

Respecting an Indian Institute at Chilliwhack, B. C., it was the strongly-expressed opinion of the Board that such should be provided with all necessary equipment by the Government, and that we should urge upon the Government the speedy undertaking of the work.

The grants necessary for the Indian work were voted as per schedule.

An application for a grant in aid of an Orphanage in St. John, Newfoundland, was made. Deep sympathy was expressed with the work, but the Board could not see the way to make a grant for such a purpose.

A letter from the Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society was read, asking an expression of opinion as to the desirableness of establishing a separate paper for the Woman's Society. The request was based upon a provision of the Constitution that the Woman's Missionary Society shall work in harmony with the parent Society. Subsequently the following resolution was adopted:—

"Whereas for some time past the question of establishing a separate organ by the Woman's Missionary Society has been discussed in the *Guardian* and the *OUTLOOK*; and whereas a communication has been received from the Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society requesting the Board to express its judgment in relation to the question; therefore, resolved that, after careful consideration, the Board is of the opinion that the existing arrangements with the *OUTLOOK* afford all necessary facilities to meet the present needs of both societies, and is calculated to preserve that harmony of effort provided for in the constitution, and which is so essential to the successful prosecution of our missionary work."

JAPAN AFFAIRS

received a good deal of attention from the Board. The General Secretary presented a report from the Committee of Finance, to whom had been referred certain communications from Japan respecting stipends of missionaries and allowances to children of the same. This was referred to a Committee of the Board, which subsequently reported, recommending a scale of allowances covering both points.

In regard to furloughs it was recommended that the first term should be not less than seven years, subsequent terms not less than ten years. When on furlough the stipend for a married man to be not more than \$900, and for a single man not more than \$500, travelling expenses additional. Some members of the Board took exception to sundry items of expenditure in the Japan estimates. There seemed to be a great many items not allowed in any other mission, and that this tendency ought to be checked. The General Secretary was instructed to enquire carefully into all such items, and discretionary power was given to the Committee of Finance to deal with them. The total grants to Japan aggregated \$27,555, and as this was considerably below the estimates, it was left to the Japan Mission Council to arrange details of retrenchment.

The relation of the Rev. T. C. Cocking to the Board was considered, and the following resolution adopted:—

"Respecting the letter of Rev. T. C. Cocking, we state as follows: That during the last year Mr. Cocking was employed under the direction of the Board, and an allowance of \$900 was made for his support. Having asked his Conference to leave him without a station this year with a view to continuing the same line of work, he requests that the Board continue his engagement on the same terms as last year. While recognizing the valuable services rendered by Brother Cocking to the society, we do not think it expedient to continue an engagement of the kind referred to with a returned missionary beyond one year. We therefore recommend that Brother Cocking pursue his work for the year by private arrangement with our ministers, to whom we heartily recommend him for service in connection with missionary anniversaries and similar work."

The necessary appropriations for the Domestic work having been made, the Board adjourned.

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FROM THE AUXILIARIES.

SIDNEY.—Our Auxiliary held an open meeting on Sabbath evening, August 19th, which was largely attended. The programme consisted of music, readings, and carefully prepared papers by Mrs. (Rev.) Woodcock and Miss Faull; a recitation by Miss Spafford; a few short addresses and a report of the Society by our efficient President, Mrs. Massey. The meeting throughout was a profitable one, and the collection good. We are grateful to be able to state that our Auxiliary is in a prosperous condition, not only financially and numerically, but there is a marked increase in missionary zeal. Although we have lost several members, owing to a change of Circuit bounds, the addition of twenty-five new members more than overcomes the loss. We have seventeen subscribers for the *OUTLOOK*. Mite-boxes have been distributed; the monthly letters are appreciated, and we have the outspoken approval of our pastor. Altogether we feel encouraged, still our ideal of an Auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Society is far from being reached—