

"It is true that he did not rest well that night and that he was pale next day. But that his mind was affected by it,—“Never smiled again”! I cannot imagine what this could have been founded on. But in this way I did observe a difference. He was more diligent in his labours—more devoted to the Heathen.

“Perhaps extracts from his private journals would describe the state of his mind during these two weeks better than anything I could write. He thus writes two days after the memorable night,—

“‘Jany. 3, Thursday. A day of fasting and humiliation. We set this day apart to make confession of our sins, to acknowledge God’s hand and mercy in our miraculous deliverance, to make a new dedication of ourselves to God and his service on this Isle, to seek qualifications for the work, and to make special prayer for the people. Had some sweet pleasure in the exercises of this day—one of my happiest days. But still have to lament a want of heart searching examination and deepest honesty and sincerity.’

“The following is the last entry in his journal :—

“‘Friday 11th Jany. We have obtained some farther information respecting the attempt made upon our lives. It seems that it was long meditated and undertaken with determination. The party was from Anakahi. They considered that as when Mr. Turner was here, disease destroyed great numbers, so now the present epidemic had been brought upon them by us, and that at least some of us must die. The party came to the foot of the hill, and sent two of their number—bold, blood-thirsty men to lie in wait and kill some of us, while the rest lay in readiness to assist if their assistance should be required.

“‘Such was their fiendish plot. But the result should teach them that it is in vain for the Heathen to rage against His Anointed.’”

EDUCATION.

We have before us the Report for last year of the Board of Superintendence of the Edu-

cational Institutions of the Church; and though the facts it contains are already familiar to the readers of the *Record* we may give a brief *resume* to keep us all in remembrance. The number of students in attendance on both departments last year was 56. The attendance on the Theological Hall was 16; on the Literary classes, 40.

When the Synod met in 1862, it was found that the funds were in a very unsatisfactory condition, and an appeal was issued in the *Record* and *Witness* calling attention to the facts of the case. £500 were wanting; and the church depended on her own resources for this amount—The appeal, issued by the Board in accordance with the instructions of the Synod, met with a tardy response. Not more than a fifth of the required £500 was forthcoming. In these circumstances the Board applied for a grant to the Legislature, and the £250 heretofore granted to the Academy in Halifax was placed at the disposal of the Board.

After reviewing their embarrassments and referring to Professor King’s liberal offer of £75 per annum of his own salary in case of necessity,—the Board “point to what one section of the church has done already in the annual contributions, and to what another section of the church labouring in a different way for the same end, has accomplished in the endowment so far of the Hall at Halifax, and they cannot see why the same effort should not be equally successful now. Let such effort only be put forth, let every member and every session make conscience of the matter, and the prospect will soon brighten, existing difficulties will disappear, and our Educational Institutions will go on prospering as heretofore, only much more abundantly.”

Some congregations did their part of the work very praiseworthy last year; but the great bulk of our people did absolutely nothing! They evidently thought nothing was to be done; but how they could have entertained this impression we cannot tell.

The forgetfulness and neglect of last year are past helping now. There is nothing for us but to do better in the future, and to begin immediately. We cannot in our present