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

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## FOREIGN MISSIONS.

### NEW HEBRIDES.

#### LETTER FROM MR. GEDDIE.

*Anciteum, New Hebrides, June 22nd, 1859.*

I embrace an opportunity which has just occurred of sending a few lines to you. Your last letter to me was written before Mr. Matheson left Nova Scotia, and was answered, so that I have nothing to acknowledge from you. In that letter you mentioned that Mr. Johnston would leave Nova Scotia for these islands in October of last year, and we made arrangements for his reception accordingly. A few months ago a report reached us that he would not leave at the time expected, but we are still ignorant of the cause of his detention, and of the time when we may look for him. The mission never required the services of an additional missionary more than at the present time.

The mission families on this island have been healthy since I last wrote you, with the exception of Mr. Inglis, who has had an attack of fever lately. The attack is a mild one, and we do not think him dangerously ill. He is much reduced by his illness, but will, I hope, be able to resume his duties soon. I

returned from a visit to him yesterday.

The mission on Tana has been severely afflicted since I last wrote you. Mrs Paton gave birth to a child in February last, and died soon after; the child also survived the mother but a short time. Her death was very sudden and unexpected. But I refer to Mr. Paton's own account of this very sad event, which you will no doubt see in the Reformed Presbyterian Magazine. I need not say how deeply we sympathise with Mr Paton under his great affliction, and mourn the loss of his esteemed wife. Mrs Paton was an amiable and devoted woman, and possessed many qualifications that eminently fitted her for the important and arduous sphere which she occupied. Our departed friend entered the mission field youthful and vigorous, and we anticipated years of usefulness before her; but God's thro'ts are not as our thoughts. Let us hope and pray that this very mysterious and painful dispensation of divine providence may be overruled in ways that we know not, for the promotion of the divine glory, and the furtherance of the Redeemer's cause in these dark isles of the sea.

Only a few weeks after Mrs. Paton's death, Mr Matheson was taken seriously