not | ny, by making it a place of residence so desirreceived any, for there have been no arrivals of able that their interest will attract them there." vessels in the United States from any of the Ame- By steadily persevering in this plan for three or rican colonies on the coast of Africa since Sep. four years they have so far succeeded, as to extember last. Three vessels are now due which press an opinion in their last annual report, that sailed last autumn with emigrants from Baltimore, | the opposition from that source had so far dimin-Norfolk, and Wilmington, in the service of the | ished as to offer no serious obstacle hereafter to New York, Maryland, and American Coloniza- the prosecution of the plan of colonization from committee sent a valuable supply of trade goods | port, it has been stated in the Baltimore newsto our colony, which was the more necessary be- papers, that the colonization office in Maryland cause the supplies sent with our agents in the was thronged with applicants for a passage to Oriental, from New Orleans in May last, was Liberia. somewhat limited, owing to the extraordinary de- The executive committee are determined to rangement of the currency, and the pecuniary pursue the same enlightened and humane policy their exertions to extend and increase those blessrecapitulate the leading facts connected with the progress of their labours since the annual meeting, distress of the country, which made it inexpelable in the management of Mississippi in Africa, which dient to call for any large amount of the sums has been pursued with such happy results by the

due the society on subscription. The committee are happy to announce to the society, and they would do it in a spirit of devout thankfulness to the Giver of all good, without whose blessing our most strenuous and best directed efforts must be futile, that our present prospects of patronage at home are as encouraging as our success in Africa has been triumphant no doubt, as the only place where the prejudices At that meeting a new attitude was assumed by Owing to the inconvenience and losses to which of those opposed to colonization can be success- this Society. It resolved to take under its own the society has been subjected in various ways, fully combatted is Africa. Let it appear, as it | charge, the emigration and settlement in Liberia | by being compelled to depend upon the charter must eventually, that the condition of the free of all emigrants from this state; and empowered of vessels from strangers, to convey to Africa black will be ameliorated in every respect by the executive committee to take measures for car- our emigrants and colonial supplies, an arrangeemigration to the land of his forefathers, and he rying the above named resolution into effect. In ment has been made by the society in connection will, as a matter of course, endeavour to make | conformity with which, the committee took the | with some gentlemen in New Orleans for the purhimself happier and more independent. Maryland | necessary steps to secure suitable territory in | chase of a vessel to run as a regular packet bein Liberia has already taken a proud stand among | Africa, for the formation of a colony, to be under | tween the United States, and the various Amerithe colonial settlements on the African coast, and the control of this Society, for the reception of can colonies on the coast. The splendid brig the time is not far distant, when the wise legisla- | emigrants from Mississippi, and to commence a | 'Mail,' of one hundred and eighty tons burthen, tion of our general assembly will be crowned with settlement upon it with acclimated emigrants from has been purchased for that purpose. She is adthe older colonial settlements under the superin- mirably constructed for the business, having eletendence of a temporary agent to be appointed by gant and superior accommodations in her cabin the governor of Liberia, from amongst the colo- and state rooms for eleven passengers, besides nists of Liberia. Having received intelligence of accommodating the officers of the vessel. This the purchase of a valuable tract of country on the | will be of great advantage to the society by af- | population, as of the colonists. north bank of Sinoe river, admirably calculated fording comfortable accommodations to the offifor that purpose; a meeting was held on the 16th | cers and friends of the society and missionaries, The Secretary having informed the meeting, January, 1837, at which it was resolved to prose- in passing to and from the colony, especially to cute the enterprise entrusted to their care with such as may return in feeble health, many of renewed vigour, that the territory should be called | whom have suffered extremely for want of suit-'Mississippi in Africa,' and that a town should be able accommodations. The vessel is also admiralaid out in the most eligible site, to be called bly constructed for giving a comfortable passage Greenville, in memorial of the late James Green, to emigrants in her steerage, and also for the conof Adams county, and in testimony of his benefi- veyance of freight. The 'Mail' is now receiving cent bequest to the cause of African colonization. | cargo at New Orleans, and will sail in a few days Measures were taken at this meeting to secure from that port, with emigrants from this state, The Rev. R. S. Finley, agent of the Society, the services of a domestic agent to collect funds about thirty of whom are already at the place of for the Society, to receive applications from emi- embarkation. Of this number twenty-seven were grants, to prepare and fit out expeditions for the emancipated by Mr. John Anketel, of Claiborne county, who is now with them at New Orleans, tent persons to act as officers of the Society in purchasing them an outfit, and superintending conducting its business within the colony. Mr. R. | their embarkation. Mr. A. has taken much pains S. Finley, of Pine Grove, La. was appointed the to prepare them for usefulness in Africa, and to domestic agent of the Society, and still continues | secure their comfort and success after their arto act in that capacity. At a subsequent meeting | rival in the colony. During the past year he held 24th February, 1837, the committee appoint- employed a gentleman of approval discretion, ined Mr. Josiah F. C. Finley to the office of gover- | telligence and piety, to instruct them in the prinnor of their colony, and Dr. J. D. Blodgett to the ciples of the christian religion, whose labours office of lieutenant governor, to act also as colo- were crowned with encouraging success. The nial physician and surveyor of lands. These gen. | means were furnished by Mr. A. and sent to the tlemen having accepted of their respective ap. | colony last year to build houses, and to clear and pointments, embarked for the colony at New | bring under cultivation a quantity of land to be Orleans, in the schooner Oriental, about the 1st | ready for their reception upon their arrival there. And has received assurances from the governor of the colony that arrangements will have been made ately entered upon the duties of their respective by the time of the arrival of his people for the fulfilment of his benevolent wishes. Mr. A. has 4th August, a short time only after their arrival expressed his intention to expend upwards \$5,000 to secure their comfortable and prosperous the most gratifying nature. They were equally settlement in the colony. That sum being the amount earned by them within two years, the period at which he expressed to this society his intention of colonizing them. The other three emigrants are from Adams county. Two of them, Edward Morris and his wife are sent by Mr James Carson, and they take with them a very liberal outfit provided by their master. Morris promises to be a very valuable acquisition. He is a man of high character, and a good business education. He reads and writes very well, and has been employed for several years past as an overseer upon his master's plantation. It is the intention of the committee to give him employment as superintendent of a large plantation, which they intend to have opened in their colony. The remaining emigrant is a valuable and favorite servant of James Railey, Esq., who sends him out liberally provided for. The committee have also been informed that a few free coloured persons in Natchez, of good character, are preparing to join

> The committee look upon the intention of these higher compliment could not be paid to the last named persons to emigrate to the colony, as an indication of the universal favour with which

the expedition.

Rev. B. M. Drake, A. C. Henderson, and Rev. | wharf. There was not a single case of sickness | tion of which truth your committee would partilescent at the time of the departure of the Orien- of the free people of colour that we have now to letter to the committee, but not to make a detailed | pressed by an enlightened member of their state report of the condition of the colony and of his society, in the following language:- 'The battle (said he) with the enemies of African coloniza-Our agents were in fine spirits, and preparing | tion must be fought in Africa. The victory over tion Societies. By one of these vessels your that state. And since the publication of that re-

> Maryland Colonization Society, in the management of 'Maryland in Liberia.' The brig Mail, will convey to the colony a large supply of agricultural and mechanics' tools for the use of the society, and for sale to the colonists and natives who may desire them. The officers of the colony will also be instructed to open a large public farm on account of the society, not only for the purpose of receiving the means, within the colony, of an abundant supply of materials for the comfortable subsistence of its population; but also to develope its rich agricultural resources, by cultivating those articles that will be valuable to the commerce of the colony for foreign exportation, such as coffee, sugar, cinnamon, pepper, gum elastic, &c. And while they are careful to introduce the useful arts of life, to promote agriculture and a lawful and useful commerce, they will use inwearied diligence to foster the interests of education, morality and religion. Every facility in their power to bestow, will be given to the introduction and settlement in the colony of competent teachers, and ministers of the christian religion, as well for the instruction of the native

> The committee in order further to advance the agricultural interests and general prosperity of the colony, have taken steps to secure the introduction of a supply of working animals, by contracting with the brig Mail, to touch at the Cape de Verd Islands on her outward passage, and take twenty or thirty horses and mules for the use of

the colony. The expenses of the current year in the prosecution of this extended plan of operation will be very considerable. In addition to which, a portion of the expenses of the past year, not yet due, have to be provided for out of the receipts of the present year. But the committee are happy to believe the means have been secured for paying the arrearages of the past year as they may become due, and of meeting the current expenses of this year, without embarrassment, unless some unforeseen calamity shall obstruct their operations. These funds have been furnished by the planters of Mississippi, and principally from Adams coun-

ty. The sum due the society on subscription in Adams county this year, the greater part of which has been already paid with praiseworthy promptness and cheerfulness, amounts to about \$14,000. The principal part of the subscription was obtained through the instrumentality of the liberality and personal exertions of James Railey, Esq., of Second Creek, to whom the society is under lasting obligations, not only for this service, but for the magnanimous and very generous manner in which he and his co-executors, Mrs. Woods and Mrs. Railey, have appropriated to the advancement of the interests of this society, a large fund entrusted to their care by their relative, James Green, deceased, with unlimited discretion as to the manner in which they should appropriate it.

Animated by success hitherto so unprecedented in the annals of colonization; and by prospects so very encouraging for the future, the executive committee feel constrained not only to persevere in the good work, but to redouble their diligence, believing 'that in the success of this cause is involved the best interest of the slave, and the best interest of the master; the best interest of the free black, and the best interest of the free white man; the best interest of the present generation, and of generations yet unborn; the best interest of the two continents of America and Africa; the best interest of man in time and in eternity.

> (From the Christian Statesman.) THE HOPE OF HEAVEN.

When those we fondly loved on earth Are from our bosoms riven, What soothes the anguish of the heart? It is the hope of Heaven.

Though grief may dim the laughing eye, Though all that bright was given May fade, -there lives within the breast The hope—the hope of Heaven!

The lonely orphan may rejoice, Howe'er by fortune driven: For still a star is beaming bright-That star-the hope of Heaven.

And when, at last, the wearied form Reclines, in life's still even, Awaiting death,—the parting soul

Smiles with the hope of Heaven! WILFRED. Washington City, Aug. 1838.

Source of CHEERFULNESS .- No man's spirits were ever hurt by doing his duty. On the contrary, one good action, one temptation resisted and overcome, one sacrifice of desire or interest, purely for conscience sake, will prove a cordial dulgence, or diversion can do for them.

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