

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Committee was held in Toronto on the 17th and 18th March, 1891, nine members present.

A communication was received, stating that a favorable site for the Port Simpson Home, consisting of two acres, had been purchased for \$400. The plans for the building, prepared by Mr. Hooper, architect, of Victoria, B.C., were considered, and, after some slight changes, were accepted.

A letter was read from Miss Wintemute, and an extract from the Minutes of the Council in Japan, in reference to the proposed new building at Kofu. It was resolved, "That having heard the action of the Japanese Council in regard to the new building at Kofu and Miss Wintemute's explanation thereof, we would express our appreciation of their careful consideration of the matter, and their unselfish action, and we hereby agree to leave the whole question to them for decision."

Communications were received relative to the establishing of an Industrial Orphanage at Kanazawa. It was decided to publish Mr. Saunby's letter in *Guardian*, *Outlook* and *Wesleyan*, appending the names of the Branch Corresponding Secretaries, to whom application for further information or offers of support may be made; and that when assurances of efficient funds for the support of the Orphanage for one year are received, the Corresponding Secretary shall have authority to notify the Missionary Council in Japan to proceed.

The applications of several missionary candidates were considered, and Miss Bertha M. Shoults, of Toronto, and Miss Sarah Spencer, of Woodstock, were accepted for the work in Japan.

The request previously made by Miss Leake, that we would send a young lady to Victoria, who would learn the Chinese language, was urged by Miss Cartmell. It was decided that Miss Cartmell should remain, and that we would endeavor to secure, as soon as possible, a young lady who will learn the language and do evangelistic work among the women and children of Chinatown.

Having learned that the missionaries to be sent to China by the General Society would probably leave about midsummer, and as our Board had resolved to send two ladies at the same time, it was decided to advertise for missionaries. A committee, composed of the Corresponding Secretary and the members of the Executive residing in Toronto, was appointed to consider the applications.

Information was received that the Auxiliaries in British Columbia desired to form themselves into a Branch. The Committee approved of the forming of a Branch there.