

WOMEN AND SCHOOLS

Do unto others
As ye would
that they
should
do unto
you.

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Through the Dark Continent.

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INDUCED by the hope that I should secure the attachment to the cause of the expedition, I had purchased from Sultan Bin Kassim six bales of cloth, at an enormous price—three hundred and fifty pound—and had distributed them all among the people gratuitously. This wholesale desertion, at the very period when their services were about to be most needed, was my reward!

his people to desert. The consequence of his excessive mildness was, that he was left at last with only seven men out of nearly seventy. His noble character has won from us a tribute of affection and esteem, but it has had no lasting good effect on the African. At the same time, over severity is as bad as over-gentleness in dealing with these men. What is required is pure, simple justice between man and man.

Livingstone's uniform gentle treatment of all classes deserved a better return than to have his life attempted four times. His patience finally ex-

taste and neatness, and almost pathetic from the carefulness with which poor, wild nature has done its best to decorate itself. The Wahyeya are also partial to ochre, black paint, and a composition of black mud, which they mould into the form of a plate, and attach to the back part of the head. Their upper teeth are filed, "out of regard to custom," they say, and not from any taste for human flesh.

Travellers from Africa have often written about African villages, yet I am sure few of those at home have ever comprehended the reality. I now



CARAVAN CROSSING A STREAM.

I determined to recover some of the deserters. Francis Pocock and the detective of the expedition—the ever-faithful and gallant Kacheche—were therefore sent back with a squad to Ujiji, with instructions how to act; and one night Kacheche pounced upon six fellows, who, after a hard and tough resistance, were secured. These, along with a few others arrested in the act of desertion, received merited punishments, which put an end to misconduct and faithlessness, and prevented the wreck of the expedition.

Unless the traveller in Africa exerts himself to keep his force intact, he cannot hope to perform satisfactory service. Livingstone lost at least six years of time, and finally his life, by permitting

haunted, and his life in danger, he gave the order to his men. "Fire upon them—these men are wicked."

The conduct of the first natives whom we met after leaving Ujiji, pleased us all. They showed themselves in a very amiable light, sold their corn cheaply, and without fuss, behaved themselves decently, and with propriety. In these people we first saw the mild, amiable, unsophisticated innocence of this part of Central Africa. From our experience of them they appear to be the *dite* of the hair-dressed fashionables of Africa.

Hair-dressing is indeed carried to an absurd perfection throughout all this region, and among the various styles I have seen, some are surpassing in

propose to lay it before them in this sketch of a village in the district of Uhombo.

The village consists of a number of low, conical, grass huts, ranged round a circular common, in the centre of which are three or four fig-trees, kept for the double purpose of supplying shade to the community and bark-cloth to the chief. The doorways to the huts are very low—scarcely thirty inches high. On presenting myself in the common, I attracted out of doors the owners and ordinary inhabitants of each hut, until I found myself the centre of quite a promiscuous population of men, women, children, and infants. I saw before me over a hundred beings of the most degraded, unrepresentable type it is possible to conceive. I strive,