

ful races to be evangelized, and more influential centres to be occupied, shall places now occupied be abandoned? Surely the dwellers there ought never to be abandoned, while there are merit and power and grace in Christ, sufficient for their conversion. We have in our Divine Leader all the might which is necessary for subduing the most hostile, and for elevating the most degraded of tribes. We are never to say or think that these cannibals are beyond the reach of His grace. These "isles shall wait for His law," as truly as the land of Sinim. Great Centres should be occupied! Yes, and they are being occupied by Churches having greater resources to follow up any successes which they may gain, but as this church has been led, as we believe, providentially to these distant isles, we should not think lightly of drawing back or of doing the Lord's work with a slack hand.

#### THE MISSION SHIP.

The lost *Dayspring* has been succeeded by the *Paragon*, which has on the recommendation of the Missionaries, and, after the successful experiment of last year, been purchased for £2000, and at an expense of £1500 been refitted and adapted by additional cabin-room for her new avocation. She is larger, it is said swifter, with a greater carrying capacity than the *Dayspring*, whose name, it is expected, she will be able to assume.

"When this new vessel was being built she was intended to be a merchant ship. So the builders did not put into her any cabins for passengers. But the mission vessel needs a number of such cabins for the missionaries who sail in her, and for their wives and children. So after we bought this vessel we had to take a piece of the length of her hold, and make it into a cabin. This work has been done with great skill and taste. Besides cabins for the captain and officers and steward she has now seven cabins for missionary passengers, a beautiful dining saloon, and a cabin for native teachers and their wives. In each of the Missionaries' cabins there are two sleeping berths, with a wash-basin stand and other fittings. In the saloon there is a table ten feet long, with settees on either side. There is also a neat book-case, filled with books for the use of the passengers. Every inch of space has been utilised in some way or other; and the vessel is in every respect beautifully adapted for her work."

The preceding description is taken from an address to children by Rev. Mr. Cosh:

After making a quick run to the New Hebrides, she performed all the usual work of landing stores, gathering the Missionaries to Annual Synod, returned them to

their places, made the circuit of the islands, conveyed brethren to the settlement of Mr. Annand, and the materials for his house, and brought as passengers, to New South Wales—Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Goodwill, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Paton, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Copeland. By latest intelligence we learn that these have sailed, after a time of mingled toil and recreation, accompanied by Rev. Dr. Steel, in the newly finished vessel, and will ere this have met in Synod, and made their annual arrangements for prosecuting the work.

#### THE CHILDREN'S EFFORT.

The purchase of the *Paragon* was made with the insurance money of the *Dayspring*. The large sum of £1500 for changes and improved accommodation has been met by the Australian and New Zealand Sabbath Schools and Churches, in the most liberal spirit and with great promptitude.

While nothing was asked from the children of this church, the Board has to acknowledge with many thanks, that our Sabbath Schools have not only provided our annual remittance of £250 sterling, but have enabled the Board to pay the balance due on San Fernando Church, and Manse, leaving a handsome sum in to meet any extra demand for Schools in Trinidad.

#### FUNDS.

The Board cannot report the general fund as being in a prosperous state. The year commenced with a balance due Treasurer \$617.27, which has increased to \$1132.40, notwithstanding that the current revenue of the Crerar Reserve has been placed to credit, and that a goodly number of congregations contributed very handsomely. When the financial conditions at that time when it became necessary to remit £600 sterling to Australia is considered, for the Treasury was actually empty, our present condition, of a debt of \$1132, with an offset of \$526 in the children's fund, is matter of thanksgiving, rather than of discouragement. At the same time we should not and cannot be satisfied till we get back to the condition of the good old times when the money was *on hand*, and not to be borrowed when the day of remittance arrived.

The Board carried out the Synod's instructions to remit, at least, \$600 to Mrs. Geddie. They drew nothing from the interest of the Geddie Memorial fund, as but little had accrued, and remitted \$600, including her widow's allowance; but having certain information that this sum was quite insufficient for her maintenance in any Australian City, they were persuaded that they would not truly carry out the will of Synod, unless they increased the amount,