

brighter and more welcome through the gloom. STEPHEN may be stoned, but SAUL will be converted. Paul may be in bonds, but the truth is not bound—nay, it is swift and free as the sunbeams. Though a fallen universe conspire against it, and its martyrs be counted by myriads, it will triumph even in the face of death; and violence can never expel it from any country or clime where it has had for once its home. The very death of its martyrs is a heritage of power for the future. The name of JOHN HUSS is still a word of fear and hope among the mountains of Bohemia. Savonarola is even now stirring the life-blood of Italy; in Spain itself the light bursts forth through the darkness, and the faith of ancient witnesses is revived in Alhama and Matamoros and their fellow prisoners. Already we hear the joyful news that God has not forsaken Eromanga or suffered the life and death of His servants there to be in vain. Brethern! while the fountain of our tears is unsealed afresh as we think of the fallen ones, let us as good soldiers of the Lord Jesus gird ourselves anew for the battle!

SYMPATHY WITH THE NEW HEBRIDES MISSION.

“Whether one member suffer all the members suffer with it.” This principle of Christianity has been illustrated in the manner in which the intelligence has been received by members of all denominations of Christians. The Prayer Meeting in Halifax on the occasion of Mr. Gordon’s death was largely attended, the Church being crowded by a deeply interested audience, composed of persons belonging to all Evangelical denominations. At later meetings of the Board two expressions of sympathy from other bodies were laid before them, which we deem it proper to lay before our readers. The first is from the Committee of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Scotland, a body so closely associated with us in the New Hebrides Mission, that their sufferings are our sufferings, and their joys our joys. It is as follows:

GLASGOW, 27th September, 1861.

“Met the Committee on Missions, Rev Dr Symington in the Chair. *Inter alia*. The Secretary reported that intelligence had been received in this country, through Rev. Wm. Cuthbertson of Sydney, of the murder of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon, on Eromanga, on the 20th May last.

The Foreign Mission Committee hear with profound regret of the trials which, during the last few months, have fallen upon the New Hebrides Mission. It has pleased God to try in a remarkable manner the faith of the Brethern by a disease, wide spread and attended by extensively fatal results to the natives of Eromanga, Tana, and Aneiteum. On the two last mentioned islands a fearful hurricane has destroyed not only the fruits of the earth, thereby threatening famine, but has also to a great extent injured the Mission property. On Tana, the Rev. S. W. Johnston who had not long since left Nova Scotia, to labour as a Missionary in the New Hebrides, died suddenly when only entering on his work. Brief as the months were during which he had laboured, they were amply sufficient not only to test the zeal, but also to show the ability of this young soldier of the cross, who has thus early entered upon his rest. One trial has rapidly followed another, rising in magnitude and terror, till at last the committee are called upon to mourn over the murder of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon on Eromanga. This deplorable event took place on the 20th May last. The heavy cloud which thus rests upon the New Hebrides Mission at the present moment fills the committee with trembling of heart. They desire nevertheless, following the example of the disciples of John who took up the mangled body of their master, to lay their sorrows at the feet of Jesus, and tell him who has all power given to him in heaven and on earth, and