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was given for next meeting of Presbytery. Mr. J. Goforth, missionary to Honan, being present, was asked to address the court and did so, dwelling on the difficulties and the encouragements of the work. A cordial vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Goforth for his interesting address.—GEORGE SUTHERLAND, Clerk.

### THE NEW HEBRIDES MISSION SYNOD REPORT.

(Continued from page 489)

That the Synod pass the following estimates of expenditures of missionaries of the Presbyterian church in Canada, and request the Foreign Mission Committee to pay the same:

Rev. H. A. Robertson	£405
Rev. J. W. Mackenzie	241
Rev. J. Annand M.A.	175

£821

Agreed:—That no member of this mission buy any goods to sell for money to any of his people beyond his own servants and teachers, unless under special conditions, and when such conditions exist and trading is done, the same be reported to Synod.

Read a letter from the convener of the Foreign Missions Committee of the Presbyterian church of Victoria requesting Synod to appoint three representatives from Victoria as members of the "Dayspring" Board. Synod having taken the matter into its careful consideration, agreed:—That the conveners of the Foreign Missions Committees of the various churches interested in this Mission, have each a seat on the "Dayspring" Board, and that Victoria appoint a second representative, and that all may act either personally or by deputy.

The clerk reported that an article entitled "A Serious Charge" having appeared in the *Sydney Presbyterian*, he had officially placed himself in communication with Sir S. W. Griffiths, Sir J. B. Thurston, and Messrs. Milne, Michelson, Fraser and Smaill. The correspondence, including a letter from Sir Thomas Mellisraith, was read, but although a copy of the "Blue Book," in which the said "serious charge" also appeared, had been forwarded to the clerk, it had not come to hand. Synod sustained the action of the clerk.

The Synod having entered on the consideration of the "serious charge," it was found that Mr. Milne, who was absent, denied in the following terms the charges laid against him:—"And I have to say that I am innocent of the things therein attributed to me: yet it is possible that Mr. Rannie in reporting as he did, may have been reporting only what he saw and heard, as will appear when the

following facts are taken into consideration, viz., that there are two traders on Emal—Mr. A. Holmes, an Englishman, and Mr. G. Andersen, a Norwegian, both of whom drink, and sell powder, shot and percussion caps to the natives, and one of them, the most drunken of the two, the Norwegian, sells also firearms; that the latter lives in a hut beside the people of Sesake's boathouse, and that at the time referred to for want of better accommodation he kept some of his things in their boathouse. That boathouse must be the one referred to in the report, as neither of the two traders had then, nor have yet any boathouse of their own. My boathouse is at the other side of the island, the south-east side, where no ships ever anchor, and where no boats in the labour traffic ever come ashore. If any of the goods had my name attached to them, the owner or owners of them must have put my name upon them to screen themselves. Though there is no accounting for what some natives will sometimes say, I can scarcely think it possible that any native would have said that the missionary exchanges ammunition for arrowroot. The probability, nay, the almost certainty is, that if such a saying had been told to the Government agent at all, it had been told to him not by the natives, but by some ill-disposed white man. Those who could put a fictitious name on cases of grog and bags and boxes of ammunition could surely also originate such a saying about the exchange by the missionary of the ammunition for arrowroot. So far from my buying arrowroot with ammunition, I have never bought any arrowroot from the natives anywhere. I am also a teetotaler and have been trying hard for many years to get all the people in my district to be teetotalers."

Messrs. Michelson, Fraser and Smaill, the only missionaries labouring on Epi, being present, proved that the charges laid against an Epi missionary were utterly false.

The Synod is highly gratified by the attitude taken up on the subject by His Excellency the High Commissioner, as expressed in the following extract of his letter to the clerk:—"Mr. Rannie's report is in some respects contradictory of the High Commissioner's own knowledge of matters in the New Hebrides; in some others, his statements are contradicted by persons in a position to know, and of whom His Excellency has made enquiry. This being so, and in view of the evident animus against the Presbyterian Mission, the High Commissioner has officially informed the Secretary of State that in his opinion Mr. Rannie's statements are not worthy of credence. This expression of the High Commissioner's opinion will doubtless be included in the next Blue Book published on Western Pacific affairs and presented to the Imperial Parliament, and in the meantime you are at liberty to make any use of this communication you may think fit."

Synod agrees to express its astonishment that a gentleman in the position of a chief secretary for a colony should give publicity to charges involving legal consequences, before the steps necessary to establish their truthfulness had been taken. And that an avowedly Christian paper should in these circumstances publish statements derogatory to Christian work, which enquiry shows to be utterly baseless.

Copies of this minute to be sent to Sir J. B. Thurston, Sir S. W. Griffiths, A. K. Langridge, Esq., the conveners of the various Foreign Mission Committees of the churches interested in this Mission, and the editor of the *Sydney Presbyterian*.

In regard to missionaries unduly absenting themselves from their stations, the Synod would point out that in the cases especially referred to, the charge is untrue, as the missionaries mentioned were not all absent from their stations at the same time, or for the periods stated; that those who were absent had the sanction of Synod and their churches, the necessity of such absences being painfully established by the heavy mortality sustained by the Mission during the past year.

Read a letter from the Hon. Secretary of the Women's Missionary Association of the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales, conveying their greetings to the missionaries and their wives. The clerk was instructed to reply expressing gratification at their interest and sympathy.

The committee appointed in connection with the Native Teachers' Training Institution to draw up a few simple rules for the guidance of the Principal and his assistants, also rules to which the students must conform on the authority of the Synod, reported as follows:

*Rules for the Native Teachers' Training Institution.*

The Institution shall be entirely under the management of the Principal, who shall give in his annual report to the Mission Synod from whom he receives instructions, from time to time as the development of the Institution and the Mission may require.

The assistants shall be entirely under the control of the Principal who shall define their duties. He shall also have power to dismiss his assistants without previously consulting the Synod, if such a step is considered necessary; but he is responsible to the Synod for such dismissal.

All our missionaries engage to do their best to provide students for the Institution.

At least the men should be church members, and if their wives are not church members, their own missionary should be satisfied about their good conduct. No couple must have more than one child with them on entering the Institution. All candidates must be able to read well their own language and if possible a first book in English.

Students if found suitable, to remain not less than four years; the Principal shall have power to send back any student whom he may find unsuitable, or if his conduct shall warrant such a course.

A young man who has passed through the Institution satisfactorily shall, if sent out as a teacher, receive a salary of £6 under his own missionary, and £10 if placed under another.

No teacher shall be sent out without the approval of his own missionary.

The Principal shall be entitled to receive Mission boxes for the use of the Institution.

The Convener moved that the report be received and adopted, which was agreed to.

### BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS. NOT EXCEEDING FOUR LINES 25 CENTS.

#### MARRIED.

On the 23rd ult., at Pembroke Lodge, the residence of A. M. Smith, Esq., uncle of the bride, by the Rev. D. H. Fletcher, D.D., Hamilton, the Rev. J. H. White, M.A., Deer Park, to Minnie, daughter of the late Chas. Barnes, Esq., Enniskillen.

Read a communication from the "Dayspring" Board anent the maritime service for the present year. The Synod thanks the Board for the efforts made by it to secure a satisfactory service. A copy of this minute to be sent to the secretary of the "Dayspring" Board.

The next meeting of Synod was appointed to be held at Anelghauhat, Aneityum, about May, 1895. Synod requests the "Dayspring" Board to make the necessary arrangements in the maritime service.

The Moderator then addressed the Synod from Ecclesiastes 11: 6: "In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand; for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."

After singing Psalm 122: 6-9 verses, and prayer, the Moderator declared this session closed, and adjourned it to meet at Anelghauhat, Aneityum, about May, 1895. Closed with the benediction.—Signed, JNO. D. LANDELS, Moderator; W. WATT, Clerk.

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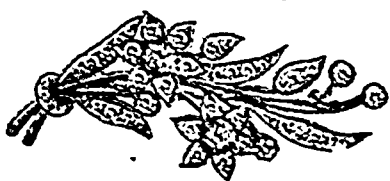
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