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THE year 1839 will ever be memorable in the annals of Methodism, as the centenary year when so many thousands of pounds were poured into the Lord's treasury. The Missionary Committee resolved to send a large reinforcement of missionaries to various parts of the world. New Zealand was not forgotten. New stations were commenced, and old ones were strengthened. A missionary ship, called the Triton, was purchased and despatched to the South Seas on her errand of mercy. Rev. J. H. Burnby was at this time sent out as chairman of the New Zealand district. Mr. Burnby was a native of Thirsk, Yorkshire, and was a minister of more than ordinary gifts and graces. He was greatly beloved, and had he remained in England he would doubtless have become eminent. In 1843 the writer was stationed at Thirsk, and at that time Mr. Burnby's name was like ointment poured forth. His career in New Zealand was brief, for in two years he was drowned as he was returning from one of his tours of visitation. He laboured hard while he was permitted to occupy his important post; more than once he prevented some of the tribes engaging in war, for it is a remarkable fact that the natives of New Zealand have always revered the missionaries. Their exemplary manner of acting, their devotedness to the work for which they were sent out, their faithfulness to the instructions given them by the committee, no doubt gave them much influence with the people. Mr. Burnby said in one of his communications, that "he did not know of one missionary who owned a foot of land in New Zealand." Mr. B. was the first missionary who died in New Zealand.

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