

thus hoping to save his life; but the mountaineers of that part of the country came down for salt water, and, finding the chief, forced him along with them, and on his arrival at their village, placed him in a large space, where he saw the oven which was destined to receive him; he began to entreat them to spare his life, promising them property if they would; but it was all in vain; they brought the firewood, and made the stones hot, and the chief was then roasted and eaten. The strangling of widows was also a common practice; women were ashamed to live after their husbands had died. He and his wife had attended on a man in his illness, and who ultimately died;—the man's wife was urged to run away to the Mission premises, where she could conceal herself until he was buried; but she replied, "I am ashamed to do that; I must follow my husband." He (Mr. Calvert) followed her and, found the cords ready, and the club had been put into the dead man's hand,—for, according to the Feejeeans, all who died required a club in order to meet the "Destroyer of Souls," if they could conquer whom, they went to the place of rest, but if by him they were vanquished, they were consigned into the fire of Lothea or hell. He went to the principal chief, and asked that the woman might be spared; and after much trouble, the request was granted. The messenger was sent and urged to "Go quickly, for the woman is gone to be washed and oiled;"—and when he got there, she had just returned from her ablution, and he was but just in time to stop the horrid scene. He had prayed not less than sixteen years for the salvation of that chief, in accordance with the excellent advice of the Rev. Robert Young, who, in his "Suggestions for the Conversion of the World," had showed the propriety of choosing some individual for whom to make special prayer, until some good was effected. And a change was indeed being brought about. It was a pleasing thought that the Gospel of Christ exactly met the condition of man, wherever he was to be found. No people were worse than the Feejeeans; but many of them were reclaimed; and excellent things were being effected, which greatly encouraged the Missionaries.....Mr Calvert

then alluded, in touching terms, to the decease of the eminent and laborious John Hunt. It had been his privilege to be with him when he died. To have seen him with the full impression of the realities of eternity,—trusting in the atonement of Jesus,—relying on his Saviour's merits and intercession,—which brought sweet peace to his mind, and full salvation, and substantial hope, blooming with immortality and eternal life—was no ordinary privilege. The good Missionary died in his arms, triumphant and happy; and he, with all present, earnestly prayed,—

"Oh! may I triumph so,
When all my warfare's past!"

—Mr. Calvert then referred to the labours of the Missionaries in the translating and printing departments of their work, and presented to Dr. Bunting several works printed at the Mission establishment in the Feejee Islands; among which were, a System of Christian Theology, a Teacher's Manual, Selections from the Gospels, chronologically arranged, and printed in large type, the Conference Catechism, Hymns, a Feejee Grammar and a Feejee Dictionary by the late Mr. Hazlewood. He then alluded to the letters recently written by Mr. Harvey and others relative to the state of Feejee, exhibited several curiosities from the Feejee Islands, and concluded, amidst much applause, with a powerful appeal on behalf of the Feejeean Mission.

The Chairman said, he should have been glad to have heard the statement of the other brethren, but the lateness of the hour forbade him the pleasure; he doubted not opportunities would be afforded them for that purpose, at a future time. He again assured them of the cordial welcome he gave them, and he prayed that they might, one and all, finally receive the hearty welcome "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of the Lord."

The Rev. Robert Young moved the following resolution:—"That this meeting sees with much pleasure the several brethren now returning from many parts of the Mission-field, and presents to them its cordial congratulations on their safe arrival in their native land. It returns solemn and hearty thanks to Almighty God for his preserving care