

INSTRUCTIONS TO MISSIONARIES.

1. The missionaries sent out by the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church to any foreign field, when not less than five in number, shall constitute a Mission Council, with powers and duties as hereinafter defined. When there are less than five missionaries in the field they may act as a committee to make recommendations, but shall not possess the powers of a Council. The Council shall be subject to such regulations as the Board of Managers of the Woman's Missionary Society may from time to time adopt. The Board of Managers or its Executive shall annually appoint one of the Council Secretary-Treasurer of the Mission, who shall also act as Chairman of the Council. It shall be her duty to forward to the Field Corresponding Secretary all resolutions, memorials, recommendations or other official action of the Council or its Executive, and all official communications intended for the consideration of the Board or its Executive. The Council shall have authority:

(a) To elect a Recording Secretary, who shall notify all members of meetings, and shall keep a true record of the proceedings and decisions of the Council.

(b) To appoint an Executive Committee to deal with any matters that may arise in the intervals of Council meetings.

(c) To designate the particular field of each foreign missionary and to appoint or reappoint her thereto, unless otherwise directed by the Board of Managers.

(d) The Council shall meet in joint session at least once in the year with the Council of the General Board of Missions for consultation on matters of common interest with the view of promoting harmony and co-operation between the agents of the two societies in the prosecution of their work. If any question arises in regard to which a majority of either Council cannot agree, it may be referred to the Home Boards for final decision, subject to the provisions of paragraph 370, Sub-section 2, of the Discipline of 1894. The Executives of the two Councils shall meet in joint session when deemed necessary. A copy of the minutes of all sessions of the Council and Executive, whether joint or otherwise, shall be forwarded promptly to the Field Corresponding Secretary.

(e) The Council shall prepare and forward to the Board of Managers at least annually, a full report of the work, and any recommendations touching the same, which the Council deems it expedient to make.

2. Missionaries shall incur no expense to be met by the Society for which estimates have not previously been submitted to, and approved of, by the Board of Managers, or by its Executive Committee.