

## FIFTH SESSION.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, July 11th, 1877.

At 7.30 o'clock the Association resumed business.  
Prayer by Bro. T. C. Bishop.

On motion it was unanimously

*Resolved*, That this Association hold its next Session with the 1st Baptist Church at St. Martins.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That Revs. Geo. Armstrong and W. P. Everett be a Committee to superintend the printing of the Minutes, and that the distribution to the Churches be in proportion to moneys sent.

On motion,

*Resolved*, That Rev. J. D. Pope be requested to furnish a copy of his excellent sermon for publication in the *Christian Visitor*.

*Resolved*. That Revs. I. E. Bill, Thos. Todd and E. Hickson be a Committee to arrange with steamboat and railway companies for reduction of fare to and from St. Martins next year.

The Letters from the New Churches—New Horton, Hampton Village and Forest Glen—were read, and the Moderator gave the hand of fellowship to the delegates.

The Committee on Foreign Missions reported:

It seems impossible to exaggerate the moral grandeur and the vast importance of the Foreign Mission enterprise. The more it is contemplated in the light of the commands, the principles, and the predictions of Scripture, the greater does it appear. The object is to propagate the blessed religion of Christ Jesus throughout the whole world—thus bringing the only way of salvation to the knowledge of all men. It seems almost unaccountable that any who have been redeemed by Immanuel's precious blood can be indifferent to this cause—committed to us in our Lord's parting charge.

With regard to our own Mission among the heathen, there is every reason for encouragement. Our work there has, thus far, been a preparatory one, only two years having elapsed since our Missionaries reached the shores of India. But even during this season of preparatory work we have not been without encouragement.

It is with gratitude to God that we refer to the fact that during the past year our dear Bro. Churchill, who had been driven from the field for a time, by severe disease, has returned to the mission; and that his health, which at the time of his return was partially restored, is now considered fully established. All the rest are in good health, and are industriously at work in their different spheres of labor.

One of the events of the year is of special importance. We refer to the planting of a Christian Church, and the establishment of a centre of Christian labor and influence in the Jeypore District—a place distant from the coast difficult of access, and deplorably destitute, but abounding with perishing heathen. This makes the third church established by our Missionaries. Besides the other schools reported in