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**ABSTRACT OF THE NINTH ANNUAL REPORT  
of the Board of Foreign Missions.**

In narrating the principal incidents which have occurred during the past year, the Board consider it quite unnecessary to dwell with that minuteness of detail, which would have been imperative had their correspondence not already been so extensively published. They will therefore endeavor to confine the attention of the Supreme Court to such facts as appear to call for special notice.

Following the order of date,—the first event of any great consequence, is the accession of the Rev. Mr Inglis, a missionary in connection with the Reformed Presbyterian Church of Scotland. In last year's Report, reference was made to this individual as having proposed a scheme for the permanent location of the New Hebrides, as a most desirable field for the united labors of missionaries from various evangelical bodies.—Mr Geddie says of him "he is my senior in years, and he brings with him to the work a well disciplined mind, a heart devoted to the interests of the Redeemer's cause, and much invaluable experience. I feel thankful to God that an Agent, so eminently suited to the present exigencies of the mission, has thus unexpectedly come to our aid in the work." The Rev. Dr. Bates, Secretary of the Committee of Missions, under whose superintendence Mr Inglis has devoted him-

self to missionary service, says, "In what concerns the cultivation of the language I would expect Mr Inglis to be after some time a valuable coadjutor. He is a good scholar, an acute observer, and has a literary taste. Were the mission strengthened, which I think it may be at no distant date, I think he has judgment and business habits of much value."

Testimony, not less favorable, may be adduced from Rev. A. McDonald, formerly of Saunca, but now of New Zealand where Mr Inglis was at first located, "You will find him to be every thing you could wish as a coworker in the great cause. I have known our brother now for more than twelve months, and the result of my experience is, the more I know him, the more I love and esteem him. In whatever aspect you view him, the man, the christian, or the minister, the result is the same."

Under any circumstances, your Board would have gladly hailed the accession of such an associate for their missionary, but under the peculiar difficulties which have so long baffled their efforts to supply the vacancy caused by the retirement of Mr Archibald—they felt themselves prepared, not only readily to acquiesce in the arrangement which had thus unexpectedly been effected, but to gratefully recognize the Hand of that God therein, who has been revealed to his