

Correspondence being called for and read relating to the administration of this Institute, it was resolved, on motion, to appoint the General Secretary and Rev. J. McDougall a committee respecting the principalship, with power to act.

Relating to Mt. Elgin Institute the following was adopted:

Having considered the condition and necessities of the Mount Elgin Industrial Institute, learning that the building has been condemned by the Government, as insufficient and unsuitable for enlargement, and that tenders for a new building have been received, ranging from \$19,100 to \$22,500: it is ordered that the great necessity of a new building be strongly urged upon the Government, and that the responsibility of further delay must rest upon the Indian Department.

It was recommended that a missionary be sent to represent the church on the Islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon, when finances will allow and a suitable agent can be found.

Also that the labors of the Superintendent of Missions in the North-West and British Columbia be confined to the domestic missions in these Conferences.

The report of the Committee on Memorials and Miscellaneous Business was presented, and the following matters were adopted by the Board:

It is recommended that all Annual Conferences concerned aid as far as possible in giving employment to theological students during summer vacation.

In the case of students attending medical schools, with a view to entering missionary work, it was decided that a degree of M.D. shall be equivalent to a B.A. degree from a Conference standpoint.

It was resolved to continue Rev. John Shaw, D.D., as Assistant Secretary at the Mission Rooms; salary, \$1,200.

At this stage the salary of the General Secretary was taken up and the Board promptly voted the usual amount. In acknowledging the grant, Dr. Sutherland said he had allowed the matter to go to a vote without any remark, so that the Board might express its judgment as to whether the affairs of the Society should be managed on the principle of absolute cheapness, or whether the remuneration of the chief officer should bear some relation to the weighty duties and responsibilities involved. He assumed, however, there would be no objection to a voluntary reduction on his part. As this was a year of stringency, when there must needs be a reduction all round, he proposed to return \$500 of the amount voted by the Board. This announcement was received with evidences of lively satisfaction, several members expressing the opinion, that while the salary voted was by no means too much, yet the voluntary reduction would be gratifying alike to missionaries in the field and contributors to the funds.

The Committee on Japan Affairs presented its report, the principal points of which are:

The recommendation that no further extension of the work be undertaken at the Tokyo Tabernacle; that arrangements be made with the Woman's Missionary Society for such work among the Japanese women as can be rendered by missionaries of that Society; that the future movements of Rev. Dr. Eby be left to the Executive Committee when Dr. Eby's furlough expires. This was subsequently dealt with by the Board.

The Board appointed the following committee to look into the relations of this society and the Woman's Missionary Society in Japan, viz., Revs. Sutherland, Potts, Briggs, Carman, and Messrs. J. C. Aikins, Warring Kennedy and J. J. Maclaren.

At Friday morning's session the Board resolved that the principals of the Indian industrial schools be directed to keep a proper set of books for record and account, and to make quarterly returns to the Mission Rooms, the latter to provide forms for the required returns.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting of the Board in Montreal the first Thursday in October, 1895, at 9 a.m.

The treasurers were authorized to carry to investment and building account any legacies which the donors have not designated to any special work.

The following were appointed the Executive Committee for the ensuing year: The officers of the Society; Revs. Dr. Briggs, I. Tovell, Dr. Galbraith, S. J. Shorey, Dr.

Potts, Dr. W. C. Henderson, Dr. Griffin, Dr. Ryckman, J. R. Gundy; Messrs. J. J. Maclaren, W. F. Hall, William Bowman, W. G. Smith, John Mann, W. E. H. Massey, Dr. Crowle, H. H. Fudger and W. M. Gray.

Rev. Dr. Eby was granted furlough till June 30, 1895, and will during the coming winter assist at anniversary missionary meetings. To Dr. Eby's furlough allowance was added a sum of \$300 for house rent. The Board also granted the sum of \$218, balance of return expenses for Rev. F. A. Cassidy.

The Committee on Appropriations reported that they were unable to give the domestic missions as much as they had been giving for the last few years. As the funds would not admit of any further grant, the representatives of the Japan and Indian missions in the North-West and British Columbia volunteered to abate five per cent. of the salaries of themselves and their brethren to help meet the deficiency. This was received with applause by the Board, and the committee were thus enabled to appropriate an amount which, added to what the missions propose to raise, would give the home missionaries seventy per cent. of the basis of salary. The following is the full list of appropriations to the different sections of the mission field:

Grants to Domestic Missions	\$77,280
“ for removal expenses	4,319
Net grants	1,410
Japan Conference	21,725
China Mission	7,374
Indian Missions	55,159
Chinese Missions—British Columbia	5,014
French Missions	7,908
Miscellaneous	52,775
Total	\$232,964

The Board adjourned at 12.45 p.m.

Work of the Joint Commission.

AT the recent General Conference, proposals were made for changes in the section of the Discipline relating to Foreign Missions, especially in regard to the Constitution, so called, of the Japan Mission Council. Finally the whole matter was referred to a Joint Commission composed of the General Board of Missions and the Special Committee of the General Conference. The Commission met in Toronto on the 26th ult., when the whole matter was exhaustively considered and definite conclusions reached. We append the results of the Commission's action, and by comparing these with the Discipline of 1890, page 155, Sections XVIII. and XIX., our readers will see at once the nature of the changes made:

The Joint Commission appointed by the General Conference to deal with this section of the Discipline, enacts as follows:—

XVIII. FOREIGN MISSIONS.

That paragraph 378 be omitted as unnecessary.

That paragraph 379 be numbered 378, and amended to read as follows:—

1. OBJECT.

378. The object of the Foreign Missions of the Methodist Church is to extend the Kingdom of Jesus Christ by raising up, as speedily as possible, self-supporting and self-propagating native churches.

2. MISSION COUNCIL.

That paragraph 380 be numbered 379 and amended, with its sub-sections, to read as follows:—

379—1. The English-speaking missionaries sent by the Methodist Church to any foreign field shall constitute a Mission Council, with powers

(a) To advise with the representative of the General