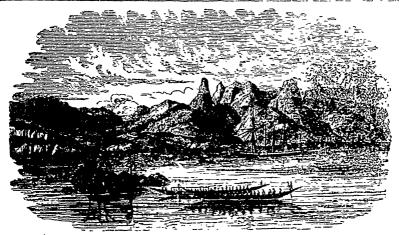
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accurately on the map of Africa. has been said that in less than forty It is only 19 years since it was known years seventeen expeditions were to where the Niger flows into the sea, dertaken to trace this river. although it has been known thousands, individuals, including private soldier of years ago as the most important sailors, and others whose names at miles in length. Along these banks in the undertaking.

This noble river can now be traced example to the friends of missions. It Ma river in the interior. It washes a line not recorded, and including, at lease of banks, fertile and populous, measur- eleven leaders, and several persons of ing between two and three thousand high rank, have sacrificed their lives Still it continues are to be found crowded cities, wholly a difficulty to reach the centre of given to idolatry. Not very much is Africa, entering the river by any of known of the inhabitants of Central its mouths. Mr. Jamieson of Liver-Africa, except what has been ascer- pool, of whom you have been told, and tained by the travellers that have ven- to whom the Warree belongs, has tured to launch up the river, or by been more successful than any others those who have tried the still more in attempting to ascend the Niger-terrible passage from the north through S years ago a government expedition the interminable desert of Sahara. was appointed to attempt the naviga-The difficulties which travellers tion of this river, but it ended in a fearhave faced in discovering the course ful loss of life. 11 or 12 years preand termination of this river, far exceed vious to that time, a commercial expewhat you can possibly conceive. Their dition from Liverpool, furnished with courage and perseverance are a good two steamers, and supplied with men

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