

God, may restore harmony and mutual confidence and bring peace and prosperity to our cherished mission in Japan and, we trust, among the brethren and sisters in the Church at home.

"For us now to go into an investigation of these personal and semi-official differences, it appears to us would only increase the disaster and embroil larger circles of our people in unpleasant feelings and unprofitable disputes. Our Executive Committee is unready and unwilling, on its own responsibility, to re-open this matter and shall refer it to the General Board of Missions for such consideration and action as to that body may seem wise and desirable.

"You will see, therefore, that it is our mind to continue in the use of the means we have already employed, and put our trust in God and His Church that we will be directed to such agencies and supplied with such resources as will urge on our missionary enterprise there and elsewhere with greater vigor and greater success, to the glory of the adorable Christ."

Early in the year Miss Nellie Hart requested to be released from home work that she might perfect herself in the Holt system of teaching vocal music. In view of the benefit this would be to our school the request was granted. Subsequently Miss Hart tendered her resignation, and the following resolution was passed:

"That we do not accept Miss Hart's resignation in view of the need of her services in the work, especially in that department for which, by permission of the Executive, she has been preparing herself during the past few months of her furlough, and also that other candidates would have qualified themselves to take up this department if Miss Hart had not been preparing for this special work. In view of these facts and her known love for the work, we trust she will continue as one of our agents in Japan."

Later, resignations were received from Misses Nellie Hart, Lizzie Hart, Blackmore and Hargrave, but no action has yet been taken on them.

In order to have a substantial and satisfactory building in Shizuoka an additional grant was made of \$1,000.

It was with regret the committee learned that Miss Alexander's health required her to return home in March.

The question as to the appearance before the Executive of Mrs. Large and the other returned missionaries from Japan, the former was approved, but not the latter, because of the expense.

MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

Miss Jennie H. Brown, of Sault Ste. Marie, recommended by the Toronto Conference Branch, was accepted for work in China, but owing to present ill-health she was placed on the list of reserved candidates.

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