

subject, and a British Commander promoted to captain chiefly on account of his conduct in seizing and bringing into Sydney one of these piratical cruisers crowded with kidnapped natives of the New Hebrides.

The traffic continues, but it can no longer be carried on to the same extent and in the same high handed manner, with impunity. Inquiry has elicited facts and turned public sentiment against it. Government has moved, and when British Armstrongs are fairly turned against it, it must follow its forerunner, the old African slave trade.

THE "DAYSRING."

The services of the *Dayspring* were never more conspicuous than during the year past. On March 30th, 1869, she sailed from Auckland with Rev. Messrs. Inglis, Morrison and Watt, and their wives, Mrs. Fraser, three children, and three other ladies, and in a week and part of a day was at Aneiteum. Landing passengers and stores she proceeded to leave supplies at Futuna, Tanna, Aniwa, Dillon's Bay and Mille Harbour. She next went round and collected all the missionaries who desired to attend the annual meeting held this year at Dr. Geddies station.

Returning with the missionaries after the annual meeting, she took Mr. Inglis and 56 of his best men with Mr. Neilson to assist Mr. Watt in house building, and then left the returning missionaries on their respective islands. Proceeding to Potinia Bay she landed Mr. Gordon's supplies which had come to Aneiteum in a trading vessel. Next morning Mr. Gordon came on board with boat, tent and provisions, when the *Dayspring* set sail for Santo, calling however by the way to land Mr. and Mrs. Morrison at Fate. At Cape Lisborn on the south west side of Santo Messrs. Paton and Gordon landed, and the chief of a town 3 miles from shore entreated one of them to stay. But Mr. Paton had to return, and Mr. Gordon was under promise to the two Santo youths who had lived with him to proceed to their side of the Island, the north west, where Mr. Gordon was landed and commenced his work so soon as his tent was pitched.

Shortly after her return from Santo, the *Dayspring* in July last, taking up Mr. and Mrs. Morrison and Mr. and Mrs. Cosh, who were both debilitated, sailed for New Zealand, left Mr. and Mrs. Morrison and returned with Mr. and Mrs. Cosh and Mr. and Mrs. Milne. This newly arrived missionary and wife were then taken round the islands and were settled with their own consent on Erromanga.

During the season she has carried as passengers to other islands :

Natives of Aneiteum.....	238
" Tanna.....	65
" Futuna.....	177
" Aniwa.....	130
" Erromanga.....	9
" Fate.....	19
" Rarotonga.....	10
" Mare.....	2
Total.....	648

During the season the *Dayspring* has paid 11 visits to Aneiteum, 9 to Futuna, 12 to Tanna, 12 to Aniwa, 9 to Erromanga, 7 to Fate, 2 to Santo, 1 to Tonga, 1 to Three Hills, 1 to Guana, 1 to Mare, 1 to Uea, 1 to Lifu, and 1 to Auckland. This summary includes her second visit to Santo to bring Mr. Gordon back to Potinia Bay, another exploratory tour to heathen islands for an account of which see this month's *Record*, and finally a trip by special request from the brethren on the Loyalty group to Mare, Uea and Lifu, whence she proceeded to Sydney and Melbourne taking Dr. and Mrs. Geddies as passengers.

Captain Fraser continues to give the highest satisfaction, and the crew show themselves attached to the captain and vessel, for they have followed their gifts of last year of a capstan and a set of deck chains, this year with a force pump for washing down the decks. She is in good sailing order and no more efficient mission vessel sails the ocean.

Our young people have done their part of the work admirably this year, leaving the largest balance on hand that we ever had after paying our \$1250, the largest in fact now, though \$150 have been paid over for next year.

The juveniles who have done so well will be pleased to hear that the welcome of the *Dayspring* at Melbourne has again been most cordial, and at Geelong enthusiastic. From Ballarat to Geelong came about 3000 with flag, and fife, and drum and bagpipe, and were received by Captain Fraser and Rev. D. McDonald, one hundred at a time on board, till all had inspected her. She is indeed the children's ship. They may well be proud of her and we of them.

NO WORD FROM DR. GEDDIE.

We regret that we have no word from Dr. Geddies since his arrival in Australia, and no advices respecting the ordination and departure of Rev. Daniel Blue. He may now be in the New Hebrides or Providential hindrances may have detained or diverted him. This uncertainty will we trust be speedily removed. We mention it on account of its bearing on the all important subject of more missionaries. Even if he *has* gone, should we not send another? If he *has not* gone, how loud the call on some young evangelist to volunteer. Surely