

16. Mr. Inglis gave in a verbal report of the Teachers' Supply Fund, which was approved of so far as it goes, and he was instructed to make out full accounts of the same at his earliest convenience, and give them in to the Clerk, after submitting them to Messrs. Geddie and Copeland.

17.—Messrs. Geddie and Copeland are appointed to assist Mr. Inglis in making up the teachers' supplies for this year.

18. It was resolved that any Aneiteum teacher, after a period of two years' service on any of the heathen Islands, be at liberty to visit his own island.

19. The meeting having heard from Mr. Inglis a report of his visit to New Zealand, expresses its gratification at the ability, diligence, and zeal which he has shown in the fulfilments of his engagements in that colony, and trust that the result of his visit there will be an increased interest in the evangelisation of these islands.

20. It was resolved that the thanks of this meeting be conveyed to the Rev. D. MacDonald, Emerald Hill for his disinterested efforts in New Zealand in connection with the *Dayspring* Insurance Fund.

22. It was resolved that our agents in Sydney and Melbourne be requested to submit the accounts of the *Dayspring* to auditors for their examinations and signature, and afterwards to transmit the same to us, to lie among the papers of the mission.

23. The report of the committee on the traffic in natives of these islands being read was received and the committee thanked for their diligence, and re-appointed, with instructions to forward a copy of the report to the Rev. Dr. Steel, agent of this mission, with a request that copies of the same be transmitted by him to the British Government, to the secretaries of our mission committees, to the Synod of Queensland, and the Wesleyan Mission, Fiji Islands.

24. It was agreed that Mr. and Mrs. Watt be appointed to Kwamira, in accordance with their own wishes, and that Messrs. Inglis and Neilson accompany them to their station and assist in their settlement.

25. It was resolved that Dr. Geddie, Inglis, Copeland, Cosh, and Captain Fraser be appointed a committee to confer with Messrs. Milne and Goodwill with reference to their location during the present year.

26. The Clerk is appointed to acknowledge the receipt of a proposal for a convention of evangelical missionaries at Honolulu, to take place in June, 1870. The distance between this group and Hawaii is, so great that we cannot see our way clear to appoint delegates to this convention, although highly approving its objects. In compliance with a request contained in this proposal, Messrs. Geddie, Inglis, Copeland and Neilson of this mission, were appointed

to prepare and transmit, through the clerk, papers with reference to our history, progress, work, and difficulties in this group.

27. It was resolved that Mr. Paton be appointed a deputation to accompany the *Dayspring* during her voyage to Santo.

28. It was agreed that a request be made to the Samoan Mission to place at our disposal six teachers from Savage Island, who shall be employed under this mission in endeavouring to open up the islands of this group to the north of Efate, two of them to settle on Aniwa if required; these men to be frequently visited by the vessel, located in healthy places, paid at the rate of £10 a year, and engaged by us for not less than five years. Dr. Geddie was appointed to write a letter on this subject to the Samoan Mission, and to Mr. Laws, the missionary of Savage Island.

29. It was agreed that Dr. Geddie go north in the *Dayspring* on her second voyage for the purpose of visiting as many of the islands as possible in the northern parts of this group, and making all arrangements he may deem necessary in opening up the way for the settlement of teachers.

30. Dr. Geddie having requested for himself and family to go to the Australian colonies at the close of the year, on account of the state of Mrs. Geddie's health and other circumstances: it was resolved, that this meeting express their sympathy with him and his family grant the request, and further instruct Dr. Geddie to do all in his power to promote the interest of the mission during said visit.

31. It was agreed that Dr. Geddie, on his return next year, spend as much of his time as possible in sailing in the *Dayspring*, procuring, locating, and superintending teachers, more particularly on the heathen islands, provided the church in Nova Scotia be agreeable to such an arrangement.

32. Dr. Geddie having reported that a part of the Old Testament in the Aneiteum language, comprising the books from Genesis to Esther, is nearly translated, and will soon be ready for printing, it was agreed that he be appointed to carry the same through the press and that he be authorised to make arrangements with the British and Foreign Bible Society for this purpose.

33. It was resolved that Messrs. Inglis, Paton and Copeland be appointed to compare the Fotuna and Aniwan dialects, with the view of ascertaining if one version of the Scriptures could serve both islands.

34. The *Dayspring* is appointed to leave this harbour (D.V.) on Monday, 24th inst., or as soon thereafter as possible; proceed to Aname, Fotuna, Aniwa, Tanna, Erromanga, Efate, and Santo; return to this island, calling at the various stations on her voyage south; leave this island again for Tanna, Aniwa, and Erromanga; from