to our families and institutions have been born of God. Millsburg—what shall I say about this spot? The wilderness is blossoming as the rose. The solitary place is becoming glad, and rejoicing for them who have been sent to cultivate the hitherto barren field, and to diffuse light amid the gross darkness. And, thank God, the darkness is comprehending the light. O, sir, think what the Lord has done for us here. A society of eleven members, as reported little more than a year ago, has now grown to sixty-three. The White Plains Manual Labour School has been owned and blessed of God. We have among us converted to God, Africans, named J. O. Andrew, N. Bangs, John Clark, P. P. Sanford, &c. &c., and these already begin to recommend this holy religion to others." We might follow this report throughout all the settlements in the colony, in all which the same hopeful appearances are manifest in their religious aspect.

From the letters of Dr. Taylor to the Board, we make the following extracts. "I have the extreme satisfaction to inform the Board that there is nothing like the indisposition among the people in this place (Millsburg, which had previously been without a regular physician) that existed when I came here in February last. There are on my sick list at the present time, in a community of one hundred and ninety-six persons, seven patients; out of this number, only two are of the company that came out with me. Two are old persons, for whom medicine will do little or no good. Two, an infant and its mother with a cold—and the seventh a man who was so unfortunate as to have his arm fractured. There is one singular fact which experience has taught me since I have been in Africa; and this fact is exactly the reverse of what has been the generally received opinion, both in America and Africa. The fact is this; that, if a man would enjoy perfect health in this country, he must take just twice as much exercise as would preserve health in the United States. I am fully persuaded that this is a true statement, from what I have experienced in my own case and what I have observed in others. The rains are now going off—we have a shower daily and nocturnally—the evenings and mornings are so delightful, that persons cannot content themselves in the house, who are in health. There is not a shadow of doubt, but that this place is vastly more suitable for acclimation, than any other colony in Liberia. My

patients are all convalescent—my patient, with fractured humerus, is doing well. In my treatment of the diseases here, I am guided entirely by the circumstances and situation of my patients. I prescribe for symptoms, not for names. Thanks to Dr. Lindsley for so deeply impressing my mind with the importance of this principle. If I was only an efficient botanist, I have a field before me that would serve me to explore during the balance of my life. A natural historian would find matter here to occupy his mind and pen, as long as he could live. I do not think that I have seen a greater variety of birds in the United States in twenty-nine years, than I have seen here in the short space of eight months. Morality increases astonishingly. Since I have been in Millsburg about sixty members have been added to the church. Was it not that an expedition is expected daily, and that it is the intention of the Lieutenant-Governor to send as many to Millsburg as possible, I think I should come over with them, just to convince many who stand in their own light, opposing the scheme of colonization. I want to let the people with whom I am connected, and for whom I feel interested, know that it is not here as some would have them think it is. I think that if the bitter opponents of the colonization scheme would only come to Millsburg and look at the prospect, and see that all that is wanting to make this a splendid place, and the people independent, is means, they could but say, I will give my support to this enterprise. Though I advocate the elevation of the man of colour in America, I am now convinced that this is the place where he can enjoy real freedom. With regard to the morality of this whole community, it is very good and greatly on the increase. Religion is flourishing. During the year there has been an accession to the Methodist church alone, of one hundred and sixty-one members. On the night of the 8th of January, there was a missionary meeting held, at which there were twelve preachers who belong to the Liberia Annual Conference. At this meeting, by subscription and collection, I think more than one hundred dollars were secured for the missionary cause in Africa."

At a colonization meeting held in the city of Newark, New Jersey, Mr. Brown, of Liberia, made an interesting address. He was listened to with the deepest attention, and there was that about him which declared him to be, not only a man of

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