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But this is not the chief object in presenting an account of Kalli's short career among his adopted countrymen. The author would fain convey the lesson of the uncertainty of life, and the necessity of working while it is day. When we reflect on the departure of one, whose face and figure still dwell in the minds of many of us, it would be wise to remember, that we ourselves are making for the same point of our journey, the last scene of this short existence, the end of our probation. How insignificant do all other events appear, compared with the close of the race, and the arrival at the looked-for goal! May God grant us grace to act constantly on this conviction, as to all our plans and prospects!

We may also learn from the history before us the great duty of making missionary efforts, of holding forth among the heathen the Word of Life, and testifying the praises of Him who has given the Gospel into our hands. If we are neglectful in this matter, He who "maketh the clouds his chariot, and walketh upon the wings of the wind" will demand an account of our stewardship, and visit us in His anger.

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