

tage ground which it has won. The glorious openings in Western Africa, and in countries leading into the Central regions of that vast Continent, cannot be neglected without incurring criminality—especially when it is considered that the elevation of the Tribes and Natives of Africa to the condition of Christian and civilized people, would practically set at rest the momentous question, “How shall the slave-trade—that curse of Africa, and disgrace of civilized Europe—be suppressed?” The extraordinary work of Christianity and civilization in the country which, a few years ago, was only spoken of as savage and cannibal New Zealand, must not at this interesting juncture be left without adequate support. The importunate cry from dark and sanguinary Feejee, where a noble band of selfdenying Missionaries are sinking beneath the burden and heat of the day, and dropping one by one, worn down by excessive labour, into a premature grave,—that thrilling cry for help cannot be disregarded. The peculiar and touching appeal of the West-Indian Missions, in this the season of their deep suffering—a suffering which, beyond all doubt, has been greatly aggravated, for the present, by the fiscal regulations this country has been led to adopt,—surely will not be made in vain, and what can the Society advance as its justification, if it do not greatly strengthen its Missions in Ceylon and India, and take its proportionate share of the work of imparting Christianity to the Two Hundred Millions of Idolators in that still-extending portion of the British Empire, all accessible to Missionary effort and all possessed of the additional claim upon our liberality, arising out of the consideration that they are our fellow subjects? The Society’s path of duty, for the present, appears too obvious to admit of mistake. Strenuous and persevering exertions to augment the Annual Income are required; and when that noble spirit of liberality which the last year’s Income has exhibited shall have provided for the liquidation of the remaining debt, and afforded the necessary means for strengthening the existing Missions of the Society, then will the way be clear to enter upon some new and inviting field of Missionary effort; and the Society, in such circumstances, will advance with a firm and unfaltering step, sustained by the conviction that it is not seduced by the