Virginia Colonization Society.—Rev. P. Slaughter,* Rev. G. W. Leyburn, Rev. W. H. Starr,* Rev. Dr. Sparrow,* Rev. Dr. Harrison, Rev. G. D. Cummins,* Rev. Charles A. Davis,* Rev. Leroy M. Lee, D.D.,* Rev. M. D. Hoge, Rev. James D. Coulling,* Dr. Ashby, S. S. Baxter, Esq., Hon. J. S. Caskie, Hon. William Smith, Hon. John Letcher, Hon. Thomas H. Bayly, Hon. Charles J. Faulkner, Hon. John S. Millson, Edgar Snowden, Esq , Rev. W. W. Bennett,* Wyndham Robertson, Esq., L. P. Bayne, Esq., P. V. Daniel, Jr., Esq., Frederick Bransford, Esq.*

Georgia Colonization Society.—Rev. H. M. Blodget.*

Mississippi Colonization Society.—Rev. R. L. Stanton, D.D.,* Rev. E. B. Cleghorn,* Samuel Hanson, Esq.,* Grafton D. Hanson, Esq.*

Lousiana Colonization Society.—William L. Hodge, Esq.*

Illinois Colonization Society.—Rev. James Mitchell.*

Missouri Colonization Society.—Hon. J. G. Miller.

Life Directors present.—Rev. W. McLain of D. C., Henry Stoddard, Esq., of Ohio, Rev. John Maclean, D.D., of N. J., James Hall, M.D., of Md., Hon. William Appleton of Massachusetts, Rev. R. R. Gurley, of D. C.

Executive Committee present.—Hon. E. Whittlesey, Harvey Lindsly, M.D., Joseph H. Bradley, Esq., William Gunton, Esq.

Adjourned to 5 o'clock this P.M.

The Board met at 5 o'clock according to adjournment.

The annual statement of the Executive Committee to the Board of Directors was read.

The President of the Society, Chairman of the Committee appointed at the last annual meeting of the Board, to "take such steps as they shall deem expedient for obtaining a recognition of the Republic of Liberia by the Government of the United States," presented a Report.

Mr. Foulke, Chairman of the Committee appointed at the last annual meeting of the Board, to "take such steps as they shall deem expedient for obtaining a completion of an exploration by the Government of the United States, of the country lying east of Liberia in Africa," presented a report.

Mr. Foulke, chairman of the Committee appointed at the last annual meeting of the Board, to report to the present meeting "a mode in which the representation of the State Societies shall be thereafter apportioned," presented a Report.

Rev. Mr. Tracy, of the said Committee, presented a minority Report.

Dr. Reese, in behalf of Mr. Scheiffelin, chairman of the Committee appointed at the last annual meeting of the Board, to whom was referred the subject of steam communication between the United States and Liberia, presented the following Report:

The Committee appointed in reference to the subject of steam communication with Liberia, and also to make application to Government for aid to the same, would respectfully report—

That, according to the discretion given to them, they reported in July last to the Executive Committee, as to the kind, size, and cost of steamer requisite, the cost of running her, probable income, &c., and that the annual deficiency of one such steamer, making four voyages a year, would be about $50,000, a copy of the said report being annexed hereto.

There would also be needed, in addition to the cost of the steamer, $25,000 or $30,000 for a depot of coal in Africa, and her running expenses, insurance, &c., before returns would come in.

The Committee would further report that, at the suggestion in a resolution of the Executive Committee of 17th June last, they called a meeting of the friends of the enterprise, which was held in New York on the 20th July, the

Hon. J. H. B. Latrobe presiding, Rev. Joseph Tracy, Secretary, when, as the resolution of the Board of Directors prohibited any action that would involve the Society in any pecuniary responsibility, and as a corporate company had been formed by some friends for the same object, it was

Resolved, As the opinion of this meeting, that it would be advisable for the Rev. R. R. Gurley to direct his efforts to obtaining subscriptions to the capital stock of the United States and Liberia Steamship Company, provided the articles of association of the company be so amended as to appropriate any excess of profits (over 7 per cent. and a proper sinking fund created) to the use of the American Colonization Society, and with a further understanding that sails may be substituted for steam in the discretion of the Directors of the Company.

It was further resolved, that in thus expressing their opinion, the meeting had no purpose to interfere with the operation of the resolution of the Board of Directors of the American Colonization Society in regard to steam communication with Africa, and look to the action of the Executive Committee as giving efficiency to their recommendation.

The committee recommended these resolutions to the favorable consideration of the Executive Committee, and respectfully asked their aid in giving them effect.

With regard to the application to Congress the committee were advised and believed that, owing to the introduction of the Nebraska bill, and the consequent excitement, the time would be unpropitious for such application, and, therefore, have not urged it.

H. M. Scheiffelin,
Thos. W. Williams,
Committee.

Report of the Committee on Steamships to Liberia, made to the Executive Committee of the American Colonization Society, July 28, 1854.

The Committee appointed at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the American Colonization Society, on the subject of steam communication between the United States and Liberia, would respectfully report:

That after a careful investigation of the subject and information derived from various merchants experienced in running steamers, they have been led to the following conclusions:

1st. That an auxiliary screw propeller is preferable to a side wheel steamer for long voyages, being better adapted to the use of sails, and affording more room for fuel, freight, and passengers—for example, the screw-propeller Glasgow, of 2,000 tons, carries as much freight as a side-wheel steamer of the Collins line of 3,000 tons. The Glasgow is running without Government aid, with reputed success, in competition with the side-wheel steamers having that aid. A very able work entitled "Treatise on the marine Engine, and on steam vessels and the screw, by Robert Murray, C.E., London, 1852" page 135, comparing the cost and expense of running full-powered vessels, propelled by paddle-wheels, and auxiliary screw-steamers, after stating with minuteness the various items of expense of each—shows results still greater in favor of the auxiliary screw.

2d. As to size, she should not be less than 1,200 tons. She should carry 350 passengers, with their baggage, provisions, and water, also other freight not less than 400 tons, or 3,200 barrels, with 500 tons of coal, besides accommodations for the officers and crew. As a general rule, larger vessels can be run with more economy where the trade is sufficient, than small ones. She should be of moderate horse-power, and run at an average speed of 8 miles per hour, making the passage in 22 or 23 days, quicker time requiring

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