The last advices from Trustees in Liberia inform me that repairs are much needed in the School House and in my Letter of January last I authorized an expenditure for that purpose of an amount not exceeding $75. It is quite possible that a larger amount will be required - The School Building, which proved to be a necessity, was erected at an expense of about $1000. I believe out of surplus funds earned from the annual interest, the material for building the same, being principally shipped by your Custodian from New York. The annual Salary of the Teacher is $250 - the additional expense, cement, books, shipped out as asked, by the Custodian repairs of building &c has recently consumed the entire income, as will be shown by accounts herewith submitted, except the balance now on hand as above stated - The last semi annual account received from the Trustees and Teacher dated July 23rd 1890 states that the School opened on the 6th of that month with fifty four scholars - afterwards increased to ninety seven (97) who are more or less regular in their attendance - Sixty one being boys & thirty six girls - Only four of the Scholars were children of native Africans - The Teacher, Mr Cooper gives evidence of being a worthy man, of good character & respectable standing in the Community and has the confidence of his Trustees -

Several efforts have been made since the reorganization of the School to create disturbance thereby lessen its usefulness in the interest of one or more Teachers who were anxious to secure the position - but the act of incorporation for the Trustees such absolute control as entitled them to resist such an attempt - From my general knowledge of Liberia and its Schools I believe the Hall School at Cape Palmas will compare favorably with similar Schools at other Liberian settlements -

Respectfully submitted

Signed S. N. Sewell

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