

nga whenua o tenei hapu i etahi atu hapu, i nga Hauhau. Nga pa maioro o o ratou tipuna, o ratou urupa e toru ziro katoa. Kua kore whenua ratou i te ao, e kore ratou e tika kia kiia i enei ra he hapu, kahore hoki o ratou na turanga waewae i te ao. Tika rawa ma o ratou uri te tangi, a Korimete:—

Aue! kua memeha ra to ratou ingoa; a ko te wahi pu
I hau nei o ratou rongo kua warewaretia.

E kore pea e roa rawa enei korero ki te tuhituhia ki te reo
ake o Korimete ana korero mo tona kai-whakaako, hei titiro
ma nga tamariki ma nga "reo kihi," hei whakapiri ki te
taha o te reo Maori:—

THE VILLAGE SCHOOLMASTER.

Beside yon straggling fence that skirts the way,
With blossomed furze unprofitably gay—
There, in his noisy mansion, skilled to rule,
The village master taught his little school.
A man severe he was, and stern to view—
I knew him well, and every truant knew;
Well had the boding tremblers learned to trace
The day's disasters in his morning face;
Full well they laughed with counterfeited glee
At all his jokes, for many a joke had he;
Full well the busy whisper, circling round,
Conveyed the dismal tidings when he frowned.
Yet he was kind, or if severe in aught,
The love he bore to learning was in fault.
The village all declared how much he knew;
'Twas certain he could write, and cipher too;
Lands he could measure, terms and tides presage,
And even the story ran that he could gauge;
In arguing, too, the parson owned his skill,
For e'en though vanquished, he could argue still;
While words of learned length and thund'ring sound
Amazed the gazing rustics ranged around;
And still they gazed, and still the wonder grew
That one small head could carry all he knew.
But past is all his fame—the very spot
Where many a time he triumphed is forgot.

NGA KURA MAORI.

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(Na H. Poananga, LL.B., i whakamaori.)

Ko nga whakahaere o nga Kura Maori i nga wa o mua e rere-
ke ana i nga whakahaere o naianei. I aua wa ko nga minita
me nga mihinare te hunga e kura ana e ako ana hoki i nga
Maori. E awhina ana ano nga Maori i nga whakahaere o nga
Kura mete tuku whenua hei awhina i nga kura i roto i o ratou
takiwa.

I te timatanga o nga Kura Maori, he nui te hunga i huihui ki
te waahi kotahi. i akongia ratou i roto ano i to ratou reo mete
whakawhiwhi hoki kite kai mete kakahu. He nui te taumaha-
tanga o enei whakahaere.

I raro i nga tikanga o "Te Ture Kura Maori, 1858," i whaka-
aetia kia £7000 i te tau me whakaputa hei awhina i nga kura
e ako nei i nga Maori, ahakoa kaumatua tamariki ranei. Ko
taua moni e puta ana ia tau ia tau mo nga tau e whitu.