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## BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF THE DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The next meeting of the Board of the D. and F.M.S. for the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada, will be held D.V. in the Synod Hall in the City of Montreal, on Wednesday, October 13th, now next, at 10.30 a.m.

A. SPENCER, *Sec'y.*

## THE LAMBETH RESOLUTIONS REGARDING MISSIONS.

**I**N our last number we gave our readers that portion of the Encyclical issued by the Lambeth Conference which related particularly to missionary work. We now supply them with the *Resolutions* adopted by the Conference in reference to the same subject and which were referred to in the Encyclical. They read as follows :

14. That while we heartily thank God for the missionary zeal which He has kindled in our Communion, and for the abundant blessing bestowed on such work as has been done, we recommend that prompt and continuous efforts be made to arouse the Church to recognize as a necessary and constant element in the spiritual life of the body and of each member of it, the fulfilment of our Lord's great Commission to evangelize all nations.

15. That the tendency of many English-speaking Christians to entertain an exaggerated opinion of the excellencies of Hinduism and Buddhism, and to ignore the fact that Jesus Christ alone has been constituted Saviour and King of mankind, should be vigorously corrected.

16. That a more prominent position be assigned to the Evangelization of the Jews in the intercessions and almsgiving of the Church, and that the various boards of missions be requested to take cognizance of this work, and particularly to see that care be taken for the due training of the missionary agents to be employed in the world.

17. That in view (1) of the success which has already attended faithful work among the Mohammedans, (2) of the opportunity offered at the present time for more vigorous efforts,

especially in India and in the Hausa district, and (3) of the need of special training for the work, it is desirable :

(a) That men be urged to offer themselves with a view to preparation by special study for mission work among Mohammedans.

(b) That attention be called to the importance of creating or maintaining strong centres of work amongst Mohammedans, as, for instance in the cities of Delhi, Lucknow, and Hyderabad (Deccan) and elsewhere.

18. That while we feel that there is much to encourage us in what has been done, and is now in progress, for the establishment and development of Native Churches, we consider it to be of the utmost importance that from the very beginning the idea that the Church is their own and not a foreign Church should be impressed upon the converts, and that a due share of the management and financial support of the Church should be theirs from the first. But we hold that the power of independent action, which is closely connected with the establishment of a native episcopate, ought not as a rule to be confined to Native Churches until they are also financially independent.

19. That it is important that, so far as possible, the Church should be adapted to local circumstances, and the people brought to feel in all ways that no burdens in the way of foreign customs are laid upon them and nothing is required of them but what is of the essence of the Faith and belongs to the due order of the Catholic Church.

20. That while the converts should be encouraged to seek independence of foreign financial aid, and to look forward to complete independence, care should be taken to impress upon them the necessity of holding the Catholic faith in its integrity, and of maintaining at all times that union with the great body of the Church which will strengthen the life of the young church, and prevent any departure from Catholic and Apostolic unity, whether through heresy or through schism.

21. Due care should be taken to make the diocese the centre of unity, so that, while there may be contained in the same area under one bishop various races and languages necessitating many modes of administration, nothing shall be allowed to obscure the fact that the many races form but one Church.