

of £23 : 4, had been made in Nova Scotia. The price of the books was £105 : 15 : 6 ; that when this account is settled there will remain in his hands a balance of 12 : 8 : 6. A balance of over £50 is thus on hand, available for payment of the Old Testament, the printing of the first half of which is about to be commenced. This meeting receives these reports, expresses its great satisfaction with the same, and tenders its thanks to Mr. Inglis and Dr. Geddie for the efficient manner in which they have fulfilled their appointments.

30. Mr. Cosh having requested authority to get printed, in English type, 300 copies of the Gospel of St. John in the Efate language, during his residence in New Zealand,—this meeting grants the request, and instructs Mr. Cosh to make arrangements with the British and Foreign Bible Society for defraying expense of the same.

31. Mr. Paton having requested authority to get printed, in English type, 200 copies of the Gospel of Mark, in the Aniwa language,—this meeting grants the request, and instructs Mr. Paton to make arrangements with the British and Foreign Bible Society for defraying expense of the same.

32. That Mr. Copeland is authorized to get printed, in English type, 400 copies of the Gospel of Mark, in the Futuna language, and to make arrangements with the British and Foreign Bible Society for defraying expense of the same.

33. This meeting expresses its sincere sympathy with the Rev. Dr. Steel, agent for this Mission in Sydney, in the trouble to which he has been put, and the annoyance to which he has been subjected in connection with the traffic in natives belonging to these islands, especially in the case of Hovel, from the remarks of Mr. Justice Hargrave. This meeting rejoices that public opinion in Sydney and elsewhere has been so emphatically expressed in this case, and hopes that Dr. Steel will be more than ever emboldened in upholding the cause of the helpless and oppressed, assured that in doing so he will be sustained by the cordial sympathies of every friend of humanity.

34. That Messrs. Paton, McNair, Neilson and Goodwill be appointed a committee to watch the operation of the traffic in natives of this group, to obtain information, to draw up a report on the subject, and to transmit it to Rev. Dr. Steel in the end of the year.—Mr. Neilson, convener.

35. Mr. Inglis having submitted the accounts of the teachers' supplies to the committee appointed to examine accounts, the committee report that these are all correct. Mr. Inglis and Dr. Geddie are appointed to make up the teachers' supplies

for this year, and to make arrangements for purchasing supplies for next year.

36. That in the payment of native teachers, the sum of one pound annually be reserved in the case of teachers belonging to this group, and of one pound ten shillings in the case of eastern teachers; this sum to be reserved in the hands of the Mission for the benefit of the teachers on their return to their respective homes.

37. That Mr. McNair be appointed to prepare the annual report of the "Dayspring," and a statement respecting the native teachers for the present year.

38. That Dr. Geddie and Mr. Inglis be appointed to receive the Rev. Mr. Blue on his arrival in this island, and to make arrangements for his temporary settlement at Dr. Geddie's station.

39. That the next Annual Meeting of this Mission be held on Aniwa, at the station of the Rev. J. G. Paton, as soon after the arrival of the "Dayspring" from the colonies next year as possible.

(Signed) JAMES COSH, *Chairman.*
JAMES INGLIS, *Clerk.*

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No. XII.

A HAPPY NATIVE MARRIAGE ON ANEIT-YUM.

1st.—*The Meeting and Introduction :*

In some one of the native towns or villages a young chief makes a feast or party for his own friends and some strangers from neighbouring villages who are sojourning in his town, or on a short visit. Before supper is announced the strangers are introduced to the villagers, and then comes the happy hour of supper and the usual mirth of such festivals. After supper, and before the party breaks up, they spend an hour in innocent amusement—some talking, others singing; and then they bid good night to each other, and return to their homes. During the evening a young man is prepossessed with the mild and gentle manner of one of the fair maidens at the banquet; and though he never allows her or the friends to think so, still his mind is made up to get better acquainted with his fair friend.

2nd.—*Getting a little more acquainted :*

A few days, or a few weeks it may be, pass, and again he meets his young lady-friend, but of course it is only friendship, and slow at that, for she is very retiring and reserved. However, he manages to get into a little conversation with her without the other natives suspecting he is getting "aiyu" (sweet) in his heart towards her. After some months they meet again;