

pukumahi tenei, kia weto te koreia a te Karaiti; kia whakanguromia nga wairua tangata; kia whakararuraru ai koe hei puno koe ki te kupa a te Atua. E hoa! me whakapono kua e koe ki ta te Atua kupa. Kauaka e whakarua, kia ata whakapono koe inaianei. Nana te kupa nei, "*Aa tenei tangata*, ehara i te mea na te mahi hoi, aha ranei, engari ra, "*na tenei tangata*,"—*"Te tangata ki te koreia a te Atua"*—*"Te marama haka e kua whaitiia ki a koutou"* E pai ana koe ki te tangata?

"He pono, he pono taku e mea atu nei ki a koutou, te tangata e rangi ana ki toka rae; e whakapono ana ki toka hei tono mai he oranga tonutanga tonu; e kore auo hoki ia e riro ki roto ki te whakamatenga, engari kua whiti atu ia i te mate ki to ora."—*Huani 5, 24.*

KOTAHI TONU TE WAHI HEI ORANGA TANGATA.

I AHAU e whiti ana i tetahi mania nui: *"Kia te taha hauauru o te Mihitopi e kite ana ahau te auahi ki te pae: a ka tote ra katahi ahau ka kite te ahi nui e rere ana mai he nui nga maivo te roa o taua ahi. Koia ra ko te ahi nui tera o te mania."*

Mehemea e kite ana nga tangata huerere nga tangata maori ranei o taua whenua he ahi nui o te mania e ahu mai ana ki a ratou ka hanga ratou he tikanga mo taua tu ahi. Ka tahi hoki ratou he ahi e tata ana ki a ratou kia pau nga otouta katoa o taua pito o te whenua. Ka ta ratou ki runga i taua wahi i pau i te ahi ka tataru mo te taenga mai o te ahi nui.

Ka rere tonu mai te ahi nui e kai ana nga mea katoa o te whenua kahore he taenga. Ko nga hui o reira e oma maku ana ki o ratou runa; ka tangi hoki nga ruru ratou ko nga nakahi. Ka raruraru te whenua katoa i taua ahi nui, engari ko nga tangata huerere ko nga tangata maori ranei o taua wahi e ora ana ratou. *No te mea kua pau katoa nga otouta nga ahi ranei o taua wahi o te whenua e tu ana nei ratou, ka tae mai te ahi nui ki reira kahore he taenga kia mona hei reira ka haere ki te ahi nui. Ka mate nga tangata o waho i taua pa engari koi roto ahakoa he nui te mate o waho ko ora nga tangata o roto.*

flames come, finding no fuel, they merely encircle it and pass on. Any other place outside is in imminent danger, near or far it matters little, for to be without the circle is certain destruction, whilst within is perfect security.

Dear reader, a worse than prairie fire is hurrying on at a fearful, overwhelming pace it looms already in the distance; many a traveller for eternity sees it not, for his eyes are blinded, or he flatters himself that it is not coming *his way*, it will not overtake *him*. Yet on sweeps the devouring flame, in spite of all his vain delusions. It is the awful fire of God's fierce wrath against that which is most hateful to His holiness—God's anger against sin. All man's science and art will not turn away this raging, fiery storm; he may add device to device, and cover himself up with his own righteousness as with a cloak, but his accumulated mass of good works and human performances will only add to the great burning of that terrible day when all things shall be tried by the fire of the holy, consuming wrath of the living God.

But here is the glad tidings of a refuge from the coming wrath—a refuge secure and divinely safe; a shelter of God's own providing: what is it? It is God's own Son who has borne the wrath for the sinners—Christ who died, and rose again, and is now ascended and in heavenly glory. When the thick judgment cloud that had gathered for the poor doomed sinner burst in all its relentless fury upon the sinner's Substitute, there, then the thunderbolts of God's wrath fell upon Christ. Oh! the greatness of the judgment,—oh! the greatness of the love! The one can only be measured by the other! And now, There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus—Romans 8, 1. Oh! flee to Him; and know with peace-giving confidence that upon the cross He bore the condemnation for thee. Was not the intense burning He endured enough when He cried, "I thirst," "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"—Matt. 27, 48. God has proved He is satisfied by the resurrection of His Son, and there, poor sinner, thou mayest rest, where the judgment has already fallen; *this is "the*