

fewness of rivers and seas—and, above all, the degraded condition of its inhabitants.—The principal articles of trafic in commerce are gold, ivory, and slaves ; who are doomed to labor under the lash ; to work hard and fare hard, with no hope of reward.—Nothing can exceed the terror which the wretched Africans exhibit when they are sold. One universal shriek is heard—the men tremble, the women cling to each other, some faint away, and some have been known to expire through fear. Upwards of 100,000 of these unhappy beings have been forced from their native shores in a year !

Such is the ‘scrambling’ among the Europeans for human flesh and blood ! What a comment upon the character of any people, professing Christianity.

The largest desert on the globe lies in the west part of Africa, and is 1,000 miles wide and over 2,000 long. It is one vast plain of sand resembling the ocean.

The journey from Tripoli acrost the desert to Tombuctoo, is performed in about 80 days. Caravans of camels and merchants, sometimes 2,000, go there with goods to exchange for gold, ivory and slaves.

The river Nile runs through Africa, and is the most celebrated in the world. Its course is upwards of 2,000 miles in length. Also, the river Niger in central Africa, is larger than the Nile ; it rises in the west part of Africa and pursues an easterly course, 1,400 miles, by Sego, Jenne, and Cabra.