of opening new markets for English manufactures in Africa, will be more potent in promoting the success of the society in question than any other considerations. Of this, time must be the judge.

Among the evidences of the prosperity of their colony, which have afforded satisfaction to the Board, has been the trade that has been gradually centreing there, and that has enabled the governor to contribute materially to the expenses at Cape Palmas within the past year. The Board hail the beginning that has been made as a good omen for the future, and they trust, that before long, the colonists will be able to export to this country the produce of their labor, in the shape of cotton, coffee, rice, palm oil, and not improbably, sugar. When this shall be the case, the wealth of the colony will be assured. To promote so desirable an object, and also, to make the intercourse between Baltimore and the colony more frequent and regular than it has been, the Board are desirous to obtain a good vessel of their own, a measure which they deem of very great importance. They have directed their agent to take subscriptions for this purpose especially, and between three and four thousand dollars have already been subscribed. The Board hope, that during the present year, the necessary amount will be obtained.

During the coming year it is the wish of the Board to prosecute collections throughout the state,

and in the city of Baltimore, and they earnestly call upon their friend for their prompt and energetic assistance. The 4th of July, especially, should not be without its contributions to the cause, and the reverend clergy are earnestly solicited not to forget the claims of the Society on that day. In regard to collections for the Society, the Board would invoke the aid of every well wisher to the cause of colonization, whether in respect to its influences upon the State of Maryland, the coloured race, or the whole human family. It appeals in the strongest terms to the patriot, the philanthropist and the christian. It claims the consideration of all good men. It is dependent upon their liberality, that it may go forward vigorously in the work that it is set apart to accomplish; and for every dollar that is contributed to its support, the prayers and blessings of the colonists now, and of the nation, of which they will be the founders, hereafter, will ascend to heaven. The Board cannot believe, that such a cause, having such claims, will appeal to the public of Maryland in vain.

During the past year, Mr. George R. McGill, assistant agent at the colony, visited Baltimore, and on returning to Africa took with him his appointment as teacher of the Ladies school, established by the Ladies of Balt. at Harper. Mr. McGill is a man of intelligence and information, and the appointment is an excellent

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