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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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Foreign Missions.

EXTRACTS FROM JOURNAL OF REV. J. GEDDIE.

Oct. 7th, 1855, Sabbath.—A barque was announced this morning which proves to be the "John Williams." The wind being light she did not reach her anchorage until mid-day. As soon as public worship was ended I went off to her to welcome our dear friends. She has brought two missionaries—the Rev Messrs Creagh and Jones and their wives, recently from England. The Rev Messrs Hardie and Sunderland of Samoa with their wives, were also on board. The former brethren have come to remain on these islands, but the latter are visitors. It was thought that Erromanga would have been the destination of the newly arrived brethren, but it is now probable that they will go to the Loyalty Islands. Their arrival has been very cheering to us, and we hope that they will at no distant period be followed by others. May God open the hearts of the heathen to receive them and their heavenly message. There are also on board the "J. W." some Samoans and natives of different islands.

Oct. 9th.—We held a public missionary meeting to day. The object of the meeting was to interest our natives in the work of evangelization, and also to set apart two natives of this island, Talip and Yanfati and their wives, for missionary work. They are destined for the island of Tana whither we send them in answer to an earnest appeal for teachers.

The order of our meeting was as follows. It devolved on me to begin by singing, reading a portion of God's Word and prayer in the native language. The Rev Mr Inglis then addressed the teachers and their wives about to leave us. The Rev Messrs Hardie, Sunderland, Creagh, and Jones and Capt. Morgan gave brief addresses which I interpreted for the benefit of the natives. At the request of the brethren present I called on two of our natives, Abraham and William to address the meeting, and I also interpreted in English what they said, for the satisfaction of those present, who did not understand the native language. About 800 persons attended the meeting we were in for several hours, but the attention of the natives seemed lively to the last. The whole proceedings were impressive, and will I doubt not be long remembered by those who took a part in them.—There is something affecting in meeting and parting with those who have forsaken kindred and home, and are about to enter the combat with the principalities and powers of darkness on heathen grounds. In these islands it is still an arduous, self-denying and perilous work. But the cause of evangelization is a legitimate and holy one, and of its success there can be no doubt. With God on our side victory is sure. These islands will in due time be given to Christ as a part of his promised and purchased possession.

At the close of our meeting I had the pleasure of conducting Capt. Morgan to a large quantity of *taro* collected in front