

teachers with missionaries of Nguna and Fate, which makes the number of Eromangan adult Church members 35. Since then another married couple, both Church members, have gone to assist Mr. and Mrs. Macdonald in their work at Havannah Harbor, Fate; and we have sent out again 12 teachers to districts over this island, and next week take another to his old district quite near us. Those 13 teachers do not occupy as many districts, but in some places they are placed down two by two, and on Sabbath go out to as many villages as will hear the Gospel, besides their regular district where they teach and preach Christ to their fellow countrymen. Perhaps from 500 to 540 natives attend Church more or less regularly over this Island now.

We retired from two districts in the rainy season, because the people almost abandoned the teachers, but we occupy two new and much more promising ones. Three school-houses and two large Churches just built here were blown down by the hurricane of 14th January last. The churches are already rebuilt and occupied.

We are all quite well, and trusting that you never forget us or our work, and with our united kind regards to you and your family,

I am, Rev. and Dear Brother,
Yours very sincerely,
H. A. ROBERTSON.

Minutes of the New Hebrides Mission Synod.

ANELGAUHAT, Aneityum,
May 25th, 1875.

1. The New Hebrides Mission Synod met this day at Anelgauhat, Aneityum; the station of the Rev. James D. Murray. Present—Rev. Messrs. Inglis, Paton, Neilson, Watt, Mr. Murray, Robertson, McKenzie, Macdonald, and Annand.

2. In the absence of the Moderator, Mr. Goodwill, Mr. Milne, a former Moderator, opened the Synod with praise, reading the Scriptures and prayer.

3. Mr. Inglis was unanimously appointed Moderator for the ensuing year.

4. Mr. Murray was elected Clerk of the Synod.

5. Mr. Copeland, of Futuna, was absent. The reasons assigned for his absence were satisfactory.

6. Reports were given in by all those members on whom appointments had been laid at last meeting of Synod. Those appointments had all been fulfilled. The reports were received, and the members thanked for their diligence.

7. The Synod having listened to the reports from the various stations in the mission, express gratitude to God that His

work work on the whole is in an encouraging condition; but in view of the difficulties to be overcome, urges upon its members continued humiliation before God, and increased diligence, hopefulness, and prayer in the work of the Lord.

8. This Synod having had under its consideration a proposal urged upon it by Rev. Dr. Steel, of Sydney, personally last year, that an institution should be founded upon the island of Futuna for the training of natives of this group as evangelists, having fully discussed this subject, it was agreed that, however desirable such an institution may be, it is, in the present circumstances of this mission, impracticable.

That a copy of this minute be transmitted to Dr. Steel, and that Mr. Inglis be instructed to explain to him our views, either personally or by letter.

9. This Synod is gratified to learn through Mr. Macdonald that it is the intention of the white residents of Havannah Harbor, Fate, to erect a place of public worship there, for the use of evangelical Protestants; that Mr. Hebblewhite has granted a piece of land for the erection of the same, and that it is proposed to vest the responsible trusteeship in the hands of the Moderator of this Synod for the time being, a missionary connected with this Synod resident in Havannah Harbor, and a European resident there.

This Synod, on behalf of its Moderator and a missionary resident in Havannah Harbor, accepts its share of the responsible trusteeship, instructs Mr. Inglis and Mr. Macdonald to make such arrangements as may be deemed proper and desirable for conducting public worship in English on the Sabbath day, and prays the Great Head of the Church that through the influence of His Spirit, this may be made a means for the promotion of His glory and the salvation of souls.

That a copy of this minute be forwarded to Mr. Hebblewhite, to be by him communicated to the other white residents in Havannah Harbor.

10. This Synod having had under its consideration the subject of obtaining more missionaries, it was agreed for the carrying out of this object, 1st, That the appeal made by this mission last year should be printed along with the annual report this year, and circulated as widely as possible wherever it is likely to be influential; 2nd, That every member of this mission be requested individually to apply urgently in every quarter where he may have influence; and 3rd, That as it is the intention of Mr. Inglis to revisit his native land, he be fully empowered by this Synod to appeal earnestly for men to all the Presbyterian denominations in Scotland, informing them of the history, position, work, and prospects