South. This is not the case. I emphatically deny it, as being a groundless untruth. This report will likely gain belief, and no doubt has gained extensive circulation, which report I trust will be confuted.

A remark was also made of the President of the Republic which deserves only to be mentioned to be contemned, and despised, and that is, that if the President is not engaged in the slave trade, he is conniving at it. This is a palpable untruth, and knowing, as we do, the source from whence it came, suffer it to pass unnoticed. This is hurtful to see that such false reports are circulated about Liberia and Liberians, by those who remained here long enough (forty-five days, remarkably long!) to know nothing of them, particularly since they saw nothing while here, except the newly-formed settlement of Robertsport. It is a source of regret to see what desperate and fruitless attempts are being made to injure the cause of Colonization and the interests of Liberia. It is a subject of rejoicing though to see that the ends of those who are our enemies cannot be effected by fair means—not even by foul. Many are anxiously looking with hopeful prospect to the downfall of Liberia, but we trust that the day will never come when this shall be the case, for if Liberia prove a failure, there is no earthly mortal hope for the colored race. We thank God that we have foreign friends—those who are interested in our future prosperity and greatness, and anxious about our welfare.

My letter has swollen to a size wholly unpremeditated, and as I am pushed for time I close.

I am sir, very truly and respectfully, D. F. Coker.

From the Cavalla Messenger.

GENERAL REPORT OF REV. C. C. HOFFMAN.

Under a deep sense of the very great importance of the position which God has called him to occupy, the Superintendent at Cape Palmas makes the following report of the Orphan Asylum, St. Mark's Church, Hoffman Station, Spring Hill, Rocktown and Fishtown.

Orphan Asylum—Since our last report we are happy to notice the arrival of two ladies at this institution, under whose care we cannot but believe the children will be greatly benefitted. The number of beneficiaries has increased to twenty-six, with four day scholars. Nothing more of very special interest has occurred to report. The usual order of study, work and recreation has continued as before; and the girls have generally evinced a spirit of docility and obedience. An evening school has been opened on two evenings in the week, Monday and Friday, under the superintendence of one of the ladies, assisted by several of the older girls belonging to the Asylum. At first, but few availed themselves of its advantages; but now it has gradually increased in number until fourteen names are on the roll. Also, at the Asylum, a class for giving religious instruction to native women. It was commenced last December; one only was a Christian, now three more have come out on the Lord's side, while several others are manifesting a deep concern for their souls' eternal welfare.

St. Mark's.—In connection with the Rev. G. W. Gibson three services have been held in this Church weekly, besides the Tuesday evening lecture at Mt. Vaughan. Also two prayer meetings held weekly at the houses of the members. The Sunday School connected with St. Mark's Church numbers 112 scholars in regular attendance. Mt Vaughan Chapel numbers 134 scholars. Two Male Bible classes are held at the residences of the Ministers on Sunday morning. In the afternoon, a

Female adult Sunday school class numbering thirteen scholars. Also, an Infant school in connection with St. Mark's Church is held at the Asylum. Here every Sunday afternoon about thirty little ones meet. Thursday afternoon at the same place, a female Bible class is taught with attendance of twenty. By these means we hope with God's blessing to reach all classes of the community, from the infant to the grey-headed adult. We regret to say, that in some of the classes the attendance has not been so large as we had hoped for. The morning services held at St. Mark's are crowded, and we still feel the need of enlarged accommodations. Plans have recently been proposed for the improvement of our Sunday School, which if carried out, will doubtless result in much good.

During the season of Lent, we have had two extra services in the week. The number of Communicants are 120, including 30 natives. Six of the latter reside at Half Graway. Since our last Convocation we have had:

Baptisms.—Native Adults, 3; Native Infants, 2; Colonist Infants, 3.
Deaths.—Colonist Adults, 2; Colonist Infants, 2; Native Adults, 1.
Marriages.—Colonists, 2.

Monthly Missionary Collections for two months, $31 38. Monthly Missionary S. S. Collections for three months, $2 29. Monthly Missionary Collections at Mt. Vaughan Chapel for three months, $1 44. Communion Collections for three months, $7 43. Collection for Church Expenses, (about) $6 00.

We do earnestly desire to have, in connection with our Church, a Hospital, where the sick and infirm may receive Christian care; but means to effect this object are yet wanted. Still, because we believe the work would be for God's glory, we cherish the plan, and hope for its accomplishment.

At Mt. Vaughan the new buildings are rapidly advancing towards completion. Mr. Mason still has charge of the eight High School boys and about sixteen day scholars. The grounds are kept in good order.

Hoffman Station.—Reports from this Station will be made by N. S. Harris, the Superintendent, and Mr. Carroll, the Teacher. Two services have been held there every Sabbath, also at Balla's Town, a native village on the beach. In these services, the Rev. Mr. Gibson and myself have been assisted by Mr. T. J. Thompson and Mr. N. S. Harris, both Candidates for orders. The attendance has been from about twenty to fifty persons. At the large native towns, as well as at Balla's Town, night schools have been maintained by three of the older boys of the station and a native Christian man. These schools are held four times a week, and are attended by from six to twenty-five young men and children. The native Christians, (of whom there are twenty-one,) living at this station or in the immediate neighborhood, are a source of comfort and encouragement to us. St. James Chapel is slowly progressing.

Spring Hill.—This station is under the care of John Farr, who will also read his report. It is visited weekly by either Mr. Gibson or myself. There are seven boys in the school, three of whom are professing Christians, and one a candidate for baptism. Six native Christians reside here, and one in one of the native villages. The appearance of the station speaks well for the industrious habits of those residing there.

A night school has recently been commenced by John G. Proud and one of the pupils of the school. They cross the lake and hold their school in one of the villages every evening. On Sunday, services are held in the three native villages by the teacher and his assistant; and every week they are visited by the Missionaries. The condition of the station is very encouraging.

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