therefore reasonably be expected that many errors and omissions will hereafter be discovered, but I think not material ones. I must however claim the most liberal interpretation of the E. and O. E. usually attached to accounts. With much respect, I have the honor to be,

Your most obedient servant,

JAMES HALL, *Treasurer of Trustees.*

REPORTS ON COLONIZATION.

To the Baltimore Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Your Committee on the colonization cause beg leave to report that this enterprise, in respect of the benevolence of its design, is to be viewed in a two-fold light. First, as a scheme for the amelioration of the condition of the colored people, who are yet in our midst, and their descendants; and secondly, as intended to civilize and christianize the aboriginal African.

In regard to the first branch, it may be called a settled point, that the state of the colored man can never be permanently bettered to any great extent, so long as he remains with us. To his rise in any of the professions, the educational predilections of the whites, and the commonly accredited opinion of superior intellectual development on their part, would at once form an insuperable barrier. His enjoyment of a position in mercantile or mechanical pursuits, at all equal to the rank of the white community in these branches, would necessarily be precluded by the acknowledged natural facility for trade manufacture, &c. with which the latter are endowed. So also in a social aspect, the position of this unfortunate people cannot be materially altered for the better, so long as they remain surrounded by a dense white population, whose natural predjudices would of course resist to the last any encroachment on their "reserved rights," which looked in even the smallest degree, towards equalizing the two races.

The only hope, therefore, is to direct the mind of master and slave, as well as of the free colored people to the land of the progenitors of the colored race, as the place where, and to the colonization cause, as the agency by which, this unfortunate people are to attain that point in the scale of being, personally and socially, which God doubtless intends them or their descendants in the course of his merciful administration, to occupy, as regards the second branch of the design of this institution. We may safely affirm the lever which under God, is to work, the spiritual "rising" of Africa as far as human foresight can discern, is doubtless the influence, which the sons of Africa, polished and refined by contact with their white masters and patrons, are to exert over their brethren at home.

We therefore regard the scheme as a splendid one, and as every way worthy of the approbation and patronage of an appreciative public, which proposes by sending back the wanderers from Africa to their own shores to reunite in close national bonds, those whom nature has so truly and closely assimilated to each other.

In view of these premises, we offer to the consideration, and for the adoption of the conference the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That we have the utmost confidence in the efficiency of the Colonization plan.

2. *Resolved*, That as pastors of the several charges of this conference, we hereby signify our willingness to co-operate with the respective Agents of the State, embraced in our territory, in their efforts for the promotion of the

interest of the Colonization Society for circulating intelligence concerning its operations, and for augmenting its pecuniary resources by collections.

All of which is respectivelly submitted.

Signed, W. GWYN, WM. G. COE, T. BURNHARD, J. A. MELICK, J. LLOYD, T. MCGEE, A. FURLONG, T. A. MORGAN, ROBT. SMITH, THOMAS HILDEBRAND, J. M. LANGLEY, *Committee.*

BALTIMORE, *March*, 1857.

To the Maryland Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church.

The committee appointed to confer with Rev. J. W. Cullum, Travelling Agent of the Maryland State Colonization Society, beg leave to report.

1st. That the Maryland State Colonization Society proposes to remove and establish on the Western Coast of Africa, such persons of color as may desire to emigrate thither; and also to aid in the removal and settlement of such other persons of color as may be manumitted by their owners for that purpose.

2nd. That in accomplishing the purpose of the Society the feasibility of which has been practically demonstrated, the committee believe that the intellectual and social condition of the African race, will be elevated, and an impetus given to the evangelization of that benighted portion of our globe.

Therefore they submit for the consideration of conference the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That this Conference recognize it as worthy of the countenance and co-operation of the friends of humanity and religion.

2. *Resolved*, That we commend the travelling agents of said society, Rev. J. W. Cullum, and the Rev. P. D. Lipscomb, to the fraternal regard of members and friends of the Methodist Protestant Church, and recommend our Superintendents to co-operate as far as practicable with said agents in furtherance of their mission.

J. J. MURRAY.
R. SCOTT NORRIS.
JNO. RUSSELL.

Adopted by conference this Saturday morning March 14th, 1857.

J. W. EVEREST, *Pres.*

DAVID WILSON, *Sec.*

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RECENT INTELLIGENCE FROM LIBERIA.

LETTER FROM REV. JOHN SEYS.

MILLSBURGH, DEC. 3, 1856.

Rev. W. McLain,—*Financial Secretary A. C. S.*

Rev. and Dear Sir:—I had the pleasure of writing to Rev. Mr. Gurley on the 7th ultimo, and giving him an account of my movements up to that time, informing him of my then being on the point of leaving Monrovia on our tour in the interior. An opportunity is now afforded in the sailing of the barque Shirley, for continuing my report up to date. I regret very much that it will not be in my power, for want of time, to transcribe and forward by this conveyance my journal of the very interesting routes just completed, through the Queah and Bassa countries. A mere sketch of our journeyings, with the conclusion to which I have arrived in reference to the location of the Interior Settlement, is all that my present very urgent and multiplying duties will allow me to submit.

We left Monrovia on the morning of the 7th November. The Hon. J. H. Paxton, an old personal friend, who kindly consented to accompany me; Mr. Campion, agent for the new settlement; Jenkins, the Vey man employed

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