

katoa ki runga i a Ihu."

"Ae ra, l whakatakoto."

"I a Ihu o hara i taua wa tonu i a Ia nei i runga i te ripeka, Kei reira Ia inaianei?"

"Kahore kau."

"Ae ra, kei te rangi Ia kei runga i te torona a te Matua, e mohio ana hoki tatou kahore rawa he hara kei runga i a Ia ki runga. Tena, i a Ia o hara ki runga i te ripeka, kahore kau kei runga i te torona, engari ra keihoa o hara."

Koia ra, katahi ahau ka marama. Kihai ahau i kite noa taua tikanga i te tuatahi. Nana ra i waha oku hara. Kua mamaetia hoki Ia mo oku hara, Nana hoki i murua, kei te rangi hoki Ia inaianei hara kore, kahore kau he hara kei a Ia. Kia nui te Arikiri! Katahi ahau ka marama. Ano ra toku pohehe toku kapotanga i nga wa katoa i rapu noa ahau nga tohu i *roto i ahau*, engari te tohu tenei kua arahina a Ihu, kei runga i te torona hoki Ia."

"Tena, ka taea koe inaianei ki te ki nei kua murua o hara?"

"Ae ra ho kaha rawa ahau."


"Engari me pēwhia to mohio?"

"No te mea ka ki te Atua, 'Na Ihu i waha ora ki runga i te rakau, inaianei nei kei te rangi Ia, kahore hoki oku hara ki a Ia inaianei nei, engari i a Ia oku hara i runga i te ripeka, a e kore rawa e taea te Atua ki te whakawakia ahau mo aua hara no te mea Nana nei i whakawakia a Ihu moku mo oku hara nei, kua whakakitea hoki Tana pai no te mea kua whakaarahina i a Ia i te mate."

"Ka tika tau e hoa, tika rawa. Kia piri tonu koe ki te kupu o te Atua, te kupu tika, te kupu kua tau tonu ake ake. Ahakoa ka hinga to whakaaro te aha ranei a te tangata, kau mau tonu te kupu o te Atua kahore he ngaro ake ake tonu atu. "Nga tangata katoa e whakapono ana ka whakatikaia ai i nga mea katoa.—Nga Mahi A Nga Apotoro 13-19. Ta te Atua kupu tika kua oti taku o pai ai. E taku hoa e korero ana i tenei korero e pai ana koe ki tenei?"

(KI NGĀ TAMARIKI)

TE AROHA NA TE ATUA.

 TAKU tamaiti aroha, e kore koe e hiahia ana kia haere ake koe

"And how do you think we are to get?"

"Pray to God."

"But how can we know when we have prayed enough?" There was no answer.

"Who won't get to heaven?"

"Those who tell lies and disobey God."

"Well, have we not all done that? I am sure I have done so, and I'm sure I have a heart that is very bad; and did you ever hear of any person in this world who lived without any sin?"

"No."

"Then does any person get to heaven?"

"Yes."

"Indeed! then it must be in some other way than what you said. Tell me, what kind of children does God love?"

"Good children."

"Most certainly, God loves everything that is good. Now, where do we find the good children?"

"Are those the good children that sit quiet at table, and all the time their little hearts are coveting something that their elder brother is getting? Are those the good children that can so sweetly sing the nice hymns, and feel proud when they are praised? are those seen by God to be good children that are called good by kind friends and loving fathers and mothers? No, no. God says there is none good; there is none righteous, no, not one.—(Romans iii. 10-12.) Of course it is far better to see children quiet, obedient, and kind, than to see them rude, peevish, and selfish; but all these things will never save their souls; and all the prayers, and learning lessons, and obedience to parents, and trying to love God will never make them ready to die, and though it is quite true that God loves everything that is good, I'll tell you something more—

"Do you think God loves bad people?"

"No."

"Now this is what I have to tell you: He commands His love to us in that, while we were yet sinners, He sent His Son to die for us.—Romans v. 8. He loves bad boys and bad girls, not because they are bad, but in spite of their badness. He was