

## STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

*From Minutes of 1887.*

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

*Resolved*,—That wherever, and as soon as deemed practicable, the superintendent of each Circuit and Mission shall request the ladies of our Church to unite, and in accordance with the provisions and requirements of the Discipline, organize branches of the Woman's Missionary Society.

## CIRCUIT INVITATIONS.

The following preamble and resolution was reported to the Conference by the Stationing Committee, concurred in, and ordered to be printed in the Minutes:—

Whereas the work of this Stationing Committee has been rendered more difficult than otherwise it would have been by the fact that the Quarterly Official Boards of some Circuits within the bounds of the Conference had entered into private negotiations with ministers belonging to other Conferences, with a view to securing their services for these particular Stations, without due consideration being given to the convenience or comfort of ministers and their families now in the field, or to such an arrangement of the Stations as would ensure the most efficient administration of District and Conference work; therefore,

*Resolved*,—That while we have, on this occasion, complied as far as possible with the expressed wishes of the Circuits concerned, we desire to kindly point out to the esteemed brethren composing the Quarterly Official Boards, that in so small a Conference as ours the pursuance of the course above referred to cannot fail to cause serious embarrassment to the Stationing Committee, lessen the efficiency of our Church as a whole, and disturb, to some extent, the present state of good feeling and mutual confidence so happily existing between ministers and people and among the various Circuits and Missions of our Conference. We would remind our people that our churches are not independent congregations, but a *Connection*, and that the principle of the itinerancy can be given its highest efficiency only when both people and pastors loyally surrender into the hands of the Stationing Committee, elected by the joint vote of *laity* and ministers, their right to choose—on the one hand what pastors they shall have, and on the other what congregations they shall serve.

*From Minutes of 1888.*

*Resolved*,—That the General Conference collection be taken up in June of each year.

## SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS.

## METHODIST CHURCH ACT.

Moved by the Rev. J. E. Starr, seconded by N. Shakespeare, Esq.,

Whereas by an Act passed by the Parliament of Canada, entitled "An Act respecting the Union of certain Methodist Churches" (47 Vic. Chap. 106),