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## THE ENEMIES OF THE CAUSE.

In reference to a point alluded to by one of the speakers at the Boston Lyceum,\* a most efficient agent of the Society, who, within the last three months has delivered more than forty discourses on the subject, and travelled more than eleven hundred miles in four of the New-England States, expresses himself thus, in a letter which lies before us. After mentioning many facts, which, as connected with names of persons, we do not feel authorized to specify, he says—‘ So far as my vocation has enabled me to judge, while travelling in all the N. E. States, I cannot doubt that the attacks upon the Society will serve only,—by developing its principles, and by bringing out the energies of its friends,—to demonstrate its indestructibility, and to ensure its increased usefulness. Young men of vigorous minds, who had been zealous opposers of the Society, have been led to examine its claims, and are now its warm friends,’ &c.

Again : At the last meeting of the Massachusetts Society in this city, a distinguished member of it observed, that ‘ the opposition which we have to encounter here, has at least this good effect, that it affords to our Southern brethren the best evidence they could possibly have, that this Institution is managed with the necessary discretion and moderation. When they find it attacked as

\* See the first number of this Magazine.

fourteen washers and ironers, one mason, one tinner, one painter, one schoolmaster, one boatswain, four house servants, one drayman.

About a dozen emigrants have just sailed from Philadelphia for the Colony. They were furnished liberally at New-York, under the direction of Mr. Finley. Among the number was John Henry, of Maryland, farmer, aged thirty-two years, (wife already gone over;) William Gibbs, from this city, carpenter, aged twenty; Samuel Jackson, aged sixteen; Daniel Parker, carpenter; Hezekiah Shepherd, aged twenty-nine, of Salem, N. Y. shoemaker, with his wife, wife's mother, and child; 'Old Simon,' (so called,) member of a church in Littleton, N. H.

We have had long conversations with Simon, and have obtained an interesting detail of his life. He was originally a *slave*, in Connecticut, and purchased his own freedom for two hundred dollars, at the age of twenty-eight. He is now sixty-seven. Simon is a remarkably intelligent man, and a dignified and devoted christian.

Shepherd is an active young man, of excellent moral character. He brought with him the following testimonial, among others, signed by highly respected citizens of his own section:

*Salem, May 6th, 1833.*

ROBERT S. FINLEY, Esq. Agent of Col. Society.

*Respected Sir:*—This letter will be given to you by Hezekiah Shepherd, who, with his wife, mother, and infant child, are destined for Liberia. They have been recommended to us, in the most satisfactory manner, for intelligence, industry, and virtuous habits, and we trust will be a valuable acquisition to that flourishing Colony. We have furnished them with money sufficient to bear their expenses to New-York, or Philadelphia, where it is expected they will embark. As our County Colonization Society has been recently organized, we are not yet in funds, but we pledge ourselves to advance one hundred dollars, about the first of August, towards defraying their passage for Africa, and expect to add other contributions to your funds during the present year. The Colonization Society, in our opinion, may be ranked among the most benevolent and interesting institutions of our country and age; and that it may continue to enjoy the smiles of the God of Providence, and the patronage of the philanthropist and christian, is the fervent prayer of yours, very respectfully,

ALEXANDER PROUDFIT.  
JOHN WHITON.