

advancing the money which was needed at the time, and becoming good for the rest. The £2000 in which the *Dayspring* was insured were paid up by the Insurance Companies. And the Churches and Sabbath schools in these colonies were appealed to for the rest. That appeal, we are happy to learn, has met with a most hearty response. In New South Wales the sum of £600 has been contributed. From Victoria there have been received £400, with a promise of more. Tasmania has sent £36; and from the Church of Otago and Southland, New Zealand, there has been received the handsome sum of £980. The contributions from the Presbyterian Church of New Zealand have not yet come to hand, but it is expected that these will reach to £300 or £400. These sums will be ample to meet all demands for the purchase and fitting up of the vessel. She is thus free of debt, and has been completely fitted up. She contains besides cabins for captain and officers, seven cabins for missionary passengers, a dining saloon, and a cabin for native teachers.

The need of such a vessel has been graphically described by the missionaries from actual experience. She is indispensable for conveying from the colonies to the several Islands the necessary supplies to the houses of the missionaries, for bringing them together to their annual meeting, and returning them to their several spheres of labour. Then she is frequently used for conveying native teachers to heathen islands or to their own homes. And sometimes twenty or fifty or eighty natives are taken from their own island for a short visit to some place where Christianity has been introduced, that they may see its effects, and learn to desire its blessings. In these various ways the *Dayspring* has been found of inestimable benefit to the work of evangelization. And it is hoped that the *Paragon*, which as soon as the necessary steps have been taken to alter the register is to bear the endeared name of the *Dayspring*, will be yet more serviceable to the cause.

On Friday, the 3rd inst., the *Paragon* was open to the view of the friends of the mission; and a considerable number of the Sabbath scholars and others interested in the cause visited the vessel, and examined the temporary abodes of the intending passengers. On the evening of that day a valedictory meeting was held in St. Stephen's Church. The Rev. James Cosh presided. After praise, the Rev. Samuel Humphreys offered prayer for the Divine protection and blessing on those who were about to embark for the mission field. The Rev. Messrs. J. G. Paton, John Goodwill, and Joseph Copeland successively addressed the meeting, acknowledging with gratitude the hand of God in the success which had

crowned the efforts made to secure a ship for the mission, and reciprocating the feelings of love and hope experienced towards them, by word and deed, on the part of the Churches in Australia.

Rev. Dr. Steel also addressed the meeting. The Rev. James Niven moved, and Mr. Paxton seconded the following resolution, which was carried by acclamation:—

“That this meeting rejoices to learn that a new and suitable vessel has been procured for the mission on the New Hebrides Islands; expresses its great satisfaction with the zeal and liberality which the churches and Sabbath schools in these colonies have displayed in providing ample funds for this purpose; begs to assure the missionaries now present of its lively interest in the work in which they and their brethren on the islands are engaged; commends them and the new vessel to the care and keeping of Almighty God, and trusts they may long be spared and made the means in God's hands of doing much for the advancement of Christ's kingdom among the islands of the New Hebrides.”

The Rev. W. Ridley moved and Rev. H. Macready seconded the following resolution which was also carried by acclamation:—

“That this meeting is much gratified to learn that the Rev. Dr. Steel is about to pay a visit to the mission field on the New Hebrides Islands; expresses its sincere desire and prayer that he may have a prosperous journey, and be brought safely and in due time back to his sphere in this city; and trusts that his visit to the islands may be beneficial to himself, refreshing to the brethren, and productive of much good to the mission with which he has long been identified, and in which he has taken such a deep interest.”

On Saturday, 4th inst., the missionaries and Rev. Dr. Steel embarked. At two o'clock, p. m., a number of their friends were assembled at the Cosmopolitan wharf to witness their departure. And shortly after half-past two the *Paragon* was towed out, and proceeded to sea. Several of the friends went down the harbour upon the steam-tug, and with many farewells saw the missionary company moving forth upon the ocean. The weather was beautifully fine; and the wind having very seasonably veered to the west was as favourable as could be. Thus, with the smile of Heaven upon them, followed by the prayers of many families and churches, the *Paragon* sped on her way.—*Australian Witness*, April 11.

THE F. C. SUSTENTATION FUND shows an increase of £3,470 in two months, over the corresponding period of last year.

A REVIVAL is reported from Calcutta.