

to evoke the missionary feeling shown by the public of Duneden.—

AUCKLAND, FEB. 20, 1869.

REV. P. G. MCGREGOR,
Agent Foreign Missions, Halifax.

Rev. and Dear Sir,—I wrote you from Duneden, Otago, acquainting you of our safe arrival. Since that date we have visited Wellington, and last of all this port, where we arrived on the 9th inst. In Duneden the mission vessel was visited by a great many. I think missionary feeling equal to Nova Scotia or Scotland. In Wellington the Presbyterians are rather lukewarm in the cause of missions, and I do not expect much more here. I attribute it to the failure of the missions among the natives in these provinces.

We of the *Dayspring* are delighted with the climate, and expect to recruit our strength very much before sailing for the islands. The Rev. Mr. Watt and wife came from Duneden; they are the missionaries to be supported by this province,—I understand there is one on his way for the Otago mission; I am afraid he will not be in time to sail with us this year. I have had a letter from Mr. Morrison, acquainting me of his intention to go to the island with us, I hope and trust it is for the better. Mrs. Inglis we expect on the 5th March,—we are to sail for Aneiteum the 25th March, all things right. The *Dayspring*, wherever she has been, has given the impression that she is a most effectual mission vessel. I am also happy to inform you that I have an excellent crew; they have been with me for three years, and to show you what interest they take in our vessel and work, I would mention that they made a present of a capstan; this year they have presented the *Dayspring* with a force pump.—value of the two articles £22 stg. It is a great satisfaction to me to feel that I have a crew interested in the mission work. Mr. Robertson, who has sailed for Nova Scotia, will no doubt give you valuable information respecting the mission vessel, &c.

I shall write you again before sailing for the islands, giving you the amount of disbursements for this year. I have just received a letter from one of the Loyalty island missionaries, who is now in London printing the New Testament in the Mar language. He informs me that I can get my children educated in the mission school.

I am very anxious to accept this proposal and that they be admitted to the mission school as being more economical, also there being greater care taken of young children than is done at boarding schools generally. The missionaries, and the agents in the colonies, will not hear of me going home, and have promised to do all the London

Missionary Society would do for me. With this understanding I have consented to remain some time longer in the mission. I may say further that should I have the same privilege as missionaries with regard to my children's education and support, I would have no objection to remain in the mission some years longer.

Both Mrs. F. and myself like the work, and should be sorry to leave the mission. We should like much to make a visit home, but as the expense is considerable shall put it off for a few years.

I have now on the islands a small house, so that Mrs. F. can live on shore while I am on my voyages round the group; I am adding to it an extra room, as two rooms are rather close in the great heat.

Yours, truly,

W. A. FRASER.

Religious Intelligence.

Jamaica.

The Foreign Mission Report of the United Presbyterian Church gives a full account of the state of the mission in Jamaica. There are twenty-six congregations widely scattered over the island. There are signs of improvement in many quarters. We give the following extracts relating to the congregations of Rev. Wm. Murray and Rev. Thos. Downie, brethren well known in these Provinces:—

Mr. Murray says, There is nothing of special interest to report from Kingston.—We have not lost any since I have taken charge, and some additions have been made both of members and adherents, as the statistics will show. The Sabbath school has steadily increased; the number on the roll has nearly doubled since the spring. We have opened a district Sabbath school, which is also well attended by many who are too destitute of clothing to go elsewhere. Through these children we get access to parents who attend no place of public worship.

I am labouring to impress on them the importance of all contributing according to ability, and with scrupulous regularity. The congregation, however, is very poor. There is but one man of wealth in connection with it, Mr. Roxburgh; and he is doing a noble work at Woodfield and neighbourhood. He is really doing the work of a good missionary there, and expending