

morals, but straightway with Bible in one hand and rifle in the other start on our own self-imposed message of civilization.

Character, a higher attribute in man than wordly knowledge, invariably suffered amongst the Polynesian by contact with his Aryan brother. We have stopped their inter-tribal and fratricidal wars by superior force, but have introduced disease more deadly to these primitive people than all their conflicts. Only a few years ago measles carried off in the islands about Fiji something like 35,000 lives. For that we are responsible. And so the work of civilization goes on and the native population dwindles away till the white peril is the sole master of these sun-hatched isles.

I will say this, however, that of the various powers that have attempted colonization and control of autochthons, the British have been eminently the most successful, and this from the fact that they have more regard for the original freedom of natives than have other nations. They grant more autonomy, than others do. There is less "hossing" and there is less rattle of the sword.

What right we have in the abstract to invade the domain of other inhabitants of this earth, and force our civilization upon them (for our advantage) I leave to the student of world ethics.

We all know how the innocent introduction of the rabbit into Australia became in time the greatest scourge with which any country has ever been afflicted. It may, however, be not so well known that a scourge, too, has been introduced into the South Sea Islands in the form of a garden plant bearing a rather pretty flower. It is the lantana. It threatens to take possession of the soil and so serious I found the situation in Hawaii that the Government is moving heaven and earth to devise means for its extermination.

But we must tarry no longer midst the coral reefs, and sail for the most southerly land of the Polynesians, to New Zealand, the home of the Maori.

Their environment, the climatic conditions necessarily produced arts, unknown and unnecessary to his Samoan relative. Particularly was this the case with clothing. While the Samoan or Fijian need dress in little more than a broad smile, increased to a fringe around the waist amongst the adults, the Maori has to