

1. The retiring moderator delivered an address on the special difficulties of our field of labour, and the special encouragements we have in the field at the present time. The rest of the sederunt was spent in prayer and reference to our position and work.

3. Mr. Oscar Michelsen having presented his credentials as a missionary catechist, from the Presbyterian Church of Otago, was received and welcomed, and prayer was engaged in thanking God for this acception to our number and entreating a blessing on his future labours. In accordance with his own desire he was appointed to reside with Mr. Metne in Nyamo during the present year to devote himself to the acquisition of the language and to obtain a practical acquaintance with general mission work in all its branches.

8. Reports were presented to Synod from all the mission stations, some cases indicating decided progress in the work in others progress of a less marked kind. In so far as the work may have been hindered by any defects on our part, we desire to humble ourselves before God and, to pray that we may be made more diligent, more prayerful, more charitable and more winning, in so far any measure of success has been granted us, to render to God the thanks and to take courage for the future.

10. A report was received from Mr. Inglis, giving an account of his work since leaving New Zealand, especially in making preparations for and entering upon the great work of printing the Old Testament in the language of Anetyum. The Synod desires to greet affectionately the father of the mission, and to pray that the spirit of grace and men may rest upon him and assist and sustain him even unto the end.

19. That the Captain of the "Dayspring" be instructed to carry nothing in the shape of freight or trade for white men residing among the islands, except

what may come through the hands of the missionary near whom the white men may reside, and to bring no freight or trade from Sydney for white men residing among the islands, except under special permission of the agent of the "Dayspring" that when any such permission is granted, it be reported to the ensuing meeting of Synod.

22. That in visiting any station the captain of the "Dayspring" be instructed that the vessel do not leave until the missionary of that station say that the work there is finished.

29. The Synod having had a conversation about terms of Church Communion of native christians, a committee was appointed to ascertain what are the existing terms, and to advise as what they may consider a desirable standard in religious attainments and character for those applying for Church membership.

32. That the Wednesday evening prayer meeting be kept in all the mission families to entreat a special blessing on our work, and that more labourers sent out into this field.

34. The next meeting of Synod is appointed to be held at Erromanga next year.

N. B.—The above is all we can find room for at present but it is enough to show the character of the work and the objects designed by the Mission Synod. Time by time we will furnish our readers with news as they are sent us—meanwhile let us not forget to pray for this mission and our missionary in all our prayer meetings as well as we, ministers of the Gospel, in our intercessions for the spread of the Gospel on the Sabbath day. This is a condition of our own prosperity and has a reflex benefit. The Church that would be blessed at home must diffuse abroad and on watering others, our own souls shall be watered. Freely have we received, let us freely give.

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