

healthy tone of public opinion growing up on this and the prompt and energetic action taken by the British Government. Also the recent arrival in the New Hebrides of H. M. S. *Reward*, Lieut. Suckling, R. N., Commander, to protect the natives of this group.

This Synod therefore instruct its members to supply the Commander of that or of any of Her Majesty's vessels similarly employed, with such information as they may possess; and to render every assistance in their power, so that the evils that have arisen out the system may be speedily brought to an end; also that they collect and publish such facts on this subject as may be best calculated to draw public attention to the injurious effects of deportation in all its forms, and the fearful iniquities connected with the labor traffic.

42. Mr. McKenzie was authorized to apply to the British and Foreign Bible Society, to print for him in English type 400 copies of a translation of Genesis in the Fata language, left in MS., by Mr. Cosh; and to request Mr. Cosh to carry it through the press for him in Sydney.

43. Mr. Milne was authorized to apply to the Presbyterian Churches of Otago and Southland to bear the expenses of printing in English type 300 copies of a small primer made up of scripture extracts; also of a small Scripture History, to be printed in the same type.

44. Mr. Murray was appointed to accompany the *Paragon* on the next voyage to assist Mr. Annand in his settlement at Efil Harbor, and in the erection of his house; and to confer with Mr. Goodwill as to his leaving his Station in Santo.

45. In order to protect the Churches represented in this Mission against undue expenditure it was agreed that in future any missionary proposing to purchase a boat, erect a house or otherwise to involve an expenditure of £10 or upwards must first receive the sanction of this Synod to such expenditure.

46. That in the event of any missionary leaving his Station and being succeeded by another, in order to prevent the trouble of removing furniture, &c., this Synod recommend that all his furniture be passed over to his successor at a valuation, but that the Church supporting such missionary pay him for the same, and charge it to his successor, but allow him to pay it by instalments more or less yearly, according to circumstances.

47. Mr. Milne was appointed to prepare the Report on the Mission vessel, Mr. Watt a Report on Native Teachers.

48. The meeting of Synod for 1874 to be held at Anclauhat, Aneityum, as soon as possible after the arrival of Mission vessel from Sydney

On Wednesday, the 23rd of July, the Moderator concluded the meeting of Synod with an appropriate address, singing, prayer, and benediction.

Every *sederunt* was opened with singing, reading the Scriptures, and prayer, and closed with prayer.

A considerable part of the first *sederunt* was spent as usual in devotional exercises.

(Signed.)

PETER MILNE, Moderator,
JOHN INGLIS, Synod Clerk.

News of the Church.

Presbytery of St. John.

This Presbytery met in St. David's Church, St. John, on the 3d of February, at 11 o'clock a. m. The overture anent a Sustenation Fund, postponed at the last meeting of Presbytery, was taken up, ably sustained by Rev. R. Wilson, and seconded by Rev. J. Bennet. After being fully discussed, Dr. Waters moved, and Rev. J. Gray seconded, that Messrs. Bennet, Wilson, and Judge Stevens, be appointed to support the overture before Synod.

Rev. Mr. Gray reported that he proceeded to Moncton and moderated in a call which came out in favor of Rev. A. C. Gillies. The action of Rev. Mr. Gray was approved, and the call sustained, but inasmuch as information was laid before the Presbytery that Mr. Gillies would not accept the call, and as another petition signed by all the Elders of the said congregation asking for another moderation was handed in, it was agreed that the call be set aside. Mr. Gray was again appointed to moderate in a call whenever the congregation is prepared.

Rev. Mr. Wilson reported that the deputation had visited Baillie, and found the best of feeling existing between pastor and people. The congregation regretted that Rev. Mr. Nelson's salary had fallen in arrears; they would guarantee \$350 per annum for the future, and would pay up the balance due. Rev. Nelson also had consented to remain on condition the Presbytery would guarantee him a stipend of \$500 per annum. The report was sustained; the diligence of the committee commended; and it was agreed to recommend the committee of Supplement Fund to grant \$150 for a few years. The deputation were instructed to request the congregation to provide for the keeping of Mr. Nelson's horse.

A letter was read from Rev. P. G. McGregor, asking the number of Catechists which would be required by St. John Pres-