Western Africa.

(Concluded from last number.)

Jacque-a-Jacques-Grand Bassam-Dix's Cove-Cape Coast.

day, with the intention of stretching directly for an individual in the band who knows any thing of Cape Coast Castle, where it was expected that music as a science. The present governor, George the mutinous sailors would be left. In the morning | McLean, assumed the responsibilities of his office we found ourselves abreast of Jacque-a-Jacques, | in the year 1820, and has by his sound judgment a place which has become very generally known and indefatigable zeal, not only placed all the forts of late years as one of the most important palm | in excellent order, but has also succeeded in inoil marts of the coast. And there is scarcely a | troducing many very salutary improvements among time when there are not as many as three or four | the neighbouring native tribes. Since his inducvessels receiving oil at this place. The coast | tion into office, he has kept up a school in the fort from Jacque-a-Jacques to Grand Bassam is rather | under his immediate inspection for native chillow and flat. Grand Bassam is situated at the | dren; and at no period since the organization of mouth of the De Costa river, and is forty miles | the school has the number of pupils ever fallen east of Jacque-a-Jacques. It offers a large quan- short of one hundred and fifty. Through the tity of gold-dust for sale, but neither oil nor | means of this school a large number of the young ivory. The Ashantees frequently visit this place, men who have just grown up, are able to read, so but their jurisdiction does not reach to the sea- | that the native people of Cape Coast may now be

of the same name, and lies about twenty miles | extends over three thousand square miles; and east of Grand Bassam. It has of late lost its im- | tribes even beyond these limits are constantly reportance by intestine wars; and as its trade is | ferring their disputes among themselves to him as

it has long since been abandoned.

persons of any kind.

abreast of Dix's Cove and Bantree, two forts | sionary brethren already on the ground. about two miles apart, the first owned and occution of the slave-trade, have been abandoned, and | The Wesleyan Missionary Society commenced | gustines, and became a pious and laborious monk. Cove, Cape Coast, Anamaboe, and Acra, besides | missionary here at a time, their labours have been | Bible, and it happened to him to see the pope! forts. The Dutch retain garrisoned forts at Ban- | very much the absence of their present missionary tree, Axim, Elmini, and Acra. The one at Acra | at the time of our visit, as I was not able to colone fort at Acra. The Dutch forts come under | ings as I could wish. They have a commodious | he was silent. In truth, he now felt he had ano-

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of the 17th. Several canoes brought off articles | there are a number of them who are decidedly | must be more faith in the Bible. to sell, but when they were told that no trading | pious, and that there is a very general desire to high and strong, and well mounted with guns. by those who can read it mechanically. They called Victoria. The three together render the | completely antipodal in their character and genewhere this trade was carried on more extensively | gression. than at these points. Since the abolition of the Coast forts.

houses. The latter, with a few exceptions, live | several of his subjects alive; and it was not known | ate eulogium on the personal character of Luther, in houses built of clay and covered with grass, how many more would be doomed to the same never stood up a truer-hearted, a better, or many of which are in a state of dilapidation. The fate. Human sacrifices are still offered in great | greater man, than he who stood before the diet of contrast between the native houses and those of numbers, not only in Ashantee, but in all the German empire. In his face might be read the Europeans must arrest the attention of every petty principalities of the surrounding country. the various elements of his character. A coarse,

to see native women washing for gold at the very | dence of his despotic power, thinking at the same | of sorrow; and deepest melancholy, sweetness,

The interior of the fort presents quite a military air. The garrison consists of a corps of two hundred well drilled Fantees. They have as fine a musical band as I almost ever heard; and this We left Jack Lahou on the evening of the next | is rendered the more remarkable, as there is not regarded, to some extent at least, as a reading Asinee is situated at the mouth of a large river | community. The jurisdiction of the governor nearly broken up, very few vessels touch here. umpire. The habit of seizing any man and ma-The French formerly had a fort at this place, but king him responsible for the debts and crimes of his townsman, which is so general in Western selves abreast of Cape Apollonia, and as there | bounds of his jurisdiction. I am happy to inform | did, but in his own intrinsic qualities. And in all phael, great like Michael Angelo. was no wind, we remained near this place all the you that governor McLean cordially welcomes | manner of contradictions did he seem to have been | As it was, the extremes of energy and modesty

Coast, which is occupied at present by Europeans, | you by governor McLean as eligible places for | above; and from that instant in which he thus

state of the deepest degradation and ignorance. | very spot was the reformation consummated. one, as the two are indiscriminately interspersed. Only a few years since, the king of Ashantee sent | rugged, plebeian face it was, with great crags of The whole country is less or more impregnated | the governor of Cape Coast sixty jaw-bones of | cheek-bones—a wild amount of passionate energy with gold dust. And I was not a little surprised | human victims which he had killed, as an evi- and appetite! But in his dark eyes were floods spot where we stepped out of the boat upon land- | time that it would prove to be a present of great | and mystery were all there. Often did there seem ing; and it is not uncommon to see them sweep- value. The story that the king of Dahomy has to meet in Luther the very opposite poles in man's ing the streets and private yards for the same pur- his yard paved with human skulls is no fable. | character. He, for example, of whom Richter pose. Besides gold-dust, the settlement exports There are Europeans on the coast who have seen had said that his words were half battles, he, Who executes Book and Job Printing with neatness ivory, Indian corn, and of late some palm oil. it, and can bear witness to the truth of the state- I when he first began to preach, suffered unheard-of

Gold, however, is the chief article, and Indian corn is the next in importance.

| Gold, however, is the chief article, and Indian taking of Ashantee thinks as little of to the vicar-general of his order, 'I cannot do it. I shall die in three months. Indeed, I cannot do it. extended itself over the whole of his realms.

equal to that of Elmina. the 31st of March, having been absent about one month. On our arrival at Fair Hope we found that all things had gone on smoothly, and we have abundant reason for gratitude to our heavenly Father for his manifold mercies to us.

(From Mr. Carlisle's Lectures.)

Character of Luther.

was allowed on board on the Sabbath, they re- receive religious instruction, without there being 1515—Tetzel came to Wittenberg, with a very and pondering on its deep significance: he had turned, and we were left alone until Monday any thing like a decided reformation among them famous set of indulgences for sale. Luther saw sat fasting for two days, when the devil rose and morning. The appearance of Cape Coast Castle | as a community. Their language has not yet been | him enter his own church, and offer in exchange | stood before him, and opened the famous dialogue. from the sea is rather imposing than otherwise. reduced to writing, and they receive all their in- accusing Luther of crimes, and threatening him The fort, in which the castle stands, and by which | struction through the medium of the English lan- | dulgences,' from 'Christ's holy lord the pope,' for | it is protected, covers three acres. Its walls are | guage, which is but imperfectly understood, even | the total remission of sins-pieces of paper, with | the christian put an end to at last by taking up his a red cross upon them, by which, for a considera- ink-bottle and flinging it at the devil. The mark The castle stretches across the fort and over one | would acquire information much more rapidly | tion, the gates of hell were closed, and those of | made by the ink on the wall is shown to this day; wing, and rises two stories above its walls. Be- through the medium of their mother tongue, than heaven and glory eternally opened! Luther saw and a memorable spot truly is that! a spot that sides the fort in which the castle stands, there are through a language which the generality of them these things publicly sold in his own church to his may mark at once the greatness and poverty of two other smaller ones, each of them about a half | are actually incapable of acquiring with any de- own people, and then spoke out and said, 'That mile distant; one of them is called fort William, | gree of perfection. The English language and | shall not be.' This was the beginning of the reand the other, which has recently been built, is | most of the dialects of Western Africa are so | formation. Again observe the modesty of Luther. He set forward no plea or pretence of reforming place almost impregnable, either by land or sea. | ral principles, that I have seriously questioned | the church. He shouted out nothing in big words These forts, as well as all the rest of the forts | whether an individual who has been taught to about what he would do. There was no vanity | braver man than Luther ever appeared in Europe. along the Gold Coast, were originally built by the | speak one of these from childhood could ever | in him. All he did was to deny and refuse to Portuguese towards the close of the fifteenth cen- learn to speak the other perfectly. And this view | tolerate a falsehood-and so the reformation began. tury, for the purpose of carrying on the slave- of the subject has been fully attested by our ex- Four years went on in this way, and then he was trade. They were subsequently wrested from the perience. The children in our school learned to summoned to the diet of Worms, to appear before Portuguese by the Dutch, and afterwards they read books in the English language as easily as all the princes and chiefs of the Roman Catholic were successively owned by the Dutch, English, the generality of children in America, but they faith. It was the 17th of April, 1521-a day to and French. Cape Coast Castle and its depen- | seemed to derive but little advantage from it in | be remembered for ever-that he arrived at the dencies fell into the hands of the English in 1661, the acquisition of knowledge. But as soon as old city of Worms, to testify eternally to the and have continued in their possession ever since. | books were placed in their hands in their own | truth, or to give it up utterly. A fearful enter-From the close of the fifteenth century to the language, their progress in acquiring knowledge prise! More than two thousand good people had year 1807, when the slave-trade was abolished, was very rapid indeed; and we have never been gone out, on horse or foot, to meet him, and dis-Cape Coast Castle was used as a depot for slaves; able to furnish books to them as fast as they suade him from advancing further. He said he and there is no part of the western coast of Africa | would have them. But to return from this di- | had the safe conduct of the emperor. 'Well,' they answered, 'Huss had it too, but it turned out The Fantees, as a tribe, are a little below the to be safe conduct into a prison six feet long, slave-trade, they have been kept up chiefly on ac- ordinary size of Africans; and are decidedly infe- seven feet wide, and two feet eight inches high, count of the trade in gold-dust, which, previous | rior, I should think, to the Kroomen, not only in | from which he was carried out to be burned.' 'I to that period, had been almost wholly neglected. stature, but in that manliness and independence cannot help it,' Luther remarked, 'I must go on. In the year 1824, all of the British settlements of character which distinguishes the latter. There To Worms will I go, though the gates of hell and were involved in a war with the Ashantees, which | is a desire to comform to the habits of civilized | the powers of air are against me. Yea, to Worms had nigh resulted in their utter ruin. Sir Charles | life, however, among the Fantees, which does not | will I go, though there were as many devils in the McCarthy lost his life in a disastrous conflict with | exist with the Kroomen. All the young men of | city as there are tiles on the roofs of the houses.' them, and a whole regiment of British soldiers | Cape Coast, who can afford it, wear European | He went accordingly, and was asked to recant | their heads entirely above the surface. They were cut to pieces at the same time by the Ashan- | clothes. The old men adhere to the broad toga. | what he had written, and he answered that he tee army. Indeed, so large and formidable an | The females wear a quantity of cloth proportioned | could not. Whatever there was of intemperate army as the Ashantees brought out on this occa- to their abilities, but their taste in adjusting it to expression in his writings, he would indeed resion has scarcely ever been known in Africa. | their bodies is very singular; and in one respect | cant; but the doctrine of them was God's truth, They aspired to possess all of the English forts on is revolting to the feelings of delicacy. What- and he durst not do it. 'Here I stand,' he said. this part of the coast, and their bloody and deso- ever changes may have taken place in the charac- 'I can do no other. It is impossible to admit any lating march was not arrested until they were | ter and condition of the people in the vicinity of | thing that is against the conscience. God be my brought within the range of the guns of Cape | Cape Coast, the country generally remains in a | help. Amen.' And there, and then, upon that The number of European residents at Cape | We were informed that only a few days previous | poor man stood up before the princes of the world Coast does not exceed fifteen or twenty. The to our arrival, a neighbouring caboceer had, in con- and said that; and all the world rose up and said, native population is estimated at six thousand. sequence of an eclipse of the sun, which was re- 'Yes, it is right, that thing which you have said.' The former reside in handsome and spacious stone | garded as ominous of approaching calamity, buried | And never, Mr. Carlisle continued, in affection-

LETTER FROM MR. WILSON, dated February 7th, Favourable Openings for a Mission near Cape now in the fort, who have taken refuge there to it.' Dr. Stauplitz, a wise and considerate man, save their heads. It is thought that the kingdom | said upon this, 'Well, sir Martin, if you must die of Ashantee, (if this word may be applied to that | you must-but remember that they need good people,) is by no means so strong and powerful heads up yonder too. So preach, man, preach as it was twenty years ago. The despotic and and then live or die, as it happens.' So Luther cruel administration of the present king has been | preached and lived; and he became, indeed, one the means of disconnecting important sections of great whirlwind of energy, to work without restthe kingdom from the main body, many of his ing in this world; and also before he died he wrote chief captains have become disaffected towards four hundred books! books in which the true man him, and a feeeling of very general distrust has was! for in the midst of all they denounced or cursed what touches of tenderness lay! Look at Elmina, (the Dutch fort,) is situated eight miles | the Table Talk, for example. We see in it that a west of Cape Coast, and is in full view of it. little bird, having alighted at sunset on the bough The native population of that place is double that of the pear tree that grew in Luther's garden, of Cape Coast, but the situation, from some local | Luther looked up at it and said, 'That little bird, cause or other, is very insalubrious. Anamaboe how it cowers down its little wings, and will sleep is twelve miles east of Cape Coast, but is seen | there, so still and fearless, though over it are the from it. Its European population is less than that | infinite starry spaces, and the great blue depths of of Cape Coast, and its native population nearly immensity! Yet it fears not—it is at home. The gonal to that of Elmina. From Cape Coast we stretched out to sea, and spirit of lyrical admiration is in other passages of after eight days sail we reached Cape Palmas on his books. Come home from Leipsic in the autumn season, he breaks forth into loving wonder at the fields of corn. 'How it stands there,' he says, 'erect on its beautiful taper stem, and bending its beautiful golden head with bread in it-the bread of man sent to him yet another year!' Such thoughts as these are as little windows, through which we gaze into the interior of the serene depths of Martin Luther's soul, and see visible, across its tempest and clouds, a whole heaven of Martin Luther presides yet over modern his- light and love. He might have painted—he might Friday morning, the 15th instant, we found our- Africa, has been entirely broken up within the tory. Great he was, not only in the actions he have sung-could have been beautiful like Ra-

forenoon. The land is high and hilly. It has, the co-operation of the mission which you pro- born. The son of the very poorest people—his met in his active spirit. Perhaps, indeed, in all until within a few years past, been occupied by pose to establish somewhere in the vicinity of father a miserable miner, his grandfather and all men of genius, one great quality strongly developthe English, and a fort still stands here, though | Cape Coast, and pledges the protection of the like sort—he was | ed might force out other qualities. Here was there are no European residents. Several canoes local government. I will transmit at the same reared in the depths of poverty, and struggled for- Luther, a savage kind of man, as people thought came off and brought fowls, ducks, corn, plan- time with this a copy of a letter which I have re- ward to the light out of an extremity of vilest him-a Wild Orson of a man-a man whose tains, etc. for sale. Those of the natives we saw | ceived from him on this subject. He expressed a | hardship. He 'bore the bag' at school, and he | speech was ordinarily a wild torrent, that went were small, and spare made, and the blackest | willingness in the first instance, that the mission | sang there and in the streets for assistance and tearing down rocks and trees—and behold him Africans I have ever seen. They were poorly should be established directly at Cape Coast. But support. But what of that? Truth did not de- speaking like a woman or a child. But no senticlad, and altogether appeared to be inferior to the as the Wesleyan Missionary Society of England sert him for it. 'There was no formality in my mentalist was he! A tolerant man, but with nothtribes further to the windward. They plat their | have a missionary here, and are expecting to en- friend Martin Luther.' He could stand alone in | ing of sentimental tolerance. He went to the real hair and bind it in wreaths like the Cape Lahou large their operations, it would not be in accor- the middle of the world. Law student he was at heart of that matter. When his reforming assopeople, but they had no ornaments about their | dance with the principles adopted at the last an- | the first, but an event very sudden and full of awe | ciates made vast fuss about some surplice that niversary of the board, to locate at the same place; withdrew him from worldly studies. While yet somebody or other wanted to wear, he ended the 16. We doubled Cape Three Points, and came | nor would it be strictly courteous to those mis- only twenty years old, he was walking with a matter with a What ill can a surplice do to us? friend in the University of Urfurt, when a thunder- | Let him have three surplices if he will. That is Anamaboe is also partially occupied by the | bolt darted out of heaven and struck down his not our religion, nor interferes with it at all. Dopied by the English, and the other by the Dutch. Wesleyans. But Dix's Cove and Acra are un- companion dead at his feet. This seemed as it mine, miserere mei. That is what we have to think Dix's Cove is the most westerly point on the Gold occupied, and both of these are recommended to were to Luther to have borne a mission from of. That is what we must think the essential of christianity.' Nothing of what is commenly called and Acra is the most easterly, being distant from the establishment of the proposed mission. The saw eternity lying at his feet, law and all its mat- cant, or pride, or ambition, was in Luther. It was each other about one hundred miles. In the in- former of these places is situated, as has already ters, and indeed all other proceedings of the world, this that made him not higher than the lowest termediate distance there are a large number of been mentioned, fifty miles to the west of Cape looked poor and mean, and insufficient for the man with a soul, nor yet lower than the highest. forts; many of which, however, since the aboli- | Coast, and the other the same distance to the east. | Cravings of the soul. He entered the order of Au- Thus, when he was threatened with the anger of 'Duke George' if he went to Leipsic, he made are now in a state of decay. The English still | their operations here, I think, about five years | At the first, as he expresses it, he was in a sort of answer that he had no business at Leipsic, but if retain four regularly garrisoned forts, viz. at Dix's ago; and although they never had more than one state of reprobation. But he began to study the he had, nothing on earth should prevent him. If it rained duke Georges for nine days running, small trading establishments where there are no crowned with encouraging success. I regretted This was on a mission to Rome, when, just as the there he would go. Well, and this man who natural loveliness of religion had broken in upon | thought and acted in this way passed a whole life him, he beheld, in this way, the worst vices and of suffering! He was a deeply melancholy man. is nearly in a state of ruins. The Danes have lect such facts in connection with their proceed- corruptions of her ministers in the world. Yet More labour had fallen upon him than he could rightly bear, and it was in vain that he prayed to the immediate supervision and government of chapel constructed with mud walls and grass roof. | ther concern to look after, for was there not his | be released; he toiled and sorrowed on. Even Holland. The English establishments come under I preached for them one evening, by request, own soul to save? Now, nothing was so admira- with Satan himself, the evil principle of the world, the supervision of a committee in England called through an interpreter, and was pleased to find ble as the entire modesty and simplicity of him! was he destined to hold high argument. Men the West-African Committee, which is appointed my audience attentive, and to see that a large The idea of reforming the church never entered would laugh at that, and a cheap game, indeed, by parliament. The government appropriates a number of them could use their hymn-books. My his head. The living the life of a true man—that was ridicule; but be it recollected that in Luther's specified annual sum to the support of these forts, stay here was too brief, and my opportunities of was his notion—and all else flowed naturally out days God and the devil were equally real; and and this passes through the hands of the West- observation too limited to allow me to make any of that. He saw that penances, and vigils, and that he thought he was from the first, as when he very confident remarks about the religious state | the like, would not, and could not, work out sal- | had that vision of the crowded house-tiles of the We anchored at Cape Coast, Sabbath afternoon of this people. My general impression is that vation. It must be more hope in the Bible—it old city of Worms, a man specially selected to fight with devils. Well then, he sat alone one At this very time—in the memorable year | night; he was translating the twenty-third psalm, with hell, and terrifying him to recant; all which man! the record of a delusion which any doctor's or apothecary's 'prentice could explain now-adays; but also of a courage that could rise against what seemed to be the bodily impersonation of darkness and despair, and of enmity to good. No

> BATHING IN THE DEAD SEA .- The correspondent of the New York American gives the following notice of a visit to this standing problem, in the national history of the Holy Land. The gentlemen of the party determined to test the reported buoyancy of the water by personal experience:

They state, that where the water was five feet deep, they were so buoyed up that they could only touch the bottom with the points of their toes. Advancing to where the water was six inches deeper, their feet were suddenly taken from under them, and they were thrown in a horizontal position upon the surface of the water. They could not maintain a perpendicular position without using some effort. They them swam to where the water was extremely deep, and endeavoured to sink, which they found impossible even with some effort to do so. They could walk in the water equally as well as on the land, with found that they could sit and converse as easy as on a divan. A strong breeze came on from the south, and with it a heavy swell. They described the sensation produced by this riding on the sea, without a vessel or a plank under them, as very singular. One of them had never before ventured beyond his depth in water: while here he was enabled, without the least sense of danger, to go to any distance from the land. They became convinced, that what had been said respecting the great specific gravity and buoyancy of the water of the Dead Sea is entirely correct.

De Tocqueville, in his work on America, speaking of the western pioneer, who goes in the advance of emigration, says, 'he penetrates the woods with his axe, his Bible, and a FILE OF NEWSPAPERS.'

'It is a great blessing to possess what one wishes.'- 'It is a greater blessing still, not to desire what one does not possess.'

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