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SAILING OF THE MISSION VESSEL.

Three Missionaries for the New Hebrides.

The last *Record* contained a brief account of the designation of the Missionaries at Pictou, and the farewell services there. On Friday the 23rd October, the *Dayspring* sailed for Halifax where she arrived on Sabbath evening. Nearly a fortnight was occupied in taking in the necessary stores, and making arrangements for the voyage. During this time the vessel was visited by thousands of people, young and old; and a deep interest in her was manifested, especially by the children of the Presbyterian Sabbath Schools. The *Dayspring* was built at New Glasgow, county of Pictou, by James W. Carmichael Esq., and competent judges regard her as the finest and best finished vessel of her kind ever constructed in Nova Scotia. She measures 115 tons, and is built of the best juniper, iron-kneed, copper-fastened, rigged in the most approved style as a brigantine. She is painted white in order to resist more effectually the heat of the tropics. Her sails, anchors, chronometers, &c. &c., are all furnished in duplicate and are of the best description. Her deck is commodious, and will serve as a "promenade" when the weather is fine. The Cabin is 40 feet in length and of proportionate width; it is beautifully furnished and looks in every respect as comfortable as a drawing room. The hull of the *Dayspring* cost \$5,750 and the rigging, sails, anchors, &c., about \$5000.

A Farewell Meeting was held in Temperance Hall, Halifax, on Wednesday, the 4th November, at which all the Missionaries

were present. The Hall was crowded to excess, and hundreds had to go away from the doors. Rev. Robert Sedgewick presided. Hymns and Psalms were sung by the Sabbath school children; addresses were delivered by the three Missionaries and by several ministers of our own and of other churches. One of the most remarkable features of the meeting was the presence of the ministers of all other Protestant churches.

A Farewell Soiree was held at Dartmouth, in connection with Professor McKnight's congregation, on Tuesday the 3rd ult., at which the Missionaries had an opportunity of addressing a large number of friends for the last time.

A Prayer Meeting was held in the Cabin of the *Dayspring* on Thursday the 5th ult.,—the Rev. James Bayne presiding. The Cabin was full, and the deck as well as the adjacent wharf was crowded with friends anxious to testify their good will and the interest they felt in the Mission cause.

The following are the passengers and crew of the *Dayspring*:—Rev. D. Morrison, Mrs. Morrison, Rev. James D. Gordon, Rev. Wm. McCullagh, Mrs. McCullagh, (Missionaries;) Captain Fraser, Mrs. Fraser; Hector Curry, Pictou, 1st mate; John Reid, Little Harbour, 2nd mate and carpenter; John Rowley, Plymouth, chief steward; Hugh Robertson, Pictou, second steward; R. McDonald, Pictou; C. Lycomm, New Glasgow, A. McDaniel, Sherbrooke, R. Walker, New Glasgow, C. Sterns, Truro, seamen. Also an apprentice boy. All the souls on board are seventeen.

The excellence of material and build of