Address
Society's proceedings

While the officers of the State are employed in the duties that more particularly belong to them, under the act of Assembly appointing them, the Society proposes to multiply itself by means of County auxiliaries, whose members, it is hoped, will constantly increase, until they shall include the whole white population. Intelligence upon the subjects above indicated may, thus, be more readily disseminated than in any other manner, and that interest created and maintained in the public mind, which is vitally essential to the success of the scheme of Colonization. Not only will the members of such auxiliaries be kept advised of all that is going forward, but with their assistance correct views may be given to the colored people themselves, and those errors and prejudices removed which ignorance has engendered, and which, unless some steps are taken to do them away, are alone sufficient, very materially to impede (for they cannot wholly defeat) the accomplishment of the desired end. At the annual meetings of the Society, the whole state will be represented, and in the comparison of views that will then take place, in the facts which will then be elicited, new inducements will be devised for renewed and continued exertions.

The funds of the Society arising from donations, bequests and the annual contributions of membership (one dollar only) will be appropriated, still further to advance the objects of the Society's existence, either directly, by the transportation of emigrants,— or by adding to their comforts before leaving Maryland

Address.
Society's proceedings

land; by contributing to their wants in Africa; furnishing them there with the means of education and religious instruction, with books tools implements machinery; preparing for them institutions of their own color in this country; and, in fine, meeting those countless wants, which attend the removal of a whole people to another and a distant clime. The Colonies of Great Britain in America have grown to be a free and mighty nation, against all the adverse circumstances that attended their early history.— Compared with them the Colony of Liberia has experienced but the brightest sunshine of existence: and with the light of experience and the zeal of philanthropy, used in its behalf, not only may we anticipate that it will become a great and prosperous nation, but that it will be the ultimate home of the colored population of America, and the holy spot from whence the rays of religion and science shall proceed, until they penetrate the darkest portions of the vast continent of Africa. In effecting this great result the chief responsibility now rests upon Maryland, and the call which is now made on her people, with, it is confidently hoped, receive an universal and favorable response.

On motion by Judge Brice Resolved, That the Society entertain increased confidence in the success of African Colonization, and have ample encouragement to persevere in a cause so congenial to the enlightened spirit of the age, and the institutions of our country

Maryland Historical Society

The Maryland State Colonization Society Papers

I. Minutes
A. Records of the Meetings of the Board of Managers

2. March 1832—December 1834

1832