

remained at Cape Palmas until the new government was organized. The thanks of the Board and of the Society are due to Dr. McGill, for the very great and important services he has rendered them, and whilst the Board cannot but regret that so useful and valuable a citizen is no longer a resident in Maryland in Liberia, he has their best wishes for his prosperity and welfare in every position he may occupy.

The removal of Dr. McGill, made it necessary for the Board to appoint an agent to represent them in all matters which, under the present system, still remain at Maryland in Liberia in charge of the State Society. Although they have renounced every shadow of political supremacy, the Society still devotes itself to the sending out and locating in their new homes, of emigrants from this State, and by solemn compact are vested with all the rights and privileges which are requisite to enable them to discharge this duty as amply as heretofore. The Board esteem themselves fortunate in having secured the services, as their agent in Africa, of Mr. Joseph T. Gibson, whose conduct and management of their affairs since his appointment, have entirely satisfied them of the propriety of their selection.

The Board take pleasure in stating, that the importance of Maryland in Liberia as a Mission Station, continues to be duly appreciated by the various denominations of christians who have sent their laborers abroad on the holy errand of evangelizing the world. Within the limits of that State are stationed a noble band of men who devote themselves to the work of education and of preaching the gospel. All experience goes to prove the correctness of the views of those among them who have always represented the establishment and growth of the Colonies on the Coast, as affording the most efficient means of aiding in their labors to turn the natives of Africa from the darkness of heathenism and superstition in which they have for so many centuries been enveloped, to the pure light of revelation.

The report of the Board of January 1st, 1852, gave a detailed statement of the financial condition of the Society, with a full explanation of the various sources whence their receipts are derived, and of the several heads which embrace all the items of expenditure. The balance sheet herewith submitted, brings up the same accounts to, and shews the state of the Society's finances on the 1st day of January, 1856. The Board would remark, that they are not yet entirely relieved from the payment of a portion of the salaries of public officers, though this item of expenditure is already very considerably less than it has heretofore been. When the Government of the Colony was exclusively in the

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