

Lunenburg and Yarmouth within the bounds of which he was for a time to reside, was requested to take him on trials for ordination.

THE DAYSPRING.

The eighth Annual Report of the *Dayspring* has been issued, furnishing the following statement which the Board would submit not only to Synod, but to the juvenile members of the Church of the Lower Provinces, to whom they would again express thanks for their prompt and whole hearted liberality in furnishing all the money which they required and more than they asked.

ANNUAL REPORT.

"After visiting several other places in Victoria, the *Dayspring* left Portland, April 22nd, 1871, with the following passengers: Dr. Geddie, Mrs. Paton and three children, and Mrs. Fraser, three children and a white servant. She reached the New Hebrides May 17th. During the season she made several trips among the islands. In the first she landed stores and mails at all the mission stations, and took Mr and Mrs. Goodwill from Aneityum, where they had been during the summer, to their station on Santo. On her way south she settled in the vicinity of Fate some of the Eastern teachers, brought to the group in the end of 1870. That done, beginning at Nguna, she took up the missionaries on her way south for the annual meeting, and landed them at Aniwa on the 1st July. In the second trip, beginning July 11th, she first of all returned the missionaries to their stations, calling at Tanna, Futuna, Aneityum, Loyalty Islands (to send away a mail), and Nguna. After that she visited Havannah Harbour, Fate and Eromanga, and returned to Aniwa August 20th. The following day her third trip began, in which she took a number of Aniwa's to Futuna, and a number of Futunese over to Aniwa for a friendly visit. Having taken them back to their respective islands she went to Tanna, to enable the missionaries there to visit some parts of that island. That done, she took a party of Tannese and some Aneityum teachers across to Aneityum. After a few days she took them home, and returned to Aneityum Sept. 23rd. After lying in harbour for repairs she started on her fourth and last trip, October 25th, called at all the islands occupied by missionaries and teachers, and took to the several islands the annual supplies for the teachers. On her way south she took up the letters and orders of the missionaries, her passengers, and the arrowroot prepared by the natives to pay for the printing of the Scriptures. Taking her departure from Port Resolution, Tanna, on the 14th of

December, she arrived in Melbourne, Jan. 4th, 1872."

HER GREAT USE.

"We must again mention here what has often been stated in these annual reports, viz.—that the *Dayspring* is indispensable to the comfortable and successful prosecution of the mission work on the group. To some of the islands she is of far more service than to others. Some of the missionaries might get along after a sort by means of the occasional visits of trading vessels, but there is no island and no department of the work that would not suffer materially were she withdrawn. On some the work would have to be abandoned. The last cannot be regarded as her busiest year, as she did not during the sailing season either visit any of the Australian colonies, or the Eastern Islands, or New Caledonia. Her services were not required at the Loyalty Islands, and she settled no new missionary, and visited no new island. Still the summary shows that she was not idle, always in harbour and always in ballast. From the colonies she brought down passengers and stores of every kind for fourteen months' use for nine families, say between thirty and forty persons, with letters, papers, and books, supplies of clothing, barter, and food for the native teachers; and mission-boxes, books, and other requisites for the work among the natives. When she had landed her passengers and cargo her work was not done; passengers and cargo, European and native, were going to and fro every month. She brought the missionaries together for the annual meeting, and when their deliberations were over she was ready to take them on board and return thence to their stations. She enabled the most of the members of the mission to have a little change from the monotony of island life to visit one another for a time, and some to take a trip for the benefit of their health. She carried the inter-island letters, and took a mail to the Loyalty Islands, whence it could be forwarded to Sydney. She carried cattle, pigs, goats, and fowls to islands where these were wanted, as also yams and beans to islands where native food is scarce. She took house-building materials, workmen to assist the missionary in their erection, and servants for some of the mission families. For a short time she afforded shelter to a shipwrecked crew. She settled some native teachers, took home others after a period of service, and enabled others to take a holiday and visit their relations. She carried a great many natives from their own islands to some other, and returned them with the hope that the gospel would be regarded more favourably by them. And when she left at the close of the year, she took away the letters and orders of the missionaries;