

MISCELLANEOUS.

In January a letter from the General Society was received saying that it had been decided to await further correspondence with Japan before taking action in the case of Mrs. Large.

A resolution was adopted requesting that a decision be given as soon as possible, and the question removed from its unsettled condition.

Mrs. Large was asked to help in the Literature Department of the Society at Room 20, until a definite decision was reached.

At the April meeting of the Executive the following resolution was received from Dr. Sutherland, Secretary of the General Society :

"Whereas a resolution has been received from the Executive of the W. M. S. strongly urging that Mrs. Large should return to Japan and asking the concurrence of the Executive in that proposal, and, whereas it was most desirable that the question should be settled without further delay : Resolved, that in view of all the circumstances of the case, the Committee is of the opinion that it is not advisable that Mrs. Large be sent back to Japan."

In reply it was resolved : "That we, the members of the Executive Committee of the W. M. S., desire to express regret that the Executive of the General Missionary Society has not seen its way clear to accede to the request of the Board of the W. M. S. in reference to the return of Mrs. Large to Japan, but we believe that the members of that Executive were actuated by what they considered to be the best interests of the Japanese work in general. We recognize that we have, under the circumstances, no constitutional power to take further action in the matter."

The following letter was received from Mrs. Large :

"TORONTO, May 22nd, 1897.

"DEAR MRS. STRACHAN :

"In view of the recent final decision of the executives of the two Mission Boards *re* myself, and also in view of the assurance I have of my divine call to the work in Japan, you will not be surprised to learn that it is my intention to return in the near future to resume my work there independent of any society.

"I am *forced* to take this position. I do it under protest, but realizing my *duty* and hearing my Father's voice saying, 'Behold I have set before you an open door,' I dare not do otherwise.

"Though I shall no longer be your representative on the field we are still members of the same Church and fellow-workers together with one Head, and as such I ask an interest in your prayers that God will guide and abundantly bless my labors for Him.

"I remain, yours sincerely,

"(Signed), ELIZA SPENCER LARGE."