

Her *fourth* voyage, made four days after, was a run of a week to Tanna, Aniwa and Futuna, returning to Aneityum on the 31st.

Her *fifth* commenced a week after, Sept. 6th, was to New Zealand with Mr. and Mrs. Cosh, whom they landed on the 21st. From Auckland she sailed for the Harvey Group for native teachers, touching at Mangaia, Rarotonga, Aitutaki and Savage Islands. With the native teachers and the son of Rev. Mr. Gill, on his way to school in Australia, she reached Aneityum on the 13th October.

Her *sixth* voyage was the annual visitation of the stations by Dr. Geddie, as published in the *Record* for May.

Her *seventh* voyage was her return to the colonies.

During these nine months and a half, she spent at different places 71 days, was sailing 123, sailed 11,831 miles direct, or including her beating, 13,531. She carried 95 European and American passengers and 438 natives, and 300 tons of goods and native food and luggage. She was at Aneityum 10 times, Aniwa 9 times, Tanna 11, at Erromanga 11—6 being to Dillon's Bay, 2 to Potinia Bay, 1 to Cook's Bay, and 2 to Effue; Efate 9, Nguna 4, Santo 2, the Loyalties 3, New Zealand, once, and the Harvey Group, calling at 4 islands, once. This is a record of which the captain need not feel ashamed, and which our children as well as ourselves will read with great interest. As they read it they will feel that the missionaries and the whole Church are receiving a good return for their investment.

But the return might be much greater; for Captain Fraser writes: "With such a vessel as the 'Dayspring,' we could as well look after 20 missionaries as seven,—the number now on the islands;" and he adds: "I think you should write to Dr. Geddie to go to Nova Scotia, should the 'Dayspring' go, for the purpose of getting more missionaries. It is really disheartening that we have only four missionaries more than when we arrived from Nova Scotia." We have here introduced a new topic, and it shall be our closing one.

MISSIONARIES OF ERING.

For several years the Board have been unable to present any encouraging prospect of more missionaries. Two years ago we knew of no minister or advanced student who was willing to reinforce our mission. The funds were in hand, but the men were wanting. A young mechanic first offered himself; but if he were to go forth as a minister fully equipped, here must be long delay. The Synod next gave us liberty to call any minister or probationer to the work. We looked around,

inquired and called one whom we thought suitable. But he felt that his flock was in peculiar circumstances, and could not be safely left without a shepherd. Mr. Blue offered himself, and we accepted him, and yet this expectation ended in disappointment.

Now let us mark the change. We called Mr. Grant, and he responded, and the effect is a great and gratifying strengthening of our stakes, as well as a lengthening of our cords in Trinidad. Since that time we have had eight offers from ministers and students, the latter being most numerous; some in their arts course, and some in their theological course. Three might be sent away during the present season. What hath the Lord wrought? Have we not in this, manifest answer to prayer, and a loud summons from on high, to go forward? Dr. Geddie need not cross the ocean to procure missionaries. A greater than he is at work—first opening up the field, and bringing up the Macedonian cry for more missionaries; another is moving on the hearts of men who, beyond our most sanguine expectations have come and offered themselves for the Lord's work.

To what shall we ascribe the improved prospects of the church as respects the supply of foreign missionaries? Shall we trace it to the Bursaries offered through the Rev. K. J. Grant, and announced last year? We think, nay we feel assured, that it must be traced to the Spirit of God working on the hearts of our young men, and that it is the Lord's answer to the prayers of his people. At the same time it is unquestionable that the Bursaries have drawn forth from devoted young men, tenders of themselves, sooner than they would otherwise have been made. Some have offered without any reference to such aid; but others have spoken thus. "It was in our hearts to go far hence to preach Christ to heathen men, and we looked forward to the time with eagerness, but it seemed distant. But if you think these offered bursaries are intended to accelerate the preparation of such as we and choose to give, them, we will be ready one or two years sooner."

Five Bursaries of \$70 each have accordingly been paid since last meeting of Synod, and only the small sum of \$9 from the funds of the Board.

MR. J. W. MCKENZIE.

It was rather striking, too, that at the very meeting at which we heard of the death of Mr. McNair that we received from Mr. John Williams McKenzie the offer of himself for the New Hebrides. No, however, till the Board had made all careful enquiry respecting his qualifications, physical and spiritual, and had sought special