

Editorial and Contributed.

COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

A MEETING of the above Committee was held at the Mission Rooms on the 9th ult. There was a good attendance, and important business was transacted. A number of special claims for affliction, etc., were considered and disposed of, after which the Secretary gave a verbal report of his visit to the Pacific coast, including a review the Chinese and Indian work, and a statement of what he had done in both departments. In Victoria a building was purchased for the use of the Chinese Girls' Home, and steps were taken to secure, if possible, a suitable site for a mission hall and school in the heart of China-town. Mr. Gardiner, our lay-missionary in Victoria, is resigning his position in the Customs Department, and it was recommended that he should be engaged to devote his whole time to the Chinese work. The Committee approved of the steps that had been taken, and adopted the recommendation made. In regard to Indian institutes, the policy adopted by the General Board is to be carried out.

Attention was called by General Superintendent Carman to the necessity of the enlargement of the Mount Elgin Industrial Institute, to meet the needs of the work. The Secretary was instructed to press the matter upon the Government.

The Woman's Society have taken steps towards the establishment of an Indian Boarding School in the Chilliwack Valley, B.C. The Committee of Finance expressed their approval of the undertaking, and recommended that it be located on a site immediately adjoining the present Indian mission property at Chilliwack.

The Secretary also reported results of a visit to some of the Indian missions north of Calgary, and also to Edmonton. At the latter place, the congregation are desirous of building a new church in keeping with the growth of the place and the needs of the congregation; and it was agreed that a certain number of lots, held at that place by the Missionary Society, should be conveyed to the Trustees to aid in the proposed undertaking.

Leave of absence was granted for a short period to Rev. John McClean, of the Blood Mission, and Rev. Thomas Crosby, of "Glad Tidings" Mission, to visit Ontario.

A memorial from the Bracebridge District recommending the ordination of the native agent on the Gibson Reserve was referred to the Toronto Conference, as the Committee has no authority in such cases.

The Secretary asked instructions in regard to the method hitherto pursued of aiding in the erection of par-

sonages on domestic missions by grants from the Fund. It was ordered that the plan hitherto in force should be continued for another year, and be then referred to the General Board. Grants in aid of parsonage building were made to the following missions: Port Hood, Kentville; and Mahone Bay, in the Nova Scotia Conference; Topsail, Little Bay and Bay Roberts, in the Newfoundland Conference; Weldford, in the N.B. and P.E.I. Conference; Deloraine and Prince Albert, in the Manitoba Conference, and Coe Hill in the Bay of Quinte Conference.

Dr. Carman stated that the esteemed Lay-Treasurer of the Society, Hon. Senator Macdonald, had signified his intention of visiting the West Indies and Windward Islands, and it was ordered that the Superintendent should furnish Mr. Macdonald with a letter of introduction bearing the seal of the Church.

A communication and certain resolutions from the Woman's Missionary Society were considered, and action taken.

A letter was read suggesting that the MISSIONARY OUTLOOK might be adapted for the purposes of a "local church paper," to circulate in congregations, and to contain on the cover announcements of church services, etc. The matter was left in the hands of the Secretary.

NOTES FROM THE NORTH-WEST.

IMMEDIATELY after the rising of the General Board, a run was made by the General Secretary to the Pacific Coast. Through the kindness of the C. P. R. officials a special rate was secured for those who wished to visit the coast, which greatly reduced the expense; and several members of the Board availed themselves of the opportunity to see the wonders of mountain scenery, and the beauties of the Pacific Province. Arrangements were also made by the railway authorities for trips on the South-Western and North-Western roads, and thus the bulk of the delegates had an opportunity of seeing the best parts of Manitoba, and returned full of enthusiastic admiration of the rapid development and agricultural richness of the country.

Apart from evidences of growth and material prosperity, a prairie journey is somewhat monotonous. But the vast fields of grain around such places as Portage la Prairie, Brandon, Carberry, etc., give one enlarged ideas of the amazing fertility of the soil and of the rapidity with which it can be brought under cultivation. Level or gently rolling fields, without sign of a stump or stone or weed, stretch literally for miles together, and present a picture of what the country as a whole will be when settlement is indefinitely extended, and when the hundreds