

anxious for the means of instruction for their children, of whom they have among them about fifty. It is to be hoped that this opportunity, which is offered to the missionaries, will not be long neglected. To instruct children, who are thus offered to them, appears to be one of the best possible modes of furthering the great object they have in view. The present generation of the Feejee nation I cannot but consider as irreclaimable, and that it would be the true policy to direct their whole efforts to the rising one. In this they will be most likely to succeed by fostering the white men of Levuka, and connecting themselves with them. From them they would receive every possible assistance, in consequence of their anxiety to forward the education of their own children; and the latter, under missionary auspices, would soon rise up into a class, that, connected in blood and language with the natives, and at the same time instructed in the way of religion and civilization, could not fail to exert a most salutary influence over the destinies of these fine islands.

In taking leave of the Feejee Islands, I was deeply impressed with the recollection of the various feelings and anxieties to which my operations among them had given rise. In spite of the severe loss I had sustained in the death of one dear to me, I could not but consider that we were fortunate in having performed our duties without suffering a greater number of serious accidents. The contrast of the character of the islands themselves, with that of the race of beings by which they are inhabited, is marked most strongly. The latter are truly wretches in the strongest sense of the term, and degraded beyond the conception of civilized people. For the sake of decency, and to avoid shocking the moral sense of my readers, I have refrained from relating many things which happened under my own eyes. What I have stated, will, however, serve to give an idea of the habits, manners, and customs of the natives of Feejee, in every point that can be spoken of without exciting a blush.

No one can visit these islands without feeling a poignant regret that so lovely a part of God's creation should be daily and hourly sullied by deeds of such unparalleled depravity as those to which I have alluded.

The time will, I trust, ere long arrive, when the missionaries, by their perseverance, courage, and devotedness, shall reclaim these islanders from their sensual and savage customs, and bring them within the fold of civilization. For the success of their meritorious labours they have my most hearty prayers; and it has afforded me no small pleasure to learn that we were considered by them as having in