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Mission, and on the following morning took my departure for Rangihua, which I had not visited since my arrival. Mr. & Mrs. Clarke and my daughter accompanied me.

On our landing, the natives received us with great gladness. They informed us with the utmost distress that the day we came into the harbour a fine young man, the only son of the late Quatona died. He was a very amiable youth, and much beloved both by the Natives and Europeans. Had he lived it was intended that he should have returned with me to New South Wales. He could read and write well. The Chief's wife, who was his Aunt, had observed to Mr. Shepherd it was singular that God should leave the old, infirm, and sick to live, while he called away the young by death. Warepoka the Head Chief told me that the youth's last words were an enquiry where I was. The Missionaries had great expectations from him; he had been brought up with them, and was much attached to them. He was allied to the first families in the Island, and had