to a state of society far more perfect than any thing which has yet been witnessed.

The Board of Managers, on the occasion of his death, met to express their deep sense of his value, as a member, and of the loss which the cause had sustained in his decease, and unanimously passed the following resolution: "This Board have heard with very deep regret, of the death of Dr. William Thornton, one of its earliest and most highly valued members, and whose loss must be severely felt by Africa and mankind."

Soon after the death of Mr. Ashmun, the Board of Managers elected as his successor, Dr. Richard Randall, of Washington city, a highly respected member of the Board. Measures were also taken to hasten his departure, that he might take upon himself the arduous and responsible duties of Colonial Agent. The Board considered themselves happy in so soon finding a person so fully qualified, as Dr. Randall, willing to undertake an agency surrounded with so many dangers.

During the year 1828, several pious and devoted missionaries were sent to Liberia, from the Missionary Society of Switzerland, who had been educated in the mission school of Basle, under the tuition of the venerable Blumhardt. They were five in number, and four of them arrived at Monrovia, in 1828. Mr. Sessing had preceded his brethren some months, and had made suitable preparation for their accommodation. By a letter to the Board at Washington, from the minister just named, it appeared that these pious men were greatly delighted with the prospect of labouring for the conversion of the poor heathen in Africa. In October, 1828, the Rev. Dr. Blumhardt addressed a letter to the Board of Managers, relative to the concerns of these young men, his former pupils.

The ship Harriet, Captain Johnson, left Hampton Roads, on the 9th of February, 1829, with one hundred and sixty emigrants for Liberia. A more orderly and respectable company, according to the African Repository, never had embarked for the colony. Of this number, between forty and fifty had been liberated by a few persons, for the special purpose of being transferred to the privileges of the Liberian colony. Fifteen of these were liberated by Miss Margaret Mercer, near Annapolis, Maryland, and eighteen by the Rev. Thomas P. Hunt, of

Brunswick county, Virginia. Six were lately the property of Edward Colston, Esq., of Virginia. Some of the number had been long free, and had accumulated considerable property; and all who embarked, took with them a liberal supply of provisions, household furniture, agricultural implements, and articles for trade. Most of these emigrants were in the vigour of life, highly recommended for their correct morals, and industrious habits; and a large proportion distinguished among their class, for intelligence, influence, and piety.

Among the passengers in this vessel, was the unfortunate Moorish prince, Abduhl Rahhaman, who had been long a slave in Mississippi.

Just before the vessel sailed, several ministers attached to the Presbyterian church, convened on board the Harriet, and ordained the Rev. Joseph Turner, who had long been an exemplary member and useful preacher, in that denomination.

The Rev. David Payne, a highly respectable preacher in the Methodist church, also embarked in this vessel.

CHAPTER XVII.

RANDALL'S ADMINISTRATION.

Doctor Randall arrived at Monrovia, December 22, 1828, where he received the first intelligence of the melancholy circumstances of the death of Lott Cary. The election of a successor to Cary, had raised Mr. Waring to the office of vice-agent. Dr. Randall estimated the property in the public stores, when he arrived, to be of the value of seventy thousand dollars, and twice that sum, if all the convertible property in the colony were included. "I am," says he, "much pleased with the climate, location, fertility, and population of Liberia. The climate is, at this season, most delightful. It is not very warm during the day, and at night it is cool enough to sleep under a blanket. Though this is considered the sickly season, we have but little disease, and none of an alarming character. The location of Monrovia, is the most delightful that can be

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A History of Colonization on the West Coast of Africa

by Archibald Alexander, Philadelphia, 1846