

13. That as soon after its arrival in Sydney as it can be got ready for sea, the *Dayspring* leave there for the New Hebrides, calling on her way North at all the stations occupied by missionaries and such stations occupied by teachers as the missionaries in charge of them may require, Portinia Bay to be visited before proceeding to Dillons Bay. That it remain three days at the most northerly station,—that on its way South to Anelgauhut it call at all the stations occupied by missionaries and teachers as above, visiting Weasisi before calling at Aniwa, —that from Anelgauhut it proceed to Sydney, and remain there or proceed to South Australia as the *Dayspring* Board may direct.

14. Next Annual Meeting of Synod was appointed to be held at the most northerly station which is suitable.

15. The *Dayspring* was appointed to leave Sydney on the 1st of April, 1888, for Anelgauhut,—that from Anelgauhut it proceed North calling at all the stations occupied by missionaries and teachers, as directed in minute 13, landing goods and mails and collecting the missionaries for the Synod meeting.

16. Read a letter from Rev. Jas. Lyall, Convener Foreign Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church of South Australia, requesting that the *Dayspring* visit Adelaide at the end of this year; the Synod having considered the matter, agreed to offer no objection to its being sent there by the *Dayspring* Board on the understanding that the terms of the request be complied with and the *Dayspring* be not detained in Adelaide longer than a fortnight or thereabout.

17. Read a letter from Rev. A. Hardie, Convener Heathen Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria, requesting that in view of what Victoria has done in the way of obtaining and maintaining the *Dayspring*, as well as in obtaining money for the new vessel, the headquarters be changed from Sydney to Melbourne, for at least five years. The Synod whilst acknowledging its great indebtedness to the Church in Victoria, does not consider that the change proposed is, at least in present circumstances, practicable; for, as the Church in Victoria is aware, the *Dayspring* cannot overtake the work in the islands at present, whilst the voyage to Melbourne would involve considerable extra sailing every trip.

18. Read letters from Rev. Jas. Cosh, *Dayspring* Board, Rev. A. Hardie, Convener Heathen Mis. Com. of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria, and Rev. J. G. Patton, anent the proposed new vessel; the Synod after hearing the letters read, and the opinions of the various members, appointed a committee of the whole house to consider the matter more fully and report at next sederunt.

20. Messrs. McKenzie, Annand and Morton were appointed a committee to consider the reports of stations to be submitted, and to report at a future sederunt.

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22. The committee appointed (minute 18) to consider the matter of the proposed new vessel, reported as follows:

(Then follows a lengthy report which the Synod adopted as its finding, in which preference is expressed for a new and larger vessel with steam power, as the present *Dayspring* is inadequate to the needs of the mission, and the money for a new vessel has been collected and is lying in Australia.—ED. MARITIME.)

23. Mr. McKenzie asked permission on behalf of himself and Mr. McDonald to get an edition of the New Testament printed in the Efatese language, at the expense of the British and Foreign Bible Society. Leave was granted to proceed with the work as soon as convenient.

24. Mr. McDonald requested permission for himself and family to proceed to Melbourne in December, and return in April, 1888. Permission was granted. Mr. McKenzie was appointed to take charge of his station during his absence.

25. Mr. Gray requested permission for himself and family to proceed to Adelaide in December, taking with them one or two natives, and return in October 1888. Permission was granted. Mr. Watt was appointed to take charge of his station during his absence.

26. Mr. Fraser requested permission to proceed by the *Cairndhu* to Sydney and return immediately by the *Dayspring*. Permission was granted.

27. Members who had granted passages to natives reported the same; their action was approved of.

28. A letter was read from the Rev. Mr. Langham, of the Wesleyan Missionary Society at Fiji, offering to provide a teacher for Santo who would accompany some natives of that island about to return home.