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Liberia, he said, has advanced especially in material and educational respects. More coffee, sugar, and cotton has been raised and exported—more land has been cultivated and more products from the interior have been brought to the coast. An increasing trade in native cotton and the precious woods have sprung up. Brick structures are taking the place of thatched dwellings and frame buildings. Schools for children and youth have been initiated, and a College, with a President, three Professors, and several Pupils, has been inaugurated with good prospect of great usefulness.

But this progress does not discharge Americans from the duty of further care and aid. Liberia is still infantile, and needs the fostering care of the mother. Her College, her schools, her missions, her people in their endeavors for good, require large munificence from this country.

Recent events here devolve special responsibilities upon us; for some of the large number of people of color will soon wish to emigrate, and in due time many will claim Africa as their heritage, and they must be helped to their father-land.

The education of his brethren here, he said, will enkindle desire for emigration.

The Divine Providence points to the negro as the missionary for Africa, and Americans have distinguished facilities for evangelizing that continent. They have the instruments and the means as no other people of the globe possess them, for bestowing civilization and religion upon that quarter. Into the heart of many of these children of that clime, God will put it, in the fit time, to go and do the work for which they are chosen; and for their aid, Americans must be ready.

The changes that have lately taken place here, only enforce the necessity of increased activity and more liberal effort for Liberia.

It has been a long dark night in which we have labored for her, and shall we now cease work because the morning rays begin to gild the skies?

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