

Board, and with each other, respecting the interests of the work on the various fields comprised in the Mission.

(b) To designate the special work of each foreign missionary in harmony with the wishes of the General Board.

(c) To regulate all matters relating to the property of the Society in harmony with the wishes of the General Board.

(d) To appropriate to the work any funds supplied by the Society when not specified in detail by the General Board, but not so as to change any grant made by said Board.

(e) To review the work of each year, collect and compile religious reports from all parts of the work, prepare and revise estimates for the coming year, and make such recommendations to the General Board from time to time as they deem expedient.

(f) To elect annually, by ballot, a Chairman, who shall preside at all meetings of the Council; also a Recording-Secretary, who shall keep a true record of the proceedings and decisions of the Council. In the absence of the regular Chairman the Council may elect a Chairman *pro tem*.

(g) The Council shall co-operate in all possible ways with the Annual Conference of the Methodist Church in Japan, to foster and strengthen the work in all its departments.

That the following sub-section be added:—

2. Where there is no organized District meeting or Annual Conference the Mission Council shall station the preachers.

That sub-section 2, of paragraph 380, page 156, be omitted; also items *a* and *b* of same sub-section.

That item *c*, of sub-section 2, paragraph 380, be omitted, and the following substituted in lieu thereof:—

3. TREASURER AND SECRETARY.

380.—1. The General Board shall designate one of the foreign missionaries as its official representative, who shall be the Treasurer and Corresponding-Secretary of the Mission and the Executive of the instructions and wishes of the General Board. His duties shall be as follows:

(a) To take charge of all funds sent from the Mission Rooms for the work of the Mission, to keep the books and make all necessary reports connected therewith, to disburse the moneys in his possession in accordance with the appropriations authorized by the General Board or the Executive Committee, to transmit annually to the Mission Rooms a detailed statement of the accounts of the Mission for the preceding year, also the estimates of the Mission Council for the following year.

(b) As Corresponding-Secretary he shall conduct all official correspondence with the Mission Rooms, keep the Board informed of all matters of importance connected with the work, communicate to the General Board all decisions or recommendations of the Mission Council, lay before the Council all official communications from the Board or Mission Rooms, and discharge such other duties as the Board may, from time to time, direct.

That sub-sections 3 and 4 of paragraph 380, page 156, be omitted.

That sub-section 5 of same paragraph be omitted.

That "Mission District Meeting," at the head of paragraph 381, be changed to read, "Mission District Meetings."

That sub-section 2, paragraph 381, page 157, be omitted as unnecessary.

That the head-line of paragraph 382 be amended to read, "Mission Conferences."

That sub-section 1, of paragraph 382, be amended so as to read, "Executive Committee," instead of "Committee of Finance and Consultation."

That item *a* of sub-section 2, paragraph 382, be amended by striking out the words, "and other Connexional Committees."

That sub-section 3, of paragraph 382, be amended to read, "the General Board shall have power, where a Mission Conference is formed," etc.

That after Section XIX., a new paragraph be added as follows:—

385.—1. With a view to the greatest harmony and co-opera-

tion between the agents of our Missionary Societies in the foreign field, the following regulations are adopted:—

(a) Plans for new work by the ladies of the Woman's Missionary Society, before being finally decided, shall be laid before the Mission Council of the General Society and receive its approval.

(b) Propositions for new developments or modifications of the work of the Woman's Missionary Society, by any member of the General Mission Council, must first have the approval of said Council, and afterwards be sent officially to the Council of the Woman's Missionary Society for its approval or otherwise.

(c) The Japan Conference shall appoint a committee, composed of both Japanese and foreign members of the Conference, to meet representatives of the Mission Council of the Woman's Missionary Society for consultation in regard to the work of said Society. A full meeting of both Councils may be called for consultation by mutual consent.

When the Board of Missions resumed its session, the Rev. D. Macdonald, M.D., was elected Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary of the Japan Mission.

Revised Constitution of the Missionary Society.

I.—NAME.

THIS Society shall be known as "The Missionary Society of the Methodist Church."

II.—OBJECT.

The object of the Society is the support and enlargement of the Indian, French, Domestic, Foreign and other Missions, which are carried on under the direction of the General Board and the Conferences of the Methodist Church.

III.—MEMBERS.

Every person paying annually the sum of Five Dollars and upward, and every person collecting annually Ten Dollars and upward, for this Society, shall be deemed a member, and entitled to a copy of the Annual Report.

IV.—AUXILIARY AND BRANCH SOCIETIES.

The Methodist Missionary Societies within the bounds of any Annual Conference shall collectively be entitled "The Auxiliary Missionary Society" of that Conference; and severally shall be entitled Branch Societies of such Auxiliary. Every Sunday-school shall be a Branch of the Conference Auxiliary. Epworth Leagues or other young people's associations may form Missionary Societies among their members as branches of the Conference Auxiliary; and students in colleges may organize as elsewhere provided.

V.—TREASURERS.

1. Each Annual Conference may appoint a Treasurer, through whom all remittances to or from the General Treasurers may be sent. In case any Annual Conference does not make such an appointment, then all remittances to and from the Mission Rooms shall be made through the Chairmen of Districts of such Conference.

2. The Superintendent of a Circuit or Mission shall be Treasurer of the Branch Society of his Circuit or Mission. But the Missionary Committee of the Circuit, or the Quarterly Board if there be no Missionary Committee, may, at the request of the Superintendent and on his nomination, appoint a local Missionary Treasurer.

VI.—REMITTANCES.

The money raised on any Circuit or Mission shall be transmitted, as soon as collected, to the Chairman of the District, deducting only what has been disbursed for incidental and local expenses; and the District Chairman shall, in turn, remit promptly to the General Treasurer, through the Conference Treasurer, or directly, if there be no Conference Treasurer.