

land, N. Z., and the latter as the first missionary of the Church of Scotland in Nova Scotia, it was agreed—That this meeting expresses its gratitude to God for the safe arrival of these brethren and their wives, and welcomes them as fellow-labourers in the cause of Christ, and assures them of its readiness to afford them every facility in its power to aid them in their work.

7. Capt. Fraser having reported that he had fulfilled all the appointments mentioned in the Minutes, and that in addition to these he had, in compliance with a request made to this mission by the Loyalty Island Mission, and with the sanction of Dr. Geddie and Mr. Inglis, visited the Loyalty group before leaving the New Hebrides, in December last; that he had taken the Rev. Mr. Ella, Mrs. Ella and their son, and also the Rev. Mr. Creagh's son, on board as passengers; that on his way to Melbourne he had called at Sydney, in order to land them there; that on his return to Aneityum he had brought Mr. and Mrs. Ella from Melbourne; and that on his voyage from Aneityum to the northern islands he had proceeded to Lifu and Wea, and landed Mr. and Mrs. Ella at their own station there. This meeting expresses its approval of the course adopted by Captain Fraser in these matters.

8. Dr. Geddie having given a report of his visit to Australia, in connection with the "Dayspring," this meeting rejoices to hear that the public meetings held in connection with the "Dayspring" were so well attended, and especially that the gatherings of Sabbath-school children were so large and enthusiastic. The thanks of this meeting are hereby tendered to Dr. Geddie for his earnestness and diligence in promoting the interests of the Mission during his visit to the colonies, and for the highly satisfactory manner in which he has executed the orders entrusted to him by the missionaries.

9. Reports from the various stations of the missionaries were submitted, on the whole of a more favourable nature than usual. This meeting expresses thankfulness that, notwithstanding some adverse circumstances, the work of God is in so hopeful a condition.

10. It was resolved that Dr. Geddie and Messrs. Paton and Watt be appointed a committee to examine all accounts requiring the sanction of this meeting.

11. That all members of this Mission who may desire to get translations or books in the native languages printed at the expense of the churches connected with the Mission, or of any Society, shall first submit such translations or books to the Annual Meeting of the Mission, and receive its approval.

12. That Dr. Geddie and Messrs. Inglis

and Paton be appointed a committee to arrange and mature a scheme for engaging a printer for this mission, and report to the next Annual Meeting.

13. Mr. Cosh read some documents from the Session and Deacons' Court of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Auckland, N. Z. In these documents it was stated that they had understood that it might be necessary for Mr. Cosh to leave the mission field for a time, on account of Mrs. Cosh's health; and that if such should be the case, unanimously requested him to take charge of that congregation for a year, while their pastor, Rev. Mr. Bruce, made a visit to the home country for the benefit of his health. This meeting having heard these documents read, having also heard Mr. Cosh's reasons for wishing to accept the offer, expresses its sincere sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Cosh on account of the state of Mrs. Cosh's health; and although it deeply regrets the prospect of losing Mr. Cosh even for a time in the present state of the Efate Mission, yet, considering all things, it agrees to release Mr. Cosh from his station on Efate, in the hope that the change may be productive of the desired benefit, and that he may be afterwards restored to the Mission refreshed and invigorated, and the health of Mrs. Cosh fully established.

14. That in accordance with the request of the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales, and with his own special desire, Mr. Gordon resume his mission on Santo this year, with permission to reside there permanently, should he think it his duty to do so.

15. That Mr. Goodwill, in accordance with his own expressed desire, be appointed to a station on Santo, the most eligible that can be found at present.

16. The Rev. Dr. Steel having reported to the Clerk of this meeting that a legacy of £100 had been left to the New Hebrides Mission, by the late J. Manson, Esq., of Sydney, N. S. W., the Clerk is hereby appointed to acknowledge the same, and instruct Dr. Steel to invest the money for the benefit of the Mission.

17. That the "Dayspring" be appointed to visit the Hervey group for the purpose of bringing native teachers from these islands, kindly placed at the disposal of this Mission by the brethren of the London Missionary Society on these islands, in answer to a request made by this Mission last year.

18. That the "Dayspring" leave the harbour of Aneityum on Wednesday, the 22nd inst., or as soon thereafter as possible, calling at Anamé, Futuna, Kwamera, Port Resolution, Aniwa, Dillon's Bay, taking Mr. Gordon on board at Portinia Bay, landing Mr. Milne at Ifu, if it shall be thought proper, and proceeding to Efate to