

itude to God for the safe arrival of Rev. J. G. Paton and Mrs. Paton, Rev J. Niven, and Mrs. Niven, and gives them a hearty welcome as laborers on this group.

3. Intimation was given by the Rev. J. Niven of his desire to resign as a member of this mission, and it was agreed in consequence, that Revd. Messrs. Inglis and Morrison be appointed a committee to confer with Mr. Niven on the subject and report at next sederunt.

4. Mr. Paton read a full report of his labors in the Colonies and in Britain, in order to raise funds for the purchase and support of the *Day Spring*, for supplies for native teachers, and also for procuring additional laborers for this field.

5. It was unanimously agreed that this meeting record its gratitude to God for the success which has attended Mr. Paton's labors, and its appreciation of the great zeal, diligence and perseverance displayed by Mr. Paton in carrying out the objects for which he was sent.

6. Mr. Inglis read a copy of the minutes which were passed at Mare, and it was agreed that these be received and entered in the minute book.

7. It was agreed that the Mare teachers should go in the *Day Spring* to be located at Havannah or Fil Harbor, as Mr. Morrison may think advisable.

8. Mr. Inglis reported that the *John Knox* had been sold by him and Mr. McCullagh, for £150 instead of £200, the sum mentioned in a former minute, and the meeting approved of the sale of the schooner for that sum under the circumstances. (Note. It was expensive keeping the *John Knox* in order, and the long period during which she was drawn up had told greatly on the state of the wood, so that it was economy to sell, had it been for £100 only.)

9. Capt. Fraser was appointed agent for the *Day Spring* in the Colonies.

SECOND SEDERUNT.

August 1st, 1865.

10. Minutes of former meeting were read.

11. The meeting proceeded to consider those parts of Mr. Paton's report requiring immediate attention.

12. Mr. Morrison on behalf of the committee appointed to confer with Mr. Niven, reported that Mr. Niven still adhered to his former resolution.

13. It was agreed that certain medicines, medical instruments, and other supplies given to Mr. Niven by the committee at home as a part of his missionary outfit, should be received here by Mr. Inglis, and a receipt given to Mr. Niven for the same. Also, that the wood for house-building should be received by Mr. Inglis and re-

tained on behalf of the Reformed Presbyterian F. M. Committee.

14. It was agreed that Mr. Inglis should write the report of the work of the *Day Spring* on the New Hebrides, Loyalty, Samoan, and Hervey Islands, and that the clerk and he should examine the accounts of the *Day Spring*, and report accordingly.

15. It was agreed in the present state of the mission that a sailing missionary is not desirable.

16. It was also deemed advisable in the present circumstances of the mission that Mr. Paton should not go to the colonies this year. (This was rescinded and Mr. P. is to go now.)

17. That each missionary should contribute one article monthly towards the publication of a magazine for the Sabbath School children in the colonies, and forward the same to Sydney per *Day Spring* in Dec. next. (Twelve are to be sent in advance, i. e. on for each month—Dr. Steel to be Editor). These are the principal subjects discussed at length.

Letter from Rev. Wm. McCullagh.

ERROMANGA, Aug. 21st, 1865.

My Dear Sir,—As there is a schooner here on her way to China, I embrace this opportunity to send you a little information for the *Witness* if there be not space in the *Record*.

This schooner was built by Mr. Millar, Tatamagouche, Nova Scotia, and is commanded by Capt. Longmuir, a member of Rev. Dr. Steel's Church, Sydney. The name of the schooner is *Amateur*. The *Feronia* that called at Anceitum in October last was built at Miramichi, New Brunswick.

You will be glad to know that we are all well. We are returning to Anceitum after leaving Mr. and Mrs. Morrison at Fate, and visiting several places requiring teachers on that large and populous island.

The Commodore accompanied us as far as Havannah Harbour, and parted from us on Friday evening for Malicolo and Bank's island, where he expects Bishop Patteson to meet him.

I mentioned in a former letter that we had petitioned Sir William Wiseman regarding the state of matters at Tanna, Erromanga, and Fate, and the following is a copy of the minute passed at our meeting:—

To Com. Sir W. Wiseman, Bart, C.B., &c.

On board the Mission Schooner
"Dayspring," Aug. 18, 1865. }

SIR,—We beg respectfully to communicate to you the following minute passed this day at our meeting:—

"At a meeting of the New Hebrides