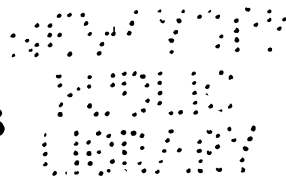


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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD OF THE FREE METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA

### NAMES OF MEMBERS

|                                      |  |
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| REV. B. R. JONES, President,         | REV. J. A. WATSON, Third District.         |
| REV. B. WINGET, Secretary,           | REV. W. B. OLMSTEAD, Fourth District,      |
| S. K. J. CHEBRO, Treasurer,          | J. H. PORTER, Fifth District,              |
| REV. E. P. HART,                     | J. GRAHAM, Sixth District,                 |
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### DIRECTORS OF BOARD

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| REV. B. R. JONES, | REV. J. S. M'GEARY,  |
| REV. W. T. HOGUE, | REV. W. B. OLMSTEAD, |
|                   | REV. B. WINGET.      |

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The General Missionary Board met at the Free Methodist Publishing House, Chicago, Illinois, as per notice published in the *Free Methodist*, October 11, 1906, at 9 o'clock, a. m.

The president, B. R. Jones, called the board to order and presided.

Scripture was read by B. Winget and prayer offered by W. A. Sellew.

The secretary called the roll and all the members answered to their names.

The work of the Board of Directors for the past year was reported and accepted.

Some items of business as reported, are as follows:

The report of the missionary secretary was accepted concerning the Famine Fund money in India as follows: Of the \$2,000 of the Famine Fund money now loaned to the general fund, enough be used to pay the balance of \$725 necessary to cover the balance of expenses remaining unpaid in erecting an industrial building for orphan boys and for repairs on the girls' orphanage in India; and further that enough be appropriated to meet any special needs of the orphans for this year, and the remainder continued as a loan to the general fund.

Miss Laura E. Millican was accepted as a missionary to Japan, to go out with Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Cooper. Action was taken whereby legal provision could be made so that certain interest money may be paid to the treasurer from an oil well left to the General Missionary Board by one James George, of Bradford, Pennsylvania.

The board approved the sending of financial aid to Brother N. B. Smith, and the issuing of an appeal by the missionary secretary to our people for him through the *Free Methodist*.

Miss Lily M. Peterson was accepted and appointed as a missionary to China.

Provision was made for the return home on a furlough of F. Grace Allen in June, 1906.

Miss Jessie W. Lively was accepted and conditionally appointed to go as a missionary to India this fall.

The board authorized the sum of \$500 to be advanced to complete the building at Dharwa.

The secretary and treasurer were authorized to pay out the following moneys:

- (a) Enough funds to W. F. Matthewson to keep the work moving in Osaka.
- (b) An advance of \$600 as a loan to the missionaries in China to be used in erecting a summer home at Ohi Kong Shan.
- (c) Five hundred dollars to complete the mission house at Inhambane, or so much thereof as is necessary.

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are sent out, they should be allowed a reasonable period of rest at least one month before sailing for their fields of labor.

The following resolution was adopted.

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this board that no encouragement should be given at this time for the opening of new work in the Philippines. The missionary secretary was requested to notify the contributors of certain funds for missionary work in the Philippines, of the above action, that their contributions were held subject to their direction in harmony with the above decision.

It was moved to be the sense of the board that missionaries on probation in India, if their necessities require, and upon recommendation of the superintendent on that field, be allowed full salary, providing they do full missionary work.

Action in the case of Miss Rose Cox, now laboring in this country as a returned missionary from India, was deferred until the time of the next session of the board, and in the meantime her relation to the board continues the same as in the past year.

Provision was made for the return to this country of T. Kawabe, our principal native missionary in Japan, in time for the next session of the General Conference, with the understanding that he remain in this country at least three months, and if for a longer period, the matter be left to the judgment of the missionary secretary.

The general missionaries gave yearly reports of their work for the past year. Mrs. Rebecca Sellev stated in her report that she gladly relinquished all right to any salary for her services from the board, and that she gladly and freely offered her services to the church. Their reports were received.

The missionary secretary read the yearly report of Esther D. Clark, our missionary to San Domingo. Her report was received.

The course of study for our missionaries in Africa, as also the recommendations concerning the same, were read by the secretary and were adopted.

W. T. Hogue was made a committee to investigate the matter of the proposed gift to the board by Mr. Shepardson, of Gueydan, Louisiana.

It was ordered that the missionary secretary and treasurer be authorized to issue "Letters of Credit" to a banking corporation at Shanghai or Hankow, and allow our superintendents in China and Japan to issue drafts payable by the bank to whom such "Letters" are sent to the amount indicated in the "Letters."

O. Floyd Appleton was authorized to attend the China Centenary Mission Conference, to be held at Shanghai, China, April 25-May 6, 1907, at the expense of the General Missionary Board.

A committee was on motion appointed to prepare for our missionaries on the foreign field a cable code, or recommend the adoption of one already prepared, such committee to report at the next session of the board.

A communication was received from the Haystack Committee having in charge arrangements for the anniversary of the Haystack Prayer Meeting to be held in New York, November 14, 1906. This plan met the hearty approval of the board, and our people, wherever possible, were urged to co-operate in carrying out the spirit of it.

The following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this board that our people should not raise money for opening missionary work on new fields which the board has not decided to enter, nor for the support of missionaries whose cases have not received the favorable action of the board.

The committee to whom was referred the case of Mrs. Kitty Wood Kumarakulasinghe, who expected soon to return to Ceylon as a missionary, reported as follows; which report was adopted.

1. Though it would be very desirable to open up a work in the Island of Ceylon, we do not see our way clear to do so at present on account of a lack of funds.

2. We desire our Sister Kumarakulasinghe to be associated with our church as a board missionary.

3. We recommend that she be employed in a relation similar to that of Sister Esther D. Clark, and that she be allowed \$100 a year.

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4. We to pay her traveling expenses from Albion, New York.

The treasurer, S. K. J. Chesbro, gave his report of the General Mission Funds. (See report V.) His report was on motion adopted.

It was on motion ordered that when the board adjourn they do so to meet at the seat of the General Conference at Greenville, Illinois, on Wednesday, June 12, 1907, at 9 o'clock a. m.

It was moved to be the sense of this board that we urge the Board of Directors and the missionary secretary to use strong efforts to secure such missionaries as are needed to fill the places in Africa now vacant, or about to become vacant.

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### SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL MISSIONARY BOARD:

DEAR BRETHREN AND FELLOW WORKERS:—I acknowledge with gratitude to our heavenly Father his blessing which has been on our work, both on the home and on the foreign field, and his presence which has been with our workers during the past year.

I am pleased to inform you that the total of all moneys reported by the general treasurer of the women's societies, as raised for the general foreign missionary, and for the various other funds in aid of our foreign work the past year is \$32,721.71. This is an increase above the report of last year of \$8,122.74. This increase is more than is reported as raised by the pastors, and from all other sources. The reports also show that while the women's societies have made this very gratifying increase the amount raised by the pastors, and from all other sources, shows a decrease of \$569.00. However, it should be borne in mind that quite a large portion of this amount, which has been credited to the women's societies, has been raised through the hearty co-operation of the pastors. The zeal and success of the women's societies in raising funds to send out the "messengers of good tidings" are evidencing more and more the latent possibilities of our people, and are an inspiration to the faith of the church, and to those in the vanguard of the battle in far-away lands. May this good work go on until all of our people shall recognize their privileges, and joyfully accept them. I think, as a church, we are third if not second, in the average amount given per member, yearly, for foreign missions. Is it not the good pleasure of our glorious Leader that as we are in the vanguard of his militant host in holding up the standard of experimental and practical holiness, so we should be in the vanguard in helping to fulfil the "great commission?"

The visit of General Superintendent and Mrs. Sellow to the foreign field was highly appreciated by our workers, and was made a special blessing both to them and to the work and will doubtless result in greater blessings.

I am glad to inform you that the reports from the whole field show increase on different lines, as follows:

In the number of white missionaries, thirteen; in native male workers, five; in native female workers, one; increase in number of organized churches, two; increase in number of members in Africa, fifty-eight; increase in members in India, two; increase of members in Japan, sixty-four.

The increase in probationers in Africa the past year was 43. There was a decrease of one in India, and an increase of probationers in Japan of 336.

The decrease of communicants in Africa was one; increase in communicants in India, four; increase of communicants in Japan, 400.

The increase in the number of those who received instruction regularly in Africa the past year is 335; in India no change; in Japan an increase of 92. The increase in the number who receive instruction occasionally in Africa is 1450; in India no change; in Japan the increase is 9,800.

There has been a decrease of one in the number of boy orphans in India, and the number of girl orphans remains the same.