

with this matter, but I say that we have a right to strive to do good to our fellow-men in all parts of the world. Then, while we are asking in this way for mercy for others, we are really doing some good for ourselves, for it is impossible for us to move in any question of this kind without, to some extent, raising our own thoughts to higher and nobler and entirely unselfish paths. We shall have at the same time a knowledge that we shall be leaving behind us an example to those who follow us, when they look back and see that in this early stage of the history of this young nation we strove to do good to our fellow-citizens in distant parts of the world. We by the step we propose to take formally recognise that it is the duty of the New Zealand nation, however small, or however great it may be, to do all the good it possibly can for people in all parts of the world. I hope the House will agree to the motion.

Mr. WARD.—In seconding this motion, I have merely to say, in the language used by the venerable mover of it, that it deals with a subject in which some five millions of people are concerned, and I am sure it is one that will commend itself to a large majority of the people of this country. I believe, too, that the carrying of this motion will be calculated to do some good. I have no doubt that when the resolution is conveyed to the Emperor of Russia, and when it is made known throughout that great empire, the people there will thank the honourable gentleman for having brought the question forward in this distant part of the world.

Motion made, and question proposed, "That a memorial be addressed to His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of All the Russias, respectfully praying that all exceptional and restrictive laws which afflict his Jewish subjects may be repealed, and that equal rights with those enjoyed by the rest of His Majesty's subjects may be conferred upon them. That the said memorial be signed by the Speaker, and be by him transmitted to His Majesty."—(*Sir G. Grey.*)

Motion agreed to.

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