

extends it is Presbyterians who have and do still sustain the noble institutions of our country; and it is precisely because Marylanders almost neglect of them, that the contributions to this important enterprise are so inconsiderable. I have thus candidly given my views on this interesting topic, because I have thought the Board would ascribe the difference in success between New York & Maryland, to superior talent, in the agents employed there over those engaged in the same enterprise here. But as I have lived nearly an equal length of time in both States, I feel prepared to say that Jehovah himself could not, by the ministry of angels collect twenty five thousand dollars in Maryland for Colonization, without working a miracle.

Let not these drawbacks, prove a source of discouragement to the Board, who have no thing to fear while the Legislature remains true to the best interests of the State. After all we cannot expect private charity can be expected to meet the pressing demands of an enterprise embracing so many important interests.

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