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ABRAM PATTERSON, *Treasurer.*

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FOREIGN MISSIONS.

LETTERS FROM TANA.

The following Letters from Mr. Matheson, have been lying over for some time for want of space. In our last issue we published one of later date, as the Church was eager to hear all the intelligence received, respecting the expulsion of the brethren from the island. We would recommend now the perusal of Mr. Matheson's interesting letters in their order, the first under date of Dec. 27th, 1861, the second, Jan'y. 11th, 1862, and the third as published in our last number.

Worthy of being written in letters of gold, are those words of our Missionary, which we quote with a slight variation. “*The work is God's.* It is his determination that the Lord Jesus shall have the heathen for his inheritance, and no power on earth or hell will be permitted to overthrow the work. Let those therefore who have *power with God* and can prevail, *stand by us in this trying hour.*”

TANA, December 27th, 1861.

Rev. and Dear Sir,—As I purpose sending a messenger to the harbour shortly, I embrace the opportunity of forwarding a few lines. I had a note from Mr. Paton about a month ago, saying that home papers and letters were there awaiting us, but as the natives have a superstitious fear of carrying letters between our stations, we are often many weeks without having any direct communication, and tantalizing though it be, thus to have your letters brought as it were to the very door and not have an opportunity of taking them in for months—it is only one of the many incidents in which the missionary is often obliged—(reluctantly it is true) to let patience have her perfect work.

Since my last, we have finished the building of our house—and have, I hope, pretty much done with manual labour about the mission premises for some time. You will remember that we commenced the house during the early part of the year, but after the hurricanes, suspended all operations about it until after the completion of the Church. Finding that the hurricanes had thrown a larger amount of manual labour upon my hands than I was possibly able to overtake, without materially interfering with the spiritual interests of the work, in order to save money, labour, and time, and also to husband my strength as much as possible, I ordered a quantity of flooring, &c., from Sydney, all ready for turning to account. The wood having come to hand free of freight, and not requiring to expend any labour upon it, I find that I have succeeded in building at a smaller expenditure, and more expeditiously than I possibly could have done, by buying simply the rough material, and spending time and strength in converting it into shape and form for building purposes. The house consists of four apartments, viz., two bedrooms, a parlor and study, to the back of which we have added the house which was formerly built at the sea, which consisted of three rooms, and which we had removed last year to the hill station. Of the latter we have converted the best room into a dining room, the second into a store room, and the third (which boasts of neither *floor* nor *window*) into a wood house, carpenters shop, &c., &c.