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INTRODUCTION.

The present seems to be an appropriate time to reprint this brief memoir of Queen Keopuolani, the earliest convert to Christianity at the Hawaiian Islands. She was a worthy conspeer of Kapiolani and Kaahumanu, and her life gave signal evidence of the transforming power of the Gospel. This narrative was drawn up, by Rev. W. Richards at Lahaina in 1824. At that time the orthography of the Hawaiian language had not yet been settled, but it has not been considered necessary to change the original spelling, except in case of evident misprints. The proceeds arising from the sale of this little book are to be given to the Hawaiian Mission Children's Society.

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PREFACE.

This memoir was drawn up at the Sandwich Islands, by one of the missionaries at Lahaina, and was forwarded to the Prædential Committee of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. All the material facts which it contains, were derived from personal observation, or by conversation with the older chiefs of the islands, and the work bears strong internal marks of being throughout an authentic narrative. As such, it is sent forth by the Committee, with the hope that, by the blessing of Almighty God, it will render important service to that department of Christian benevolence, which has for its object the moral improvement of the heathen world.

This Memoir will probably be published by the London Missionary Society, about the same time that it issues from the press in this country.

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