tion, sympathy and support of your honorable body as Vestrymen and Board of Trustees, which assistance has enabled me to command so wide an influence over my congregation and the general public. In fact, your loyalty to your struggling Rector has had a tendency of forming a link between our nation and the great aboriginal tribes from our interior country by the recent acquisition of the majority of girls in our household; of whom the hope is, therefore, that means and space will soon enable us to have over two hundred girls in the work of preparation in our Girls' Church Training School.

Respectfully submitted,

PAULUS MOORT, M. D.

TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GIRLS' CHURCH TRAINING SCHOOL.

In September 1897 I arrived in this country and being desirous of aiding my husband in the arduous duties in which he was engaged it has been my pleasure to supplement his labors in every possible way.

Owing to illness I have not been able to accomplish all the work that I desired to, but have endeavored to render what assistance I could.

In addition to the school-room curriculum we are laying stress on the training of girls in the arts of household industries that they may become useful women and powerful factors in this Republic.

We believe the supreme end of education is the harmonious development of all the powers of a human being. Whatever ministers to this end is *education*, which should commensurate with the object of life.

The advent of a number of native children in our midst has been a valuable experience to me and I have watched with a great deal of satisfaction the expansion of a mind as it came in contact with the various conditions of civilization hitherto unknown.

As the girls entered here their recitations were heard at the Parish school until in February, 1898, I began to teach and continued until obliged by ill-health to desist. For six months, beginning in May, the late Mr. J. B. T. Brown came daily to hear the recitations of the girls; at the end of that time I again took charge of the school and only relinquished when Mrs. M. F. Hilton assumed charge on March 6th, 1899.

We speak in most greatful terms of the efficient aid rendered by our Matron, Mrs. M. F. Hilton, in our early struggles. She has

ever proved an invaluable friend and co-worker and is well worthy the high esteem which we have for her.

I have never met in any of my experiences brighter minds than those of most of our native girls.

At the end of six months with us they are speaking intelligible English, reading and spelling in the first Reader, counting, and printing letters. I have been delighted with their progress.

We have been aided in our struggles to provide clothing and other necessaries by some kindly disposed persons, whose kindness I will note elsewhere.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. MOORT.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE GIRLS' CHURCH TRAINING SCHOOL.

The Liberian Association is a society organized by Dr. Moort during his visit in London in 1895 and '96. It is composed of ladies of means desiring to aid us in our work having felt much interest in the same. They made a number of garments for sale from which we realized the sum of $25.15. Finding the work of making the garments of our girls too taxing in addition to other duties I suggested to the secretary of the Liberian Association from whom I had received a very kind, encouraging letter asking me to write something about our work, that the society should make garments for our girls instead of articles for sale which, at all times are not easily disposed of. The secretary replied saying that they would gladly set about the task for their winters work if I would send sizes and directions which I did. I am therefore, expecting shortly a supply of clothing from them that will greatly relieve our minds.

We have also greatefully acknowledged the following:—

6 Aprons. From Mrs. M. E. Cole.
12 yds. Print " "
8 Dresses. The Wo. Aux. of Trinity Ch.
4 Undergarments The " " "
2 doz. Spelling Books from The American Colonization Society, through the Hon. J. C. Stevens.
1 Kroo Rice. King Pingba—Such
3 lbs. Fish " " "
44 qts. Rice from Mr. Strother.
1 Trunk containing 1 piece unbleached, 1 piece white muslin, 3 pieces print, several pieces underwear, 4 dresses.—Miss Ida A. Stewart N. Y. City

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17. The First Report of the Girls' Graded Church School, Monrovia, Liberia
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