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On motion of the Rev. Mr. Campbell, it was
Resolved, That the thanks of this Institution be presented to
Mr. Ashmun, the Colonial Agent in Liberia, for his very able
and successful exertions during the year.

On motion of Wm. H. Fitzhugh, Esq. it was
Resolved, That the thanks of this meeting be presented to the
Rev. R. R. Gurley, for his long continued, disinterested, and
efficient exertions, in behalf of the American Colonization So-
ciety.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Laurie, it was
Resolved, That the thanks of the Society be presented to the
Society of Friends of North Carolina, for their very liberal and
persevering efforts to promote the great objects for which it was
established.

On motion of Mr. W. W. Seaton, it was
Resolved, That the Society entertain a grateful sense of the
aid afforded to it by the Clergy of all denominations, and that
they be respectfully and earnestly requested to continue to ex-
ert their influence to advance its objects.

On motion of Mr. Fitzhugh, the Society then proceeded to
the election of officers for the ensuing year; and the Chair hav-
ing appointed Messrs. Fitzhugh, Key, and Jones, as a com-
mittee to report a list of names, the list submitted by them was
adopted.

On motion of the Rev. Dr. Laurie, the meeting tendered
their thanks to the Hon. Henry Clay, for the able and dignified
manner in which he had presided during the evening.

On motion of Mr. Fitzhugh, the meeting then adjourned.

Letter from the Rev. Dr. Blumhardt.

In our number for January 1836, we published a letter from the Rev.
Theophilus Blumhardt of Basle, Switzerland, enclosing one to Mr. Ashmun,
the Colonial Agent, containing sundry inquiries in relation to the practica-
ability and expediency, of founding a missionary establishment in Liberia.
its vicinity. The able, and very particular reply of Mr. Ashmun, appeared in our number for November, 1827. This reply, accompanied by a letter from the Board of Managers of our Society, was transmitted to Switzerland early in last year, and the communication which we now publish from Dr. Blumhardt, shows the spirit of Christian zeal and liberality towards Africa, which this correspondence has contributed to excite in the minds of the Directors of the Basel Missionary Society.

We have now the pleasure to state, that Mr. Oson, a colored man of great respectability, selected by the Directors of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the United States, as a missionary for Liberia, is now prepared to embark, and may be expected to take passage in the first vessel destined to the Colony.

Basle, November 24th, 1827.

To the Directors of the Am. Colonization Society, Washington.

Dear and Respected Gentlemen: It was early in this year, that I had the great pleasure to receive your kind and encouraging letter, of June 19th, 1826, accompanied by the highly interesting communication of your valuable Agent at Liberia, Mr. Ashmun, dated April 23d, 1826. After perusing them, I felt myself urged to bring joyful thanksgivings to our Heavenly Father, for opening to our Society so promising a field of operation, in the great work of leading benighted heathens to the saving knowledge of Christ our Saviour, and for bringing us in this glorious cause, in so desirable and friendly a connection with our Christian Brethren in America, and more particularly with the Members and Directors of your esteemed Society.

May this connection grow more and more intimate, and under the blessings of God, prove a rich source of abundant benedictions for poor Africa!

The communication of these letters to our Committee, met with the most heartfelt and lively interest on their part, and after due consideration, they resolved to enter with Christian courage, and humble confidence in the blessing of God, into that open and inviting door for missionary labours; and to see by a trial, whether the Lord will prosper our humble endeavours for the welfare and salvation of our neglected African fellow-creatures.

We then appointed three, and sometime afterwards, two more of the dear Christian Brethren, educated in our Missionary Se-
minary, for this important new Mission; and, I am happy to inform you with these lines, that they are already on their way to Africa. Their names are:

Rev. T. C. S. Handz,
" T. F. Sessing,
" C. G. Hegele,
" H. H. Wulff,
" G. A. Kissling.

The three first mentioned embarked at Gravesend, England, the 10th inst., in the "St. Andrew," Capt Dieper, and the two others will, we hope, do so, in the first days of next month.

These five single Missionaries, whom only the love of Christ urged to leave their country and relations, and to go to Africa, and who are ready to spend and to be spent, for the salvation of their Negro Brethren, enjoy our full confidence, and we beg leave to recommend them with heartfelt concern, to your Christian kindness and protection. We trust that you never shall have occasion to repent of any friendship and assistance, you will be kind enough to lend to them; and all which Christian interest and zeal for the welfare of Africa, leads you to do for these humble messengers of Christ, is, you know, done for the holy cause of that gracious Lord, who has promised to reward abundantly, even the cup of fresh water offered to one of his servants; and every mark of help and support shown to our beloved Missionaries, will be looked at with cordial thankfulness, and gratitude, not only by our Committee, but also by the numerous friends in Switzerland and Germany, who are wishing well to our undertaking.

We and our Brethren are well aware that trials will not fail, but we hope the Lord, whose work it is, will give us perseverance to overcome them in the might of his strength, and we pray fervently, that our Almighty Lord, may particularly preserve the life and health of his servants, to the glory of his holy name, and make them a blessing, and a means of enlightening and of salvation, to many an immortal soul ransomed, as ours, with the precious blood of Christ. Permit me to solicit, that they may also have a share in your prayers before the Throne of Grace.

Finally, I cannot omit to thank you, for the communication of your interesting publications. I already have orders given to
Messrs. De'Rham & Moore, in New York, (with whom also a credit has been opened to our Missionaries in Liberia,) to subscribe for them, in my name, and I hope to receive very soon the numbers since published, and the following, by the care of these gentlemen, in regular succession. Should you, perhaps, publish here and there some other interesting pamphlet respecting your Colony, then I would beg you very much to send always a copy of each under my direction, to the above mentioned gentlemen in New York, to forward it speedily to me, and to have paid to you by them, the amount.

We have printed a short account of your benevolent work, which, we hope, will lead the attention of our Christian public, favourably to your Colony, and excite many children of God to pray for its prosperity. Our hearts likewise wish and pray, that the Lord may bless you, and crown your important work with a good success. Yea, may your Colony grow and blossom like a garden of God, and continue to prove a useful instrument in the hand of Providence, to beat the path for the kingdom of our adorable Redeemer, amongst the besotted and wretched population of Africa.

With the highest respect and love, in the name of the Committee of the Evangelical Missionary Society,

THEOPHILUS BLUMHARDT.

The unfortunate Moor.

A gentleman in Natchez has communicated the following account of an individual who is now offered as an emigrant to the Colony of Liberia.—The Society has every disposition to aid the unfortunate man, and it is hoped that he may take a passage in the next expedition.

Dear Sir:

I address you in behalf of an unfortunate man, a native of Africa, who has been held in slavery, in this State, for thirty-nine years. A letter has been addressed to the Department of State concerning this person, under the hope that the General Government might consider him a fit subject for their interposi-