

Annual Meeting of General Board of Missions.

The General Board of Missions met in the Board Room, Wesley Buildings, Toronto, on Tuesday, September 25, 1894, at 2 o'clock p.m.—Rev. A. Carman, D.D., General Superintendent, in the chair.

After devotional exercises, Rev. T. G. Williams, D.D., was appointed secretary.

On the roll being called the following were found to be in attendance: Revs. A. Carman, D.D., General Superintendent; A. Sutherland, General Secretary; Hon. J. C. Aikins, Lay Treasurer; Revs. J. Shaw, D.D., Assistant Secretary; Jas. Woodsworth, Superintendent of North-West Missions; S. F. Huestis, T. G. Williams, D.D., E. B. Ryckman, D.D., William Briggs, D.D., John Potts, D.D., I. Tovell, W. Galbraith, Ph.D., W. W. Shepherd, James McAlister, A. W. Ross, T. W. Hall, W. H. Heartz, D.D., E. Evans, D.D., W. Swann, D. MacDonald, M.D.; Messrs. Geo. A. Cox, Warring Kennedy, J. J. Maclaren, Thos. Hayne, Dr. Crowle, A. E. Bolton, M.D., Hon. J. J. Rogerson, W. F. Hall, J. S. Deacon, J. R. Lavell and W. G. Smith.

The treasurer of the Board, Hon. J. C. Aikins, read the financial report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1894, showing the income to be \$234,153.62, being \$8,801 less than the expenditure.

The General Secretary read the statement of the Society's auditors as to the satisfactory condition of the books and accounts.

It was agreed to make the appropriations for the year on the basis of the available income of the past year, that is, the amounts raised by subscriptions, collections and juvenile offerings, the grants from the Government for Indian day-schools, and miscellaneous items, aggregating \$224,000.

The chair appointed the following Committee on Nominations: Revs. Dr. Ryckman, James Woodsworth, S. F. Huestis, Dr. Evans and Dr. J. J. Maclaren.

This committee appointed the following standing committees:

1. Appropriations for Domestic Work—S. F. Huestis, W. Kennedy, Dr. Williams, Jas. Woodsworth, Dr. Galbraith, W. F. Hall, Dr. Heartz.
2. Appropriations for Foreign Work—Dr. Sutherland, Dr. MacDonald, A. W. Ross, T. W. Hall, Dr. Ryckman, J. C. Aikins, Geo. A. Cox and W. G. Smith.
3. Japan Affairs—Dr. Evans, J. J. Maclaren, T. J. Edmison, J. J. Rogerson and J. C. Aikins.
4. West China Mission—Dr. A. Sutherland, W. Swann, Dr. Crowle, I. Tovell and Geo. A. Cox.
5. French and Indian Missions—Dr. Ryckman, W. W. Shepherd, A. E. Bolton, M.D., J. Torrence and Jas. Woodsworth.

The Committee on Memorials and Miscellaneous Matters—Dr. Potts, Dr. Briggs, I. Tovell, Jas. McAlister, Thos. Hayne and J. S. Deacon.

The basis of appropriations of last year was reaffirmed, viz.:

	Ordained married.	Ordained single.	Probationers.
Ordinary missions.....	\$750	\$400	\$350
Cities and towns.....	850	450	400
Newfoundland.....	800	450	400
Manitoba and North-West.....	850	450	400
British Columbia.....	900	500	450

Rev. A. W. Ross read a resolution of the Stationing Committee of Manitoba Conference, asking for a net grant for Edmonton, which was referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions.

At the evening session Revs. Dr. Ryckman and James Woodsworth were appointed assistant secretaries.

A letter was read from Prof. Satoh, of Japan, regarding the kind of missionaries required for the Japan mission field. The letter was referred to the Committee on Japan Affairs.

The following matters, referred by the Committee of Finance to the General Board, was taken up and dealt with:

1. Appointment of Rev. J. Semmens as principal of Brandon Institute. The Board confirmed its previous nomination, and resolved to urge the opening of the Institute as soon as possible.

2. The appointment of Rev. E. Robson as Moral Governor of Chilliwack Institute, B.C., was confirmed.

3. The acquisition of land at Kultus Lake, B.C., for Institute purposes, was referred to the Executive Committee.

4. It was not considered expedient to purchase certain land offered for sale adjoining the mission house at Chilliwack.

5. In reference to the resignation of Rev. J. E. Gardner as Chinese missionary at Victoria, B.C., no action was required, as the missionary has agreed to remain till the end of this Conference year.

On Wednesday the Board met at 9 a.m. After devotional exercises the minutes of the previous session was read.

The question of the relation of our missionaries and those of the Woman's Missionary Society in fields where both are operating, was referred to the Committee on Memorials. The question of assistance at the Mission Rooms was referred to the same committee.

Certain resolutions from the Victoria District re grants for buildings on the district; also letters of Revs. R. R. Maitland and J. F. Betts, re work in British Columbia; and a resolution from the Westminster District, re grants to the flooded sections of the Province, were referred to the Committee on Domestic Missions.

Miscellaneous items of appropriation were carefully examined by the Board and passed as follows:

Rents to recoup advances for parsonages, \$780. Travelling and incidental expenses, school-books, etc., on Indian missions, \$775. Conference Missionary Committees' and chairmen's expenses, \$1,870. Affliction and supply, \$1,500. Superintendent of Missions in the North-West and British Columbia, including travelling expenses, \$2,000. Superannuation and Supernumerary Funds, \$4,200. Mount Elgin Industrial Institute, \$5,100. McDougall Orphanage, \$3,000. Auditors' fees, \$80. Annuities in consideration of donations, \$1,070. Interest and discounts, \$4,700. Circuit expenses, \$3,800. Travelling expenses of General Board, Executive Committee, General and Assistant Secretaries, \$1,000.

In cases where missionaries' salaries are paid in full, it was resolved not to pay claims for affliction except in cases that the Executive deem exceptional; and that the Executive Committee in all other cases adhere to the standing resolutions of the Board, which limits grants to cases where the affliction is exceptionally severe and salaries exceptionally small.

At two o'clock the General Board met with the General Conference Special Committee to consider the constitution of the Mission Council of Japan, this matter having been referred to the joint commission by the recent General Conference. The items of the constitution were considered one by one, and, as amended, will be found in the new edition of the Discipline.

At 7.30 p.m. the Board resumed business. The relation of the Superintendent of Missions in the North-West and British Columbia to the Indian work was taken up, and referred to the Committee on Indian Work.

Mr. Wm. Wilkinson, of Brantford, was reappointed to the School Board of the Six Nations Indians.

It being decided to appoint an official representative of the Board on the Mission Council in Japan from the English missionaries, a vote was taken by ballot, and Rev. D. Macdonald was almost unanimously elected.

The Board reassembled at 2 p.m. on Thursday, September 27.

Dr. Bolton presented the report of the Committee on French and Indian Affairs. The Committee recommended the Board to urge the Government to grant aid to Coqualeetza Home for forty pupils instead of seventeen, as at present; also that the Executive Committee endeavor to procure, as soon as possible, a principal for the Institute who shall be moral governor and also head teacher, and, if possible, one who will be able to give medical advice, and thus relieve Rev. Mr. Robson from present responsibilities.

In reference to the Red Deer Institute the Committee urged that the management use every effort to increase the number of pupils, in order that the *per capita* grant may suffice to cover expenses.