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The January number of the CHILDREN'S RECORD is exhausted. New orders should be for eleven months, beginning with Feb.

For the many, many, kind words of appreciation and encouragement that have accompanied the orders as they have come crowding in with the New Year, heartiest thanks are given. It would be a pleasure to answer them all separately did time permit.

THE DAYSPRING.

In the CHILDREN'S RECORD of March last you had the "Story of the *Dayspring*," your mission vessel. You were there told that the children's first mission ship in the New Hebrides was built in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1855, and was called the *John Knorr*. The natives of the islands called her the *John Knokis*.

Soon she was felt to be too small, and in 1863 another was built in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, and called the *Dayspring*. The support of the *Dayspring* was undertaken by the children of the church in Australia, Scotland, and Nova Scotia.

On Jan. 6, 1873, after ten years service, she was wrecked at Aneityum, in a storm, but with the insurance money another ship was bought and to her was given the name *Dayspring*.

WHAT DOES THE "DAYSPRING" DO?

I cannot do better than copy what I told you before, and I do so because some people have asked to have the *Dayspring* story over again.

"Her headquarters is Sydney, Australia.

She sails from that place in April, taking food, books, clothing, letters, timber for building, supplies of all sorts, for the missionaries and teachers in the different islands, and new missionaries when they are sent, and old ones who have been away for rest. She first calls at Aneityum the most Southerly Island. Then she goes North, calling at each mission station landing supplies, and taking on board the missionaries, to carry them to some one of the islands for their meeting of Synod, where they make plans together for the spread of their work. Then she takes them all back to their homes, carries teachers to new islands, and sails for Sydney, carrying letters, orders for supplies, perhaps a lot of arrow-root, made by the natives for sale, and generally a missionary or two who is going for a rest. In October she again sails for the islands carrying supplies, etc., and leaves for Sydney before the end of the year.

Twice in the year, all the missionaries, of whom there are now about fifteen, are made glad by the coming of their good mission ship *Dayspring*, when they get their supplies, their letters and papers from home, and then she sails away, carrying her message of cheer to others.

Sometimes trading vessels or ships of war, call at the islands, but there is none they are so glad to see as your own white-winged *Dayspring*."

There are times, however, when the coming of the *Dayspring* brings sadness to the mission family. When they look and see their good ship coming with her flag flying at half-mast, they know that she has bad news for them, that some of their friends have died since they last heard from home, and the visit of the vessel with her supplies and letters, to which they had looked forward so hopefully, brings to them sorrow instead of joy.

The pupils of the week-day school at Fisher's Grant, Picton Co., N. S., gave an entertainment recently and raised \$24.00 for the destitute in Labrador, shewing what young people can do when they try.