

ants, the work of evangelization is being earnestly and steadily prosecuted.

HIS WORK.

The works for which we are to glorify God in connection with the life and labours of our departed Missionary strike us as threefold.

The first part of his work, and it is not the least memorable, was the drawing of a small and poor colonial church to engage in a mission to Savages and Cannibals, some 18,000 miles distant, and cut off, except at rare intervals, from all supplies and from the ordinary call and protection of civilized men; and we must place in connection with this, the drawing in, in succession of one church after another, until six Presbyterian churches in the Lower Provinces, Scotland, Australia, and New Zealand are engaged in the prosecution of the work in which he led the way.

A second part of his work was his actual raising of the Standard of the cross on one of a group of heathen islands, and in maintaining it there, and holding his ground at all hazards. He took possession of one island, and others coming to the help of the Lord against the mighty, they together, have been claiming and possessing the group in the name of the Lord of Hosts.

A third grand feature of his work, is the translation of the New Testament and Book of Psalms already published, and of the greater portion of the Old Testament, in the revision and publication of which, we may say that he was engaged when he heard the Master's call. It is true he had gone down in the *Dayspring* to see the new Missionaries settled, and his own successor inducted; and we feel thankful that he enjoyed that privilege, and took part in that work; but the correcting of the proof sheets was going on in his absence, under the observant and skilful eye of Mrs. Geddie, whose knowledge of the language was almost equal to his own.

THE MASTER'S CALL.

It was while thus engaged in his *last and greatest work*, that the summons of his Lord called him hence. Nor is this the first time

that the Lord's messenger has come at a season which appeared to us inopportune. Our Matheson and Johnson were removed in the morning of life, and while buckling on their armour for conflict. Morrison and MacNair died when their work seemed opening up before them, and while their ears heard the cry of men dying in ignorance of the Saviour. The Gordons were both in the vigour of manhood, and full of work and plans of usefulness, when they were suddenly called from their labours on earth;—and now our Pioneer Missionary dies at an age (57) when it may be said of many, that their "eyes have not waxed dim, and their natural force is not abated," at a time too, when another year would, as we would judge, have proved invaluable to the mission.

Such providences may be mysterious, but let us ascribe righteousness to our Maker. The judge of all the earth will do right.

He is shewing us His Sovereignty. Our Lord reigns supreme and uncontrolled, and all creatures are at His disposal. Our lives are in His hands. His ends and measures are all wise, but often hidden from our limited view. "Our God is in the heavens, He hath done whatever He hath pleased." And He hath done all things well. "Be still and know that I am God."

He is shewing us His All-Sufficiency. He uses a human agency, but is dependent on no human agent. He can, at a most critical time, dispense with the services of a Moses and qualify a Joshua to complete his work. He can recall an Elijah, and commission an Elisha, and his work still goes on. He can leave a Stephen to die by violence, and more than fill his place from among his murderers. Morrisons and Gordons, McNairs and Geddies may die, and still the Lord's work may go on. God is all-sufficient, and his name Jehovah Jireh.

He is calling His labourers Home! His servants rest from their labour, they have gone to be with Jesus, gone to a happier, holier, and more blessed place. May we not give thanks that service in this case has been so soon followed with glorious rest and reward? But yesterday with us, but now with the Lord.