

There is a second view of the subject, almost as important as the first—the providing of preachers and teachers for the colored population in our country, especially in the free States. Causes have operated for years past, and not likely to cease, to separate between the two races; leading to separate assemblies for the worship of God. Within the territory covered by our own Presbytery, viz: Chester County in Pennsylvania, Cecil Co. in Maryland, and Newcastle Co. in Delaware, there are forty-two places of worship exclusively occupied by colored persons, having their own preachers, and we know of no one among them properly qualified, as we view the gospel ministry, to teach them from the Word of God. Amid such struggles as we witness for the erection of Theological Seminaries, having already what some suppose ample accommodations for our candidates for the ministry, might we not profitably direct some part of the funds toward the endowment of the ASHMUN INSTITUTE, as a Mission-School for Africa, and to prepare pastors for their own people, in the free States at home? From the last report of the Board of Missions we learn that but one church of colored people was aided from their funds during the past year, while great sympathy is expressed for the destitution of this class of persons.

The site selected for the School is a pleasant and eligible one,

in Chester Co., Pa., at a place called *Hinsonville*, where some families of colored persons have for a number of years resided, being owners of small tracts of land. It lies in a central position to the three Presbyterian congregations of New London, Fagg's Manor, and Oxford. No prejudice can now exist against the location of the School in this place, and the surrounding influence will prevent such interference as would be fatal to all hopes of success. A Principal has been selected, and will no doubt be appointed by the Presbytery, eminently qualified to conduct the Institution, whose mind has been drawn toward the work of missions in Africa, but who will remain at home, we trust, and send out many from under his teaching to occupy his place there.

In conclusion, we would say that with many good wishes and promises of coöperation from different parts of our Church, and the most hearty endorsement by our Board of Education and the last General Assembly, and also with the blessings of our Divine Master, we feel that we may hope for success. And may we not confidently appeal to you, beloved Pastors and Members of our Church, and well-wishers to the African race, to extend to us your sympathy and prayers, and grant to us that pecuniary aid which you may spare, and without which all our desires and all our efforts must prove unavailing?

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