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Mr. D. Macdonald and family, passages to the colonies in the end of the year, subject to the approval of his church.

Mr. Robertson, passages to the colonies for his wife and children, about the end of the year.

42. The Committee appointed to draft a Minute anent the death of Dr. Inglis submitted the following which was received and adopted. A copy of the Minute to be sent to the Free Church of Scotland.

The Synod having heard of the death in July last of the Rev. Dr. Inglis, one of the founders of this Mission, hereby places on record its high appreciation of the work that he, by the power of God, was enabled to do in the way of evangelizing these islands. Forty years ago he landed on this isle to join the late Dr. Geddie, with whom he laboured as becometh brethren in the Lord for many years. Retiring to his native land and editing the Old Testament and Pilgrim's Progress in Aneityumese, he spent the remainder of his life in quiet retirement, while still aiding the work by voice, pen and paper. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth, yea saith the Spirit that they may rest from their labours, and their work do follow them.

43. The Committee appointed to draw up a Minute based on reports of stations, submitted the following which was received and adopted:—

"It is a matter of sincere thankfulness to God that the reports of stations presented to the Synod this year, are on the whole, so hopeful and encouraging. The trials to which the Mission has been subjected during the past year, as was to be expected, have given colour to the reports. Death and severe illness in Mission families have been the lot of some. In other cases the ravages of war and epidemics have badly hindered Mission work, and throughout the group there have not been wanting the more usual obstacles to Mission work, in some cases intensified by the avowed opposition of some traders. Unfortunately the present state of health of not a few members of this Mission is such, as to be a matter of grave apprehension to the Synod.

On the other hand there are in the reports many gratifying signs of unmistakable progress. On Santo, Malekula and Epi, there are especially requests for teachers. On Epi the natives have come from a distance to buy books from the Missionary, and on Tonga it is worthy of notice that the people make weekly collections, by which

53. A communication was read from Rev. Dr. Cosh, Secretary of the Dayspring Board, referring to the proceeds of the sale of the Dayspring. The Synod approves of the recommendation of the Dayspring Board that the said Board hold and invest the moneys realized by the sale of the Dayspring and effects, and apply the interest of the same for the support of the Mission Maritime services, and authorize them to take all

necessary steps to make the transference legal.

57. In view of the threatened withdrawal of the subsidy to the New Hebrides Mail Service by the New South Wales Government, the Synod authorized the Dayspring Board to take such steps for the continuance of the present service as they deemed expedient, or failing that, to make such arrangements as they might find necessary for the carrying on of the Maritime work of the Mission.

58. The Synod having heard with alarm of the threatened early annexation of these islands by France, and feeling that such annexation would be ruinous to our work and to the best interests of the natives generally, urges upon the Presbyterian Churches of Britain to use their influence with Her Majesty's Government to prevent such annexation. It also urges the various Presbyterian Churches in Australasia and Canada to bring whatever influence they may have to bear upon their respective governments so that such an undesirable event may not occur. The Synod would also call attention to the following deliverance as the subject given by it last year as follows:—"The question of annexation of these islands by Great Britain having been under consideration of the Synod, unanimously approved thereof for among others the following reasons, viz. :—

1. That it would generally benefit the natives.  
2. That it would encourage native and foreign industry.

3. That it would remove many evils now existing in the group.

4. That it would encourage native and foreign industry.

5. And that it would conserve the work done by this Mission."

60. Mr. Lawrie, owing to the sad circumstances in which he is placed, requested permission to leave his station on furlough. The request was granted, Mr. Lawrie to leave when he feels it to be necessary, and the termination of his furlough to be subject to the approval of the Free Church of Scotland. In accordance with Mr. Lawrie's request Dr. Gunn was appointed to take charge of the work on Aneityun until further arrangements were made.

52. It was agreed that next annual meeting of Synod be held at Aneigauhau, Aneityum, in the month of June, 1893, and to authorize the Board to make such arrangements in the Maritime Service as will enable the Synod to meet at that date and place.

63. The Synod appointed the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper to be celebrated in this place at a quarter past eleven, forenoon, on Sabbath first, Rev. P. S. Paterson to preach and the Moderator to dispense the supper.

64. The Synod having had under its consideration the question of establishing a Teacher's Training Institution, the Synod in order to test the practicability of such an institution and to take steps to devise a scheme for the training of native teachers in this Mission, resolves that Mr. Annand be appointed to correspond with the members of the Synod and others about such a scheme, and that Messrs. Mackenzie, Small and Dr. Lamb be appointed to act as a committee along with Mr. Annand and report at next meeting of Synod for its consideration."

At last came the simple, time honored, and touching service with which Presbyterians are wont to close their Synods, viz., a few impressive words from the Moderator, singing from Ps. 122, and prayer; and the brethren, cheered and helped more than we can understand, by their meeting together, went their way to another year of toil.