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THE AMERICAN COLONIZATION SOCIETY, at the threshold of its Sixty-Seventh Annual Report, records the chasm which death has made in the ranks of its Vice-Presidents within the year.

NECROLOGY.

1. HON. WILLIAM E. DODGE, of New York, elected in 1860, was among the early friends of the Society, and throughout his more than half a century of eminently energetic and successful business life, kept up an active practical interest in its work. His earnest solicitude for the salvation of souls and the elevation of humanity was bounded by no sect and limited to no race, and his heart and purse were open and his tongue was ready to speak for any and every good cause. He leaves behind him the blessed memory of the just.

2. HON. LUCIUS Q. C. ELMER, of New Jersey, elected in 1843, was an able advocate and liberal supporter of African Colonization. Of great modesty, courteous and congenial above most men, he had the respect of all classes of the people to an extent rarely equaled. Acts of benevolence marked his pathway through his protracted and distinguished career.

3. JUDGE G. WASHINGTON WARREN, of Massachusetts, elected in 1879, manifested his interest in the various ways open to a public spirited citizen. At our Fifty-Sixth and Sixty-Third Anniversaries, he delivered addresses marked by the breadth of research, closeness of reasoning, strength of argument, and force of appeal that were so characteristic of the man. These addresses rank among the most valuable in the long series wherewith learned, eloquent and Godly men have enriched the Society's annals. A member of the Board of Trustees of Donations for Education in Liberia, President of the Massachusetts Colonization Society, and a frequent Delegate in the

soil is very rich. This is said to be a healthier place than Monrovia. I am well pleased with this, my new home. Coffee is plentiful on the trees; sweet potatoes grow wild; bananas and pine apples are in abundance. There is much here to engage any one's attention in teaching, preaching or in tilling the soil which is so very rich. All kinds of workmen are much needed here. I wish you to tell these things to my fellow students of Biddle and encourage them to come forward and lend a helping hand. The Lord has provided rich blessings to them that labor in His vineyard. When I write again I hope to be able to say more about the country. I am informed that the heathen are always glad at the arrival of new emigrants. I am enjoying moderate health. I hope Mr. Stokes, whom I left sick, is now well. Please give my love to all. Yours truly,

JOSEPH WALKER.

Mr. Walker has gone to Africa under the auspices of the American Colonization Society which, from its foundation, has sought the guidance and blessing of God. Mr. Walker will be supported for six months and have a piece of land allotted to him. May heaven's best blessings attend him.

M. L. MATTOON.

From The Presbyterian.

LETTER FROM REV. DAVID W. FRAZIER.

The Presbytery of West Africa has just closed its annual meeting. We have a work here in West Africa, but our force is small. The church in Monrovia is vacant; the church in Scheiffelin calls aloud for a pastor, and so does the one at Marshall.

I left New York July 16, on the bark Monrovia, under appointment of the Board of Foreign Missions, and arrived here August 21, since which time I have labored in Sinoe, filling the vacancy caused by the death of the Rev. James M. Priest. I found the members of the church somewhat scattered when I reached Sinoe. The Sabbath school numbers about seventy, a part of whom are natives. We hope that much will be done in that direction in the future. The natives also come down into the town of Sinoe and seem to manifest some interest in the Liberian Government, as seen from the number of native representatives in the Liberian Legislature. I am anxious to see our Church work go on in this benighted land. I know if the young men who are being educated by our Presbyteries listen to the soothing talk of friends at their homes they will never see Africa.

The dogs can get the crumbs which fall from the rich man's table in America, while here they starve for the bread of life. I shall be proud if I shall live to see the day when schools shall be scattered throughout the Republic of Liberia. It would not hurt if they would largely be farm schools.

From the Baptist Companion.

LETTER FROM REV. J. H. PRESSLEY.

In my letter from Sierra Leone, I promised to write you about Monrovia in my next, but I have been going all the time, and will leave here to-day for Grand Cape Mount, so you can see that I only have time to drop you a line or two.

When we went ashore at Freetown, we were delighted with the place. On the 5th of January we left Sierra Leone for Monrovia. On the morning of the 9th we arrived there. If we had been two days sooner, we should have been in time for the inauguration of the President of Liberia. From what we learn it was a grand affair. We called to see the President, Hon. H. R. W. Johnson, and found him to be a very fine man. He is highly esteemed by all the people, and even the heathen chiefs and hundreds of their people came hundreds of miles from the interior, to greet him with their presence, on entering upon his high calling. It is hoped and believed that a better day is dawning for the Government.

Since we have been ashore here we have been stopping with Mr. R. R. Johnson, who came from Richmond thirty-three years ago. He is now a man in good health and of means. We are more than pleased with Monrovia. Instead of stopping here until we acclimate, we have decided to go to our field of labor at once. We will leave this evening for Grand Cape Mount, which is in the Vey country. Our wives and we are so well that we have concluded not to have the fever at all. Rev. Mr. Colley is still full of life as usual, and is pushing forward the work.

While I am writing, Rev. J. O. Hayes has come in, with his young wife. Both of them are looking well, and are ready to enter upon the mission work, under our Board.

From the New York Globe.

LETTER FROM REV. T. McCANTS STEWART.

This is my first public letter since my return from Liberia. Many colored editors have noticed me and the African work. I have read