

been employed under the governmental authority, whether missionaries or officials. Like the secret details of all colonies, they will show a great deal of misrule, inhumanity, and want of system, in the conduct of affairs. The opposing interests are such that the whole will probably be exposed. The colonists, on the one side, feeling themselves unjustly charged with cruelty and persecution of the unfortunate natives, desire that all the investigations that have taken place may be brought before the public; while, on the other hand, those who are or have been in any way connected with the government, are, from all accounts, disposed to the suppression of this documentary evidence. Were I desirous of showing the dark side of the picture, I might insert here a few extracts that would startle the many who now boast of their philanthropic action, and are disposed to condemn the actions of others in regard to slavery, who are, in comparison, far less guilty of wrong to the interests of humanity. Those who are disposed to look further into these subjects, may consult "Specimens of the Authentic Records of the Colony of the Cape of Good Hope, relative to the Aboriginal Tribe; together with an Inquiry into the Justice and Expediency of publishing the remaining portion of those Records, by Donald Moodie: Cape of Good Hope, 1841."

On the morning after my arrival I called on his excellency the governor, at the government-house, where I had the honour of an introduction to Sir George Napier. His reception was kind and frank. With him I passed a pleasant half hour. Sir George is one of the heroes of the Peninsular War, and bears the marks of his activity in those well-contested conflicts, in the loss of an arm. He showed me over the apartments, which, however, are not now occupied, as he was living at his country-seat. They appear convenient, and afford from the windows a view of the government demesne, which is quite pretty, planted as it is with fine old oaks; part of it is kept as a public walk, which the citizens frequent on holidays in large numbers. The Cape station has never been a popular one, from the want of society; but of late years very many persons from India have made it a resort for the recovery of their health, and in a measure supplied the deficiency in this respect. The offices for the transaction of government business are in the immediate neighbourhood of the government-house, and within the precincts is also a college for the education of the youths of the colony; it has several professors, but I understood all those who desire to have their children well educated send them to England.

The barracks are extensive, and well built, and have a large area in front as a parade-ground. There are several other buildings going