respectable class of readers. Its special provinces connects it necessarily with education, the useful arts and sciences, temperance, and improvement every where; and naturally with geographical discovery, colonization and progressive civilization in all parts of the world. Whatever can elucidate sound political and domestic economy, will find a place in its columns. In fine, without undue enlargement on plans and prospects, it will suffice, on this occasion, to say, that all the diversified topics of national and social interest and of individual improvement and gratification, will be touched on in the Herald, so as to render it a pleasant and instructive family paper,—to the exclusion, however, of all sectarian theology and disputation, and of party politics and personal invectives. If it ever be found in a belligerent attitude, the plea of self-defence, or rather of that of the generous and ennobling principles which it advocates, will, it is hoped, be seen and admitted by all whose minds shall not have been perverted by passion or prejudice."

LIBERIA HERALD.

We have been favoured by the Barque Globe with a file of the Liberia Herald, from October to February inclusive, and shall proceed to give extracts from the different numbers.

It will be recollected that the Herald is owned and published by Mr. Hilary Teage, (long a resident of the colony, and a self-educated man,) without assistance or patronage from any quarter save his subscribers and advertisers.

In the October number we find an account of the loss of the Schooner Royal Albert, just to the leeward of the Cape, from the same cause which has so often proved fatal to traders, viz: running in too close to the shore and then losing the wind: the consequence is, the ground swells heaves them ashore despite sweeps and anchors.

The following notice of the Niger expedition contains the repetition of a hint that we have given some hundred times, and which we believe those who wish to operate upon Africa will take ere long.

"Niger Expedition.—Capt. B. reported also the Steamer Wilberforce, one of the three which attempted the ascent of the Niger, touched at Palmas about 1st inst.

"The extravagant waste of life and money consequent upon the manner in which that expedition was fitted out and supplied with officers and men is a lesson which will teach the English government and people when they wish to penetrate this continent, they must employ those who have resided more or less in this climate. The Wilberforce was carrying home the last remnant of the expedition, and in a year or two the far-famed "Niger Expedition" will be remembered only by those whose husbands and brothers lie buried or murdered on the banks of the river and at Fernando Po, while uninterested persons will speak of it as among the "things that were." We learn that the two young men who joined the Albert at this place were on board and that *not one of the coloured men attached to the expedition died of fever*—showing that had the first design been pursued of employing experienced merchant captains, and intelligent coloured men from Sierra Leone and the other colonies along the coast—the enterprise would not have failed from the same causes."

Marriages for past month, 3. Deaths in Monrovia, 6. In Caldwell, 5.

WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT.

Of some forty-two articles quoted, but sixteen are on hand, by which one not acquainted with the market would suppose a fine chance offered for shipment.

Palm Oil we see quoted at 46 cents per gallon for exportation, when it is begging in our markets at 30 cents.

Marine List.—Twelve arrivals and about the same number of departures.

The November number contains many very interesting articles, but too long for insertion in our small sheet.

1st. A notice of a meeting of the "Ladies Benevolent Society of Monrovia," and their annual report, which is one of the best papers of the kind we ever read. It doubtless was penned by the editor of the Herald himself. The disbursements of the Society the past year amounted to $81 06. Funds on hand $80 75, (a rare thing for benevolent societies.)

An interesting account is given of a pitched battle between the bug-a-bugs (a species of ant) and bees, in which the former proved victorious, as we believe they always do. They are said to fall upon and destroy the boa-constrictor when gorged with flesh and incapable of locomotion.

Marriages the past month, 1. Deaths, 8.

Marine List.—Arrivals, 8. Departures same.

The December number contains a long and interesting account of the death of Amurah, a noted African chieftain. He was the Napoleon of his country, and fell, like him, before his allied opposers.

The first of December, their national birth-day, was celebrated, as appears by the following article.

"First of December.—This day destined to be memorable in the history of Liberia, was observed with the usual display.

"At 5 a. m. a gun from central fort announced the approach of day—at 8 another from the same place proclaimed the ascent of the flags. At 10 the military formed in front of government house, whence they moved off escorting the governor, civil officers and citizens generally to the Methodist Church.

"The address on the occasion was delivered by Rev. F. Burns of the M. E. Church. To say that we were delighted with the performance, would be but poor praise. Although it had rather too much at both ends, that is (being less allegorical) rather prolix, the subject was well sustained throughout. There were some few chronological, and other minor errors, but not of sufficient importance to impair its general correctness and integrity. The matter of the address could not fail to reach the heart of every man of colour, and awaken emotions at once melancholy and pleasing. The speaker briefly noticed the origin of African slavery, and correctly assigned it to European cupidity and religious fanaticism after the discovery of America, but failed, as we think, in attempting to point out any features common to the ancient system of feudalism and vassalage in Europe and African slavery in the new world. They were based upon principles altogether different—springing from different motives and directed to different objects.

"The speaker's style was excellent. There was no noisy ranting, no uproarous blustering—no labouring after bombastic phrases which darken sen-

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