

respect; and their obligations to Churches, the Schools, and the many friends that by their contributions have enabled them to purchase the vessel.

13. That a vote of thanks be given to Messrs. Goodlet and Learmouth, for the prompt and generous manner in which they came forward to the assistance of the mission, in purchasing the *Paragon* at their own risk, when mission funds were not available for that purpose.

14. That a vote of thanks be given to Captain Banks, Marine Surveyor, Sydney, for the important services he had rendered to the mission, in connection with the purchase and alterations of the *Paragon*.

15. The thanks of the Synod were recorded to Dr. Steel for acting gratuitously as agent for the vessel till the appointment of Mr. Cosh, and for the highly satisfactory manner in which he had performed the duties of that agency; and also the agency for the mission during the past year.

16. A vote of thanks to Mr. Cosh was also recorded, for his valuable services to the mission vessel.

17. The Synod appointed the Rev. Dr. Steel, Sydney, Rev. James Cosh, A. M., Balmain, and James M'Bain, Esq., M.L.A., Melbourne, to be the trustees of the mission vessel and to hold the legal ownership of the same on behalf of this mission.

18. That the trustees of the New Hebrides Mission ship, viz., Rev. Dr. Steel, Sydney, Rev. James Cosh, A. M., Balmain, and James M'Bain, Esq., M. L. A., Melbourne, are hereby empowered to claim from the Rev. Dr. M'Donald, Emerald Hill, the Dayspring Insurance Fund amounting to £3200, more or less, at present in his hands, and the Rev. Dr. M'Donald is hereby empowered to pay over the said Insurance Fund into the hands of the said trustees unconditionally, and accept of their receipt as legal quitance for the same.

19. Mr. Inglis read a paper, giving a full history of the Dayspring Insurance Fund. The Synod expressed their high satisfaction with the paper, and requested Mr. Inglis to send copies of it respectively, to the Rev. Dr. M'Donald, to the ship Board in Sydney, and the Conveners of the several Mission Committees, interested in this mission, also that a copy of it be retained among the permanent papers of the mission. Mr. Inglis said he would place a copy of it among the permanent papers of the mission; and if he could find time to write them, he would send abridged copies to the parties named.

20. Messrs. Paton, Copeland, and Goodwill, having each given in a report of what was done by them, unitedly and separately,

in the colonies, to assist in raising funds for the purchasing of the *Paragon*; these reports were received, and the brethren thanked respectively for their services.

21. Reports were then given in by all the members on the state of their respective stations. These reports, while all indicating the difficult nature of the work, and the formidable obstacles to be encountered, and many of the discouragements that have to be overcome,—all showing that there is much cause for humiliation and prayer to God for his blessing,—nevertheless gave evidence of steady progress, and of much that was encouraging in the state of the mission, and calling for thankfulness to that God who is ever mindful of his covenant, and ever faithful to his promise.

22. Mr. Macdonald was authorised to apply to the Presbyterian Church of Victoria to bear the expenses of printing 200 copies of a primer in the Efate language of about sixteen pages.

23. Mr. Copeland made application to be allowed to proceed to Sydney in the mission vessel in December, to visit his family, whom he had left there. The request was granted.

24. A minute was read from the New Hebrides Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Victoria, in which it was stated that it was their wish, that Mr. Paton, on account of the state of his health, should return to the Colonies after his visit to the islands. Mr. Paton concurred in this request, and wished to go up with his family in the *Paragon*, in July or December, according as his health might require. The Synod cordially agreed to this request in the full hope that a period of rest, and a course of judicious medical treatment, will, under the blessing of God, restore Mr. Paton to his wonted health and strength.

25. Mr. Watt made application for leave for himself and Mrs. Watt to go up to Sydney for the benefit of their health, in the *Paragon*, on her first voyage, and to return by her on the same voyage. The request was granted.

26. Mr. Inglis made application for leave for himself and Mrs. Inglis' to proceed to Tanna in the *Paragon* when the vessel comes back from the north; also, should Mrs. Inglis' health require it, that they be allowed to go up to Sydney by the *Paragon* in December, and return by her to Aneityum in March. Both these requests were granted.

27. Mr. Watt was appointed to take the general superintendence of the mission on Aniwa during Mr. Paton's absence.

28. Mr. Goodwill laid before the Synod the following plan in connection with his return to Santo, suggested in part by the