

as follows, "that they be chargeable in addition to the regular rate of the class on which they wish to enter, from the 1st July, 1871, with the following, as composition for their past payments; those who should have paid one or two years to be chargeable with one years' rate; *that those who should have paid three or four years, be chargeable with two years, and that those who should have paid more than four, be chargeable with three years, provided there be not less than six applications approved by the Committee.*"

The words in italics have been omitted in the printing. I do not know whether the mistake was made by me in transcribing the Report, or whether it is made by the printer. But at all events I wish it corrected.

While I am writing I may mention that after the report was submitted to Synod, a mistake was discovered in it, which will be more fully explained in next report. The amount of annuity payable for last year was \$590, instead of \$660, and the amount now chargeable is \$730, instead of \$870 as stated in the report

Yours truly,

GEORGE PATTERSON.

Our Foreign Missions.

The New Hebrides Mission.

From the Christian Review.

The "Dayspring" is ready for sea, and will have left Hobson's Bay before these lines meet the eye of the reader. In place, however, of proceeding direct to the mission field, it is arranged that she call for the first time at the western ports of Victoria. It is arranged, also, that a series of mission meetings be held in the western townships in connection with this visit of the mission vessel; and Dr. Geddie, Dr. Macdonald, and Rev. Mr. Clark, of Williamstown, intend to go as a deputation and assist the local brethren in stirring up the interest of their congregations in mission work. The two western presbyteries have always been foremost to respond to any reasonable call on their liberality, and we are sure that they will not be behind now with the "Dayspring" in their ports, and Dr. Geddie in their midst.

The following letter has been kindly handed to us for publication. It shows how rapidly fields of usefulness are opening up on the New Hebrides group; and it shows, also, how cordial are the relations which subsist between the missionaries of the London Missionary Society (of whom Mr. Murray is one of the oldest) and their Presbyterian brethren in the South Seas:

Lifu, Loyalty Islands,
February 3rd, 1871. }

My object in writing now is to tell you of a two-fold application that has just reached us from the island of Api, the one for a missionary, the other for a teacher. It seems clear that that island is perfectly open for either teachers or missionaries, and it is very much to be regretted that we are not in circumstances at once to respond to the Macedonian cries that reach us from its poor benighted tribes.

The circumstances under which the appeals which I now pass on to you have reached us are as follows: On board a vessel now at anchor here, the "Mary Campbell," is a young man who has been to Queensland for a length of time past as labourer. He has been associated with Api men there. Mr. McFarlane had told this young man when he left home that he ought to remember that he is a Christian, and look out for opportunities of being useful. This he seems to have borne in mind in his wanderings. The vessel has now been to Api, taking back men whose term of service was up, and seeking more, and while at the island, at the part on the west side where the Fiji vessel, the "Queen of the Isles," was wrecked lately, and where she still lies, he, the young man from Lifu, with one or more of the Api natives, who had been to Queensland, had an interview with the chief; they told him what they had seen of religion at Queensland, there, too, I suppose, and that it would be very good for him to embrace Christianity and get a teacher. The chief called his people together and had a formal consultation, and on the following day a message was sent to the Lifu lad by the chief, to say that he and his people had determined to receive Christianity, and to beg him to take a message to his missionary to send them a teacher. The message has reached us, and I now pass it on to you, and hope that you will very soon be able to respond to the call.

And a Mr. Farquhar, an intelligent gentleman-looking Scotchman, who is on board the "Mary Campbell," brings a message from a place where we landed the Rarotongan teachers in 1861, imploring a missionary. Mr. F. says it was the last charge given him on board to be sure and not forget to tell Mr. Jones to send them a missionary. Mr. Jones came across from Noumea in the "Mary Campbell;" the Api men were on board and saw him there, hence their naming him in sending their message. With the other, I pass it on to you, and through you to your mission, as on you especially devolves the responsibility of giving to these benighted tribes the Word of life. Would that the churches you represent would stir themselves and at once place at your disposal a dozen men of the right stamp;