

of the times, be a more advantageous and economical arrangement to leave the missions in Western Polynesia to be served by the *Dayspring* alone, and to procure a vessel of similar character to be employed exclusively for their missions in Eastern Polynesia, and not to return to England at all. It is the decided opinion of this meeting that, under present circumstances, this would be the most advantageous arrangement both for the Society and the missions.

September 6th, 1867.

EIGHTH SEDERUNT.

A minute having been read from the Harvey Island Mission, requesting the services of the *Dayspring* to visit their out-stations,—*Resolved*, That owing to the amount of work to be done on this and the Loyalty groups, it is impossible for the vessel to go this year; but that the deputation in the *Dayspring* be empowered to make such arrangements on reaching Sydney as shall best promote the interests of both missions. That the *Dayspring* shall first of all take back the missionaries to their stations; then call at Futuna on the way to settle Mr. Neilson at Tana, and thence proceed to the Loyalty Islands. Having finished her work on that group that she return to Aneiteum, proceed thence to Santo, calling on the way at Erromanga for Mr. Gordon. Leaving Santo she shall go to Fate for Mr. Morrison, proceed to the Shepherd's Isles, and thence to Aneiteum, calling at the mission stations intervening. From Aneiteum she shall go to Tana, to leave there Mr. and Mrs. Neilson, and from these to the Loyalty group.

That Mr. Inglis be appointed a deputation to attend the annual meeting of the Loyalty Islands mission.

That Mr. Inglis be authorized to make arrangements with Mr. Ella to print for this mission.

That Dr. Geddie, with Messrs. Morrison and Cosh, be appointed a committee, should they deem it advisable after the Shepherd Isles have been visited, to transmit the minute of last year requesting eastern teachers.

NINTH SEDERUNT.

That Messrs. Geddie and Inglis be re-appointed to draw up an appeal to the various Churches interested in this mission for more missionaries.

That Mr. Paton be thanked for a contribution to the amount of £20 to the teachers fund.

Mr. Morrison having expressed a desire to go to the Colonies for medical advice,—*Resolved*, That this meeting express their sympathy with Mr. Morrison in his circumstances, and trust that he may soon return to the field with renewed health; also that

he be authorized to have printed 1000 copies of Matthew's gospel in the Fate language, as also a psalter, and to advance in every possible way the interests of the mission.

That this meeting, recognizing the valuable services rendered by Capt. Fraser to this mission, desire to present to him, in a tangible form, an expression of their satisfaction with the manner in which, as captain of the mission vessel, he has performed his arduous duties,—*Resolved*, That Mr. Morrison be appointed to act in conjunction with the deputation from the Loyalty Islands, to purchase and present, on reaching Sydney, to Capt. Fraser some article with a view to carry out the desire of this meeting.

That Captain Fraser's salary be raised to £200 sterling per annum.

Sept. 7th, 1867.

TENTH SEDERUNT.

The memorial and petition of the Committee on the Traffic in Natives on these Islands having been read, were received, and the Committee thanked for their diligence.

That Mr. Morrison and Dr. Steele be appointed a deputation (with power to add to their number) to present the memorial and petition of the mission with respect to the traffic in natives of these Islands, to the New South Wales government.

That Messrs. McFarlane and Morrison be appointed a deputation to confer and arrange with Dr. Steele, with reference to postal arrangements for this group.

That the Treasurers of the respective Churches in this mission, be requested to place a sum of money in Dr. Steele's hands to meet expenses of postage in Sydney.

That Ru and Kakita, teachers, at present on Futuna, be removed—the latter to Erakor on Fate, and the former to Port Resolution or elsewhere; also that Mr. Morrison get property to the value of £5 from the Teachers supplies, to purchase food for Ru and his family.

That goods to the value of £5 be taken from the Teachers supplies, and distributed among the Aneiteumese who have attended to the wants of the six Futuna natives brought to this island in January last.

That the head-quarters of the *Dayspring* be in Melbourne; that the Convener of the General Assembly's Committee on the New Hebrides mission be agent for the vessel, and the Treasurer of the said Committee the Treasurer of the ship's goods; and that the Rev. Dr. Steele be the agent for the vessel in Sydney. That if on the arrival of the vessel in Sydney this year, it be arranged that the *Dayspring* should proceed to Eastern Polynesia as soon as practicable, then the necessary repairs shall be effected in Sydney, and the vessel sail for the Eastward not later than the 15th of February;