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cities to the Maryland State Colonization Society, wherever practicable throughout the State, - and particularly in the county town of every county - also in such other towns or neighbourhoods where he shall deem it advisable, or be directed by this board to form auxiliaries. One of the chief objects of the State Society being the mutual application of its members to the utmost possible extent, so that the measures of the State may be seconded by the united efforts of every individual in the community, the agent is to bear constantly in mind the increase of the number of members, and to take all steps that will effect this object.

The agent is to be especially careful, that the names of the members of auxiliaries be kept in records suitable for the purpose; and that arrangements be made which shall secure the punctual payment of the annual subscriptions.

For this purpose, a book will be prepared, to be left with every County Society, by the agent, in which the names residences and subscriptions of members shall be entered. Too much attention cannot be bestowed upon this duty by the agent.

As far as practicable the agent shall at once return to this Board the names of the members of the auxiliaries that he may form in alphabetical order, specifying the counties towns or neighbourhoods in which they reside, and their subscriptions respectively - and shall continue to make such return from time to time as he proceeds in the formation of auxiliaries.

The agent shall endeavour to procure, that every auxiliary Society.

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shall take measures to have a subscription paper presented to every free white person throughout the districts in which such auxiliaries may be formed. And it is considered as desirable, that as the agent will doubtless, in making the circuit of the State, meet many persons at other times and places that the formation of auxiliaries, that, so far as practicable, he and the auxiliaries in taking the names of such as shall be willing to become members, leaving such names afterwards with the Secretary of the auxiliary Society of the District.

In the formation of auxiliaries, then, five things are to be especially attended to.

1. The increase of the members, and the punctual collection of their subscriptions. The commission for collection is at the discretion of the auxiliary.
2. The Establishment and observance of a rule that a subscription paper shall be presented in every year to each white person of age in the District.
3. The delivery of a public address with appropriate ceremonies, annually, at the most favorable time for collecting a full meeting, or audience.
4. The provision for the attendance of delegates at the annual meeting in Baltimore.
5. The selection of a Secretary who will attend to the lists, members and the correspondence with the Board in Baltimore. This is deemed of vital importance, because upon the punctual correspondence of the auxiliaries, depends the existence of the Society throughout the State.

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