



Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT, HELD IN MONTREAL, APRIL, 1899.

The Board of Management met in the School House of St. George's Church, Montreal, on Wednesday, April 12th, 1899, at 10.30 a.m.

The members present were the Bishops of Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa, Nova Scotia, Quebec, and Niagara; the Dean of Montreal; Archdeacons Roe and Bedford-Jones; Canons Pollard and Spencer (General Secretary); Revs. E. P. Crawford, T. C. Street-Macklem, and F. H. DuVernet; Dr. L. H. Davidson, Q.C., Dr. R. V. Rogers, Q.C., Captain Carter, Mr. Hamilton, Mr. Garth, His Honour Judge Senkler (Perth), and Mr. C. A. Eliot (General Treasurer).

In the absence of the Metropolitan, the Bishop of Montreal presided, and opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the September meeting, being printed, were taken as read and were confirmed.

REPORTS OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY AND THE GENERAL TREASURER.

The General Secretary read his report of the proceedings of the Executive Committee, and the General Treasurer read his financial statement, both of which were, on motion, received.

MISS PATERSON'S WORK IN JAPAN.

A letter was read from Mrs. Tilton, President of the Provincial Woman's Auxiliary, respecting the continuance of Miss Paterson's work in Japan.

It was resolved that the matter be brought up at the conference with the Woman's Auxiliary, and information sought respecting the result of the action recommended by the Board at its September meeting.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The report of the Executive Committee, as already presented by the General Secretary, was then taken up and considered clause by clause.

The following appropriations made by the Committee were confirmed:

	For Indian Schools.	General
Diocese of Algoma.....	\$ 250	\$ 500
" Rupert's Land.....	250	250
" Qu'Appelle.....	200	200
" Saskatchewan.....	400	50
" Calgary.....	750	
" Athabasca.....	100	200
" Moosonee.....	100	
" Mackenzie River.....	100	200
" Selkirk.....	100	100
" New Westminster.....	400	500
Total.....	\$2,400	\$2,000

Revised forms for (a) Indian Schools and (b) General Statistics from the Bishops of the Missionary Dioceses were approved and adopted.

With reference to a letter from Dr. Davidson, Q.C., it was resolved to consider at a later stage of the meeting points relating to the Magazine and the publication therein of appeals not yet submitted to the Executive Committee of the Board. In reply to his enquiry whether money received by him for a special fund for Chinese work in British Columbia should be sent to the Rev. L. N. Tucker direct, or through the General Treasurer, it was resolved that the money be sent through the General Treasurer.

With reference to a letter from the Secretary of the S.P.G., the action of the Board at its September meeting was read, and also a petition from the missionaries in Japan presented by the Rev. J. G. Waller. Accompanying this petition was the draft of a petition to the S.P.G. sent by the missionaries in Japan to Mr. Waller for his signature, but not yet signed nor presented by him.

It was moved by the Bishop of Ottawa, seconded by the General Secretary, That the following resolution reported by the Executive Committee on this subject be concurred in:—
"That the Executive Committee, having considered the whole subject of keeping the missionaries of the Board in Japan on the list of the S.P.G. and continuing to pay them through the S.P.G., is of the opinion that the advantages of this arrangement are not such as to justify the Board of Management

"in facing the very serious effect before the whole Church in Canada of appearing to send all its foreign money through one English Society; and that the Board be advised to appoint a Committee to report next October, after correspondence with the Bishop of Tokyo, the practical method and rules to be adopted by the Board if it should decide to pay its own missionaries directly, as well as the scale of stipends which the Board should pay, and the arrangements as to furlough, catechists, etc., etc., which it should agree to pay in the case of the missionaries whom it may send out in the future."

Moved in amendment by the Bishop of Nova Scotia, seconded by the Rev. Canon Pollard, That a Committee be appointed to ascertain by correspondence with the S.P.G. and others what reasons, if any, exist for changing the present arrangement for paying our missionaries and agents in the foreign field, through the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts; and if so, to ascertain what changes are necessitated whereby the status and privileges of the said missionaries and agents shall be preserved to them; and what probable additional expenses will be incurred by the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society in Canada; and to report to the next meeting of this Board.—Lost.

Moved in amendment by the Rev. Canon Spencer, seconded by the Rev. E. P. Crawford, That the preamble of the Bishop of Ottawa's resolution be omitted, and that the remaining paragraph recommending the appointment of a committee be adopted.

Moved in amendment to the amendment by the Bishop of Quebec, seconded by Dr. Davidson, That the recommendation of the Executive Committee be not concurred in, but it be resolved that the petition of the Rev. Mr. Waller, in behalf of the missionaries in Japan, be communicated to the S.P.G. for its consideration and advice; and that a committee be appointed to consider the answer of the Society and to report further upon the question raised by the said petition, and to report at the October meeting of the Board; and that the committee do also correspond with the Bishop in Tokyo respecting the practical method and rules to be adopted by the Board if it should decide to pay its own missionaries directly, as well as the scale of stipends which the Board should pay, and the engagements as to furlough, catechists, etc., etc., which it should agree to pay in the case of the missionaries whom it may send out in the future.

This amendment, being put, was carried, and the Board adjourned till 3 p.m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Board re-assembled at 3 p.m.

The following were appointed the Committee under the Bishop of Quebec's resolution: The Bishop of Quebec (convener), the Bishop of Ottawa, the Bishop of Nova Scotia, the Dean of Montreal, and Dr. Davidson.

CENTENARY OF THE C.M.S.

The Chairman at this point called the attention of the Board to the fact that to-day is the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the Church Missionary Society; whereupon it was unanimously resolved,

"That the Board of Management of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada, as the authorized missionary representative of the Canadian Church, would reverently thank Almighty God for the great mercies vouchsafed to the Church Missionary Society of England during the first century of its history, not only for the manifest call given it to take such a distinguished part in bringing the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to the heathen peoples of the world, but also for the earnestness and devotion which as a Society it has shown in carrying out its sacred mission. Among the many causes for gratitude to Almighty God which this century records, few, if any, should touch the hearts of Christians more than that which connects itself with the sacred work in which the Society has been so prominently and successfully engaged, bringing, as it has done in numberless instances, the brightness and joy of Christian light and liberty into the darkness and bondage of heathenism. That God may extend the work of the Society in the future, and give it fresh faith and hope as it stands on the verge of a fresh century of life, and raise up generations of friends to speed it in its work, is the earnest prayer of the Missionary Society of the Canadian Church."

It was further resolved that a copy of the above resolution be communicated to the Church Missionary Society.

Moved by the Rev. E. P. Crawford, seconded by the Bishop of Quebec, That the Board adjourn at 5.30 p.m. for the purpose of holding a service of thanksgiving in connection with the observance to-day of the centenary of the C.M.S., such service to be held, by consent of the Dean, in St. George's Church, and that arrangements be made for such service by a committee of two.

Moved in amendment by the Rev. F. H. DuVernet, seconded by the Bishop of Toronto,

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That this afternoon's session close at 5.30 p.m. with a service of thanksgiving in this room.

The amendment was carried.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The consideration of the report of the Executive Committee was resumed, and a letter was read from the Secretary-Treasurer of the Diocese of Huron asking for a refund of the Epiphany collection for 1898 received from St. George's Church, London West, on the ground that such collection had been appropriated to the London branch of the C.C.M.A.

It was resolved that the matter be left in the hands of the General Secretary and the General Treasurer.

With reference to a letter received from the Bishop of Columbia, in which he called attention to the inequality of the grants made to his Diocese and that of New Westminster, and inquired whether such inequality was due to the influence exercised by a special deputation from the latter Diocese, the recommendation of the Executive Committee was adopted, viz.: That His Lordship be informed that the Board's action was not influenced by the appeal of the special delegate referred to, and that the Board is always ready to consider any appeal from delegates from any missionary Diocese, and is always desirous of making its appropriations on the most equitable basis.

A report of the work in Japan from the Rev. F. W. Kennedy was directed to be published in the Magazine, as was also a report from the Rev. J. G. Waller, respecting his work during the period of his furlough.

The Bishop of Toronto having reported that returns had been received from five Dioceses only, the recommendation of the Executive Committee was adopted, viz., that \$300 be granted from the Domestic Mission Fund to the Diocese of Columbia, and that any further general appropriation be deferred till the October meeting.

A letter was also submitted from the Rev. Rural Dean Spencer, and a letter and report were read from the Provincial Treasurer of the W.A.

CONFERENCE WITH THE W.A.

At this point a conference was held with the Conference Committee of the Provincial Woman's Auxiliary, at which, among other matters, Mrs. Tilton's letter respecting the continuance of Miss Paterson's work in Japan was taken into consideration, and it was resolved,

"That the President of the Woman's Auxiliary be respectfully reminded that the Board in September, 1898, asked the W.A.

"to consider the question of supporting Miss Paterson's work in Japan, and expressed its approval of the W.A. proceeding to do so, provided they send their assistance to the Bishop in Tokyo and subject to his sanction. That the Board do now impress on the W.A. the great importance of protecting Miss Paterson, and any lady with whom she may be in treaty as her successor, from conceiving the impression that this Board has assumed any financial responsibility, and of informing her at as early a date as possible what amount she may look for from the W.A. That the Board do further state that an excellent report of Miss Davis's fitness to become Miss Paterson's successor has been laid before them, but that the rules of the W.A. no doubt provide for such steps as will secure satisfactory evidence of her health and fitness to undertake the work."

CENTENARY OF THE C.M.S.

At 5.30 p.m., in accordance with the resolution passed in an earlier part of the day, a service of thanksgiving was offered by the members of the Board and the representatives of the W.A., appropriate prayers being said by the Chairman.

The Board then adjourned till 8 p.m.

EVENING SESSION.

The Board re-assembled at 8 p.m., the Bishop of Toronto presiding.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

With reference to the magazines, it was resolved,

"That Dr. Davidson be requested to continue to edit the *Canadian Church Magazine* and the *Canadian Church Juvenile* for one year from May 1st, 1899, with the understanding that he shall have an absolutely free hand as regards the printing and publishing; and that the Board of Management shall meet out of the funds at its disposal any deficiency that may arise on the year's working, and with the further understanding that the *Magazine* shall be supplied, if advisable, to the clergy free."

With reference to a letter from the Corresponding Secretary of the Provincial W.A., it was resolved,

"That the Board advise the W.A., in considering any appeals such as they have forwarded at this time, to take no step in any case without first writing to the Bishop of the Diocese and asking whether his view of the appeal which has reached them is such that he would approve of their applying a proportion of money which they might be

"able to appropriate to his Diocese towards the object of it."

On motion of the Rev. T. C. Street-Macklem, seconded by the Rev. E. P. Crawford, it was resolved, That the Secretary acknowledge the receipt of the letter from the Corresponding-Secretary of the Provincial W.A.

The report of the Executive Committee was then adopted as a whole.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The General Treasurer's report was also adopted.

TRAINING OF A JAPANESE NURSE.

The following communication was read from the Rev. J. G. Waller:

"Inasmuch as our medical work in Japan is a most valuable means of evangelization, and as it is important that we should encourage the use of native agents in the mission field, I beg that you will give your approval to a capable Christian Japanese nurse, coming to Canada and taking a short course in one of our hospitals; and when she has made herself thoroughly acquainted with the work of nursing as carried on with a proper equipment, to return to Japan, where, under supervision, she will become a very valuable agent. And I beg that a copy of this, with your approval attached, be sent to the Secretary of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Ontario.

(Signed.) "JOHN G. WALLER."

On motion of the Archdeacon of Ontario, seconded by Dr. R. Vashon Rogers, Q.C., it was resolved,

"That the letter of the Rev. J. G. Waller, requesting the approval of the Board to the training of a Japanese Christian woman as a nurse in Canada, be transmitted to the W.A. in the Diocese of Ontario, as desired by Mr. Waller, with the statement that the Board gives its approval on the understanding that it undertakes no responsibility as regards the expense incurred."

REPORT OF THE INDIAN COMMITTEE.

The Indian Committee presented through its chairman, the Bishop of Ottawa, a report based upon the statistical returns of Indian schools from the Dioceses of Columbia, New Westminster, Calgary and Saskatchewan, Qu'Appelle, and Algoma, which, upon his motion, seconded by the Bishop of Quebec, was adopted.

REPORT ON MISSIONARY PRAYERS AND HYMNS.

The Bishop of Ottawa presented the report of the Committee on Missionary Prayers and Hymns, which, on motion, was adopted.

Moved by the Bishop of Ottawa, seconded by Mr. Chas. Garth, and resolved,

"That the Missionary Prayers and Intercessions and Hymns and Cycle of subjects of prayer for a month be referred to the House of Bishops and be printed by the Secretary as and when approved by the Bishops."

ASCENSIONTIDE APPEAL.

The draft of the proposed Ascensiontide Appeal, after revision of the earlier paragraphs, was referred to the Bishop of Toronto to complete the work of revision and return the appeal as revised to the General Secretary.

EPIPHANY APPEAL AND CHILDREN'S LENTEN LETTER FOR 1900.

The Rev. T. C. Street-Macklem and the Rev. F. H. DuVernet were appointed a committee to prepare the Epiphany Appeal for 1900; and the Rev. Canon Sweeny and Mr. G. B. Kirkpatrick were requested to prepare the Children's Lenten Letter.

GENERAL EXPENSES.

The sum of \$300 was appropriated towards general expenses.

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD.

It was resolved that the October meeting of the Board be held in St. George's School House, Montreal, and that the hour of meeting be 10 o'clock a.m.

The Board then adjourned, the Chairman pronouncing the benediction.