

aries gives way, a short voyage in her to Australia, or even the neighboring islands, will restore vigour of body and mind. With all these advantages our missionaries will have much more spirit and strength for their work. But you may easily know that to keep the vessel doing all this service, there must be given, year by year, a large sum of money. It will require just about one-fourth of what was required for her build and outfit. Now to whom shall we look for the means of support but to her owners, the children of the churches in Australia, New Hebrides, Scotland, and Nova Scotia. Though you are named *last* in this extensive list of ownership, we hope to find you not the *least* in zeal and active effort to perform the part which we have engaged to do in your name. You raised, with but little help beyond your own means, about £1000 when first asked to contribute; now, we only ask less than one third of that sum. That you can do this, without any great effort, will be easily shown,—*one penny a week* from each family in our church, will be sufficient to pay the whole amount.—There are at least five children to each family, though some have more, and others a smaller number. If then, each child put into the mission boxes which have been prepared for this purpose, a penny every four weeks, the sum is secured. Now we want you to put into these boxes only what you have good reason to call your own. By good conduct you may receive from your parents more than enough to pay your share of the ship's expenses. You may, by industry, get enough from the garden which you dig, and sow or plant,—from the messages which you carry,—and from the gifts which you receive from kind friends who visit your house from time to time, and will be all the more ready to give when they know the good use to which you put your money. Some of you are able to give two or more dollars a year, while others will not be able to give more than a quarter dollar. You must therefore give as you are able, or as Providence, to whom we owe all we have, may help you. Above all, we want you to accompany every gift with prayer to God, without whose blessing the vessel will

not prosper, nor will the missionaries. *One sincere prayer*, sent upward to the God of missions, is better than the most costly gift you can drop from your hand into the mission box. Lest you should forget to add to your store, it would be well to make a weekly, or at the farthest a monthly donation, say, on the first Sabbath of every month, as many Sabbath school children now do, to their teachers. Rather than not have your penny a week, or four pence a month, ask your parents to allow you the price of some article of food, or clothing, which you feel you could deny yourselves, to give the gospel to the heathen, or the vessel to the mission.

You will find a hole on the top of the box large enough to allow a penny or a dollar to drop through it. On the top and sides of the box the mission motto of the vessel and picture of heathen worship; the death of John Williams, who was killed by the heathen on Erromanga; an Aneiteum woman and child, and a view of the *Dayspring* as she sails on her mission of love and mercy. On the bottom of the box is a stout piece of paper, which, when removed, will allow all the offerings you have placed in it to fall into your hand, but this should not be done until you are called to give up your store to the parents or teachers who may take charge of your yearly, or half-yearly, or quarterly contribution.

May that God whose heritage is children, abundantly bless and prosper you in this work, even that God of the families of Israel who has taught us to pray that our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth, and that our daughters may be as corner stones polished after the similitude of a palace.

By order of B. F. M.,
JAMES BAYNE, D.D., Sec'y.

Letter from Rev. W. McCullagh.

ANEITEUM, N. HEBRIDES,

June 17, 1865.

Rev. and Dear Sir,—The *Dayspring* arrived here in safety on the 9th inst., after a passage of 16 days from Sydney.

We found the passengers and crew all well. There were the Rev. J. G. Paton,