

*War.*—Since March 1860 we have had no general war, though many have been killed and wounded in party fights. Last week an inland party attacked one of our inland villages, and three men were killed; and, except our few friends, all the men on this side of the island resolved to go and take revenge, so that again my district rung with the war-cry, calling all to arms; but nearly all who attend worship assembled at our house as the harbour echoed to the painful cry, and assured me that neither they nor their families would take any part in this war, or leave their villages. It was designed that all the people on this side of the island should meet, and keep up a continued war with those living on the other side of this island. It was Miaki and Narka's doing; but the opposition of our friends, and the famine, caused all our people again to oppose it: and though they assembled, and walked about ten miles towards the enemy, they became faint-hearted, and returned next day. But they say they will resume it, and take revenge as soon as they get food.

*Nine lives lost.*—A short time ago six large canoes left for Aniwa to procure tobacco-leaf, which the natives cultivate, so as to procure food from this island in exchange. They also intended to fight in revenge for a child's death by witchcraft. One Kasrumini canoe had a chief, seven men, and a young girl, to be sold to the Aniwas for tobacco-leaf, on board; and when near the shore, on Sabbath afternoon, the canoe was upset, and all the nine persons instantly devoured by sharks. This sad event kept them from fighting. The others all returned in safety, and say that two traders living on Aniwa said, "They hate the worship, and will not come to Tana till we have killed you; when they will come, and live at your houses and give us plenty of tobacco and powder."

*Visit of two men-of-war.*—On Saturday, 3d August, Nowar and a party of Miaki's men came to our house at daylight, praising the Eromangans for killing God's servants, threatening me, and acting very wickedly. Nowar declared that Miaki would make a great wind, and sink any man-of-war that would attempt to come here, or they would all assemble and take the vessel, and kill all on board: "For the worship is lies, it makes us all sick, and kill us; if you and Abraham do not leave by the first vessel that calls, we will assuredly kill you." Here a crowd of natives came running to our house, crying, "Missi, missi! the *John Knox* is entering the bay, and two great ships of fire are following. Two ships of fire, missi! The smoke is very great!" I said, "It will be two men-of-war.—Now make haste, and do as you have just threatened." But they all fled in terror; when Nowar whispered, "Missi I know my talk is lies; but if I speak the truth, they will kill me," and then in haste followed the others. Now from all parts of the district our friends assembled, and were very clamorous to have some of the leaders of our enemies punished in the sight of all; "and then we will all be strong to speak in your defence, and also to induce all the Tanese to worship Jehovah." Mr. Geddie now came, followed by Commodore Seymour and Captain Hume, with two of H. B. M.'s ships of war. They came ashore; and, after hearing how we were situated on Tana, the Commodore urged me to leave at once, and very kindly offered to remove me to Aneiteum. But though my work has been very trying and dangerous since January last, and especially since the 18th of July, during which time I had not off my clothes, having to be constantly on my guard by night and day, yet I could not consent to leave my beloved Tanese to perish, for it would instantly have broken up the other stations also, and it is very unlikely that the present generation would have allowed a missionary again to land among them, and our respective Churches would have lost all that has been expended on Tana. Then, at my request, they kindly met a number of the leading men in our house, and gave them some good advice. And as they had no fault to find with me but the worship which would do them good, and as they had pledged themselves to protect me before I came among them, he made Miaki and the others give him their hand, and promise to protect me. Narka spake for all, and said, through Lathella, who acted as interpreter with Mr. Geddie, so as to keep me neutral—"Captain Paddon, and all the traders, tell us that the worship is the cause of all our sickness and death, and they all say they will not trade with us, and give us plenty of tobacco and pipes, powder, balls, and caps, till we kill Missi; and after that they will send a trader to live at his house among us, and give us