

colonies and throughout the British empire, and have conveyed unspeakable benefits to the degraded natives of Western Polynesia.

This mission herewith records its sincere sympathy with the members of the Melanesian mission; also, with the relatives of Bishop Patteson, Rev. Mr. Atkin, and the native assistant Stephen, on the irreparable loss which they have all sustained by these lamented deaths. All three were cut down in the prime of life, and in the midst of extensive usefulness. The prayer of this mission is that He who brings good out of evil, and light out of darkness, who makes the very wrath of man to praise him, may over-rule this tragical and mournful event for the advancement of His own glory and the more speedy evangelization of these islands.

That the clerk be instructed to forward a copy of this minute to the Rev. R. H. Codrington, Norfolk Island, senior member of the Melanesian Mission.

10. Reports were given in by all the members on the state of their respective stations. These reports were of different characters; in some stations there is much to discourage, in others there is much to encourage, but on the whole there is decisive evidence that the work is steadily advancing, for which the Synod would thank God, and trust to Him for a larger measure of His promised help and blessing.

11. Mr. Murray, in accordance with his own wishes, and with the approbation of the meeting, was appointed to succeed Dr. Geddie, in the station of Anelgauhah, Aneityum.

12. Mr. Robertson, in accordance with his own wishes and the approbation of the meeting, was appointed to Eromanga, the Synod cordially engaged to support and assist him in every way to the utmost of their power.

13. As all the Christian natives are assembled at Dillon's Bay, Eromanga, and as a scarcity of food may be apprehended, Mr. Robertson was authorised to expend twenty pounds (£20), if necessary, in purchasing yams, or other food, with which to supply the natives, and the Synod recommend the church supporting Mr. Robertson to refund the expenditure.

14. Mr. M'Kenzie, in accordance with his own wishes and the approbation of the meeting, was appointed to Erakor and Epang, Efate.

15. The Synod recommend the Presbyterian Church of Victoria to pass over the mission premises at Epang to the Presbyterian Church of the lower provinces of British North America, for the use of their missionary, Mr. M'Kenzie.

16. Mr. Macdonald, in accordance with his own wishes, and the approbation of

the meeting, was appointed to Havannah Harbour, Efate.

17. The cottage at Anelgauhah, formerly occupied by the captain of the "Dayspring," was passed over to Mr. Macdonald, to be by him removed, and re-erected at his station at Havannah Harbour.

19. That when the "Dayspring" goes north, Messrs. Paton (or Copeland), Milne, and Macdonald make such arrangements about the Karotogan teachers in Havannah Harbour and Nguna as they may think expedient, and that Mr. Paton write to the Rev. Mr. Chalmers, in Karotoga, informing him that, after another year's experience, it seems inexpedient, on the ground of health, that the four teachers formerly applied for to him should be sent to the New Hebrides.

20. Mr. Inglis reported that 10,000 copies of the pamphlet on the *Slave Trade in the New Hebrides* had been published and put into circulation at home, Nova Scotia, and the Australian colonies. The time of its publication proved to be very opportune, and there is reason to believe that its circulation has done much good. The subject was introduced into the Queen's speech, a bill was brought into Parliament constituting kidnapping a felony, and the British Government seem determined to adopt every means in their power to suppress every practice of a quasi slavery nature. Mr. Inglis was thanked for his diligence, and the Synod records its obligations to the Rev. J. Kar, secretary of the Reformed Presbyterian Synod's Foreign Mission, for the labour and care, the zeal and energy, he has displayed in connection with this subject. The members of this mission are all enjoined to record fully and accurately every fact bearing on this subject that may come under their observation during the next twelve months, and supply such information, if needful, at next annual meeting.

21. That the thanks of this Synod be given to the Rev. Dr. Steel, Sydney, for the services he has rendered to this mission, especially in giving publicity to the iniquities of the slave trade.

22. A letter was read from the Rev. Dr. Macdonald, agent of the mission in Melbourne, informing the meeting that in accordance with one of the minutes of last annual meeting, a board for the management of the "Dayspring" had been formed in Melbourne, consisting of the Revs. Clarke (Williamstown, Mercer and M'Eachran (Melbourne)); James Macbain, Esq., M.P.; Capt. Fullarton, harbour master, and Mr. Rae, shipowner (Williamstown), the members of this mission in Victoria at the time, and himself; that the "Dayspring" had been fully repaired at a cost