

are usually without spirituous liquors, the rum obtained from time to time from passing ships being speedily disposed of. Mr. Taylor speaks somewhat despondingly of the prospect of the settlement. He indicates the various causes which in his opinion negative its progress, dwelling particularly upon the destruction of the wood; he looks upon the exodus which took place when he left the island as the beginning of the end, and he hopes in the interests of the settlers and of humanity that the island may soon be abandoned. Facts scarcely seem to justify Mr. Taylor's anticipations. H.R.H. the Duke of Edinburgh visited Tristan, in the *Galatea*, in 1867; and the Rev. John Milner, in an entertaining narrative of the cruise, gives an excellent account of the early history of the colony, and of its condition at the time of the *Galatea's* visit. The number of inhabitants had again risen to eighty-six, which seems to be about the normal population. Governor Glass had been dead fourteen years; he had no successor in his title; but one of the oldest of the inhabitants of the island, a man of the name of Green, who married one of Glass's daughters, had slipped into the practical part of his office, and was tacitly acknowledged as the representative of the islanders in all transactions with strangers. He lived in Glass's house, the best in the place, hoisted the red ensign and a flowing white beard, and in virtue of these symbols seemed to be accepted as general referee in all matters of difficulty. The flocks and herds were thriving, and vegetables and poultry abounded. The chaplain of the *Galatea* christened sixteen healthy children, born since the departure of Mr. Taylor, and offered to marry seven pairs of unappropriated lads and lasses who happened, oddly enough, to form part of the community, but they were not inclined to choose partners so suddenly. The prince and his suite had luncheon with Mr. Green, and met some of the chief men, and all the ladies were introduced to him. Altogether, instead of the colony showing any tendency to an immediate