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LORD, bless and pity us, shine on us with thy face,
That th' earth thy way, and nations all may know thy saving grace.—Ps. lxxvii. 1, 2.

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LATER NEWS FROM THE MISSIONARIES.

Letters from Messrs. Geddie and Gordon have come to hand by the second November Steam packet. At present we can only supply the leading facts of this most gratifying correspondence. Under date June 5th 1857, Mr Geddie writes to inform the B. F. M. of the state of the Mission.—The "John Knox" had arrived on May 16th at her destination under charge of the first Officer and two men belonging to that numerous and well appointed fleet of vessels belonging to R. Towns Esq of Sydney and engaged in the South Sea trade. The "John Knox" left Sydney on the 20th day of April so that she performed the voyage thence to Aneiteum in 26 days. Head winds and stormy weather were encountered during the greater part of her voyage, but she "behaved nobly." Mr. Geddie says "she is a splendid little vessel, and had she been built under our own direction we could not have suggested better arrangements. The "John Williams" with Mr and Mrs Gordon and Miss C. A. Geddie arrived on the very day he (Mr Geddie) was writing the above intelligence. Of his daughter he writes as a fond Parent might be expected to write. The only sad note in the parental Eulogium being the entire want of mutual recognition when they first met. Of Mr and Mrs Gordon he says, I

am glad to learn that they have favourably impressed the Brethren with whom they have had intercourse by the way. They appear to be persons of the right spirit.

It is extremely pleasing to note the truly christian welcome which has been given to the new Missionary and his "help meet." The particular location for his future labours was more difficult to be ascertained than the Board were prepared to learn, and the result shows the wisdom of leaving such matters in the hands of the Missionaries on the field. Not Tana but Erromanga has been selected and Mr Gordon had entered on this most interesting scene of missionary enterprise. The Blood of the martyr missionary Williams has at last prevailed in opening that dark and savage island to the European Missionary. Who will not unite in breathing forth the prayer that the Spirit and power of "Williams" may rest upon the person and prosper the efforts of him who has thus auspiciously entered upon his labours? Mr Gordon writes under date June 20th, 1857, from Dillon's Bay, Erromanga. He had been four days on Aneiteum—thence he sailed to Fotuna and thence to Tana. The Samoan brethren and Messrs. Geddie and Inglis united in their counsel to visit Erromanga. Thither accordingly our Missionary went on the 13th. On the following day he arrived at Dillons Bay. Rain prevailed on the Island and he had not met any of the principal chiefs but had received kindness from 1 or 20 of the Natives. He has with him two