

manent injury of that Island; nevertheless this Synod note with thankfulness the 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 of the system may speedily be 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 Aneleuhah, 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.

Nova Scotia.

The Rev. A. W. Herdman, on the evening of March 4th, was waited upon by two members of his congregation, who, in name of the town members of his charge, presented him with a purse of two hundred dollars, in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of his ministry in Pictou. The following is Mr. Herdman's reply to the donors:—

Gentlemen,—I sincerely thank you for your large and munificent donation. It sufficiently speaks for itself. It attests good feeling, it renders labours easy, it cements intercourse, it excites to gratitude, it is fruit that shall abound to your account. Its acceptance, therefore, affords me peculiar gratification, as well as furnishes substantial help.

I beg to assure you that the sermon, on the occasion of my 25th anniversary, was preached with no other view than to excite to gratitude for God's goodness in sustaining me through a quarter of a century's ministry in connection with St. Andrew's Church, but henceforth I shall have cause to remember the occasion as a memorial of your generosity as well as of His goodness who put such liberality into your hearts. That the Lord (who counts what is done to His servants is done to Himself) may abundantly reward your unexpected liberality, bestow upon you all both temporal and spiritual good, and in the day He shall make up His jewels, own and make mention of you as His, is the sincere prayer of your minister and well-wisher,

ANDREW W. HERDMAN.

Manse of Pictou, 5th March, 1874.