

more than home with all its endearments, parents, sisters, brother and personal acquaintances. From the beginning to the close of her missionary life, she was never known to express one regret at her entrance on the rugged path of heathen evangelization. On the contrary, when reciting her trials and recounting her sorrows to the willing ear of private friendship, she bore the most unequivocal and uniform testimony to the perfect contentment with which she viewed her lot.

Her bodily constitution was never very robust, and the seeds of that fatal malady which terminated life, had appeared before home was left. The climate of the South Seas would rather seem to have protracted than abridged her days of health and usefulness, although the anxieties and exposure of the recent flight from Tana, must have hastened the progress of disease.

The Church with which she was connected, and the friends of the Mission as well as the numerous acquaintance of the *departed* will sympathize with the sorrowing family, all the more readily, when it is remembered that they have lost two of their number within a few weeks of each other. But we are not called "to sorrow as others that have no hope." Mother and Daughter, both fell asleep in Jesus, and it may be at once interesting and instructive to reflect that the Mother who died on the 27th April, repeatedly and emphatically expressed strong confidence on her death bed, that "Mary" had gone to heaven. She refrained from leaving any dying counsels for her, because "Mary had gone before—and she would meet her in Heaven." The unbelieving world may consider this a curious coincidence, but the devout Christian will deem it a heavenly presentiment. The situation of the Widowed Husband calls loudly for christian sympathy. Just at the moment when missionary prosperity had dawned upon him, he has been driven from the field of labour and bereaved of wife and child. "The heart knoweth its own bitterness." Let it be the christian care of immediate relatives, personal acquaintance, and all the friends of the Mission to secure for him the aid of the *good Physician*, so that this affliction may tend rather to the furtherance of the Gospel on dark Tana; "the arms of the hands" of the Missionary being made strong for the goodly work" by the hands of the Mighty God of Jacob." Most gladly will the wounded heart own the healing hand, and glory in infirmities, if thereby the power of Christ may rest upon him.

"Weep not for the spirit now crowned
With the garland to martyrdom given,
O, weep not for her who has found
Her reward and her refuge in heaven.
But weep for his sorrows who'll stand
And lament for the dead by her grave,
Who sighs as he thinks on the land
Of his home, far away o'er the wave."

APPEAL ON BEHALF OF OUR EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

The Board of Superintendence find it to be their duty, in accordance with special instructions given them at last Synod, to bring before the Church the necessities of our Educational Institutions. In doing so the Board would remark that the maintenance of these Institutions in a state of efficiency is a matter of vital moment to the extension and perpetuation of the Church. Next to the support of the existing Ministry, the preparation of a duly qualified Ministry for vacant congregations, for the Mission Field at home and abroad, and for future generations, ranks as the most important of our ecclesiastical enterprises, and presents the strongest claim on the liberality of our people. It is not, perhaps, the most popular—at least in some quarters—and so far labors under a disadvantage. The people hear their minister every Sabbath, see him go in and out among them, giving to each a portion in due season, and feel that whilst they are receiving of his spiritual things they have no right to boast of generosity in giving him of their carnal things. But College work is carried on out of their sight.