

of £526 sterling, and that Mr. Robert Rae, of Melbourne, had been unanimously appointed captain of the "Dayspring."

23. That the thanks of this meeting be given to the members of the "Dayspring" board for the important services which they have rendered to the mission, especially in connection with the repairs to the "Dayspring," and the appointment of a new captain.

24. Captain Rae reported that he had fulfilled all the appointments laid upon him by the board in Melbourne and the meeting of missionaries on Aneityum. The report was received, and Captain Rae thanked for his diligence.

25. After carefully considering the whole interests of the mission, it was agreed that the "Dayspring" go to Sydney at the end of each year, and not to Melbourne. The treasurers of the different churches supporting the mission are hereby respectfully requested to remit their respective contributions for the support of the vessel to the Rev. Dr. Steel, 77 M'Leay-street, Sydney, agent for this mission.

27. That this Synod, mindful of its deep obligations to the people of Victoria, and in view of the present change of the headquarters of the Dayspring, appoint Mr. Inglis to write to the New Hebrides Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria, and explain fully to them the reasons of this change, and bespeak a continuance of that interest and liberality in behalf of the mission vessel, which that church has so largely manifested.

32. That on the arrival of the "Dayspring" in Sydney, this Synod appoints the Rev. Dr. Steel, and any members of this mission who may be in Sydney at that time, to form a board of six—viz., three ministers and three laymen, with whom the agent may consult in 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 New South Wales shall be *ex officio* members of the board for the time being; this board to be formed as soon after the arrival of the "Dayspring" in Sydney as possible.

33. That in future the various missionaries, having teachers under their care, shall have the direct and immediate responsibility of procuring and distributing the supplies necessary for them, and shall receive from the Clerk of this Synod, out of the teachers' supply fund, the money requisite to do so.

34. That Messrs. Paton and Robertson be appointed to act as executors in the estate of the late Rev. J. D. Gordon.

35. That in the event of one of Her Majesty's ship's of war calling at Eromanga,

this Synod puts in the hands of Mr. Robertson the following minute, viz.:—"It is unanimously agreed upon by this Synod, that Mr. Robertson be instructed to lay before the captain of such ship of war the whole facts connected with the murder of Mr. Gordon, in so far as they may be known to him at that time, leaving said captain to act in the matter as he may think best, with certification that it is the decided opinion of this meeting that the guilty should be punished.

37. That as the churches supporting this mission adopted only part of the plan recommended by this meeting four years ago, regarding an advance in the salaries of their missionaries, this Synod again respectfully calls the attention of these churches to the subject, and to the terms agreed upon by the London Missionary Society for supporting this missionaries. It is the wish of the New Hebrides missionaries that they should be placed on the same, or a similar footing, with the missionaries of the London Missionary Society in these seas, in regard to salaries and other expenses, which none of them are at the present time.

That Messrs. Paton and Capeland be appointed to prepare a circular, and give full information on this subject, to the churches supporting this mission.

38. The Synod learned with deep regret that on Saturday, the 8th inst., Dr. Geddie had a stroke of paralysis, by which to a large extent he has lost the power of his right side. The members of this mission express their sincere sympathy with their venerable father, on account of this severe affliction, and pray that the Lord may sanctify it to him, and if consistent with His holy will, speedily restore him to his wonted health and strength. Furthermore, this Synod appoint his son-in-law (Mr. Neilson) to accompany him to Melbourne, should that be found necessary.

39. That as it is not likely that Dr. Geddie will be able to superintend the printing of the Old Testament in the Aneityumese language, on which work he has been engaged, Messrs. Mason, Firth, and M'Cutcheon, Melbourne, be instructed to suspend the printing of the same till further advised by this meeting.

41. That the annual meeting of this Synod for 1873 be held at Anelgahut, Aneityum, as soon after the arrival of the "Dayspring" from the colonies as possible.

On Wednesday, the 12th of June, the Moderator concluded the meeting of this Synod with a brief address, singing, prayer, and the benediction.

Every sitting was opened with singing, reading the Scriptures, and prayer, and