

area of elevation. We observe that while the Samoan Islands afford no evidences of elevation, the Tonga Islands on the south have been raised, and also the Fakaafu Group and others on the north.

We cannot, therefore, distinguish any evidence that a general rise is, or has been, in progress ; yet some large areas appear to have been simultaneously affected, although the action has generally been isolated. Metia and Elizabeth Island may have risen abruptly ; but the changes of level in the Feejees and the Friendly Islands appear to have taken place by gradual action.