

The Clerk is instructed to transmit a copy of this minute to Mrs. McNair, and also to the church in Nova Scotia by which Mr McNair was supported.

8 The members on whom appointments had been laid at last meeting respectively report that all appointments laid upon them had been fulfilled as far as practicable. The reports are accepted, and the diligence of the members approved of.

9 The reports from the different stations being given in, are found to be on the whole of an encouraging character. The meeting expresses its gratitude to God for the state and prospects of the mission, and exhorts all the members to continued diligence in labour, and increased earnestness in prayer for the divine blessing to rest upon their labours.

10. Captain Fraser reports that he has fulfilled all the appointments laid upon him at last annual meeting, with the exception of going to Adelaide, other arrangements having been made by the agent in Melbourne. The report is received, and Capt. Fraser thanked for his diligence.

11. Dr. Geddie reports what he has done as to the settlement of the Rarotongan and Niue teachers. Six teachers and their wives were brought from Rarotonga—viz., Vaimanga, Tavini, Nehemaia, Jona, Ta, and Munokoa; and two teachers and their wives from Niue, or Savage Island—viz., Jona and Solomon. The teachers from Niue are settled thus:—Jona on Aniwa, to assist Mr. Paton; and Solomon on Futuna, to assist Mr. Copeland; Vaimanga and Tavini are stationed on Missionary Point, Havannah Harbour, Efate; and Nehemaia on Mosa, on the other side of Havannah Harbour—these three to prepare for the settlement of a missionary in Havannah Harbour, who is expected to be here next year; Jona, Ta, Munokoa are on Nguna, and are to be settled permanently by Mr. Milne, under whose superintendence they are placed. The meeting sanctions these arrangements, and thanks Dr. Geddie for his diligence in the matter.

12. That Dr. Geddie report to Mr. Chalmers, of Rarotonga, and Mr. Lawes, of Niue, respecting the location and labours of the teachers respectively; and that each missionary who has a teacher or teachers under charge write a letter annually to their respective missionaries, giving them such information about the teachers as each may be able to supply.

13 This meeting having heard the statement of Mr. Milne, and of the deputation appointed to assist him in his settlement; also, Mr. Milne's request to be allowed again to seek a station on Eromanga, are unanimously agreed to recommend Mr. Milne to continue on Nguna, and counsel him to go on with his work there, assuring

him of their cordial sympathy with him in all his difficulties. This meeting further agree to take the responsibility of Mr. Milne's settlement on Nguna upon themselves, and approve the diligence of the deputation.

14. The deputation appointed to settle Mr. Goodwill report that they effected a settlement for him at Capo Lisburn. The meeting confirm the appointment, and approve the diligence of the deputation.

15. Messrs. Paton, Neilson, and Milne, are appointed a committee to receive and examine accounts.

16. That at the close of this meeting the "Dayspring" proceed to Port Resolution and Kwameia, then to Futuna, Aname, Anelcauhat, to take on board and land passengers and goods as may be necessary.

17. That as soon as ready for sea the "Dayspring" shall leave Anelcauhat, proceed to Aname, thence to Aniwa, thence to the Loyalty Islands, calling at Mare, Lifu, and, if need be, at Wea; moreover, if necessary, she shall proceed from Mare to Noumea. Leaving the Loyalty Islands, the vessel shall proceed to Nguna, assist in the settlement of teachers on the adjoining islands, if required, proceed thence to Efate, call at Havannah Harbour, and, if needful, at Epang and Erakor; thence to Dillon's Bay, Aniwa—take a party of natives on to Futuna; thence to Aname and Anelcauhat.

18. Mr. Inglis is appointed to accompany the "Dayspring" to the Loyalty Islands, and is to state to the brethren of that mission, in answer to their communications, that while this mission is most desirous to assist them, as far as it may be practicable, with the "Dayspring," yet, owing to the amount of work likely to be required of the vessel, this meeting cannot promise them more assistance than the conveying of the missionaries to and from their annual meeting, and the taking of a mission family to or from the colonies; and that, when the services of the "Dayspring" may be required, a timely and definite application be made, to enable this mission to make necessary arrangements.

19. That as soon again as the "Dayspring" is ready for sea she leave Anelcauhat, proceed to Aname, take in native passengers, proceed to Futuna, take on board a party of Aniwa and Futuna natives for Aniwa. After two days the vessel will return from Aniwa, taking the natives of Futuna back to their own island. She will then proceed to Tanna, take Messrs. Neilson and Watt on board, and make a voyage of visitation round Tanna.

20. That from the 15th of September till the 15th of October the "Dayspring" lie in Aneityum harbour for repairs.

21. That after receiving these repairs