

The Ewart Missionary Training Home in Toronto, under wholly Presbyterian auspices, for the training and education of young women in all lines of religious work, should receive the cordial co-operation of all loyal Presbyterians. That our denomination is broad, liberal, unsectarian, beyond most, all history proves. And tis well. In proportion as a Church is near to Christ, it will love all His people of every name.

It is also true, that, as a rule, they best serve Christ, do most for Him, who, while loving all, concentrate their energies along the lines of their own church work. The social ideal is not the merging of the family in the community—but—each family working for, and caring for, its own, and living in peace and love with its neighbors. So with the different families of the Church. More especially is this necessary in our present imperfect condition, when some families of the Church of Christ make it a matter of conscience to disseminate, where they can, their own special views on minor matters not affecting salvation; and unsettle the minds of those whose knowledge may be imperfect.

It is therefore well, at the present stage of the millennial dawn, that our young women, in their study of religious truth, should be thoroughly grounded in the doctrines of our own Church, which, as a Church, we believe to be in closer line with the Word of God than the doctrines of any other.

We trust that the W. F. M. S. will receive, as they deserve, the hearty support of the Church in this effort for the Church's good.

THE 'DAYSRING' QUESTION.

The more the facts about any work which our Church supports, are lost sight of, the more should these facts be restated. In connection with renewed appeals for a mission vessel for the New Hebrides, the following facts should be borne in mind:—

1. We have three missionaries in the New Hebrides; Robertson, Mackenzie, and Annand; each of whom has been there twenty-five years, a longer term of work in the Islands than any others, except Messrs. Watt, of Tanna, Milne, of Nguna, and McDonald, of Efate. Each of our men has behind him a noble record of work, with its toil and danger and success.

2. All of these three, our whole staff, together with other experienced missionaries, are strongly opposed to the mission having a vessel of its own, as it gives a much poorer service, once in ten or twelve weeks, as against the commercial service, monthly; and at much greater risk and cost to the mission.

3. The steamship company, now doing the work of the mission, to which some apply the term 'Godless,' is made up, almost, if not entirely, of Presbyterians, of Sydney, Australia; who, when the mission was in need and danger, and the French were trying to get commercial supremacy in the group, came to the rescue and started this service, at a heavy financial loss for a time; and to them in some measure it is due that the French have not greater control to-day, with our mission sharing more of the fate of Madagascar. It is safe to say that there is scarce another trading company in the world whose aims in starting and carrying on their work have been so unselfish and benevolent.

When the last 'Dayspring,' was put upon the route, two years ago, and the work of the mission taken from the company, they were on the point of giving up the effort, and selling out to the French. The wreck of the 'Dayspring,' prevented this for a time, and again they came to our aid, and are doing their work well.

4. The 'Dayspring,' Board, which for many years has managed the work of the mission vessels, is unanimously opposed to another 'Dayspring.' The Foreign Mission Committees of most of the Australasian churches, and that of the Free Church of Scotland, are also opposed.

5. The fact which should be conclusive for us, as a church, is that, so far as we are connected in any way with the mission, there is nothing but opposition to a new vessel. Our Foreign Mission Committee, East, which supports and controls our New Hebrides work, disapproves of it; and all our missionaries in the field are opposed to it. They do not want to be made dependent upon it when they may have so much better and more frequent service at a cheaper rate. This one fact should be sufficient for us, when others who have no connection with our church ask us to help in a mission vessel. Remember it is inflicting upon our own missionaries, a hardship which they all wish to be free from.