

impeded by intercourse with Europeans—the increase in the value of land—and in marketable produce. In a word “*good times*,” as they are called, are militating against the interests of religion.

IN “THE FRIENDLY ISLAND DISTRICT” the work never presented circumstances of greater interest than it did last year. The clouds that have been gathering for a long time have been dispersed: and all the evils that had been dreaded have been averted. Instead of war and its effects we have peace and its fruits. The swords have been turned into plough shares, and the spears into pruning-hooks. The designs of the Romish emissaries have been exposed and frustrated, and the authority of King George fully acknowledged by the French. For these results, the mission is indebted under God, to the conduct and influence of Sir Everard Home, of Her Majesty’s ship *Calliope*.

THE FEEJEE DISTRICT.—The reports from this portion of the Society’s domain, declare a small increase in the number of members, and a large increase in the number of scholars. The Press continues to be very active and influential. Education proceeds and its results are becoming more and more apparent. On the Lakemba circuit—at Vewa and Bau, and in Yandrana, many have been savingly converted to God. Here too the services of the distinguished Officer already mentioned, and those of His Excellency Sir Charles Fitzroy, have been of incalculable advantage. And the committee cannot but rejoice, that in the providence of God, the crown of Great Britain has been so worthily represented in these remote parts of its jurisdiction.

AFRICA.

This quarter has witnessed scenes enough to make angels weep, and men blush for shame. Africa has long been an “*Aceldema*,” or *Field of Blood*. The wrongs they have suffered, and still suffer at the hands of their fellow men, have conferred upon the posterity of HAM a melancholy eminence. Saxons and Celts have united to oppress them; and Patriots, while they preached liberty, and declaimed about freedom, helped to rivet their chains. But the work of Emancipation and Regeneration is going on, and Africa will yet be free for “The word of the Lord hath spoken it.”

SOUTHERN AFRICA.—At Cape Town the gold excitement and the disturbed state have exercised an adverse influence, but still encouragement is not wholly wanting. The station at Mount Coke, though often in imminent danger has been preserved. In the Port Natal and Amagula Districts the work of God continues to advance—the latest information from D’Urban circuit, is, on the whole, very cheering.

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