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To the Baltimore Annual Conference of the M. E. Church.

Your Committee on the Colonization Cause beg leave to report, that this enterprize, in respect of the benevolence of its design, is to be viewed in a twofold light — first — as a scheme for the amelioration of the condition of the colored people who are yet in our midst — and their descendants; and secondly, as intended to civilize and Christianize the aboriginal African.

In regard to the first branch, it may be called a settled point, that the state of the Colored man can never be permanently bettered to any great extent, so long as he remains with us. To his rise in any of the professions, the educational predilections of the whites; and the commonly accredited opinion of superior intellectual developement on their part, would at once form an insuperable barrier. His enjoyment of a position in Mercantile or Mechanical pursuits, at all equal to the rank of the white Community in these branches, would necessarily be precluded by the acknowleged natural facility for trade Manufacture &c, with which the latter are endowed. — So also in a social aspect, the position of this unfortunate people cannot be materially altered for the better, so long as they remain surrounded by a dense white population, whose [illegible]

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