

known the truth wherever he could get people to hear. During the vacancy, we paid between eighty and ninety visits. The Sabbath work devolved principally upon Lal Behari, as the English work in San Fernando rendered it inadvisable for me to be absent frequently. The Sabbath attendance was well sustained, and we found the hospital work specially interesting. The little Christian community gave us comparatively little trouble. The Board may be reminded that petty strifes and brawls are speedily engendered even among our converts, resulting, I suppose, from previous habits. We became much interested in Couva, and regarded it as an encouraging field for missionary labour. We, however, hailed the arrival of Mr. Wright and family with great pleasure, as we felt that we were quite unable to do justice to Couva, and strength expended there was lost to our own district. As Mr. Wright is not probably known to the members of the Board, I do not hesitate to say, that I believe he will take a hold, and do his part, and that well, and at once. On his arrival I had in hand \$353.36 to the credit of the district. Acting under the instructions of the council, I paid him \$200 as salary in full to Dec. 31st, and the balance, \$153.36, to aid in buildings which must be provided without delay at two out-stations. Baptisms, 15; of these six were adults and nine children.

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#### THE "DAYSRING" IN 1883.

About £500 sterling worth of repairs was required by the mission ship at the beginning of last year. She then made as usual two voyages between Sydney, Australia, and the Islands. Her first voyage occupied from the 1st April to the end of September. She went as far north as Ambrym, and then gathered all the missionaries to the Synod at Anelgauhah, Aneityum, in June. The Synod lasted a week. Mr. Murray was settled on Ambrym and Dr. Gunn on Futuna, and the other missionaries were returned to their respective stations. All assisted in building a house for Mr. Murray on Ambrym. On the 13th October the "Dayspring" left Sydney on her second voyage, taking back Rev. D. Macdonald

with his family to Efate. She visited all the stations with supplies and completed the work mapped out for her by the Synod, and arrived at Dunedin, New Zealand on the 9th January 1884. She visited several New Zealand ports in order to interest the children and evoke continued support. She was ready to leave Sydney on her voyage for the Islands on the 1st April. The vessel is railway, postman, carrier, and all to our New Hebrides missionaries. Every year the demands upon her are increasing, and her capacity is hardly sufficient for the requirements of the work. Both in April and October some things had to be left behind at Sydney for want of room. The entire amount expended on the *Dayspring* last year was £2,208 sterling. The Rev. John G. Paton, missionary of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria upon the Island of Aniwa, has gone to Scotland with the view of obtaining funds to purchase a new mission vessel of larger capacity than the "Dayspring" with auxiliary steam power.

A HINDOO and a New Zealander met upon the deck of a missionary ship. They had been converted from their heathenism, and were brothers in Christ, but they could not speak to each other. They pointed to their Bibles, shook hands, and smiled in each other's faces; but that was not all. At last a happy thought occurred to the Hindoo. With sudden joy he exclaimed "Hallelujah!" The New Zealander, in delight, cried out, "Amen!" These two words not found in their heathen tongues were to them the beginning of "one language and one speech."

—In Mr. Spurgeon's inexhaustible fund of illustrative stories is one of a man who use to say to his wife, "Mary, go to church and pray for us both." But the man dreamed one night, when he and his wife got to the gate of heaven, Peter said, "Mary, go in for both." He awoke and made up his mind that it was time for him to become a Christian on his own account.

—When Benjamin Parsons was dying a friend asked him, "How are you today?" He answered, "My head is resting very sweetly on three pillows—Infinite Power, Infinite Love, and Infinite Wisdom."