

A  
 COMPREHENSIVE DICTIONARY  
 OF THE  
 NEW ZEALAND TONGUE.

ABBREVIATIONS AND SIGNS.

I. LINGUISTIC.

1. *Foreign.*

<p>P. Polynesian generally.          H. Hawaiian, or Sandwich Islands.          S. Samoan, or Navigators' Islands.          R. Rarotongan, or Cook Islands.          T. Tahitian, or Society Islands.          Tng. Tongan, or Friendly Islands.</p>	<p>Mq. Marquesan, or Marquesas Islands.          F. Fijian, or Fiji Islands.          E. Easter Island.          S.A. South American.          Mr. Malagasy, or Madagascar.          M. Malay.</p>
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2. *Home.*

<p>1. Rarawa, or Northernmost.          2. Ngapuhi, or Bay of Islands, &amp;c.          3. Waikato.          4. Rotorua.          5. Thames and Bay of Plenty.</p>	<p>6. E. Cape and Poverty Bay.          7. Hawke's Bay, &amp;c.          8. Taranaki, &amp;c.          9. Middle Island.          10. Chatham Islands.</p>
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II. LITERARY.

<p><i>Poet.</i> Sir G. Grey's vol. Maori Poetry, &amp;c. Wellington, 1853.  <i>Myth.</i> Ditto Mythology, &amp;c. London, 1854.</p>	<p><i>Prov.</i> Ditto Proverbs, &amp;c. Cape Town, 1857.  <i>Bible.</i> If the new edition should be quoted, then the Book, ch., and v.</p>
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III. GRAMMATICAL.

*v.*, verb; *v.n.*, verbal noun; *adv.*, adverb; *part.*, particle; *adj.*, adjective; *pr.*, pronoun; *s.*, substantive, &c., &c.

IV. SUNDRY.

<p><i>Obs.</i> Observation.  <i>Syn.</i> Synonymous.  <i>Fig.</i> Figurative.  <i>Prim.</i> Primary.</p>	<p><i>Prov.</i> Proverbial.  <i>Eu.</i> European.  <i>Mod.</i> Modern.</p>
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**A**, the first letter of the New Zealand alphabet. It has two principal sounds, —(1) *long*, as in the English words, *father*, *rather*; and (2) *short*, as in the English words, *man*, *mat*.

It is sometimes interchanged for *e*, as in *kai=kei*, *hai=hei*, *taina=teina*, *anei=enei*, &c.

Grammatically considered it is of first importance in the formation of words and sentences.

1. It is the termination, or last letter, of all passive verbs.

2. *A*, short, is prefixed to the names of persons, and to many personal pronouns, when not preceded by *ko*, *no*, *mo*,