

Committee," said another, "and profound satisfaction was expressed." "I can now plead for missions with more enthusiasm than ever before," said a prominent city pastor, referring to the Board's action. "The decisions of the Board were just, kind and wise," said another, "and will end all discussion." "Anyone who would attempt to reopen this question," said a prominent layman, "would receive no sympathy. The matter is finally settled in a way of which no reasonable man can complain." "I am proud of our Missionary Board," remarked another, "they have handled a delicate and difficult question with firmness, kindness and wisdom." "Now is the time for a missionary revival," said an enthusiastic brother, and we say—Amen.

Proceedings of the General Board.

AS the proceedings of the Board in regard to Japan affairs will be published separately, we will not refer to them in this connection further than to give the results as formulated in resolutions. There are other items of business, however, that are of general interest, and we append a few notes so as to give our readers a general idea of what was done.

The meeting was the longest in the history of the Board, occupying eight days, and as sessions were held morning, afternoon and evening, some idea may be formed of the amount of business demanding attention, and of the care bestowed upon it.

In connection with the calling of the roll, a cablegram from Japan was read, intimating that the Rev. F. A. Cassidy had been elected a member of the Board by the Japan Mission Council. This gave rise to a lengthy conversation, which was finally terminated by a ruling from the Chair to the effect that as Mr. Cassidy was not at present a member of the Mission Council he was not eligible to a seat on the Board.

The Rev. T. G. Williams, D.D., was chosen Minute Secretary, Rev. E. B. Ryckman and W. H. Lambly, Esq., Assistant-Secretaries, and A. J. Donly, Esq., Journal Secretary.

The Minutes of the Executive Committee for the past year were read by the General Secretary, who answered a number of questions relating thereto.

An abstract of the Annual Report was presented by the General Secretary, and the Financial Statement was read by the Treasurer, Hon. J. C. Aikins.

After some conversation in regard to appropriations the following basis was adopted :

MISSIONS.	Ordained Married.	Ordained Single.	Probationers.
Ordinary Missions	\$750 00	\$400 00	\$350 00
Cities and Towns	850 00	450 00	400 00
Newfoundland	800 00	450 00	400 00
Manitoba and North-West	850 00	450 00	400 00
British Columbia	900 00	500 00	450 00

Committees were appointed as follows :

1. *Home Work and Appropriations*.—S. F. Huestis, A. J. Donly, W. H. Lambly, Wm. Williams, T. G. Williams, J. Woodsworth, W. F. Hall, W. H. Hartz.

2. *On Indian and French Work, Chinese Work in British Columbia, and Appropriations*.—John Potts, J. F. Betts, J. McLean, W. Kettlewell, Judge Chesley, Geo. A. Cox, J. A. M. Aikins, Geo. Robinson.

3. *Foreign Appropriations* (Japan and China).—E. B. Ryckman, E. Gurney, F. Chisholm, E. Evans, Hon. J. C. Aikins, A. Langford, J. J. Maclaren, J. R. Inch.

4. *On Memorials and Resolutions*.—Wm. Briggs, I. Tovell, T. Nixon, Judge Dean, J. Torrance, S. J. Shorey, W. Swann, J. Shaw.

On motion, the General Superintendent and General Secretary were made ex-officio members of the foregoing committees.

On motion, it was decided that Japan affairs (other than appropriations), be considered in Committee of the Whole.

Information having been conveyed to the Board of the death of a daughter of the Rev. Principal Shaw, the following resolution, on motion of Dr. Ryckman, seconded by Dr. Potts, was unanimously carried :

Resolved—"That this Board has learned with profound sorrow that painful bereavement has occurred in the family of a beloved brother, the Rev. W. I. Shaw, D.D., LL.D., Principal of the Wesleyan Theological College in this city, in the death of a dearly-loved daughter, and desires to convey to Dr. and Mrs. Shaw the assurance of the most sincere and tender sympathy. The Board feels how inadequate words are to express its sense of the grief of the parental hearts thus afflicted, or to convey the consolation it would desire to impart, but prays the mourning family to accept this expression as a testimony that they are not forgotten by affectionate friends in the hour of their trouble. The Board commends them to 'the God of all consolation,' and trusts that Divine love and sympathy will be sufficient for the time, and that the good hope of a happy reunion beyond the grave will brighten for them the remainder of life's journey."

Some conversation took place respecting the admission of laymen at the Sessions of the Board, and in order to prevent any misapprehension, the following resolution was adopted :

"That inasmuch as a misunderstanding has arisen as to the exclusion of laymen from the Board meetings, be it resolved, that the same courtesy be extended to lay members of the Missionary Society as has been extended to ministers."

At the Wednesday morning session a pleasant little episode occurred. Dr. Cochran read a letter which he had just received from the Rev. Dr. Stevenson, of Santa Monica, California. The letter stated that a little Sunday School in the mountains, consisting of six pupils, having heard of the destruction of the property of the Canada Methodist Mission, in West China, took up a collection amounting to \$1.30, and desired Dr. Stevenson to forward the same to the Treasurers in Toronto as a token of sympathy. The Board expressed its cordial pleasure with this kindly deed, and directed that a suitable reply be sent.

The Committee appointed to formulate the findings of the Committee of the Whole in regard to Japan affairs, reported as follows, and the report was unanimously adopted :

"Concerning the request of the Revs. E. Crummy, J. G. Dunlop, D. R. McKenzie, Wm. Elliott, J. H. McArthur, and H. H. Coates to be recalled,

"1. The Board has considered the statements of the General Secretary of the Missionary Society and his remarks thereto, and the documents referred to therein, among others the letters of the said missionaries dated December 6th, 1894, March 28th, 1895, September 11th, 1895, and of the General Secretary, dated February 1st, 1895, and May 17th, 1895, enclosing the letter of the Executive Committee of the same date, and that letter, also the letters of the Rev. Dr. Macdonald, dated December 28th, 1894, and January 3rd, 1895, resigning as a member of the Japan Mission, also the statements of Rev. Drs. Cochran and Eby, Rev. F. A. Cassidy, Mrs. E. S. Large, Misses N. G. Hart, I. M. Hargrave, F. K. Morgan, and I. S. Blackmore.