

barous tribes who, in different parts of the globe, have fallen a sacrifice to their intercourse with civilized men, who bear and disgrace the name of Christians. When for mercenary purposes the natives of Europe minister to the passions by which these savages are inflamed against each other, and introduce them to the knowledge of depraved acts and licentious gratifications of the most debased inhabitants of our great cities, the inevitable consequence is a rapid decline of the population, preceded by every variety of suffering. Considering what is the character of a large part of the population of New South Wales and Van Diemens Land, what opportunities of settling themselves in New Zealand are afforded them by the extensive intercourse which has recently been established, advertng also to the conduct which has been pursued in those islands by the masters and crews of British vessels, and finding from the letter of the Rev. Mr. Williams, that the work of depopulation is already proceeding fast, I cannot contemplate the too probable results without the deepest anxiety. There can be no more sacred duty than that of using every possible method to rescue the natives of those extensive islands from the further evils which impend over them, and to deliver our own country from the disgrace and crime of having either occasioned or tolerated such enormities."

With reference to South Africa, the population of the Hottentot nation, formerly supposed to have exceeded 200,000, is now reduced to 32,000. The colony, which in the beginning of the last century was confined to within a few miles of Cape Town, now comprises a larger district than Great Britain, formerly thickly peopled by the Aboriginal inhabitants; and at the time of the early Dutch settlement in 1652, filled with natives and cattle, is now comparatively waste. In the words of an extract given in the report, "Any traveller who may have visited the interior of this colony little more than twenty years ago, may now stand on the heights of Albany, or in the midst of a district of 42,000 square miles on the north side of Graaff Reinet, and ask the question, Where are the Aboriginal inhabitants of this country which I saw here in my former visit? without any one being able to inform him where he is to look for them."