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Israel's Second Song.

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"Then Israel sang this song, Spring up, O well; sing ye unto it. The princes digged the well, the nobles of the people digged it, by the direction of the lawgiver, with their staves."—Num. xxi. 17, 18.

Spring up, spring up, O well!
Jehovah bids thee flow;
He brings his people near,
His grace and power to know.
Dug from the sand,
By princely hand,
With pilgrim staff,
Spring up, O well!

Spring up, spring up, O well!
The Rock was rent before;
And by this desert way
Its precious waters pour.
Through all our course
Unfailing source
Of life divine;
Spring up, O well!

Spring up, spring up, O well!
The wilderness is past,
We reach with gladsome haste
The goodly land at last.
Thy rich supply
Here ever nigh,
Flows there a flood;
Spring up, O well!

Spring up, spring up, O well!
Though foes beset the way,
Still onward will we press
To love, and life and day;
And when we stand
Within the land,
We'll raise thy praise;
Spring up, O well!

Spring up, spring up, O well!
With glad and grateful heart
We walk and fight and wait;
While now we know in part,
Yet still we long
To join the throng
Before the throne;
Spring up, O well!

New Hebrides Mission.

The origin and progress of this mission furnishes one of the best examples of Christian faith and heroism in modern times. It takes rank in this respect with the mission to Formosa under Dr. MacKay. Indeed, it is in a certain sense much more remarkable and instructive in its lessons. It is not surprising that a strong church, numbering over half a million of people, such as that which sent out Dr. MacKay, should have courage to undertake a great work. But the mission to the New Hebrides, now so large and prosperous, was set on foot by a few feeble congregations down by the sea. The Presbyterian Church of the Maritime Provinces has the honour to have been the first colonial denomination to establish a direct and independent mission to the heathen. And this high distinction was gained by that church mainly, under the hand of God, through the untiring zeal and earnestness of the Rev. John Geddie. He was ordained over a small congregation in Prince Edward Island in 1837, and while labouring there with the utmost fidelity for about seven years, he lost no opportunity of pleading the cause in which all his sympathies were enlisted. His heart was fully set upon giving the gospel to the heathen; but insuperable obstacles seemed to stand in the way. His proposals were sometimes spoken of by good men, and even by ministers, as the "impracticable schemes of Johnnie Geddie." He persisted, however, and prevailed in the end, as all true men do.

In 1843 he appeared in the Synod of his church with an overture praying for the establishment of a new mission to the heathen. There was not much interest taken in the document, and hence the leaders of the Synod deemed it wise to keep it back to the last day, when it was hurriedly disposed of by being sent down to presbyteries to be reported on the following year. Mr. Geddie was heard in support of it; and, although no record of his speech is extant, we judge that it