

The Corresponding Secretary read letters from Mrs. Tate, in regard to a home for Indian girls at Chilliwack, B. C. After some conversation it was resolved, "That a certain sum be sent Mrs. Tate for this purpose, amount to be left to Committee on Appropriations."

Requests were made from two Mission Bands as to objects they wished to support. Some discussion ensued, when it was agreed that the matter be deferred until after the reading of letters concerning the Chinese work.

These were read and contained statements so shameful and revolting as to cause a thrill of horror to run through the meeting, and deepened the impression already in the minds of the Board that something should be done at once to remedy this evil and to rescue these poor Chinese girls.

The letters, on motion, were referred to the Memorial Committee.

Mrs. Burns, Secretary of Memorial Committee, reported on the following :

1. From Dundas Street Auxiliary, London—

"We, as an Auxiliary, beg to memorialize the Branch in the interest of one of our Indian missions not yet adopted by our W. M. S. We do this believing that such assistance as is imperatively needed in this and similar cases, can only be rendered by women, and therefore properly belongs to the work of the W. M. S. For instance, the supplying clothing for the destitute women and children is, and must be, the work of the women of our church, and as several of the Auxiliaries are sending donations of clothing and money to the Blood Indian Mission School, which clothing or money being collected for a special purpose and outside the regular funds of the Auxiliary, cannot be credited as income, it was moved, seconded and carried, that we memorialize the Branch to take such steps as may be necessary to place the Blood Indian Mission School on our list of assisted missions."

The Committee recommend that, owing to the scarcity of information concerning the Blood Indian Mission, and in view of the advice given by Dr. Williams from the General Board of the parent Society, concerning the contemplated foundation of Industrial Schools, the Board of Managers do not take up this as a portion of the work of the Society.—Carried.

2. From the Mitchell Auxiliary—

"Whereas, in view of the amount and importance of the work done, it is our opinion that the number of members on the Executive Committee is too small. We think it desirable that the number be increased or its powers limited."

On this memorial the Committee (of the Western Branch) would recommend that a committee be appointed annually in each Branch, with which the Executive could consult in the event of any important emergency or the taking up of new work.

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