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APPEAL

FOR

ST. MARK'S HOSPITAL

CAPE PALMAS.

When our Saviour was on earth, He not only went about teaching and preaching, but healing the sick, giving sight to the blind, cleansing the lepers, making the dumb to hear and the lame to walk. His people are to follow His example and seek to minister to the bodies as well as to the souls of men.

This we seek to do in undertaking to build a *Hospital* at Cape Palmas W. A. where there is *special* need of such an Institution, for the following reasons:—

1. There is no such provision made for the sick and needy, and many are the cases where sickness and death, have followed upon want and suffering.

2. The unhealthiness of the climate often causes sickness; while the poverty of the afflicted, will not allow them to provide such comforts and care, as their cases require:—suffering and death are the results to many.

3. Seamen and Strangers, are sometimes sent on shore for Medical treatment; there is no proper place to receive them, as there would be at the Hospital. How it would gladden the heart of the *Seaman's family*, to know that on the unhealthy Coast of Africa, there was one point, easy of access, where the sick husband or brother or child, would receive the comforts and attention of a Christian Home, at St. Marks Hospital.

4. A large population of Natives is around us; we seek to do them good; and we would give to them this blessed view of the Gospel that we preach to them; we heal the body, as well as the soul.

OUR PLAN.

Having formed a Society, by the election of officers &c., the Bishop of the P. E. Church at Cape Palmas being President, *ex-officio*: We propose at once to commence the erection of a Stone Building, by putting up a wing 20 by 20, for immediate use.

The portion of the building immediately to be erected, is to cost about $1000, and the whole when completed, $4000; or more, if encouraged by the receipt of funds, we shall be able to make it more commodious. The blessings of the Institution will be *free to all.*

PROSPECTS.

We have secured for the object three lots of land, in the most elegible and healthy part of the town. The Colonial Physician, as as well the Physician connected with the Episcopal Mission, offer their services gratuitously. The matter has received the most cordial approbation of the few to whom it was first presented and $310, has been subscribed towards it.

THE APPEAL.

The work has commenced and now we respectfully appeal for aid,

To Christians, That we may glorify God in this work, by healing the sick, and administering to the want of the suffering.

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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