

a Nashville hospital, and this is his grave." The farmer had come a long distance, at heavy cost, to write upon the head-stone of his soldier friend, "Died for me!"

FOURTH SABBATH.

Golden Text:—And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves for charity shall cover the multitude of sins—2 Peter 4: 8.

Illustration.—A worthy old colored woman was walking quietly along a street in New York, carrying a basket of apples, when a mischievous sailor, seeing her, stumbled against her and upset her basket, and then stood to hear her fret at his trick and enjoy a laugh at her expense. But what was his astonishment, when she meekly picked up the apples without any resentment in her manner, and giving him a mingled look of sorrow, kindness and pity, said: "God forgive you, my son, as I do!" That touched a tender chord in the heart of the rude jack-tar. He felt ashamed, self-condemned, and repentant. The tear started in his eye; he felt that he must make some reparation. So, heartily confessing his error, and thrusting his hands into his pockets and pulling out a lot of loose "change," he forced it upon the wandering black woman, exclaiming, "God bless you kind mother! I'll never do so again!"

Our Foreign Missions.

Captain William Fraser, formerly of the *Dayspring*, has arrived with Mrs. Fraser and family in London, and may be expected in Nova Scotia in a fortnight.

The Mission families on San Fernando were well at latest date, having been preserved by a gracious Providence from the destroying scourge of Small Pox which, for months, had been raging around them. The Captain from Nova Scotia, watched over on the Mission premises, has recovered.

Extracts from Letter of Rev. Dr. McDonald.

MANSE, EMERALD HILL, MELBOURNE, {
23rd April, 1872.

My Dear Sir,—The "*Dayspring*" left our waters on the 13th of this month, that is ten days ago, and she is now probably about "half seas over" on her way to the Mission field.

Every berth in the vessel is occupied on this voyage. She is full of passengers; and she is also full of stores. Indeed several tons of goods had to be left behind; and it has been determined to bring the "*Dayspring*" back to Melbourne about the middle of the year for the stores which remain, as well as for houses for the new Missionaries, and for other reasons. Note then that the "*Dayspring*" is expected to be back at Melbourne in August next, and that letters for the Missionaries, which may reach here by that month, will reach their destination say in September.

The young Missionaries are away in good heart. I think they were pleased with the reception which they met with in Melbourne; and I feel that it was well for us as well as for them, that they were here for a time before starting for the Mission field.

Dr. Geddie and Miss Geddie sailed in the "*Dayspring*."

Your contribution towards the repairs of the Mission vessel arrived here in due time, and was paid to me at once by the house through which it was sent. As I mentioned in my last, we have limited the repairs this year to something over £500; but this means that we are doing with the old copper, &c., for another year, and that we shall have to spend more money on repairs next year. However, we have a good balance on hand, and you may rest assured that we shall "Ca cannily." We in Victoria know the value of money as well as other people do.

Your letter of the 29th January last arrived here, along with several letters from Nova Scotia, just too late to overtake the "*Dayspring*," which was a great pity.

The February mail from England was delivered here the day before the vessel sailed; but the Californian mail of the month before had not hove in sight. I dare say, however, that by-and-bye the American line will get into better arrangements, and then we shall have a fortnightly mail from beyond the seas.

As Dr. Steel is more likely to have opportunities than I of sending a mail to the islands within the next month or two, I will send all these letters to his care.

I am waiting with much eagerness to hear that all branches of the Presbyterian Church in the Dominion are fused into one. Surely, after that, you can command more men and means for your Mission work.

It would be a good thing if the various Mission Boards in Scotland were amalgamated.

With kindest regards,

I ever am Yours very truly,

D. MACDONALD.

REV. P. G. MCGREGOR