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"common for women to do thus when their husbands die. They think they then go to them." It appeared strange to me that the family could suppress the feelings of human nature on such an awful occasion, as I had always hitherto observed them very affectionate towards each other, and remarkable for their attention to the woman who was now no more.

I learn from the natives that a few days after Quatero was attacked with illness a watch was set during the night to observe whether they could discover a star falling from the Heavens, or rather one of those meteors falling which is often in England termed the "shooting of a star." and upon the day he was seized with a kind of momentary delirium his Priest concluded this event had taken place. That had then, as it was conceived, entered into him. Hence he was Taboo himself, or a sacred person. No New Zealander was permitted to come near him except the Tokungha or Priest and those of his own family. You know the