

thousands. Could we feel assured that the hearts of this large multitude of youthful contributors to the *Dayspring*, were as busily engaged in prayer for her prosperous voyaging to and fro, as their hands have been, and will yet be for her support, we should feel no undue solicitude for her safe keeping, and usefulness. We can breathe no better prayer, for them, than that God would by his Providence and Grace long preserve and dispose them to manifest sacred and increasing interest in their Mission Vessel. It is extremely gratifying to find that wherever the *Dayspring* has found her way, not only has great public interest been excited in her sacred work, but the merits of her model, build and outfit have been the subject of much eulogy. In Picton Harbour, where she remained for some weeks completing her crew and outfit as well as awaiting the designation of the Missionaries, large numbers of deeply interested visitors, were daily in attendance, and with but the one expression of high satisfaction. In Charlottetown and Halifax the same scene was repeated day by day. Before leaving Picton for her long voyage, valedictory services were held on board (October 22nd) when the Chairman and members of your Board present were respectively engaged in praise and prayer, commending the vessel and her precious freight, to the divine care. The Captain and Crew were suitably addressed as to the very grave responsibility connected with the lives and property committed to their charge. A similar scene occurred in Halifax Harbour, where a select company of friends met with the Missionaries, their wives, and the Crew, and commended them anew to the care of the God of missions, as the God of the Sea and of the dry land. Immediately thereafter, (Nov. 7th,) the anchor was weighed, and with a favouring breeze the beauteous *Dayspring* bounded forward on her course to the distant isles of the New Hebrides.

With some degree of anxiety your Board awaited the decision of the public voice in Australia, where the largest number of her youthful owners reside, and where so strong a desire to secure her construction, of the material and skill which that prosper-

ous Colony is known to possess. No little apprehension was excited amongst us, that scrutiny the most severe, and not the most favorably disposed would be directed to the *NOVA SCOTIA* built, equipped, and manned Vessel. Not only have all these fears been happily disappointed, but from every quarter, we have testimony the most abundant and satisfactory, to the high approbation which has been uniformly expressed, A handsome sum of money was offered, by a distinguished Builder in Australia for her model. Her build and rig were pronounced by like authority, equal to what could have been secured there only at a very large advance on the original cost in Nova Scotia, while the Crew were the subject of unwonted admiration, especially when it was known that they were under articles for two years, neither to use tobacco in any way, nor drink any intoxicating liquors. When, to all this unanimity, and ardour of favourable decision on the merits of the vessel, we add that her Passengers and Crew have with like unanimity and ardour awarded favorable decision on her sea-going properties, and Cabin accommodation, we are entitled to pronounce the *Dayspring*, A GREAT SUCCESS.

Your Board have much pleasure in being able farther to announce, that, notwithstanding the large expenditure incurred by construction and outfit, the funds at command have been so abundant, as to leave a large balance on hand, for the payment of running expenses, and incidental charges. The details will be found in the accounts which have been prepared for transmission to Scotland, and Australia, a copy of which will be laid upon the Table of Synod. Your Board, while duly grateful for the very liberal and cordial aid of the children of our own Church, have great satisfaction in thus recording their lively sense of indebtedness for numerous handsome donations from the children of other Churches in Canada, and New Brunswick, as well as in Nova Scotia. The efforts of Rev. J. G. Paton, well known as one of the missionaries of our Scottish coadjutors in the mission, and as the generous friend of our deceased missionary on Tanna, (Rev. Samuel Johnston) have been more laborious and successful than any other