stronger are the inducements for the coloured man to remove from America, where every avenue to political importance is closed to him, than the inducements acting upon the European to leave a country where all those avenues are open, it can hardly be doubted, that when the colonies in Africa increase in strength and importance, the tide of emigration from this country will set in that direction, even more strongly than that tide now sets from Europe to America.

Entertaining these views, the Board of Managers cannot too highly applaud the course pursued by the Managers of the State fund, whose aim, now fully accomplised, has been to prepare in the best manner, a spot on the coast of Africa, to which, without restriction, that emigration from the State can take place which will fulfil the wise purposes indicated by the State's legislation on the subject.

In the spring expedition, by the Baltimore, the Protestant Episcopal Church sent out three missionaries, ~~establishment~~ the Rev. Mr Payne and wife, and the Rev. Mr. Minor. There are now three missionary establishments at Cape Palmas. The Presbyterian mission, consisting of the Rev. ~~Mr. Payne and~~ J. L. Wilson and wife, a printer, and several coloured teachers. The Protestant Episcopal, consisting of the above named persons, and Dr. Savage, who is at the head of the establishment, and the Methodist Episcopal Mission in charge of the Rev. Mr. Burns. The Methodist Protestant Church have an agent in the colony,

in view of preparing for a missionary establishment by that denomination of christians. The missionary force collected at Cape Palmas, is stronger, it is beleived, than at any other point on the coast, and makes the settlement, in the words of a recent visitor, the "Sierampore of Africa." The value of the missionary settlements, in and about the Colony, is duly appreciated by the Board; the influence exercised by them, both upon the natives and the emigrants, is highly beneficial, and has upon more than one occasion, presented difficulty between the two. The Board will lose no opportunity of promoting the increase of missionary labour in their settlements, deeming the obligations conferred upon the society, a full equivalent for any aid which the society or its agents may have it in their power to bestow.

The Society are fully aware that temperance and agriculture are two subjects to which in the government of the Colony the attention of the Board has been most steadily and anxiously directed. Their laws in regard to temperance, are it is beleived, most strictly observed, and, as was evident in a recent case that came to the knowledge of the Board, are sustained by the strong good feeling of the community. The Board has been gratified to find the ease with which this most important principle has been established. With but limited influence in Africa, the agents of the Society there have found it impossible wholly, to prevent rum being used among the surrounding natives, as a part of the trade carried on with them by other than

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