

APPROPRIATIONS.

The following include the chief grants made by the General Board:—

Home work	\$91,600 00
Indian work	45,966 00
Japan work—Evangelistic	\$16,526 00
" —Educational	12,133 00
	28,659 00
Chinese work	4,106 00
French work—Evangelistic	\$5,555 00
" —Educational	4,000 00
	9,555 00
To recoup advances for parsonage building	1,825 00
Miscellaneous—Including travelling expenses and school books, Indian missions; Conference and Missionary Committees and Chairman's expenses; affliction and supply; Superintendent of Missions in North-West; Superannuation and Supernumerary Funds; Mount Elgin Institute; McDougall Orphanage; Auditors' fees; annuities; interest and discount; publication charges; office and contingent charges; expenses of missionary meetings; travelling expenses; salaries at Mission Rooms, etc.	42,715 00
Total	\$224,426 00

THE FORWARD MOVEMENT.

AT the annual meeting of the General Board of Missions, recently held in the city of Montreal, the following resolution was unanimously and heartily adopted:—

Whereas, during several years past, evidences have been accumulating showing that the Head of the Church is calling us to enter some new field of heathenism, and thus far the leadings seem to be in the direction of China;

And whereas, several educated and devoted young men have offered themselves for this service, and will be ready to proceed to any designated field in the spring or autumn of 1891; therefore,

Resolved,—That we respond to what seems to be a clear providential call, and appeal to the whole Church to sustain the Board in this forward movement; and that the Committee of Consultation and Finance be empowered to take definite action in regard to the selection of a field, and the appointment of the young men who have volunteered.

Since the planting of our Japan Mission in 1873, no more important question has claimed the attention of the Board. For some time past a note of preparation has been sounding throughout Christendom, and the Churches have been laying plans and massing forces for an advance all along the line. Individual effort is giving place to combined action. Solitary mission stations—outposts of the invading army—are being reinforced. Missionary Conferences are bringing the Churches together. A division of territory is preparing the way to economize men and money, while the great wave of missionary enthusiasm that has swept over the colleges of this continent has supplied an army of volunteers larger than the Churches seem able to employ. All these circumstances are signs that cannot be mistaken; and the Church that intends to keep step with the great missionary army must quicken its movements and fall at once into line.

It is well known that for some years past the conviction has been gaining ground that the time has come when the Methodist Church should take another step in advance, and by planting a new mission on heathen soil, furnish an additional outlet for the prayers and liberality of the Church and give practical evidence of her faith in the promises of God. That conviction has been strengthened by manifest providential leadings, showing how the Spirit and providence of God work concurrently in the accomplishment of His designs. So clear were these leadings, in the judgment of the Board, that no hesitation was felt or expressed as to what the course of the Church ought to be. "Speak unto the people that they go forward," was the unmistakable order which no member of the Board was inclined to evade or disobey. And so, without a dissenting voice or vote, the solemn decision was recorded by which the Board committed itself and the Church to a further development of its missionary work.

It is a noteworthy coincidence that, just as the Board was assembling in Montreal, a joint letter was received from two of the volunteers showing that their purpose remained unchanged. That letter, we are sure, will be read with deep interest, and we give it entire:—

HEIDELBERG, GERMANY, Sept. 5th, 1890.

REV. A. SUTHERLAND, D.D.,

General Secretary Methodist Missionary Society of Canada, Toronto.

DEAR SIR,—Once more, before the meeting of the Missionary Committee of our Church, we want to appeal to you, and to them through you, on behalf of the proposed new mission in China. Now, as never before, we are roused to a sense of our duty in this matter.

Last May 430 missionaries, representing all the evangelical denominations in China, met at Shanghai, and their last act was to send forth that soul-stirring, heart-moving appeal—that "bugle-blast," calling loudly for "1,000 missionaries for China within the next five years." Does not that call reach the ear of our Canadian Methodist Church? There seem to be many reasons why this is a very fit time for our Church to begin work there; as one result of this great Conference there will no longer be a half dozen different versions of the Scriptures to select from. All denominations have been drawn closer together—the spirit of union is everywhere manifest. Most weighty of all reasons is the tremendous need, the millions of Chinese within easy reach who have not yet heard of Christ. If our Church will go forward, and not backward, in her Foreign Mission work, should she not step boldly in and take her place alongside the rest in the conquest of this greatest heathen nation for Christ?

Dr. Pierson's article on "The Lack of Information and Individualism," in the July number of the *Missionary Review of the World*, has impressed us strongly. We feel that his statements regarding the ignorance on the part of the people, of the facts of missions, apply forcibly to the "bulk of our membership"—the bulk of the membership of our own Canadian Methodist Church. And until some means are taken to spread a knowledge of these facts, the people