

## STIPENDS OF MISSIONARIES IN JAPAN.

The General Treasurer having reported that the stipends of the Rev. Messrs. Waller and Kennedy under the S.P.G. regulations had been increased £50 each, it was resolved that the question of the increased grants to the missionaries in Japan spoken of in the Treasurer's statement be referred to a special committee to consist of the Treasurer, the Secretary, Dr. Davidson, and Captain Carter.

The terms of Miss Smith's engagement with the Board were also referred to the same committee.

At 1 p.m. the Board adjourned for lunch.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Board re-assembled at 2.30 p.m.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

The Lord Bishop of Toronto presented the following report of the Committee on Correspondence:—

1. Canadian Church Medical Mission, Nagano, Japan.

Miss Jennie Cameron Smith. Report Jan., 1898. Removed last May, to large building in one of the busiest quarters of the town. Native doctor in charge became a Christian a year ago. 854 patients paid 6871 visits to dispensary. 831 visits paid by doctor to patients at their homes. Poor treated free, others paid for medicine enough in six months to defray entire cost of drugs used. £80 a year received from this Board supports a Japanese doctor, two certificated nurses, three student nurses and matron. Entire cost of work, £125. One nurse completed two years in Dec., received certificate and joined Nurses' Association in Tokyo. The three students will not graduate for two years. Church services two evenings a week in waiting rooms. Three men, "paying patients," baptized during year, have become earnest Christians. One nurse sent to help for four months in an accident hospital near line of new railway between Nagano and Matsumoto, and for one month in a dysentery hospital 10 miles distant. One of the first graduates has been for 10 months in charge of a case of mental disease in the wife of a clergyman in Japan. The nurses do what parish work they can, Sunday School, house to house visiting, etc. A new student, a mission worker in the American Church, coming in Jan. (last).

## WORK AMONG WOMEN.

*Work Among Women.*—The "Fugin Kwai," a guild of Churchwomen, formed two years ago. Small monthly subscription amounted last year to \$14.65 given to priest in charge who applied it to Church Mission Fund. Full staff of officers. Twenty members enrolled during year. Four removed from Nagano. Monthly meeting—prayer and reading—a pre-

pared address and discussion on best method of reaching non-Christian women, etc. Devotional meetings during Lent. The "Dorcas Guild" does knitting, fancy-work, etc. Proceeds \$4.95 last year; paid for Christmas decorations for Mission House and Sunday School prizes.

Letter Feb. 23rd, 1898. Greatly need a small hospital, desirable site purchased adjoining Church property. Mr. Waller has about \$500 in hand; but price of labour and materials increased and this sum not enough to begin. Important influence of the work in a heathen city in the interior of the country, the seat of one of the most famous Buddhist Temples. Miss Smith's furlough due this Spring. Cannot conscientiously leave till hospital built and in running order; but health not so strong as five years ago. The doctor would like to write to the Board, but in Japanese.

2. Matsumoto, Shinshu, Japan, Rev. F. W. Kennedy. Letter Dec. 8th, 1897. Has passed the examinations in Japanese required by the S.P.G. of their missionaries at the end of second and third years. At Archdeacon Shaw's advice writes that from Jan. 1, 1898, he is entitled to a salary of £250 instead of £200. Sends photograph of native Christians and enquirers grouped in front of Miss Paterson's "St. Mary's Bible Home."

Letter March 19th, 1898. Sends report. Inability to secure site for future Church for lack of funds, price of land going up fast; asks for a grant of a few hundred dollars. Baptized a young boy last Sunday, expects to baptize a woman and her five children at Easter.

Report. After many disappointments and discouragements, the prospect is much brighter, faithful work of two years, beginning to bear fruit. Numbers on register have increased from 10 (counting his own family) in the fall of 1895, to 42. As many as 20 enquirers, some of them catechumens, studying Christianity very earnestly. Now always a good attendance at special preachings. Has moved into foreign built house on same lot as Miss Paterson's Home, healthier part of town, more people visit than when living right among the Japanese. Two High School teachers, fair English scholars, come twice a week to read St. Matthew, intelligent questioners and earnest. Eight baptisms in the year. Early in Jan. Bishop Awdry visited Shinshu and confirmed five. Sunday Schools number 90 children. Have been working outside Matsumoto, at Kawate, Niegawa, and Sueva. No baptisms as yet. Sueva an important place, 3000 feet above the sea, hot springs, will become a famous summer resort. Will probably move Mr. Kakuzen there, if he can be spared, to try and influence his friends to study Christianity with him.