

A Testimony of <sup>his death</sup> Monthly Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> mo 1887<sup>th</sup> Ramathu

We have now to record the death of our dear friend Robert Andrew Matties, which took place <sup>very suddenly on the 17<sup>th</sup> ultimo</sup> at his own house in Murray Street, ~~very suddenly on the 17<sup>th</sup> ultimo~~. He was <sup>amongst</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> of the 8<sup>th</sup> month 1815 <sup>with his parents in 1822</sup> and came <sup>he</sup> to this Island, then called Van Dieman's Land, ~~with his parents in 1822~~ and ~~to~~ remained here until 1837. <sup>He then</sup> removed to Sydney where he resided six years; assisting in the formation of the Society there, and ~~held~~ <sup>held</sup> 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 whilst 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 <sup>to his Lord who had given ability for his names sake, and the ability to one who had enabled me</sup> to him. ~~so weak as he had felt himself~~ to be, ~~to do anything for his names sake~~ — remarking that: "it is not by works of righteousness that we have done, but according to His mercy He saveth us, by the washing of regeneration and the renewing of the Holy Ghost." And thus having ~~served~~ <sup>endeavoured</sup> faithfully to do the will of God, and to serve his generation, "he fell on sleep".

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