

the Rev. Donald Morrison. We were also disappointed in the case of Rev. Mr. Blue, of New South Wales, who, after offering and being accepted, declined going from want of health. We find ourselves now with our staff of missionaries greatly reduced, and it is too late to send one to go by the *Dayspring*, sailing April first or thereabout.

At the last meeting of our Board we had the joy of accepting one young man to go forth next season to strengthen Dr. Geddie's hands, and we may possibly be able to send a second. But what are these among so many islands?

In his last letter to the Board, Dr. Geddie urges us to send an appeal to Canada to aid us by taking part in the work. I enclose a copy of the Dr.'s letter, in so far as it bears upon this point.

When this letter was read to the Board, Rev. J. McEwan and Colonel Haultain were present, and they both expressed the desire that the letter, or a copy, should be sent to you, with any further information respecting the Mission that seemed adapted to guide or influence your Committee in coming to a decision. The suggestion was agreed to by the Board, and a copy of the letter is enclosed.

I also mail a copy of an account of an exploratory voyage by the *Dayspring*, lest a copy formerly sent you may have been mislaid. This contains the chief information respecting the extent of the field and its openings, and I think all I need add is, that the salary is £150 stg. per annum for each married missionary. We also pay the allowance for Widows' Fund, £5, with £5 stg. for each child, and £10 stg. if the child should be sent from home for education. This allowance is continued until 18 years of age.

I shall be most happy to furnish you with information on any point connected with the mission field or work on which you may seek explanation. As respects the making of an urgent appeal, I must leave the facts to do that. I may say that we have just sent away our second missionary to Trinidad, to labour among the Mahomedan Coolies there; and we shall, within the next nine months, send one, and probably two, to the New Hebrides. We would have great joy in welcoming you to the same mission field. Our *Dayspring* will carry one, two or three from the Upper Provinces of the Dominion, if they come along, and the year 1871 will become memorable in the history of the Mission.

Will you send *two* to join *our two*, and make joyful the hearts of the New Hebridean missionaries by an accession of four?

Hoping for a favourable response,

I am, Yours,

P. G. MCGREGOR,
Sec'y B. F. M.

REV. MR. McLAREN,
Sec. Com. of F. M.,
C. P. Church. }

P. S.—I can forward some 50 copies of Dr. Geddie's exploratory tour and Report, if these would be of any use. P. McG.

EXTRACT FROM LETTER OF REV. DR. GEDDIE TO THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE LOWER PROVINCES.

"ANEITEUM, Aug. 16, 1870.

"The *Dayspring* has returned from her voyage north. Mr. Goodwill has been stationed on Espirito Santo, and Mr. Milne in Aguna, under