

Read minutes of last sederunt.

Resumed consideration of the subject of Ministerial support.

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The original recommendation was moved by Rev. Mr. Maxwell, with the following addition, "But in case of those congregations whose present salary does not exceed \$500, a supplement be given at the rate of 150 per cent. on the increase till the stipend be brought up to \$500, it being always understood that the committee have power to make a special arrangement in exceptional cases."

Rev. T. Sedgwick moved in lieu of recommendation fourth, that the case of each congregation requiring supplement be considered on its own merits, and that the committee to be appointed shall have all the powers of the former committee.

At 9 o'clock it was agreed to prolong the sederunt till 10 if necessary, and at a quarter before 10 the Synod adjourned, without coming to a vote, to meet in James' Church at the usual hour to-morrow morning. Closed with prayer.

FIFTH SEDERUNT.

James' Church, New Glasgow, June 27th, 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met and was constituted by the Moderator, when the minutes of last sederunt were read and approved.

The report of the Board of Foreign Missions was then read by Rev. P. G. McGregor, the secretary. The report noticed the change made consequent upon a decision of last Synod appointing a General Agent, the Secretaryship of the Board, and their action thereupon in recognizing the present Secretary, and in entering on their minutes a suitable record of the valuable services of Dr. Bayne for the last fifteen years.

Rep. of Board
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The report noticed the arrival of Dr. Geddie and family, with the missionaries from Scotland, in Melbourne and Sydney, and the kindly welcome given to them in those cities—their arrival in Aneiteum, the holding of the Mission Council, the location of the Missionaries, and the retirement of the Rev. Mr. McCullagh from the mission, in consequence of the occupancy by other missionaries, who had prior claims by seniority, of the only islands on which it was thought prudent for Mrs. McCullagh, in her delicate state of health, to settle and attempt Mission work. The requests of the Mission Council, for the appointment of a Printer, and for more Missionaries, were reported and recommended.

The report referred to the sanitary condition of the different islands occupied by our Missionaries, to their trials from sickness and otherwise, to the resumption of work by Dr. and Mrs. Geddie on Aneiteum, with some encouragement, amidst a people diminished by disease during their absence—of the progress of the Lord's work on Fate, and the circulation of the published Gospel there by Mr. Morrison—and of the toil and perseverance of Mr. Gordon on Erromanga, amidst the harassing interruptions which he was compelled to endure from sickness, war, and trials from enemies. It also noticed the gratifying fact of Mr. McNair's settlement on the island of Erromanga.

The report gave a pretty full account of the different voyages of the "Dayspring," during the year, and concluded by referring to the continued discussion of the Curacoa difficulty, as, so far, unavoidable, that all parties might have a fair hearing, but suggesting that no good end is likely