

(a specimen page of which was shown) be accepted, subject to revision by the Literature Committee, in order to retain the birthday feature. Price to be 15 cents.

That any memorial affecting the Branch only, not entertained by the Branch meeting, shall not be forwarded to the Annual Board meeting.

That sums paid by gentlemen to Auxiliaries be entered as donations and not as membership fees, thus avoiding the confusion of active and honorary members.

That Article V., Sec. 1, of the Constitution, be amended to include as a member of the Board of Managers, *ex officio*, the Secretary and Treasurer of the Literature and Publication Department.

That the British Columbia Branch be allowed to change the date of its annual meeting to correspond with date of the British Columbia Conference.

That the Society adopt the *Palm Branch* as our Mission Band paper, that it be issued monthly. Also that the price be ten cents, and that it be ordered from Room 20, Wesley Buildings.

That the Presidents of the Toronto Auxiliaries be a committee to consider the advisability and practicability of providing "home care" for the children of missionaries sent from the missions to be educated. Mrs. D. G. Sutherland, convener.

That the question of printing the names of Auxiliary members in the Annual Report be left over till next year, and that it be brought before the Auxiliaries.

That the resolution allowing Auxiliaries one copy of the *Monthly Letter* free be rescinded.

That the Branch Secretaries write to Auxiliaries not taking the *Monthly Letter* and urge them to subscribe for it.

That the August and September *Monthly Letters* be issued together. That another edition of "An appeal to the women of the Methodist Church" be issued, and that it be free.

That a new set of books for the use of Auxiliaries be issued, leaving out the corresponding secretary's book. The proposed changes in the books to be submitted to the Executive before being published.

That the prayer card be revised and submitted to the members of the Executive in Toronto for approval.

That the treasurer's tabulated statement be discontinued, and that in future the treasurer's published reports be modelled after the treasurer's report of the Central Branch of last year. (Liberty was afterwards given those Branches desiring to do so to publish the tabulated form.)

That the order of business for monthly meetings be changed by putting "Unfinished Business" after "Reading and approval of Minutes," and substituting for "Report of Corresponding Secretary," "Correspondence."

That we do record our solemn protest against the iniquitous methods used to raise the revenue for the Anglo-Indian Government by way of the opium and liquor traffics, believing that the ruling power which makes merchandise out of its subjects is below the level of a savage nation; and also we deeply deplore the opium traffic forced upon China by the British Government, the evil effects of which are so widespread they are proving one of the most serious hindrances to the progress of missionary work in that country. Further, we earnestly entreat the English Government to make the pending examination of Indian military authorities for violation of English laws in their cantonment by immoralities as searching as possible, and with consequences to offenders that they deter from such further crimes. That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the British Government, signed by the President, Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary, on behalf of the 19,000 represented.

That candidates for our work be required to pass a satisfactory examination in Biblical study, doctrines of the Methodist Church and our catechism.

That in view of the fact that a training school for Christian workers is about to be established in connection with the Deaconess' Home in Toronto, and realizing that a preliminary training would be extremely useful to those accepted as candidates of the work, each candidate be required to attend the training home such time as the Executive shall specify, taking up the course required in theology, and actively engaging in Christian work, as directed by the one

in charge of the school, the expenses of such training to be borne by the Society when necessary.

That in view of the approaching plebiscite this Board expresses its sincere hope that all women who have the right to vote will make use of their privilege in endeavoring to stamp out the iniquitous liquor traffic.

A communication was read from Japan asking that a resolution adopted three years ago, giving an increase of \$100.00 in salary after the first term of five years, be rescinded; the reason given being that the missionaries could live on \$600.00 and could *not* accept any more while there was such urgent need of more workers. After some discussion it was resolved, "That this Board desires to express its appreciation of the self-sacrificing action of the Council in Japan in asking that the resolution passed at their request three years ago *re* salary for agents in their second and third terms of service be rescinded and that we hereby rescind said resolution.

The report of the Committee on Candidates was given by Mrs. Burns. The Western, Central, Eastern and Nova Scotia Branches had no accepted candidates to present. On recommendation of the New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island Branch, Miss Alexander, of Stanhope, P.E.I., was accepted and placed on the list of reserved candidates.

Miss Leakes' resignation was accepted. The Secretary was asked to make an appeal through our periodicals for missionaries and trained nurses.

The President having learned from Dr. Gifford of her need of a native assistant, and that one was available, had authorized her employment and had paid \$50.00 to the General Treasurer for that purpose.

A letter was read from Dr. Hart, asking the co-operation of the Society in a small school which he has opened, and wishing to know if Dr. Gifford would take charge of the ward in the hospital for females. It was resolved that the Executive be empowered to act in regard to the work in China after receiving information from our missionaries.

The Executive Committee was authorized to send during the year, two missionaries to Japan and another medical missionary and a trained nurse to China.

Regular meetings of the Executive Committee were appointed to be held the third Wednesday in January and in April.

The need of perfect rest for returned missionaries being impressed on the Board, it was decided that they should work only under the direction of the Executive Committee.

Before the election of officers for the ensuing year a few moments were spent in silent prayer, after which the meeting was led in prayer by Mrs. McKay. The election was by ballot and resulted in the re-election of the former officers, viz.:

President.....Mrs. Jas. Gooderham, Toronto.
Vice-President.....Mrs. (Dr.) Carman, Belleville.
Rec.-Secretary.....Mrs. (Dr.) Willmott, Toronto.
Cor.-Secretary.....Mrs. E. S. Strachan, Hamilton.
Treasurer.....Mrs. T. Thompson, Toronto.

Editors of Departments:

OUTLOOK.....Mrs. (Dr.) Parker, Toronto.
Wesleyan.....Mrs. Whiston, Halifax, N.S.
Guardian.....Miss McGuffin, Toronto.

Votes of thanks were passed to Mrs. Whiston, Mrs. Platt and Miss McGuffin for their services in connection with the *Wesleyan*, *Onward* and *Guardian*. (Mrs. Parker had previously received a vote of thanks.)

Mrs. Strachan, Mrs. Briggs and Mrs. Willmott were appointed to prepare the annual report—6,000 to be printed.

Mr. G. P. McKay was appointed Auditor and thanked for his services in this capacity last year.

The Supply Committee was appointed, viz., Mesdames J. A. Williams, Briggs, U. Ogden and Willmott.

The Committee on Indian Work was re-appointed, viz., Mesdames Burns, Sutherland and Cunningham.

Treasurers in the Mission fields were appointed: Japan, Mrs. Large; Port Simpson, Mrs. Redner; Chilliwhack, Miss Clarke; Chinese Home, Mrs. Morrow; French work, Mrs. Torrance; China, Dr. Gifford.

Mrs. Kendry, Secretary of Central Branch, reported the division of the Branch into the Toronto Conference and Bay of Quinte Branches. The Board endorsed this action.

An invitation for next annual meeting was received from