TRAVELLING AGENT'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY, 1855.

Dr. James Hall, *Dear Sir:*—I send you herewith an account of the contributions made to the funds of the Maryland State Colonization Society, during the month of February, with the names of the respective donors:

Principio, Cecil County.

Levi H. Evans, G. P. Whitaker, J. Heaton, Mrs. John Stump, each $5 00; Mrs. A. M. Seeley, $2 50; Mrs. E. A. Whitaker, $2 00; Mrs. Lucretia Watson, Mrs. G. Tucker, Mrs. Margaret Craig, Mrs. Caroline Couden, Miss Sarah Jackson, Miss Mary S. Owens, Miss Eliza J. Shaw, Miss Eliza Anderson, Miss Joanna Shields, Miss A. C. Owens, John Craig, S. Jackson, Mr. Frisc, W. Dennison, David Tucker, John W. Owens, Hazlet Owens, Eli Coulson, each $1; Robert Sadler, 62 cts.; John Ward, George T. Taylor, John W. Ewing, S. Sheets, Cash, S., Cash., J. S., John Little, Cash, each 50 cents; Cash, 37 cents; Mrs. Heaton, Wm. Johnson, each 25 cents; smaller sums and Basket Collection, $3 05;.....Total, Principio, $51 04

Shawsville, Harford County.

Presbyterian Church.—Mrs. Martha Carter, John Wiley, J. B. Kirkwood, Thomas Hope, John W. Kirkwood, W. Kirkwood, Miss Sarah Tate, each $1 00; Miss Sophia Wiles, James Carter, W. Carter, Edward A. Ege, each 25 cts; Basket Collection, $3 00,.....Total, $11 00

Methodist E. Church.—Miss Lucretia G. Moore, $5 00; Miss Eleanor Henderson, $2 00; Miss E. Johnson, Mrs. E. Henderson, Thomas Henderson, Rev. David Henderson, John B. Henderson, U. R. Maul, L. M. Gorsuch, each $1 00; J. M. Comas, John W. Henderson, each 25 cents; E Jeffrey, F. Gorsuch, each 6 cts., Basket Col. $1 45. Total, $16 07. Total, Shawsville 27 07

Baltimore.

Kirkland, Chase & Co. $10 00; McDowell & Gable, W. F. Dalrymple, Buckwalter & Wright, Galloway Cheston, W. H. Beatty, Smith & Curlett, Thos. Wilson, Elder & Webb, Anderson & Jessop, Ward Brothers, Thomas Donaldson, Whiteley Bros. & Stone, G. W. Andrews, H. H. Barker, F. W. Brune, Joseph Reynolds, J. S. Pleasants & Sons, J. M. Campbell, N. Rogers & Co. A. B. Davidson, each $5 00; George A. Warder, A. S. Abell, each $3 00; F. J. Dallam, Milo Lewis, A. W. Denmead & Son, G. R. Dodge, each $2; Rev. John Swhalen, D. P. P., Hugh Balderston, Davis & Miller, each $1; Total, Baltimore, 128 00

Total for February, $206 11

Respectfully submitted, John Seys, *Travelling Agent.*

Baltimore, February 28, 1855.

NOTICE.

The partnership heretofore existing between the subscribers, under the name of Urias A. McGill & Brother, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. The business will be settled by McGill Brothers.

J. B. McGill,
Monrovia, July 1, 1854. Urias A. McGill.

CO-PARTNERSHIP NOTICE.

The undersigned have this day formed a Co-partnership, under the firm of McGill Brothers, in Monrovia, Liberia; and of Roszel S. McGill & Brothers, in Harper, Cape Palmas.

Samuel F. McGill,
J. B. McGill,
Roszel S. McGill,
Monrovia, July 1, 1854. Urias A. McGill.

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SETTLEMENT INTERIOR TO LIBERIA.

It will be seen by reference to page 350 of this Journal, that the Board of Directors of the American Colonization Society, resolved upon the establishment of a small settlement in the Interior, probably from 50 to 100 miles from the coast. The object of this measure is, to test an important question, viz: Whether the disease, commonly known as the African Coast Fever, is confined to the coast, or rather, whether the cause, producing that disease, is generated *only* on the coast, at the confluence of fresh and salt water, the region of the alternation of land and sea breezes, or throughout the whole of Tropical Africa. This question is without doubt, the most important one connected with Colonization, or the future of Africa, and the African race. We see no way of solving it satisfactorily, and for practical purposes, except by the plan proposed. The experience of travellers in the interior avails little, as all have to pass through the coast region, where they are detained a sufficient time to imbibe the cause of the disease in question, and of course are subject to repeated attacks after they have arrived in the interior, even in case the cause of the disease does not exist there. We believe instructions have been sent out to the Agent of the Society at Bassa, Mr. Benson, the Vice-President of the Republic, to carry out the views of the Board of Directors. We trust he will do it in the most careful, decided and effective manner, that the result shall leave no doubt on the minds of any, as to the great question at issue.

The disease, which has, through all recorded time up to the present, prevented the immigration of any foreign people into Tropical Africa, is one, ideopathic disease, unquestionably proceeding from, or produced by one sole cause. It is called the African Coast Fever. That it is African, cannot admit of a question, as all animated beings sustained by breathing atmospheric air, on being landed in Tropical Africa for any considerable time, are subject to its influence. It is a well established fact, that this cause only operates in the night season, never affecting any foreigner from a residence on shore during all hours of the day.

The plan, then, to be adopted, is to transport the immigrant through the coast region during the day time, as far as practicable—and if to a sufficient

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