Brother Burns (our latest dates are July 26—31) writes: "All the missionary sisters are doing well now, sister Staunton excepted; she suffers more than the others in the acclimating process."

Rev. Philip Gross writes from Millsburgh that the Society under his charge has experienced reviving influences; some wanderers have been recovered, and the two Sunday-schools are flourishing. Sister Wilkins is within his charge, and he says that she is well.

What is done for the Natives?—This question is frequently asked, and we hope to give satisfaction by extracting a few lines from a letter from Brother Burns, Monrovia.

It may not be without profit to inform you that twenty of the boys who were educated at our White Plains Manual Labor School have, at their own instance, drawn their "five acre lots," each in the rear of White Plains, and are conducting peacefully and successfully their operations of husbandry.

The Pons.—Others of the one hundred taken by us from the famous "*Pons*" have either bought or drawn land elsewhere, and seem strongly inclined to pursue a farmer's life.

The Baptist Board have the prospect of sending out before many months several missionaries to Central Africa. They hope during the year to make quite an increase in the number of their missionaries in that region. The urgent demands for labor, and the prospects of success in the conversion of the natives, it is said, call loudly for the strong reinforcement of that mission. The sending out of these missionaries, together with the mission to Sierra Leone, and the necessity for an enlargement of their operations in Liberia, will require an increase of their funds for the current year of not less than fifteen thousand dollars.

TRAVELLING AGENT'S REPORT, FOR JANUARY, 1856.

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 January, with the names of the respective donors:

North East, Cecil Co.

R. L. Thomas, $5 00; Thomas S. Thomas, $2 00; Rev. J. S. Thomas, Mrs. Ann Thomas, Mrs. Annie H. Thomas, Mrs. Fanny L. Boswell, E. W. Thomas, Russell Thomas, Ruthona Thomas, E. L. Woolley, J. F. Vanarsdale, J. Rittenhouse, Cash, (H.) each $1 00; Augustus Woolley, George Benjamin, Cash, each 50 cents; Public Collection, $3 50; donation of T. C. Cazier, $10 00, ... Total, $33 00

Baltimore.

George Brown, $50 00; Drakeley & Fenton, $20 00; A. Schumacher, Duvall, Keighler & Co., Edward S. Frey, J. H. McCulloh, Orem, Hopkins & Co., James Corner & Sons, each, $10 00; Samuel Landstreet, E. Pratt & Bro., John D. Toy, S. W. Frey, W. Woodward & Co., Devries, Stephens & Co., Geo. W. Woodward & Co., D. S. Wilson, Spence & Reid, Whittington & Eastman, Lemmon & Brogden, T. W. & G. Hopkins, Jno. Sullivan & Sons, Canfield, Bro. & Co., Eaton, Bros. & Co., F. W. Brune & Sons, Barling, Kibby & Co.; H. McKim, Bazil B. Hopkins, W. McKim; Wyman, Bird & Co., E. M. Punderson & Co., Thomas Swann, John D. Early, Hurst & Berry, Asbury Jarrett, each, $5 00; Isaac P. Cook, D. Whiteford, each, $2 00; W. L. Landstreet, Rev. T. B. Lemmon, Joseph W. Stewart, each, $1 00, Total, 267 00

South River, A. A. Co.

Commodore Mayo, per Rev. T. A. Morgan, ... 2 50

Respectfully submitted, Total for January, $302 50

Baltimore, January 30, 1856. John Seys, *Travelling Agent.*

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THE LIBERIA PACKET SHIP.

The following letter of Mr. Latrobe to Mr. Gurley, Secretary of the American Colonization Society, announces an act of liberality without a parallel in the annals of that Society. It is peculiarly gratifying that it was spontaneous, and by a citizen of Maryland; a State which has adopted African Colonization as a system of State-policy, and appropriated more money to its advancement, than any, and all the other States of the Union. It was Mr. Stevens' original intention to have given the vessel to the "Maryland State Colonization Society," as intimated in a letter of inquiry, which we had the honor to receive from him early in January; but, when informed, that the number of emigrants from Maryland would not warrant the expenses of sailing and keeping a vessel in repair, especially one of the size now required for the transportation of emigrants, by the late Act of Congress, he was induced to make his donation available not only for emigrants from Maryland, but from all the States of the Union, by placing the vessel in the hands of Trustees, for the use and benefit of the American Colonization Society, as an Emigrant Packet Ship, to ply constantly between the United States and Liberia.

The thing, therefore, we have so long and earnestly desired, and for which we have striven so hard for these many years, is, through the munificent liberality of one individual, about to be accomplished, and ere the close of the present year, a noble ship, whose destiny shall be the transportation of a suffering and down-trodden people to a land of freedom and equality, shall have received her appropriate baptism, and be freighted with missionaries for the great work of establishing a Christian Republic in a barbarous land, and to assist in changing the destinies of a mighty continent.

In connection with this subject, we may be permitted to allude to the closing paragraph of an article in our Journal of January, 1855, on the subject of a Packet Ship. We then said, in devising the ways and means for obtaining a vessel "We have never doubted that 400 men could be found in our land who would readily give their $100 each; that 40 could be found who would give their $1,000 each, or 4 giving $10,000 each. Yea more, we believe, that each of our great Atlantic cities now contains *the man*, who, were the subject placed before him in its true light, in all its bearings, would rejoice in the privilege of placing the entire sum required, or the vessel itself

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