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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.

MR. JOHNSTON'S JOURNAL,

OF A VOYAGE FROM MELBOURNE TO ANEITUM, KEPT ON BOARD THE SCHOONER "VISTULA."

Monday morning, April 2nd.—After prayer, in which the Rev. J. P. Sunderland, R. Hamilton, and A. M. Ramsay took part, we took an affectionate farewell of our kind hostess, and the family. The Rev. gentlemen named above accompanied us to the ship, where we with full hearts took a *last farewell* of those from whom we had received so much kindness, attention, and favor, in a strange land. Not until the next morning, did the ship leave her moorings, and sail down the river Yarra, and come to anchor in Hobson Bay, in sight of the city. Here we lay *one week*, every day receiving the promise that we would "certainly sail *to-morrow*." Thus, day after day passed away until Sabbath morning at 8 o'clock the pilot came on board, and we were soon under way. The vessel in which we have embarked, is a schooner, well built of the best material, tonnage 133. She is from Dundee, and the captain and mate are from the same place. The second mate is a native of P. E. I., Charlottetown (Alex. Levitt.)

The accommodations on board are very inferior. But I suppose they are better than the Great Apostle Paul had during his missionary voyages in the Mediterranean Sea. There are on board 14 passengers—10 men, 2 women, and 2 children, bound for the Feejees. Intercourse with the Pacific Islands is rapidly increasing. Their resources are being developed, and brought into the market. We have even increasing evidences, on every side, that those Isles hitherto, so little frequented, known, and cut off from the rest of the world, will soon be frequented, known, and brought near to the civilised and commercial portions of our globe. Oh! may the Church be zealous to have the heralds of the Cross to precede the men of the world—the *gospel* to go before trade. Then shall our commercial intercourse with these isolated portions of our earth bring additional comforts, and happiness to the great body politic, and glory to the *heavenly* kingdom, which Christ came to our world to establish; for the glory of His Father, and for the present and eternal happiness of the human race.

The vessel is to visit the Samoan, and Fiji Islands, before she lands us on