Resolved,—That the General Board hereby places upon record its grateful recognition of the generous gift of the Rev. Dr. Brecken, of Sackville, N.B., of one thousand dollars toward the establishment of a hospital in connection with our mission work in China. We regard this donation from Dr. Brecken as timely and providential, as it will doubtless prompt other gifts toward the same object, and thus secure at an early day what is indispensable to missionary work in China—a well equipped hospital.

Rev. Dr. Sutherland read a letter from Rev. J. Hargreaves, missionary of the Wesleyan Church in China, re Chinese work in British Columbia, which was referred to the proper Committee.

Professor Odlum submitted the report on the Japanese work as follows:—

The Committee of the General Board of Missions appointed to consider matters relating to the work in Japan, report and recommend as follows:—

1. That this Board is greatly pleased with the report of the medical work performed by Dr. Macdonald, setting forth the income from his medical practice and the expenditure thereof largely in support of our mission work in Japan. It is apparent to the Board that the work thus administered must be of great benefit not only to the individuals concerned, but to our cause in Japan.

2. Re Tokyo Tabernacle. That this Board approves of the action taken by the Committee of Consultation and Finance in this case; but in deference to the expressed wish of the Japan Mission Council, consents that Dr. Eby remain in charge of the Tabernacle work for the present.

3. Re Dr. Cochran's removal expenses. Whereas it appears that the state of Mrs. Cochran's health will not admit of her returning to Japan, and that in consequence Dr. Cochran intends retiring from active work at the Conference of 1893, this Board authorizes the payment for his return expenses of a sum not exceeding \$300.

4. Re Dr. Eby's request for a lady assistant in the Tabernacle work. This request being supported by the Mission Council in Japan, the Board concurs in the recommendation; but as the General Society does not employ lady missionaries, it is ordered that the request be recommended to the favorable consideration of the Executive of the Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church.

5. Re Illness of Rev. J. W. Saunby, B.A. The health of Bro. Saunby having failed to a degree that makes the pre sent prosecution of his work impossible, and as it is believed that a year's rest may restore him to his former vigor, it is agreed that he be granted a furlough of one year, to date from the time fixed by the Mission Council for his return to Canada.

6. Re School work at Shizuoka. As the Rev. F. A Cassidy will be entitled to a furlough after the Conference of 1893, and as it is necessary that provision be made for the work there during his absence, the Board consents to the appointment of the Rev. H. H. Coates, M.A., B.D., to said school; the appointment to take effect from the 1st of July next. In the event of his marrying, salary to be computed accordingly.

7. Re Expenses of Messrs. Mackenzie and Crummy. With the evidence at present in possession, it does not appear that a valid claim has been made out; but it is recommended that the matter be left with the Committee of Consultation and Finance, so that if there be any further evidence it may be duly considered.

8. Re Travelling expenses to Council meeting. We recommend that travelling expenses to the annual meeting only be paid.

9. Re Proposed church and site at Nagano. The Committee approved of the proposal, and recommend that 1,400

yen be appropriated for the purchase of the lot and the building of the church.

10. Re Proposed mission house at Fukui. We recommend that in preference to purchasing and building this year, the sum of 150 yen be appropriated for the improvement of the house now in use.

11. Re Lot for mission house in Shizuoka. The Committee concur in the proposal, and recommend that 500 year be appropriated for that purpose.

Items 12 and 13, Referring to salary of Messrs. Yamanaka and Dunlop. Recommended that they be left to the Committee on Appropriations.

14. A question of the Japan Mission Council was submitted to the following effect:—"Does a man who has spent two years in the work as a single man, at a single man's salary, if he then marries, become entitled to the salary of a married man of the third year?" We are of the opinion that a missionary entering the work as a single man, and afterward marrying and continuing in the mission work, is entitled to rank in regard to salary, only as a married man of the first year.

Item 15, including sub-items a, b, c, d and e, is referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

16. In view of the retirement of Dr. Cochran at the Conference of 1893, we recommend that a suitable man for the school work be secured in accordance with the request of the Mission Council to that effect. We also recommend that a suitable resolution be provided expressing the high appreciation entertained by the Board of the eminent services rendered by Dr. Cochran to our work in Japan, and our regret that he is obliged to retire from active service.

17. We recommend that the Board confirm the appointment of Dr. Macdonald as Chairman of the Mission Council in Japan.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. C. AIKINS, Chairman, E. ODLUM, Secretary.

On motion the report was adopted.

The Board then went into the consideration of the estimates for the Japanese work.

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The reports of the various Committees were read, and the schedule work was finished.

By resolution, it was decided to hold the next annual meeting of the Board in the Centenary Church, at Hamilton, on the first Tuesday in October, 1893.

The following resolution referred from the Committee of Finance, was read and adopted:—

That the General Secretary prepare a list of Domestic Missions that have been occupied as such for ten years and upwards, showing in each case: (a) Length of time the locality has had Methodist services; (b) What changes have been made during that period; (c) The length of time the field has been a mission substantially in its present form; (d) The statistical returns from the Conference Minutes for the past year; (e) The prospect of the mission becoming self-sustaining in the near future; (f) If this is not likely, then what obstacles are in the way of a readjustment of the work by attaching the appointments to other circuits? Carried.

## THURSDAY EVENING.

The Board met at 8.30 p.m., and continued its sitting until all the work was completed.

Throughout the entire deliberations the best of feeling and perfect harmony prevailed. The business-like manner and quickness of despatch manifested by the executive officers