

HE KUPU TOHUNGA.

Na R.T.K.

Me tango mai ano i te whare-wananga o Hakipia he kupu tuatahi ma tatou. I puta te whakaaro i etahi tangata kuare ara kore-mohio kia hanga purei ratou ma ratou hei whakangahau, hei whakanui, ma ratou i to ratou ariki, i te Tiuka o Atene engari i tae te kupu ki te tiuka kaore he painga o taua purei. Ko tana kupu tenei:—

I will hear that play:
For never anything can be amiss
When simpleness and duty tender it.

Kia rongo au i taua purei:
No te mea e kore rawa he mea e he
Na te ngakau tapatahi na te aroha nei i homai.

I puta te whakaaro i a au kia mau pupu hei aroha maku ki etahi tangata, he tino kai hoki ki au nei te pupu. Ka mutu ano te kai i taea e au i taua wa, he kai ngawari hoki tera te pupu ki te mahi. He roa taku haerenga, he kino hoki te huarahi. I te ngahorotanga o aku pupu ka tuku au ki raro o te hoiho ki te kahi. I tae po au me aku pupu. No muri mai ka rongo au i whakaparahakotia aku pupu me au hoki pea. Ina te kupu. "He pupu noa tana kai e mau ai i te whenua roa ma te tangata." I mate matou ko aku pupu i te whakama. Ko te hiahia pea o aua tangata kia mauria atu e au he koura he ika ranei ma ratou. E ki ana ko te pakeha, "Kahore he whiriwhiri ma te hunga e inoi ana," a e ki ana ko te Maori: "He kai kei tua o Toka-rarangi, ma wai e tiki atu." Mehemea ko te Tiuka o Atene e manaakitia aku pupu: tera ia e ki,

Kia kai au i aua pupu:
No te mea e kore rawa he mea e he
Na te ngakau tapatahi na te aroha nei i homai.

Ko te utu mo aku pupu me taku whakawahanga i te roa o te whenua he whakawhetai noa iho ara ki te pakeha he Tangi Kiu. E ki ano ano ko Hakipia,

Thanks, to men
Of noble minds, is honourable meed.

Ko te whakawhetai, ki te hunga
Ngakau rangatira, he utu honore.

Ki te pakeha he tohu no te rangatira te Tangi Kiu, no te kuware te kore e Tangi Kiu.

Ka nui nga kupu a Hakipia mo te kore ngakau whakawhetai. Ko tenei tetahi hara nui kei te ao.