by Major Payne,—if more puritanical than patriotic—was certainly executed admirably well; and the ladies and gentlemen, who formed the choir are entitled to, and we take the liberty of presenting, which we beg they will accept, the thanks of their fellow citizens. We unederstand that there were several large dinner parties in town. The Infantry, the State Fencibles, and the Artillery Companies each had a banquet, which was numerously attended.

In the evening the *fête*, which was so long looked forward to, came off in the Senate Chamber—the old Hall was filled to its utmost capacity. The company assembled at about 8 o'clock, when the presence of beaux and beauteis inspired each other to extraordinary effort, the chit-chat went merrily on; the ladies were delighted, and the gentlemen were, by a strange kind of sympathy, the same way inclined. Amongst the company we noticed several ladies and gentlemen from the interior Settements. We think we never before, witnessed, in Liberia, such an array of beauty and fashion. At 10 o'clock supper was announced; and a sumptuous banquet indeed was spread. We noticed an one-able an enormous "Cake" representing a well fortified castle, with the Liberian, the American, the English, and the French Flags beautifully interwoved, waving upon the battlements. Altogether it was a fine affair, and does honor to those who got it up:—there is no use of talking,—James and Moore do go ahead of them all in getting up such things. The company did not disperse until a late hour, and when they did so, they all regretted that the hours had flown so fast.

Dedication.—The P. G. D of the I. O. Daughters of Temperance consecrated their Hall to the purposes of the Order, on the evening of the 24th *ultimo*. A number of ladies and gentlemen was present, by invitation, to witness the cerimonies. The Hall was tastefully decorated, and well lighted; and the Daughters appeared in their regalia to great advantage.

The dedication cerimonies were conducted by D. T. Harris Esquire. These closed. Mr. J. B. Phillips, a young lawyer of much merit, pronounced, in his best style, a neat and well digested address, after which, and the benediction by the Rev. Mr. Warner, the Division, accompanied by their guests, repaired to the residence of the second Grand Matron, where the closing cerimonies were indeed imposing and exceedingly interesting—The guests performing a conspicuous part. Nice "fixens" too, and cake, excellent;—but not a drop of wine to whet one's appetite, or assist digestion.

SUMMARY

Horses.—Two fine little ponies, from the interior arrived in town, a few days ago, and were puchased by Judge Benedict. Several horses have been brought down by the natives during the year; and we are pleased to learn that they thrive well in the settlements on the banks of the St. Paul.

Slaver Again.—The Portuguese ship cargo, who was left on shore at Trade Town passed up the coast, a few days ago, in a kroo canoe for Galinas, and was there seized and sent on board Her Majesty's Brig "Hound." We have not learned what disposition Captain Patten will make of him.

Perhaps Murder—The bodies of two men, York Preston and——were found in the Sinoe river on the 15th ult. The deceased were both citizens of Greenville, and were seen a day or two before passing down the river in a canoe, which was deeply laden with bricks. It appears that on their way down they called at a small native village to procure some refreshments, and one of them had an altercation with a man of the village, who was heard to utter threats against them. It is said that the Coroner's Jury found marks of violence on one of the bodies.

Drowned at Greenville—On the 17th ult. a little girl about 8 years old, was by some means precipitated into a spring, and was drowned before assistance could be rendered.

Lecture.—Hon. H. Teage lectured before the Ladies Literary Institute, a few evenings ago, to a highly respectable auditory.

Anniversary.—The first anniversary of the Fidelity Division No. 1, of the Daughters of Temperance was celebrated in this town a few weeks ago, with appropriate cerimonies. The Division, headed by the Grand Mistress, proceeded in procession to the Senate Chamber, where temperance addresses were delivered by B. V. R. James Esq, Rev. John H. Cheesman, and Mr. Hill.

Philada: January 12, 1850.

To F. FRALEY, &
J. WEIGAND Esqrs:

Gentlemen;—The late gratifying indications of agricultural enterpirze in the new Republic of Liberia, promises to open, for the Commerce and Manufactures of our beloved country, a new and important field. As it then becomes alike our duty and our interest to give impulse to this industrial movement among the citizens of that young State, permit me to suggest the propriety of offering four of your proposed medals—under such restrictions and regulations as the Franklin Institute may adopt,—for the largest product of coffee—sugar (not less than 500 lbs)—cotton (not less than 1000 lbs—clean) and Oil respectively, in the year 1851 by the citizens of Liberia.

I would respectfully propose that the medals be of silver—the expense of which will be cheerfully met by yours respectfully.

ELLIOTT CRESSON.

"Extract from the minutes of a meeting of the Franklin Institue of the State of Pennsylvania for the promotion of the mechanic arts held January 17th, 1850

Resolved,—That the Institute will award the "Elliott Cresson" Medal, struck in silver, for such articles of African production grown or made by the citizens of Liberia as Elliott Cresson Esqr. may designate according to the terms proposed in his letter of the 12th inst.

A true copy—

(Signed) ISAAC B. GARRIGUES,
Recording Secty.

We publish the above with pleasure; and it will no doubt be gratifying to our fellow citizens to find that Liberia's long and well tried friend, E. Cresson, Esqr: is constantly on the alert, and ever engaged in noble efforts to advance the true interests of the "New Republic."

The coffee medal will, doubtless, be taken by some citizen in Grand Bassa County: the farmers of Montserrado County, we venture to predict, will successfully compete for the sugar and cotton medals. Now for good farming.

COMMUNICATION.

For the Liberia Herald.

MR. HERALD:—

When the subject of throwing off our leading-strings, and asserting our independence was first mooted, and the propriety of immediately adopting the measure urged, it was met by every thing in the shape of opposition, excepting sound argumentation; and as a last resort, an attempt was made to frighten the advocates of the measure from their purpose, by boldly avowing, that in two years after the event, they who advocated it, would as deeply deplore the insane experiment, as they were then anxious to make it. Two anniversaries of that event have winged their way by us, and are now [illegible] "With the years beyond the flood"

and the third, rapidly following them, is asking entrance into the same dark abyss. What are the answers it returns to these gloomy vaticinations? Does it approve or rebuke these far-reaching and sagacious seers? What is the import of the notes, which to day rise and swell upon the air? Do we hear the wailings of unappeasable lamentation, unavailing regret and hopeless despair? Are these the voices of bitter imprecations upon the heads and hands of those who conceived and wrought out the measure? Who, and what are those that move along the streets and throng the thoroughfares? Are they the victims of a crude experiment, attenuated to skeletons by hopeless disappointment, and inconsolable regrets, and in token of utter abandonment are habited in sackcloth and ashes? Would that some of the scorners and opposers were here to day! How they would stand rebuked by every object, whether of sight, sound or taste, that presents itself!! Every sight is cheerful and joyous—every sound, the expression of glad exultation, and pleasing anticipation, and many a table groans under the incumbent load of savory joints and other selected viands. Eastern Nature herself seems to relent, and joins in the general gladness. The sun shines as through a screen gently attempering his beams, and the clouds withhold their accustomed showers!

Of the special exercises, I need say nothing, except—pardon me Mr. Corypheus, the selection of hymns was not altogether the best than can be imagined. They would suit a prayer meeting very much better. Wesley's ardent breathing after sanctification and full salvation, seems but little accordant with the nodding plume, the measured tramp, the banner and the musket of the soldier, and the rub-a-dub-dub of the drum. If it be right to go to church with an escort of drum, and fife, and musket and cannon, to set our banner up on each side of the sacred desk, so that the minister when praying may feel their inspiration, where is the harm of having a little martial music to accord with the display?

I hope Mr. Herald, you will not think me irreverent, if, with all this preparation before us for the work of death—which you know is the devil's work, I ask where had been the inconsistency had we been Englishmen, to sing "God save the Queen," or, "Rule Britannia?" or if Americans, to sing—"Yankee Doodle?" Our intentions and purpose are clearly indicated by our preparations—unless on entering the portals of the church we dropped the Lion and assumed the Lamb. A stranger to our Protean facility would be inclined to think Mars the presiding deity of the day, that we had assembled to present our offering at his shrine. What had powder and ball or martial prowess to do with our independence? Did we achieve it by our own strength? Or are we indebted for it to the favour which a merciful God gave us in the sight of the people? If it came to us in virtue of victory in the field of human slaughter then let us celebrate its anniversary in the cannon's roar; but if it came down to us a gracious boon from heaven let us record and perpetuate the recollection of its coming in the attitude of unfeigned thankfulness and entire dependence. Render unto Cæser the things that are Cæser's.

Respectfully Yours.
OBSERVER.

Monrovia July 26. 1850.

Her Majesty's Brig "Ranger," Captain Thomas Miller, arrived in our harbor on the 28th, ultimo, from a cruise to the windward, via: Sierra Leone.

She sailed on the 1st. inst. for the windward.

The following is a list of the officers belonging to the Brig Ranger.

Captain,	THOMES MILLER.
First Lieut.	A. LUCHRAFT *
Lieutenant,	J. W. WEBB.
Acting Master,	R. C. WHITE
Act. P. M. & Purser.	W. B. MANPRISE.
Asst. Surgeon.	R. D. PRITCHARD.
Midshirmen,	JNO. FORSTER.
——"——	GEOE. J. DALL.
——"——	W. N. W. HEWETT.
——"——	GEOE. GOOLE.
Mate, Ass.	R. N. GANAWAY.
Passed Clerk;	CHAS. Wm HARRIS.
Gunner,	Hu. Wm. MOORE.
Boatswain;	SIMON. KELEY.
Carpenter;	JNO BLAKE

I have great pleasure in giving testimony to the comfort kindness and attention I received during my residence on shore—Mr. & Mrs. Ellis' Hotel is really well worthy of the name,—and at present is the only establishment of the sort in the Republic; at times I could scarcely believe I was sitting down under such comfortable and independent circumstances in the Liberia capital. May the Republic flourish in a like ratio, and from the little I have seen of the general manners and customs of the small and enterprising nation, I have little doubt but that ere very long, with the blessing of God, which hitherto has always attended them, they will astonish the world—

THOMAS MILLER.
Commander
H. B. M. Sloop Ranger.

Monrovia 1st.
August 1850.

NOTICE.

The undersigned having formed themselves into a co-partnership, under the title of "HARRISS & HENRY," will conduct the dry goods and grocery business under the above named firm, at their store, corner of Broadway and Gurley Streets. Having purchased the remainder of the stock of goods of the late "J. V. HENRY & Co." we are prepared to offer them to the public at *reduced prices for cash*. They intend to keep constantly on hand, a general assortment of goods, which they will sell *cheaper* than any *other*. Please give us a call before purchasing elsewhere.

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PATRICK HENRY.

August 1850. 3t.

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