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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.

From the Reformed Presbyterian Magazine.

[A private letter has been received from Mr. Copeland, of date 2d December 1859. He states that the missionaries were in their usual health,—that Mr. and Mrs. Inglis left for their native shores on the 13th November,—that Mr. Geddie was erecting a large stone church,—and that he himself had just returned from a visit to Mr. Paton on Tana, whom he found quite well, and busy with the erection of a new house on a more healthy situation than that which he formerly occupied.]

Ancientum, New Hebrides, Aug. 26, 1859.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—In a note of yours to Mr. Paton, received just before we sailed, you asked him on arriving in the mission field to correspond with you, and to tell me that you wished me to do the same. From the way in which my time has been occupied, I have hitherto written such letters only as could not be postponed. I am only sorry that, now when I do make the attempt, it will tend so little to your edification. As I have not yet properly any station of my own, in writing you I must either tell you what you already know, or trespass on the province of others. From the Magazine you will

have been made acquainted with the most of our movements since we left Scotland. Our voyage to Melbourne was tedious, but as we were detained there for a short time only, our passage taken as a whole was performed sooner than could have been anticipated. We left Greenock on the 17th of April, and landed on this island on the 30th of August. We found the members of both the mission families in the enjoyment of good health. Mr. Matheson from Nova Scotia had arrived fully a month before us in the "John Williams," and was staying on this island waiting our arrival. As the brethren here did not expect us so soon, having had no information about our movements till a few weeks before our arrival, they were hardly prepared for us. Mr. Inglis was busy making an addition to his premises, and a part only of one house had been prepared and set up at Port Resolution in the way of preparing for our settlement. As the "John Knox" is laid up every year in December for the hurricane months, it was concluded that not more than two stations could be opened before the months of April and May. Without delay we began and prepared the frame of another house upon this island. About the middle of September, Mr. Inglis and Mr. Paton