We have now to record the death of our dear friend, Robert Andrews Mather, which took place at his own house in Murray Street, very suddenly on the 9th ultimo. He was the first in this colony who joined the Society from conviction at its establishment upwards of 50 years ago, and has for many years filled the position of overseer.

He was born in London on the 17th of Dec., and came to this Island, then called Van Diemen's Land, with his parents in 1815 and remained here until 1837, when he was removed to Sydney where he resided six years, assisting in the formation of the Society there, and holding the office of Clerk to the Monthly Meeting.

His life had been active in religious and philanthropic efforts — almost continually was he going about doing good to the souls and bodies of his fellow men; and was a means of great usefulness in connection with the charitable institutions of the city. But although thus engaged he was of a most retiring disposition and was unwilling that his services should at any time become the subject of comment, being desirous that all the praise and all the glory should be ascribed to Him who had enabled him, so weak as he had felt himself to be, to do anything for His Saviour's sake — reminding us that it is not by works of righteousness that we have done, but according to His mercy He gave to us, by the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Spirit. And thus having ceased to endure faithfully to do the will of God, and to serve his generation, he fell on sleep.

The funeral took place on Thursday morning the 19th, and was a large attendance of all classes of the public. There was a solemn meeting at the grave side, and the silence was broken by several friends, one of whom gave expression to the words: — "Thanks be unto God which giveth us the victory — thanks be unto God which gave him the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."