

sations teach many solemn lessons to survivors individually and to the Church at large, especially calling upon us loudly to "work while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work."

That the death of our beloved brother will serve valuable ends both among the Heathen in Tanna and in the Church at home we believe, as we believe in the wisdom of Him whose doing it is. He has given the people there an example of Christian benevolence of the highest kind, even the laying down his life for their salvation—which indeed their darkened souls cannot yet appreciate, but which we hope they will yet understand and value. But it seems that more than the instructions of his life were needed. Our Heavenly Father saw it good that he should also show them how the Christian dies—that he afford an example of Christian burial and of the hopes that blossom o'er a Christian's tomb. In these ways, he being dead, will yet, we trust, long continue to speak; and who knows but his grave in that dark and distant land may speak in louder tones and yield more profitable lessons than even his living voice.

The Church at home too has her lessons to learn from this event. If it teach us to cease from man and confide more fully in the power and promises of the Great Head of the Church—and thus evoke throughout the Church a spirit of more earnest and believing prayer—it will be the harbinger of glorious days for our Mission on those Islands—yea, indeed, of the years of the right hand of the Most High. Oh! that we all felt too the call addressed to us to imitate the faith and devotedness and zeal of him who has gone to rest, and that the whole Church were awakened by his example to a deeper consecration to that glorious work in which he laid down his life. Surely we have now a new interest in Tanna. Its soil contains precious dust. The patriarchs of old, in burying their dead in Canaan, intimated that thus they claimed the land as promised for a possession; and has not the Church, when she has secured a possession of a burying-place on Tanna, likewise signified that she has taken possession of that isle as part of the promised inheritance of the Redeemer. Oh! then, "let us go up at once and possess it." Let there be no failing of faith—no magnifying of difficulties, as there was on the part of the unbelieving Israelites. "If the Lord delight in us, then he will bring us into this land and give it us." So that on the glorious Resurrection morn, when the mortal part of our beloved brother shall put on immortality, thousands of the redeemed and regenerated sons of Tanna, rising like him in glory and beauty, shall gather round to utter their acclamations of joy as they behold him receiving his everlasting crown.

THE CENSUS.

It appears from the Census taken in March last that there are sixty-nine thousand four hundred and fifty-six adherents of our Church in Nova Scotia Proper and Cape Breton. These are distributed as follows over the several counties of the Province:—

Halifax City, 1953; Halifax County, 4597; Colchester, 12,016; Cumberland, 3232; Pictou, 13,444; Sydney, 1,477; Guysborough, 1,425; Inverness, 6,239; Richmond, 2,089; Victoria, 5,726; Cape Breton County, 5,928; Hants, 5,065; King's, 1,758; Annapolis, 454; Digby, 159; Yarmouth, 408; Shelburne, 935; Queen's, 80; Lunenburg, 2,381.