

dom in Trinidad. The force will still be disproportioned to the great work to be done, yet by means of this little band the Lord's arm may smite the power of great systems of error and wickedness and set many prisoners free. Every addition to the number of labourers furnishes a new call to the churches to abound in prayer that the Spirit may be poured out and His influence gloriously displayed.

The Dayspring Report for 1872.

The Annual Report issued by the Committee of the Mission Synod of the New Hebrides respecting the *Dayspring*, has just come to hand, and we have republished it for the information of the whole church, and more especially for the benefit of our Sabbath Schools and young people, who have so cheerfully provided for the past nine years our share of her support.

The narrative is accompanied in the Report by "an account of the shipwreck," of which we have already printed full details, both from the pen of Mr. Murray and of Mr. Inglis; and also by an article by Mr. Inglis on the "State of the Mission."

We must also omit this for the present, and content ourselves with giving the abstract of the accounts which is signed by Rev. Dr. McDonald, the indefatigable agent, who for some years back so efficiently watched over the interests of the mission vessel at Melbourne.

To these documents we append our latest intelligence from Rev. Dr. Steel, shewing that a vessel has been chartered for four months at the rate of £80 stg. per month. In a previous letter Dr. Steel informed us that he had already paid £300 stg. for expenses of the crew and passengers of the *Dayspring* to date. The balance £884.9.10 stg. handed over to him will therefore require to be replenished at an early day, and should any of the contributing churches fail of providing their quota or something near it, embarrassment must ensue. Our opinion is therefore that our own church, the object in the mission, should lay its account to raise and send the usual sum of £250 stg. To enable us to do this \$600 are required within the next quarter. The

annual account shewed \$487.00 on hand June 1st. We now have \$662.47, and require as much more.

After the meeting of the Board our young people will hear from us again on this subject. Meanwhile we wish them to understand that though we have no *Dayspring*, yet her work must be done, and the expense of the marine department of our mission must be provided for. We are persuaded our young people will do their part.

N. B.—The £500 stg. credited in Dr. McDonald's account covers two years, the first remittance of £250 having been too late for the account published in 1872.

Good News.

We notice with much satisfaction the intelligence in Dr. Steel's letter of decided improvement in the health of Mrs. Goodwill, and also that Mr. and Mrs. Annand were in good health when about to sail for the New Hebrides.

TRINIDAD MISSION.

Letter from Rev. J. Morton.

SAN FERNANDO, May 24th, 1873.

Rev. and Dear Brother,—During the past month, I spent four days in the new Coolie Settlement of Monserrat Ward. The settlement lying nearest the Estates, I had several times visited when living at Iere Village. Taking Thomas W. Cockey with me, we spent our first day in this settlement. Relieving each other in reading and speaking made the work less toilsome; and we held, during the day, seven short meetings—sometimes with three or four people, and sometimes with ten or twelve. We were everywhere kindly received, and listened to attentively. In one house, when speaking to a very attentive audience of ten people, I saw the tears coursing down the cheeks of a middle aged man. As he brushed them away with his copra, a thoughtless youth laughed at him, for which I rebuked the lad; and, as I proceeded, I noticed that the other had occasion to use his copra more than once afterward. We walked a circuit of about six miles, carrying our books and a supply of bread and "Ramornie" (Liebig's extract of beef). Boiling water and a little pepper and salt from a Coolie enabled us to make a tolerable lunch; and a little after dark, I returned to the Estate at which I had left my horse, where a dinner and bed awaited me.