

Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of his Church, viz.—That he leave Mrs. Goodwill and the children in the Australasian colonies, and that he remain in Santo during the winter months, returning to the colonies to spend the summer there; provided, say four or five families can be procured from some of the Christian islands to accompany him.

This plan was unanimously disapproved of by the Synod, as being in part impracticable, and not likely to advance the work.

Further, the Synod being very desirous to retain Mr. Goodwill in the mission, unanimously recommend him and his family to try Erromanga, and as soon as convenient to open a new station there; Erromanga being at least as healthy as Santo; as having also the nucleus of a Christian population to begin with; and as supplying the necessary assistance on the island.

Mr. Goodwill having expressed himself as decidedly averse to settle on Erromanga, as advised, on the grounds of Mrs. Goodwill's health, and for other reasons, the Synod felt themselves most reluctantly shut up to accept Mr. Goodwill's resignation as a member of the Mission. The Synod expressed their sincere sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Goodwill in their present trying circumstances, and they hope that another field of usefulness may be soon opened up for them elsewhere.

29. Mr. Inglis gave a report from the committee appointed to take steps in order to obtain a printer for the mission. The report stated that application had been made first to the National Bible Society of Scotland, and subsequently to the Foreign Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales, but in both cases without success. It was agreed, in accordance with suggestions made in the report, that Mr. Murray be requested to bring into operation the printing press at his station, for the printing of small books, and that the brethren on Efate and Nguna consult together, as to what can be done to obtain a small press, for printing elementary books for their island.

30. As the members of the New Hebrides Mission are grieved to observe that a taste for intoxicating drinks is rapidly increasing among the natives of this group, and as they have strong reason to believe that these drinks can be obtained by natives at every, or nearly every, trading and whaling establishment on the New Hebrides, the Synod appointed deputations of their number to wait upon the proprietors of these establishments, and also upon the heads of firms in Sydney, connected with the New Hebrides trade, and respectfully but earnestly call their attention to the subject, to point out to them the evils and dangers, arising both to the natives and the white

residents, from their supplying intoxicating drinks to the natives; and to urge upon them, not only to refuse these drinks themselves, but to use their influence to prevent persons in their employment, and vessels calling at their stations, from supplying drink to the natives, and urging upon them as Christian men, to assist, by every means in their power, to prevent intemperance among the natives; as all experience has proved that intemperance is one of the greatest hindrances in existence to the Christianising and civilising of native races.

31. A communication was read from the Rev. Dr. Steel, Sydney, agent of this mission, which stated that the sum of £100 had lately been placed in his hands, to be invested for the endowment of a native teacher. The money belonged to a young lady, one of the Sabbath scholars in his congregation, the daughter of one of his Sabbath school teachers: the money is invested at 5 per cent., and the payment will be available next year: moreover, it would gratify the parents of the deceased young lady if the money were appropriated for the support of a teacher on Erromanga.

The Synod was much gratified by the communication, a vote of thanks was accorded to Dr. Steel for the interest he had taken in this matter, and the clerk was instructed to write to the parents of the young lady, and convey to them the thanks of the Synod for this generous and seasonable benefaction.

32. Reports being given in on the so-called "labour question," it was unanimously agreed that these reports be condensed into one general report, and brought before the public,—that the commodore on the station be supplied with full, accurate, and definite information,—that the colonial governors, and the French Governor in New Caledonia, the Secretary for the Colonies, and both Houses of the British Parliament, be memorialised on the subject, showing that there is little if any diminution of the evils connected with the traffic, praying for its total suppression among the islands, and its total abolition in all British colonies, and that the British Government be petitioned to communicate with the French Government and urge its suppression on New Caledonia.

33. Mr. Inglis presented an overture, craving permission for himself, and for those who might wish to adopt the same practice, of using the liquor of the cocoanut, instead of wine, in the ordinance of the Lord's Supper, as is done by a large number of missionaries in the South Seas. It was agreed that the overture lie over for consideration till next meeting of Synod, in 1875.

34. It was agreed that a Concert for