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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.

### LETTER FROM MR GEDDIE.

In our last we gave Mr Geddie's letter of latest date. We had not then in our possession the letters which arrived at the same time. We now publish as much of the first of them as our space will permit.

ANEITEUM, NEW HEBRIDES,  
August 22nd, 1857.

DEAR BRETHREN,—

As more than six months have elapsed since the date of my last letter to you, I am reminded that I ought again to resume my pen. The last letter of your Secretary to me is dated Nov. 29th, 1854, others have no doubt been written since that time, but they have not reached me. In these distant regions, where letters pass through many and strange hands, we must allow a considerable margin for contingencies. In the absence of official letters it has given me great satisfaction to learn, from private correspondence, that you have designated another missionary to labour among the heathen, and that Mr Gordon was in England in November of last year, on his way to these islands. We scarcely know when to look for his arrival here, as we have so little information about his movements, but we hope to see him or hear of him by the first arrival from Sydney. I trust that he may soon be followed by others.

who can forsake the endearments of home, and come far hence to "preach among these Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ."

### HEALTH OF THE ISLAND—HOPEFUL DEATHS.

You will be glad to learn that the Mission families are well. In the early part of the year Mrs Inglis suffered severely from fever and ague; but the attacks have ceased, and for some time her health has been good. Mrs Geddie also had a severe attack of illness in June which greatly alarmed us, but she has in a great measure recovered and is fast regaining her strength. The other members of the Mission are well. It becomes us to be grateful to God for the measure of health we enjoy. I regret to add that much sickness prevails among the natives and several deaths have occurred. The mortality during the present year has been much greater than during any similar period since I landed on the island. The disease of which many have died is *nemehe an pege*, i. e., the sickness of the land. It prevails at certain seasons of the year, and many of the natives fall victims to it. I feel thankful to say that some who died gave hopeful evidence of a saving change. Those with whom I conversed seemed to have clear and comfortable views of the way of salvation, and rested on Christ as their only hope. They died exhorting those around