

nui, kei reira o mau ana? Kei te Paipera ra; te pukapuka o te Atua—te pukapuka e whaaki mai ana i te aroha o te Atua, i te hara o te tangata me tona hinganga—te pukapuka e korero mai ana i te toto utu nui o te Karaiti me tona mana ki ta te Atua titiro, me tona kaha ki te horoi i te katoa o te hara.—1 Hoani 1. 7. Hoani 4. 13-14. Whakakitenga 22-17.

Ko nga wai utu kore o te ora—ku nga puna o te whakaoranga kua whakaritea e te Atua mo te hunga wheinu—mo te tamarihi mo te kaunatua, mo te mea whai rawa mo te rawa kore.—Ihaia 55-1. "Kaua he moni kaua he utu," ko te ritenga tenei o Tana homai noa i ana wai, a e tono mai nei ia ki a tatou ki te puna. Aue, haere mai ki a Ihu, ihu noa, ihu nui, a, e kore koe e mate wai.

I rongo anau ki te reo o Ihu e ki ana,

He hoatu noa 'Taku,

I te wai ora—e tangata wheinu,

E piko, e ihu, e ora.

Haere ana au ki a Ihu, ihu ai

I tana wai homai ora,

Kua na te wheinu, hauora ana taku wairua,

A ko ahau kei roto i a ia.

Rapu noa a Marihi ki te tangata nana i tuku noa mai tana wai. Ka whakaaro ia, "tera pea e atawhai ia ki a au, a, me whakataikiha atu ano hoki ahau ki a ia mo te puna wai nei."

Aue te tamaiti nei, te rite ia ki nga repera tokoira o nga Hurui i whakaorangia nei e Ihu a kihai i tauri ki te whakawhetai ki a Ia, oti, tika tonu atu ki to ratou haerenga! E ngari terito hoki o Marihi ki te mea i tauri ano ki muri i a ia ka ora, a he nui te reo ki te whakakororia i te Atua!—Ruka 17. 12-19. I rapu a Marihi ki te tangata nana i tuku mai te wai kia whakataikiha atu ia ki a ia. Tokohia ra o tatou 'ua whiwhi nei ki tana whakaoranga, e kitea ana nga whakakororiatanga ki a Ia, napa tatou i whakaora, i arahi mai ki te Atua? Tena ra, ma te mahara ake ki tenei whakaoranga, me te tino maringa katoa o o tatou hara, e toko ake te whakawhetai ki a Ia, me te whakapai ki a ia, ia ra, ia ra, a kitea tonu tatou i a Ia i te kainga kororia kahore nei e marama atu ana!

Tera tetahi wahine rangatira i atawhai atu

"Whosoever will let him TAKE OF THE WATER OF LIFE FREELY."

Dear young reader, do you know where these sweet words are to be found? Do you know the name of the precious Book in which they are written? It is the Bible—the Book of God—the Book which tells of God's love, of man's sin, ruin, and guilt—the Book which tell of Christ's precious blood—its value to God—and it cleanses from *all* sin. (1 John i. 7) Joh vi. 13-14—Rev. xxii. 17.

The free waters of life—the wells of salvation which God has provided for the thirsty are for young and old, rich and poor.—Isaiah lv. 1. "Without money and without price" are the terms on which He gives those waters, and for which He invites you to the well. Oh, come to Jesus then, and drink freely, deeply, and you shall never thirst again!

I heard the voice of Jesus say,

Behold I freely give

The living water—thirsty one,

Stoop down, and drink, and live.

I came to Jesus, and I drank

Of that Life-giving stream,

My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,

And now I live in Him.

Maurice was greatly puzzled to know who gave the water free. He thought, "Perhaps he might be a friend to me; and, besides, I must thank him for providing the fountain."

Poor boy, how unlike the nine Jewish lepers, who, when they were cleansed by Jesus went their own way! How *like* the stranger leper, who turned back when he was cleansed, and with a loud voice glorified God (Luke xvii. 12-19.) Our poor Maurice sought for the giver of the waters to "thank him." How many of us, having received salvation, are found glorifying the One who has saved us and brought us to God? May the knowledge of a present salvation, and a frank and full forgiveness of *all* our sins, lead us to praise Him and adore Him day by day until we see him in the regions of Glory which are not far off!

A kind lady interested herself in the poor boy, brought him home, taught him to read the Bible, and soon Maurice could read for