They have no expectation of seeing more done by the efforts of its friends, than to make Africa as attractive to the colored people of the United States as this Country is to the white Emigrants from Europe, who daily throng its shores. And to this end the Board believe that Colonization Societies can operate efficiently, and that, so far only, is their labour necessary and when this is accomplished, and Africa is made thus attractive, impelled by far stronger motives than those which bring the European to the United States, the colored people will emigrate in as great, if not a greater ratio, and when they do so, the main object of the Colonization scheme, looking to its ultimate consequences will have been accomplished. Entertaining these views, the Board of Managers are deeply solicitous that there should be no failure in what they have undertaken, and they therefore lend what aid is in their power to the Emigrants at this time to facilitate their easy and comfortable establishment in Maryland in Liberia.

In their last Annual Report the Board stated the intention of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions to establish a mission at Cape Palmas and that Mr. & Mrs. Wilson had accordingly sailed for the Colony. At the latest advices Mr. Wilson and his wife were comfortably settled upon their farm at Fair Hope.

Mrs. Wilson engaged in instructing a School of native children and the children of the Colonists, and Mr. Wilson attempting the reduction of the native tongue to a written language. Both are well and to use the words of Mrs. Wilson enjoying "American health". Miss McAllister a pious and benevolent lady of the M. E. Church sailed in the Harmony with a view of becoming a teacher at the settlement. When last heard from she was still in good health, and comfortably accommodated in the house of one of the settlers. Her letters expressed much satisfaction with what she had yet seen. Her mission is a voluntary one, unconnected with the Society, but every attention has been directed to be paid to her, and the Board anticipate much good from her efforts.

From the late accounts from their Agent, the Board learn with great satisfaction, that the schools of the Colony are in an excellent condition, and well attended. The one kept by Mrs. Wilson is attended by natives, as already remarked, and the children of the Emigrants whose farm lots are in the vicinity of the mission house at Fair Hope, the other is attended by the children of Emigrants chiefly, and is kept in the Town of Harper by Mrs. Thomson, an excellent Teacher a colored woman of exemplary character, the wife of the Colonial Secretary. A third school will be opened by Miss McAllister, when she shall have recovered from her acclimating illness. The Board congratulate the Society upon the advantages which they thus

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