"WHITE CIVILIZATION."

THE THOUGHTS OF A MAORI CHIEF.

From The Spectator.

"The Weekly Press," a sporting journal, of Christchurch, New-Zealand, in appearance something like "The Field," published in December, 1892, a series of papers of some intellectual interest. They were the component parts of an essay by Apirana Turupu Ngata, a leading chief of the Maoris, containing his views on the past and future of his own unhappy people—the first essay, it is believed, ever written by a Maori of unmixed blood. Apirana, though educated at a local university, and full of English knowledge, remains a native in feeling, in sympathies and in aspirations, and his whole utterance, which is often singularly eloquent, and always free from the Indian taint of unreality, is penetrated through and through by a kind of reflective horror of the white man, who, he nevertheless clearly perceives, in the inevitable conflict of their destinies, will ultimately and speedily stand a victor and alone. His thoughts are all sombre, and almost all worthy of attention. He does not, indeed, though he evidently exults in the Maori past, add much to our knowledge of its details. He accepts the theory of European inquirers, that the Maoris are probably either Malays or members of a race forced to emigrate by the Malays, who, after a long residence in the Navigator Islands, set sail under some unknown impulse for New-Zealand, and there grew and prospered and developed, what, for want of a better word, we may call a polity. The only thing he adds to the best English accounts is his belief, based apparently on personal investigation, that the islands, when the Maori adventurers landed, were not uninhabited, but contained a few people of some negro, or rather negrito, race, whom the invaders conquered, absorbed, and, as it were, civilized, who are still recognizable by their faces and certain peculiarities of pronunciation, and who still form the tribe holding the land round Taupo and the Lakes. It was to be expected that as an antiquarian Apirana Turupu Ngata would be more or less of a copyist, though his references to his own legends, as supporting the European story, have a value of their own; but he has often quite distinctive thoughts. One of them, in particular, is well worthy of missionary attention. There is a tendency among the new missionaries to rely for success chiefly upon the ethical teaching of Christianity, or upon the atonement it offers for sin, but Apirana, though a Christian himself, believes that the attraction of the new creed for his countrymen consisted wholly or mainly in the miraculous career ascribed to Christ, which struck their fervid imaginations, always haunted by the desire for the supernatural; and that the great relapse of the tribes, and the spread of the creed called Hau-hauism, was due to the gradual wearing away of this interest, and the new stimulus offered to the craving for awe by the miracles related by the native priests. That is a singular statement, revealing as it does one whole side of the savage mind, and we wish Apirana had dwelt upon it longer; but he wanders away almost at once to that which evidently fills, or, if we may say so, chokes his mind—the decay, and, as he thinks, approaching extinction of his heroic people.

In spite of their slight recent increase, which he acknowledges as an accidental fact, the Maoris are dying, he says, of contact with the white man; and nothing can save them but a miracle, which will not arrive. His only hope is for the survival of a few who may be elevated in morals as well as mind; and even in that fragment, as it were, of a national destiny, he has but little confidence. Through column after column runs the same melancholy refrain of angry hopelessness, hopelessness almost equal to that of the Marquesan who regards a coffin as the most acceptable of presents, and makes it thenceforward his bed. His countrymen, says the Maori Chief, in spite of all that has been taught them, remain savages still. "The feelings and motives that influence the Maori's inner and more private life to-day are the same that influenced him ages ago, though tamed and refined by conformity to European customs, by contact with European civilization, and by the far-reaching influence of Christianity. Your Maori of to-day is but the savage of yesterday, polished and draped in English finery. Within him there are raging the fierce passions that of old made him revel in slaughter and cannibalism. His hands are bound with the manacles of civilization and humanity, but they are restless to grasp once more the spear, the taiaha and mere. Outwardly he accepts the truth of Christian teaching, and worships the Pakeha's god most reverently, but his mind is governed by superstition, his secret longings and natural tendencies are toward the tohungas, the only visible monuments of his old priestly regime." No indelible impression has been made upon the Maori mind, nor can the surface impression be deepened, for to deepen it there must be contact between the Maori and the Pakeha, and in that contact is the destruction of the weaker race.

EDUCATION IS USELESS.

There is no hope in religion, says the Chief, for the religious teachers of to-day have lost all touch with the inner life of the Maori, and no hope in education, though in itself the best of all things—for education does but take mental tone out of a Maori. Full as he is of hatred for the Pakeha, the latter still tyrannizes over his imagination, still compels him toward a degrading imitation of his ways of life, still draws him irresistibly toward the settlements where drink and idleness and sexual vice kill out the lower people, leaving behind them only a half-caste race; upon whom the Chief, with that incurable pride which we find everywhere among the pure-blooded peoples, pours out, almost shrieking, the full vials of his wrath and contempt. "Illicit intercourse, vice and immorality have already destroyed the purity of the race, have stunted a race once famous for its physique, have rooted out whatever industrial tendencies survived other pernicious influences, and degraded the characteristics it once possessed of hospitality, liberality, bravery and manliness. You view instead a pygmy race of men and women, a degenerate cross between the Pakeha and the Maori, inheriting the worst qualities of both, elevated by no sense of rank, with no dignity, possessing mental qualities that are employed for the fabrication of notorious schemes of theft, burglary, murder and crime." There is no hope, says the Chief, of improvement in this respect. The Pakeha lad is a god to the Maori maiden, and the only remedy is the deportation from New-Zealand of all the lower whites—a remedy which, while he suggests it, he himself pronounces to be "impossible." Education, as we have said, is worse than useless. "By educating the Maori you generally render him unfit to take part in the struggle for life in which his race is engaged. You render him versatile, pliant and yielding under the influence of an English mind, conceited and overbearing toward his own people. It is true that the higher Maori schools have sent into the world men and women who are in every way qualified to fulfil the duties of English subjects, who are socially and morally equipped for the daily battles of life. It is true that their higher education has made them more sensible to the good that may be derived from industry, and has enlightened them to the danger in which their race is placed. But with all their sound intellectual and moral training, they have in the majority of cases relapsed into the ways of their parents, and exerted the most evil influence by their example. Instability of character and versatility in occupation place them in a position between the Pakeha and their own race; from it they view with supreme contempt the shortcomings of the one in such matters as dress, food and dwelling, and survey with defective eyesight only the more prominent, the more fascinating, and the more easily acquired customs and occupations of the other."

It is despair, in fact, which is in the chief's heart, and as it overwhelms him it breeds only one desire—for a resistance which may possibly be only moral, but the idea of which is strangely coloured by metaphor. If the essayist is not also dreaming of one last hopeless insurrection, in which the remnant of his people, gathered round their chiefs, should perish sword in hand. "Only let the chiefs see that they are departing from the bravery, grandeur, and nobleness of their great ancestors when they help on the general ruin, that they can retrieve their lost honour only by making a firm stand and rallying round them the remnants of their people, though they be on the verge of ruin and destruction. Then shall we witness a spectacle, once seen never to be forgotten, a spectacle that will fill the heart with pity, though calling for admiration; a race battling bravely, nobly against the fates, now sinking under the leaden weight of the fear that the struggle is hopeless, now up and striking out fiercely against overwhelming odds, braced with the hope that the day may yet be won; the aged and the feeble trampled under foot, the ranks for a moment wavering as the black banner of death and destruction sweeps down once more to the bloody attack; death gaining the day, warriors weltering in their blood, leaders stricken in the bloom of manhood, yet gladly dying with the knowledge that, though their race is lost, it has died hard, bravely and nobly."

A RACE DYING OF HEART-BREAK.

The Chief is possibly too pessimist, though the whole history of the Pacific seems to confirm his fears; but even if some poor remnant of the Maoris should survive, theirs is a melancholy history, and not one easily to be explained. The English have not willed their destruction; and though they have brought with them strange drinks, strange diseases, and, possibly owing to their superiority, new incentives to looseness of life, many races inferior to the Maori, such, for instance, as the negro, have survived all those things. The Maoris are brave to a proverb, physically strong, and though, as Apirana affirms, almost incurably averse to steady industry, still they have fed themselves, while they have not, so far as history records, been attacked by any of the awful epidemics which have occasionally swept away whole peoples. The race, as the Chief affirms, shows a tendency in the towns to merge, by crossing, into the greater multitude of whites, but there seems no reason why, in districts where the whites are scarcely visible, it should not at least linger on unharmed, as the Roman soldiers did in Dacia, and the Saxons who were lost in an alien population in a corner of eastern Europe; as, indeed, even gypsies have done for ages in Transylvania and Rumania. There seems to be in the Maori, as in all the other Polynesian and Melanesian races, a special liability to despair, as if their imagination were essential to their vitality, and when that was cowed by the obvious superiority of the intruders, they gave up with the wish to live, the capacity for living. Something of the same kind was visible in the Peruvians after the first conquest; it has been traced, though in lower manifestations, among all the thin tribes of Australia; and it not unfrequently appears in the strange withering away of conscript armies, when engaged on expeditions for which they have no heart. It may have been strongest among the Maoris, for they were an imaginative people, full of the love of poetry and legend, and with a pride in the achievements of their tribes like that of Highlanders. If that is the true explanation, the Maori race is perishing of heart-break, which has sapped at once the vitality and the morale of the entire nation. Certainly that is the conclusion, false or true, which seems to us indicated by this first essay ever published by a Maori Chief, this dirge in eloquent prose over a vanishing people, once owners of New-Zealand, now only forty-two thousand strong.

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A SAD CASE OF NEGLECT BY PARENTS—LITTLE ONES FOUND WITH CUTS ON THEIR FACES.

William Bryson, thirty-four years old, of No. 214 West Sixty-first-st., a picture-frame gilder, and his wife were committed by Justice Meade, in the Yorkville Police Court yesterday morning, in default of $300 bail each, to answer to a charge of cruelty to children. On Monday the police of the Sixty-eighth-st. station sent notice to Mr. Gerry's society that the children of the Brysons were being neglected and ill-treated. Officer King investigated the charge. In a filthy rear room on the first floor, he found three children, John, six years old, Margaret, three, and Mary, a baby three months old. The baby was lying naked upon a bed and the other children were huddled behind a stove in which there was no fire. There was blood on the faces of the children, and on the furniture and floor of the room. Johnnie told King that his father and mother quarrelled. His father had thrown a plate at his mother, which had missed her and struck the boy on the head, making a bad scalp wound. Maggie had fallen upon the stove and cut her head open, while the baby had fallen out of bed and cut its face on a broken piece of crockery. None of the children had had anything to eat all day. They had suffered greatly from the cold.

King found that the baby was badly hurt and he sent it at once to Bellevue Hospital. He then got some clothing from the neighbors to wrap up John and Maggie. He took them to the society's rooms, where their wounds were dressed.

When arraigned in court the parents of the children, who were arrested Monday night by Policeman Frank Jose, of Captain Smith's squad, denied the charge of cruelty. The mother said that she did not know how her children got hurt. John and Margaret were sent to the Institution of Mercy, but the baby cannot be removed from the hospital.

EWING GOES TO CLEVELAND.

THE NEW-YORK PLAYER SIGNS A CONTRACT TO PLAY FIRST BASE.

Cincinnati, Feb. 28 (Special).—William Ewing, the captain of the New-York Giants for so many years, signed a contract to-day to play with the Cleveland club during the coming season. Ewing is to cover first base for the Clevelands in case his arm will not permit him to catch regularly. This completes the deal by which the New-York club was enabled to sign Davis last week.

Ewing was brought up in this city, where as a boy he earned his first salary as a driver of a brewer's wagon. He won his baseball spurs as a member of the old Troy club, joining the New-York club in 1884, where he remained up to the close of last season. Keefe, Connor, Welch, Holbert and Gillespie formed the old Troy contingent that went to New-York when the League team was organized there many years ago. None of the old contingent are now members of the team.

Ewing is about thirty-four years of age, and when in form he is one of the best all-around players in the country. As a batsman and baserunner he has few if any superiors. He was considered the best catcher in the country up to within two years ago, when an injury to his throwing arm has caused him to lay off for a good part of the last two seasons. Ewing supplanted Ward as captain of the Giants in 1887, but it is now Ward's turn and he is paying off old scores.

NEW-UTRECHT SHOOTERS WIN THE CUP.

About 200 Long Island trap shooters faced the blinding snowstorm yesterday at Dexter Park to witness the second contest for the Coney Island Athletic Club's cup. The eight teams again competed with five men, who shot at fifteen birds each. The New-Utrechts were first, with 66; Vernon Gun Club second, with 65; Atlantics third, with 64; Coney Islands fourth, with 62; Parkways fifth, with 60; Glenmores sixth, with 58; the Crescent and Northside being on a tie for last place, with 55. The score:

New-Utrecht Rod and Gun Club—D. C. Bennett, 28 yards, 12; C. Furgueson, jr., 28 yards, 12; C. M. Meyer, 28 yards, 15; G. Nostrand, 28 yards, 15; C. Wingert, 28 yards, 12. Total, 66.

Vernon Rod and Gun Club—August Grieff, 28 yards, 10; W. H. Thompson, 28 yards, 14; Dr. Little, 28 yards, 13; F. A. Thompson, 28 yards, 14; F. Osterhout, 28 yards, 14. Total, 65.

Atlantic Rod and Gun Club—D. Monsees, 30 yards, 12; P. Goodale, 28 yards, 11; J. B. Voorhees, 28 yards, 13; H. Balzer, 28 yards, 14; C. E. Morris, 30 yards, 14. Total, 64.

Coney Island Rod and Gun Club—C. Plate, 28 yards, 11; I. Hyde, 30 yards, 10; F. Plainder, 28 yards, 14; C. Murphy, 28 yards, 14; S. Northridge, 28 yards, 13. Total, 62.

Parkway Rod and Gun Club—J. Bennett, 30 yards, 10; A. Batty, 30 yards, 11; I. Short, 28 yards, 10; J. Blake, 28 yards, 15; E. Helgans, 28 yards, 14. Total, 60.

Glenmore Rod and Gun Club—A. J. Eppig, 30 yards, 12; W. Scriver, 30 yards, 9; J. Schlemann, 28 yards, 13; C. Engelbrecht, 28 yards, 12; W. Hartye, 28 yards, 12. Total, 58.

Crescent Gun Club—J. Vagts, 28 yards, 10; C. Winchester, 28 yards, 12; C. Hubbell, 28 yards, 12; L. C. Hopkins, 28 yards, 11; W. Tillman, 28 yards, 10. Total, 55.

Northside Gun Club—A. Duryea, 30 yards, 9; J. Tierjan, 30 yards, 10; Charles Meyer, 30 yards, 12; G. Siemie, 28 yards, 10; M. Manning, 30 yards, 14. Total, 55.

Referee, Hugh Goodwin; scorer, C. A. Dellar.

BROOKLYN SIGNS ANOTHER PLAYER.

George Haddock, the pitcher, was signed by the Brooklyn club yesterday. Haddock played with the Brooklyn club last year, and he was the most successful pitcher on the team. With his peculiar style of delivery he ought to be a valuable man if the proposed changes in the pitching rules are carried out. He is a handsome man with curly black hair, and his friends call him "the Adonis." N. E. Young, the president of the National League, issued a circular yesterday calling for the annual spring meeting of the League at the Fifth Avenue Hotel next Tuesday.

HELP FOR THE AUTHOR OF "DIXIE."

A short article appeared in The Tribune yesterday to the effect that "Dan" Emmett, the author of "Dixie," now seventy-eight years old, was chopping wood for a living in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, and that the Actors' Fund, having been informed of his case, was taking measures to insure his comfort for the rest of his life. Last night a check for $25 from John S. James & Co., of No. 18 New-st., was received at The Tribune office, to be forwarded to the Actors' Fund. It was accompanied by a note which said: "If the facts are as stated in this article please use this check for Emmett's benefit, and oblige John S. James." It is evident that it was necessary only for Mr. Emmett's position to be known in order that ch might be provided for.

"PINAFORE" GIVEN BY AMATEURS.

The Amateur Opera Club of Company C, 22d Regiment, gave an interesting performance of "H. M. S. Pinafore" at the Manhatten Athletic Club Theatre last night. A large audience listened with deep interest to the singing of the catchy airs, and frequently recalled the solo performers and the chorus. The cast of characters was as follows: Josephine, Miss Lyde B. Marsh; Buttercup, Miss Sylvia Cornish; Hebe, Miss Ray English; Sir Joseph Porter, K. C. B., Frederick W. Strong; Captain Corcoran, William D. Preston; Ralph Rackstraw, J. M. Fulton; Dick Deadeye, W. F. Rochester; Boatswain, M. M. Cooper; Midshipmite, Master Valentine Ronzone; Captain of Marines, Corporal C. W. Mase. At the end of the opera the orchestra played a programme of dance music, consisting of fourteen numbers.

TYPHUS FEVER AGAIN BREAKS OUT.

Samuel Schliemann, thirty-two years old, who had lived at No. 15 Chrystie-st., went to the Mount Sinai Hospital yesterday complaining of illness, and the physicians saw that he was suffering from typhus fever. He was removed to North Brother Island. Three new cases of the fever were reported at the workhouse on Blackwell's Island. The patients were Patrick Egan, seventy-six years old; Michael Donnelly, sixty-four, and James O'Brien, thirty-six years old. They were kept in tents on Blackwell's Island. No new cases of smallpox were discovered in the city yesterday.

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