

agency in securing funds for the vessel. To his indefatigable and most efficient labours, is due, the collection of £4500 Stg. in Australia, and £1000 stg. in Scotland. Of this munificent sum, £3000 stg. have already been appropriated to their proper destination.

Among the most liberal contributors to the *Dayspring*, the natives of Aneiteum hold a distinguished place. The amount of their contribution is not yet, in pecuniary value, ascertained, but should the produce forwarded to the market, realize its proper value the total amount will bear favourable comparison with the contributions either from Scotland or Nova Scotia. So far then, as the cost and past maintenance of the vessel are concerned, the funds on hand were quite sufficient, but your Board would not relax their anxiety, nor would they have the Nova Scotia owners of the *Dayspring* relax their efforts, to secure sufficient contributions for her yearly upholding. Taking into account Insurance, working expenses and a reasonable margin for incidental charges, it has been estimated that £1,000 stg. is a very moderate sum for yearly disbursement.—The Church in Nova Scotia has from the first, assumed liability for one fourth the amount of ship expenditure. If this is to be continued then a sum of not less than £300 per annum, should be raised by our youthful friends. Large as this sum may appear an average of little more than £3 for every Congregation would be sufficient to provide honourably for this important service. Foreign aid can be readily secured for extraordinary occasions of a novel and exciting character, such as the building and first outfit, and perhaps the extensive refitting of the vessel, but for steady outlay, no safe dependence can be placed on such adventitious aid. It would be well, therefore, for Sabbath Schools, and other youthful associations, to keep in mind the urgent need of yearly donations, to the extent of fully one-third, or rather one half of what they gave last year. In view of permanent charge, it would be, in every way, a judicious economy, to have, safely invested, a reserve fund of not less than £2000 stg., the sum for which the *Dayspring* is now insured,

and thus be able to dispense with the heavy annual disbursement of £315 cy., now required here for her insurance.

OUT GOING MISSIONARIES.

With regard to the out going missionaries, this Synod will no doubt hear with much satisfaction, that soon after last meeting, another missionary was added to the Brethren before accepted. Your Board would have greatly preferred, to have their decision in this, as in all former instances, ratified by the Supreme Court, but under the circumstances, they did not hesitate to act on the authority reposed in them by Synod, authority which would have justified the addition of yet another agent, of like qualification. Mr. McCullagh, Rector of New Glasgow Academy, having received a full theological course, under the superintendence of the Synod of Ulster, G. B., was induced, by the loud and oft repeated calls of the Church for additional agency, in the New Hebrides, to offer his services. After due conference with him, your Board unanimously resolved to accept this offer, on condition of his procuring satisfactory Presbyterial certificate of his standing as a Student of Theology, and medical certificate of constitutional adaptation to the climate of the South Seas. The Presbytery of Pictou were accordingly requested to take Mr. McCullagh on trial for licensure and ordination. After the due order, trials were assigned, received, and approved by Presbytery, and all needful certificates having been produced, and found satisfactory, the Presbytery proceeded to license and ordain, and reported accordingly to your Board. It is to be regretted that Mr. McCullagh was unable to comply with the general desire to see and hear him, as the accepted missionary of the church. In his valedictory letter, published in the Record for November last, he fully explains the circumstances, which prevented his visitation of the Churches; and unfolds the motives which actuated him in adopting a missionary life. In all his letters subsequently received, the same ardent missionary spirit breathes throughout; and there appears, thus, good reason to anticipate that through his labours there may be reaped by the Church, a rich harvest of ransomed Heathen. Mr.