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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. lxvii. 1, 2.*

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## Foreign Missions.

### NEW HEBRIDES.

#### LETTER FROM MRS GEDDIE.

WE are without late dates from Mr Geddie, but have pleasure in laying before our readers some extracts of a letter from Mrs Geddie, of date December, 1854, addressed to the Rev. James Waddell.

#### VISITING THE OUTSTATIONS.

As every little event connected with Aneiteum appears to interest you so much, I shall endeavour to give you a short account of our last visit to some of the outstations.

*Eteng.*—In August last we prepared to visit Eteng (4 miles distant). As soon as the little ones knew that we had decided on going, they were wild with delight, and eager to be off, (just as much so as any of our little folks in Nova Scotia would be to go pic-nicing.) So we hurriedly packed up some catables, and knives, forks, etc., and set off with a fair wind, which soon brought us to the place of our destination. As soon as the boat was seen by the teacher, he commenced beating the *nitai a hlaig* (a hollow piece of wood), to collect the people, whom we could see hastening to the school house. We were soon among them, shaking hands, etc. Nearly all the females were weeping bitterly, as they knew we intended to remove the teacher, with his wife

and child, Mr Geddie intending to send them to Tanna. We were pleased to see a great addition to the *alaingahenie* people; the school-house was quite full, and many were sitting outside. After singing and prayer, we examined the school, and were pleased to find that the people had made some progress. Mr G. then gave an address, and the services were concluded with singing and prayer.

After the examination, a marriage was solemnized by Mr Geddie, after which a large *netta*, or native oven, was opened, and an abundance of food distributed among the people. Meanwhile our boys had boiled the kottle, spread a nice clean mat on the floor, over which they again spread fresh banana leaves, and on these our plates, etc. Some hot *taro* from the *netta*, added to the food brought with us, made us quite a good dinner. Having introduced the new teacher and his wife, (a young man and woman who had lived a long time with us and had lately married), we left, intending to visit *Ujie*, the next village on our way home.

*Ujie.*—At this place we had a very small meeting, as not many of the people are Christians. We left, as a teacher, Tuha, one of our young men, who is soon to be married to one of our girls.—The people appeared very glad to see us. They had not progressed much since our last visit; but they are now getting on much better. They supplied our boats crew with cooked food, and when we were leaving, they had a fine pig and a