

1895, and was presented to the Mission as a free gift from the friends at home, at a cost of £7000. She made several voyages with great acceptance, and was swiftly endearing herself to all, when, alas, during her fourth journey, she struck on an uncharted reef near New Caledonia, and became a total wreck. Thank God, all on board were saved, but the Missionaries suffered heavy loss, and the Mission was again bereft of its Gospel Ship. Friends at home have once more offered generous help; and if the Synod on the Islands, and the Churches associated, still desire it as essential for the spiritual interests of the Mission, another *Dayspring* will soon be floating in and out amongst the New Hebrides, as the messenger and symbol of the Christ of Purity and Temperance and Peace.

John G. Paton has spent the years from 1892 till now, as indicated by himself at the close of Chapter XC. The great episode of his visit to the Pan-Presbyterian Council at Toronto has since intervened. Following thereon came his tours through Canada and the United States; and, finally, his memorable addresses, in almost every important town in Great Britain and Ireland, during 1892-94. He still toils on incessantly, visiting throughout the Colonies, corresponding with friends in all quarters of the world, and lecturing wherever he can find an open door, to promote by every means in his power the interests of the New Hebrides Mission,—the one absorbing passion of his life. Melbourne is his home; but his soul lives and moves and has its being amongst his beloved Islanders. Let all, then, who love the man, or care for his work, ponder carefully the Scheme outlined in the *Appendix* that follows, and unite with us in thereby helping to accomplish the purpose of his life, to the praise of the Saviour of the World.

APPENDIX

"THE JOHN G. PATON MISSION FUND"

THE interest created in the New Hebrides Mission, through the labours of the venerable Missionary, Dr. John G. Paton, has probably found no more practical expression and permanent memorial than in "The John G. Paton Mission Fund," a special organisation through which the freewill offerings of God's people, in every quarter of the globe, have flowed to cheer the heart of His servant in forwarding the fulfilment of his prayer for the conversion of these South Sea Islands to Christ.

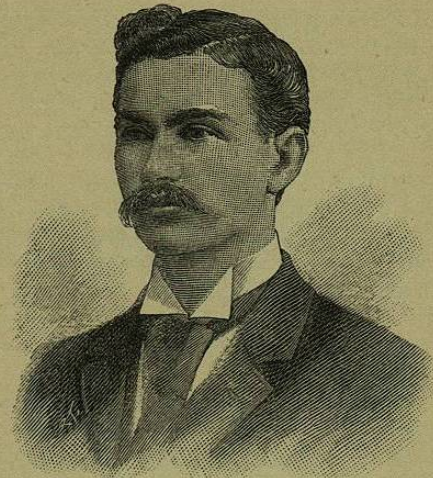
To my dear friend, A. K. Langridge of Southend, belongs the honour, under God, of organising and developing this Fund, by a scheme of Lectures, with Illustrations, vividly setting forth the story of the Mission, by editing *Quarterly Jottings*, etc., etc. To him, whose enthusiasm and devotion thought out and arranged the whole of these plans, to the excellent artist, Mr. Frank Weeks, who reduced his ideas to realistic pictures for Lantern Slides, and to the many friends who have generously responded to our appeals—I wish in my brother's name and in my own to convey our sincere and heartfelt thanks.

At the present time (1897) this Fund, through its Honorary Office-Bearers in Britain, receives contributions and is responsible for the following objects:—

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- The Rev. Fred. J. Paton, Dr. Paton's second son,

Missionary on Malekula Island, acts as agent of the Fund for this Teachers' Scheme.

- (2) For the maintenance of the Mission Station on the West Coast of Tanna, the missionary being the Rev. Frank H. L. Paton, M.A., B.D., Dr. Paton's third son. No more fitting and indeed pathetic memorial to Dr. Paton's work could be devised than that his own son should



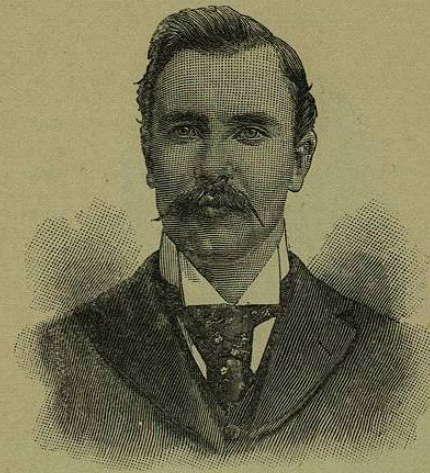
The Rev. FRANK PATON, M.A., B.D., First Missionary of the Fund.

enter into it, and on the very island of Tanna, where his father laboured and suffered.

- (3) For the maintenance of a Medical Missionary—Dr. John T. Bowie, M.B., C.M.,—who has been sent forth by the Fund to open up, if found practicable, a pioneer Mission Station on the East Coast of Santo—the largest and most northerly island of the group.
- (4) For the support of the Assistant Master who helps the Rev. Dr. Annand, Principal of the Training College for Native Teachers, established on the Island of Tangoa, South Santo.
- (5) For the support of Lay Assistants (Europeans), with "our own" two Missionaries; and of a Mission

Carpenter to assist in building and repairing all the Mission Stations on the group, and in teaching the Christian Natives the use of tools; and, generally, to help all the Missionaries by gifts of medicines, clothing, etc., etc.

- (6) *General Fund.*—All sums not otherwise specially allocated are placed to a General Account, and are sent direct



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to Dr. J. G. Paton, to be allocated by him in the interests of the New Hebrides Mission, or are expended by us only at his express direction.

- (7) Hitherto the fund also collected one third (£1000) of the annual cost of maintaining the late steam auxiliary Mission Ship *Dayspring*—wrecked, alas, in 1896! Should the Missionaries on the Islands, and the Churches with which they are associated, decide upon securing another *Dayspring*, the Committee of the Fund will gladly resume their responsibility as before, and trust in God to be able to fulfil their part in whatever is deemed essential for the highest interests of this beloved Mission.

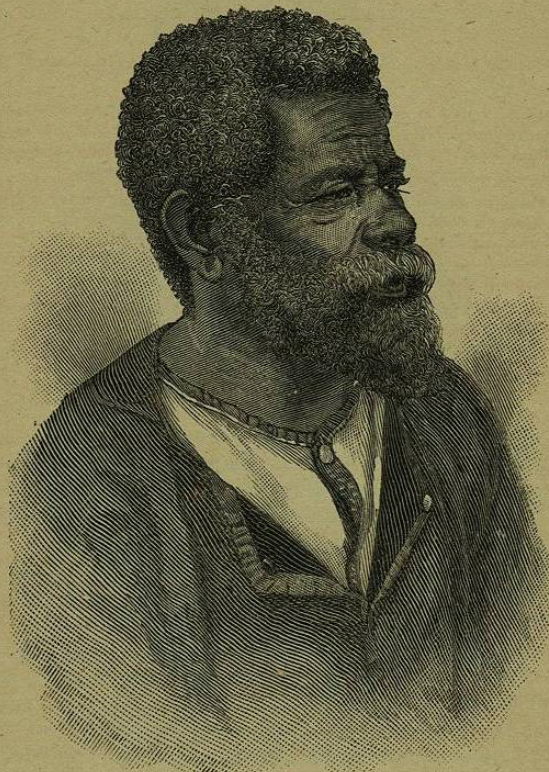
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