

few examples could be found. Enjoying the entire respect and confidence not only of the Queen and her people, but also of the foreign community, Mr. Howe, though to a considerable extent debarred from direct ministerial labour, was able to exercise a most important and salutary influence upon all classes, and his loss will be deeply deplored. Long protracted anxiety and failing health having compelled our dear Brother to leave the island for a change, he took advantage of the timely arrival of Mr. Arbousset, a Protestant missionary from France, and of Mr. Morris, from Raiatea, and, in company with Mrs. Howe, and her niece Miss Stonier, our Brother proceeded in the "John Williams" to Rarotonga, where, after a season of acute bodily suffering, he rendered up his spirit on the 9th of June, with a hope full of immortality.

The third death we have to record in the mission families, is that of MRS. JONES, the wife of our devoted Brother, the REV. WILLIAM JONES, of Benares. Mrs. Jones was married in India, and, although personally unknown to the Directors, was held in high and deserved estimation throughout the missionary circle for her piety, intelligence, and consecration of heart and purpose to the service of her Saviour. She departed to her rest and reward on the 5th of August last.

The following extracts from correspondence will furnish fuller details respecting the last illnesses and deaths of the lamented friends to whom the above notices apply.

DEATH OF REV. T. S. HOOD, OF HOPE DALE, SOUTH AFRICA.

LETTER FROM REV. T. ATKINSON.

Pacaltsdorp, July 13th, 1863.

"MY DEAR SIR,—I do not know whether the mournful tidings will have reached you of the death of our Brother, the Rev. T. S. Hood, late of Hopedale. But since it is possible that you may not have received the intelligence, I have thought it would be well that I should give you the particulars of his last days.

"His decease took place on Sabbath Day, the 24th of May. He had been in a declining and very precarious state of health for the last two or three years, and latterly his complaint showed the symptoms of dropsy. He himself anticipated that his end would be sudden; and so it eventually proved. More than once, indeed, the rumour was spread that he was no more. In November last I sent him an invitation to attend the Meeting, in January, of our South African Union, in Cape Town. He said in reply, 'I cannot promise to attend, as my health will not admit of any extraordinary exertion. I find that stillness and quiet enable me to do a little, but the slightest excitement casts me down.' Our Brother continued his usual labours, though with several interruptions, till the end of his life, as you will see from the following extract from a letter written to me by his bereaved widow:—

"Hopedale, June 24th.

"I am very unwell; but after your kindness I could but write a few lines,

informing you of the end of my beloved husband. On Saturday, the 23rd of May, he was up through the day, and retired to rest about nine o'clock, but never went to sleep. About two o'clock in the morning he got out of bed and fainted, but soon recovered, and slept the whole day. He told me not to allow any one to come near him, and myself and children only were with him through the day. About mid-day he told me his end was come; he never spoke more through the day, and about six o'clock took me by the hand and expired without a groan or a sigh. I can say that I have great reason for thankfulness, that the Lord has wonderfully supported me in my affliction.'

"The first intelligence of Mr. Hood's death was sent me by the Rev. J. Kretzen, of George Town, a worthy and laborious Missionary connected with the Dutch Reformed Church. He wrote to me in substance thus:—'Brother Hood has suddenly fallen asleep in the Lord. The public loss by the death of our worthy Brother is very great, throughout the whole district of Long Kloof and Olifant's River. He was particularly successful in his medical practice, and sometimes effected cures in cases that had been given up by regularly educated doctors. He was perhaps little in the eyes of the world, but that is of small importance; the Lord will reward him according to the riches of His grace.'

"Our departed friend had been engaged in the Missionary work for about thirty-three years. In 1830 he was appointed a schoolmaster at Bethelsdorp, and continued there till 1833, when he received a similar appointment at Pacaltsdorp, and remained here till the year 1840. He then removed to Avontuur in the Long Kloof, and was ordained to the work of the ministry. He laboured at that Station with zeal and energy, and was permitted to see a considerable measure of success in his work. A few years back he was obliged to vacate that district, and he then removed to Hopedale, where the last years of his active and useful life were spent. His work is now finished, and his everlasting rest begun. * * *

"I remain, my dear sir,

"Yours truly, in the bonds of the Gospel,
(Signed) "T. ATKINSON.

"REV. DR. TIDMAN."

DEATH OF REV. WILLIAM HOWE, OF TAHITI, SOUTH SEA ISLANDS.

LETTER FROM REV. E. R. W. KRAUSE.

Rarotonga, June 16th, 1863.

"REV. AND DEAR SIR,—In my last I informed you of the arrival, on the 7th of May, of our dear Brother, the Rev. William Howe, in Rarotonga, in a very dangerous state of health. Previous to landing, when near the shore, he said to his faithful attendant and beloved relative, Miss Stonier, 'If this does not prove my burial-place, it will be long before I leave it.' On landing he said to me, 'Make haste, make haste; get me to your house; I am in agony.' I despatched a messenger with speed to tell Mrs. Krause to prepare immediately a hot bath, and two of our young men carried dear Mr. Howe in their arms to our house. We now got our dear Brother to bed, and succeeded the second day in relieving his most distressing symptoms. The 'John Williams' waited till the evening of May 9th, and then proceeded to Aitutaki, expecting that, by the time of her return, the case of dear Brother Howe would be decided, as it appeared to all that from its violence it could