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From Kemble Coffin, Esq St Peters	£2 0 0
From Rev Henry Crawford, (a collection taken in his Church)	4 0 0
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Rev J J. Baxter,	5 0 0
Thomas Herbert,	1 17 6
Rev S. Johnston.	5 0
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Mrs Monaghan,	1 6
George W. Archibald,	2 4 6

POSTSCRIPT.

Since the matter for this number was prepared we have seen a letter from Mr Geddie to the Board of Foreign Missions, dated April 22nd, 1857, nearly six months later than those formerly received. The Mission families were at that date well, but the season had been unheal' and there had been a large amount of sickness among the natives. There had been a severe hurricane in January last, which destroyed the houses and plantations of the natives in exposed places, and slightly injured the Church at Mr Geddie's station. The Mission work continues to advance. The Sabbath previous had been the communion. About 1400 persons were present. The number of Church members at Mr Geddie's station was 100, exclusive of those who have gone to other islands as teachers. The number of Church members in Mr Inglis' district was between 70 and 80. The Educational Institution had been completed. It is an imposing house, 70 feet long by 21 wide, and contains a spacious and well fitted up class room with other suitable apartments. The Institution was to be opened in a few weeks. In a remote district a case of strangulation, the first for four years, had occurred, a mother having

been put to death in this manner by her two sons on the death of a child of one of them. It produced much excitement on the island, and the chiefs inflicted sundry punishments on the guilty. The people in that quarter have since consented to receive a teacher, and thus this event has been the means of breaking up the last stronghold of heathenism on the island. The work is making progress on Tana, and every thing is in readiness for Mr Gordon's occupying that island. Both Mr Geddie and Mr Inglis intend to accompany him, and they have a good house all in readiness for him. One of the best of the teachers proposed to be sent with him had been unfortunately drowned the day before Mr Geddie wrote.

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