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Port Resolution

Mrs Matheson

Fanna

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My beloved Mother

I write a few lines from this place upon our return from Acetium where we enjoyed exceedingly our short visit. Uncle's Church is very grand some and would do credit to more civilized workmen. May God continue to prosper the work on that Island. It is the day of small things with us the Fanna manifest little or no desire for the word of God.

They wish to live and die
as their Fathers did - yet we
are not without a little
encouragement; Kapaka,
our chief - of whom I spoke
in my last letter - accompanied
us to Aneitionum - I hope the
evidences of what the Gospel
has wrought - there, will encourage
him to persevere - a few seem
almost persuaded to be Christians
but no one has courage to
come forward, and declare
himself - upon the Lord's side -
they think our religion, very
good for old people, and those
who are dying - the Japanese believe
in the existence of a great
Spirit - whom they call -

Karasapannam and his
lives, on the top of the highest
hill in the Island which is
or near the centre and he dis-
tinctly seen from all parts,
and "Cease not to pray" that light
may arrive and shine that this
people "may no longer say where
is their God" - all is midnight
darkness now, but the day
cometh, let us watch and pray
for it; - We hope, I, V. to go home
to-morrow - We soon become at-
tached to one spot and love
to call it home, though there
is no place to which our hearts
cling so fondly - as the home
of our childhood - when the
ties which bind us to that

are severed, then we feel that
we are indeed pilgrims, -
and we feel more earnestly
to seek that rest of which it
is said there will be no more
going out. - May we all meet
in heaven, - our better home;

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Please thank the kind
friends for me who have
given me so many valuable
presents, may we soon be
able to cheer their hearts by
telling them - What God is doing
for His people - Mr Matheson's
health has improved altho
not strong ever only desires
Aunt Maria was devoted
a few extracts from Mary
Mrs Matheson's letter