already supplied the emigrants with their vegetables, and the agent was about commencing the location of the farm lots, so as to enable the settlers to begin to clear and crop before the rainy season set in. At the end of four months from the day of landing, the emigrants had all passed through the sickness, which all experience on first residing in Africa, without the loss of a single individual. There is no similar instance on record, where death has not broken into the ranks of the pioneers of civilization. The only person who is yet known to have died, is a child of less than two years old, of the dysentery. Messrs. Wilson and Wynkoop and Mr. Hersey, as well as the captains of the vessels, which have visited Cape Palmas, speak in flattering terms of the healthiness of the situation, and fully corroborate the testimony which, in the first instance, induced the Board to select it. For minute details of its climate, productions and present condition, the Board refer to the accompanying despatch from Dr. Hall.

The brig Ann, which returned to the United States in April, brought the first news from the new colony—and the Board immediately prepared and despatched a vessel with supplies, both to support the emigrants already there, and to put means in Dr. Hall's hands, to prepare for the reception of new ones, and to meet the expenses of the establishment without drawing upon the society at home. The Sarah and Priscilla sailed from Baltimore on the eighth of June last. On her arrival at the Cape she found the settlement in an excellent condition, and Dr. Hall still well provided with means, from what was left of the shipment by the Ann, which he had husbanded with great care and economy. Every body was in good health, and no one more so than Dr. Hall himself. There were ample preparations for the reception of 100 or 150 new emigrants, and the work of surveying and laying out the farm lots had been actively urged forward. The natives were at peace with the colonists, and although inclined to be exacting when opportunity offered, had been kept in order by the firm and unyielding, yet mild and conciliatory, course of the agent. The emigrants generally were well satisfied with their situation, and there was as little discontent expressed as could have been expected among men who had set themselves to subdue the forest and the wild.

Without waiting for the return of the Sarah and Priscilla, the Board despatched on the 14th of December last, the brig Bourne, with fifty-eight emigrants, and supplies corresponding, for the Cape. They were under the immediate charge of the Reverend Mr. Gould, a minister of the Methodist church, long a zealous laborer in this state for the improvement of her colored people, possessing great influence among them, and from whose good sense and abilities the Board expect to derive most important advantages. He will remain for a time in the Colony and return to this country to take an active part in the cause here. Upwards of one hundred emigrants would have sailed in the Bourne, but for the prevalence of the cholera in Baltimore, which prevented the local agent from attending to the collection of them as had been proposed.

The Board find themselves, through the aid of Dr. Hall, in possession of a great mass of useful information with regard to the best mode of preparing their expeditions and supplying the emigrants—and they have derived from the suggestions of this gentleman great assistance. They cannot too highly commend the zeal, skill, talent and judgment, which he has shewn in their service; and they have no doubt, should his health be preserved, which there is every reason to hope, that he will fully sustain the high estimation in which he is now held by the Board.

A short time before the departure of the Bourne, the Rev. Mr. Wilson, already mentioned, sailed with his wife and several teachers for Cape Palmas. The brig Ann had taken out the frame of a house for the missionary establishment, and he expected to find it in readiness to receive him. His presence at the settlement will be important, in case of any accident to Dr. H.; for although he is wholly disconnected with the Board of Managers, yet a common interest exists among the new settlers at Cape Palmas, that will make them all in a great degree dependent on each other for counsel and support. Few men could be better qualified for his situation than Mr. Wilson. To profound piety he joins firmness of character and sound judgment and discretion, together with manners admirably calculated to win his way to the hearts of the rude people to whom he has devoted his existence. The teachers

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