a great king, we will send you from the great English people each year that you do this, and do not sell any slaves, nor let any slaves be sold or sent off from all your coast—we will send you each year a present of love to you of — dollars in silver money, or in all sorts of beautiful and useful goods, which you like best. Yes, we will do this, and buy, too, all your cotton at a fair price, if you will be such a good and such a great line.

We have said it. Let us know what you will do.

## CALABAR AND DAHOMEY.

## CONTRAST BETWEEN TWO AFRICAN KINGS.

Rev. Mr. Robb, of the Scotch Mission at Old Calabar, visited us a few weeks since, and interested us much in his account of their field labors, success and prospects. The Gospel is evidently taking deep root among that people. Their present King is a member of their Church, and at the decease of his father no persons were killed; an occasion on which, a few years since, several hundreds of human beings would have been slaughtered to accompany him to the spirit world, and minister to him there. How different the state of Calabar, where the light of the Gospel has shone for a few years, from that of Dahomey, where no ray of heavenly light has penetrated, and where the King was recently preparing for a "great custom," at which 2,000 human victims were to be sacrificed. He had dug a trench, which was to be filled with human blood to a depth sufficient to float his canoe. "Surely, the dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty."— Rev. A. Bushnell, N. Y. Evangelist.

## PROGRESS IN LIBERIA.

Interest attaches, particularly at the present juncture, to the following extract of a letter, which has been addressed from the consulate-general in London of the cotton-growing Republic of Liberia, to Lord Alfred Churchill, as Chairman of the African Aid Society:

"I am happy to add that the progress of Liberia, in an industrial point of view, is as favorable as can be expected in a country where capital is the great requisite of the community In certain districts however, particularly on the Banks of the St. Paul's river (back of Monrovia), the cultivation and manufacture of free-labor sugar is much extended and constantly increasing; and sugar-mills are gone and going out, from the United States, and from England, to aid this valuable industry. In Bassa county the cultivation of coffee has succeeded in sending out the best quality of this important article of commerce. The production of palm-oil is extending all over the Republic. The collection of camwood (a most excellent dye-wood, well known in Manchester), of ivory, gold-dust, and other important exports, is greatly increasing, and I may say that nothing is wanting but more skilled laborers and enterprising settlers, with moderate amounts of monied capital, such as my fellow countrymen, the free people of color of the United States, could conveniently, and most advantageously to themselves, furnish, to give vast extension to their exports. Finally, the production of cotton is more and more attended to. This useful fibre grows spontaneously all over the country, and the labor of collecting, cleaning, and preparing it for market is alone requisite. In short, the industrial future of Liberia is most promising, and will, I hope, attract the attention of the free colored people of Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Ohio, etc, who, living under such unfavorable and depressing circumstances in their native land, would so much benefit themselves, and so much benefit Liberia, by going to the west coast of Africa, to build up a respectable nation of colored people. This they cannot do in Canada, or Jamaica, or any other part of America (except in Hayti), or the Cape of Good Hope, or any other country under the dominion of the whites, between whom and the blacks there is such an unreasoning and unreasonable antagonism existing, as to render separation of the two races necessary. I say the negroes of America ought to go to Liberia to create a nation of their own color, whose religion, whose laws, whose civilization, and whose industrial success would bring upon them honor far exceeding that which the nations of Mediterranean Africa (Carthage and Egypt) in ancient times enjoyed. All the incipient elements of such success Liberia now possesses. I am, with great respect, your lordship's most obedient servant,

"GERARD RALSTON."

## AFRICAN COLONIZATION GALLERY.

Portraits of Dr. John Bell, Hon. Edward Coles, John P. Crozer, Esq. and Rev. R. R. Gurley have been lately added to the gallery of paintings of African Colonizationists, commenced a few years since by the Pennsylvania Colonization Society. These gentlemen are deservedly held in high esteem for their zealous labors and sacrifices for the elevation of the people of color, and are thus fittingly placed in brotherhood with the excellent likenesses previously received, of Ashmun, Bedell, Buchanan, Burnet, Caldwell, Carroll, Cresson, Hodgkin, LaFayette, McMicken, Howard Malcom, Marshall, Meade, Charles Fenton Mercer, Margaret Mercer, Monroe. Pinney, Robert Ralston, Roberts, Sheppard, Short, Stockton, White, and Thomas W. Williams. These were painted by several of the most prominent artists of the country, such as Eaton, Eicholtz, Lambdin, Marchant, Miller, Neagle, Read, Rockey, and Sully. They are all gifts-the Managers feeling bound to devote the funds contributed to its treasury exclusively to the objects of its wide spread benevolence.

Additions are invited, so as to make perfect a gallery of those eminent in the foundation and growth of African Colonization and of Liberia. Among the many whose work is finished on earth, and whose countenances deserve to shine forth forever in such a collection, we might mention the names of Alexander, Anderson, Andrus, Ayres, Samuel Bacon, Bankson, Benedict, Brewer, Cary, Clay, Cope, Cox, Crawford, Cuffee, Day, Finley, Fitzhugh, Gales, Greenleaf, Harper, Hawes, Hopkins, James, Jefferson, Key, Lawrence, Lugenbeel, McDonogh, Madison, Mechlin, Mills, Peace, Perry, Phelps, Randall, Skinner, Southard, Stevens, Teage, Thornton, Todsen, Van Rensellaer, Bushrod Washington, Web-

There should also appear in such a galaxy the portraits of eminent patrons and laborers who are still warmly interested in the promotion of this great scheme, viz. Alberti, E. Bacon, Benson, Bethune, R. J. Breckenridge, Burgess, Coates, Cocke, Everett, Frelinghuysen, Hall, Thomas R. Hazard, Hunt, Joseph R. Ingersoll, Latrobe, McLain, Payne, Potter,

Gerard Ralston, Seys, Sully, Tracy, and Whittlesey.

It is reasonable to suppose that among the relatives and friends of the gentlemen named, there are those who will aid in swelling this Congress, and thus enable posterity to behold the faces of the founders, pioneers and promoters of an enterprize full of blessings to two races and two continents!—Pa. Col. Herald.

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