

the "Dayspring" proceed to Aname, and thence to Santo, calling at all the stations occupied by missionaries and teachers on her way north; and at all the stations occupied by missionaries, and, so far as it may be necessary, also at those occupied by teachers, on her way south; and leave Ancityum for Melbourne not later than the 1st of December.

22. That Messrs. Inglis, Paton, and Copeland be appointed a committee to confer with Captain Fraser with reference to a continuation of his services in the "Dayspring" for the ensuing year.

23. The committee appointed to confer with Captain Fraser report that he stated to them that, owing chiefly to his rising family and the expenses connected with their education, he cannot consent to remain in the "Dayspring" after the expiry of his present engagement.

24. That as Captain Fraser has tendered his resignation, this meeting in the circumstances agrees to accept the same, and to record the obligations of the mission to Captain Fraser for his Christian and gentlemanly conduct, and the skill and care with which he has sailed the "Dayspring" during the eight years he has been in command of the vessel, and their best wishes for the usefulness and happiness of himself and his family; and that a sum of two hundred and twenty pounds (£220) be allowed him as payment for their passage from Melbourne to Halifax.

25. Acting on a suggestion made by the agent of the mission in Melbourne, this meeting appoints Drs. Macdonald and Geddie, and any other member of this mission who may be present in the colony at the time, to form a board of six—viz., three ministers and three laymen—with whom the agent may consult on all important matters connected with the "Dayspring;" the laymen to be well acquainted with shipping and the requirements of vessels, so that the board may be a reliable authority. Members of this mission being in Victoria shall be *ex officio* members of this board for the time being, and that this board be formed as soon after the arrival of the "Dayspring" in Melbourne as possible.

26. A special survey was held on the "Dayspring" this year in Melbourne; and it was found that it will be necessary during the ensuing year, in order to maintain the efficiency of the vessel, that she undergo repairs involving an outlay of £1700. These repairs will include new sails, new rigging, new deck, new copper, new bolts, and other minor matters. In order to meet this expenditure, that an appeal be made to the different churches supporting this mission, to raise respectively a sum equal to their annual contributions for the sup-

port of the vessel, and remit this at their earliest convenience to J. S. Ogilvy, Esq., Melbourne, treasurer for the "Dayspring" funds; and that Mr. Neilson prepare a circular setting forth the urgency of this appeal.

27. That the "Dayspring" be repaired in Melbourne. That the agent of the "Dayspring" and the board make all the requisite arrangements for having the necessary repairs executed, and for seeing the vessel properly fitted out for sea, and despatched not later than the 10th of March, 1872.

28. That the agent and the board engage a suitable captain for the "Dayspring" for the ensuing year.

29. That Dr. Geddie and Mr. Inglis be appointed to make up the teachers' supplies for this year.

30. Mr. Inglis reports that, as the stock of goods belonging to the teachers' supplies will be all but exhausted this year, and as Aname is not a convenient station for the depository for such supplies, he requests the meeting to make some other arrangements, and relieve him from any farther charge in this matter after this year's supplies have been made up and sent away. The meeting agree to this request, and record the obligations of the mission to Mr. Inglis for the very satisfactory manner in which he has attended to this department of mission work during the seven years he has acted as depository of teachers' supplies.

31. That the teachers' supplies be purchased from year to year as required, in order that suitable articles may always be supplied to them; that Messrs. Neilson and Watt shall procure and make up the supplies for 1872; that all the brethren having teachers shall send in to them written suggestions as to any article specially needed by the teachers under their care; and that Dr. Geddie purchase these supplies when he returns to the colonies.

32. Mr. Watt having brought before the meeting an offer made by the "Glasgow Foundry-boys Religious Society" to support native teachers under his care on Tanna, this meeting gratefully accepts the offer so kindly made by this society, and instructs Mr. Watt to inform them accordingly.

33. That Dr. Geddie be appointed to write to the Rev. Mr. Chalmers, of Rarotonga, and endeavour to obtain from him at least four more native teachers and their wives for this group, and a native printer for Aniwa.

34. Mr. Inglis having given in a report on the employment of a printer for the mission, is appointed to write and make inquiries as proposed in his report.

35. Mr. Inglis is appointed to write to the different churches supporting this mis-