

As a sequel to these services, on the evening of the 20th March, a large missionary meeting was held in the Rev. Dr. Cairns Church, the Rev. Dr. Cameron, Dr. Cairns colleague, in the Chair. After singing, the Rev. K. Hamilton opened the meeting with prayer. The meeting was addressed by the Chairman, the Rev. J. Inglis, of Aneityum, the Rev. Mr. McKenzie, one of the newly arrived missionaries from Nova Scotia; the Rev. D. McDonald, the newly ordained missionary, and the Rev. A. J. Campbell, of Geelong, Professor of Systematic Theology in the Presbyterian Church of Victoria. Mr. Campbell stated that of the twelve students attending this Hall, three were willing to become missionaries, and that the students had formed a missionary society among themselves. It was also, he said proposed to institute a concert for prayer every Sabbath morning, in the closet or the family, or both, to pray for the students and the mission. Both ministers and people in Victoria are manifesting a great amount of missionary spirit.

The repairs on the *Dayspring* are all finished. She looks as light and trim as ever, and will sail for the New Hebrides, (D.V.) on the 8th of April.

THE MANSE, EMERALD HILL, }  
Melbourne, 28th March, 1872. }

REV. P. G. MCGREGOR.

My Dear Sir,—You are aware by this time that our valued friend, Mr. J. S. Ogilvy died in December. Your letters to him, which have arrived since his death have been handed to me, as I act now as Treasurer as well as Agent for the *Dayspring*. I have also to acknowledge the receipt of £250 for repairs which came by last mail. This remittance came too late to be acknowledged in the report just out, but of course it will appear next year.

The *Dayspring* is still here, but she is almost ready for sea. She is to sail for the islands in ten days full of passengers and stores. The repairs after all are not to cost nearly so much as was anticipated, and I am almost ashamed at having made such an outcry for money, but it was not my fault, and what money may not be used will be in safe keeping.

The new missionaries from Nova Scotia are all in Melbourne, and will of course go with the vessel. Mr. Robertson is in rather delicate health. It is still doubtful whether Dr. Geddie is going this trip, though I presume you will hear from himself on the subject. He was in feeble health when he returned with the *Dayspring* in January. He is better now, but I have doubts of the prudence of his going alone to the islands again, unless much recruited.

Captain Fraser left Melbourne for London in the ship *City of Perth* about three weeks ago. I hope to hear by and bye of the safe arrival of himself and family in Halifax. His successor is a Captain Rae, who has taken charge of the *Dayspring*, and who I hope, may prove as good a skipper as his predecessor.

I have instructed the printers to send to you several copies of the Eighth Annual Report of the *Dayspring*, just published. They should reach Halifax along with this letter.

As I have several other letters to write, and as I am not over strong from the effects of a recent illness, I must conclude, with the promise however, that I will write to you soon again.

I am, My Dear Sir,  
Yours, very truly,  
D. MACDONALD.

### TRINIDAD MISSION.

The vacancy in the United Presbyterian congregation in San Fernando has been filled up by the appointment and induction of Rev. Mr. Burr, to the great relief of Messrs. Morton and Grant.

The anxieties of these brethren, and lately their toils, have been greatly increased by the prevalence of small pox. Every part of San Fernando has been and still is affected, and the Missionaries have had, for a few weeks previous to the latest word, the care of a young fellow-countryman, a Pictonian, affected with the disease in its most malignant type. We hope that they may be sustained and blessed in this as in their other labours.

The following extract of a letter from Mr. Grant to a member of Synod, written a few months ago, will be read with interest, and show that the building of the Coolie Church is having an effect on that people. We would remind the friends of the Mission that \$400 at the least are yet required. Those who have given have done well, but their number and range are limited. There are scores of congregations, and hundreds, aye thousands, of Christian men and women who have as yet given nothing to the first church for the use of Coolies of Trinidad.

“Our new church is stirring up an antagonistic feeling on the part of many, led on by some of the Brahmuns. An attempt was made to raise funds and to build a