

and diligently engaged in the work of the mission. Mr. Geddie's return was eagerly expected. The *Dayspring* has made her rounds rapidly and successfully.

### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS, 1865-66.

In submitting to Synod the record of another year's progress in the New Hebrides Mission, your Board gladly hail the opportunity of publicly avowing their lively sense of indebtedness to the Divine Being, whose guiding eye and supporting arm in their behalf, has been so visibly manifested at home and abroad.

They have to tell of the Divine goodness which has been so largely experienced by their pioneer Missionary, his devoted partner, and interesting family; they have to call upon the Church to sing of mercy, and of judgment, as they recount the special mercies which have been made to pass before the Missionaries in the foreign field, in the midst of perils which might at any moment have proved fatal to precious lives, if not, also, to the permanence of the mission. During the months of last year which followed the meeting of Synod, Mr. Geddie was chiefly engaged in the work of visiting those sections of the Church which had not previously enjoyed the privilege of seeing him face to face, and hearing from his own lips the wonderful results which, under the Divine blessing, had followed his abundant labours. It may be fairly assumed that no other outgoing Missionary has been able to gratify the desire of the Church at large to such an extent in personal visitation, or to advocate the claims of the mission so widely and efficiently. The congregations in Cape Breton, and in the extreme Eastern and Western sections of the Province, and Prince Edward Island, not to speak of the sister Churches in New Brunswick and Canada, and Scotland, have largely shared in the spiritual refreshing attendant on these mission tours. Valedictory services of every diversity of character have been held, especially in the more central parts of the Church—at which impressions were produced apparently of the most salutary and permanent nature. It has been exceedingly gratifying to your Board, and now must be to every member of Synod, to know that the great object which was sought by the Missionary in his return to Nova Scotia, has been largely secured. Bodily health and mental vigour have been wonderfully restored, and the "wear and tear" of eighteen years of active mission service in a tropical climate, have been largely repaired. This, too, has been ob-

tained, in the midst not of inactivity or mere rest, bodily or mental, but of "journeyings oft," and well nigh incessant mission labour,—involving not unfrequently such exposure and hardship as would have tasked the energies of the healthiest and strongest of his brethren in the Home field. Everywhere, too, no abatement but marked increase of interest has followed the simple but forcible addresses of your Missionary; addresses in which the presence of the *Master* was made prominent rather than the *servant*, and the *work* rather than the *workman*.

#### DEPARTURE OF THE MISSION FAMILY.

It is already known throughout the Church that on Tuesday, Jan. 30th, a farewell meeting was held in Halifax, at which Episcopalians, Methodists and Baptists vied with Presbyterians in their christian zeal to honour the Missionary whom the Lord had so highly honoured. Similar services, social and devotional, were held at Pictou, where Mr. Geddie spent his youth, and first imbibed the mission spirit which has borne fruit so precious and abundant. On the evening of his departure from Halifax, members of the Board and other ministerial brethren met with the mission family, and commended them in prayer to the safe keeping of the God of missions, as that God whose is the sea and the dry land. A goodly number of "these elders of the Church" "accompanied" them "to the ship." On the first day of March Mr. Geddie and family along with three missionaries and their wives from Scotland, sailed in the *Fearnought* from Liverpool to Melbourne. Letters have come to hand which were written when about half the passage had been made, assuring us that with slight deduction for the usual discomforts of a lengthened sea voyage, all were well, and full of hope as to the prosperous issue of the voyage.

#### PUBLICATION OF THE BOOK OF PSALMS.

Prior to his departure from Nova Scotia Mr. Geddie had frequent opportunities of meeting with your Board, who were not slow to profit by his experience and wisdom in counsel. His last labour was the publication of the Book of Psalms in Amiteumese. A few copies were cheaply bound, under the superintendence of Mr. Barnes, Printer and Publisher, Halifax, at whose office the printing had been very creditably performed, but the bulk was taken in sheets to Scotland, where they were suitably bound at a much lower rate than they could have been, in Nova Scotia. Sample copies have been received by your Board, which, to all appearance, are very well adapted to school and other purposes. At a meeting which was held in Pictou, immediately before Mr. Geddie left for Ha-