

municated to them by their teachers, nor can they fully comprehend all that is taught to them, simply on account of their tender age. But though the teacher has, indeed, to contend against many old and foolish prejudices in grown-up ladies which are not found in the schools for girls, yet when, in course of time, these prejudices are removed, a way is prepared for the entrance of the truth, and what is communicated to the grown-up women is understood and a great part of it retained. It is a cheering fact that the females of respectable families here listen to the facts of Christianity with more devout attention than do the men."

MISSIONARY OPERATIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF THE LOWER PROVINCES.

Three missionaries have just sailed from Halifax in the mission-ship the *Dayspring*. The names of the missionaries are Rev. W. McCulloch, Rev. D. Morrison, and Rev. J. D. Gordon—the two former accompanied by their wives. A farewell missionary meeting was held in Halifax, previously to the sailing of the vessel, at which addresses were delivered by the missionaries, and by others. Subsequently a farewell prayer meeting was held, when the devoted missionaries were solemnly commended to God.

The *Dayspring* has been built by the contributions of the children at a cost of \$10,750, including hull, rigging, &c. She is well furnished and fitted for the service in which she is to be employed. The Rev. Mr. Bayne of Pictou, at the farewell missionary meeting, gave the gratifying information that the captain and mate were members of his own congregation, and that the whole crew were under articles to drink no liquor, to use tobacco in no form, and to abstain from profane swearing. There is a library on board consisting of upwards of 500 volumes.

It is hoped that, God granting a favourable voyage, the *Dayspring* may reach the Cape of Good Hope in about forty days, and after spending ten days there she will make Sydney, in Australia, in forty more. She will probably remain in Australian ports three or four weeks, and then make for the New Hebrides, which she may reach in twenty days. May God carry these dear brethren in safety to their destined sphere of labour, and bless their labours among the benighted inhabitants of the islands to which they are bending their course.

Before leaving the shores of Nova Scotia Mr. McCulloch wrote a farewell letter to the members and adherents of the Church, on the subject of missions. We subjoin the concluding appeal which he addresses to them:—

"My dear friends, I must close this letter but I cannot part from you without asking, What do we mean to do? Shall we every night and morning lift our eyes to heaven and pray, 'Thy kingdom come,' while further than our lifeless prayer we give ourselves little concern for Christ's Kingdom? Shall we stand on the shore of eternity's ocean, and see thousands plunging into it every day, while we make no efforts to prepare them for their endless voyage? Shall we hearken to each funeral knell which tells of another soul summoned to heaven's bar, while we feel no impulse to fly with the tidings of salvation to those whose funeral bell must soon be heard? Can we follow thousands to the throne of judgment, and there see them trembling in all the nakedness of unrenewed nature, without one sigh of sympathy, one pang of remorse, or one feeling of responsibility? Oh! let us awake and put on our strength. By that command proclaimed with the authority of a God, and yet the tenderness of a father—by the blood that issued from a Saviour's wounds—by the value of an immortal soul, a value greater than that of worlds—by the certainty of judgment—by the hopes of heaven—by the fears of hell—and what ought to be the most irresistible of all, by the love of Christ—by all these motives, which in their combined and concentrated power, must come upon the Christian like an overwhelming current, carrying with them all the paltry excuses and base apologies of the selfish heart—let us awake from our slumbers—let us rouse our too long dormant