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and collectors for "Dayspring," to finish their work in January. The whole of our proportion of the "Dayspring's" support will be in Sydney by this date. It has always been advanced, and collected subsequently, but there never was so urgent a call for immediate returns as now Let New Year's gifts be sent along quickly where cards are not yet aistributed let them be sent out at once, and the time of return fixed. Our children will not lag if their leaders do not.

NOTICE.

The Foreign Mission Board wish to have the church reminded-

- 1. That the salaries of all the missionaries have been increased.
- 2 That they have accepted the offer of Mr. Daniel Blue to be a missionary; to the New Hebrides.
- 3. That they have addressed a call to a minister of this body to reinforce the Trinidad Mission, and that at present, even if the call just reterred to, should be declined, our expenditure cannot be much below \$5000 a year, besides our contributions to "Dayspring" support.

Total.....\$4750

To this add "Dayspring" \$1250, in all \$6000.

For this fund no special appeal is made, because hitherto the Board have only had to tell their wants to have them all supplied. It any luke-warm friend should read this, we ask him to study Dr. Geddie's Report, part of which appears in our present number, and we think he will conclude that the church has received an ample return for the money disbursed by the Board of Foreign Missions.

. SUMMING UP.

Funds required immediately......\$2374.45

SYSTEMATIC SUPPORT OF THE LORD'S GAUSE.

BY REV. E. A. M'CURDY.

No. III.

What proportion of his income should a Christian consecrate to God? This is a question often asked by those who are anxious to know, and to discharge their duty, and is one which demands a clear, distinct, and definite answer from any one who attempts to discuss, at any length, the subject of Systematic Beneficence. The reply to this query furnished by our Committee, has all the authority of inspiration. "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store AS GOD HAS PROSPERED HIM." But if I mistake not. in order to grasp its full import, we need to study it under the light of other Scriptures. Luminous though it is, as it stands out by itself, yet, when the scattered rays of Scripture light are concentrated upon it as their focus, it gleams with a brilliancy, which in these days of weak vision as to the claims of God, is almost dazzling. Biography, legislation, and history; precept, threatening, and promise, as these are embodied in the sacred oracles, all contribute to give a length and a breadth, a height and a depth, to this inspired measure the magnitude of which cannot be fully grasped, without a more elaberate and careful investigation than that which the mere cursory reader of the bible usually bestows upon it. In this month's Record, therefore, I invite your readers to study with me, an important branch of this investigation, the Patriarchal measure of contribution to the cause of God. This measure can easily be discovered. Waen Abraham on his return from the slaughter of the kings, bearing with him the weighty spoil, met Melchisedec, recognizing the dignity of the King of Salem, and Priest of the Most High God, the Father of the faithful "gave him tithes of all." When Jacob fled from his father's house, a fugitive from his angry brother, deep and impressive convictions of his sin seems to have overwhelmed his spirit, and when on that first night after he had left the paternal roof,