and labouring for its success even in the darkest hours ~~which have passed over them~~. To our Brethren of the M. E. Church therefore, we apply with strong confidence that we come before our friends, and that, so far as circumstances justify, a hearty and cheerful co-operation will be afforded us.

The friends of Colonization in Maryland have three objects in view, each of which when taken separately is of high importance, and when presented collectively, we think, entitles Colonization to a prominent place, if not the first place amongst the benevolent operations of the present day.

First, then, we expect, with the blessing of God to be tributary in our humble sphere in promoting ~~to the extent we shall effect~~ the civilization and christianizing of Africa, with her (~~estimated~~) one hundred millions of heathen. Secondly, it is ~~contemplated~~, expected, and ~~designed~~ intended that Colonization shall be the means of improving the condition of the whole ~~coloured~~ race, not those who have been nurtured at our own firesides alone, but those also who for ages unchanged have remained bound down beneath the most degrading paganism. We hail then present as the dawn of a brighter and better day for the long neglected sons of Africa. Thirdly, Colonization is the remedy, and in our opinion the only remedy for the discordant and conflicting views and interests which at present manifest themselves to an alarming extent, and in some instances have produced such excitement as to make every lover of his country tremble for the consequences. Even the ministers of the sanctuary as well as the

social membership of the different branches of the Christian Church have been called to the exercise of all the "Brotherly kindness" and "Charity" of which they are possessed, in discussing the present ~~so~~ jarring questions between the North & the South. For these questions we regard Colonization as the remedy, the only remedy.

It is confidently believed by the friends of Colonization in Maryland, (and specially by the Society whose views we have the pleasure to represent) that if sustained for five years, such a demonstration will have been made as to satisfy all parties that their operations will ultimately rid this country of the evil of slavery, together with its colored population, and that in this process, the interests and happiness of all parties have been especially promoted at home, and at the same time the rich blessings of civil & religious liberty, with all their concomitants, extended to the whole continent of Africa. This done, it is confidently anticipated that all hearts, ~~all~~ hands, and ~~all~~ voices will be united for its accomplishment: that on this middle ground the North & the South will greet each other as brethren in a holy cause, while Christians of every order and denomination will be hailed as co-labourers in extending the bounds of the Redeemers kingdom, until the "Children of Ham, long scattered and trodden down", shall stand ~~forth~~ forth the redeemed and regenerate worshipers and sons of the living God.

The day cannot be distant, when Maryland will be seen taking her stand by the side of the sister states of this Union, and her colored population be seen by millions

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