

*V.* It shall be the duty of the Treasurer, at the last stated meeting in the year, to present his accounts for examination.

*VI.* A Standing Committee of three persons or more shall be chosen for the year, whose business it shall be to examine those who apply for admission into the School in the intervals of the meetings of the Board, to receive them at discretion upon probation, and provide for them till the next meeting of the Directors. [It has been since ordered that two members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.]

*VII.* There shall be two stated meetings of the Board in a year; one on the first Tuesday in May at Newark, at 11 o'clock, A. M. the other at the same hour on the day preceding the meeting of Synod, and at the place of its meeting.

*VIII.* All the meetings of the Board shall be opened and closed with prayer.

#### PLAN OF THE SCHOOL.

*I.* The School shall be under the immediate care of a chief instructor, who shall be called the Principal. Other instructors may be employed as occasion may require.

*II.* The usual term of study shall be at least four years, and longer if the Board deem it expedient.

The first year shall be devoted, as the Principal may find necessary, to Reading, Writing, Spelling, and learning the definition of English words, but chiefly to English Grammar, Arithmetic, and Geography; the second to the elementary principles of Rhetoric, Mathematics, Natural Philosophy, and Astronomy; the third to Theology; the fourth to Theology, the elements of Ecclesiastical History, the more practical principles of Church Government, and the Composition of Sermons.

The exercises of public Speaking and Composition shall be kept up through the whole course.

*III.* It shall be the duty of the Principal, from the commencement of the course to attend with special care to the religious improvement of the pupils, to converse with them

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taken permanently under their care. They still remain with Mr. Ford, and by their conduct and progress give flattering hopes of future usefulness. By permission of Mr. Ford they have held a weekly meeting for prayer with people of their own colour, to whom they have become much endeared.

Several other young men have been offered to the Board from different parts of the United States; but as they were not able to read and write, their reception was delayed till they could obtain these necessary qualifications. The Board wish their friends in every part of the country to understand that they are prepared, and very desirous, to receive several more. They hope not to be obliged to turn any away who possess the necessary qualifications. Will there not be an effort made by the friends of religion and humanity in every district of the Union to look out for suitable young men, and to provide the means of fitting them to enter the School? Will not Auxiliary Societies be formed wherever there are a few who partake of the compassions of Christ, and feel for the sorrows of Africa? The field is great and almost immeasurable, and requires the combined powers of all the Christians in the United States through a long and patient exertion.

The Board have not been inactive. Last autumn they appointed the Rev. Samuel John Mills to solicit donations for the School in the middle States. They have since authorized him and Mr. Burgess to lay the object before the benevolent in England. They have written to the professors of the Theological Seminaries of Princeton and Andover, requesting the co-operation of the young men, at least in vacations. Two of the students at Andover, Mr. Edward W. Hooker and Mr. Hutchens Taylor, have accepted commissions to obtain donations and form Auxiliary Societies in any part of the country which they may visit. No others have offered. The Board have appointed the Rev. Messrs. J. F. Huntington, Ezra Fisk, and Henry R. Weed to perform the same duties within the bounds of the Presbyteries of Newton, Jersey, and Hudson, and on Long-Island; and they have empowered a committee to designate agents for the city of New-York. The object of

sons his old master was brought on from Maryland, who upon receiving \$100 gave him his freedom, Dec. 1, 1796. Besides serving nine years, Upshur had to refund the \$16, and four more which had been expended in an attempt to detain him. He was obliged to pay \$112 50 for the freedom of his wife, and bought his two children at the price of \$37 50. In twelve months he refunded the \$100 which his friends had advanced for him; and in the course of 21 years has not only extinguished all the above debts, but has acquired property worth several thousand dollars.

The influence of this Society, combined with other means, has produced a great effect upon the coloured people of New Brunswick. In none of our towns does the African character stand so high. Mr. Huntington, a man of an excellent spirit, is setting an example to all his brethren of faithfulness to this neglected people. He preaches weekly to two or three hundred of them, who hang upon his lips and look up to him as a father. He intends soon to give them, in a series of discourses, a familiar exposition of the Shorter Catechism. To see their order, their union, their regular and decent attendance in the house of God, and their judicious management of the concerns of their Association, is consoling to a mind that waits for the redemption of Africa.

## POSTSCRIPT.

The sermon has been so long delayed in the press, that I have an opportunity to subjoin a notice of the *African Society of Newark*. This association was formed on the 23<sup>d</sup> of February 1818. Eighty-eight names were recorded the first evening, including a few which had been given in before. The following Constitution was then adopted.

I. This institution shall be known by the name of the *African Society of Newark*.

II. The sole object of the Society shall be to aid the funds of the African School established by the Synod of New-York and New-Jersey.

III. Every free person of colour who consents to have his or her name enrolled, shall be a member of the Society, upon paying fifty cents at entrance, and the same sum annually. Every slave who brings a written permission from his or her master or mistress, shall be a member, upon paying twenty-five cents at entrance, and the same sum annually. If any member shall neglect to pay for two years in succession, he or she shall be liable to be struck off from the list of the Society by the Standing Committee, and to be considered no longer a member.

IV. None but male members shall vote on any subject, nor any under the age of sixteen; and none shall vote for officers till they have paid up their arrears.

V. The officers of the Society, to be annually chosen by ballot and by a general ticket, shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and eight Assistants; who together shall constitute the Standing Committee.

The President, or in his absence the Vice-President, shall preside at the annual meetings, preserve order, state and put questions, silence those who do not address the chair, determine who shall speak first when two rise at once, keep the speaker to the subject, allow none to speak sitting, or more than twice on a motion without obtaining special leave from the chair, prevent every thing personal or indecorous in debate, reject unconstitutional motions, (subject however to an appeal to the house,) and give a casting voice in every equal

a quorum. The meeting shall be opened with prayer. A committee shall then be appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts and vouchers, who shall report at the same meeting. The Secretary shall next read the report of the Standing Committee, detailing the number of members, the changes which have taken place in that number in the course of the year, the amount of monies received, of incidental expenses, (specifying the objects,) and of payments made to the treasury of the African School, within the year, and generally what the Committee have done since the last report. The annual rates of those members who have not already paid to the Collector, shall then be received. The Treasurer shall next publicly read the names of those who have not paid, both male and female; and the males on that list shall not be allowed to vote for officers. The officers for the year shall then be chosen. After this an oration shall be delivered by some member previously appointed by the Standing Committee; and the meeting shall be concluded with prayer.

VII. No alteration shall be made in this Constitution but at the suggestion of the Standing Committee, and by the vote of two-thirds of the male members present at an annual meeting.

#### OFFICERS FOR THE FIRST YEAR.

ADAM RAY, <i>President,</i>	† THOMAS GUNNAGH, <i>Secretary,</i>
DAVID RAY, <i>Vice-President,</i>	† PETER PETIT, <i>Treasurer.</i>

#### ASSISTANTS.

HENRY COOK,	LEWIS THOMPSON,
JOHN OFAKE,	FOSLEY VERNALL,
WILLIAM DAY,	BENJAMIN FULLEN,
BIMON VAN BLANKER,	ROBERT ST. RICHARDSON.

The Standing Committee met on the 25th of February, and adopted the following *by-laws*.

1. The Committee will statedly meet on the first Tuesday evening in every month, at 8 o'clock after the first of April, and at 7 o'clock after the first of November.

2. The meeting shall be opened and closed with prayer whenever a professor of religion is present.

3. Members who are tardy shall assign their reasons. The names of the present and absent shall be recorded as such, and absentees shall render their excuse at the next meeting.

4. At the opening of each session the minutes of the last