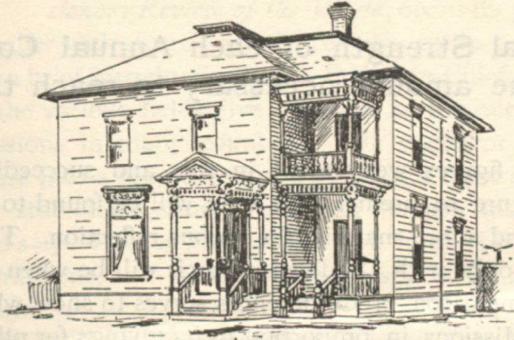


new church was conducted by the General Secretary of Missions. In the meantime a new and commodious



parsonage had been erected, and the whole enterprise placed upon a good footing. At present there is a membership of over one hundred, and the prospect that this will soon be a vigorous, self-sustaining cause. The cuts which accompany this notice give a good idea of the appearance of the buildings.

A Circular Letter.

The General Secretary of Missions of the Methodist Church, by authority of the General Conference, to all our Young People's Associations, of whatever name, sendeth greeting :

At the recent session of the General Conference held in London, sundry memorials were received relating to our young people and mission work. These were carefully considered by the Committee on Missions, and a report was submitted embodying sundry recommendations. Whereupon it was ordered by the Conference: "That a circular be prepared by the General Secretary, setting forth these recommendations, addressed to all Methodist Young People's Societies, and cordially inviting their co-operation in developing the missionary spirit and increasing the resources of the Board. Such circular shall state that a separate record of receipts from Young People's Societies shall be kept and duly published. Further, the circular shall contain a list of specified objects in the mission field for their special interest."

Let me now submit for your information the recommendations above referred to, as they were adopted by the General Conference.

1. "Your committee recognize a tendency among some of our young people to engage in raising missionary money for objects outside the work of our own societies. While admitting the right of individuals to select the objects of their benevolent gifts, your committee hold that no organized society connected with our Church should appeal to our congregations for the support of missionary schemes outside of those carried on by our own societies, and we recommend that our ministers press this point with kindness and fidelity upon our young people.

2. "Your committee are also of opinion that all our people can best aid the missionary cause by helping to support and extend the work carried on by our own Church, and that all missionary moneys raised should be placed at the disposal of the General Board of Missions, except such as may be raised by the Auxiliaries, Mission Bands and Circles of the Woman's Missionary Society. Nevertheless, with the view of encouraging and developing the missionary spirit, it is recommended that the missionary authorities endeavor to meet the wishes of Epworth Leagues, Sunday Schools,

etc., by applying, as far as practicable, the funds raised by such organizations towards the support of any department of the Missionary Societies' work which the donors may request.

3. "And inasmuch as our General Board of Missions is extending its operations into the 'regions beyond,' as rapidly as the resources of the Society will permit, we earnestly advise our young people, through this General Conference, to stand loyally by the Board in its great work, and not to ask for the expenditure of money in places where there are no missions under the control of our Church."

I feel assured that these enactments of the General Conference will commend themselves to all our young people, and will elicit a hearty and generous response. If the great missionary work of the Church is to be successfully prosecuted, it must have the united support of all our people, young and old. Divided effort is always an element of weakness; and when we remember that in a few short years those who now sustain and direct our missionary affairs will have passed away, and that the weighty responsibilities will devolve upon those who are now our young people, how important it is that the latter should at once identify themselves thoroughly with our missionary interests, and prepare themselves to do better work than their fathers have done.

While the General Board of Missions would much prefer that all contributions be given to the general fund, leaving the Board to apply them where most needed, they desire, nevertheless, to meet as far as practicable the wishes of our young people to have some special object or objects to the support of which their contributions might be devoted. For the present the following are suggested :

CHINA.

1. Support of a boy or girl in one of the schools. This, at the present rate of exchange, will require say \$25 for one year. So many are adopting this object, however, that there is a possibility of over-doing it.

2. Aid to the hospital work at Chen-tu or Kiating. Any amount will be helpful.

3. Aid to purchase and set up a printing press at Chen-tu, to print and circulate Christian literature. At least \$1,000 will be required for a start, but every little helps.

N.B.—We have no native missionaries as yet in China.

JAPAN.

4. The support or partial support of a native worker. This, at the present rate of exchange, which is very low, will require from say \$50 to \$150 per annum.

THE INDIAN WORK.

5. The support of an Indian pupil in one of the Institutes or Homes at Chilliwhack, Port Simpson, Morley, Red Deer, or Brandon (the latter to be opened soon). This requires say \$50 per annum.

FRENCH WORK.

6. Support of a pupil in the Institute at Montreal, say \$50 per annum.

Those who desire may contribute towards the support of any of our missionaries in the foreign or Indian field.

Commending this whole matter to the prayerful interest of the young people of the Methodist Church,

I am, yours faithfully,

A. SUTHERLAND,

Mission Rooms, Jan. 1st, 1895.

General Secretary.