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"FORGET THEE, O JERUSALEM! LET MY RIGHT HAND FORGET ITS CUNNING."—P's. 137: 5.

Now is the time to make preparation for the purpose of sending Mr. Robertson well stocked with mission goods. He is appointed to sail about the middle of October, and it is therefore necessary that those who intend to furnish goods for the use of the Islands should do so without delay. We have now taken the Union up as a Church, and as a Church we are responsible for the success with which we enable the missionaries, with the blessing of God, to labour. If we send them out with meagre equipments, we cannot hope for those returns which would bless their labours were the hands of the missionaries held up as they should be by the people of the Church. We are happy to understand that the Sunday Schools are coming forward to the work and contributing largely and exclusively towards the "Dayspring" expenses, and the Church has much cause of gratitude to Almighty God for the spirit of missionary enthusiasm infused into the hearts of our people far and near by the energetic action and labours of Mr. Robertson. We think that the Foreign Mission Board acted wisely in recommending him to make a circuit, so

far as possible, of all the congregations within the bounds of the Synod. And he wisely made no distinction between the wealthy and overflowing congregations in towns and villages and the small, weak, scattered supplemented charges; he visited all and lectured to all without distinction. And right nobly have many of these weaker congregations responded to his call. Money has been given in sums indeed large considering the means at their command, and the sympathy and prayers of these people are secured for all time to come.—The benefit has also been of another nature. Our missionary himself now understands, better perhaps than any other man in the Church, what the real missionary feeling is in the different congregations of the Church, and so he goes not filled with sentimental enthusiasm, but with the real state of the Church before him. We believe that the Board has acted wisely in the matter, and it now rests with the Church at large to respond to the recommendations of the Board, and not let the enthusiasm flag for want of sympathy. A good recommendation was made at Synod time that