

sion Schooner 'Dayspring' has made two voyages to the Islands. The first of these extended from the 2nd of April to the 16th of August; and the second extended from the 1st of September to the 21st of December. On each occasion she carried with her a full cargo of stores and timber, and other necessities for the Missionaries; together with letters, papers, books, and other such articles. On her first voyage she had Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Michelsen of Tongoa on board as passengers, and on her return to the Colonies in the middle of this year she brought up Rev. J. G. Paton and Mr. Holt, with their wives and families to Melbourne. Mrs. Watt, of Tanna, being in need of medical advice came up also to Melbourne and returned to the Islands with the second voyage of the "Dayspring." The time occupied in sailing between the Colonies and the Islands amounted in all to seventy-six days. The time occupied among the Islands was one hundred and sixty-four days. This time was spent in visiting all the stations in the New Hebrides Group at which Missionaries or Teachers are settled; in delivering the supplies at each station; in conveying the Missionaries to the Meeting of Synod on Aueityum, and in returning them all to their homes again. The whole of the month of October was spent in visiting the Island of Tongoa, and the heathen Islands in the northern end of the Group. The Revs. Messrs. Annand and McDonald as Deputies from the Synod, visited a number of heathen villages on the islands of Ep., Pasma, Anbrim, Malikolo and St. Bartholomew's. Their purpose was to go as far as Santo, but they were prevented by calms. With reference to this visit Mr. Annand reports:—"We were well received everywhere. There is not now an island of any importance in this group that is not open for the settlement of one or more Missionaries." A Native Teacher and his wife were settled under hopeful circumstances, on Epi.

Before leaving the group for the season the vessel called at all the Mission Stations, and took on board the letters and orders of the various Missionaries. She also conveyed Mr. and Mrs. Lawrie to Futuna, in order to ascertain the state of the Mission on that island. On her return to Sydney at the close of the year, the "Dayspring" brought twenty-six casks of arrowroot, which had been collected and prepared by the natives at several of the Mission Stations for the benefit of the Mission.

Her expenses have been fully met by the contributions of the Sabbath Schools

of the respective churches connected with the Mission, and her periodical visits are as welcome to the Missionaries as they are necessary for the efficiency of the Mission.

II TRINIDAD MISSION.

Rev. John Morton.—Caroni District, Residence, Tunapuna, Teacher, Bakham at Arouca, at Tunapuna Allah Ditta.
Rev. K. J. Grant.—San Fernando District. Assistants, Lal Behari, George Sadaphal, teacher in main school Joseph Corsbie.

Rev. T. M. Christie.—Couva District Teachers, besides monitors—three—Narayan—Ramjas, and Madhu.

Rev. J. W. McLeod.—Savanna Grande District, Residence Princetown. Assistants, Joseph Annagee and Juramin. Teacher of main school Miss Annie L. Blackadder.

The Committee have to report for the first time that four Missionaries have laboured in this Mission during the year, in the districts above mentioned, and with the assistance specified. They have all had the disadvantage of an unusually sickly season, during which, through the prevalence of yellow fever or a malarial fever, closely resembling the deadly malady just named, many Asiatics and a good number of Europeans died. We have much reason for gratitude, that the Lord protected the Missionaries and their families so that they were preserved in safety. Mr. Christie and Miss Blackadder were both for a time disabled from work but have been mercifully restored.

The Committee will present only a few particulars respecting the different districts.

THE NEW DISTRICT.

Mr. Morton having introduced Mr. McLeod to his people and work at Savanna Grande, removed his family to his new district, and having selected Tunapuna, a village, in population, ranking the highest after San Fernando, rented a temporary dwelling and addressed himself to his work. As soon as possible he opened four outstations, and carries on his work at five centres, Tunapuna, the Caroni, Arouca, Orange Grove, and Curepe. Four of these have a Sabbath service, and the last named a weekly Tuesday evening meeting. Here the people raise the rent of the School Room \$5 monthly. In Orange Grove, the Estate School Room is occupied. In Arouca, where difficulties have been greatest, Rev. Mr. Dickson has given valuable aid by furnishing a free School Room. In Tunapuna, meetings and School are held in the mission premises,