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WELL DONE, LITTLE BOY!

A minister in Ontario writes the following which is too good to keep. Our young readers must have it. He says George —, who lives in the outskirts of our congregation has been so much taken up with the CHILDREN'S RECORD, that he resolved to go round among his neighbors for subscribers. Hitching his big dog, "Collie," to his sleigh he started. On being refused by some to subscribe, he would take out the RECORD and read to them one of the stories he liked best, after hearing the story read they subscribed. The result was that he got six subscribers. As he was reading in one house Collie got impatient, waiting in the cold outside, and cleared for home to George's great grief, for he had to go home on foot through the deep snow. This put a stop in the meantime to the canvassing.

THE STORY OF THE "DAYSPRING."

There are more than a dozen mission vessels sailing the seas. Several of these are in the Pacific Ocean where without them mission work could not be well carried on in the groups of islands scattered over thousands of miles. The American Board has for the use of its mission-

aries the *Morning Star*. The London Missionary Society has the *John Williams*. The Methodists have the *John Wesley* and the *Jubilee*. The Church of England mission has the *Southern Cross*, and our own church has the *Dayspring*.

For a long time our missionaries in the New Hebrides were dependent for their supplies and all outside aid, upon the vessel of the London Missionary Society, the *John Williams*. She carried Dr. Geddie to Aneityum and from time to time visited him and his fellow laborers in the group, taking supplies, mails, etc. Bishop Selwyn, of New Zealand, with his mission schooner also did much to aid them. For these services some of the children of the church in Scotland to which Dr. Inglis, one of the missionaries, belonged, made as a thank-offering a gift of £300 towards repairing the *John Williams* and £50 to Bishop Selwyn.

It was felt, however, that the New Hebrides Mission needed a vessel for itself, to visit the islands, settle teachers, and open new fields. In 1855 the missionaries asked for a small schooner, to cost £300. The two churches, one in Scotland and one in Nova Scotia, that were supporting the mission, agreed to it. The little vessel was built in Glasgow, Scotland, at a cost of £320, and was called the *John Knox*. She was thirty-five feet long, ten feet ten inches broad, and six feet deep in the hold. She had two masts, and a little cabin on deck that would hold ten people.

She was sent to the New Hebrides and great was the joy as the natives of Aneityum shouted "the *John Knox* is come."

Her work was confined to visiting five of the islands in which mission work was carried on.

After four years, as the work grew and they wished to sail farther North to other islands of the group, it was felt that the *John Knox* was too small, and at a meeting held in Aneityum in 1861 the missionaries agreed to ask for one of not less than sixty tons. Money was raised in Australia, in Scotland, and in the Maritime Provinces,