

The following notice of motion was submitted by Rev. E. A. McCurdy, and stands over till next meeting.

Whereas, this Board believes our order of Church Government by Presbyteries and Synods, as well as Sessions to be best adapted to the carrying on of the work of the Great Head of the Church in our mission fields as well as at home,

Therefore agreed to instruct the Secretary to correspond with the Boards of the different churches conducting missionary operations in the New Hebrides, as well as with the Mission Council, to ascertain the views of all parties as to the practicability and propriety of the formation of a Presbytery in that distant field on a basis similar to that of the Mission Presbytery of Trinidad.

A letter was read from Rev. John Morton which should have been before the Board at a previous meeting, respecting the publication of a small book of Hymns, thirty in number being translations into the Hindoostani. The names and particulars respecting translation were laid before the Board as follows:—

No. 1. Happy land.

2. Around the throne, &c.—These two we got in fragments from Coolies who learned them in India and Thomas, and I put them together and completed them.

3. "When mothers of Salem."

4. "The land of Canaan."

5. "They are blessed and blessed forever."

6. "Jesus, I my Cross have taken."

7. "Come children hail" &c.

8. "Jesus, we love to meet."

9. "Joyful."

10. "Lord look upon a little child."

11. "I'm but a stranger here."

12. Winter's day of gloom is past."

These ten have been translated by Thomas, and carefully gone over by myself. All these above are set to their tunes in Bateman except the 2nd which is set to the tune in Happy voices.

13. "Jesus, friend of friends."

14. "The glory of God."

15. "The ten Commandments." Are composed by Thomas.

16. "Jesus be pleased to come." Composed by myself.

17. "My heart who is thy friend."

18. "Thanksgiving and prayer."

19. "The Lord's Prayer."

20. "Evening Hymn."

21. "Jesus is King of Kings."

22. "Jesus died for sinner."

These six were obtained in an imperfect form from the mouth of Coolies who learn-

ed them in India—and were completed and corrected by Thomas and myself.

23. "A beautiful song of praise to God."

24. "Invitation to Sinners."

25. "Halleluia with doxology."

26. "I am meek and lowly of heart."

27. "There is a fountain filled with blood."

28. "The Lord's Supper."

29. "The Spotless lamb of God."

30. "The day of Resurrection."

These eight obtained from tracts, lately received from India.

Word from the New Hebrides.

By recent mails we have received, at length, quite a number of letters from the New Hebrides and from Australia. A letter from Rev. J. W. McKenzie will be found in another column. We have also heard from Rev. J. D. Murray, and papers for the Board have been forwarded by Rev. J. G. Paton and by Rev. J. Copeland, on matters of business arising out of the meeting of the Mission Council, now called the "Synod of the New Hebrides," the minutes of which will also appear in the present number. To this list must be added letters from Rev. Mr. Neilson and from Mrs. Geddie, the two letters from our readers will anticipate having reference mainly to the providential stroke which has prostrated in great measure the venerated and beloved Father of the New Hebrides Mission.

The space which we have reserved for editorial comment will not permit us to give even an outline of the unpublished papers. All we can do is to indicate the chief points of interest.

And first of all, we have confirmation of all that we had previously heard, respecting Dr. Geddie's paralytic stroke. The first (for we are sorry to say he has had a second,) occurred on Aneiteum, during the Synodical session. Its approach was foreshadowed by a weakness of the right side and stumbling with the right foot, and a stoop far beyond what was his wont. His successor had been appointed and his mind so far relieved. He had ordained an Elder and was to dispense the Lord's Supper to his beloved flock, and to the Missionaries, but before the day arrived he