

teachers, who fought Messrs Turner and Nisbet, who killed Vasa and his Samouan people, who killed the foreigners, who have now fought and driven away out three missionaries ; their conduct has been exceedingly bad, they destroy the kingdom of Tana, kill the people and eat them all, and are guilty of bad conduct every day ; our hearts hate their bad conduct, we are pained with it.

Therefore, we earnestly pray you the chief of Sydney to send quickly a man-of-war to punish them, and to revenge all their bad conduct towards Missi. Then truly we will rejoice, then it will be good and safe for they three missionaries to dwell here, and to teach us men of the devil ; our hearts are very dark, we know nothing, we are just like pigs, therefore it is good for Missi to teach us the word and the worship of Jehovah the Great King. Long ago he was unknown to us here, Missi brought his knowledge to us here.

Our love to you the Great Chief of Sydney, the servant of Queen Victoria, and we earnestly pray you to protect us, and to protect our missionaries, and the worship of God in our land, the land of Tana. We weep for our missionaries ; they three gave us medicine for our sickness, clothing for our bodies, taught us what is good conduct, taught us the way to heaven ; and of all these things long ago we had no knowledge whatever, therefore we weep and our hearts cling to these three, our missionaries. If they three are not here, who will teach us the way to heaven, who will prevent our bad conduct, who will protect us from the bad conduct of foreigners, and who will love us and teach us all good things ?

Oh compassionate us, Chief of Sydney ? Hold fast these three, our missionaries, and give us them back and we will love you and your people. You and your people know the word of Jehovah, you are all going on the path to heaven, you all love the word of Jehovah. Oh ! look in mercy on us dark-hearted men going to the bad land, to the great eternal fire, just like our fathers who are dead.

May Jehovah make your hearts and the hearts of your people sweet towards us, to compassionate us, and to look in mercy on our dark land, and we will pray Jehovah to make you good, and give you a rich reward.

The names of us the chiefs of Tanna who worship towards Jehovah :—

YARISI × his mark.	NUARU × his mark.
KUAWA × his mark.	NEBUSAK × his mark.
KAPUKA × his mark.	KAUA × his mark.
TAURA × his mark.	NOWAR × his mark.
FIRMIINGO × his mark.	MANUMAN × his mark.

P. S.—This petition was written at the urgent request and dictation of some of our leading friends on Tanna, to be presented to the Governor of Sydney ; at the meeting on Aneiteum, we thought it better not to present it publicly, but when I saw the Governor I told him about it, and he wished to see it, so I will send a copy next week. I send you a copy, thinking it may interest the Committee of our Mission.

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## OTHER MISSIONS.

### TURKISH MISSION.

Though at present the Missionary operations of our Church in Turkey are suspended, our readers will be interested in hearing from that quarter. We therefore give from late Nos. of the Free Church Record a short appeal on behalf of that country, with extracts from Mr Philip O'Flaherty's correspondence.

WHAT ARE WE DOING FOR THE TURKS ?

Turkey is dying, it is said, by which

it is meant that the present state of things, viewed politically, must ere long come to an end. Such prognostications point to the subversion of exclusive Mohammedan rule, and may be held to imply that the upheaval, and the scramble which is to follow, will issue in a reconstruction of the empire and the enfranchisement of the subject races. It is impossible to fortell the precise aspect of coming events. Certainly there are symptoms enough of political change in the East. We have only to look at the