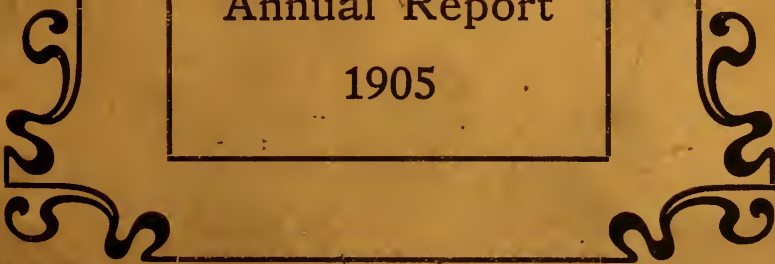


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OF THE

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Miss Lula Ford.....	Ybor City, Tampa, Fla.	Prof. E. E. Bishop.....	London, Ky.
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Miss Bertha Florence Reid.....	Key West, Fla.	Miss Lucy Jones.....	Augusta, Ga.
Miss Martha Neill.....	Key West, Fla.	Miss Rosa Lowe.....	Atlanta, Ga.
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- Week of Prayer, October 15-22.
Eighth Annual Board Meeting, Asheville, N. C.

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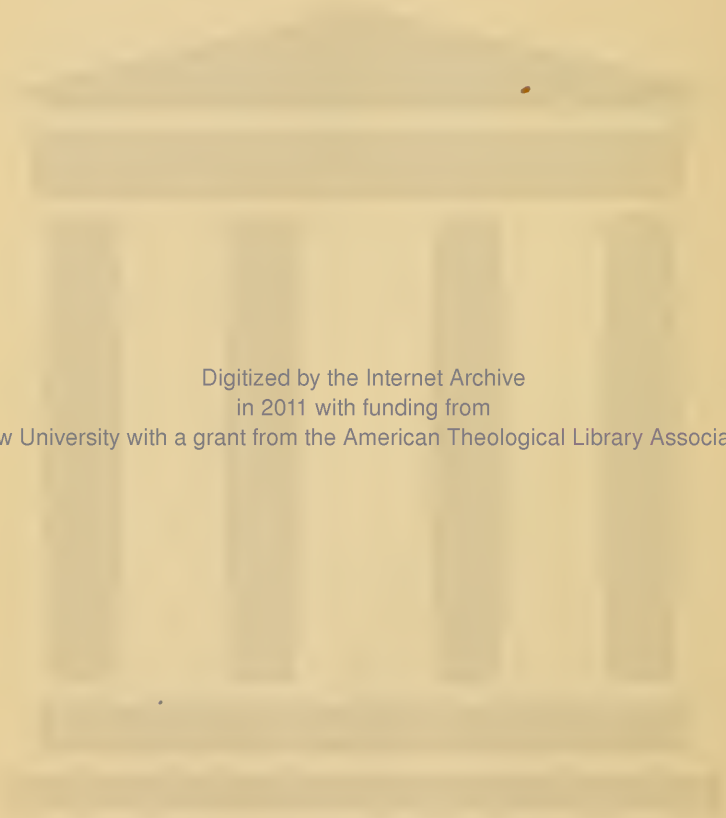
WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY

OF THE

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Annual Meeting, held at Montgomery, Ala., April 14-19, 1905.

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WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY,
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INTRODUCTION.

As the members of the Board turned their faces toward Montgomery for the seventh Annual Meeting, there was a satisfactory sense of home-coming. This happy feeling was intensified, as they neared the heart of the South, by the welcoming beauty of woodland and meadow, where rich verdure and delicate spring flowers told of genial soil and balmy air. And one and all could not but feel altogether at home amid the cordial and gracious hospitality of Montgomery hosts and hostesses, who left nothing undone for the comfort and happiness of their guests.

Can one ever forget the rich roses climbing and nodding everywhere in the flower gardens that beautify the homes? The city impresses one as being eminently a city of homes, where modest cottages and handsomer residences mingle in friendly equality. As the first capital of the Confederacy it abounds in historical associations dear to every Southern heart. It is an inspiring sight to look up Dexter Avenue and see the hill crowned with the old capitol and the magnificent Confederate monument. In a visit to the capitol one fine afternoon, it was discovered that the State Historical Association has quite a valuable collection of portraits, papers, and other relics. An old cannon of De Soto's time attracted much attention, as did also a room filled with the personal belongings of Jefferson Davis; but to a Methodist eye, a portrait of Bishop Andrew was among the most interesting things.

Court Street Church, where the Board met, has a rich history of three-quarters of a century. Its present building was dedicated by that peerless prince of Methodist orators, Bishop George F. Pierce, and here Bishop McTyeire was pastor when called to the high office

where he wrought so effectually for the Church. The present pastor, Dr. J. A. Rice, is in the midst of preparations for enlarging and beautifying the church and making possible its greater usefulness.

Dr. Rice and his wife, with the untiring Committee of Arrangements, were ideal hosts. The elegant reception in the Sunday school room on the evening of April 13 brought delegates and visitors into touch with the Methodists of Montgomery, and the mingling of old and young in this social way was delightful. The noon luncheons, served expeditiously and skillfully by the young ladies of Court Street Church, conserved the time of the Board, and promoted social intercourse. The post office, conducted by Mrs. W. L. Wilson, and the young ladies who acted as pages, were of real service to the session.

The floral decorations from day to day, especially the fine and fragrant roses, added a charm to every service, and proved only less inspiring than the appropriate and beautiful music furnished by the choir and other musicians of the city.

On Friday night Dr. Rice gave a welcome from Court Street Church; Mrs. H. D. Moore, from the Alabama Conference Home Mission Society; Miss Lula Pierson, from the City Mission Board; and Mrs. L. C. Strong, from the Court Street Auxiliary. Mrs. J. H. Lakin brought greeting from the Alabama Conference Woman's Foreign Missionary Society; Mrs. George W. Patterson, from the First Presbyterian Church of Montgomery; and Mrs. Charles A. Stakely, from the first Baptist Church. Mrs. Frank Siler responded to these addresses in behalf of the Board.

A complimentary trolley ride to Pickett Springs on Saturday afternoon was an invigorating pleasure that gave an opportunity to see the city and something of its suburban attractions.

The Board was peculiarly fortunate in having Bishop Galloway for the annual sermon and the consecration of deaconesses on Sunday morning. He had a great hearing as he preached upon the law of joyful service drawn from Matthew xx. 26, 27, and explained and illustrated the law as laid down by Christ, and exemplified in his own tireless activity and in the lives of those who have been most like the Master. Buddha's boast, "I am no man's servant," was put over against the utterance of the Son of God, "I am among you as one that serveth." Man was shown to be the most potential agent in the redemption of the world, because only he can understand the awful Titanic struggle against sin. That nothing is surer than the reward of all true service was eloquently demonstrated.

At the close of the sermon Miss Bennett presented Mrs. Mary N. Carr and Miss Mabel Kennedy as candidates for the office of deaconess. The beautiful consecration service was then entered upon. As Miss M. M. Ivey, of Texas, who is to be the first deaconess sent to the foreign mission field, had found it impossible to attend the session of the

Board it had been decided that her consecration should take place upon graduation at the Scarritt Bible and Training School in May.

Dr. Joseph Magath, Southern Methodist missionary to the Hebrews, gave in an afternoon sermon an insight into the needs and difficulties and results of work among his people.

Sunday night, at Dexter Avenue Church, Miss Bennett addressed a large audience upon the scope and achievements of the Home Mission Society, and at the close Bishop Galloway took a collection which amounted to \$300 in money and subscriptions and four deaconess scholarships.

On Monday night Rev. E. O. Watson, of Spartanburg, S. C., discussed some of the problems of the "Mill People of the South." It was the thoughtful utterance of a close and sympathetic observer and student of conditions demanding the best energies of our Church.

Tuesday night Dr. Bradley, of Atlanta, whose teachings from the "Master's Blesseds" had been an invaluable part of the daily sessions, talked forcefully on "City Evangelization." He did not give plans of work or discuss the crying needs, but brought to remembrance again the spirit and teachings of Him who first taught the principles of "liberty, equality, fraternity," which must bind all men in a great brotherhood.

About a hundred visitors added greatly to the interest of the session, and the presence of an unusual number of workers from the fields of activity—principals of schools, city missionaries, and deaconesses—brought the Board into immediate and inspiring touch with every department of work.

The shadow of sorrow fell when the Secretary of the St. Louis Conference Society, Mrs. S. P. Wilfley, was called home the night of her arrival by the death of her brother; and the enforced absence of the gifted Second Vice President, Mrs. J. D. Hammond, through ill health, and the unavoidable absence of some other members of the Board were greatly regretted. But the new members had the spirit of work and enthusiasm, and the hand of our God was upon us for good.

OFFICIAL MINUTES.

FIRST DAY, MORNING SESSION.

THE Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, met in its seventh annual session Friday, April 14, 1905, in Court Street Church, Montgomery, Ala. The President, Miss Belle H. Bennett, called the meeting to order at 9:45 o'clock.

"Come, Thou Almighty King" was sung; the Apostles' Creed was recited in concert, and Dr. J. A. Rice led in prayer. Miss Bennett read Psalm I. as a Scripture lesson. After the hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty," was sung, Miss Bennett asked that a half hour be given to testimony as to God's goodness. In quick succession came happy, ringing testimonies from many who praised the Father for the fulfillment of his gracious promises, and for the privilege and joy of service. At the close of this inspiring half hour the Lord's Prayer was repeated in concert.

The body then entered upon the work of organization. The roll call was made, and five general officers, seven superintendents and editors, and twenty-one Conference delegates responded as follows:

Miss Belle H. Bennett, President; Mrs. L. P. Smith, First Vice President; Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, General Secretary; Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, General Treasurer; Mrs. Frank Siler, Recording Secretary; Miss Mary Helm, Editor of *Our Homes*; Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, Superintendent of Supplies; Miss Mary W. Bruce, Superintendent of Cuban Work; Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Financial Agent of the Dallas Mission Home; Mrs. Ed F. Cook, Superintendent of Press Work; Miss Mabel Howell, Teacher of Sociology in Scarritt Bible and Training School; Miss M. L. Gibson, Member of Standing Committee on Control of Deaconess Work; Mrs. Robert Somerville, Member of Committee on Literature and Press Work; Mrs. L. G. Johnson, Member of Committee on Literature and Press Work.

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Louisville Conference: Miss Ada Lewis, Corresponding Secretary.

Mississippi Conference: Mrs. B. F. Lewis, Treasurer.

North Alabama Conference: Mrs. J. B. Chatfield, Corresponding Secretary.

North Carolina Conference: Mrs. S. H. Scott, Corresponding Secretary.

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North Texas Conference: Mrs. L. P. Smith, Corresponding Secretary.

Northwest Texas Conference: Mrs. F. N. Hey, Corresponding Secretary.

South Georgia Conference: Mrs. N. M. Blasingame, Corresponding Secretary.

Southwest Missouri Conference: Mrs. L. P. Norfleet.

St. Louis Conference: Mrs. Mary B. Murrell, President.

Tennessee Conference: Mrs. Bennett D. Bell, Corresponding Secretary.

Texas Conference: Mrs. George Call, Corresponding Secretary.

Virginia Conference: Mrs. W. J. Young, President.

Western Virginia Conference: Mrs. G. F. Adams, Corresponding Secretary.

White River Conference: Mrs. R. C. Morehead.

Upon motion, the first six seats were assigned to the delegates. The rules of order were read by the Secretary.

The Committee on Platform Courtesies was announced as follows: Mrs. J. H. Lakin, Mrs. J. C. Lee, Mrs. T. D. Power, Mrs. J. M. Carmichael. Misses Fannie May Duskin, Flewellyn Strong, Sallie Jackson, and Johnnie May Culver were announced as pages for the day.

Upon motion, the Editor of *Our Homes*, the Superintendents of Departments, and members of standing committees were given the privilege of the floor.

The President read her annual address, sounding the keynote of praise for all that has been accomplished through the year, and emphasizing the duty of unceasing progress. Upon motion, the address was referred to the various committees concerned in the recommendations offered therein.

The minutes of the *ad interim* meetings of the Board were read as follows:

The Woman's Board of Home Missions met in called session February 3, 1905, in Nashville, Tenn., Miss Belle H. Bennett, President, in the chair. Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Miss Mary Helm, Mrs. Bennett D. Bell, Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, and Mrs. R. W. MacDonell were present. Devotional services were conducted by Miss Bennett.

The General Secretary made a verbal report of the work, which, upon motion, was considered by items. Letters from Miss Bruce, Superintendent of Cuban Work, Misses Reid and Letton, bearing upon the work at Key West, were read. After discussion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the salaries of the principal and teachers at Key West be increased ten dollars per month each.

MISS MARY HELM,
MRS. BENNETT D. BELL.

On motion, Mrs. MacDonell was instructed to correspond with Miss Reid with a view to getting figures for a new building to meet the needs of the school, said building not to cost more than \$5,000.

Miss Bennett made a report of the work done on the boys' dormitory at London, Ky. The building of white brick makes a handsome appearance, cost \$7,200, and accommodates fifty students. In order to finish the building it had been necessary to borrow \$2,000. This money had been secured from the loan funds of the Society by the following resolution, which had been submitted by correspondence to the Executive Committee:

Resolved, That the General Secretary, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, be empowered to borrow from the loan funds of the Woman's Home Mission Society a sufficient sum to finish the boys' dormitory at Sue Bennett Memorial School, London, Ky., said money to be refunded at such dates as the General Treasury may be able. (December 19, 1904.)

Mrs. BELLE H. BENNETT,
Mr. W. D. KIRKLAND.

Letters from Miss Louise Hartman, teacher of the Millinery Department at the Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School, were read. The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we accept with regret the resignation of Miss Louise Hartman, since there is no alternative, and that we instruct the Secretary to convey to her some expression of our appreciation of her beautiful service.

Mrs. BENNETT D. BELL,
Mr. W. D. KIRKLAND.

On motion, the General Secretary was instructed to close up the store with as little loss as possible.

On motion of Miss Helm, the meeting adjourned to meet at 2 P.M.

The afternoon meeting was called to order by the President. Prayer was made by Mrs. W. D. Kirkland.

Work on the Pacific Coast was discussed, and the action of Dr. Reid, Superintendent of Pacific Coast Work, in placing Miss Maria Elliott in charge of the Homer Toberman Deaconess Home until the recovery of Mrs. Brown, was indorsed.

The General Treasurer made a report of collections and expenditures for the three quarters.

Mrs. MacDonell submitted correspondence with members of the New Orleans City Mission Board. Attention was drawn to the (see Mrs. John Parker's letters) accepted by-laws governing City Mission Boards, and a previous enactment which, from clerical oversight, had never been incorporated in the standing by-laws. The Board ruled that the General Secretary must be governed by the by-laws incorporated in the last accepted Annual Report until a revision may be ordered by the Board.

On motion, the price of the book, "Life of Lucinda B. Helm," was reduced from one dollar to sixty cents, and the General Secretary instructed to make a vigorous effort to effect a sale of at least six hundred. She was also empowered to purchase one thousand each of the booklets issued by the Training School which are pertinent to Home Mission work.

After prayer the meeting adjourned.

The report of Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, General Treasurer, was read and accepted. (See report.) She asked the privilege of making a personal statement, and read a brief history of her work as Treasurer for the last eight years. A motion prevailed to incorporate this paper in the minutes of the session. It was as follows:

If you will bear with me for a few minutes longer, I should like to throw the search light on some of the hidden-away corners of this office

and let you see what is going on in there. It seems to me that this is a fitting time to take a backward look at our work and thank God for what he has wrought through this band of forty-three thousand women, led and directed by you, their chosen leaders. This city of all places is the one to call up grateful remembrances.

I wonder how many of us know that Montgomery is the place where, in April, 1887, Miss Lucinda Helm made her first report to the Board of Church Extension as General Secretary, having been elected at Richmond, Va., May 21, 1886. In connection with this report, on motion of Bishop McTyeire, it was resolved, "That we have heard with much pleasure the first annual report of the Secretary of the Woman's Department and are gratified at the encouraging progress made by her and her fellow-laborers in this good work." When we think of our small beginning then and of the meager receipts the year I made my first report, I feel amazed at our growth; and yet it has not been what it should be.

In May, 1897, this work was put into my hands. I had gone to call on Mrs. Hargrove and Miss Lucinda Helm. My daughter was with me, and while they sent her into the garden to gather flowers they talked to me about a Treasurer. Mrs. Kendrick had given up the work, deeming it too much for her. They wanted to know if I could not do it. Of course I could not tell. They said that it would take only a little while each morning when the mail came in. It seems that some one had previously to this interviewed my brother-in-law. All they got out of him was that if I managed this work as well as I did my own affairs I would do for Treasurer.

Well, I became your Treasurer at Mrs. Hargrove's and Miss Lucinda Helm's instigation, and I wish to bear testimony to-day to the loving-kindness I ever received from these two consecrated women.

My first report shows that I drew one hundred and seventy-three checks that year, paying out \$18,484.98. This year I drew seven hundred checks. These checks do not appear to represent much work when they go out from this office, but when I tell you that Mrs. MacDonell has to write the order for each one and record that order on her order stub, you will readily see that by the time the year closes she has written them twice and I have recorded them four times, including check and receipt stubs. In making out my report for disbursements for the Nineteenth Annual Report, I have also written out each check again in full, making five times in all. But this is not the end yet. In making my report to the Auditing Committee each check is copied into a trial balance book, and by the time the year closes I have written and recorded each check six times. Each page of this book is footed up; each check that I have paid out, with its receipt and Mrs. MacDonell's vouchers, goes with my report to the Auditing Committee. They look to see that I have an order for each check paid out, and whether the person for whom it was intended really received it, which is shown by his or her receipt. So much for disbursements.

The receipts for the year are also written in another book and given to the committee, each page footed up, so that they can see whether the receipts I have reported to them agree with the entries on my bank book. If one receipt is missing, they will not give me that certificate which stands at the bottom of my report, and which means so much to you who have labored and toiled in the heat of the day to collect this \$74,574.31.

The receipts for 1897-98 came to me in one hundred and seventy-six remittances, which my daybook for that year shows. The receipts for the year just closed came to me in two hundred and ninety-eight remittances, in amounts ranging from ten cents to three thousand dollars.

In 1897-98 there was no fifty per cent of dues to keep account of, and our schools were but in their infancy.

Enough of receipts and disbursements. Let us turn to the twenty-seven different departments that I keep accounts for: Ruth Hargrove Seminary, West Tampa, Wolff Mission, Dallas Home, Sue Bennett School, Paine Annex, Brevard and the Pacific work, Florence McEachern, Hospital Fund, Baby Roll, Baby Mite Boxes, Life Members, Preachers' and Wives' Loan Fund, Educational Endowment Fund, Memorial Fund, Scholarships, Week of Prayer, Twentieth Century Fund, Office Expenses, Traveling Expenses, Press Department, Supply Department, Deaconess Fund, Leaflets, Italian School, Christmas Offering, and last, but by no means least, the account with each Conference of its fifty per cent dues, which involves thirty-five more accounts.

The report of the year's work, which I read to you awhile ago, seemed so dry and impersonal that I thought I would let you look behind the scenes for once and see something of what goes on there. But, my friends, I do not wish you to think that this work is nothing but drudgery and detail. It means much more to me; for many pleasant things come to me during the year, and I know nothing pleasanter than this annual reunion of God's chosen workers.

I have but one regret, and that is that at these Annual Meetings I do not have the pleasure of meeting the women with whom I am associated in labors abundant. There are but few of the Treasurers into whose faces I have ever looked. This body is composed of the Secretaries, who know little of me or my work. In this respect the General Secretary has a great advantage over me. While I bear my little sister no grudge on that score, I long to meet face to face the Conference Treasurers, who are in a special sense my collaborators.

MRS. W. D. KIRKLAND.

The following gentlemen were introduced: Dr. J. A. Rice, pastor of Court Street Church; Dr. S. H. Bradley, Rev. B. F. Marshall, Rev. Q. V. Vreeland, Rev. W. H. Wild, Rev. John A. Peterson, Rev. J. W. Reinhardt.

The report of Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, the General Secretary, was read. The progress of the work, as evidenced by this report, was most gratifying and inspiring.

Mrs. Charles Campbell, of Montgomery, sang a beautiful solo.

One verse of "Holy Spirit, Faithful Guide," was sung to open the noon devotional hour. After prayer by Dr. Bradley, he read the closing verses of the fourth chapter of Matthew as a prelude to the opening verses of the fifth chapter. Having read the "Master's Blesseds," he announced the first one as the theme for meditation at that hour. He gave the historical setting of the Sermon on the Mount, that it might be understood how much it meant when in A.D. 30 Jesus "opened his mouth" and taught the multitudes the sublime truths which he himself had first lived. The open mind and the childlike spirit which give to one here and now the kingdom of heaven were forcefully set forth.

Miss Helm led the closing prayer.

After announcements, the body adjourned to meet at 2 P.M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Miss Maria L. Gibson, Principal of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, opened the devotional service at 2 P.M. She made earnest prayer

that new conceptions of fidelity might be granted to every member of the Board. Mrs. Ed F. Cook sang "In the Secret of His Presence."

The leader showed from various passages of Scripture the fatal consequences of unfaithfulness and the duty and reward of faithfulness, a power and a privilege possible to every one of large or small talents.

After the hymn, "A Charge to Keep I Have," was sung, Miss Bennett took the chair. She introduced Prof. J. C. Lewis, of the Sue Bennett Memorial School, London, Ky.; Miss Emily J. Reid, of the Ruth Hargrove Seminary, Key West, Fla.; and Mrs. W. H. Johnston, of the Mission Home and Training School, Dallas, Tex.

The committees were announced as follows:

Parsonages.—Mrs. George Call, Mrs. Stella Tolleson, Mrs. E. K. Griffith, Mrs. A. A. Gibson, Mrs. F. A. Lyons, Mrs. V. S. McLellan, Mrs. Mary B. Murrell.

Memorials.—Mrs. L. P. Smith, Mrs. F. N. Hey, Mrs. L. P. Norfleet, Mrs. C. F. Adams.

By-Laws.—Mrs. Bennett D. Bell, Mrs. J. B. Chatfield, Miss Ada Lewis, Mrs. L. P. Smith.

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Resolutions.—Miss Ada Lewis, Miss Kate Petry, Mrs. W. J. Young.

Auditing Committee.—Mrs. S. H. Scott, Mrs. George Call, Mrs. B. F. Lewis.

Memorials were presented from the St. Louis Conference Society, the North Georgia Conference Society, the Louisiana Conference Society, and the Northwest Texas Conference Society. These were all referred to the Committee on Memorials. A communication from Rev. M. J. Cofer in behalf of the trustees of the Wesley Hospital in Atlanta, Ga., requesting the coöperation of the Home Mission Society, was read and referred to the Committee on Extension of Work and Appropriations.

After announcements, the business session adjourned informally and entered upon a "School of Methods," conducted by Mrs. L. P. Smith.

SECOND DAY, MORNING SESSION.

At 9:05 o'clock Saturday morning the meeting was opened with devotional services led by Rev. Q. V. Vreeland. The opening hymn was "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." A lesson was read from the second chapter of Philippians. After the hymn, "I Love to Tell the Story," Mr. Vreeland led in prayer.

The President took the chair. When the roll was called, the names of Mrs. V. S. McLellan, of the Little Rock Conference Society, Mrs. V. D. Humphrey, of the Memphis Conference Society, Mrs. T. F. Marr, of the

Western North Carolina Society, and Miss Kate Petry, of the Kentucky Conference Society, were added.

Misses Lula Pearson, Lucile Washburn, and Patti Gilmer were announced as pages for the day. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The report of Miss Mabel Howell, teacher of sociology in the Scarritt Bible and Training School, was made. Many questions were asked and answered as to the methods of work done. Upon Miss Howell's statement that a Home Mission library was one of the chief needs of the department, Mrs. Murrell, of St. Louis, contributed twenty-five dollars with which to begin the library. The report was accepted. (See report.)

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That this body express its regret at the absence of Mrs. J. D. Hammond from this meeting, and send the following message: "Beloved, we pray that in all things thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." (3 John 2.)

MRS. S. H. SCOTT,

MRS. G. F. ADAMS.

Resolved, That this body send a message of sympathy to Mrs. S. P. Wilfley, who was called home before the session opened by the death of her brother, and that we refer her to Isaiah xliii. 2.

MRS. BENNETT D. BELL,

MRS. L. P. SMITH.

Rev. H. H. Jones, Rev. W. M. Cox, and Rev. T. H. McNeil were introduced.

Mrs. Ed F. Cook made the report of the Press Department, explaining the large and beautiful exhibit on the walls of the church and the tables near. The report was accepted. (See report.)

Miss Helm, Editor and Agent of *Our Homes*, made her report and that of the auditor. They were adopted.

REPORT OF AGENT OF OUR HOMES.

Balance in bank April 1, 1904.....	\$1,370 98
Receipts from subscriptions, April 1, 1904, to April 1, 1905....	5,078 95
Interest on street railway bond.....	50 00
Total	<u>\$6,499 93</u>
Expenses from April 1, 1904, to April 1, 1905.....	\$4,167 68
Paid to Treasurer for boys' dormitory, London, Ky.....	1,000 00
Total disbursements	<u>\$5,167 68</u>
Balance in bank April 1, 1905.....	\$1,332 25
Birmingham Street Railway bond.....	1,000 00
Total assets	<u>\$2,332 25</u>
Number of subscribers April 1, 1904.....	9,267
Number of subscribers April 1, 1905.....	10,016
Increase	<u>749</u>

Number of Record Books given as premiums.....	645
Number of other books given as premiums.....	62
Cost of premium books.....	\$139 69

MARY HELM, *Editor and Agent of Our Homes.*

I have examined the books of *Our Homes*, kept by Mrs. S. P. Vaughan from April 1, 1904, to April 1, 1905, and find them correct. The checks and deposits agree with the books of the bank. D. M. SMITH.

April 10, 1905.

A communication was read from Mr. W. H. Ragland, General Manager of the Montgomery Traction Company, extending an invitation to a complimentary trolley ride, and a resolution was adopted returning thanks for the courtesy and appointing four o'clock as a convenient hour for the ride.

Mrs. R. W. MacDonell made the first report of the Committee of Control of Deaconess Work. Upon motion, it was adopted. (See report.)

Miss Maria L. Gibson presented the claims of the Scarritt Bible and Training School upon the loving loyalty of the Church. As furnishing a base of supplies, its place was shown to be of commanding importance.

Rev. B. L. Moore and Rev. Frank Seay were introduced.

Miss Helm made the report of the Interdenominational Reading Course Committee, and, upon motion, it was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INTERDENOMINATIONAL READING COURSE.

The Committee of the M. E. Church, South, has not been able to meet with the Joint Committee this year, but has had correspondence with its Secretary in regard to the selection of topics and authors of books to be published.

The book issued for the second year is entitled "The Burden of the City," by Miss Isabel Horton. It is a fine study of the needs of the city and practical methods of meeting them. It has been highly indorsed by the religious press and the societies for which it was prepared. It has been placed in the regular Reading Course of our Society, and it is heartily commended to our members.

The books of the third year will deal with our Spanish-speaking people and the Indians, and is now being prepared by Miss Julia H. Johnston, of Peoria, Ill. This book will cover our work for the Cubans of Florida and Key West. Later books will cover the general immigration question, the negro work, and year after year will follow other phases of Home Mission effort included in the work of the different denominations that have united in the course of study.

MRS. J. D. HAMMOND, *Chairman;*

MRS. R. W. MACDONELL,

MISS MARY HELM.

After announcements, the noon devotional hour was opened by a solo by Mrs. Ed F. Cook, "There's a Peace in My Soul." Dr. Bradley led in

prayer and entered at once upon a discussion of the second beatitude. He set forth these four principles with luminous illustrations:

1. The capacity for suffering is the measure of life development.
2. The capacity to suffer for others is the distinguishing mark of higher life.
3. The man who suffers until he is brought down to nakedness of soul is blessed, because he finds himself and thus finds God.
4. The comforting of Christ is not a lullaby to a weak and weary soul, but a war tocsin to strengthen one for more heroic endeavor.

The message of the hour was itself a comforting that must abide in the hearts of all who heard it.

The body adjourned to meet Monday morning.

THIRD DAY, MORNING SESSION.

At 9:05 o'clock Monday morning the meeting was opened with prayer led by Mrs. L. P. Smith. Miss Bennett gave as a text for the day, "The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms."

The roll was called. The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The report of Dr. C. F. Reid, Superintendent of Chinese and Japanese Work on the Pacific Coast, was read by Mrs. MacDonell. Upon motion, it was adopted. (See report.)

Mrs. W. H. Johnson, by request, made a brief statement as to her observation of the Pacific Coast work during a visit last fall.

Bishop Galloway asked the privilege of telling something of the story of young Mr. Yanagiwara's conversion to Christianity and the subsequent conversion of his father and brother. It was a story of heroism and fidelity and consecrated devotion that sounded like a chapter from the Acts of the Apostles.

Rev. R. C. Williams, Rev. J. E. McCann, and Rev. L. P. Latham were introduced.

A request was made by the Missionary Department of the Ladies' Working Circle of the Baptist Church to have some representatives of the body to tell of the work of the Society at a special meeting at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon. Mrs. Yarbrough, Mrs. Somerville, and Mrs. Carré were appointed as a committee for this purpose. Misses Lada Smith, Carrie Smith, Katie Roemier, and Annie Peacher were announced as pages.

Mrs. Yarbrough, Superintendent of the Department of Supplies, made her report, adding the characteristic exhortation and admonitions which always endear her to her fellow-workers. The report was accepted. (See report.)

Just here the President took a census of the body to find how many were wives and daughters of preachers, and it was discovered that a large number of the body were closely related to the Methodist itinerancy.

Mrs. Robert Somerville read the first report of the Standing Committee on Press Work. Upon motion, it was adopted. (See report.)

Report No. 2 was read as a whole and considered by items. Each item was adopted, and the report as a whole adopted. (See report.)

Miss Bruce, Superintendent of Cuban Work, upon being called for, asked that Miss Reid, Principal of the Ruth Hargrove Seminary, at Key West, be allowed to make the report of that institution. Miss Reid spoke strongly of the needs of the school. The report was adopted. (See report.)

Dr. Lakin, of Montgomery, sang a solo.

The President requested that the body meet promptly at 1:30 o'clock for the "School of Methods on Bible Study" that there might be a session for business before committee work.

Beginning the noon devotional service, Dr. Bradley read the hymn, "O for a Faith That Will Not Shrink," and after it was sung led in prayer. He developed the teaching of the third beatitude. He gave three definitions of meekness:

1. Strength of will that comes from trust in a loving God.
2. The subordination of self and self-interest to a great truth.
3. The calmness that comes from the consciousness of great power.

Moses and Martin Luther, because they were meek in this sense, are now world-known, and the meekness of the Son of Man is taking captive the world.

THIRD DAY, AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2:30 o'clock the meeting was called to order by the President. The following greeting was read by the Secretary:

To the members of the Woman's Board of Home Missions assembled in annual session: See 1 Corinthians xvi. 13; Daniel xii. 3; Psalm cxxvi. 6.

MRS. T. W. MOORE.

President Woman's Home Mission Society. West Texas Conference Society.

Miss Bruce gave an interesting talk about the work among the Cubans and Italians in Tampa.

Mrs. McEachern, of Atlanta, was requested to tell her plans for the Florine McEachern Brigade. Her talk called forth discussion as to the best methods of carrying on the work. Several stated that they had done the work successfully through the Junior Epworth League.

Mrs. W. H. Johnson reported the work of the Mission Home and Training School at Dallas, and presented also the claims of the *King's Messenger*. A generous freewill offering was a result of Mrs. Johnson's talk.

A resolution as to the funds from the Baby Roll and another in regard to the location of the Florine McEachern Hospital were read by the Secretary, and, upon motion, were referred to the Committee on Extension of Work.

Mrs. Godbey addressed the body in behalf of the *Christian Advocate*.

The report of Paine College Annex was read by the General Secretary, and it was adopted. (See report.) Mrs. Brown, of Augusta, Ga., told of the great interest shown by the women of the C. M. E. Church of Augusta in the work of the Paine Annex.

By urgent request, the time was extended in order that Miss Bennett might tell of the work done by her in her own town of Richmond, Ky., among the negroes. She reviewed eloquently the steps by which she had come to a right apprehension of the opportunities in the "Africa at our doors."

The body adjourned at 4:10 o'clock to meet at 8:45 o'clock Tuesday morning.

FOURTH DAY, MORNING SESSION.

At 8:45 o'clock Tuesday morning Mrs. L. P. Smith, First Vice President, called the body to order.

"Sweetly, Lord, Have We Heard Thee Calling" was sung. Rev. George Sexton, of Galveston, Tex., read the tenth chapter of the Gospel of St. John and led in prayer.

The President took the chair. The minutes of the previous session were read and approved. Mrs. J. B. Chatfield brought a fraternal greeting from the Alabama Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

The report of the Orphanage and Home at Greeneville, Tenn., was read by Mrs. MacDonell, and Mrs. A. A. Gibson, of the Holston Conference, was requested to give other facts as to its needs and conditions.

Mrs. M. E. Aycock, Vice President of the North Alabama Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, was introduced and gave a motherly greeting. Misses Libbie Powell, Lila Hannon, Fannie Brown, and Bessie Simpson were appointed pages.

The first report of the Committee on Education was read by Mrs. MacDonell, and was adopted. (See report.)

Prof. J. C. Lewis, of London, Ky., gave a report of the Sue Bennett Memorial School. He outlined the purpose and scope of the school, and emphasized its mission in developing the potentialities of young life in Eastern Kentucky, and its value as a positive force in molding public opinion and forming character. His statement, "It is always wise economy to make anything efficient," was his plea in a nutshell for the best equipment.

Mrs. T. F. Marr, in reporting the Industrial School at Brevard, expressed the hope that the institution would be turned over to the Board at the Annual Meeting of the Western North Carolina Conference Society in June. Mrs. C. P. Moore, of Brevard, added some facts concerning the school, and stated that one of the greatest needs is a good piano.

A message was read from Miss Tina Tucker referring the body to Philemon, from the third through the seventh verse, and asking

prayer for the revival services in Vernon, Tex. Mrs. Frank Siler was asked to lead the prayer.

Mrs. L. P. Smith was called to the chair while Miss Bennett read her report as Superintendent of Mountain Work. She prefaced her report with some statements in regard to the outlook of the various institutions and city missions she had visited during the year. The crying demand in all fields is for trained workers. She read an itemized statement as to the memorial rooms in the boys' dormitory at London, Ky. The report was accepted.

Mrs. Kirkland stated that the collection Sunday night in Dexter Avenue Church amounted to \$82 in cash and \$323.50 in subscriptions.

Dr. George Sexton, of Galveston, Tex., was introduced, and addressed the body on the needs of Methodism in that city. He made an eloquent; insistent plea for a trained worker, saying that Galveston is as truly a mission field as is Havana.

Miss McKinney, Head Resident of Neighborhood House in Montgomery, was introduced, and read a paper outlining the work done there.

The noon service was opened by singing the hymn, "Teach Me, My God and King." After prayer, Dr. Bradley took the fourth beatitude as his subject. Unselfish service for love's sake is the blessing for which the true child of God hungers and thirsts.

After the service, certificates of appointment as deaconesses were given to Mrs. Mary N. Carr and Miss Mabel Kennedy by the General Secretary, Mrs. MacDonell. Miss Bennett spoke words of loving encouragement to them, counseling them especially to take time for prayer and the study of God's Word.

The session was adjourned until 2 o'clock P.M.

FOURTH DAY, AFTERNOON SESSION.

The First Vice President, Mrs. Smith, called the meeting to order at 2:10. The hymn, "Go, Labor On; Spend and Be Spent," was sung. Mrs. Kiser, the deaconess at work in Augusta, Ga., read Psalm cxxxiii. and led in prayer.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The first report of the Committee on City Missions was presented by Miss Helm, and, upon motion, it was adopted.

When Miss Helm made a statement in regard to the probability of Miss Herrick's course in kindergarten training being interrupted, it was learned that \$160 had already been pledged, and the other \$20 needed was at once pledged.

Miss Howell gave an eminently helpful and practical talk on "How to Do and How Not to Do City Mission Work."

Miss Rosa Lowe, of Atlanta, Ga., Mrs. Ella Kiser, of Augusta, Ga., Miss Mary Peery, of Mobile, Ala., Miss Sophronia Webb, of Nashville, Tenn., and Miss Estelle Haskin, of Dallas, Tex., gave brief, stirring accounts of the mission work in those cities. Miss Mabel Kennedy told

something of her work as pastor's assistant in St. Louis, and Mrs. Mary N. Carr, by Miss Bennett's request, gave an insight into the work and life at the Scarritt Bible and Training School.

Mrs. Evans, of Thomasville, Ga., presented the invaluable work done at the Vashti Blasingame Home.

The body adjourned at four o'clock to meet Wednesday morning.

FIFTH DAY, MORNING SESSION.

At 8:45 o'clock Wednesday morning Mrs. L. P. Smith, First Vice President, called the body to order.

Miss Mary Bruce led the devotional service. "I Am Thine, O Lord," was sung. Miss Bruce read a part of the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah and led in prayer. Misses Lula Pearson, Annie Peacher, Bessie Simpson, and Libbie Powell were appointed pages for the day.

The roll call was omitted. The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Miss Bennett took the chair. Mrs. Mary B. Murell made the report of the city mission work done in St. Louis. Miss May McKenzie, of Rome, Ga., Miss Margaret Curley, of Richmond, Va., and Mrs. E. K. Griffith, of Jacksonville, Fla., reported the work done in those cities.

Report No. 2 of the Committee of Control of Deaconess Work has read by Mrs. MacDonell, and, upon motion, was adopted. (See report.)

A resolution was passed requesting the General Secretary to express to Miss Amy Rice, in behalf of the Board, gratitude for her services and sympathy for her in her failing health, which caused her withdrawal from work as a deaconess.

A joint report from the Committee on City Missions and Committee of Control of Deaconess Work was read by Mrs. MacDonell. It was, upon motion, adopted. (See report.)

Mrs. L. P. Smith read the report of the Committee on Memorials. It was considered by items, and finally passed as amended. (See report.)

Mrs. Stratford, of the First Baptist Church of Montgomery, was introduced, and spoke cheering words of sympathy.

When Miss Bennett asked for a statement as to the outlook of city mission work in Montgomery, Dr. Rice gave some account of the activities already in operation in the Methodism of the city and the possibilities immediately before it.

When Miss Bennett called for experiences as to methods of work, Mrs. W. J. Young, of Richmond, Miss Bruce, of Tampa, Mrs. J. W. Yarbrough, of Nashville, Mrs. Luke Johnson, of Rome, Ga., and Mrs. Blasingame, of Americus, Ga., told how the Home Mission Auxiliaries in those places did the work of visiting. Miss Bennett's reminder, "It takes the same surrender of life to do the right work in your own Church that it does to do it in Africa or China," will not soon be forgotten.

Minds and hearts were refreshed by a beautiful solo by Mrs. G. W. Patterson, of the Presbyterian Church.

The question of a place for the next annual session was taken up. Mrs. Murrell nominated St. Louis; Mrs. Siler, Asheville; Dr. Rice, Montgomery; and Miss Bennett gave an invitation for San Antonio, Tex. Asheville, having received the largest vote, was, upon motion, chosen unanimously.

Miss Bennett announced that the twelve directors of the Board of the Woman's Exchange, of Montgomery, had pledged a scholarship to the Scarritt Bible and Training School. This made five scholarships given during the meeting, two of which had come from Court Street Church.

The noon service was opened with the hymn, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing." After prayer by Mr. Vreeland, Dr. Bradley read from his new volume of sermons a strong one upon the subject, "Conduct the Test of Creed."

At the close of the hour, Dr. Bradley spoke some parting words of sympathy and commendation.

The body adjourned to meet at 1:45 P.M.

FIFTH DAY, AFTERNOON SESSION.

The meeting was opened at 1:45 P.M. with the hymn, "Nearer, My God, to Thee." After prayer by Mrs. Yarbrough, Mrs. Ed Cook sang one of those sweet gospel songs which had been restful and inspiring from day to day as she interpreted them to the spirit and the understanding.

The President took the chair. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Education was read by Mrs. MacDonell, and, upon motion, was adopted. (See report.)

The report of the Committee on Parsonages was read by Mrs. Murrell. It was considered by items. The items were adopted seriatim, and the report as a whole was adopted after the Corresponding Secretary of the South Georgia Conference had withdrawn an application made by that Conference. (See report.)

Mrs. Bennett D. Bell read the report of the Committee on By-Laws. Items 1 and 2 were adopted. Item 3 was amended and adopted. Items 4, 5, and 6 were adopted, and the report as a whole was adopted as amended. (See report.)

Dr. M. H. Holt, presiding elder of the Montgomery District, was introduced, and expressed his gratification at the work and purpose of the Home Mission Society.

The report of Miss Emma Tucker, Superintendent of the Department of Tithing, was read by the General Secretary, and a letter explaining why she could not attend the meeting. Several items in the report were lost, two were referred to the Committee on Press Work, and the report as a whole was adopted as amended.

Mrs. MacDonell read a greeting from the former efficient Superintendent of Tithing, Mrs. W. C. Ratcliffe, and was instructed to send a message to her expressing the high regard in which the Board held her and her services.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Education was read by Mrs. MacDonell, and, upon motion, was adopted. (See report.)

The first report of the Committee on Extension of Work and Appropriations was read by Mrs. MacDonell. Items 1 and 2 were adopted. Item 3, recommending that the Board adopt the Vashti Blasingame Home as a connectional enterprise, provoked earnest discussion as to the wisdom of such a step. After an earnest presentation of the difficulties in the way and the tremendous responsibilities involved, Miss Bennett called the body to prayer. The item was adopted, and the report as a whole was adopted. (See report.)

The second report of the same committee was made by Mrs. MacDonell. The appropriations for Cuban work, rescue work, Pacific Coast work, mountain work, negro work, institutional and miscellaneous work were taken up seriatim and approved, and the report as a whole was adopted. (See report.)

The committee appointed to audit the accounts of the general officers and Superintendents of the Society made the following report:

We have examined the accounts handed to us, and find them correct.

MRS. S. H. SCOTT,
MRS. GEORGE CALL,
MRS. B. F. LEWIS.

The following reports were made by the General Secretary and adopted:

<i>Receipts.</i>	
Balance, 1904.....	\$744 44
Receipts Conference Society, literature and printed matter, 1904-05.....	837 96
Helps, mite boxes, etc.....	65 72—\$1,648 12
<i>Disbursements.</i>	
Mrs. W. D. Kirkland.....	\$744 00
Record Books	40 00— 784 00
Balance	\$ 864 12

RECORD BOOKS.

<i>Receipts.</i>	
Balance, April 1, 1904.....	\$682 48
Receipts from Conference Society account.....	40 00
Sales from office, 1904-05.....	245 11
Sales through <i>Our Homes</i>	108 16—\$1,175 75
<i>Disbursements.</i>	
Stamps	\$ 31 78
Envelopes	20 25
Printing Record Books.....	753 62— 805 65

Balance

\$ 370 10

The time having arrived for the election of editors, superintendents, and members of standing committees, the following were elected:

Editor and Agent of *Our Homes*, Miss Mary Helm.

Department of Mountain Work, Miss Belle H. Bennett, Richmond, Ky.,
Superintendent.

Department of Cuban Work, Miss M. W. Bruce, Key West, Fla., Super-
intendent.

Department of Supplies, Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, Nashville, Tenn.,
Superintendent.

Department of Tithing, Miss Emma Tucker, Nashville, Tenn., Super-
intendent.

Department of Chinese and Japanese Work on the Pacific Coast, Dr.
C. F. Reid, Superintendent.

Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Financial Agent of the Dallas Mission Home,
Dallas, Tex.

Department of Press Work, selection left to Executive Committee.

Member of Committee on Education, Mrs. J. D. Hammond.

Members of Committee on City Missions, Miss Mary Helm, Mrs. J. H.
Yarbrough, Miss Mabel Howell.

Members of Committee on Literature and Press Work, Mrs. Robert
Somerville, Mrs. Luke G. Johnson,

The President appointed the following women as delegates to the
Young People's Missionary Meeting at Asheville in June: Mrs. Frank
Siler, Miss Mabel Howell, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Mrs. Frank Washburn,
Miss Estelle Haskin.

The following members were appointed as a committee to confer with
the other Boards of the Church in reference to simplifying the organ-
ized activity of the young life of the Church: Mrs. R. W. MacDonell,
Mrs. L. P. Smith, and Mrs. Frank Siler.

Miss Estelle Haskin was appointed visitor for the year to City Mis-
sion Boards.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved: 1. That the Conference Press Superintendents be allowed a
vote in District and Annual Conference meetings.

2. That the office expenses and traveling expenses to and from Annual
Conference meetings be borne by the Conference Societies.

MRS. R. P. MILAM,

MRS. N. M. BLASINGAME.

Miss Ada Lewis read the report of the Committee on Resolutions, and
it was adopted by a rising vote.

The minutes were read and approved.

The President spoke a few words of gratitude for the spirit of earnest-
ness and unity that had characterized the entire session of the Board,
and in her own tender, forceful way exhorted to renewed diligence.
While the soft light of the late afternoon fell through the windows of
old Court Street Church, all joined in singing the hymn, "Go, Labor On;
Spend and Be Spent." Dr. Rice led the closing prayer and pronounced
the benediction, and the seventh Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board
of Home Missions stood adjourned.

MISS BELLE H. BENNETT, *President*;

MRS. EMILY ALLEN SILER, *Recording Secretary*.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Bishop Brooks voiced a solemn truth when he said: "Christianity lives in two great ideas, personal perfection and humanity." The disciple of Christianity finds that he cannot grow perfect except by helping his fellow-men, and that he cannot effectually help his fellow-men except out of the resources of an ever-growing goodness in himself.

The greatest good accomplished by the Woman's Home Mission Society during the past year, or during all the years since it became a part of the autonomy of the Church, is not recorded in the annual reports, nor measured by the suffering alleviated, the schools established, and the lives made better and more bearable by their work, but by the ever-growing goodness of the women who have lived and loved and wrought for them with God.

The marked increase in the membership and collections of the Society since the Board met one year ago is but the natural and visible result of lives that are taking on more of the learning of God through service to man, and learning more of the mind of Christ in the struggle to apprehend the meaning of his words: "Love one another, as I have loved you."

In the day when Jehovah walked upon the earth clothed in the likeness of man but one went before him crying, "Prepare ye the way of the Lord;" now multiplied thousands, knit together in the bonds of Christian fellowship, are making straight in the desert a highway for our God. Truly, "the Lord giveth the word, and the women that publish the tidings are a great host."

It is not within my province to review the work of the past year for this Board (the General Secretary will do that); but from a personal survey of some parts of the field, and from personal interviews and correspondence with many workers in the various Conferences, I would ask your consideration of some matters that have caused perplexity and friction, and would respectfully suggest some measures that I believe would tend to promote the best interests of the Society and the Church.

Some Recommendations.

First, with regard to a few points that affect Auxiliary and Conference government: This body ought to decide, and announce through the Annual Report and the organ of the Society, whether a member of an Auxiliary can hold office if her Church membership is in another charge.

Secondly, what must be done if an Auxiliary President resigns during the year? Has the Society a right to elect a new one, or must the First Vice President serve until the close of the year? This question has recently been referred to the General Secretary more than once when discussion has arisen in the Auxiliaries. Parliamentary usage would suggest that the next in office fill the vacancy; but as a matter of expediency it is not desirable in our work, since the First Vice President in most Auxiliaries is selected because of her ability to do certain local department work, and while perfectly competent for this, when called to the leadership of the whole Society she is a failure.

Thirdly, who compose the Executive Committee of the Conference Societies? This is an old question that continues to give trouble. Article 2, Constitution of Conference Societies, reads: "The Conference Society shall consist of a President, three Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Sec-

retary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and a District Secretary from each presiding elder's district. These officers shall constitute the Executive Committee."

At every called meeting each of these officers must be notified and has a right to attend. When a Conference has from six to ten District Secretaries, the expense involved is so great that officers hesitate to call a meeting, even when important matters must be considered. The fourth article of the constitution says: "The President, the three Vice Presidents, and the Treasurer shall be elected by ballot. The District Secretaries shall be nominated by a committee composed of the President, the Corresponding Secretary, and the Treasurer, and shall be elected by acclamation." Would it not be wise to define the Executive Committee as the officers elected by ballot?

City Mission Boards.

Fourthly, By-Law No. 1, governing City Mission Boards, must be changed so as to cover the additional membership of resident Conference officers, if the resolution passed at the last session of this Board remains in force for the future.

The growing consciousness of the needs of our cities and towns and the rapid organization of City Mission Boards are bringing us face to face with the fact that great care must be exercised in this matter. We are in danger of making serious and hurtful mistakes in projecting and locating work, or workers, before an intelligent and careful survey of the field has been made. All cities and towns do not have settlement communities in them, nor do they all need doors of hope, day nurseries, or industrial and night schools. At the present time a number of cities are hesitating about organizing for work because pastors and women realize that they do not know just what form of work is best suited to their conditions. Others have begun and are able and willing to launch out into greater things, but are calling for experienced leaders to advise and assist in perfecting and developing plans.

In my judgment this Board ought to select an intelligent, experienced, devout woman, making it possible for her to study the work for a time in some of the Northern and Eastern cities, and then, under the direction of the General Secretary, visit our own City Boards, remaining for a month or even two months in any city where the exigencies of the work seem to require it. In this way the General Board can keep in closer touch with the city work, and new workers can be strengthened and helped over hard places, while the City Boards themselves can be given a larger conception of their duties and responsibilities and helped in carrying them out. I believe this is a vital matter, and I hope the Board will prayerfully consider the suggestion and put a woman into the field, if only for one year.

Need of Trained Workers.

The imperative need and urgent calls for trained workers are naturally a cause for increasing anxiety to the executive officers. Pastors, physicians, hospitals, Home and Foreign Boards are all pleading for trained and skilled women. Out of this great need has grown a circle of prayer, the membership of which is asking God definitely and daily for at least one hundred women who will give themselves this year to be trained for the service of the Church. I hope every woman who attends this meeting will become an active member of the prayer band. We do not want to offer a vain lip service; but, praying earnestly, let us also work earnestly as messengers sent of God to call and prepare these chosen ones.

This Board ought also to send out a number of leaflets defining and suggesting certain kinds of practical and helpful work that can be carried on by these City Boards without the aid of a trained worker. In every city and town where there are two or more Home Mission Auxiliaries, by an organized effort the members of these societies, at a small financial outlay, can brighten and make better the lives of many less privileged than themselves. A cheery reading room, which any normal woman can make, open two hours six evenings in the week, and presided over by some one who really desires to help, without patronizing, will develop and uplift the life of many a hard-working young man and woman now moving in the narrowest circles of body- and soul-dwarfing drudgery. Add to this a monthly picture exhibit of half a dozen or more good pictures, borrowed from homes of wealth, with a competent person to explain them, and an occasional musical evening, with a pianola, a Victor talking machine, or the best musical talent that can be commanded in the Churches, and any body of women honestly desiring to help and be helped will soon discover that there need be no unused talent in any congregation.

In accordance with a resolution passed at Kansas City, three Home Mission Institutes were held during the year. Careful and wise arrangements were made for holding these by Mrs. L. P. Smith, First Vice President of this Board, and the cities of Houston, Austin, and Dallas, Tex., selected. Large audiences were in attendance from the first to the last session of these three-day meetings, and the immediate results were beyond our largest expectations. God's name was glorified, and men and women felt that it was good to be in such gatherings. I believe a number of these institutes ought to be held annually.

The Juvenile Problem.

One other matter of grave importance I would lay upon the heart of this Board, though even as I say this I know it is already there. The next General Conference ought to take some action looking to a simplification of the juvenile problem in the Church. The Sunday school, the Epworth League, the Home and Foreign Missionary Societies—all claim the little people. This is right, for these Church men and women of the future ought to have the combined wisdom of those who are sent to train them to love and serve the Church. But we all know, the Church knows, and the children know that we have too many children's organizations.

Let this body appoint a committee to confer with a like committee from the Epworth League Board and the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, and in the interest of the children and of the great Church which we all love let us come to a reasonable adjustment of this matter.

May God help us by his presence and power to make this the best and most far-reaching Board meeting we have ever held!

REPORT OF GENERAL SECRETARY.

MRS. R. W. MACDONELL.

IF there ever was a season when the Woman's Home Mission Society could realize what the apostle meant by the "mercies of God," it is at the end of this fiscal year. Truly we realize that "by him and through him are all things," for the year has been rich in opportunity and abiding mercies; and, above that, our work has not been in vain. To him, therefore, we would give glory forever.

The natural growth of the organization has been one of the indications of our Father's good pleasure. An increased number of Auxiliaries and members reveal the fact that the work is commending itself to the Church at large, and also inspires to greater activity, because increased membership means a larger income; and, what is better still, a larger circle of praying women.

The records, however, would have shown a very much larger growth had it not been for imperfect reports and death of some Auxiliaries. It remains a problem which is unsolvable as to why those who enter into this blessed employ could ever grow weary and abandon it.

Some of the Conferences have grown perceptibly. Among these is North Texas, with an increase of nearly one thousand members. Following close upon these figures are those of Northwest Texas, New Mexico, South Georgia, North Alabama, Texas, Holston, and Mississippi.

The effort made by the Board to systematize our finances has become better understood. We have continued to ask for a full collection of dues, and a freewill offering amounting to one dollar extra corresponding to the Auxiliary membership. There are still some who claim that it would be easier to raise the money in their Auxiliary if some specific object should be given them for which to work. But when we remember that the current expenses, such as salaries of workers and teachers, rents, etc., must be paid, and that these exceed the half of dues which we can appropriate to connectional work, it will be realized that we must have some other source from which to enlarge the income, so that the work may go forward without embarrassment. Directed contributions can be used only for special purposes, and therefore cannot help with these general expenses. Again, the educative influence of undirected contributions results in a missionary conscience, since those who give this dollar extra do so from a sense of duty rather than from impulse.

The Baby Roll has become one of our important factors in the collection of funds, to say nothing of the helpful influences it has upon the childhood of the Church. This fiscal year the collection from the baby mites and enrollment fees have amounted to \$1,619.51. Since the beginning of this department, 11,850 names have been entered on the roll; 1,764 of these were enrolled this year.

The work of the Florine McEachern Mite Box Brigade has been cause for gratitude. Since the organization of the Brigade, 4,945 children have enlisted, and in two years, by their mite box collections, have raised \$3,959.52. The collection this year was \$2,140.72. Mr. and Mrs. J. N. McEachern have more than covered this sum with dollar for dollar, until the whole Florine McEachern Hospital Fund amounts to \$7,959.52. We have \$5,000 of this fund invested at an interest of six per cent, and have had the privilege of bearing the expenses of a deaconess at the Scarritt Bible and Training School with a portion of the interest this year. It is earnestly hoped that the location of the hospital which this Brigade is to build and maintain may soon be decided upon, and that a number of parties may be forthcoming who desire to name a room in the building—\$200 will do this, and \$500 will pay for the operating room. The good will with which the children have entered into this work is an object lesson to us who have been a longer time in the Master's service, and the training they are receiving in this work will tell upon the future generations.

Through the brotherly courtesy and good comradeship of the Secretary, Dr. Du Bose, lessons on the work of the Woman's Home Mission Society have been given in the Epworth Leagues. A lively interest has been manifested in the subjects studied, and large orders from the Leagues for leaflets have come to our office. This spirit of coöperation between these two branches of Church work is helpful to each and is destined to strengthen the hold of the Church upon its young life.

In the month of March, under the able management of the First Vice President, Mrs. L. P. Smith, three Home Mission Institutes were held in Texas. The results of these meetings none can tell; but we are persuaded that they are more far-reaching than was even hoped for by the promoters. We trust that this is but a beginning of a number of such institutes to be held all over our South.

STATISTICS.

Adult Auxiliaries, 2,008; adult members, 39,801; young people and juvenile Auxiliaries, 166; young people and juvenile members, 3,499; total members, 43,300; Auxiliaries organized during the year, 341; life members, 33; Baby Roll members, 1,764; members Florine McEachern Mite Box Brigade, 2,942; day schools, 8; night schools, 5; pupils in schools, 1,590; teachers and missionaries, 88; parsonages helped by Conference Societies, 114; parsonages helped by the Board, 48; total parsonages helped this year, 162; collections for connectional work, \$74,574.31; collections for local work, \$160,115.56; value of supplies sent through Supply Department, \$22,333.66; subscribers to *Our Homes*, 10,016.

LOCAL WORK.

There has been a more systematic effort at carrying out the laws governing local work than heretofore. Very much of the success of the

local work depends upon the spirit of the First Vice President, who is chairman of the local committee which looks after the parsonage, the care of the church, the benevolent work, the sick and strangers who enter into the communities. The record as reported during the year is: Visits made to sick and strangers, 464,712; cottage prayer meetings and Bible-readings held, 7,643; garments in good condition distributed, 91,315; needy helped, 20,931; while \$160,115.56 has been expended upon this local work.

There has been an increased interest on the part of the Auxiliaries in the course of Bible study mapped out by the Board. A systematic following of this course will prepare our constituency to do the personal work which should be the aim of every Christian woman. The pastors should be able to find helpers in the spiritual as well as the material affairs of the Church among our membership, and we should be not only willing, but able to respond when he calls upon us for any form of service.

PARSONAGES.

In 1886, when the Woman's Home Mission Society was organized, there were 2,030 parsonages, valued at \$2,247,285, in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; to-day there are 4,216 parsonages. The Woman's Home Mission Society has aided 1,689 of these, having granted to them \$156,189.85. Apart from this substantial aid, there is no question but that the agitation of this subject throughout the connection has done very much to stimulate an interest in the care of the preachers' homes, even in those communities where financial help has not been needed. This past year we have helped 162 parsonages. The Board granted \$4,075 to 48, while the Conference Societies gave \$10,604.49 to 114, making a total appropriation of \$14,679.49 to the Parsonage Department. The policy adopted by some of the Conferences of making no promise of donations which they cannot redeem within ninety days has proved most satisfactory. It certainly diminishes the labor in the general office, while it creates a happier feeling on the part of those helped, since it does away with provoking, tedious delays in settling grants.

SUPPLIES.

This department continues to carry cheer and comfort to those who have undertaken to serve the Master in hard places. During the year 143 boxes have been sent to preachers, 483 to orphanages, and 136 to mission schools and rescue homes, making a total of 779, valued at \$22,333.66.

SCHOOLS.

The purpose of the Home Mission Society in its educational institutions has come more nearly being realized this year than ever before. This purpose is to inspire those who come under our instruction to such thought and action as will make them masters of themselves, and

fit them to work for the uplifting of their fellows. Service for God and man is the keynote of our institutions.

Cuban and Italian Schools.

The Wolff Mission School, at Ybor City, Fla., has enrolled ninety children. Many circumstances combined to hinder our progress this year, but the children gathered within the schoolroom have given evidence of improvement. One notable feature of this school is the number of children gathered into the Juvenile Home Mission Society. They have learned at school the beauty of ministry, and through the organized methods of the Auxiliary have not only contributed of their funds to connectional work, but have ministered to the suffering in their own community.

The one hundred and thirty children at the school in West Tampa have enjoyed the privilege of instruction under Miss Emelina Valdes and her colaborers. The school buildings were moved in September to the thickly settled community at Pino City, thus bringing the school in closer touch with a larger number of children. Dengue and la grippe have impeded somewhat the work, but all rejoice in the prospect of a broader field of usefulness. The West Tampa Day Nursery is located on the same lot and is now a factor in our work at West Tampa.

Under the direction of Miss Mary Bruce the Italian night school has grown in usefulness. Forty-seven students have been enrolled. As the result of this effort for the uplifting of the five thousand Italians in this community, an Italian preacher has been added to the working force at Ybor City, and every Sabbath an Italian congregation gathers at the church next door to our building. The same church is used at different hours for the Cuban congregations.

Ruth Hargrove Seminary, at Key West, has enrolled two hundred and sixty-three children. Here, too, combined forces sought to hinder the good work; but a divine Providence has overruled, and our teachers feel that it has been one of the best year's work of the institution. The kindergarten has become a factor of no small import. They very much need a room for this interesting department, as at present they are forced to use the dining room. The better equipment in the furnishing of the class room of the first grade has added to the comfort of the teachers and children. They earnestly call at Key West for another building which will furnish dormitories for the number of Cuban applicants that they are forced at present to turn away, and which will add to their schoolroom facilities.

This work in Southern Florida requires the same character of teaching force as that required in our foreign fields. There must be some inducement to our teachers to remain in this difficult field long enough to learn to love the people and to likewise win the regard of those for whom we are laboring.

Mountain Schools.

Sue Bennett Memorial School, at London, Ky., had a student body last year of three hundred and forty-eight. From seventy to one hundred of these were converted during the year. Prof. Lewis continues to hold a high ideal before the students, in that quality of school work counts in character-building and in fitting men and women for usefulness. The new dormitory for boys has been finished and, through the generosity of a number of individuals, nicely furnished. The total cost of this new building of white brick was \$7,257.34. This provides for thirty bedrooms and an ample library.

The Brevard Industrial School, at Brevard, N. C., enrolled one hundred and twenty-seven students this year. Twenty young women make the boarding department, which has been so wisely managed as to wind up the year without a cent's indebtedness. The housework is all done by the students, a number of whom are working their way through the school by their services. During the year there were six converts. Only four in this household are not counted as Christians. The Western North Carolina Conference has worked bravely for the reduction of the debt on the building, which, when completely paid, will enable the Board to formally accept the property and thus comply with the conditions upon which the school was undertaken.

The Industrial Home and School, at Greeneville, Tenn., for the orphan children of the Holston Conference, continues to enjoy prosperity. The increased income which has come from the fifth Sabbath collections throughout the Conference has added to the comfort of the Home. The children who are large enough to enter school give evidence of improvement. These children greatly enjoy the reading hour, after all labor is done, when they gather about the workers in a homelike manner.

Pacific Coast Work.

The work done among the Chinese and Japanese on the Pacific Coast has deepened and broadened during the year. At San Francisco a Home conducted on a coöperative basis has been instituted. Here these foreigners find a welcome when landing on our shores, and Christian influences are thrown about them before they drift into the temptations which surround such strangers. Our class rooms and Church services are held in the double parlors of the Home. Nine new members have been added to the membership of the Japanese Church at San Francisco. At Alameda changes were made during the year in the teachers and interpreter. The school, however, suffered no loss in numbers, and the Home, which was established but a year ago, continues to hold its influence over the student body. At Oakland the work seems more permanent than it did a year ago, and they earnestly plead for a Home to be run on a coöperative basis, as those in Alameda and San Francisco have been carried on. The native preacher, Mr. Yanagiwara, has been in labors abundant, holding two services weekly at the three different

appointments, as well as teaching in one of the schools himself on certain days.

We have been enabled to reach the Japanese women as we have not heretofore, and rejoice to report an enrollment of several of these women in our schools. Three of our converts have entered Eastern colleges and are preparing themselves to go back to their people as missionaries. Surely this of itself is sufficient inducement to create enthusiasm for work among foreigners in our own land.

At Los Angeles Miss Maria Elliott, the deaconess sent out by the Board last year, had charge of the Chinese night school, and the interest evidenced demonstrates that her labor has not been in vain. Three of her students were added recently to our Church.

Paine Annex.

The Industrial Department at Paine College, Augusta, Ga., has given proof this year of the wisdom of the Board in instituting this department of work. Thirty-five girls in the higher grades board in the halls of industry and carry on the domestic work of the school. One hundred and fifty are gathered in the sewing rooms. The development of character in these girls is shown by the good behavior of the students and the gratitude manifested to their teachers. The appreciation for the training received during the past two years is manifested in the letters and lives of the girls who have graduated. It has become a rule of the school that no girl can graduate unless she can make her graduating dress, and it must also be of such material as will be of service after leaving the school. The boarding department pays for itself, and demonstrates the wise management of Miss Young, since they wind up the year with some little balance. A broad field of usefulness awaits these students as they go out into life as leaders of their own people.

The Ann Browder' Cunningham Mission Home and Training School, at Dallas, Tex.

This Rescue Home has given refuge for one hundred and eleven girls during the year. The Board makes provision for forty; individuals have arranged for the board and expenses of the number over forty. Since last May twenty-eight babes were born in the Home, four nurses have been in training, nine have been in the millinery department, and the other industrial departments have been regularly attended to by all the inmates of the Home. Eleven hundred and fifty-four garments were made during the year for sale and for members of the Home. The total profit of this department was \$106.73. A strenuous effort is being made to develop these girls into rounded characters, in order that they may go out into life prepared to meet the problems which are bound to confront them.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY.

This department, located at the Scarritt Bible and Training School, continues to be one of the most important factors of our work, since from its training we are to receive our workers. The following statistics give interesting information: Home Mission Juniors in school, 13; Home Mission Seniors in school, 4; Home Mission special in school, 1; total number of members in Home Mission Volunteer Band, 18; total number of deaconess applicants (papers placed before the Board before entering school), 9; total number of students whose aim it is to do deaconess work, 12; students supported by Home Mission scholarships, 11; Home Mission students paying own expenses in school, 4; Home Mission students working their way through school by service, 3; Home Mission students ready for assignment to work under Board, 3.

Four courses in sociology have been offered during the year, the subject of courses being: (1) Problems of American Society; (2) Poverty and Charities; (3) Crime and Its Punishment; (4) Church and Social Service. A syllabus of each course will be printed during the summer.

A deeper Home Mission interest has been manifested in the school than ever before. The Home Mission Band meetings have been filled with enthusiasm for the work of the home land. Good work has been done along all lines of Home Mission activity.

We have special cause for thanksgiving in that the new Institutional Church in the North End, which has been so much needed as a training school for Home Mission students, will be completed by September, so our institutional work can begin in earnest. One need of the department is money for a sociological library, especially for use in securing periodicals, etc., dealing with Home Mission problems.

CITY MISSIONS.

The vital influence of the city mission work upon the social conditions of our Southland has become more and more apparent to our Church. Only a paucity of trained workers interferes with a great growth in this department. As it is, during the year seven new Boards were organized, making twenty-four City Mission Boards affiliated with our work. Some have not been content to wait for trained workers, but have enterprised the work through committees. The appended table reveals the character of work, and proportion in which it is carried on:

- 2 Deaconess Homes.
- 8 Settlement Homes.
- 1 Industrial Home for girls over twelve years of age.
- 26 trained workers.
- 40 salaried workers.
- 210 volunteer workers.
- 7 day nurseries.
- 150—average number of children in day nurseries.
- 7 kindergartens.

299	children in kindergarten.
20	industrial schools.
1,068	children enrolled in industrial schools.
7	night schools.
180	students in night schools.
13	boys' clubs.
300	boys in clubs.
5	free reading rooms.
4,363	persons attending free reading rooms.
9	mothers' clubs.
14	girls' clubs.
3	dispensaries.
1,159	patients treated.
3	young woman's clubs.
86	members of young woman's clubs.
10	Sabbath schools affiliated with the work.
1,139	children in Sabbath schools.
1	Door of Hope.
134	conversions.
14,065	visits made by workers.
15,822	visits made to deaconess and settlement homes.

DEACONESES.

The deaconess movement is becoming a recognized factor in the Church. Nine deaconesses, who have already been consecrated, have given satisfactory service during the year. Their training, Christlike deportment, and effective service have been used for the winning of souls with whom they come in contact. The Homer Toberman Home, at Los Angeles, has enjoyed the service of Miss Maria Elliott, and so effective has her work proved that they are earnestly pleading for an increased force. Miss Elizabeth Taylor has had charge of the Rebecca Sparks Deaconess Home, at Waco, and by her loving spirit has won a way for Christ into the hearts and homes of those about her. During the year two deaconesses from the Methodist Episcopal Church have been employed by City Mission Boards. One of these, having transferred permanently, will receive a certificate from our own Church, and will hereafter render service among the people with whom she has cast her lot.

Three trained workers will present themselves at this session of the Board for consecration, and twelve are in training at the Scarritt Bible and Training School. The Church continues to call for these workers, and our inability to supply the demand is one of the burdens that press hard upon our hearts. Scores of letters have been sent from the office to what seemed desirable women for the work of a deaconess, and we trust the attention of many thus arrested may lead to a large number of future applicants.

PRESS DEPARTMENT.

Those who have followed the editorials and articles of *Our Homes* the past year have had a fair training in Bible study and sociology. The circulation amounts to 10,016. This year the paper gave \$1,000 toward the building of the new dormitory at London, Ky., and enjoys, notwithstanding this liberal gift, a good bank account.

The Bulletin, which is now two years old, under the wise administration of Mrs. Edward F. Cook, has given out facts and figures to Auxiliaries, as well as the Church and secular press. These items, never longer than ten lines, have dealt solely with the social, industrial, and moral problems which confront the South to-day. They have thus scattered abroad facts which are bound to quicken consciences and lead to a broader sense of responsibility.

A large number of packages of printed matter have been distributed directly from my office. This increased demand for printed matter is indicative of intelligent growth. One hundred and ninety-two thousand have been forwarded to the Conference Secretaries for distribution to Auxiliaries. The coöperative work of the Home Mission Board with the Epworth League has called for an increased printing of leaflets. To meet this demand, special issues of booklets and leaflets, "The Deaconess," "The Children's Hospital," and "The Deaconess Hospital," have been printed.

TITHING.

The declining health of Mrs. W. C. Ratcliffe necessitated her resignation and the election of a new Superintendent for this department. Mrs. Ratcliffe's beautiful service will ever be held in grateful remembrance. Miss Emma Tucker was elected to the post thus made vacant, and has entered upon the work with faith and zeal. By her Bible-readings on this subject, Miss Tucker has always been used for the quickening of the Church along this scriptural line of giving, and the Home Mission Society is happy in being able to secure her services. This department, however, requires a larger circulation of printed matter. Crisp, up-to-date leaflets on this subject must be issued at frequent intervals, if we would gain the ear of the Church.

OUR GIFTS.

This year has been marked by individual gifts, which must go on record as demonstrating the interest felt in this particular phase of Church work.

By the provision of Mrs. Catherine Wilson's will the Home Mission Society was to have received \$5,000 for the Parsonage Loan Fund and \$2,000 for the Sue Bennett Memorial School. This will was contested, and as a result we have received this past year \$2,406.50 for the loan fund, and \$962.60 for the Sue Bennett Memorial School.

In the fall Mrs. M. E. Aycock gave \$1,000 to the work, \$500 of this to be devoted to the current expenses of the Society, and the remaining

\$500 to be invested in the Education and City Mission Endowment Funds, on the annuity plan. The large-hearted generosity of this child of God will ever be remembered by the Home Mission Society, since her gift came at the one time of the year when there was embarrassing financial depression in the treasury.

The gift of \$1,000 from *Our Homes*, previously mentioned, made possible the finishing of the boys' dormitory at Sue Bennett Memorial School last year.

The John Bennett Loan Fund of \$300, given by Miss Belle H. Bennett in memory of her beloved brother, will ever be of service to the mountain youth of Western North Carolina, since that donation is to be used for the benefit of students at the Brevard Industrial School.

In memory of a beloved uncle, who was a missionary in Africa in the long ago, Mrs. L. P. Smith has donated \$100 to the library at Paine Annex, this library to be known as the John Wesley Morgan Library.

Not contented with giving service, Miss Mary Bruce gave fifty dollars as a special donation to the Italian work at Tampa, and loving hearts at London, Ky., made a like generous donation to the West Tampa Day Nursery.

Devotion to Christ and his little ones has been demonstrated by smaller gifts, too numerous to mention, throughout the Church.

OUR NEEDS.

First, and before any other call, we would plead for consecrated lives to be given for special training to do personal work. Let the Home Mission Society, this year plead for one hundred women to enter training for the office of deaconess.

At Key West a new building which will give enlarged facilities for schoolroom work, and also provide dormitories for boarding students, is urgently demanded. Enlarged opportunity is God's proof of acceptance of past services, and calls for greater outlay of self and money. Is there not in the Church some child of God who would be glad to put a building on the campus at Ruth Hargrove Seminary, which would make it possible to reach those of the Southland that yearn for the advantages we may give?

Strengthening of the work in each department calls for increased income. Therefore we need a generous constituency which is ready to "attempt great things for God."

A deepening of the spiritual life is called for throughout the connection. As Home Mission workers, we must know more of God's will, and with the power of the indwelling Christ reveal something of the infinite, tender love which made it possible for him to lay down his own life, in order that his earthly brethren might know the "life more abundant."

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION OF THE
M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH, AS TRUSTEE OF THE WOMAN'S HOME
MISSION SOCIETY, PARSONAGE DEPARTMENT,
MARCH 31, 1905**

I. PARSONAGE DONATIONS ACCOUNT, PARENT BOARD.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand March 31, 1904.....	\$ 875 00
Received from Mrs W. D. Kirkland, Treasurer.....	4,000 00
Received from refunding bond.....	50 00—\$ 4,925 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

DONATIONS TO PARSONAGES BY THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

Alabama Conference: Centerville.....	\$ 50 00
Arkansas Conference: Yellville.....	75 00
East Columbia Conference: Pendleton, Oregon.....	300 00
Florida Conference: Tampa Heights.....	75 00
Largo	50 00
Daytona	50 00
Fort Pierce	50 00
Holston Conference: Draper, Va.....	50 00
Burke's Garden, Va.....	100 00
Benham's, Va.	100 00
Indian Mission Conference:	
Antlers, Ind. T., Choctaw Dist. P.....	100 00
Bristow, Ind. T.....	50 00
Claremore, Ind. T.....	100 00
Bennington, Ind. T.....	75 00
Wynnewood, Ind. T., Dist. P.....	100 00
Wilburton, Ind. T.....	50 00
Morrison, Okla.	150 00
Mountain View, Okla.....	100 00
Weatherford, Okla.	50 00
Little Rock Conference: Horatio.....	50 00
Foreman	50 00
Los Angeles Conference: Azusa, Cal.....	100 00
Missouri Conference: Lawson.....	50 00
Montana Conference: Gallop.....	75 00
New Mexico Conference: Portales, N. Mex.....	150 00
Deming, N. Mex.....	75 00
North Carolina Conference: Raleigh, Brooklyn.....	75 00
North Georgia Conference: Decatur.....	125 00
Eatonton, Putnam Circuit.....	75 00
North Texas Conference: Paris, Bonham Street.....	100 00
Northwest Texas Conference: Childress.....	50 00
Pacific Conference: Orosi, Cal.....	100 00
South Carolina Conference: Blackstock.....	100 00
Walhalla	100 00
Tennessee Conference: Bellsburg.....	100 00
Clarksville, Montgomery Circuit.....	50 00
Texas Conference: Bay City.....	75 00
Beaumont, Cartwright.....	75 00
Franklin	75 00
West Texas Conference: Kerrville.....	50 00
El Campo.....	75 00
Shiner	75 00
Goliad	100 00
Eagle Pass	75 00
Western North Carolina Conference: Bald Creek.....	75 00
Summerfield	75 00
White River Conference: Piggott.....	75 00
Batesville District	150 00—
	4,075 00
Balance cash in hand March 31, 1905.....	\$ 850 00

The following grants heretofore made by you have been either declined or apparently abandoned by the parties, and I recommend that they be stricken from your list of grants: Stillwater, Okla., \$200; First Church, Columbus, Miss., \$125; New Decatur, Ala., \$100; Miami, Ind. T., \$100; Saverton, Mo., \$50. I recommend that further time be given in the following cases: Adger, Ala., \$75; Athens, W. Va., \$50; West End, Meridian, Miss., \$75; Carlsbad, N. Mex., \$75; Corbin Park, Spokane, Wash., \$75. If you adopt these recommendations, there will remain \$500 of the above balance subject to appropriation at this time.

II. PARSONAGE DONATION ACCOUNT, CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand March 31, 1904.....\$ 2,386 74
 Received from Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Treasurer.....10,371 56—\$12,758 30

DISBURSEMENTS.

Alabama Conference: Crichton.....	\$ 40 00
Centerville	20 00
Arkansas Conference: Mansfield.....	50 00
Denver Conference: Beulah, Colo.....	50 00
East Columbia Conference: Pendleton, Oregon.....	50 00
Covello, Wash.	50 00
Florida Conference: Blanton.....	50 00
MacClenny	100 00
Sarasota	100 00
Ybor City	100 00
Fort Pierce	75 00
Interlachen	50 00
Carrabelle	50 00
Holston Conference: East Chattanooga, Tenn.....	50 00
Melvine, Tenn.	75 00
La Follette, Tenn.	200 00
Indian Mission Conference: Temple, Okla.....	50 00
Wapanucka, Ind. T.....	75 00
Oakland, Ind. T.....	50 00
Cement, Okla.	125 00
Tecumseh, Okla.	75 00
Marlow, Ind. T.....	75 00
Minco, Ind. T.....	125 00
Kentucky Conference: Falmouth.....	100 00
Butler	50 00
Burnside	100 00
Little Rock Conference: Redfield, Ark.....	100 00
Bingen, Ark.	50 00
Texarkana Circuit, Ark.....	50 00
Texarkana, Fairview, Ark.....	100 00
Los Angeles Conference: Phoenix, Ariz.....	75 00
Prescott	100 00
Louisiana Conference: Glenmora.....	100 00
French Mission, Iberia Parish.....	100 00
Pelican	100 00
Louisville Conference: Monticello, Ky.....	100 00
Memphis Conference: Saltillo, Tenn.....	50 00
Bolivar, Tenn.	60 00
Memphis, Olive Street.....	100 00
Huntington, Tenn.	40 00
Paducah, Ky.	50 00
Mississippi Conference: Hub.....	75 00
Carriere	50 00
Vicksburg, Washington Street.....	100 00
Missouri Conference: Downing.....	100 00
New Bloomfield	100 00
Montana Conference: Gallop.....	70 00
New Mexico Conference: El Paso, Tex.....	254 00
North Carolina Conference: Scotland Neck.....	100 00
Pekin	50 00
Poplar Branch	99 00
North Georgia Conference: Richmond.....	200 00

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Crawford	\$ 200 00	
Decatur	150 00	
Duluth	200 00	
Putnam Circuit	150 00	
North Mississippi Conference: Water Valley.....	150 00	
Randolph	100 00	
Itta Bena	100 00	
Ashland	100 00	
Courtland	150 00	
North Texas Conference: Cochran and Corinth Circuit.	150 00	
Paris, Bonham Street.....	130 00	
Klondike	125 00	
Northwest Texas Conference: Milford.....	125 00	
Aspermont	100 00	
Spring Creek	100 00	
Avoca	100 00	
Mexia	150 00	
Matador	100 00	
Evant	100 00	
Quall	75 00	
Pinkerton	150 00	
Pacific Conference: Red Bluff, Cal.....	50 00	
Sacramento, Cal.	200 00	
St. Louis Conference: Bourbon.....	50 00	
St. Genevieve	100 00	
Cape Girardeau	50 00	
Elvins	50 00	
St. Louis, First Church.....	100 00	
South Carolina Conference: Townville.....	75 00	
Marlboro	45 00	
South Georgia Conference: Broxton.....	75 00	
Brooklet	45 00	
Zoar	50 00	
Lawtonville	100 00	
Macon, Belleview	150 00	
Southwest Missouri Conference: East Lynne.....	75 00	
Springfield, Dale Street.....	200 00	
Lebanon	116 49	
Tennessee Conference: Dickson	125 00	
Clarksville, Montgomery Circuit.....	75 00	
Whitehouse	50 00	
Hermitage (Donelson).....	100 00	
Texas Conference: Woodville.....	100 00	
Franklin	75 00	
Corrigan	75 00	
Livingston	50 00	
Park	100 00	
Durango	50 00	
Jacksonville	50 00	
Bay City	150 00	
Virginia Conference: Franklin Circuit.....	105 00	
Western Conference: White Church, Kans.....	45 00	
Western North Carolina Conference: Robbinsville....	50 00	
Boone	50 00	
Summerfield	50 00	
West Texas Conference: Hallettsville.....	150 00	
Carrizo Springs	60 00	
Goliad	100 00	
Shiner	50 00	
Eagle Pass	100 00	
El Campo	150 00	
White River Conference: Batesville, Ark.....	150 00—	10,604 49
Balance March 31, 1905.....		\$ 2,153 81

Of the above balance, \$2,048.54 is due twenty-one parsonages, and will be paid as soon as the parties are ready to receive the same. The grants to Oloh, Mississippi Conference (\$25), Hale, North Georgia Conference (\$50), Rome Mission, North Georgia Conference (\$100), and Saverton, Missouri Conference (\$50), appear to have been abandoned by the trustees at those places. It would be well, after due notice to the parties, to use these funds elsewhere. There stands to the credit of the Tennes-

see Conference Society \$80, and to the credit of the Alabama Conference Society \$25.27, subject to appropriation by them.

III. PARSONAGE LOAN FUND ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand March 31, 1904.....		\$ 5,929 33
Collected on loans: Principal.....	\$3,503 52	
Interest	694 26	
Contributed to Loan Funds.....	2,730 02	6,927 80
Total		\$12,857 18

DISBURSEMENTS.

Loans to Parsonages:		
Florida Conference: Daytona.....	\$ 150 00	
Holston Conference: East Chattanooga.....	200 00	
Kentucky Conference: Millersburg.....	500 00	
Little Rock Conference: Central, Hot Springs.....	1,000 00	
Los Angeles Conference: Azusa, Cal.....	250 00	
Louisiana Conference: Le Compte.....	300 00	
North Alabama Conference: Florence.....	300 00	
North Georgia Conference: Sharon.....	200 00	
North Texas Conference: Paris, Bonham Street.....	400 00	
North Mississippi Conference: Macon.....	450 00	
Southwest Missouri Conference: Seneca.....	100 00	
Texas Conference: Beaumont, Cartwright Church....	300 00	
West Texas Conference: Austin, Hotchkiss Memorial	500 00	
White River Conference: Batesville District.....	350 00	
Piggott	100 00	
Wynne	500 00	
Sue Bennett Memorial School.....	2,000 00	
Paid Fidelity Trust Company for investment.....	4,000 00	
Paid Fidelity Trust Company for investment.....	407 00	
Remitted interest to Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Treasurer....	287 26	12,294 26
Balance in treasury March 31, 1905.....		\$ 562 92

IV. EDUCATIONAL AND CITY MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND.

(Managed by the Fidelity Trust Company, of Louisville, Ky.)

1. Income Account.

RECEIPTS.

Interest received from March 31, 1904, to March 31, 1905	\$ 563 96
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DISBURSEMENTS.

Accrued interest on sundry notes purchased.....	\$ 73 34	
Five per cent commission on \$563.96.....	28 20	
Remitted to Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Treasurer.....	462 42	563 96

2. Principal Account.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand March 31, 1904.....		\$ 8,818 30
Cash from Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Treasurer.....	\$ 78 00	
Cash from Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Treasurer.....	57 05	
Cash from Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Treasurer.....	15 00	
Cash from Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Treasurer.....	535 00	
Cash from P. H. Whisner, Corresponding Secretary....	4,000 00	4,685 05
Total		\$13,503 35

DISBURSEMENTS.

Sundry investments	13,503 35
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Embraced in the above total is \$7,000 which belongs to the Parsonage Loan Funds.

Respectfully submitted.

P. H. WHISNER, *Cor. Sec.*

HONORED LIST.

Honorary Life Members.

Mrs. S. A. Dryden,	Mrs. John A. Carter.	Miss Belle H. Bennett.
Bishop W. W. Duncan,	Mrs. M. E. W. Aycock,	Miss Emily Allen,
Mrs. Amelia Downing Kendrick,	Miss Lucinda B. Helm,	Mrs. T. R. Kendall,
Mrs. W. W. Duncan.	Mrs. R. K. Hargrove,	Mrs. W. B. Higginbotham,
Rev. Sam P. Jones,	Mrs. C. S. Strong,	Mrs. Harriet Downing,
Mrs. E. P. Chamberlain.	Mrs. Fannie P. Clarke.	Mrs. Viola Hunt.
Mrs. Georgia Allen.	Mrs. H. J. Salter,	Mrs. J. B. Chatfield.
Mrs. C. N. Vaught.	Mrs. Alice Johnson	

Life Members.

1895-96.

Virginia Conference.—Mrs. Coke Smith, Miss M. F. Day.

1896-97.

Little Rock Conference.—Rev. C. E. Patillo, Mrs. C. E. Patillo.*New York City.*—Mrs. Mattie Vincello Cox.*St. Louis Conference.*—Mrs. M. A. Wolff, Mr. John Joseph Bauleh.*Tennessee Conference.*—Mrs. J. H. Dodd, Mrs. J. C. Morris, Mrs. Bettie McF. Yarbrough, Mrs. W. H. Cotton.

1897-98.

East Texas Conference.—Mrs. W. C. Huntington.*Florida Conference.*—Mr. C. T. Carroll.*Indian Mission Conference.*—Mrs. J. E. Vicks, Mrs. J. B. Hester.*Kentucky Conference.*—Mrs. A. P. Darnall.*Little Rock Conference.*—Mrs. D. H. McKennon, Mrs. Cadesman Pope.*Los Angeles Conference.*—Mrs. J. J. N. Kenney.*Louisville Conference.*—Mrs. J. P. Goodson, Mrs. W. R. Smith, Mrs. J. C. Brandon, Mrs. W. W. Cooke, Mrs. J. T. Cherry, Mrs. T. C. Peters, Mrs. Ada Bishop Ramsey, Mrs. Mary Morton.*Memphis Conference.*—Mrs. Warner Moore.*Missouri Conference.*—Mrs. Mary Anne Stone.*North Georgia Conference.*—Mrs. Thomas F. Pierce, Mrs. Lillie G. King, Master Robert Battery McClure.*North Mississippi Conference.*—Mrs. L. M. Lipsecomb.*Northwest Texas Conference.*—Miss Roberta Putnam, Mrs. C. R. Wright.*Tennessee Conference.*—Mrs. D. P. Rankin, Mrs. Mary Phillips, Mrs. T. C. Ragsdale, Mrs. Virginia Bandy, Mrs. Susan Tarver, Mrs. Curtis.*Virginia Conference.*—Mrs. J. C. Reed.

1898-99.

Baltimore Conference.—Mrs. W. B. Gallaher, Mrs. Mary S. Williams.*Florida Conference.*—Mrs. J. H. Perkins.*Holston Conference.*—Mrs. Robert E. Humphreys, Mrs. David Sullins, Miss Mary Cass.*Kentucky Conference.*—Miss Kate Petry.*Little Rock Conference.*—Mrs. F. B. Rudolph, Mrs. Lou A. Hotchkiss.*Memphis Conference.*—Mrs. Sue Allen Hurt, Mrs. G. T. Sullivan, Miss Tilly Talley, Mrs. L. B. Hotchkiss.*Missouri Conference.*—Mrs. S. P. Emmons, Mrs. S. A. Newland, Mrs. Jerusha Leiper, Mrs. S. P. Cresap.*North Alabama Conference.*—Mrs. D. A. Burns.*North Georgia Conference.*—Mrs. Georgia Allen, Mrs. C. E. Moore, Rev. C. E. Patillo.*North Texas Conference.*—Mrs. F. B. Carroll, Mrs. L. P. Smith.*Northwest Texas Conference.*—Mrs. W. L. Nelms, Miss Sadie Fincher.*South Georgia Conference.*—Miss Anna Phillipbar.

Tennessee Conference.—Mrs. Lewis Powell, Mrs. A. P. McFerrin, Jr., Mrs. S. S. Booth, Mrs. Abbie Scott Vaughan, Mrs. Irene Cullom.

Total number of life members made during the year, 31. Life members were represented in thirteen Conferences. The Tennessee was the banner Conference.

1899-1900.

Baltimore Conference.—Mrs. W. H. Beehler, Mrs. Moses Walton, Mrs. S. C. Stringfellow.

East Texas Conference.—Mrs. M. Haggard.

Florida Conference.—Mrs. D. A. Cook.

Holston Conference.—Mrs. J. A. Duncan.

Indian Mission Conference.—Lucile Coppedge (Juvenile).

Little Rock Conference.—Miss Lizzie Wilkins, Mrs. S. H. Thompson, Rev. James Thomas.

Louisville Conference.—Mrs. Catherine Wilson, Mrs. William Robinson.

Memphis Conference.—Mrs. J. S. Swayne.

Mississippi Conference.—Mrs. Rebecca Parker Gay.

Missouri Conference.—Mrs. W. F. Packard.

North Georgia Conference.—Mrs. L. G. Johnson, Eva J. McClure (Juvenile), Mrs. W. C. Smith, Mrs. S. R. Belk, Mrs. S. V. Davenport, Rev. W. F. Quillian.

North Mississippi Conference.—Mrs. S. M. Thames.

North Texas Conference.—Mrs. F. H. Welsh, Mrs. J. L. Morris.

South Georgia Conference.—Mrs. H. C. Tindall, Josephus Darling (Juvenile), Helen Mathews (Juvenile), Bessie Tindall (Juvenile), Charlie Hinton (Juvenile).

Tennessee Conference.—Mrs. Annie E. Jones, Miss M. E. Wardlaw, Rev. T. C. Ragsdale, Mrs. Virginia Morrison, Mrs. John Mathews, Mrs. E. B. Chappell.

Virginia Conference.—Mrs. C. V. Winfree, Mrs. W. J. Young.

Western Virginia Conference.—Miss Mary Moore, Mrs. Mordecai Williams.

Thirty-three adult and six juvenile life members were made during the year in seventeen different Conferences, the Tennessee being the banner Conference.

1900-01.

Baltimore Conference.—Mrs. C. H. Buchanan.

Florida Conference.—Rev. W. M. Poage, Mrs. C. F. Carroll.

Holston Conference.—Mrs. Mattie White Hardaway.

Los Angeles Conference.—Mrs. J. R. Toberman.

Louisiana Conference.—Darwin Beach Carré (Juvenile), Willis G. Wilmot (Juvenile), Mrs. Philip Werlein, Mrs. Amelia Scott.

Little Rock Conference.—Mrs. Dan Gilman.

Louisville Conference.—Mrs. Virgil Elgin.

Memphis Conference.—Mrs. Sue F. Mooney.

Mississippi Conference.—Mrs. E. H. Munger, Mrs. Ellen D. Drake.

Missouri Conference.—Mrs. R. G. Terrill, Mrs. W. F. Packard.

North Carolina Conference.—Rev. J. E. Underwood, Mildred Spier (Juvenile).

North Georgia Conference.—Mrs. W. B. Higginbotham, Joe Thomas Swift Hayes (Juvenile), Mrs. Nettie Brag Allen, Mrs. J. H. Jones, Mrs. Nancy Swift, Mrs. S. V. Davenport, Faith Johnson (Juvenile).

Northwest Texas Conference.—Mrs. Mary C. Majors, Margaret Barcus (Juvenile), Gordon Baird.

North Texas Conference.—Miss Belle H. Bennett, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Mrs. O. S. Thomas.

New Mexico Conference.—Pattie Geraldine French (Juvenile).

St. Louis Conference.—Mrs. Elizabeth Avis, Mrs. J. O. Chenoweth, Mrs. Florence O. Baulch,

Mrs. J. W. Wagoner, Mrs. E. G. Boyle.

South Georgia Conference.—Mrs. J. D. Humphrey.

Southwest Missouri Conference.—Mrs. Charles W. Mehonay, Mrs. G. W. Scott, Mrs. M. F. Cox, Miss Maria Layng Gibson, Mrs. C. W. Scarritt.

Tennessee Conference.—Mrs. C. H. Benedict, Miss Edna Glasgow, Mrs. Gross Alexander, Mrs. Joe Stones.

Virginia Conference.—Mrs. M. N. Moorman, Mrs. T. G. Minton.

Total number life members this year, 50. North Georgia is the banner Conference for the year, having made nine life members.

Total number of life members on the roll, 167. Tennessee has the largest number, 25

1901-02.

- Alabama Conference.*—Walter Berry (Juvenile).
Baltimore Conference.—Ruby Myers (Juvenile).
Florida Conference.—Mrs. W. A. Simmons.
Little Rock Conference.—Mrs. M. A. Jones, Mrs. Julien C. Brown, Mrs. E. M. Pipkin.
Los Angeles Conference.—Mrs. J. R. Toberman.
Louisiana Conference.—David Morey Carré (Juvenile), Isabel Carré (Juvenile).
Memphis Conference.—Mrs. W. W. Hall.
Mississippi Conference.—Mrs. L. S. Jones.
Missouri Conference.—Mrs. Hiram Groves.
New Mexico Conference.—Mrs. C. B. Patterson.
North Carolina Conference.—Mrs. H. C. Spiers, Mrs. L. H. Cutter.
North Georgia Conference.—Rev. J. W. Snow, Emily Allen (Juvenile), Marion Andrews (Juvenile), Mrs. Frances P. Clark, Mrs. R. P. Milam, Mrs. R. L. Dorsey, Mrs. John Miller, Mrs. Sarah C. Parker, Mrs. J. M. Austin, Miss Lillian Borfeuille, Mrs. Simon Peter Richardson, Mrs. Walter O. Foot, Mrs. Thomas M. Swift, Mrs. W. B. Henry.
North Texas Conference.—Mrs. O. E. Thomas, Mrs. J. F. Pearce, Mrs. L. H. Potts.
Northwest Texas Conference.—Miss Martha Sullenberger, Mrs. John R. Nelson.
South Georgia Conference.—Mrs. M. V. Chance, Mrs. A. L. Lawson, Mrs. James F. Evans, Miss Annie Heath.
Southwest Missouri Conference.—Miss Louise Whitman.
St. Louis Conference.—Dr. Cunningham, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Joseph G. Miller, Mrs. J. W. Lee, Mrs. J. A. Young, Rev. W. P. Shoemaker.
Tennessee Conference.—McTyeire Tigert (Juvenile), Mrs. W. M. Leftwich, Mrs. Thomas Parks, Mrs. W. H. Bumpas.
Virginia Conference.—Mrs. H. E. Wall.
White River Conference.—Mrs. A. G. Dickson, Rev. J. W. Smith, Mrs. R. N. Holloway, Mrs. Richard Jackson.

Total number of life members this year, 54; total number of life members on the roll, 221.

1902-03.

- Baltimore Conference.*—Mrs. J. B. Perrie, Mrs. John May.
East Texas Conference.—Miss Jennie Tapp.
Florida Conference.—Miss Bessie Turnbull.
Kentucky Conference.—Mrs. J. R. Deering.
Little Rock Conference.—Mrs. Clara Cooper, Mrs. B. R. Donelson, Mrs. R. A. Locke.
Los Angeles Conference.—Mrs. J. B. Hill.
Louisiana Conference.—Hyder K. Davidson.
Louisville Conference.—Mrs. B. M. Messick, Mrs. A. A. Norris, Miss Mattie Messick, Mrs. J. G. Clifford, Miss Effie L. Yost, Mrs. J. A. Carley, Mrs. S. T. Breeding.
Mississippi Conference.—Mrs. L. A. Smith, Mrs. R. L. Barnett, Mrs. R. A. Drummond.
North Carolina Conference.—Mrs. R. R. Hill, Mrs. Ida T. Wilkins, Mrs. Kate P. Black, Mrs. S. H. Scott.
North Georgia Conference.—Mrs. James Jackson, Mary Amanda Strong (child), Mary Hall Raine (child), Mrs. Ford McRee, Miss Mary Roebuck, Mrs. Lindsey Arrington, Mrs. Emily Welsh, Mrs. J. W. Pope, Mrs. W. A. Gregg, Mrs. Sarah Shaw, Mrs. E. T. McGhee, Mrs. George Hood, Mrs. M. A. Bonnell, Mrs. James G. Lester, Mrs. James B. Morgan, Rev. J. L. Jenkins, Mrs. Rufus H. Brown.
North Texas Conference.—Mrs. M. J. McKenzie.
Northwest Texas Conference.—Mrs. I. A. Patton.
South Georgia Conference.—Mrs. L. B. Bouchelle, Mrs. M. C. Hook.
Southwest Missouri Conference.—Miss Elizabeth Billingsley, Mrs. J. S. Chick.
St. Louis Conference.—Mrs. Martha E. Wageley, Mrs. Sarah Botfield, Mrs. B. A. Hickman, Miss Jennie Lou Finney.
Tennessee Conference.—Mrs. J. L. Keeling, Mrs. D. A. Mitchell, Miss Daisy Parkes, Mrs. Ella Winston Finch, Cynthia Wood Smythe (child), Mrs. Sue Malone Cain, Mrs. Ella McKennie, Mrs. Mary DuPre, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Mrs. Mary Stubblefield, Mrs. Haiden A. Dodd, Mrs. M. C. Shearon, Mrs. J. D. Hammond, Mrs. Lou Sherrill.

Virginia Conference.—Mrs. J. P. Williamson, Mrs. J. B. Winfree, Mrs. J. T. Mastin.
Western North Carolina Conference.—Mrs. S. E. Bass, Mrs. M. J. Branner.
White River Conference.—Mrs. S. H. Babcock.

1903-04.

Alabama Conference.—Mrs. J. H. Rice, Mrs. Henry Moore, Mrs. J. J. Flowers, Miss Sue Godwin, Claude Adams (child), Mrs. J. B. Cummings.

Baltimore Conference.—Mrs. W. J. H. Robinson, Mrs. J. T. Williams, Miss Alice Stanton, Miss Lou Mytenger, Jr.

East Texas Conference.—Mrs. George Call.

Holston Conference.—Rev. John P. Dickey, Mrs. W. H. Ford.

Indian Mission Conference.—Mrs. J. W. Stone, Mrs. A. J. Worley, Mrs. P. B. Satterfield.

Kentucky Conference.—Miss Mary Ralston, Miss May Clark, Mrs. U. G. Foote.

Little Rock Conference.—Mrs. D. J. Whitfield, Miss Ella Thomas, Mrs. W. R. Harrison, Mrs. Nellie Parkhurst, Mrs. Nannie Brinkley, Mrs. Horace Jewel, Mrs. Sam McMATH.

Louisville Conference.—Mrs. H. M. Morrison, Mrs. Robert Todd, Mrs. R. S. Hughes, Miss Dellie Downing, Miss Ada Lewis, Mrs. C. H. Jenkin, Mrs. Walter Mathews, Mrs. John W. Brown, Mrs. Clara Johnson, Mrs. Foster Baird, Miss Loraine Norris, Mrs. N. B. Cooke, Mrs. H. A. Moore, Mrs. W. A. Grady, Mrs. Lucy A. Cooper, Mrs. C. S. Jarrett.

Louisiana Conference.—Mrs. Mary E. Carr, Chester Morley Carré, Hutson Carré.

Memphis Conference.—Mrs. J. T. Jones.

Mississippi Conference.—Mrs. Sophia Weems, Mrs. R. A. Drummond.

Missouri Conference.—Miss Bina Boulware, Mrs. H. E. Stout.

New Mexico Conference.—Mrs. Ada Cruickshank.

North Carolina Conference.—Mary Exum Rose (child), Mrs. G. V. Richardson, Mrs. I. M. Pröctor, Mrs. J. E. Underwood, Miss Narcissa Hutchens.

North Georgia Conference.—Mrs. Lee Trammell, Mrs. Robert Fowler, Mrs. D. B. Freeman, Mrs. G. R. Bickers, Mrs. S. R. Fortson, Mrs. George Loehr, Sr., Mrs. Minnie Simmons, Mrs. Mary Bass.

North Mississippi Conference.—Mrs. T. J. Binford, Mrs. L. C. Short.

North Texas Conference.—Mrs. J. W. Hill, Dr. G. W. Bedford, Mrs. Nannie Britton, Mrs. R. W. Knickerbocker, Mrs. Ira O. Wyse.

Northwest Texas Conference.—Mrs. Fred Flemming, Mrs. Julia Moores.

St. Louis Conference.—Mrs. James E. Abel, Mrs. W. D. Barnes, Mrs. G. F. Williams, Mrs. Zoe E. Farley, Mrs. Mary A. Andrews, Miss Sa Lee Kennard.

South Carolina Conference.—Mrs. W. L. Waite.

Tennessee Conference.—Mrs. W. G. E. Cunyningham, Mrs. Volney James, William Scott Vaughn (child), Eloise Reid (child), Mrs. C. A. Locke, Mrs. William Green, Mrs. Lizzie West, Mrs. Bettie House Clay, Mrs. Mary E. Dandridge, Mrs. W. F. Tillet, Mrs. Lizzie Murry Williams, Mary Laura Benson (child), Mrs. L. T. Claiborne, Mrs. John M. Hudson, Mrs. Tom W. Carpenter, Mrs. J. J. Watkins, Mrs. Mattie G. Gear, Thomas Leonard Parks (child).

Texas Conference.—Mrs. O. T. Hotchkiss, Mrs. W. T. Cherry, Rev. R. A. Morris, Mrs. J. S. Giddings, Mrs. Mattie B. Pipkin, Mrs. L. R. Hare, Annie May Downs (child).

Virginia Conference.—Mrs. W. D. Ballington By, Mrs. W. C. Vaden, Mrs. J. C. Norsworthy, Mrs. A. O. Leigh, Mrs. J. H. Hall.

Western North Carolina Conference.—Mrs. F. E. Ross.

Western Virginia Conference.—Mrs. H. F. Pfost.

White River Conference.—Mrs. J. W. Fletcher, Mrs. J. S. Parsons, Miss Othelia May Bennett, Mrs. M. E. Umstadt, Mrs. J. W. Webster, Mrs. W. W. Bundy.

1904-05.

Baltimore Conference.—Mrs. C. M. Hawkins, Mrs. D. H. Hearn.

Columbia Conference.—Miss Elsie Burkhart.

Holston Conference.—Mrs. A. N. Jackson, Mrs. M. A. Ault, Mrs. E. A. Gibson.

Little Rock Conference.—Mrs. Lizzie Mills, Mrs. Mary Linsey.

Louisiana Conference.—Mrs. L. B. Baynard.

Louisville Conference.—Mrs. William H. Johnson, Rev. J. B. Adams.

Missouri Conference.—Mrs. M. S. Palmer.

North Alabama Conference.—Rev. Anson West, D.D., Rev. T. J. Slaughter, Rev. V. O. Hawkins, Rev. J. W. Newman.

North Georgia Conference.—Mrs. W. R. Robinson.

North Mississippi Conference.—Mrs. C. B. Vance, Mrs. Liola Fulmer.

South Georgia Conference.—Lee Minor Paul (child), Frank Hook Paul (child).

Southwest Missouri Conference.—Miss Mabel Howell, Mrs. W. F. Lemmon.

St. Louis Conference.—Mrs. Luticia Williams, Mrs. S. B. Heslep, Mrs. Emma Elbert, Mrs. Sophronia Bishop, Mrs. Nancy Ann Chambers, Mrs. Caroline M. O'Tallon, Rev. M. T. Haw.

Tennessee Conference.—Street Coleman (child), Mrs. Delia B. Covington.

Virginia Conference.—Mrs. J. B. Martin.

Western Virginia Conference.—Lucy C. Thomas (child), Irene Nemberger (child).

West Texas Conference.—Mrs. T. F. Sessions.

White River Conference.—Mrs. Mary A. Neill, Mrs. J. L. Armstrong, Mrs. Virginia Fields.

Total number, 423.

MEMORIAL ROLL.

Baltimore Conference.—Mrs. Fannie Doggett Scott.

Florida Conference.—Mrs. Sarah Watkins.

North Georgia Conference.—Mr. Golder Hooks, Mrs. Gabriella Hooks, Louise Evans Stanley (child).

North Mississippi Conference.—Mrs. W. B. Williams.

Northwest Texas Conference.—Mrs. William Ansley.

South Georgia Conference.—Mrs. Martha Elizabeth Dwelle.

St. Louis Conference.—Miss Nora E. Steel.

Tennessee Conference.—Miss Daisy Parks, Charles Henry Hicks, Samuel Weakly Hicks.

White River Conference.—James Franklin Barnett, Samuel Robinson Phillips.

NAMES ENROLLED ON EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND.

Alabama Conference.—Rev. J. A. Patterson, Rev. C. A. Cornell, Rev. Frank Seay, Rev. John A. Rice.

Baltimore Conference.—Rev. William Melville, Rev. D. H. Hearn.

North Carolina Conference.—Rev. R. L. Bumpas.

North Georgia Conference.—Rev. W. A. Maxwell, Rev. W. S. Robison, Rev. Loy Warbrick, Mr. W. C. Pressley.

North Mississippi Conference.—Rev. H. L. Spraggins.

North Texas Conference.—Mrs. H. F. Cunningham.

South Georgia Conference.—Mrs. M. C. Hook.

Texas Conference.—Rev. Sam Hay, Mrs. Sam Hay, Mrs. Bacon, Rev. J. L. Massey, Mrs. J. L. Massey.

Virginia Conference.—Dr. D. C. Kelley.

PREACHERS' WIVES' LOAN FUND.

Alabama Conference.—Mrs. C. A. Cornell.

Louisiana Conference.—Mrs. J. F. Wyman.

North Georgia Conference.—Mrs. W. T. Hunnicutt.

Texas Conference.—Mrs. F. A. Dawns.

West Texas Conference.—Mrs. T. F. Sessions.

Virginia Conference.—Mrs. J. A. Latham.

Western Virginia Conference.—Mrs. M. V. Bowles, Mrs. Emily Medley.

GENERAL TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR 1904-05.

*Mrs. W. D. KIRKLAND, General Treasurer, in account with the
Woman's Home Mission Society, Methodist Episcopal Church,
South.*

1. William Price	\$ 24 00
2. Mrs. Luke Johnson, Press Department.....	50 00
3. Miss Emelina Valdes.....	50 00
4. Miss Margaret Chesnutt.....	40 00
5. Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, office.....	25 00
6. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, office.....	50 00
7. Dr. Howard Rope.....	140 00
8. Miss Belle H. Bennett, traveling expenses.....	60 00
9. Mrs. J. J. Dickey.....	10 50
10. Mrs. Emily A. Siler, traveling, telegrams, etc.....	80 16
11. Crittenden Printing Company.....	5 00
12. Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, traveling and salary.....	75 30
13. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, traveling and salary.....	136 73
14. Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, traveling.....	43 00
15. Rev. C. F. Reid, traveling and May expenses.....	385 00
16. Mrs. A. S. Wolfskill, Chinese work.....	30 00
17. Miss Mabel Howell.....	83 33
18. Miss Ellen Young.....	40 00
19. Miss Lucy Jones.....	30 00
20. Miss Lula Ford.....	65 00
21. Mrs. M. P. Cooper.....	45 00
22. Miss Etna Perrin.....	30 00
23. Miss Mary Bruce.....	50 00
24. Miss Emelina Valdes.....	60 00
25. Miss Margaret Chesnutt.....	40 00
26. E. E. Bishop.....	88 88
27. Miss Ruth Campbell.....	30 00
28. Miss Sadie Davis.....	35 00
29. Miss Florence Kern.....	50 00
30. Miss Mattie Stansell.....	30 00
31. Miss Emily J. Reid.....	100 00
32. Miss Flora Dodd.....	47 00
33. Miss Verner Sellers.....	47 00
34. Miss Kate Shannon.....	47 00
35. Miss Eugenia Wilson.....	47 00
36. Miss Irene Crow.....	47 00
37. Miss Stella Barlow.....	47 00
38. Miss Annie K. Davis.....	40 00
39. Miss Bertha F. Reid.....	47 00
40. Mrs. W. H. Johnson.....	25 00
41. Mrs. M. C. Flowerree.....	25 00
42. Mrs. W. J. Stone.....	25 00
43. Mrs. L. H. Potts, Dallas M. H. and T. S.....	300 00
44. Miss E. R. Davis, deaconess.....	10 00
45. Miss Louise Hartman.....	25 00
46. Miss Lula May.....	15 00
47. J. C. Lewis, Sue Bennett School.....	219 11
48. William Price.....	15 00
49. Guy Burnett.....	50 00
50. W. J. Kent.....	50 00
51. E. A. Lyle.....	50 00
52. Miss Lulie Stratton.....	40 00
53. Miss Dorsie Stockton.....	15 00
54. Miss Gertrude Wilson.....	40 00
55. Miss Laura Campbell.....	35 00
56. Miss Sallie Wells.....	30 00
57. Miss Lily Letton.....	40 00
58. Miss Florence Campbell.....	50 00

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59. Miss Sarah Crane.....	\$ 50 00
60. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell.....	100 00
61. Miss Emily J. Reid.....	100 00
62. Miss Flora Dodd.....	47 00
63. Miss Bertha Reid.....	47 00
64. Miss Kate Shannon.....	47 00
65. Miss Verner Sellers.....	47 00
66. Miss Stella Barlow.....	47 00
67. Miss Irene Crow.....	47 00
68. Miss Eugenia Wilson.....	47 00
69. Miss Annie K. Davis.....	40 00
70. Miss Belle H. Bennett, office.....	100 00
71A. Standard Printing Company.....	4 25
71B. Miss May Lockard, traveling.....	18 50
72. Miss Mabel Howell.....	83 33
73. American Paper Company, mite boxes.....	61 43
74. Mrs. W. D. Kirkland.....	29 17
75. Miss Lucy Jones.....	30 00
76. Miss Ellen Young.....	40 00
77. Mrs. M. P. Cooper.....	45 00
78. Miss Lula Ford.....	65 00
79. Miss Etna Perrin.....	30 00
80. Miss Mary Bruce, traveling and salary.....	110 00
81. Miss Emelina Valdes.....	60 00
82. Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, Supply Department.....	25 00
83. E. E. Bishop.....	127 63
84. Miss Ruth Campbell.....	30 00
85. Miss Sadie Davis.....	35 00
86. Miss Mattie Stansell.....	30 00
87. J. C. Lewis.....	119 11
88. E. A. Lyle.....	50 00
89. W. J. Kent.....	50 00
90. Guy Burnett.....	50 00
91. Miss Lily Letton.....	40 00
92. Miss Florence Campbell.....	50 00
93. Miss Sarah Crane.....	50 00
94. Miss Gertrude Wilson.....	40 00
95. Miss Laura Campbell.....	35 00
96. Miss Dorsie Stockton.....	15 00
97. Miss Lulie Stratton.....	40 00
98. Miss Sallie Wells.....	30 00
99. Miss Elizabeth Billingsley, for Miss Billings' books.....	2 35
100. Miss Alice Guernsey.....	2 00
101. Miss Estelle Haskins, traveling.....	13 80
102. Mrs. A. S. Wolfskill, Chinese work.....	30 00
103. Rev. C. F. Reid, Pacific Coast work.....	260 00
104. Mrs. W. H. Johnson.....	25 00
105. Mrs. M. C. Flowerree.....	25 00
106. Mrs. W. J. Stone.....	25 00
107. Mrs. L. H. Potts.....	200 00
108. Miss Lula May.....	15 00
109. Miss Louise Hartman.....	25 00
110. Miss E. R. Davis.....	10 00
111. Miss Mabel Howell.....	24 85
112. Mrs. Edward F. Cook, Press Department.....	20 00
113. Miss Margaret Chesnutt.....	40 00
114. American Paper Company, mite boxes.....	90 29
115. Brandon Printing Company, certificates.....	22 50
116. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, office.....	100 00
117. J. C. Lewis.....	350 00
118. Mrs. W. D. Kirkland.....	29 17
119. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell.....	100 00
120. Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, Supply Department.....	25 00
121. Mrs. Edward F. Cook, Press Department.....	10 00
122. Mrs. J. D. Hammond, Leaflet Department.....	50 00
123. J. C. Lewis.....	201 00
124. E. E. Bishop.....	88 88
125. Miss Sadie Davis.....	43 00
126. Miss Ruth Campbell.....	30 00
127. Miss Mattie Stansell.....	30 00
128. Miss Mary Bruce.....	50 00
129. Miss Ellen Young.....	40 00
130. Miss Emily J. Reid.....	75 00
131. Mrs. M. C. Flowerree.....	25 00
132. Mrs. W. J. Stone.....	25 00
133. Mrs. L. H. Potts.....	200 00
134. Mrs. W. H. Johnson.....	25 00

135.	Miss E. R. Davis.....	\$	10 00
136.	Miss Louise Hartman.....		25 00
137.	Miss Lula May.....		15 00
138.	Rev. C. F. Reid.....		290 00
139.	Miss Maria Elliott, traveling to Los Angeles.....		100 00
140.	J. C. Lewis, incidentals.....		100 00
141.	Miss Mary Olsen, expenses to Lookout Mountain.....		30 00
142.	Miss Elizabeth Taylor.....		5 00
143.	Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, city missions, Atlanta and Augusta.....		78 59
144.	Mrs. W. H. Bumpas, Nashville missions.....		34 33
145.	Mrs. F. E. Moser, St. Louis missions.....		37 87
146.	Mrs. C. S. Shivers, Kansas City missions.....		40 36
147.	Mrs. F. P. Varley, Dallas city missions.....		31 03
148.	Mrs. S. A. Montgomery, New Orleans city missions.....		5 90
149.	Mrs. W. D. Sandwich, Thomasville city missions.....		4 69
150.	Mrs. C. V. Winfree, Portsmouth city missions.....		9 45
151.	Mrs. C. S. Jones, Birmingham city missions.....		18 17
152.	A. A. Norris, Louisville city missions.....		13 21
153.	Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Dallas Home.....		16 75
154.	First National Bank, fifty per cent dues first quarter.....	4,075	43
155.	First National Bank, Twentieth Century, first quarter.....	526	65
156.	Rev. P. H. Whisner, Preachers' Wives' Loan Fund, Educational Endowment Fund, City Mission Endowment Fund, and Memorial Fund, first quarter.....		124 05
157.	American National Bank, Florine McEachern, first quarter..	547	02
158.	Miss Margaret Chesnutt.....		80 00
159.	Mrs. W. D. Kirkland.....		29 17
160.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell.....		100 00
161.	Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, Supply Department.....		25 00
162.	Mrs. Edward F. Cook.....		20 00
163.	Smith & Lamar.....		155 78
164.	Dr. C. F. Reid.....		290 00
165.	Mrs. M. C. Flowerree.....		25 00
166.	Mrs. W. H. Johnson.....		25 00
167.	Mrs. W. J. Stone.....		25 00
168.	Mrs. B. F. Rudolph.....		37 50
169.	Mrs. L. H. Potts.....		200 00
170.	Miss E. R. Davis.....		10 00
171.	Miss Lula May.....		15 00
172.	Miss Louise Hartman.....		25 00
173.	Miss Mary Bruce.....		50 00
174.	Miss Mabel Howell.....		34 35
175.	Mrs. John R. Nelson, Waco Deaconess Home.....		420 75
176.	J. C. Lewis.....		100 00
177.	J. C. Lewis.....		100 00
178.	Miss Mary Bostick.....		24 00
179.	Mrs. L. H. Potts, insurance on Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School.....		100 00
180.	Miss Emily Reid, repairs at Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....		300 00
181.	Miss Bruce, moving West Tampa school building.....		320 00
182.	Mrs. F. E. Ross, to paint Brevard School, \$100; John Bennett students' loan fund, \$300.....		400 00
183.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell.....		100 00
184.	Miss Bruce.....		50 00
185.	J. C. Lewis, incidentals, etc.....		200 00
186.	Mrs. W. D. Kirkland.....		29 17
187.	Mrs. Edward F. Cook.....		20 00
188.	Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough.....		25 00
189.	Rev. C. F. Reid.....		30 00
190.	Mrs. W. H. Johnson.....		25 00
191.	Mrs. L. H. Potts.....		200 00
192.	Mrs. Rudolph.....		25 00
193.	Mrs. W. J. Stone.....		25 00
194.	Miss Louise Hartman.....		25 00
195.	Miss E. R. Davis.....		10 00
196.	Miss Lula May.....		15 00
197.	Miss Irene Crow.....		50 00
198.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell.....		100 00
199.	Miss Bruce, school buildings at Tampa.....		130 00
200.	Miss Bennett, expenses to Waco.....		25 00
201.	Miss Estelle Haskins, traveling.....		10 00
202.	American National Bank, Florine McEachern.....	3,000	00
203.	Mrs. W. D. Kirkland.....		29 17
204.	Miss Margaret Chesnutt.....		40 00
205.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell.....		100 00
206.	Rev. C. F. Reid.....		300 00
207.	Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough.....		25 00

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208. Miss Mabel Howell.....	\$ 83 33
209. Mrs. Edward F. Cook.....	20 00
210. Miss Lula Ford.....	45 00
211. Mrs. M. P. Cooper.....	45 00
212. Miss Hannah Price.....	45 00
213. Miss Mary Bruce.....	70 00
214. Miss Emelina Valdes.....	60 00
215. J. C. Lewis.....	100 00
216. Miss Emily J. Reid.....	100 00
217. Miss B. F. Reid.....	50 00
218. Miss Scratch.....	50 00
219. Miss Martha Neil.....	50 00
220. Miss S. Dupre.....	40 00
221. Miss Flora Dodd.....	50 00
222. Miss Lily Letton.....	50 00
223. Miss Jessie Haines.....	50 00
224. Mrs. L. H. Potts.....	200 00
225. Mrs. W. H. Johnson.....	25 00
226. Mrs. W. J. Stone.....	25 00
227. Mrs. Rudolph.....	25 00
228. Miss E. R. Davis.....	10 00
229. Miss Lula May.....	15 00
230. Miss Louise Hartman.....	25 00
231. Miss Bettie Gross.....	25 00
232. J. C. Lewis.....	135 00
233. Louis Collins.....	50 00
234. Guy Burnett.....	50 00
235. E. H. Lyle.....	50 00
236. H. P. Carpenter.....	35 00
237. Miss Lulie Stratton.....	40 00
238. Miss Florence Campbell.....	50 00
239. Miss G. E. Wilson.....	40 00
240. Miss A. L. Hopson.....	35 00
241. Miss A. L. Smith.....	50 00
242. Miss N. G. Fisher.....	40 00
243. Miss C. B. Craig.....	30 00
244. Miss Adele Crawford.....	40 00
245. Mrs. C. T. Carroll, Jacksonville city missions.....	50 00
246. Mrs. N. G. Rollins, Deaconess Home.....	67 10
247. Mrs. W. D. Sandwich, Thomasville and Macon Door of Hope.....	54 00
248. Mrs. C. S. Jones, Birmingham city missions.....	18 17
249. Mrs. A. A. Norris, Louisville city missions.....	13 21
250. Mrs. M. N. Moorman, Portsmouth city missions.....	9 45
251. Mrs. F. P. Varley, Dallas city missions.....	31 08
252. Mrs. S. A. Montgomery, New Orleans city missions.....	5 90
253. Mrs. W. H. Bumpas, Nashville city missions.....	34 33
254. Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, Atlanta and Augusta city missions.....	78 59
255. Mrs. J. H. Wilson, Homer Toberman Deaconess Home.....	30 50
256. Mrs. C. S. Shivers, Kansas City missions.....	40 36
257. Mrs. F. E. Moser, St. Louis missions.....	37 87
258. E. E. Bishop.....	88 88
259. William Tyler.....	50 00
260. Miss Sadie Davis.....	35 00
261. Miss Franklin Miller.....	35 00
262. Miss Ruth Campbell.....	35 00
263. Miss Edith Hockett.....	35 00
264. First National Bank, fifty per cent dues.....	3,600 73
265. Rev. P. H. Whisner, Preachers' Wives' Loan Fund, Educational Endowment Fund, Memorial, etc.....	2,506 93
266. American National Bank, Florine McEachern.....	500 58
267. Rev. George W. Walker, for Bennett Library at Paine.....	5 00
268. Mrs. G. W. Collin, money returned.....	3 00
269. E. E. Bishop.....	26 50
270. Miss Bennett, money sent to furnish rooms at London.....	345 25
271. Miss Bruce, Italian work.....	85 00
272A. Mrs. W. H. Johnson, for girls at Dallas Mission Home.....	207 55
272B. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell.....	100 00
273. Mrs. W. D. Kirkland.....	29 17
274. Miss Belle H. Bennett, insurance at Sue Bennett.....	100 00
275. Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough.....	25 00
276. Miss Margaret Chesnutt.....	40 00
277. Mrs. Edward F. Cook.....	20 00
278. Miss Mabel Howell.....	83 33
279. Rev. C. F. Reid.....	300 00
280. Mrs. L. H. Potts, insurance for Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School, \$150; for the Home for October, \$200.....	350 00

281.	Mrs. W. J. Stone.....	\$ 25 00
282.	Mrs. W. H. Johnson.....	25 00
283.	Miss Bettie Gross.....	25 00
284.	Miss Louise Hartman.....	25 00
285.	Miss E. R. Davis.....	34 00
286.	Miss Lula May.....	15 00
287.	Mrs. Jennie Rudolph.....	25 00
288.	Miss Ellen Young.....	40 00
289.	Miss Lucy Jones.....	30 00
290.	Miss Mary Bruce, October salary and expenses.....	70 00
291.	Miss Hannah Price.....	45 00
292.	Miss Lula Ford.....	45 00
293.	Mrs. M. P. Cooper.....	45 00
294.	Miss Emelina Valdes.....	60 00
295.	Miss Mary Bruce, Italian work.....	30 00
296.	E. E. Bishop, Brevard.....	88 88
297.	William Tyler, Brevard.....	50 00
298.	Miss Sadie Davis, Brevard.....	35 00
299.	Miss Ruth Campbell, Brevard.....	35 00
300.	Miss Edith Hockett, Brevard.....	35 00
301.	Miss Frankie Miller.....	35 00
302.	Miss E. J. Reid, October salary and incidentals, Ruth Hargrove.....	100 00
303.	Miss Lily Letton, Ruth Hargrove.....	50 00
304.	Miss Flora Dodd, Ruth Hargrove.....	50 00
305.	Miss Irene Crow, Ruth Hargrove.....	50 00
306.	Returned unused.....	
307.	Miss Eunice Scratch, Ruth Hargrove.....	50 00
308.	Miss B. F. Reid, Ruth Hargrove.....	50 00
309.	Miss Martha Neil, Ruth Hargrove.....	50 00
310.	J. C. Lewis, Sue Bennett.....	135 00
311.	Louis M. Collins, Sue Bennett.....	50 00
312.	Guy Burnett, Sue Bennett.....	50 00
313.	E. H. Lyle, Sue Bennett.....	50 00
314.	H. P. Carpenter, Sue Bennett.....	35 00
315.	Miss Lullie Stratton, Sue Bennett.....	40 00
316.	Miss F. M. Campbell, Sue Bennett.....	50 00
317.	Miss Gertrude Wilson, Sue Bennett.....	40 00
318.	Miss Annie L. Hopson, Sue Bennett.....	35 00
319.	Miss Annie L. Smith, Sue Bennett.....	50 00
320.	Miss Nora G. Fisher, Sue Bennett.....	40 00
321.	Miss Cornelia B. Craig, Sue Bennett.....	30 00
322.	Miss Adele Crawford, Sue Bennett.....	40 00
323.	Skipped; error in numbering.....	
324.	Miss Mary Bruce, Miss Price's traveling expenses.....	40 00
325.	Miss Mary Bruce, Italian work.....	100 00
326.	Miss Maizelle Elliott's expenses to Los Angeles.....	79 50
327.	J. C. Lewis, incidentals.....	150 00
328.	Miss E. J. Reid, repairs at Ruth Hargrove.....	200 00
329.	Mrs. J. D. Hammond, Leaflet Department.....	25 00
330.	Miss Elizabeth Billingsley, deaconess scholarships.....	415 00
331.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, office.....	100 00
332.	Miss E. J. Reid, money advanced to two teachers.....	110 00
333.	Miss Mary Bruce, Italian school.....	40 00
334.	Mrs. W. D. Kirkland.....	29 17
335.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell.....	100 00
336.	Miss Margaret Chesnutt.....	40 00
337.	J. C. Lewis.....	135 00
338.	Rev. C. F. Reid, Pacific Coast work.....	300 00
339.	E. E. Bishop, Brevard.....	88 88
340.	William Tyler, Brevard.....	50 00
341.	Miss Ruth Campbell, Brevard.....	35 00
342.	Miss Edith Hockett, Brevard.....	35 00
343.	Miss Frankie Miller, Brevard.....	35 00
344.	Miss Sadie Davis, Brevard.....	35 00
345.	Miss Emelina Valdes, West Tampa.....	60 00
346.	Miss Mary Bruce, salary and household expenses.....	70 00
347.	Miss Lula Ford.....	45 00
348.	Mrs. M. P. Cooper.....	45 00
349.	Miss E. J. Reid, salary and incidentals, Ruth Hargrove.....	100 00
350.	Miss Jessie Haines, Ruth Hargrove.....	50 00
351.	Miss Irene Crow, Ruth Hargrove.....	50 00
352.	Miss Flora Dodd, Ruth Hargrove.....	50 00
353.	Miss Lily Letton, Ruth Hargrove.....	50 00
354.	Miss Eunice Scratch, Ruth Hargrove.....	50 00
355.	Miss B. F. Reid, Ruth Hargrove.....	50 00
356.	Miss Martha Neil, Ruth Hargrove.....	50 00
357.	Mrs. L. H. Potts, Dallas Mission Home.....	200 00

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358. Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Dallas Mission Home.....	\$ 25 00
359. Mrs. W. J. Stone, Dallas Mission Home.....	25 00
360. Mrs. Jennie Rudolph, Dallas Mission Home.....	25 00
361. Miss E. R. Davis, Dallas Mission Home.....	13 90
362. Miss Louise Hartman, Dallas Mission Home.....	25 00
363. Miss Lula May, Dallas Mission Home.....	15 00
364. Miss Bettie Gross, Dallas Mission Home.....	25 00
365. Miss Bertha Keithly.....	12 50
366. Miss Lucy Jones, Paine Annex.....	30 00
367. Miss Ellen Young, Paine Annex.....	40 00
368. Guy Burnett, Sue Bennett.....	50 00
369. L. M. Collins, Sue Bennett.....	50 00
370. Miss Lulie Stratton, Sue Bennett.....	40 00
371. Miss F. M. Campbell, Sue Bennett.....	50 00
372. Miss Annie L. Smith, Sue Bennett.....	50 00
373. Miss Gertrude Wilson, Sue Bennett.....	40 00
374. Miss Nora Fisher, Sue Bennett.....	40 00
375. Miss Annie L. Hopson, Sue Bennett.....	35 00
376. Miss Cornelia Craig, Sue Bennett.....	30 00
377. Miss Adele Crawford, Sue Bennett.....	40 00
378. E. H. Lyle, Sue Bennett.....	50 00
379. H. P. Carpenter, Sue Bennett.....	35 00
380. Mrs. Edward F. Cook.....	20 00
381. Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough.....	25 00
382. Miss Mabel Howell.....	83 33
383. Miss Annie L. Morrison.....	25 00
384. J. C. Lewis, incidentals.....	150 00
385. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell.....	100 00
386. Mrs. W. D. Kirkland.....	29 17
387. Miss Margaret Chesnutt.....	40 00
388. Miss Mabel Howell.....	83 33
389. Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough.....	25 00
390. Mrs. Edward F. Cook.....	20 00
391. Miss Ellen Young, Paine Annex.....	40 00
392. Miss Lucy Jones, Paine Annex.....	30 00
393. E. E. Bishop, Brevard.....	88 88
394. Left out.....	
395. Left out.....	
396. Miss Edith Hockett, Brevard.....	35 00
397. Miss Frankie Miller, Brevard.....	35 00
398. Miss Sadie Davis, Brevard.....	35 00
399. Miss Ruth Campbell, Brevard.....	35 00
400. William Tyler, Brevard.....	50 00
401. J. C. Lewis, Sue Bennett.....	135 00
402. Guy Burnett, Sue Bennett.....	50 00
403. L. M. Collins, Sue Bennett.....	50 00
404. E. H. Lyle, Sue Bennett.....	50 00
405. H. P. Carpenter, Sue Bennett.....	35 00
406. Miss Cornelia Craig, Sue Bennett.....	30 00
407. Miss Adele Crawford, Sue Bennett.....	40 00
408. Miss Annie L. Hopson, Sue Bennett.....	35 00
409. Miss Annie L. Smith, Sue Bennett.....	50 00
410. Miss Gertrude Wilson, Sue Bennett.....	40 00
411. Miss Nora Fisher, Sue Bennett.....	40 00
412. Miss Lulie Stratton, Sue Bennett.....	40 00
413. Miss F. M. Campbell, Sue Bennett.....	50 00
414. Miss Emelina Valdes.....	60 00
415. Miss Mary Bruce, salary and house expenses.....	70 00
416. Mrs. M. P. Cooper.....	45 00
417. Miss Lula Ford.....	45 00
418. Mrs. E. C. Brooks.....	30 00
419. Miss Johnson.....	15 00
420. Miss Emily J. Reid, salary and incidentals.....	100 00
421. Mrs. B. F. Reid.....	50 00
422. Miss Irene Crow.....	50 00
423. Miss Martha Neil.....	50 00
424. Miss Lily Letton.....	50 00
425. Miss Eunice Scratch.....	50 00
426. Miss Flora Dodd.....	50 00
427. Miss Jessie Haines.....	50 00
428. Miss May Forman.....	40 00
429. Mrs. W. H. Johnson.....	25 00
430. Mrs. L. H. Potts.....	200 00
431. Mrs. W. J. Stone.....	25 00
432. Miss Bettie Gross.....	25 00
433. Mrs. Jennie Rudolph.....	25 00
434. Miss E. R. Davis.....	10 00

WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

435. Miss Lula May.....	\$	15	00
436. Miss A. L. Morrison.....		25	00
437. Miss Louise Hartman.....		25	00
438. Rev. C. F. Reid.....		300	00
439. Miss Elizabeth Billingsley, Miss Anna Brown's expenses.....		20	00
440. Smith & Lamar, printing.....		1,137	85
441. Miss Belle H. Bennett, money sent in to furnish boys' dormitory at Sue Bennett.....		595	00
442. First National Bank, fifty per cent dues third quarter.....		4,257	85
443. Rev. P. H. Whisner, loan funds and Educational Endowment Fund, third quarter.....		651	09
444. Miss Bennett, office.....		150	00
445. Dr. Whisner, parsonage appropriation from Board.....		2,000	00
446. Miss E. J. Reid, to furnish primary class room at Ruth Hargrove.....		126	00
447. Rev. P. H. Whisner, parsonage appropriation from Board.....		1,000	00
448. E. E. Bishop, scholarship.....		25	00
449. J. C. Lewis, incidentals.....		200	00
450. Miss Mabel Howell.....		83	33
451. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, salary and office.....		200	00
452. Miss Margaret Chesnutt.....		40	00
453. Mrs. W. D. Kirkland.....		29	17
454. Mrs. Edward F. Cook.....		20	00
455. Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough.....		25	00
456. Dr. C. F. Reid.....		300	00
457. Miss Ellen Young.....		40	00
458. Miss Lucy Jones.....		30	00
459. Mrs. Brooks.....		30	00
460. Mrs. M. P. Cooper.....		45	00
461. Miss Bruce, salary and expenses.....		70	00
462. Miss Johnson.....		15	00
463. Miss Lula Ford.....		45	00
464. Miss Emelina Valdes.....		60	00
465. Miss Elizabeth Billingsley, on deaconess scholarship.....		25	00
466. Miss E. J. Reid, salary, incidentals, etc.....		110	00
467. Miss Jessie Haines.....		50	00
468. Miss Forman.....		50	00
469. Miss Flora Dodd.....		50	00
470. Miss Eunice Scratch.....		50	00
471. Miss Lily Letton.....		50	00
472. Miss B. F. Reid.....		50	00
473. Miss Irene Crow.....		50	00
474. Miss Martha Neil.....		50	00
475. J. C. Lewis.....		135	00
476. L. M. Collins.....		50	00
477. Guy Burnett.....		50	00
478. H. C. Carpenter, returned unused.....			
479. E. H. Lyle.....		50	00
480. Miss Annie L. Hopson, returned unused.....			
481. Miss Annie L. Smith.....		50	00
482. Miss Nora Fisher.....		40	00
483. Miss Florence Campbell.....		50	00
484. Miss Lulie Stratton.....		40	00
485. Miss Gertrude Wilson.....		40	00
486. Miss Adele Crawford.....		40	00
487. E. E. Bishop.....		88	88
488. William Tyler.....		50	00
489. Miss Ruth Campbell.....		35	00
490. Miss Edith Hockett.....		35	00
491. Miss Frankie Miller.....		35	00
492. Miss Sadie Davis.....		35	00
493. Mrs. L. H. Potts.....		200	00
494. Mrs. W. H. Johnson.....		25	00
495. Mrs. Jennie Rudolph.....		25	00
496. Mrs. W. J. Stone.....		25	00
497. Mrs. B. F. Rudolph.....		25	00
498. Miss E. R. Davis.....		10	00
499. Miss Lula May.....		10	00
500. Miss Anna Morrison.....		25	00
501. Miss Bettie Gross.....		25	00
502. Miss Louise Hartman.....		25	00
503. Mrs. N. G. Rollins, Waco Deaconess Home.....		169	10
504. Miss Elizabeth Billingsley, deaconess scholarships: North Georgia, \$75; Alabama, \$75; Tennessee, \$75; Baltimore, \$75; Southwest Missouri, \$75; St. Louis, \$75; Northwest Texas, \$75; Missouri, \$125.....		650	00
505. Miss Mary Bruce, Italian Day Nursery.....		95	00

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506.	Mrs. J. D. Hammond, leaflet work.....	\$ 25 00
507.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell.....	100 00
508.	Mrs. W. D. Kirkland.....	29 17
509.	Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough.....	25 00
510.	Mrs. Edward F. Cook.....	20 00
511.	Miss Margaret Chesnutt.....	40 00
512.	Miss Mabel Howell.....	83 33
513.	Miss Lucy Jones.....	30 00
514.	Miss Ellen Young.....	40 00
515.	Dr. C. F. Reid.....	300 00
516.	Mrs. S. A. Montgomery, city missions.....	5 90
517.	Mrs. C. H. Jackson, city missions.....	31 08
518.	Mrs. C. S. Shivers, city missions.....	40 36
519.	Mrs. W. H. Bumpas, city missions.....	34 33
520.	Mrs. F. E. Moser, city missions.....	37 87
521.	Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, city missions.....	78 59
522.	Mrs. W. D. Sandwich, city missions.....	34 35
523.	Mrs. C. F. Carroll, city missions.....	25 00
524.	Mrs. N. G. Rollins, city missions.....	33 50
525.	Mrs. C. S. Jones, city missions.....	18 17
526.	Mrs. A. A. Norris, city missions.....	13 21
527.	Mrs. M. N. Moorman, city missions.....	9 45
528.	Prof. J. C. Lewis, February salaries at Sue Bennett.....	645 00
529.	Prof. E. E. Bishop, February salaries at Brevard.....	278 83
530.	Miss Emily J. Reid, February salaries at Ruth Hargrove.....	500 00
531.	Mrs. W. J. Stone, Dallas Mission Home, February.....	160 00
532.	Mrs. L. H. Potts, Dallas Mission Home, February.....	200 00
533.	Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Dallas Mission Home, February.....	25 00
534.	Mrs. M. P. Cooper.....	45 00
535.	Mrs. F. C. Brooks.....	30 00
536.	Miss Johnson.....	15 00
537.	Miss Mary Bruce.....	70 00
538.	Miss Lula Ford.....	45 00
539.	Miss Emelina Valdes.....	60 00
540.	Edwin Gardner, two maps.....	50 00
541.	Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, office.....	25 00
542.	J. C. Lewis.....	200 00
543.	Miss Belle H. Bennett, extension of work.....	200 00
544.	Mrs. L. P. Smith, extension of work.....	200 00
545.	Miss Lucile Crook, insurance at Sue Bennett.....	54 00
546.	Miss Margaret Chesnutt.....	40 00
547.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell.....	100 00
548.	Mrs. W. D. Kirkland.....	29 17
549.	Edwin Gardner, charts for institutes.....	25 00
550.	C. R. and H. H. Hatch, charts for institutes.....	21 60
551.	J. C. Lewis, repairs at Sue Bennett.....	300 00
552.	E. E. Bishop, Brevard.....	412 03
553.	Miss Billingsley, Miss Anna Brown's expenses.....	36 40
554.	Miss Ellen Young.....	40 00
555.	Miss Lucy Jones.....	30 00
556.	Miss Emily Reid, March salaries.....	500 00
557.	Miss Mabel Howell.....	83 33
558.	Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough.....	25 00
559.	Mrs. Edward F. Cook.....	20 00
560.	Prof. J. C. Lewis.....	645 00
561.	Mrs. L. H. Potts, Mission Home and extra girl (\$25 sent by Texas Conference).....	225 00
562.	Mrs. W. J. Stone.....	160 00
563.	Mrs. W. H. Johnson.....	25 00
564.	Miss Mary Bruce, salary and Italian work.....	80 00
565.	Miss Johnson.....	15 00
566.	Miss Lula Ford.....	45 00
567.	Miss Emelina Valdes.....	60 00
568.	Mrs. M. P. Cooper.....	45 00
569.	Mrs. F. C. Brooks.....	30 00
570.	Mrs. C. S. Shivers, city missions.....	40 36
571.	Mrs. F. E. Moser, city missions.....	37 87
572.	Mrs. Nat G. Rollins, city missions.....	33 50
573.	Mrs. F. W. Carroll, city missions.....	25 00
574.	Mrs. W. D. Sandwich, city missions.....	34 35
575.	Mrs. C. S. Jones, city missions.....	18 17
576.	Mrs. A. A. Norris, city missions.....	13 21
577.	Mrs. R. J. Owen, city missions.....	9 45
578.	Mrs. Henry E. Jackson, city missions.....	31 08
579.	Mrs. S. A. Montgomery, city missions.....	5 90
580.	Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, city missions.....	78 59
581.	Mrs. W. H. Bumpas, city missions.....	34 33

582. Dr. C. F. Reid.....	\$ 300 00
583. Dr. Whisner, parsonage appropriations from Board, \$1,000; interest on money loaned Paine Annex from our loan funds, \$120	1,120 00
584. Miss Maria Elliott, Homer Toberman Deaconess Home, sent by Pacific Conference.....	10 00
585. Miss Bennett, boys' dormitory.....	113 80
586. Miss Louise Hartman, for debt on millinery department of Dallas Mission Home.....	150 00
587. Miss Lula May, for debt on millinery department of Dallas Mission Home	150 00
588. Miss Billingsley, for Mrs. M. N. Carr, \$45; Miss Anna Sewell, \$58	103 00
589. Smith & Lamar, printing.....	308 84
590. Miss Mary Helm, expense incurred in appeal for Christmas offering	160 00
591. Dr. Whisner, Preachers' Wives' Loan Fund, Memorial Fund, and Educational Endowment Fund, fourth quarter.....	69 22
592. First National Bank, fifty per cent of dues for fourth quarter..	4,521 67
593. American National Bank, McEachern Fund.....	1,093 12
594. Miss Billingsley; Virginia K. Johnson scholarship, 1902-03, \$179.60; 1904-05, \$1,483.55.....	1,663 15
595. Mrs. M. P. Cooper, from young women of Fourth Avenue, Louisville, Ky.....	10 00
596. Miss Mary Bruce, expenses to Key West.....	20 00
Total expenditures for the year.....	\$72,253 66

DISBURSEMENT OF CONFERENCE HALF OF DUES, 1904-05.

1. Mrs. W. P. Jones, Tr. White River Conference.....	\$ 28 16
2. Mrs. C. S. Shivers, Tr. Southwest Missouri Conference.....	56 00
3. Dr. Whisner, Phenix, Ariz., Los Angeles Conference.....	57 46
4. Mrs. MacDonell, literature for ten Conferences.....	177 24
5. Dr. Whisner, Batesville District Parsonage, White River Conference	150 00
6. Mrs. Lucy Hamilton, Tr. Pacific Conference.....	30 00
7. Mrs. A. A. Gibson, Holston Conference.....	20 00
8. Mrs. George T. Harris, Tr. South Georgia Conference.....	406 13
9. Mrs. Ada Cummings, Tr. Columbia Conference.....	4 65
10. Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, Tr. North Georgia Conference.....	90 94
11. Mrs. M. H. Honaker, Tr. Holston Conference.....	86 66
12. Mrs. W. H. Speight, Tr. North Carolina Conference.....	151 50
13. Dr. P. H. Whisner, Jacksboro, North Texas Conference, \$167.77; Springfield, Southwest Missouri Conference, \$80; Richmond Circuit, North Georgia Conference, \$200; St. Genevieve, St. Louis Conference, \$100; Red Bluff, Pacific Conference, \$50.....	597 77
14. Miss Elizabeth Hill, Tr. Texas Conference.....	302 00
15. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Texas literature, 1903-04.....	41 36
16. Miss Mary S. Tucker, Tr. Baltimore Conference.....	123 13
17. Dr. Whisner, Olive Street, Memphis, Memphis Conference, \$100; Trimble Street, Paducah, Memphis Conference, \$50; Saltillo, Memphis Conference, \$50; Bolivar, Memphis Conference, \$60; Huntington, Memphis Conference, \$40.....	300 00
18. Dr. Whisner, Durango, Texas Conference, \$50; Franklin, Texas Conference, \$75; Bay City, Texas Conference, \$150; Woodville, Texas Conference, \$100; Livingston, Texas Conference, \$50; Corrigan, Texas Conference, \$75.....	500 00
19. Dr. Whisner, Falmouth, Kentucky Conference, \$100; Monticello, Louisville Conference, \$100.....	200 00
20. Mrs. B. F. Lewis, Tr. Mississippi Conference.....	76 53
21. Mrs. W. A. Rogers, Tr. South Carolina Conference.....	40 00
22. Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, Tr. North Georgia Conference.....	18 68
23. Dr. Whisner, Wapanucka, Indian Mission Conference, \$75; Conent, Indian Mission Conference, \$125; Temple, Indian Mission Conference, \$50; Tecumseh, Indian Mission Conference, \$75; Oakland, Indian Mission Conference, \$50; Dickson, Tennessee Conference, \$125; Pendleton, East Columbia Conference, \$50; Beulah, Denver Conference, \$50; Water Valley, North Mississippi Conference, \$50.....	650 00
24. Miss Newell Foster, Tr. Arkansas Conference.....	110 60
25. Dr. Whisner, McClenny, Florida Conference, \$100; Springfield, Southwest Missouri Conference, \$20; Crawfordville, North Georgia Conference, \$200; Scotland Neck, North Carolina Conference, \$100; Townville, South Carolina Conference,	

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	\$75; Hermitage, Tennessee Conference, \$100; Montgomery Circuit, Tennessee Conference, \$75; Whitehouse, Tennessee Conference, \$50.....	\$ 720 60
26.	Mrs. C. S. Jones, Tr. North Alabama Conference.....	68 62
27.	Dr. Whisner, Franklin Circuit, Virginia Conference, \$105; Aspermont, Northwest Texas Conference, \$100.....	205 00
28.	Dr. Whisner, Springfield, Southwest Missouri Conference, \$100; French Mission, Louisiana Conference, \$100; Sarasota, Florida Conference, \$100; Texarkana, Little Rock Conference, \$50; Bingen, Little Rock Conference, \$50; Covello, East Columbia Conference, \$50; Montgomery, Fifth Street, Alabama Conference, \$40; Mobile, Alabama Conference, \$40; Willington, Northwest Texas Conference, \$75; Spring Creek, Northwest Texas Conference, \$100; Cape Girardeau, St. Louis Conference, \$50; Flat River, St. Louis Conference, \$50.....	805 00
29.	Dr. Whisner, Phenix, Ariz., Los Angeles Conference, \$17.54; Hub, Mississippi Conference, \$75; Carriere, Mississippi Conference, \$50; Summerall, Mississippi Conference, \$25.....	167 54
30.	Mrs. MacDonell, literature West Texas Conference, \$27.02; literature Western North Carolina Conference, \$13.63.....	40 65
31.	Mrs. A. A. Norris, Tr. Louisville Conference.....	75 00
32.	Mrs. M. H. Honaker, Tr. Holston Conference.....	100 00
33.	Dr. Whisner, Jacksboro, North Texas Conference.....	34 30
34.	Mrs. W. A. Rogers, Tr. South Carolina Conference.....	30 16
35.	Dr. Whisner, Burnside, Kentucky Conference, \$100; Pekin, North Carolina Conference, \$50.....	150 00
36.	Mrs. R. H. Brown, Tr. North Georgia Conference.....	38 84
37.	Mrs. W. A. Rogers, Tr. South Carolina Conference.....	68 48
38.	Mrs. A. P. Warren, Tr. Missouri Conference.....	95 20
39.	Mrs. C. S. Jones, North Alabama Conference.....	66 78
40.	Dr. Whisner, Decatur, North Georgia Conference.....	150 00
41.	Mrs. M. H. Honaker, Tr. Holston Conference.....	64 31
42.	Mrs. Nat G. Rollins, Tr. Northwest Texas Conference.....	3 77
43.	Mrs. F. W. Carroll, Tr. Florida Conference.....	22 61
44.	Dr. Whisner, Ybor City, Florida Conference, \$100; Courtland Circuit, Mississippi Conference, \$150; Mexia, Northwest Texas Conference, \$150; Matador, Northwest Texas Conference, \$100; Spring Creek (Avoca), Northwest Texas Conference, \$100.....	600 00
45.	Mrs. C. S. Shivers, Tr. Southwest Missouri Conference.....	50 00
46.	Dr. Whisner, Cochran and Corinth, North Texas Conference, \$150; Hyc0, Virginia Conference, \$125.....	275 00
47.	Mrs. F. E. Moser, Tr. St. Louis Conference.....	37 67
48.	Mrs. H. S. Shangle, East Colorado Conference.....	3 20
49.	Dr. Whisner, Centerville Circuit, Alabama Conference, \$20; Oran and Elvin, St. Louis Conference, \$100; Klondike and Bonham Street, Paris, North Texas Conference, \$22.....	375 00
50.	Mrs. F. E. Ross, Tr. Western North Carolina Conference.....	44 20
51.	Dr. Whisner, El Campo, West Texas Conference, \$150; Boone, Western North Carolina Conference, \$50; La Follette, Holston Conference, \$200; Minco, Indian Mission Conference, \$125; Malvern, Indian Mission Conference, \$75.....	600 00
52.	Dr. Whisner, Brooklet, South Georgia Conference.....	45 00
53.	Mrs. J. W. Wolf, Tr. Western Virginia Conference.....	103 06
54.	Drawn and then destroyed.	
55.	Dr. Whisner, Portal, South Georgia Conference.....	50 00
56.	Mrs. A. A. Norris, Tr. Louisville Conference.....	75 00
57.	Mrs. W. A. Rogers, Tr. South Carolina Conference.....	50 00
58.	Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, Tr. North Georgia Conference.....	36 39
59.	Dr. Whisner, Randolph, North Mississippi Conference, \$100; Pelican, Louisiana Conference, \$100; Duluth, North Georgia Conference, \$200.....	400 00
60.	Mrs. W. D. Sandwich, Tr. South Georgia Conference.....	50 00
61.	Miss Sarah Hughes, Tr. Kentucky Conference.....	25 00
62.	Mrs. F. W. Carroll, Tr. Florida Conference.....	26 00
63.	Lost in mail.	
64.	Mrs. Nat G. Rollins, Tr. Northwest Texas Conference.....	10 00
65.	Dr. Whisner, Fort Pierce, Florida Conference, \$75; Interlachen, Florida Conference, \$50; Carrabelle, Florida Conference, \$50.....	175 00
66.	Miss Louie Bacon, Tr. Denver Conference.....	3 50
67.	Miss Mary S. Tucker, Tr. Baltimore Conference.....	214 96
68.	Mrs. M. H. Honaker, Tr. Holston Conference.....	75 00
69.	Dr. Whisner, Washington Street, Mississippi Conference, \$100; Cedar City, Missouri Conference, \$100; Currituck, North Carolina Conference, \$99; Lebanon, Southwest Missouri Conference, \$116.49; Wyandotte, Western Conference, \$45.....	460 49
70.	Dr. Whisner, Hallettsville, West Texas Conference.....	150 00

71. Miss Sarah A. Hughes, Tr. Kentucky Conference.....	\$ 55 00
72. Dr. Whisner, Prescott, Los Angeles Conference.....	100 00
73. Mrs. M. H. Honaker, Tr. Holston Conference.....	32 66
74. Dr. Whisner, El Paso District, New Mexico Conference, \$254; Bibb Circuit, South Georgia Conference, \$150.....	404 00
75. Dr. Whisner, Mansfield, Arkansas Conference.....	50 00
76. Mrs. C. S. Shivers, Tr. Southwest Missouri Conference.....	60 00
77. Dr. Whisner, Summerfield, Western North Carolina Conference, \$50; Centenary, San Francisco, Pacific Conference, \$200.....	250 00
78. Miss Louie Bacon, Tr. Denver Conference.....	1 82
79. Mrs. C. S. Jones, North Alabama Conference.....	118 84
80. Mrs. W. H. Bumpas, Tennessee Conference.....	50 00
81. Dr. Whisner, Ashland, North Mississippi Conference.....	100 00
82. Miss Sarah Hughes, Tr. Kentucky Conference.....	116 00
83. Mrs. F. E. Moser, Tr. St. Louis Conference.....	112 82
84. Dr. Whisner, Habersham Circuit, South Georgia Conference..	100 00
85. Dr. Whisner, Colorado District, Northwest Texas Conference, \$200; Haskell Mission, Northwest Texas Conference, \$150....	350 00
86. Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, Tr. North Georgia Conference.....	295 00
87. Mrs. T. A. Brown, Tr. West Texas Conference.....	74 04
88. Mrs. F. E. Moser, Tr. St. Louis Conference.....	85 82
89. Mrs. J. E. Ross, Tr. Western North Carolina Conference.....	74 06
90. Dr. Whisner, Mt. Zion Circuit, South Georgia Conference, \$100; Janssen, Little Rock Conference, \$75; Fairview, Little Rock Conference, \$100; First Church, St. Louis Conference, \$100; Corinth, Kentucky Conference, \$200.....	575 00
91. Mrs. A. A. Norris, Tr. Louisville Conference.....	88 84
92. Mrs. C. S. Jones, Tr. North Alabama Conference.....	94 73
93. Mrs. F. W. Carroll, Tr. Florida Conference.....	25 00
94. Mrs. M. H. Honaker, Tr. Holston Conference.....	75 00
95. Dr. Whisner, Alston, Texas Conference, \$50; North End, Texas Conference, \$125; League City, Texas Conference, \$150; Buckholtz, Texas Conference, \$50; Jacksonville, Texas Con- ference, \$50; Kennard Mission, Texas Conference, \$50; Wills Point, Texas Conference, \$50; Park Mission, Texas Confer- ence, \$100.....	625 00
96. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, literature Denver Conference, \$6.07; Northwest Texas Conference, \$63.50; Holston Conference, \$46.11; White River Conference, \$5.69; New Mexico Con- ference, \$12.62; Pacific Conference, \$12.96.....	146 95
97. Dr. Whisner, Richland Circuit, Los Angeles Conference, \$100; Taylorsville, Mississippi Conference, \$50; New Augusta, Mississippi Conference, \$100.....	250 00
Total	\$ 9,144 50

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RECEIPTS.

CONFERENCE.	Dues.	Specials.	Loan Funds.	Educational Endowment Fund.	Total.	City Missions.
Alabama.....	\$ 628 29	\$ 675 58	\$ 5 00	\$ 20 00	\$ 1,328 87	\$ 756 80
Arkansas.....	197 31	64 62			261 93	
Baltimore.....	945 47	765 53	20 00	10 00	1,741 00	
Columbia.....	102 77	83 06			185 83	
Denver.....	154 20	55 44			209 64	
East Columbia.....	173 70	13 02			186 72	
Florida.....	1,390 20	461 63			1,851 83	2,011 42
German Mission.....	35 20				35 20	
Holston.....	1,644 76	576 41			2,221 17	
Indian Mission.....	1,652 59	380 57			2,033 16	
Kentucky.....	872 71	1,389 36			2,262 07	
Little Rock.....	1,033 90	820 56			1,854 46	
Los Angeles.....	459 40	235 34			694 74	855 65
Louisiana.....	768 99	603 20	5 00		1,377 19	459 80
Louisville.....	878 71	564 06	20 00		1,462 77	1,679 04
Memphis.....	788 41	234 78			1,023 19	
Mississippi.....	731 94	320 93			1,052 87	
Missouri.....	654 10	278 14	2 00		934 24	
Montana.....	106 00	137 60			243 60	
New Mexico.....	109 10	53 16			162 26	
North Alabama.....	708 97	784 71		500 00	1,993 68	687 86
North Carolina.....	892 62	595 60			1,488 22	
North Georgia.....	1,877 85	4,563 30	70 00	20 00	6,531 15	3,375 43
North Mississippi.....	720 79	790 30	65 43	5 00	1,581 52	
North Texas.....	1,853 30	2,670 60	36 52	5 00	4,566 42	1,575 43
Northwest Texas.....	2,873 54	1,995 37	5 00	10 00	4,883 91	807 41
Pacific.....	541 09	109 66			650 75	
South Carolina.....	806 88	504 60			1,311 48	
South Georgia.....	1,650 80	1,234 24	20 00	5 00	2,910 04	1,176 31
Southwest Missouri.....	993 80	441 63			1,435 43	1,638 51
St. Louis.....	1,072 65	822 16	20 00		1,914 81	2,005 74
Tennessee.....	1,360 15	1,161 91	30 00		2,552 06	1,400 51
Texas.....	2,097 06	1,522 39	10 00	31 85	3,661 30	214 00
Virginia.....	914 88	336 87	5 00	5 00	1,261 75	941 73
West Texas.....	1,030 80	392 36	5 00		1,428 16	
Western.....	60 70	58			61 28	
Western North Carolina.....	463 78	172 88			636 66	
Western Virginia.....	252 72	86 39	10 00		349 11	
White River.....	357 38	207 39	5 00		569 77	
Other sources.....		11,258 57	2,406 50		13,665 07	
Total.....	\$33,857 51	\$37,364 50	\$2,740 45	\$611 85	\$74,574 31	\$19,585 64

RECAPITULATION.

Amount received from dues.....	\$33,857 51
Amount received from specials.....	37,364 50
Amount received from loan funds.....	2,740 45
Amount received from Educational Endowment Fund.....	611 85
Total cash received this year.....	\$74,574 31
City missions, as per vouchers.....	19,585 64
Grand total.....	\$94,159 95
Balance 1903-04.....	\$ 3,377 65
Cash collections 1904-05.....	74,574 31
Total expenditures 1904-05.....	\$77,951 96
	72,253 66
Balance April 1, 1905.....	\$ 5,698 30

Mas. W. D. KIRKLAND, General Treasurer.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We have this day examined the books of the Treasurer of the Woman's Home Mission Society, and find proper vouchers and receipts for all money paid out.

J. H. KIRKLAND,
D. M. SMITH.

April 12, 1905.

ANNUAL REPORT OF LOCAL WORK BY CONFERENCE TREASURERS.

CONFERENCE.	Amount Expended on Par- sodages During the Year.	Total Amount Expended on Local Church Work, Such as Furnishing Churches, Etc.	Value of Supplies Given Locally.	Total Amount Raised and Expended for City Mis- sion Work.	Total Amount Raised and Expended for Relief of Needy.	Report Here All Special Work Not Included in Preceding Questions.
Alabama.....	619 94	438 55	\$ 297 85	\$ 27 00	\$ 234 05	
Arkansas.....	3,788 00	121 00			28 15	\$ 16 64
Baltimore.....	1,338 83	506 97	238 14	106 49	386 82	
Columbia.....	123 50	164 65	68 05		183 46	
Denver.....						
East Columbia.....	114 15	619 55	114 55		37 00	
German Mission.....						
Florida.....	1,791 86	641 22	416 59		399 54	
Holston.....	1,128 92	1,848 94	594 04	144 50	565 14	
Indian Mission.....	1,441 87	2,790 61	676 75		484 14	89 28
Kentucky.....	17 95	31 24	40 90		37 20	
Little Rock.....	1,502 74	1,552 68	507 35	145 23	466 11	
Los Angeles.....	384 08	559 42			39 15	
Louisiana.....	5,755 74	1,450 68	460 45	1,129 88	594 00	
Louisville.....	657 45	871 30	177 18	1,679 09	175 37	
Memphis.....						
Mississippi.....	872 64	1,303 31	248 05		203 00	
Missouri.....	974 14	3,863 00	412 50		261 93	273 00
Montana.....	453 70	129 50	118 60			140 00
New Mexico.....	820 77	479 94	735 21		86 35	
North Alabama.....	1,989 08	1,291 54	431 77	689 01	269 50	
North Carolina.....	1,150 88	1,341 56	675 36		425 83	372 60
North Georgia.....	3,552 81	1,922 60	1,766 26	3,543 86	2,440 61	
North Mississippi.....	1,076 89	820 36	167 00		354 95	
North Texas.....	2,977 73	3,524 09	1,911 54	1,575 43	1,452 55	
Northwest Texas.....	6,095 68	4,794 76	1,589 77	1,287 05	847 96	409 20
Pacific.....						
South Carolina.....	805 67	316 00	54 00	20 00	306 58	
South Georgia.....	2,720 22	1,490 25	528 41	1,945 80	1,332 59	
Southwest Missouri.....	1,336 12	4,894 05	388 56		409 27	
St. Louis.....	1,433 95	893 25	1,205 90	2,093 94	1,453 35	
Tennessee.....	681 98	835 01	1,402 06	1,300 41	1,171 29	
Texas.....	3,348 73	4,749 99	1,121 54	170 30	897 31	
Virginia.....	544 69	1,977 07	821 85	542 61	852 75	310 14
West Texas.....	2,983 00	2,353 21	362 85		516 60	
Western.....	75 85	160 95	6 00		12 60	
Western North Carolina.....	478 89	683 49	165 94	25 00	69 08	2,797 02
Western Virginia.....	236 42	553 05	17 75		59 00	
White River.....		770 15	140 35		391 59	56 33
Total.....	\$53,274 87	\$50,743 94	\$17,863 12	\$16,425 60	\$17,344 82	\$4,464 21

MRS. W. D. KIRKLAND, *General Treasurer.*

ANNUAL REPORT OF CONFERENCE CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.

FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1905.

CONFERENCE.

	Adult Auxiliaries.	Adult Members.	Young People and Juvenile Auxiliaries.	Young People and Juvenile Members.	Total Members.	Life Members Added During the Year.	Members Added to Baby Roll During the Year.	Members of Florine McEachern Mite Box Brigade Added During the Year.	Subscribers to Our Homes.	Taking Home Mission Reading Course.	Pledged to Titling.	Boxes Supplies Sent Off Reported to Sup. Supp. Dept.	Papers and Leaflets Distributed.	Visits Made to Sick and Strangers.	Visits Made to Corrective or Benevolent Institutions.	Cottage Prayer Meetings Held or Bible-Readings Given.	Garments in Good Order Distributed.	Needy Assisted.	Auxiliaries Represented in City Mission Boards.	Observing Week of Prayer.
Alabama.....	32	792	5	85	877		66	248	212	18	120	15	6,430	5,400	200	141	2,121	1,146	7	14
Arkansas.....	23	833	3	69	402		18	174	170	10	66	7	6,667	7,977	.....	21	220	301	.....	10
Baltimore.....	60	1,135	9	254	1,409		95	37	74	1	86	.....	8,693	4,486	118	188	786	303	.....	22
Columbia.....	18	240	3	240	240		1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	844	1,296	.....	15	380	75	.....	4
Denver.....	9	188	.....	188	188		13	33	.....	.....	.....	.....	452	1,014	.....	.....	221	.....	.....	4
East Columbia.....	15	181	.....	181	181		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	425	1,040	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
Florida.....	84	1,442	8	332	1,774		21	111	333	10	214	2	7,708	9,130	160	632	2,789	758	.....	48
Georgia.....	181	1,765	6	106	1,871		183	147	441	98	304	191	9,275	9,889	487	193	4,405	1,900	3	22
Indian Mission.....	125	1,439	3	1,692	1,692		41	168	314	30	107	18	3,600	3,075	36	198	3,088	895	.....	34
Kentucky.....	50	770	18	253	1,023		41	26	298	300	160	6	2,400	10,100	136	29	1,130	88	.....	20
Little Rock.....	50	1,024	7	200	1,224		87	33	602	18	213	.....	2,400	10,100	136	159	3,984	749	.....	20
Los Angeles.....	24	635	.....	635	635		6	25	195	.....	74	.....	3,178	4,225	42	56	3,984	232	.....	11
Louisiana.....	49	944	13	229	1,173		3	.....	224	.....	71	.....	2,400	4,225	157	251	1,995	378	.....	11
Louisville.....	49	944	13	229	1,173		3	.....	224	.....	71	.....	2,400	4,225	157	251	1,995	378	.....	11
Memphis.....	42	1,290	4	280	1,480		49	51	276	15	172	.....	5,282	6,482	399	80	3,675	642	.....	19
Mississippi.....	49	730	5	101	884		13	29	224	.....	90	.....	2,761	3,351	57	218	1,046	167	.....	8
Missouri.....	42	864	.....	864	864		1	.....	160	.....	35	.....	3,784	6,356	81	.....	1,960	335	.....	30
Montana.....	20	932	.....	68	68		3	.....	41	.....	2	.....	2,378	2,858	25	.....	129	.....	.....	1
New Mexico.....	42	1,287	6	86	1,373		38	7	95	.....	41	.....	2,378	2,858	25	.....	129	.....	.....	1
North Alabama.....	51	1,457	6	95	1,553		30	30	212	63	65	14	7,555	5,200	5,200	41	3,982	300	.....	6
North Carolina.....	42	1,915	4	95	1,010		99	196	241	24	18	.....	6,458	3,040	18	25	1,180	281	.....	.....
North Georgia.....	72	1,891	5	131	2,022		98	397	578	11	311	.....	6,661	14,443	927	447	8,652	1,450	19	.....
North Mississippi.....	67	1,212	12	12	1,234		5	200	310	20	69	43	8,920	4,927	706	369	1,251	420	.....	19
North Texas.....	111	2,242	.....	160	3,242		85	161	702	133	629	310	8,979	19,014	192	192	3,275	818	.....	60
Northwest Texas.....	166	3,121	10	160	3,281		183	297	765	120	341	.....	8,873	19,014	192	192	4,275	1,221	.....	8
Pacific.....	41	681	.....	160	681		6	.....	120	.....	45	.....	1,948	18	.....	3,072	71	964	1	18
South Carolina.....	46	1,012	.....	25	1,037		2	.....	278	65	.....	.....	2,856	331	.....	2	26	69	.....	7
South Georgia.....	85	2,040	14	292	2,332		15	95	134	121	308	101	12,752	12,626	717	2,276	6,834	3,852	6	60
Southwest Missouri.....	55	1,122	.....	142	1,264		39	.....	320	47	100	.....	6,382	7,132	180	122	1,848	651	.....	25
St. Louis.....	59	971	10	22	1,022		66	117	378	14	126	10	11,270	8,303	753	188	4,071	413	17	20
Tennessee.....	57	1,279	10	73	1,352		88	112	298	.....	92	.....	6,736	9,635	709	241	8,219	1,276	.....	7
Texas.....	112	2,093	1	134	2,227		65	57	652	111	200	39	10,843	17,388	128	448	4,571	1,220	10	62
Virginia.....	28	915	10	1	1,049		57	56	227	.....	43	.....	6,736	3,881	378	32	1,426	422	.....	22
West Texas.....	71	1,218	.....	8	1,218		1	71	71	75	32	.....	6,300	5,503	139	95	1,712	438	.....	24
Western.....	8	65	.....	65	65		8	.....	8	.....	44	.....	3,319	6,300	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6
Western North Carolina.....	30	675	.....	65	740		149	.....	149	12	44	.....	3,211	2,106	33	33	682	266	.....	6
Western Virginia.....	19	375	.....	65	440		194	.....	47	.....	4	.....	800	1,100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6
White River.....	13	300	.....	300	300		.....	.....	139	.....	2	.....	1,000	700	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6
Total.....	2,008	39,801	166	3,499	43,300	33	1,761	2,942	91,006	2,308	4,333	1,016	194,986	464,712	15,219	7,658	91,316	21,231	146	630

*There are 18 subscribers who cannot be located.

Mrs. R. W. McDONELL, General Secretary.

MONEY RAISED AND EXPENDED SINCE ORGANIZATION.

	Connectional Work.	Local Work.
1887.....	\$ 261 55	
1887-88.....	3,837 51.....	\$ 5,381 40
1888-89.....	4,258 40.....	5,348 85
1889-90.....	2,954 88.....	11,599 43
1890-91.....	4,361 48.....	6,144 16
1891-92.....	3,727 51.....	10,541 69
1892-93.....	4,628 20.....	23,824 69
1893-94.....	4,995 37.....	15,098 93
1894-95.....	10,377 64.....	9,580 16
1895-96.....	19,301 72.....	32,825 38
1896-97.....	18,703 68.....	43,210 49
1897-98.....	20,971 19.....	48,828 88
1898-99.....	31,566 82.....	34,180 55
1899-1900.....	39,314 96.....	56,441 55
1900-01.....	54,486 93.....	55,874 64
1901-02.....	50,383 39.....	97,129 75
1902-03.....	56,754 93.....	32,163 11
1903-04.....	70,525 21.....	122,164 32
1904-05.....	94,159 95.....	160,115 56
Total.....	\$495,571 32.....	\$ 770,453 54
Grand total.....		1,266,024 86
Amount contributed to Loan Fund.....		29,389 37
Value of goods sent through Supply Department.....		100,913 01

STATISTICS FROM 1886 TO 1905.

Number of members.....	43,300
Receipts for connectional work.....	\$495,571 32
Receipts for local work.....	770,453 54
Total receipts	1,266,024 86
Number of parsonages built and aided.....	1,689
Money donated to parsonages.....	\$156,189 85
Value of supplies distributed outside of receipts above stated	100,913 01
Number of day schools supported.....	8
Number of night schools supported.....	5
Number of pupils enrolled.....	1,590
Number of missionaries and teachers employed.....	88
Number of Mission Boards.....	24
Number of Rescue Homes and Doors of Hope.....	2

SOME FACTS FROM 1904-05.

The Society gave \$14,679.49 to parsonages last year, the largest sum ever granted in the same length of time. Sent 779 boxes of supplies, valued at \$22,333.66.

Mountain Schools.—Sue Bennett School, London, Ky. Enrolled 339 students. Income from fees, \$4,800. Thirteen teachers.

Brevard Industrial School, Brevard, N. C. Enrollment, 127. Six teachers.

Cuban Schools.—The three schools for Cubans enrolled 483 children.

Italian night school, forty-nine students.

Chinese and Japanese Schools.—Four night schools. Enrolled 226 students. Nine teachers employed.

Dallas Mission Home.—The Home accommodates forty inmates, and many were turned away last year. Six teachers are in charge.

Paine Annex, Augusta, Ga.—Industrial work begun at Paine for negro girls, with 150 girls in the classes.

City mission work carried on in 24 cities, 40 missionaries being employed. Total cash receipts of the general treasury for all purposes amounted to \$74,574.31; vouchers for city mission work, \$19,585.64; reports of local work, \$160,115.56. Grand total, \$273,861.15.

VALUE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE SOCIETY.

Schools for Cubans, at Tampa, Fla.....	\$ 8,000
Sue Bennett Memorial School, at London, Ky.....	34,000
Rescue Home, at Dallas, Tex.....	15,000
Ruth Hargrove Instituté, at Key West, Fla.....	11,000
Paine Annex, Augusta, Ga.....	7,000
Rebecca Sparks Deaconess Home, Waco, Tex.....	2,500
Homer Toberman Deaconess Home, Los Angeles, Cal.....	10,000
Grand total	\$87,500

REPORT OF DEPARTMENTS.

Report of Department of Supplies.

MRS. J. H. YARBROUGH, SUPERINTENDENT.

The severe weather during the past winter has proved that we needed a department to help our preachers in cases of emergency. Lives have been saved this year, perhaps, by the warm, comfortable clothes and bedding sent—at any rate, many have been made more comfortable.

I have again had the same trouble that arises from the delay in getting the necessary information early in the fall. Many Auxiliaries grew tired of waiting, and spent their money locally or supplied some orphanage or school. I have tried faithfully to prevent this trouble, but it seems impossible to get the blanks until the fall Conferences are held. We cannot but sympathize with the preachers. They hope each year to be able to get along without the boxes, but find when they have a long, expensive move to make that they get to a new place with their money all gone and no supplies for the winter. Then let us be patient and admire the spirit that makes them call for help only to relieve their families from actual suffering. Let us be glad to help them when they need help, even if it is an inconvenience or sacrifice on our part. This, I trust, explains the falling off in the number of boxes sent to preachers this year. Last year there were one hundred and ninety-two sent; this year only one hundred and forty-two. While no special complaint has been made, I feel the standard of donation is not as high as it should be, and the measurements are not as carefully observed as they should be. Let us be careful in this, for we are told very plainly in Matthew xxv. that in doing this we do it as unto the Lord. The delay in getting the boxes often causes worry and disappointment. This can in a great measure be averted if there is more care given to the shipment and by sending a tracer to hurry the box on.

Our schools, rescue homes, and settlement homes, as well as our orphanages, have been blessed with hundreds of boxes containing clothing and provisions, which greatly aided them in the successful carrying on of their work. I am sure those in charge of these various institutions are grateful to the Home Mission Societies for their kindly help. As usual, Holston sent the largest number of donations (191) to the Greenville Orphanage. South Georgia Conference was second, having sent 101. North Texas Conference donations were the most valuable, as they sent 87 boxes valued at \$2,971.15; Holston's was second in value, being \$2,344.87. Louisville Conference did more to relieve the preachers than any other Conference. Out of the nineteen donations she sent, sixteen were to preachers. Tennessee and St. Louis sent all of their boxes to preachers. Virginia and North Georgia sent the most valuable boxes, beautifully and carefully packed and showing such tender, loving sympathy for those needing relief. The Home Mission Society of Wesley Church, Greenville, Tex. (North Texas Conference), sent eight boxes during the year—two to preachers, two to the orphanage, and four to the Ann Browder Cunningham Home, Dallas, Tex. Special mention could be made of many other Churches, but space forbids. A record has been kept above of the many tender, beautiful deeds done through this department this year by our faithful, true women. Many prayers of thanksgiving have gone up from the homes of our preachers, from our Orphanage, and from the sad and desolate hearts of our sisters in our Rescue Home for those who have given them such substantial proof of their loving sympathy.

As you will see from the table below, we have grown in numbers

and value of donations during the year. It is impossible to put on paper the real help and comfort this department is to our Church. The Conference Superintendents of Supplies and Conference Secretaries have been very helpful and kind to me, and to them we are largely indebted for the success of the year's work. Let us be very careful, in our zeal to supply the orphanages, schools, and rescue homes, not to forget our preachers, for through these self-sacrificing men we are carrying the bread of life to many hungry souls.

REPORT OF SUPPLIES BY CONFERENCES.

CONFERENCE.	Donations Sent Preachers.	Donations Sent H. M. Schools and Rescue Homes.	Donations Sent Conference Orphanages.	Boxes Sent.	Value of Boxes.	Cash.
Alabama	7	1	7	15	\$ 564 84	
Arkansas						
Baltimore	4	3		7	154 00	\$20 00
Columbia						
Denver						
East Columbia						
Florida	1		1	2	21 10	
Holston			191	191	2,344 87	
Indian Mission	5			5	178 45	
Kentucky	6	7	5	18	266 95	
Little Rock	4		2	6	470 82	13 95
Los Angeles						
Louisiana		1		1	20 00	
Louisville	16	2	1	19	824 76	5 00
Memphis	4			4	238 90	
Mississippi	1		5	6	220 50	16 00
Missouri	1	1		2	110 15	
New Mexico						
North Alabama	4	1	9	14	700 70	5 00
North Carolina	5	1	55	61	829 50	
North Georgia	10		20	30	2,095 30	
North Mississippi	1		42	43	1,881 27	
North Texas	9	60	18	87	2,971 15	
Northwest Texas	13	20	12	58	1,402 70	
Pacific	3			3	23 00	
St. Louis	10			10	617 64	
South Carolina			7	7	165 00	
South Georgia	8	14	79	101	1,937 32	
Southwest Missouri	2	3		5	140 00	16 00
Tennessee	11			11	524 89	
Texas	5	15	19	39	1,409 53	
Virginia	9		16	25	1,383 68	
West Texas	2	6	8	16	441 35	
Western N. Carolina	1	1		2	84 00	
Western Virginia	4			4	85 00	
White River	1			1	80 00	
Total	143	136	483	779	\$22,251 71	\$81 95

Grand total of cash and value, \$22,333.66; 13, of the 777 donations, destination not given.

Report of Department of Tithing.

MISS EMMA TUCKER, SUPERINTENDENT.

From the reports sent me it has been impossible to make anything like an accurate report of our tithers. Some show a marked decrease in one quarter. This we know is not the case, as tithers do not confess so readily when they backslide; hence we tabulated our report on the basis of the largest numbers recorded during 1904-05.

CONFERENCE.	Auxiliary.	Tithers.	Increase.
Alabama .....	...	89	...
North Alabama	58	3	3
Baltimore	66	150	84
South Carolina	41	13	13
Western North Carolina	34	22	19
North Georgia	83	365	174
Kentucky	50	120	...
Memphis	45	170	76
Holston .....	...	276	111
Tennessee	67	100	60
Southwest Missouri	60	161	...
Mississippi .....	...	35	...
West Texas	63	102	25
Northwest Texas	173	341	87
Total	740	1,947	652

I would recommend:

1. That the Conference Second Vice President report to the Superintendent semiannually, and special reports be published in *Our Homes* and *King's Messenger*, that our progress may be kept before the public.
2. That the best books on tithing be circulated through the Missionary Library.
3. That packets of leaflets containing the best matter from all publishing houses on the subject be furnished.
4. That a tithe responsive service be prepared to be used in Auxiliary or district meetings.

*Second Annual Report of the Department of Sociology of the
Scarritt Bible and Training School.*

MISS MABEL K. HOWELL.

It is with a heart full of praise to God that we make our report of the second year's work of the Department of Sociology of the Scarritt Bible and Training School. While we regret deeply that we have not as many Home Mission workers ready for assignment to service as the work of the Board demands, yet we have also great cause for thanksgiving because of the number and character of the candidates for Home Mission work that entered the school last September, the class to be presented to the Board this coming year.

The statistics of the year's work are as follows: Home Mission Seniors, 4; Home Mission Juniors, 13; Home Mission special, 1; total

number of Home Mission students, 18; membership in Home Mission Volunteer Band, 18; number of deaconess applicants (papers before the Board), 9; number of students supported by Home Mission scholarships, 11; number of Home Mission students earning their way by service, 3; number of Home Mission students paying their own expenses, 4; number ready for assignment to work, 4.

The work of the department has followed about the same lines as last year—theoretical instruction in the class room and practical work in the field. The four courses offered this year have been: (1) Problems of American Society; (2) Poverty and Charities; (3) Crime and Its Punishment; (4) The Church and Social Service. Outlines and bibliographies of all the courses have been prepared, and will be printed in syllabus form during the summer, for use in the classes this coming year. Weekly instruction has also been given in scientific sewing and basketry.

All the Home Mission students have received their practical training in the mission districts of Kansas City. The work has taken various forms: House-to-house visiting, teaching in American and Italian Sunday schools, Italian girls' club, boys' club, noonday meetings in municipal lodging house, acting as assistant probation officer in Juvenile Court, probationers' class, and League work, Junior and Senior. During the interdenominational evangelistic campaign in Kansas City, last January, the Home Mission Seniors were assigned to assist Mr. Palmer in the police court, where were held daily evangelistic meetings for tramps, ex-convicts, vagabonds, and drunkards. It was a splendid opportunity to study wise methods of mission work, and the many conversions established the students' faith in God's power to save to the uttermost those in the very abyss of sin.

There has been a decided increase in Home Mission interest and activity in the Training School this past year. The cause of Home Missions is beginning to make itself felt in the school. Now that the Home Mission students have increased in number, so that there can exist an *esprit de corps* among them, there has arisen a kindly, helpful rivalry between the Home and Foreign Volunteer Bands, which has resulted in an intense desire on the part of each to study the needs of the fields and to present them in the strongest possible terms. The Home Mission Band meetings have been centers characterized by heartfelt devotion to the Home Mission cause, and the Auxiliary has done excellent work.

The students have had three special privileges this year: one the visit of Miss Mary Lunn, former Superintendent of the New York Deaconess Home, a very consecrated woman who has been in deaconess work fifteen years; another visit from Miss Dora Adrion, Traveling Secretary of the Deaconess Sisterhood; and, last, a visit from Mrs. Lucy Rider Meyer, of the Chicago Training School. The talks of these Christ-like women leaders in deaconess work in our sister Church brought lasting inspiration to the deaconess candidates.

We feel greatly encouraged as we look forward to another year's work. The open church, the result of the coöperation of the City Mission Board with the Methodist Church Society of Kansas City, is no longer a dream, but a "thing of brick and stone." By fall it will be ready for occupancy, and then I see no reason why our Home Mission candidates should not receive the very best practical training. The building will have apartments for five resident deaconesses, and will contain, besides the regular Church auditorium, Sunday school and prayer meeting rooms, rooms for day nursery, kindergarten, gymnasium, library and reading room, neighborhood parlors, dispensary, cooking school, and club rooms.

You can easily see how essential it is that we should have as head resident in this institution a woman who will be able to conduct the work as it should be, and one who will be constantly an inspiration to the student body, setting before them a high ideal of a city missionary. One great need at present is a worker who should devote all her time to the boys of the district.

As Superintendent of the Department of Sociology in the Training School, I feel several needs which I desire to commend to your consideration. One is a Sociology Library Fund. It need not be very large; but such a fund is indispensable, that the students may have access to the best Home Mission periodicals and magazines, and keep in touch with the new books that are constantly appearing on sociological subjects.

A second need, which we may not be able to meet at once, but which we should keep in mind, is a Home Mission Lecture Fund, which could be used in bringing to the school men and women who are leaders in Home Mission activities. The Foreign Mission students in the school, by reason of visits of returned missionaries and the visits of the Traveling Secretaries of the Student Volunteer Movement, have opportunity to hear strong presentations of foreign missionary work, and to gain a great deal of inspiration. Our Home Mission students need a similar privilege. Not a year should pass without a visit from one or more of our Board officers.

In the third place, provision should be made very soon for an assistant in the Sociology Department, one who should be able to give the students more industrial training than is possible at present. The work demands a teacher who has had special training along industrial lines. It would not be difficult to secure such a woman in Kansas City, and she need not be a resident of the institution.

The greatest need is young women—young women of force and consecration to be trained. May God speed the day when more young women will feel called of God to prepare themselves for service in the home land!

Report of Superintendent of Press Work.

MRS. ED F. COOK.

With inexpressible gratitude to God, we come to-day to present the second report from your Department of Press Work.

In happy realization of answered prayer for guidance and success, our hearts sing with the hymnist: "Hope has changed to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise." All through the year there has been a steady, healthy growth in this work which portends more rapid enlargement in the months just ahead. We have not asked nor expected that this department should come into being full-fledged, as Minerva when she sprang from the brain of Jove, but have striven for the continuous aggressive development which will attain a ripe and splendid maturity in the fullness of time.

The thought is ever present with us that you have intrusted to our care a dynamic force which, if rightly used, will become a power for good. Like Jacob A. Riis, we feel that "it may be that, in the providence of God, the shedding of ink in the cause of right shall set the world farther ahead in our day than the bloodletting of all the ages past."

As one of the most important duties of your Conference and Auxiliary Superintendents consists in the shedding of ink in the cause of right, we point you to our Press Exhibit as an evidence of what we are trying

to accomplish in this direction. Much of the success of the Department of Press Work is due to the efficient service of the Conference Superintendents of Literature and Press Work. Nearly all of them have stood ready to respond to suggestions and carry forward every plan, with a fidelity most praiseworthy and an enthusiasm that brings things to pass. A few weeks ago God's messenger came to one of our number—Mrs. Annie E. Overstreet—and, tenderly drawing the pen from the faithful, tireless fingers, whispered: "It is finished." And so we would reverently turn aside to-day to place a flower, a tribute of affection, upon the grave where she sleeps in old Kentucky.

The statistical report, which is before you, shows how the work is progressing in the different Conferences. You will note that each now has a Superintendent, and that 1,343 Auxiliaries use the monthly *Bulletin* in their meetings.

CONFERENCE.	Auxiliaries.	Auxiliaries Receiving Bulletins.	Auxiliaries Using Bulletins.	Auxiliaries Using Secular Press.	Has Conference a Press Superintendent?	Is There a Home Mission Column in Conference Paper?
Alabama.....	36	36	6	.....	Yes	Yes
Arkansas.....	21	33	17	11	"	"
Baltimore.....	78	70	.....	.....	"	"
Columbia.....	20	20	20	.....	"	"
Denver.....	9	9	1	.....	"	No
East Columbia.....	15	12	1	.....	"	Yes
Florida.....	85	85	28	2	"	"
German Mission.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Holston.....	97	97	80	11	Yes	Yes
Indian Mission.....	118	118	100	7	"	"
Kentucky.....	68	50	.....	2	"	"
Little Rock.....	75	85	35	30	"	"
Los Angeles.....	23	23	18	3	"	"
Louisiana.....	61	71	19	11	"	"
Louisville.....	53	53	53	2	"	"
Memphis.....	60	60	50	4	"	"
Mississippi.....	55	55	45	10	"	"
Missouri.....	46	46	38	10	"	"
Montana.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Mexico.....	20	20	2	.....	Yes	Yes
North Alabama.....	57	57	17	1	"	"
North Carolina.....	46	46	23	6	"	"
North Georgia.....	72	105	57	20	"	"
North Mississippi.....	77	125	55	30	"	"
North Texas.....	110	110	90	28	"	"
Northwest Texas.....	180	180	170	29	"	"
Pacific.....	50	54	54	.....	"	"
South Carolina.....	50	50	22	3	"	"
South Georgia.....	101	111	29	6	"	"
Southwest Missouri.....	55	68	53	18	"	"
St. Louis.....	62	62	34	5	"	"
Tennessee.....	68	68	.....	.....	"	"
Texas.....	115	115	115	25	"	"
Virginia.....	37	34	22	5	"	"
West Texas.....	67	67	57	2	"	"
Western.....	7	7	.....	.....	"	"
Western North Carolina.....	27	27	12	6	"	Yes
Western Virginia.....	20	20	10	.....	"	"
White River.....	16	16	.....	9	"	"

One of the most important features of our work is the publication of Home Mission news items in the religious and secular papers. Two hundred and ninety-six of the Auxiliaries are using the columns of the secular press with good results. The names of only eighty-three of these secular papers have been furnished me. I have looked up their re-

spective circulations in the *American Newspaper Annual*. The editors estimate that at least five people in a family read the paper; hence through these eighty-three papers 539,990 individuals are reached each week. If we could have secured the names of all the papers and thus have ascertained their circulation, you can readily see that the figures would be a marvelous revelation of the far-reaching influence of this phase of our work. From testimonials received, we feel assured that the Home Mission facts thus presented are causing horizons to broaden and adding a new significance to the young lawyer's question: "Who is my neighbor?" A goodly number of the religious papers have also generously given space for the presentation of Home Mission facts and figures, thus aiding materially in placing the work before our Church people. Thirty-six out of the thirty-nine Conference Superintendents edit columns in their respective Church papers, or have others fill the space for them. We estimate that approximately one hundred and twenty-five thousand are reached through this medium.

Three thousand copies of the *Bulletin* have gone each month into the homes of our constituents and others interested in the work. We are encouraged by the fact that a number of people have deemed them sufficiently helpful to offer to pay for extra copies. Of course these copies were sent, as are the others, gratuitously. During the year we changed the form of the *Bulletin* somewhat and enlarged it. Many letters have been received testifying to the fact that through this medium a new interest in every part of our connectional work has been engendered. Thus, in answer to prayer, the Master who used the little lad's loaves and fishes has blessed these simple, unpretentious news items, multiplying and using them.

This department has aptly been called the seed-sowing department of Home Mission work. Day by day we have tried to follow our Lord's command: "Sow in the morn thy seed; at eve hold not thy hand." The "birds of the air" and the "stony ground" are in evidence now, as of old; but the good ground is also close at hand, and a promise of fruitage a hundredfold. A pretty story, said to be historically true, is told of how a great, unsightly Scottish crag was transformed into an object of verdant beauty. This immense rock, situated near Blair Castle, was the one unattractive feature of that magnificent estate. One day a thoughtful man chanced that way who saw in the grim-visaged crag possibilities of wondrous beauty. There was a cannon on the castle grounds. He had a number of canisters made to fit the bore of this cannon, and, instead of the usual deadly charge, the canisters were filled with seeds of grass, vine, and trees. The cannon was then loaded and the huge rock bombarded on all sides. The force of their contact with the rock burst the canisters, scattering the contents over the crag. Some of these lodged in the soil which the wind had deposited in the crannies and crevices of the rock, and lived and grew. In a few years graceful vines and charming shrubs veiled the frowning face of the crag and made it the most attractive feature of the castle grounds.

We know of a great rugged bowlder which exists within the estate of the womanhood of Southern Methodism. We call it Indifference, which is but another name for Ignorance. So long as it exists in its present barren, uncouth state, it is a reproach to our faith and prayers. Through the Department of Press Work of the Woman's Home Mission Society an opportunity is given us to bring our choicest seed thoughts and send them with propelling force against this unsightly obstacle until it shall stand, like the cannon-crowned crag, in wondrous living beauty.

A stupendous undertaking, you say. Yes; but, thank God, "all things are possible to him that believeth."



BOYS' DORMITORY, SUE BENNETT SCHOOL, LONDON, KY.

REPORT OF INSTITUTIONS.

CUBAN AND ITALIAN WORK.—Miss Mary Bruce, Superintendent.

ESTABLISHED 1892.

In reviewing the work of the year I cannot but realize that we have fallen short of large possibilities, and yet there is abundant cause for gratitude for the blessing of a loving Father upon the service of his children in this part of his vineyard. I believe this year's work has prepared us for greater usefulness in the years to come.

WOLFF MISSION SCHOOL, YBOR CITY, TAMPA, FLA.

This school has gone forward regularly. There were some interruptions early in the year, caused by sickness. We have missed the kindergarten very much. The enrollment has been ninety—as large as it ever was exclusive of the kindergarten. The school is well graded and the teachers are faithful. The music class grows, and is a promising feature. It requires much patience and tact anywhere to manage this department, but doubly so among a conservative, ignorant people. I do not use that word "ignorant" in any unkind spirit, but it expresses the average father and mother in the shadow of a cigar factory. They expect their children to learn to play in an incredibly short time, holding the teacher responsible and telling her so, and occasionally offering her a bribe for especial pains. The Sunday school, the missionary societies, and the Leagues have been kept up, largely through the efforts of the teachers. We have held reunions monthly, always well attended and enjoyed. The teachers have visited as much as possible.

WEST TAMPA.

Moving the school at this point has proved a great blessing. The children have come in such crowds as to tax the capacity of the house. The enrollment has been one hundred and fifteen, and the work has gone on regularly. Mrs. Valdez has had a severe illness, but is very faithful and devoted. This school is truly a "city set on a hill."

THE DAY NURSERY.

It always takes longer than we think to get things moving; and though the plan for the building was ready, the money was not forthcoming until September, when the little house went forward. The Tampa City Mission Board has adopted the nursery, and the house is fairly well furnished. It is not painted as yet, but the City Board has paid the one hundred and sixty-five dollars which the house has cost above what was given by the Board. A donation of fifty dollars from friends in Kentucky will also help materially in equipping this work. It is a dear little place, and we expect much good to come from it. Our nursery in Ybor City is not exclusively a Methodist institution, but I cannot forbear to tell how much we see of good coming from its influence. It was established through the efforts of our workers at Ybor City. There is such a difference in the way the children are brought to the nursery every day clean and nice, and their mothers show such appreciation.

RUTH HARGROVE SEMINARY, KEY WEST.

This school is measuring up to the expectations of its friends. With a wise, well-equipped principal, an able faculty, and a large enrollment—two hundred and fifty—it has outgrown its present capacity, and the great need is more room. A new chapel and a class room for a kindergarten are the urgent needs at this place.

ITALIAN WORK.

The Night School has continued without interruption during the year. The average attendance has been large, and we see with grateful hearts many signs of improvement. Every one in the house is interested and every one has helped from time to time; otherwise it would have been impossible to carry it on properly. Italian boys may be classified a little more readily than the Chinese, but each new boy must have a considerable amount of individual attention to get him into a class.

The enrollment has been forty-seven. Of these, two were Cubans, five Spaniards, one Greek, and thirty-nine Italians. Each one presents some special interest, but I want to mention only one or two. One man of thirty-five years is learning to read. He cannot read his own tongue. He came to this country as a boy of seventeen and has helped to bring his family (father, mother, and others); has a family of his own. There are a brother and a sister of his and five cousins among our pupils, which shows how the influence spreads. There was great excitement when our one girl came, and it requires some diplomacy to observe all the proprieties. She must have a seat at my side, and the younger brother sits on her other side and glares at any one who too openly admires her. It is a great mark of confidence that she comes at all. So few of the women can read; indeed, I do not know one who can.

Early in September last we organized a club with the golden rule for the motto, and it has been a means of development for its members. Unfortunately for the others, there has been a spirit of exclusiveness among the charter members, leading them to want it all their own way despite their motto. They have had their own papers; most of them can understand little beyond the headlines, but the pictures help.

We have made progress in singing, both in Italian and English, and I feel that in this way seed has fallen in good ground. Some of the boys attend the Cuban church, but not in great numbers. Our hearts are greatly cheered by the promise of a preacher to give them the message in their own tongue. I have not visited as much this year as I wished to do. In the early work I helped with classes and music, and still give some time to the day school. We have all done our best.

WOLFF MISSION.—MISS LULA FORD.

My work this year has been very pleasant. Our efforts to grade the school had some drawbacks at the beginning, but the final results are far-reaching. There is no place in Tampa for any but a graded school, be it mission or otherwise.

The kind of work done by the children under my care has been much more satisfactory than formerly. Since the school opened, in September, up to the present time (February 10), the third grade has had an enrollment of twenty-six.

The Home Mission Society of the school continues as usual; indeed, I could not forget it if I would. There is always either president or secretary to remind me that the time is approaching for another meeting. We have sixty-five members, and the average attendance is about as good as any American society of children. Some of our girls, who consider

themselves too large to attend school any more, continue coming to Church and Sunday school and are earnest Christians.

I have given some of my time to the night class, and, had it been possible, would gladly have given more, so interested am I in this department. I have made some progress in the study of the Italian language, and I give thanks for the opportunity.

This brief report gives very little idea of the real mission work done. Visiting the sick and needy, the heart struggles and prayers, the desire to see our Cuban friends more interested in spiritual matters, cannot be estimated here, but is left to a higher tribunal.

WOLFF MISSION SCHOOL.—MRS. M. P. COOPER.

From September last up to the present date (February 17) I have enrolled thirty-three children in the Primary Department. This perhaps may seem a small enrollment, but it must be taken into consideration that we have no kindergarten this year as formerly, and the majority of the children who were in the kindergarten last year are as yet too young for the Primary Department; but in some instances it seemed almost heartless to turn them away, so eager were they to enter; so I have taken some under age, as a special favor, since the kindergarten is so sadly missed.

Circumstances seem to keep us from gathering in a very large number of children. The public school now in our midst and any number of so-called private schools, where children may be cared for from early morning until four o'clock for a small sum, enter into competition with us. The children have come with greater regularity than usual this year and shown much interest in their work.

There has been a great deal of sickness among them. Early in the fall dengue fever laid hold of them, and as cold weather came on many suffered with severe colds. The sudden changes of this climate seem so hard on them and it is pitiful to see how they truly suffer. The greater number of the children are in their places at Sunday school, and they take great interest in their Home Mission Society, which we hold regularly every month.

A source of great enjoyment to the children—in fact, to all our friends—has been a phonograph, with a collection of choice music, which my brother-in-law, Mr. Lyles, kindly loaned us for the year. They are a music-loving people, and it has afforded them untold pleasure.

There is so much in the lives of these people that appeals to one and makes her see how great is the need of Christian education among them; that, whether there be few or many who respond, Christian workers should never cease to hold up the Light to these wandering people, trusting results to Him who has said: "My word shall not return unto me void."

WEST TAMPA.—MISS EMELINA VALDES.

ESTABLISHED 1892.

After vacation, our school opened on September 12, in the new location at Twentieth Avenue, with very good prospects. We have now a better enrollment than ever. Since our move we have not had less than seventy-five daily, sometimes eighty-five and ninety. The enrollment is one hundred and fifteen at present. We have collected as tuition fees \$150, which has been expended for the work. We are very happily situated in our new location, and I am quite sure that if the dear Christian workers who contributed toward this movement could see the bright, happy faces of the children as they run at recess on the playground they would feel repaid. Then when we think of the

numbers of souls that may be reached by their attendance at our institution, our joy should be beyond measure. We have had la grippe in town as an epidemic, and ninety per cent of the families have had sickness at their homes. It certainly has been a time of sorrow among the poor people. There were three ill in our mission home at the time my two assistant teachers were in bed, so I had to be teacher and nurse at once. But the Lord never gives us any heavier burdens than we can bear. During that time our school attendance was reduced greatly. The burden of sickness has rolled away and we are now working as usual, and while our hands are full of work our hearts are full of the Holy Spirit. The children continue to attend their Christian duties and show a desire to learn more about Jesus day by day. We ask an interest in the prayers of every Christian worker in behalf of this work that lies so near to our hearts.

RUTH HARGROVE SEMINARY, KEY WEST, FLA.—MISS EMILY J. REID,
PRINCIPAL.

ESTABLISHED 1900.

It is with pleasure that I submit the following report of the condition and work done in Ruth Hargrove Seminary during the past year; also a brief outline of the immediate needs and future prospects:

Notwithstanding several hindrances early in the session, the most serious being an epidemic of dengue fever to which the teachers all fell victims, we have had a successful year in our school work. Our kindergarten has been full almost from the first. In September we had the misfortune to lose our kindergarten horse, but our "Fairy Godmother" supplied us with another, which is in every way desirable. We have refused a dozen children for lack of room in our wagon and have enrolled forty-two in this department. The dining room is used for the kindergarten; and though the arrangement is far from satisfactory, it is the best we can do until we can have a room built for it.

The work in the grades has improved in system and thoroughness; the first three are crowded, as they always are, and the enrollment in the higher grades is encouraging. Our total enrollment last year was two hundred and sixty-three; we have already reached that number this year. Almost twenty-five per cent of the pupils are Cubans. The first-grade room has been seated with single desks, which have contributed much to the comfort of the pupils; still other single desks are needed, especially in the second grade.

Our Music Department, I regret to say, has been practically a failure. I recommend that it be discontinued as a position secured by appropriation from the Board. I believe that an energetic, competent teacher of music, indorsed by the school, can work up a splendid class; but her salary should be made, in large measure, dependent on her success as a "builder" of the class. With an appropriation sufficient to enable the school to offer board and seventy-five per cent of class fees, I think that we can secure a teacher who will succeed at least as well as at present. We have now an art teacher who has an independent class, and I feel encouraged by her success to ask that an appropriation be made for this department sufficient to enable the school to offer board and seventy-five per cent of the class fees to the teacher. After carefully going over the receipts from these two departments, I have estimated that each one will need an appropriation of one hundred dollars.

We are very anxious to extend the term to ten months. There are so many reasons for doing this that I hesitate to begin to enumerate them. In Key West the children stop going to school so early in their lives that they need to use as many months of the year as possible. They

attend other schools during our long vacation, and often are distinctly hindered by change of methods. Allow me to call attention here to the fact that at present the appropriation for the Music Department is \$450. Deducting \$200 for music and art, there will be left \$250 toward our tenth month. A small increase will give us the extra month.

I wish also to speak of the matter of salaries for teachers. The Board has been most kind in advancing salaries each time I have asked, so that I feel emboldened to ask for an advance to be based on length of service in the school. Beginning with a salary of fifty dollars per month, advance salaries two dollars per month yearly until a maximum of sixty dollars is reached. This will be a strong inducement to teachers to return year after year, as it will take five years to reach the maximum. I trust that this can be done.

It is difficult to turn from the vital needs of the school to those that are only for the comfort and convenience of the body, but those also have to be considered. It is very necessary to have the roof strengthened and made more secure, which will cost \$250; and by expending another hundred two large bedrooms can be built in the attic. Our Home Department has had this year five little Cuban boys and girls. We have had numerous other applicants for board whom we could not accommodate. The extra rooms in the attic will enable us to take several more children in the boarding department. If we cannot have the new building so much needed, I think that this plan of utilizing the attic is a good one. Then if we can have a cottage for the kindergarten, our immediate need for room will be met. Our cistern is not large enough to meet the needs of the household; just now we have less than two feet of water and nearly three months of school. There are a number of repairs—none of them large, but all much needed—which I shall include in estimates.

I apologize for the length of this report. It comes from my heart, and I trust it may carry conviction of its sincerity. We are encouraged to hope for great things in the future of Ruth Hargrove Seminary. Our prayer is that she may be as a city upon a hill, whose light *cannot* be hid.

MOUNTAIN WORK.—Miss Belle Bennett, Superintendent.

ESTABLISHED 1896.

SUE BENNETT MEMORIAL SCHOOL, LONDON, KY.—PROF. J. C. LEWIS,
PRINCIPAL.

The school year began September 1, 1904, and will close May 25, 1905. The enrollment for the fall term was two hundred and twenty-five, and for the winter term three hundred and twenty-three. The total enrollment is three hundred and forty-eight. The fees collected and paid to treasurer since April 1, 1904, amount to \$3,400. About \$1,600 remains uncollected, but we expect to have it in before the close of the financial year. The present faculty consists of a principal and eight assistants. Good class-room work is being done. The moral quality of the work, as shown in punctuality and regularity of attendance, recitations, obedience to school regulations, and general deportment, both in and out of school, is of a high order.

Between seventy and one hundred students gave their hearts to God the present school year. Our new dormitory for boys is almost ready for occupancy.

BREVARD INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, BREVARD, N. C.—PROF. E. E. BISHOP,
PRINCIPAL.

ESTABLISHED 1903.

The principal is happy to report the school in much better shape in every respect than last year. The enrollment for the year at present has

reached one hundred and twenty-seven. Kentucky, Texas, and a dozen counties of North Carolina are represented.

During the past year the value of the school property has been increased from \$11,000 to \$12,000 by the finishing and furnishing of seventeen new rooms on the fourth floor. The debts have all been paid except a few recent bills and with the exception of a mortgage, which has been reduced from \$1,250 to \$1,000, with provisions made for its entire liquidation during the coming season.

The boarding department has paid all of its expenses with profit sufficient to add certain conveniences, as a range, water heater, etc. The tuition fees to date amount to \$1,250, against \$750 reported last year.

The teachers have all worked faithfully and in general have given satisfaction, and all desire to remain next year.

Although we have had no special revival services in church or school, half a dozen or more of our girls have professed conversion at our Sunday evening Bible-readings, and there are but three or four in the home who do not profess to be Christians. The Bible is taught in all grades, three periods per week, and we have daily and weekly prayer meetings in the home.

The industrial work consists of housework only, all of which is done by the students. We are very fortunate in having Miss Davis at the head of this department, for her work and influence are very satisfactory.

We carry nine grades and endeavor to do thorough, graded work. As far as I have heard, our pastors have been well satisfied. Owing to the lack of a sufficient teaching force in the grades, the principal has been compelled to teach nearly every period during the day, and this extra work interferes with proper superintendence of school work, with office work, and work in the field.

The Western North Carolina Conference and the Woman's Home Mission Societies of North Carolina have been active in the support of the school. The former has not sought in any manner to shun or avoid its financial obligations, and the latter has been exceedingly active in furnishing the building with bedding, clothing, furniture, etc.

Mrs. Branner, Conference President, Mrs. Marr, Conference Secretary, and Mrs. Ross, Conference Treasurer, have been especially energetic in contributing and securing supplies. Boxes have been received from nearly all parts of the State, and to such an extent that, so far as bed clothing and other clothing are concerned, we have had no lack.

The following societies assist in the support of students: Winston-Salem supports one and two-thirds students; Greensboro supports one and one-quarter students; Asheville supports one student; Spartanburg supports one-third student; Kinston supports one-seventh student; Mocksville (Mrs. Lee) supports one-seventh student.

Miss Belle Bennett supports one student, and has also started a loan fund from which eight girls have been helped to enter school.

Last year three girls who had little means chose to remain during vacation, and this year there will be a half dozen or more who would like to stay if any work can be secured by which they can make their expenses and help to defray next year's schooling. The question arises as to what can be done for such girls. Keeping summer boarders has been suggested, and would probably pay better than any other work, but that has some serious objections. Doing laundry work has been thought of, also a cannery.

The impression is abroad that the school provides work by which girls can make their expenses, and many letters are received from those who are poor but want to work their way through. Now at present our industrial work merely lessens expenses of pupils, but does not afford a means by which any considerable part of one's way can be paid. I

think that we should endeavor to furnish a way for every energetic girl, who so desires, to enter school and pay as much of her way as possible by her labor. My experience is that those girls who are eager to make their own way by their own labor make the most satisfactory students and develop the best characters we have.

HOLSTON INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, GREENEVILLE, TENN.—MRS. E. E. WILEY,
AGENT.

ESTABLISHED 1896.

The Holston Industrial Home and School is the only home its children can claim; they have no other. Our care is incessant, our efforts never relax. Twenty-nine children have been admitted this year. We have now enrolled ninety children. All are in school. Twenty-five are kindergartners, forty in the primary department, eighteen in intermediate grades, seven attend city schools.

In progress, deportment, and Christian character their record is highly gratifying. In the home industries their help is valuable to us and of great worth to themselves. Several of the larger boys and girls have been placed in self-supporting positions, and give evidence of fine citizenship. Our outlook is enlarging. We are gratified in the gift of excellent books for our library, the number of volumes reaching nearly six hundred. The influence of the "reading hour" is having a marked effect for good in the character of the children. We are very grateful to God for his wonderful presence.

The work is carried on through the agent, treasurer, superintendents of departments, teachers, and helpers. Auxiliaries clothe fifty children.

RECEIPTS.

September, 1903, to September, 1904, Miss Mary Trim, Treasurer.

Assessments	\$ 936.14
Fifth Sunday collections, Mrs. S. B. Cook, Superintendent.....	1,082.25
General fund	2,331.98
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Total	\$4,350.37
By balance in treasury.....	500.89
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Total	\$4,851.26
Supply Department, Mrs. W. L. Rohr, Superintendent: Cash received and cash value reported.....	2,442.16
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Grand total	\$7,293.42

DISBURSEMENTS.

September, 1903, to September, 1904—Mrs. E. E. Wiley, Agent.

Building and material.....	\$2,023.35
Current expenses	1,842.78
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Total	\$3,866.13
Balance on hand	49.67
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Total.....	\$3,915.80
Balance in hands of treasurer.....	\$ 935.46

PACIFIC COAST WORK.—C. F. Reid, Superintendent.

ESTABLISHED 1897.

In making my report for the year ending March 31, 1905, it is a pleasure to be able to state that, so far as I can see, the interest intrusted to

me has never been in a more prosperous condition or with more hopeful outlook for the future. No one expects a work depending upon conditions so uncertain as missions among the Orientals in California to be conducted without mishaps and discouragements. Teachers will fail us. There will be large migrations at certain seasons to the country, and a changing about on the part of those for whom we labor, in the search for new homes and better conditions. But if at the end of a given period we are able to note a marked improvement in general conditions and have garnered some real fruit, we take heart and press forward.

Deaconess Work.

The Homer Toberman Deaconess Home, at Los Angeles, has just completed the first year of its work. It has been largely a year of experiment. The brave, loving hearts that undertook the work had to face these problems: "What shall we do? How shall we do it? From whence shall come the means to do it with?" We were like mariners sailing out on an unknown sea without chart or compass, but we believed an unseen hand would be placed on the helm and the right course determined. We had to begin as we could, and not as we would. We were not, however, without ideals, which have been steadily kept in view. Some undesirable elements unavoidable at the beginning have been eliminated, and others are in process of elimination. Our ideals have been formed into a purpose. Confidence has been begotten by success, and we feel that the way to successful and effective effort is now open.

In the meantime the Home has been furnished so that every room can now be occupied. A neat operating room with proper equipment has been supplied. A good furnace has been installed and various minor improvements have been added, which have contributed their share to the comfort and efficiency of the Home.

Our deaconess, Miss Maria Elliott, and our trained nurse, Miss Moizelle Elliott, have both entered upon their work, and have won the esteem and entire confidence of all with whom they have come in contact. Miss Kiefer and Miss Fyke have cheerfully and lovingly rendered full and satisfactory service in their departments, thus contributing their share to the success that has been attained.

All who are interested in the Home have been much concerned, during the last half of the year, by the failing health of our superintendent, Mrs. C. Price Brown. Every one was delighted when she consented to take the place, and agreed that no better selection could possibly have been made. It was to her discreet management and fine influence with local workers that we owe the successful launching of our enterprise. More than four months ago she was stricken with a malady that has steadily sapped her vital powers, and for the most part has confined her to her room and greatly limited the sphere of her personal oversight of the home. Loving hands have ministered unto her, and the hope of her improvement, mothered by our strong desire, has restrained us from making any change looking to a transfer of responsibility and care. Recently, however, it became so apparent that the eye and hand of one having authority was much needed about the place that Miss Maria Elliott was appointed to have charge of the general work of the Home, and Miss Moizelle Elliott to have charge of the Hospital Department and the duty of deciding as to who should be admitted to the same. These appointments were made to have effect until such time as Mrs. Brown should be able to resume her duties or some one should be appointed to fill her place.

I feel it my duty in this connection to mention the invaluable service rendered to the Home by that indefatigable worker, Mrs. Dr. C. Jack-

son. In season and out of season she has labored, planned, and organized for the benefit of the Home until she has won for it a constituency that practically insures its life, and which will continue to grow and strengthen until an assured support in sentiment and maintenance shall be placed beyond all question. Her noble husband and other physicians of the city have also won our gratitude by the generous service they have so cheerfully and sympathetically rendered.

Nor can we forget the faithful laymen who form our Board of Trustees—Brothers Lotspiech, Wicks, Knoch, Mathews, and Elliott. They have carefully attended to the more material part of the work by placing an insurance of \$7,500 on the building and contents and by paying taxes, etc. Our property is now practically furnished, insured, and free from debt.

The income during the year from various sources has been:

Cash	\$1,559.70
Donations of edibles and articles of use.....	262.70
The expenditures have amounted to.....	1,543.00
The number of garments distributed.....	174
The number admitted to the Home.....	48

Our Chinese School.

There has been quite a change in this work during the year. About the 1st of July Mrs. Wolfskill turned the school over to Miss Maria M. Elliott, and it thus became closely connected with the other departments of our work in Los Angeles. There was an almost immediate response to the trained labor and eager enthusiasm of the new teacher, and the improvement in the school has been marked and steady.

Miss Elliott has had the tact to enlist the interest of a good many volunteer workers, and these have greatly added to the efficiency of the school. There seems to be a real evangelistic spirit among the students who have already become Christians, and earnest efforts are made by them to win their fellow-countrymen to Christ. Three converts have been made during the year, all of whom have been baptized by Brother Ryland and have united with Trinity Church. I understand that several others are much interested in Christianity.

The entire enrollment during the year has been.....	45
Lowest average attendance	5
Highest average attendance	10

Japanese Missions.

The present condition of our missions to the Japanese in San Francisco and the Trans-Bay cities has never been so satisfactory since I came to the Coast. This is specially true with the mission in San Francisco. From the first I greatly desired to introduce the "home" feature into this work, but was unable to find a suitable house and make other necessary arrangements until late in the summer. It is perhaps well that we were hindered, for when we did finally secure a place it was just suited to our needs.

Every department of the work began to thrive at once. The boys went to work, and, with the assistance of a few dollars and a good deal of personal work, the house was soon cleaned and furnished, and in a few weeks was filled with a superior class of boys. Both the day and night schools filled up to the full capacity of the teachers, and the religious services had quite an access in attendance.

The day school now has an average attendance of eleven and is quite self-supporting. The night school has an average attendance of twenty-

eight, which keeps the two American teachers and the Japanese interpreter busy.

Mrs. Adams, who has charge of this school, is an admirable worker. Educated under Mrs. Tevis at the old Science Hill School in Shelbyville, Ky., she early imbibed the principles of our Church, and is a loyal Southern Methodist, through and through.

The best part of her work is that she takes a personal interest in the salvation of each of her boys. Out of this school we have gathered some of our best fruit, and more is ripening.

Our school in Alameda suffered a great loss during the year in the retirement of Miss Dibble. All-round good teachers for a Japanese night school are hard to find. Miss Dibble is such a one, and, though not a member of our denomination, she is an earnest Christian woman, and her influence over the boys was exceedingly fine. When it became apparent that we could no longer retain her, I set about finding some one to take her place, and finally secured the service of Miss Pearl Standefer. Miss Standefer is a Texas Methodist, and is the organist of our church in Alameda. While she had little experience in teaching, she had an eager desire to do more for her Master and has for years felt a strong impulse toward mission work.

She has now been in charge of the school several months, and has become very much attached to it. The boys have become very much interested in the study of hymn music under her instructions, and devote a good part of one evening each week to the learning of hymns and how to sing them. On the whole the school is doing well, with reasonable prospects of steady improvement.

The Oakland school is our most serious problem, chiefly from the fact that it is simply a night school, meeting in a little room in the Old Asbury Church, with no reading room or place for gathering other than in school hours; no home feature, no special attraction of any kind or way of reaching the boys save through the work of the school. It is hard to carry on successful work among the Japanese in this way. They love to have a place where they can come together for conversation and to read the Japanese papers and discuss the last news from home. When such a place is provided, their affections gather around it. They spend their money in making little entertainments and social gatherings. It becomes the one spot in a strange land to which they look with a feeling of companionship and to which they love to come back when for any reason they are called away from the city for a time. In such a home they become accessible and open to the personal influence of the Japanese pastor and other Christian workers. We must have a mission home for our work in Oakland.

The Old Asbury Church has now been abandoned for church purposes and will be reconstructed into a business block in a few months. We shall of necessity have to look out for a new place. Now it seems to me that the only proper thing for us to do under the circumstances is to secure a building that will enable us to put the Oakland work on the same basis as that of San Francisco and Alameda, and, so far as I know, with all other work carried on among the Japanese around the Bay. We have at this time a first-class, Christian Japanese who will take charge of such a home, and I am confident that with this change our Oakland mission will become as strong and fruitful as any that we have.

I am therefore asking for an increase of twenty-five dollars per month in the appropriation for Oakland, which is the only increase I shall ask for. During the year we have had to change teachers twice, but have at last secured for this school one of the best teachers I know for the purpose. She has had a large experience in the public schools, is an earnest Christian woman, and is enthusiastic in her work. My con-

viction is that Miss Tabor will soon be numbered as one of our strongest workers.

Our Native Pastor.

Mr. Yanagiwara has done faithful and effective work during the year. He practically preaches five times each week besides doing a whole lot of personal work inside and outside of the missions and superintending the rooming and boarding departments of the Homes in San Francisco and Alameda. He is a fine specimen of a Japanese Christian gentleman, that you like more as you know him better. He is immensely interested in the movements taking place in Eastern Asia from the missionary standpoint. With myself, he believes that the problem of evangelizing China will finally be solved by the Japanese Christians, and is eager to be one of the pioneers who are even now beginning the work in Korea. The Japanese have all the elements of successful missionaries. A few charges on the entrenched heathenism of China, like the nine successive charges of Oku's forces at the battle of Kinchow, will demolish the defenses and command sure victory. It is just here that I find my own inspiration for my work among the Japanese here about the Bay. Already two of our boys have gone East—one to the Sue Bennett Memorial and the other to Wofford College—to prepare themselves for Christian leadership in the Orient. There are two or three boys now in the schools who are eager to join them for the same purpose. If by the grace of God we shall be able to send a missionary Nogi, Togo, or Oyama to lead the forces that will with each advancing year grow in number and power, shall we not feel that we have been highly favored? For a quarter of a century I have carefully studied conditions in Eastern Asia, and in my opinion the Christian world can make no surer and more effective contribution to the sum total of Christ's complete triumph in those lands than by helping to equip Japan for what I believe to be her divinely appointed mission.

The missionary fire is burning in Mr. Yanagiwara, and we may not be able to keep him with us another year. Much as I should dislike to lose him in our work here, I confess to deep sympathy with him and shall think none the less of him if he goes.

Our Interpreters.

The interpreter in a Japanese school is really quite as important as the teacher. He gets closer to the boys, talks to them in their own language, and exerts an influence that may greatly help or entirely counteract that of the teacher and preacher. When I came here I found that the interpreter and trusted boy in our Oakland School was a Buddhist. It has been a main point with me to find the right kind of men for these places. Several changes have been necessary; but the men we have now are not only earnest Christians, but also capable to instruct. Both the interpreters at Alameda and Oakland are Southern Methodists, and graduated from our own Kwansai Gakuin College, in Kobe, Japan. Mr. Ishida, the interpreter at San Francisco, is the product of our own work; and while perhaps not so capable as the others, makes up for it in zeal and devotion to the mission work.

Our Boys in College.

Frequent letters from Mr. Shiramizu and Mr. Muraoka, who went from us last fall, assure us of their progress and general well-being. We are all very much interested in these boys who have gone out from us and follow them with our constant prayers.

Letters from Prof. Lewis, of the Sue Bennett Memorial, and Prof.

DuPre, of Wofford College, which I append herewith, give good account of their work and conduct. We are expecting great things from them, and ask for them the earnest prayers of our ladies throughout the Society.

SUE BENNETT MEMORIAL SCHOOL,
LONDON, KY., February 8, 1905.

"Dear Dr. Reid: H. Shiramizu has been a student in the freshman class of this school since September 1. It affords me pleasure to state that his work throughout has been of a satisfactory kind and his conduct exemplary. He is popular with the students and holds the esteem of every member of the faculty.
J. C. LEWIS."

WOFFORD COLLEGE FITTING SCHOOL,
SPARTANBURG, S. C., January 31, 1905.

"Dear Sir: I am very glad to be able to give you a very favorable report in regard to Mr. Muraoka. When he came here we put him in our intermediate class, but in a short time he asked us to advance him to our senior class, which we did. Of course he finds difficulty with some of his work. In mathematics and some other studies, where his work can be put on the board or on paper, he is doing well.

"I suppose it is hardly necessary for me to say that his conduct has been good since he came here. He has not given us the slightest trouble; but, on the other hand, has thrown his influence with that of the best boys here. We are glad to have him here. A. MASON DUPRE."

Our Church membership at the present time is as follows: San Francisco: Members, 11; probationers, 5. Total, 16. Alameda: Members, 20; probationers, 3. Total, 23. Received during the year by baptism, 5; profession of faith, 4. Total, 9. The total enrollment of new students in the schools for the year has been: San Francisco, 69; Alameda, 62; Oakland, 58. The average attendance at the present time is: San Francisco day school, 11; night school, 28. Total, 39. Alameda school, 12; Oakland school, 12.

You see from the foregoing that the average number of boys coming under our influence every day is sixty-three. It seems to me to be an opportunity not to be lightly esteemed.

In looking over some of the last monthly reports of the schools, I find that in one way and another we can count on a contribution to the work of the mission from the students of about sixty-three dollars per month—an average of one dollar *per capita* for the regular, average attendance. One can readily see how this amount enlarges the work we are able to do, and it also indicates the appreciation in which our work is held by our Japanese friends.

I trust you will give special attention to the call for an additional deaconess and a trained nurse for our Deaconess Home at Los Angeles. We need them greatly to prevent overtaxing the present workers and for the extension of the work.

Regretting the conditions that prevent me from being present at your Annual Meeting, and praying that it may be the most successful in the history of your Society, the above is respectfully submitted.

REV. N. YANAGIWARA, PASTOR.

The arrangement of my work in the three places around San Francisco Bay—San Francisco, Alameda, and Oakland—was, during the year, as follows: San Francisco, preaching service Sunday afternoon, Bible class Tuesday night; Alameda, preaching service Sunday night, prayer meeting Wednesday night; Oakland, Bible class Friday night. Besides these meetings conducted by myself, I am managing two Japanese mis-

sion homes, one at Alameda and the other at San Francisco. Since last August, when our San Francisco mission home was secured, I have been staying there for three days in the week, and the other four days in Alameda, so that I could manage the home affairs in both places. I helped our night school at San Francisco, as there was no regular Japanese interpreter.

For the San Francisco mission work we have now an encouraging prospect. Since we got that new mission home we are coming in close contact with many young men, and meantime inducing them to religious interests. We have now many friends at this new home; we have found at least five good probationers from them. They may be baptized in the near future and be called "brethren" in a real sense. Our plan for this new mission home is to have a strong foundation. To make, therefore, good Christians the foundation, we must wait some time. I hope that we may make steady, real growth there. The spiritual condition of our old members is encouraging. Their Christian experiences and faith are increasing. At present there are only five Church members in the city. One fine young man who was a real leader of the Church went to South Carolina and entered Wofford College to prepare for the ministry. There is one more young man who is praying to take the same course.

This new mission home has four small rooms upstairs. Three of them are used as lodgings and the other as a reading room. We can accommodate eight men in these three rooms.

Mrs. Adams and her daughter, Miss Adams, work very earnestly for the school and its religious development. All the boys appreciate the Christian love and sincerity.

The Alameda mission work is growing nicely, showing some good fruits. There was no little trouble among them during the year. The mission is really the center of good influence for the Japanese people in Alameda, both for spiritual and social affairs. Since the Russo-Japanese War began I have been obliged to act as the president of the "Patriotic Association" here. But fortunately it was rather a good chance for me to work for Jesus, because I and our mission thus became known more widely by our countrymen. Nothing is likely to be done to our people here without consulting with our mission. May I say that it is our desire that our missions at any place where the Japanese immigrants come shall be the religious, intellectual, and social headquarters?

Our Alameda mission home is very warm in heart and quite simple in manner. We are giving great spiritual and material advantages to young men, whether Christians or not, who are so far from their native land and loving parents. During the year at Alameda I have baptized five young men and received four young Christians who came from Japan. Total membership, twenty. There are three probationers.

Bible classes are held at Oakland on Friday night regularly after the school is closed. We have not a mission home or Sunday service here yet. There are two other denominations which have well-equipped Japanese mission homes in Oakland, and we also ought to have one.

JAPANESE SCHOOL, SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—MRS. E. S. ADAMS IN CHARGE.

Since the organization of the school we have not had as bright an outlook for the advancement of the work as at this time. The early part of the year was fraught with changes and worries, having had to move twice, and each move, as you know, practically means the up-building of a new school altogether; but, thanks to the wise management of our Superintendent, Dr. Reid, and his untiring efforts in the interest of the work, we are now comfortably settled in our long-looked-

forward-to and talked-of mission home. Since that time (August) there has been a steady increase of attendance and interest in every department of the work. Mr. Aono and wife, pupils of the school and members of our Church, are domiciled in the home and keep everything neat and attractive, and at present all of the rooms are occupied.

Since March, 1904, we have added sixty-nine new pupils to our roll, four of whom are Japanese women, increasing the number from one hundred and eighty-seven to two hundred and fifty-six. Average daily attendance, twelve to fifteen. Average nightly attendance, twenty-five to twenty-eight. Sunday service is well attended and deep spiritual interest shown. Five have been added to our Church. Rev. Yanagiwara has the confidence of the students, and in his mild, gentle way is doing effective work, correcting the erroneous ideas that many have of Christianity and leading them into a clearer knowledge of the love of Christ. During the year Mr. Muraoka, one of our pupils, consecrated himself for a missionary to his people, and is now at Wofford College fitting himself for that work, and we have two others who desire to follow his example soon.

One (Mr. Ishida) is doing good work in the school at present as an interpreter. "He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit." (John xv. 5.)

OAKLAND, CAL.—MISS R. J. TABER IN CHARGE.

I have been in charge of the Japanese Night School on Clay Street, Oakland, since January 2, 1905. The number of different pupils who have attended the school at some time during the past year I find to be fifty-eight, the average monthly attendance for the year being twelve. The school seems to be in a good condition. The boys are all studious and anxious to learn, making every effort possible. Their appreciation of the privilege they enjoy is noticeable in many ways. To be polite seems to be part of their being. The idea of discipline is never to be thought of; they always conduct themselves as gentlemen.

Mr. Kanzaki is an able and efficient worker, both as a Christian gentleman and an interpreter. We hope you will continue to pray for us and the work.

ALAMEDA JAPANESE SCHOOL.—MISS PEARL STANDEFER IN CHARGE.

The Japanese Mission Night School is taught four evenings in the week. There is an average attendance of twelve boys. Of that number, there are about six who are regular pupils and who may be called the "stand-bys" of the school. Of course there are seasons when the attendance is much larger. School opens at eight o'clock and lasts for a little more than one hour. The boys recite in order as they have learned their lessons—"first come, first served," being the rule at all times.

I have found the boys courteous, studious, and very quick to learn. Mr. Tasaki, the new interpreter, is a well-educated man and a competent teacher and, with the coöperation of the boys, I believe that he can accomplish a great deal.

On Friday evenings, after the lessons have been recited, we have a little music. The boys, being very anxious to learn to sing, have purchased their own song books. They like to sing the old, familiar songs, "Stand Up for Jesus" and "America" being their favorites. The boys are, as a rule, fond of music; and since they have recovered from their timidity it is much easier for them to sing, as they do not have so much fear of being criticised. There is one quality of the boys in my school that has come to my attention, especially since we began our

singing, one that I admire very much, and that is they believe in learning one thing well before taking up another. They always learn one verse of a song before they will make any attempt to learn the rest of it.

Every Wednesday evening we have prayer meeting led by the pastor, Rev. Yanagiwara, who also conducts the Sunday night services. The boys seem to take a great interest in the religious services, and there is usually a very good attendance. We have enrolled some ten or twelve Christians, and we have a few young men who I believe will grow to be noble Christians.

CHINESE SCHOOL, LOS ANGELES, CAL.—MISS MARIA M. ELLIOTT IN CHARGE.

My work in the school was begun on the evening of the day I arrived in Los Angeles, July 8, and from that day to this it has become more and more dear to me. When I think of the wonderful privilege it affords of telling day after day "the old, old story of Jesus and his love" to those who do not know it, and yet who hunger for it, my heart throbs with a joy it never knew before. There are difficulties in connection with the work which are hard to make plain to those unfamiliar with the conditions. For instance, the attendance for the most part is very irregular, as nearly all the pupils are working men and not able to come whenever they please. Their work, too, takes them out of the city very often, so that results are very slow in manifesting themselves. Another source of trouble this year was the fact that during the autumn months the officers were unusually vigilant in looking for Chinamen here without proper certificates. Many were deported and hundreds left the city or stayed in hiding for a long time, thus cutting down the attendance at the schools. But for all that, we have certainly, if slowly, grown this year, and so we thank God and take new courage, hoping for better things. The records show that since February 1, 1904, forty-five men have with more or less regularity received both religious and secular instruction; twenty-nine names have been added to the roll, ten names dropped, and three have been baptized and joined the Church. Two of these joined in the early spring and one on Christmas night. The latter speaks very little English, so the ceremony was conducted through an interpreter and was a most impressive sight. His whole manner has so wonderfully changed since, and his ambition to learn English, especially the Bible, is so marked that it is impossible to doubt the genuineness of his conversion. Just a little incident to show what Christianity has done for our Chinamen. Woo Tseung was converted and joined the Church last spring. A few months ago he, with a partner, went to Hollywood to raise vegetables for market; but he often comes in on the electric car to visit the school, especially on Sunday and prayer meeting nights. Last Sunday night we had a killing frost, and Monday evening Woo Tseung came in to tell us the story of his misfortune. His work of months was gone. Seven acres of beans just ready for market, and the price in San Francisco fifteen cents a pound! A clear loss of \$1,000. But was he sullen and rebellious? Not a bit of it. His idol-worshipping friends will be sure to sneer at him and laugh at his God who cannot help his devotees any better than that. They will doubtless tell him that the gods are angry because he has forsaken them and thus have punished him, and try to win him back to the old way. But it was beautiful to see his brightness and cheerful resignation to the will of God. How his face lit up when one of the teachers quoted to him some comforting passages of Scripture, and how readily he promised to stay upon his God and trust him through evil as well as good report, through adversity as well as prosperity! When called upon to lead in prayer, his response was hearty and free; and though we could not understand what he said, still

we felt that he was talking with one whom he knew was his friend and whom he knew would give him only what is best. The Bible drills each night are becoming more and more interesting, even those who are not Christians joining in and trying to learn the questions. Woo Fong On, another one who was converted last spring, has gone back to China to carry the glad news of salvation to his aged mother. When she is converted he will come back, he says. In the meantime he writes that China is "waking up." He says he is glad to be able to tell them about Jesus because they are so anxious to hear, and says "Study hard, learn all you can about him, so you can tell it to our people when you come home." It seems to be their highest ambition, after they have once found the Light, to help others to find it. How can we be so selfish with it when there are so many groping in darkness for want of it?

PAINÉ ANNEX, PAINÉ COLLEGE, AUGUSTA, GA., INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT.—MISS ELLEN YOUNG IN CHARGE.

ESTABLISHED 1902.

I am glad to say in summing up the work for the term 1904-05 that it was in many respects a very successful and happy one with us. Good work was done throughout the year. The girls took all of the class honors, not giving the five young men of the class a place on the programme. They looked very well in their pretty but simple gingham dresses, which they made themselves in our sewing room. My only regret was that I had to leave for my vacation with the boarding department owing nearly one hundred dollars, due to the fact that nearly all of the students left in debt to the annex for board. With the help of Dr. Walker and Mrs. MacDonell, a plan was fostered by which this money could be gotten. During the summer I wrote a letter to each student saying that she could not return until all back board was paid. I am glad to say every student returned and paid in full every dollar that was due. Seven hundred and sixty-seven dollars and twenty-five cents was paid for board, and the expenses of the boarding department were seven hundred and twenty-seven dollars and three cents, leaving a balance of forty dollars and twenty-two cents to our credit to begin the new term.

We have had two gifts for which we were thankful: One of one hundred dollars coming from the Slater Fund through Dr. Buttrick, which was used in helping to fit up the laundry and pay for tables and screens. One hundred dollars came from Mrs. L. P. Smith for our library.

Our present school year opened September 26, and so far it has been a very happy year. We have had enough success to make us feel that God has abundantly blessed us. At the opening of school we had twenty girls in the annex, and by the 15th of October I had a family of thirty-two girls and three boys, but two girls had to leave—one was ill and the other called home to care for a sick mother. Early in January Miss Bennett sent us a little boy who is doing nicely, and I trust will be a blessing to us.

The plan of the work is very much as it was last term, the girls doing the cooking, dishwashing, care of the home, as well as their rooms, and they have given satisfaction. Good order is secured without any trouble.

A few changes have been made in the laundry work. Quite a hundred girls have to use the laundry, besides work is done for over thirty young men. The ten new wooden tubs fill a long-felt want and do much toward helping the work, as twenty girls can wash at a time. We have had to hire a woman to come and do the washing for the young men, and the girls did the ironing. This was done because the girls were young and pressed with work. Twenty-five cents a month is charged the young

men and this goes to pay for the washing. We do not have any trouble in getting all of the laundry work out of the way before Saturday, as we have school Saturday instead of Monday.

The sewing room has been crowded; one hundred and fifty girls have been enrolled and they have done good work, finishing one hundred and thirty books of sample pieces, one hundred pillow tops (buying the material so they may keep what was made), ten gingham aprons worked with white cotton which sold for thirty cents apiece, the money going to purchase more material for the sewing room; twelve raffia hand bags and as many raffia hats are being made, besides doing sewing for themselves. The twelve senior girls are planning their commencement dresses, which will be made of gingham.

The classes in basketry have done well. I have three classes and twelve baskets have been made. In a short while we will take up chair-caning, making of stools and making rush-bottom chairs. I can only say I am not able to take all who wish to join my classes.

The girls who graduated last year have done well. I have gotten some very helpful letters from some of them. One wrote: "Please find enclosed five dollars to pay my last month's board. Papa wanted to pay it when I first came home, but I told him that I would work and do it myself. I made this money by sewing, and I learned to sew while at Paine." Another: "I am teaching, and I put into practice in my school what I learned while in the Annex. I sometimes thought you were hard on us, but now I see it was for our good." Another wrote: "I am teaching and I have a good school. I am trying to do the things that I learned while at Paine. I want to become a noble, good woman like the teachers I have had and the good women who have become interested in us and gave us the Annex." I just tell you about these letters so you can see that the girls who leave here are really trying to become good women and do some good. Also to show you that your work and prayers have not been in vain. I trust that success may ever be yours and that the Lord will bless all that you do for his cause.

RESCUE WORK.

ANN BROWDER CUNNINGHAM MISSION HOME AND TRAINING SCHOOL, DALLAS, TEX.—MRS. M. L. STONE, PRINCIPAL.

ESTABLISHED 1898.

"O, a wonderful stream is the river Time,
As it runs through the realm of tears."

Another twelve months have passed, and we come to record in a few lines the work of three hundred and sixty-five days, each day bringing its own opportunities for our best efforts, its own calls to duty, its own privileges, its own burdens. The number of times the recording angel has had to write "Failed" at the close of a chapter, or has written "She hath done what she could," will never be known until the books are opened and we stand before the Judge of all the earth. But our blessings have been manifold; and as we endeavor to "count them one by one," the great things and the small, the kind friends continually sending things which contribute to the comfort and happiness of all, the encouraging words, the prayers, the flowers, and the many, many things to brighten and bless, we are made to say with the Psalmist: "Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto thee do we give thanks: for that thy name is near thy wondrous works declare."

Last March the home was honored by a visit from three of the General Board—viz., Miss Belle Bennett, Mrs. MacDonell, and Mrs. L. P.

Smith. Their visit proved a blessing "all the year round." In April we put in the system recommended by the President and Secretary—a system of two hours in each department every day, and since that time this has been a busy household. We have not accomplished as much as we may have hoped, but we feel that it has been a year well spent.

There are only five girls at present who are not professed Christians, and we hope to see them saved very soon. At the Pastors' Association last spring they made out a list of appointments, giving each Methodist pastor a certain Sunday in the month out here; and they all responded so well—a few times we had to call on "brethren" from other Churches.

Number of girls in Home at beginning of year, 63; number received during year, 48; total, 111. Number gone out during year, 67; number gone into service after two years in the Home, 21; number in training elsewhere, 2; number married, 4; number taken home by parents, 8; number left with permission, 6; number left without permission, 13; number expelled, 11; number sent to epileptic colony, 1; number deaths, 1; total number at present, 44. Number infants in home, 22; number adopted into Christian homes, 13; number of deaths, 4. Receipts: Cash donated and received for girls over regulation number, \$2,165.15. Expended: Household for twelve months, \$521.85; meat for twelve months, \$331.65; butter for twelve months, \$98.25; vegetables and fruit, \$178.75; hospital, \$279.15; wood, \$140.15; hay, \$22.60; repairs, \$40.05; cooking range, \$75; laundry, \$5.80; harness, \$14.50; sewing room, \$2.15; total, \$1,710.25; balance, \$454.90. We have deposited to credit of Mrs. L. H. Potts, as Treasurer of Local Board, \$400; drew out for home expense, \$100; balance in bank, \$300; leaving balance on hand, \$154.90. Donations: Ninety boxes valued at \$2,210.40, two tons of hay, ten sacks of bran, one car load of coal, one barrel of fresh meat.

MRS. W. H. JOHNSON, FINANCIAL AGENT.

Our year's work in many respects is the most satisfactory yet accomplished, notwithstanding we have not added one iota to our buildings or equipment and the same old story of turning away more girls than we receive goes on.

The new system of sections and grades, introduced by our General Secretary under the management of our efficient principal and her corps of faithful teachers, makes our two years' course more interesting and profitable to the students, developing the best there is in them.

Since more than seven hundred and fifty young girls and four hundred and twenty-five infants have been saved by this one Home, shall we women of the South talk of the necessity of endowing universities and colleges and actually give our money, while these "brands plucked out of the fire" are denied a chance to protect unborn life and the privilege of learning to read their Bibles? In the name of justice and mercy, and with the consent of our President, we organized a stock company to give us better buildings and equipment. Through *The King's Messenger* for a whole year we have sown the seeds of this need broadcast. Sixty thousand homes have been entered, asking all to take shares and become coworkers with us. One thousand dollars in cash shares in the bank and some thousands promised are the visible results.

The cottage and outbuildings, ordered to be built last year and so badly needed, have been deferred. I have received \$906.30 in cash and almost as much in subscriptions for this purpose, but as subscriptions are sent to the Conference Treasurers they will report how much has been collected. A car of lumber we secured last June is on the ground, valued at \$394, making a total of \$1,300.30. This, with what the General Treasurer reported last year, will make a valuable addition to our work.

I have traveled in Texas, Missouri, and California nearly ten thousand miles during the year, representing our Home Mission cause to Church congregations wherever I have gone. Our bishops and ministry have given us their warmest commendations and most helpful influence, for which we are deeply grateful. As Bishop Hoss declared before his Conferences: "There is not a better work under the shining sun than this institution is doing." Then in God's name let us no longer be diverted by less vital issues.

We need and ask the women of the South to take fifty thousand shares at one dollar each to build and equip a large fireproof Mission Training School worthy of our Master and his cause. We ask you to pray with us that God will make us willing, as he has made us able, to answer our own prayers.

MILLINERY DEPARTMENT.—MISS LOUISE HARTMAN IN CHARGE.

During the year our receipts have been \$3,296.02. Our expenses are quite heavy, as the Home is so far out of town we must pay car fare each day for several people; then too, our rent is high. Our expenses for the year have been \$957.07.

We have had nine girls in training. Of these, five have finished and left the Home. Four are in responsible positions and well prepared to make an honest living. The other four are still with us and will finish this spring. The girls show decided talent in the department. Nothing leaves our workroom unless it is satisfactory, and those who have employed our girls tell us they do their work thoroughly. It is very encouraging to find the girls so ready—yes, eager—to learn. They do their very best, and our workroom sends out as pretty and as well-made hats as can be found anywhere. Besides training our own girls, we have had four ladies come in from the city, two of whom are still with us and the other two are holding positions.

SEWING ROOM DEPARTMENT.—MISS BETTIE GROSS IN CHARGE.

Mrs. M. C. Flowerree was in charge from February 1, 1904, until July 1, and the Home was without a superintendent from then until September 1. Number garments made for the Home and outsiders during this time, 243; receipts, \$93.15; expended, \$36.32; balance, \$56.83.

I take pleasure in giving the report of the work in this department from September 1, 1904 (at which time I took charge), to February 1, 1905. We have had from three to six girls in regular attendance. Hours spent in sewing room per day, seven. We do sewing for the Home and outside sewing. All the girls in the home have certain hours for the department. I have felt highly pleased with the interest taken and progress made. Garments and pieces made for the Home, 779; garments and pieces made for customers, 132; total, 911. Received, \$65.45; expended, \$14.95.

HOSPITAL DEPARTMENT.—MISS ELIZABETH R. DAVIS IN CHARGE.

Operating room fairly equipped. Drugs on hand valued at \$85; infants born, 28; infants died, 4; infants cared for in nursery, 53; infants in nursery, 22; infant invalid, 1; girl died, 1; girl invalid (just died), 1; nurses in training, 4; nurses sent out, 3. Nurses study a course on women's and children's diseases and get experience in cleaning, dieting, operating room, and liberal experience with children in nursery. Drs. J. W. Bourland and B. Kinsell have indeed rendered excellent service with our sick adults, Dr. G. W. B. Swaim in our nursery, and Dr. Hancock in dentistry.

LAUNDRY DEPARTMENT.

Expenses, \$126.60; receipts, \$15.40; pieces washed, 148,746. Every girl in the Home has to take her part of the laundry work. I like this department when I can give it plenty of time; but as the laundry runs in the morning almost entirely, and as the greater part of the hospital work is also in the morning, I do not feel I have always attended to this work as it could or should be done. We need a worker for one or the other department.

SCHOOLROOM.—MRS. F. B. RUDOLPH IN CHARGE.

“And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.” (Jer. xviii. 4.)

So many of the girls who come to us for refuge and remain for training have been deprived of almost every advantage that could have been helpful to character-building. Yet marred and crushed as they come to us, we still recognize in them the created temple for the Holy Spirit, and are privileged to constantly strive to inspire hope, virtue, and intelligence in them. There have been seven in the Home during the past six months who could not read at all. There are now twenty-six in the primary and intermediate grades who are beginning to read intelligently. The sections are graded according to their advancement in their studies. Each girl spends three hours in the schoolroom, including study hour. Reading, spelling, arithmetic, primary history, geography, language are used in primary and intermediate grades. In addition to these, the advance class takes general history and rhetoric.

The interest manifested and progress made by the pupils is encouraging. Our department has been a grateful sharer in the liberal donations sent into the Home recently. A handsome wall clock, eighty-six copies of the Bible, and a complete line of new text-books are among the needed and much-appreciated gifts.

REPORT OF CITY MISSIONS.

ATLANTA, GA., SETTLEMENT HOME—MISS ROSA LOWE.
HEAD RESIDENT.

Our work has grown rapidly in influence and scope during the past year. Many new departments have been introduced since the last report. More rooms have been given for use in our work and the auditorium has been enlarged. The house has been fitted up with gas and arranged so that when it is needed it can be used.

All the departments of work are in a flourishing condition. The playground is a new feature for the summer months; last summer 4,320 children were cared for on the grounds. Through this method the little ones were kept off the streets and engaged in legitimate play under the supervision of a young Christian woman. Fairness in play was insisted upon, and any who were not willing to abide by the rules of the ground were expelled. A great deal of good was accomplished in this way.

Two new dispensaries have been opened in the Medical Department of the work. Dr. Crawford, the specialist for eye, ear, nose, and throat, has for several years treated any patients taken to him; and now he comes to us once a week and gives his service. He is doing much good in this way, for many patients are found in a mill neighborhood. The other office is in charge of Dr. Fischer, who treats women's diseases. Ten cents is charged for each patient. This is to encourage a feeling of independence, for each woman can afford to pay that much for the great benefit to be derived from his service.

I have spoken in other reports of the extravagance and carelessness of the extremely poor, and in order to overcome this habit among my people I have introduced the Penny Provident Fund. In this way the children are being taught to save their pennies. In one home, where the children were depositing their pennies in the bank, on account of unavoidable circumstances the parents were without funds with which to buy coal, and they were much rejoiced because the children had saved enough to tide them over. They borrowed the necessary amount from the children.

The Day Nursery is in a very flourishing condition now. Miss Crim is in charge, and she is a real mother to the babies. They are being taught many useful lessons in housekeeping and also in self-control. She realizes that this is a rich opportunity for serving her Master and is improving it joyfully.

A new dormitory for the children and ten little white beds have been added to our home. Now we shall have one for the girls and one for the boys. Different ladies are fitting up the beds in memory of some loved one. Our President, Mrs. Milam, has one in memory of her mother. A new feature in connection with the nursery is the lunches which are being served to the mothers whose children are in the nursery, and who would but for this go home to a cold room and cold lunch, eating alone. They are furnished at ten cents apiece.

The night school is a very interesting department of the work. We are trying in every way possible to magnify *education*. At the close of the term an exhibition is given and the families of the children are invited. Great improvement is shown in the execution of the pro-

gramme each time. Through the influence of the exhibition and other agencies, I have been able to place about one hundred children in the public schools during the year. The night school children are very much interested in reading and a small circulating library has been started for their benefit. How much we need good books at this time to direct this new development into the right channel!

As is always the case, the young people are more successfully reached through the social side of life. The weekly entertainments are still a part of the work, and they are growing in favor with the people. The workers in the settlement have given several parties to the young people, going to all the pains we would for our own best friends. This fact has appealed to the young people very much, and they have shown their appreciation by good behavior and expressions of thanks. In this way we are gaining the love and confidence and hope to use this for God's glory.

A great many obstacles must be overcome in our dealings with the people, for we are trying to train them out of old habits, which have become second nature. One thing is the habit of *begging*. All are liable to live by the work of their own hands, but it is so easy to put up a "pitiful tale" and receive help without exertion. Strangers, not knowing the wage-earning capacity of each family and the amount of effort put forth, are touched by these appeals and give to them, thus encouraging them to live in idleness.

Much good work has been done in the kindergarten this year. Many of the children have been placed in the public schools and are taking a good stand. The Sunday school is also on the increase.

May the Lord direct and prosper us another year as he has done in the past!

My statistical report is as follows: Trained workers employed by our Board, 3; salaried workers employed by our Board, 5; volunteer workers employed by our Board, 20 in Settlement Home; day nursery, 1; children cared for in day nursery, 3,789; kindergarten, 1; children enrolled in kindergarten, 3,620; night school, 1; students enrolled in night school in two sessions, 104; boys' club, 1; boys enrolled in club, 16; girls' club, only sewing school; dispensaries, 3; patients treated in dispensaries, 1,153; Sabbath school, one in home; children enrolled, 70; value of supplies and money received for distribution, \$60 supplies, \$26 cash; visits made, 770; received, 2,366; visits to institutions, hospitals, jails, etc., 25; meetings conducted or addressed, 20; amount of money given, \$25; papers and tracts distributed, 200.

ATLANTA CITY MISSION.—MRS. E. M. EVANS, CITY MISSIONARY.

Industrial school organized, 1; sessions held in four industrial schools, 117; total enrollment, 275; average attendance, 200; teachers in four schools, 45; visitors during the year, 56; garments made in schools and given the children, 469; baskets made in schools and given the children, 13; calls for help, material and spiritual, at my home, 250; garments, hats, and shoes given the poor, 1,025; articles of bedclothing and furniture, 7; amount of provisions, \$40.90; medicines, \$5.55; money, \$20.50; coal, \$6.50; coal for industrial schools, \$2.25; bought material for industrial schools, \$6.65; paid rent for poor sick people, \$44.50; paid board for an old lady at Woman's Coöperative Home, \$15; religious papers, books, and magazines distributed, 2,395; bouquets of flowers with Scripture cards attached, 103; fans with Scripture cards attached, 60; visits to sick and strangers, 395; religious visits, 672; visits to benevolent institutions, 20; auxiliaries visited, 13; opportunities for prayer and Bible-readings, 161; mothers' meetings, 35; meetings at Sol-

diers' Home, 6; cottage prayer meetings, 2; donation prayer meeting, 1; gave a talk on city mission work at College Park Methodist Church; attended district meeting and read my annual report; attended State convention at Forsyth and gave a talk on city mission work; spent 98 hours nursing the sick; cut 125 garments for industrial school; secured employment for eighteen people; carried one sick woman to the doctor; carried four sick people out driving; placed five little children in the Home for the Friendless; had a picnic for 350 women and children, furnished by the Board; had an entertainment for sixty-five children at Settlement Home Industrial School; had a Christmas tree for one hundred children at Exposition Mills Industrial School, given by Trinity Sunday School, valued at \$40; had a Christmas tree for eighty-five children at Leonard Street Industrial School, given by various Methodist Churches, valued at \$35; influenced five women to subscribe to City Board; influenced three women to join Home Mission Society; brought two children into the Sunday school; secured \$26.75 for City Mission Board.

AUGUSTA, GA., SETTLEMENT HOME.—MRS. ELLA KISER, DEACONESS IN CHARGE.

I came to Augusta about the middle of October, 1904, therefore it is a little difficult for me to make up the year's report, and reports are inadequate at best. I found the work well established, making progress, yet running without a trained worker. The benevolent and plucky women of God, "keeping step with the Master," know not defeat; God never fails to bless such effort. Our work is many-sided. The prominent features are religious, educational, industrial, and social. They blend harmoniously and are so intertwined that they cannot be separated.

We have a fine Sunday school—average attendance, 135—and up-to-date workers; a lecture course; and each month an entertainment (musicale or lecture) is given the people free. A Christmas tree and entertainment were provided for the children at a cost of \$75, the programme being creditably rendered by the children. The occasion was satisfactory, profitable, and enjoyable.

The sewing school holds its sessions twice each week; children in attendance, 3,715. These dear little girls have made for themselves 419 garments. We have a graded school. The advanced class are taught to cut their own garments.

Our mothers' meeting is held every Wednesday afternoon; our kindergarten three afternoons each week, with an average attendance of 25. Our kindergartner has arranged to take care of the little ones while the mothers enjoy the mothers' meeting.

We have two clubs for boys. The boys ranging in ages from twelve to fifteen years are members of the Mutual Improvement Club; the younger boys are members of the Sunshine Social Club. We hope to do work soon under a physical director. We have done some work in calisthenics. Our Sabbath school clubs and classes are held in rooms generously provided by the Free School Board.

The social work, aside from that mentioned, is carried on in the Settlement Home, a neat seven-room cottage, comfortably furnished, orderly, and an ideal home. Entertainments are given to those whom we wish to reach and interest in the work; also to the different clubs and classes. We try to make these gatherings educational and practical as well as entertaining. Thursday is at home day; Thursday night is young people's night. Fifteen or twenty young people congregate at the home weekly, play innocent games, read, sing or visit as they choose.

Sometimes light refreshments are served. They seem to come gladly and leave reluctantly; but necessity compels them to leave early, for the coming hard day's work demands sleep and rest.

We do not wish to make our home a distributing station, but our relief work is done from the home. Visiting is one of our successful efforts. We have free access to all homes; nay more, we are gladly welcomed. Many a blessed privilege our dear Lord has granted in allowing our prayers to mingle and ascend to the throne of grace, and many an opportunity has been ours to relieve physical want and suffering. How the heart longs to lead these dear people, whom we have learned to love, to the gentle Saviour, that he may bestow the "peace that the world cannot give and the world cannot take away." "The field is indeed white."

The pastors and ladies of the different Churches are kind and helpful, also many outside friends. We realize more fully than ever before the meaning of "Ask," etc. We have been asking, and God is proving his promise wonderfully true. Our motto is "Go forward." We will surely conquer "for Jesus's sake."

My statistical report is as follows: Trained workers employed by our Board, 2; salaried worker employed by our Board, 1 and a deaconess; volunteer workers employed by our Board, 12; kindergarten, 1; children enrolled in kindergartens, 34; industrial school, 1; children enrolled in industrial school, 140; boys' clubs, 2; boys enrolled in clubs, 30; mothers' club, 1; women enrolled in mothers' club, 23; Sabbath school affiliated with work, 1; children enrolled in Sabbath school, 170; value of supplies and money received for distribution, supplies \$5, money \$19.50; visits made, 558; received, 283; visits to institutions, hospitals, jails, etc., 3; opportunities for prayer and Bible-reading, 35; meetings conducted or addressed, 15; hours spent in kindergarten, 186; persons aided, 20; garments given, 564; groceries, \$5; amount of money, \$19.50; papers and tracts distributed, 750; books loaned, 10. Miss Nell Weigle is our kindergarten teacher, therefore the salaried worker. Total amount of money expended during year, \$742.84. Sixty pairs of shoes have been given, many of them new; also 25 hats.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA.—MRS. M. E. CARR, MISSIONARY.

It is extremely difficult to tabulate the work of the city missionary. The statistical report of work in Birmingham, Ala., is about as follows: Visits made, 746; received, 105; meetings conducted or addressed, 31; opportunities for Bible-reading and prayer, 20; amount received and expended in money and supplies, \$65; garments given away, 85; shoes, 2 pairs; families aided, 27; hours spent in caring for sick, 50; meals prepared for sick families, 8; nurses furnished, 5; baby cared for during mother's illness in hospital, 1; visits made to hospitals, 8; situations secured for the unemployed, 5; children placed in Mercy Home, 4; auxiliaries visited, 5; special meetings, 55.

The 1st of July the cozy little home which Miss Taylor and I had found such a factor for good was given up, and your one worker boarded for two months; but she found that the best interest of the work called for more freedom of action than could be obtained while forming one of a family. She secured two pleasant rooms upstairs, where she did light housekeeping, making a miniature home which was always free to those wishing to consult her. The unoccupied evenings, three in number, were given to the young people. We are still occupying for our Sunday school and other services the uncomfortable little house used last year. It is taxed to its utmost at the Sunday evening services. If we had an up-to-date Institutional Church, a grand work could be

done in that community. Even with our poor equipment much has been done for the betterment of the dwellers in that part of the city. Where there was entire lack of interest in things spiritual, there is now a growing interest, and a spirit of reverence which is very encouraging. We have been able to enlist some of our young people in active work. They have taken hold with eagerness, and will make earnest workers. Some months since the boys of the Bible class wired the house for electricity, and we no longer have to contend with smoky lamps.

God grant that the seed sown may bring forth an abundant harvest.

DALLAS, TEX., SETTLEMENT HOME.—MISS ESTELLE HASKIN, HEAD
RESIDENT.

Through a late census of the immediate district, including ten blocks north and south and ten blocks east and west, it was found that we are in direct touch as neighbors with 2,925 people, 2,325 of which are whites and 600 blacks. This does not include the twenty or thirty families outside the district that are in constant touch with our work. It was found that one-fourth of the heads of families of the white inhabitants were foreign-born. Among this number were Spanish, Swiss, Chinese, Russian, Hungarian, Mexican, Welsh, Jewish, Italian, Swedish, French, Irish, Scotch, Bohemian, English, and German families. Out of the 2,325 whites only 150 even have any connection with a Protestant Church, and only 125 of them are members of the Catholic Church.

This district has in its midst not less than thirty saloons, making at least one saloon to every one hundred people. Added to this, we can count over forty houses which are dens of evil, having a more corrupting influence upon the lives of the girls and boys and young men and young women than even the saloon. In the midst of these conditions three and four workers have lived for the past twelve months, and to the doors of their little cottage the children of the community have flocked continually. As neighbors and missionaries of the gospel these workers have gone in and out among the people, making during the year 2,971 calls and receiving 2,472.

The home has stood as a light in the midst of darkness, and the children have instinctively come to regard its standards. One little girl, living in poverty and surrounded by the hardest circumstances, declares that when she is older she will be a settlement worker, and when asked by her mother what she expected to do she replied: "I will pray and pray that my mamma may quit cursing."

The work grew to such proportions that we were forced to have a larger Sunday school and kindergarten room, and to meet this need the City Mission Board rented a large store building three blocks from the Home. For eight months during the year a kindergarten has been conducted, having an enrollment of forty or fifty, and an average attendance of twenty-five or thirty.

Two clubs for boys have been conducted, and through them the lives of seventy boys have been touched. Each club has its officers, and the meetings are always opened with devotional services, after which the boys spend an hour in some form of manual work, which they always find delight in doing. Thus their minds and hands are trained and their hearts won for better things. We truly believe with Jacob Riis that one boys' club is worth a thousand policemen's clubs. There are also two clubs for girls under fifteen years of age. These eighty children are being taught sewing and coming under the influence of some of the most beautiful characters among the young women of our churches. The Happy Hour Club, conducted for the young women and working girls of our community, has been continued through the year. From its membership and under the leadership of one of our volun-

teers we have one of the largest and most prosperous classes in the Sunday school. Twenty of these volunteer workers from among the young people of the Churches have stood by us constantly, teaching and working with the children and bringing to the residents the courage and cheer needful for the dark hours.

The crowning feature of all our work has been the Sunday school. To look into the faces of eighty or one hundred of these children each Sunday, and to hear them sing, is indeed an inspiration to any heart. We have an enrollment of one hundred and sixty-two, and over half of these are pupils who have continued with us since the very early days of our work. Fifty-two cottage prayer meetings have been held, and in October a Junior League was organized in which good work has been done in Bible study and mercy and help work.

Our work has been very imperfect in many respects because of lack of equipment, but the influence of the home has steadily gained in the community, and while we are waiting the field is indeed ripening unto a great harvest time. A lot one hundred by one hundred and thirty feet was purchased by the City Mission Board in June. Almost the entire amount for the last payment has been subscribed, and we are hoping that in the near future the money may be sent us for the erection of the new building and for the needed equipment. May the day come speedily!

My statistics show the following record: Trained workers employed by our Board, 4; salaried workers employed by our Board, 3; volunteer worker employed by our Board, 1; kindergarten, 1; children enrolled in kindergarten, 50; boys' clubs, 2; boys enrolled in clubs, 70; girls' clubs, 2; girls enrolled in clubs, 80; young women's club, 1; young women enrolled in club, 20. There is a Sabbath school affiliated with our work, enrolling 162 children. Value of supplies and money received for distribution, \$90; visits made, 2,971; received, 2,472; opportunities for prayer and Bible-reading, 75; meetings conducted or addressed, 53; hours spent in kindergarten, 480; garments given and sold, 1,166; groceries, \$5; amount of money, \$30.

HOUSTON, TEX., SETTLEMENT HOME.—MRS. I. M. E. BLANDIN, SECRETARY.

Miss May A. Wilson, deaconess, lives in the Settlement Home, though she is employed by Shearn Church as a pastor's assistant. Miss Vera Billow, a trained kindergartner, a graduate of the Chicago Kindergarten College, also lives in the home and has charge of the kindergarten and sewing school. Miss Mary Swope is her assistant, and gives her services without remuneration.

Mrs. J. W. Moore, the wife of the pastor of Shearn Church, has organized in Shearn Church a Young Ladies' Circle, and she and some two or three of the young ladies assist in the sewing school; three or four ladies from Shearn also assist in the industrial school.

When Brother Moore heard the Woman's Home Mission Institute was to be held here, he decided to have Miss Wilson give as much time as possible to the settlement work in order to help organize departments. The report covers the work from its beginning last November to date. The visits have been made by Miss Wilson, Miss Bellow, Mrs. Williams, and myself. The sewing school girls are very enthusiastic workers. The boys' class in basketry is also enthusiastic, though small. The cottage prayer meetings (only three as yet have been held) are well attended. The young men and boys in the neighborhood frequently call in the evening, and are giving proof of the inspiration the home is becoming.

A Christmas tree was prepared for the kindergarten and sewing school. Each child had a present, fruit and candy. They had prepared

an exercise, and they did the work well and much to the satisfaction of the parents present. Shearn Sunday School gave \$58.50 of their Christmas money, and the classes giving this declined to have presents on the Christmas tree. Some individuals of the Sunday school added to this donation \$15, making \$73.50 from the Sunday school.

Shearn Church made a Christmas offering for the Home of \$75. Shearn Auxiliary gave \$70, and the Auxiliaries are pledged to raise \$40 per month. This is raised by voluntary subscriptions per month, and has been paid regularly. Shearn has paid a monthly subscription of \$20, besides the donations.

The furniture is all new. Besides Sunday school donations, we have received \$282.50; current expenses, \$213.97; other purposes, \$33.53; balance, \$35.

Much of my time has been spent in collecting money, writing notices, and interviewing people in the interest of the work. I have given my time to the work, though I have not taught or held any meetings. One incident shows the interest in this work: One Thursday, sewing school day, it poured down rain, yet thirty-two girls went to the Home for the sewing lesson. Mothers are asking whether there will be talks on child-training and some inquiries have been made about a cooking class.

There has not been the opposition to the work exhibited in some places; on the contrary, some seem anxious to have the work for their children that others are willing to contribute. Brother and Sister Moore, the Young Ladies' Circle, the Home Mission Auxiliary, and a large proportion of the members of Shearn Church are interested and working for the Settlement Home. The work has been retarded by the bad weather, but we are not discouraged. It was the intention of the Board to make the home comfortable and homelike, and I think it has been accomplished.

The following figures tell something of the work: Trained workers employed by our Board, 2; salaried workers employed by our Board, 2. The Board pays a woman to help with the housework; though Miss Wilson assists with the work, she is not employed by the Board. Volunteer worker employed by our Board, 1; kindergarten, 1; children enrolled in kindergarten, 26; industrial school, 1; children enrolled in industrial school, 43; boys' club, 1; boys enrolled in club, 4; free reading room, 1; mothers' club, 1; women enrolled in mothers' club, 6; value of supplies and money received for distribution, \$7.50; money spent, \$7.50; value of garments not given; flowers sent to sick or convalescents, 2; number of hours nursing sick, 10; hours spent in sewing school, 16; visits made, 219; received, 52; visits to institutions, hospitals, jails, etc., 4; opportunities for prayer and Bible-reading, 8; meetings conducted or addressed, 16; hours spent in kindergarten, 86; persons aided, 51; garments given, 15; groceries, \$4.50; amount of money, \$3; papers and tracts distributed, 113.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—MRS. A. J. RUSSELL, PRESIDENT.

Our Central City Mission has reached its second birthday. Most of its life has been spent in a one-story building, I may say a long, narrow hall. It was so arranged that we used it for reading room and evangelistic services and in the rear a storeroom. Notwithstanding such small beginnings, excellent results blessed the efforts. God heard our prayers and led us to our present quarters. We are now on the principal business street of our city; have rooms on the second floor ample for each department. The reading room is light and airy, and we average about forty-five visitors daily. Through our employment bureau most of the seekers after work, who come with an honest desire

to get positions, are seldom disappointed. Lodgings have been given outside heretofore; now we are enabled to furnish a cot or bed. Groceries have been donated from several wholesale houses and bread from the bakeries, so that we could provide many meals and send to families. Good second-hand clothing and shoes are usually on hand, so that we can in that way assist. Seamen, railroad men, travelers, and many citizens have been furnished good literature. Railroad lines have given us rates whereby we could assist the unfortunate to reach home. Mrs. D. A. Cooke has charge of the juvenile work. She is thoroughly at home in her work, training the children along different lines. Rev. J. Lawton Moon, appointed by the Florida Conference, has charge of the evangelistic department, assisted by Mrs. C. E. Burdett. The latter fills the position of city missionary. She is the only one employed by our Board. These devoted workers hold meetings in different parts of the city, as well as at the reading room. And the lost—yes, the most lost—are told of the precious Redeemer who can “wash away our sins.” We have a faithful Board; they are the “ready to go if called.” Some one asks this question: “A task so great, a deed so high that it requires the sacrifice of God’s own son; shall we grow impatient if we do not see immediate results from our little efforts?” Jesus is our model; we will follow where he leads.

A partial report of our work shows: Visitors, free reading room, 13,811; applicants for work, 164; number given permanent jobs, 54; number given temporary jobs, 26; lodgings given, 132; meals given, 339; garments distributed, 921; magazines, papers, and tracts distributed, 1,860; persons assisted with transportation, 39; families assisted with baskets of groceries, 52; religious services conducted, 417; visits made by missionaries, 820; amount of money used in running expenses and charity work, \$1,454.75.

KANSAS CITY.—MISS MAY LOCKARD AND MRS. E. L. SOUBY, DEACONESS.

The work of the nursery has been encouraging this year. On the 1st of July Mrs. Souby, our new deaconess, took charge, and since that time the nursery has had the honor of enrolling the largest number of children, in one day, in its history.

The House Committee supplied the dormitory with some much-needed furniture, thereby making it a more comfortable place for the little ones to take their daily naps. They also replenished the china closet with a complete set of white enameled dishes, which adds much to the attractiveness of the children’s tables, as well as to the comfort of the girls when their time comes to “serve” in the dining room. At Thanksgiving time our hearts were gladdened by donations from the various public schools of the city. A beautiful custom prevails in this city among the school children, who each year, the day before Thanksgiving, take to their school an offering of food, clothing, or money to be given to some charitable institution. In this way many homes and hospitals receive considerable help each year. Our Home was generously remembered this year.

The little ones were given their usual Christmas treat, consisting of “new toys to take home and keep,” candy, fruit, and a beautifully decorated tree, which they enjoyed for a whole week. On Friday evening, December 30, sixteen mothers and twenty-two children were entertained at the nursery. After the entertainment dinner was served.

Having been relieved of the care of the nursery, I have been able to do more visiting than formerly. Being at liberty to go at any time a call comes, has enabled me to give help and comfort where it has been greatly needed, such as sitting up at night with the sick, preparing

nourishment for those who were too ill to take solid food, hastening to the bedside of the dying, and to others who were bereaved by sudden death. I have also done the regular visiting for the Church, Home Mission Society, and Junior League.

The sewing school mothers' meetings and clubs are all doing good work. Each of the boys' clubs was given a Christmas dinner which was appreciated by the members.

All lines of work are at present progressing nicely, and we are hoping for even greater results next year.

Our record for the year shows: Trained workers employed by your Board, 2; salaried workers employed by your Board, 2; volunteer workers employed by your Board, 16; day nursery, 1; children cared for in day nursery, 6,207; industrial school, 1; children enrolled in industrial school, 90; boys' clubs, 2; boys enrolled in clubs, 32; girls' club, 1; girls enrolled in club, 15; mothers' club, 1; women enrolled in mothers' club, 8. There is a Sabbath school affiliated with our work. Children enrolled in Sabbath school, 25; visits made, 613; received, 74; visits to institutions, hospitals, jails, etc., 23; meetings conducted or addressed, 48; persons aided, 20; garments given, 275.

LOUISVILLE SETTLEMENT HOME.—MISS MARY OGILVIE, HEAD RESIDENT.

Discovering needs and adapting ourselves and our methods to the people of the community has characterized our year's work. At the approach of each holiday special attractions are added to all class and club work. Last Easter the children of the industrial schools held a bazaar. Rabbits, baskets, and dainty boxes attracted many purchasers. It is our purpose to make this department self-supporting, and enough was realized from the Easter sales to invest in flower and vegetable gardening.

In May a number of cottage prayer meetings were held, preparatory to the special revival services conducted at the Settlement Home in June. Twenty professed conversion in these meetings.

All regular work was suspended from July to October. Mrs. Willis, the matron, kept the house open all summer that the factory girls and others might continue to have the privilege of the reading rooms. Drs. Smith and Trawick continued their ministry to the sick throughout the summer.

Our President, Mrs. Alexander, and others of the Board spent much of their vacation time in special efforts for the advancement and better equipment of the settlement work. The raising of five hundred dollars in four days proved these workers to be remarkable financiers.

Just one year after our opening day, October 18, there came to us three new residents: Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Brock, colporteurs of the American Bible Society, and Miss Sue Herrick, a recent graduate of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, now in kindergarten training. There are now eleven persons in the home, seven grown people and four children.

We have been fortunate in having for four months as an associate worker Mrs. Helen Pendery. Many of the poor and sick and sinful have been helped by the gentle life of this house-to-house evangelist.

We regret that Miss Mary Moore, the kindergartner who had been with us from the beginning of the work, found it necessary to leave her class the last of December. Miss Gargan, her successor, found a bright, responsive class of twenty-five, has a good daily attendance. Friday before Christmas we kept open house. Hundreds of our people were made glad at this informal reception.

All departments, consisting of kindergarten, two industrial schools,

weekly prayer meeting, Sunday school, and clubs for boys, girls, men, and women, are, most of them, enlarged and better organized.

We have added the following features this year: A night school, an entertainment for young people once a week, a class in art and one in physical culture, a Saturday afternoon play hour for the children, and supplementary school work for children of all grades.

The aim of the last named is to draw out, rather than to add to, the child's knowledge. Those in charge look for weak points, seek for special talents, and in many ways try to cultivate the individual boy or girl. Much time is given to language and composition work. The need for this work is seen when it is realized that in many homes there is sadly lacking any atmosphere conducive to culture and aspirations.

The department of district nursing has almost grown into a medical aid society. Three physicians and four nurses have given much time to ministering to the sick of the community. Because of our own knowledge of nursing, not a few closed doors have opened to welcome us.

One unfortunate, killed in a drunken quarrel, received the last rites of the dead at our hands. It was Sunday morning and, as a minister could not be secured, the saloonist near by, whose sick child we had visited, suggested that we be called instead.

We have special cause for gratitude for the unselfish body of men and women who give regular time to the settlement work. High school teachers and members of the *alumnæ*, normal school students, Young Men's Christian Association men, Epworth Leaguers, ministers, members of the Board, physicians, trained nurses, residents in the Home, and some of our neighbors, forty-seven in all, are those who give the vital touch to the many who look to them for every kind of Christian helpfulness.

Our record for the year shows: Trained workers employed by our Board, 2; salaried workers employed by our Board, 2; volunteer workers employed by our Board, 47; kindergarten, 1; children enrolled in kindergarten, 30; industrial schools, 2; children enrolled in industrial schools, 100; night school, 1; children enrolled in night school, 21; boys' club, 1; boys enrolled in club, 25. free reading room, 1; persons attending the reading room, 200; girls' club, 1; girls enrolled in club, 21; young women's club, 1; young women enrolled in club, 50; mothers' club, 1; women enrolled in mothers' club, 27. There is a Sabbath school affiliated with our work. Children enrolled in Sabbath school, 160; number of conversions, 44; value of supplies and money received for distribution, \$50; visits made, 850; received, 1,600; visits to institutions, hospitals, jails, etc., 10; opportunities for prayer and Bible-reading, 20; meetings conducted or addressed, 43; hours spent in kindergarten, 30; persons aided, 225; garments given, 520; money given, \$5; papers and tracts distributed, 2,000; persons visiting at the Settlement Home during the year, 1,200; employment found for 15.

MACON, GA.—MRS. F. M. KNOWLES.

There have been twenty-eight girls in the Macon Door of Hope this year, and two babes were born in the Home. Of this number, fourteen have been saved and one baby adopted in a lovely home. At present there are five girls in the Home, and all are saved. We greatly need the new building, and hope to begin building within the near future. The cost of maintaining the work this year was \$894.

MOBILE, ALA., SETTLEMENT HOME.—MISS MARY PEERY, HEAD RESIDENT.

Last February we began work by assisting the pastors of the Methodist Churches of the city, visiting mainly the sick and the poor, working at city hospital, poorhouse, and jail; meeting the ladies of the Church in their Home Mission Societies, and the young people in Sunday school and Epworth League. A mission Sunday school had been organized in the southern part of the city by two of the Leagues. This they turned over to the City Mission Board in June, and on August 4 we opened a Settlement Home here. It is difficult to find a suitable location for the Home, owing to the large per cent of negroes found among the most needy class of white people. There are many Catholics around us, too. These we can work with in clubs, but they will not attend the services.

The work has steadily grown in interest, and we feel that the Lord has blessed us. The saloon next door has changed hands four times since we came; one man going out of the business entirely, and another giving as his reason that he didn't think it was right to sell beer so close to the Home. One great evil we have to contend against is the combination of grocery store and saloon. The saloon is bad enough in itself; but when a child cannot be sent for a loaf of bread without coming in contact with the vile stuff and all its accompaniments, what can be expected of his future?

We are getting our sewing school systematized and in better working order, and the boys' club has made wonderful strides. A young lady of the Presbyterian Church has charge of the boys, and has proved a faithful and efficient worker. They are doing carpentry, leather work and bookbinding, and, what is vastly more important, we are striving to teach them Christian principles. This same young lady has opened a school for the boys, teaching two hours a day those who for various reasons are not in public school, and but for her efforts would grow up in ignorance. We have a library of about one hundred and thirty volumes, and find our people eager to read. Our work is necessarily limited for lack of room and workers. We hope to begin our new building soon, and are praying the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into this' part of his vineyard.

The following figures give but a meager account of our work: Trained worker employed by your Board, 1; salaried worker employed by your Board, 1; volunteer workers employed by your Board, 11; industrial school, 1; children enrolled in industrial school, 50; boys' club, 1; boys enrolled in club, 25; mothers' club, 1; women enrolled in mothers' club, 5. There is a Sabbath school affiliated with our work; children enrolled in Sabbath school, 40; value of supplies and money received for distribution, \$94.30; visits made, 1,142; received, 355; visits to institutions, hospitals, jails, etc., 26; opportunities for prayer and Bible-reading, 114; meetings conducted or addressed, 58; persons aided, 65; garments given, 133; sold, 350; groceries, \$34.20; amount of money, \$60.10; papers and tracts distributed, 361.

MONTGOMERY, ALA.—MRS. JOHN A. RICE, PRESIDENT.

The work at Montgomery is too small to report, but we are trying. As a result of the Week of Prayer, we established a day nursery which has furnished a home daily for five little ones while their mothers are at work. A young people's club, an affiliated Sunday school, and a mothers' club have been planned, but our plans must wait upon a deaconess or trained worker. Our Board has done considerable work in the way of helping individuals and families, which cannot be reported in statistical form.

NASHVILLE, TENN., SETTLEMENT HOME.—MISS SOPHRONIA WEBB, HEAD RESIDENT.

It is with a heart full of gratitude to God that I speak of the work accomplished during the past year by our Home. There has been a steady growth in all lines. The work has just doubled itself in one year. We have limited the number in our schools on account of room and workers. Fifty have been enrolled in the kindergarten, with an average attendance of twenty-nine. Nine hundred and twenty people have visited the school and one thousand and eighty-eight visits have been made by our teacher, Miss Little. Miss George Stowers, one faithful assistant, has given her services free of charge for the training she has received from Miss Little. Seventy-one have been enrolled in the Industrial School. We have nine girls who will graduate the 1st of June. These girls have had cutting and fitting, all plain sewing, and some lessons in kitchen gardening. Some of them have taught their own mothers to sew, and several times during the year I have used them as teachers simply for the practice. Their little diplomas will assist them in getting positions. They are making the dresses that they will graduate in.

Every Monday afternoon the Colonial Dames have charge of a History Club for the boys between the ages of seven and ten. Some valuable work has been done. We changed our Sam Davis Boys' Club to Tuesday night, and Dr. Reed, a Vanderbilt medical student, has charge. Our faithful friend, Miss Margaret Denny, who helped us organize this club, has also helped. The club is always opened with prayer and several songs. Each boy brought an old chair from home. These were rebottomed, sandpapered, and varnished, and taken back home.

Our mothers' meetings have increased both in numbers and interest. The mothers often bring their little ones, and our kindergarten teacher cares for these while we have our meeting. Very few of these mothers attend church, and they look forward to these meetings. We cannot realize just what it means to them. We quilted a quilt, sold it, and with this money bought our refreshments for a while. The mothers thought of this themselves, as they knew how limited our funds were.

Two Thursday nights a month our Rosebud Circle (young ladies' club) meets. We have our regular officers, constitution, and by-laws. One night each girl brought an old tin can, and out of a mixture of English whiting, linseed oil, and fish glue these cans were turned into pretty vases for the mantels. Another night we made chatelaine bags. About once a month this club and the reading room boys are thrown together in a social way. One month the young ladies entertain, the next month the young men.

I consider the reading room a very important feature of our work. The little boys attend for one hour; the bell is tapped, they leave, and the young men come. Some play games, others read. Several nights we have kept open until eleven to keep those who were drinking away from the saloons. Several of the Vanderbilt students have assisted in this department of the work. Several of the young men have studied telegraphy.

A gift from Mrs. J. M. Hudson has added much to our Home. This included two hundred and fifty volumes, rugs, chairs, desk, sofa, pictures, and a fine picture of Mr. Hudson. This room is known as the "John McFerrin Hudson Memorial Library."

Our weekly prayer meeting has meant much not only to the outsiders who attend, but to those who live in the Home. We have had glorious meetings when as many as forty-three were present, and several would ask for prayer. Some of the young men were so much interested that they have arranged for special meetings for men only. O, "what shall

we render unto Him?" Much work has been done for the sick and those in trouble. We owe a big "thank you" to several of our physicians who have kindly come when called.

The members of our City Board have done a fine work. How their loving words, phone messages, and notes have cheered our hearts! and our general officers are an inspiration to us. Our work is all so interesting and dear to our hearts. We have such a bright year before us.

Our journals tell the following story of our work: Trained workers employed by our Board, 2; salaried workers employed by our Board, 2; volunteer workers employed by our Board, 25; kindergarten, 1; children enrolled in kindergarten, 50; industrial school, 1; children enrolled in industrial school, 70; boys' clubs, 2; boys enrolled in clubs, 50; free reading room, 1; persons attending the reading room, 30; young women's club, 1; young women enrolled in club, 16; mothers' club, 1; women enrolled in mothers' club, 20. There is a Sabbath school affiliated with our work; children enrolled in Sabbath school, 200; conversions, 16; value of supplies and money received for distribution, \$242.79; visits made, 2,679; received, 7,173; visits to institutions, hospitals, jails, etc., 16; opportunities for prayer and Bible-reading, 165; meetings conducted or addressed, 82; books loaned, 974; hours spent in kindergarten, 17; persons aided, 421; garments given, 548; garments sold, 2,699; baskets of groceries given, 66; amount of money spent for poor, \$83.82; papers and tracts distributed, 1,271; Bibles given, 10; bouquets given, 93; meals given, 114; toys given, 93; pictures given, 269; average attendance in industrial school, 52; spent for material, \$94.31; garments made, 175; mothers' meetings held, 37; average attendance, 12; total attendance, 426; meetings of Sam Davis Boys' Club, 36; average attendance, 15; meetings of History Club, 21; average attendance, 7; prayer meetings held, 15; average attendance, 16; reading rooms open 44 nights; average attendance, 18; meetings of young ladies' club, 8; average attendance, 11; hours spent in industrial school, 67; hours spent in nursing sick, 122; hours spent in special service, 69; hours spent in boys' clubs, 35; hours spent in mothers' club, 30; hours spent in reading room, 128; hours spent in young ladies' club, 16; entertainments given, 8; books given to library, 300; people entertained at the Home during Thanksgiving, 300; during Christmas, 473.

NEW ORLEANS, LA.—MRS. A. A. BARTELS, RECORDING SECRETARY.

As we look backward upon the past year we recognize the leading of our Father, and feel that he has blessed the efforts of the City Mission Board in the furtherance of his kingdom. Composed of six delegates from each of seven Auxiliaries, with an average attendance of fifteen, it is an established factor of New Orleans Methodism.

The city missionary is in labors abundant, doing the full work of a deaconess. Her statistical report shows her constant touch with suffering humanity, but only eternity will reveal the souls won for the Master through the Holy Spirit, in whom "she lives, moves, and has her being." Appreciating Mrs. Meekin's work, at the first meeting (executive) of the year the Board increased her salary five dollars per month.

The sewing school, which has not completed its second year, beginning with five teachers and twenty scholars, now has eleven teachers and an average attendance of eighty-five. Every effort is made to interest the children and teach them of a loving Saviour. At the Christmas time, in place of the usual distribution of toys, the children were assembled in the Sunday school room of Carondelet Street Church and entertained with music and singing, and talks in a happy strain by

Bishop Morrison and Brother Wray. Then as much cake and ice cream was served as would make it a festival long to be remembered by those assembled.

When a suitable place is found meeting the demand of working mothers, it is the purpose of the Board to open a day nursery. The nucleus of a fund for this object and pledges that will be met have been collected.

The city mission work as reported shows: Bibles given, 14; Testaments given, 6; leaflets and papers distributed, 860; garments given, 1,231; clothing given, 2 barrels; visits to sick and strangers, 564; visits to benevolent institutions, 113; meetings held in prison, 7; needy assisted, 44; pieces of furniture given, 7; amount spent in relief, \$192.75; amount spent in local work, \$526.74.

PENSACOLA, FLA.—MRS. THOMAS V. HANNAH, PRESIDENT.

On account of not having an experienced leader in this work our report is somewhat irregular. The little industrial school was organized in May, 1904, with Mrs. Miller as manager. She soon left to make her home in another town, but we have tried to keep it up as best we could. We had sixty-seven names enrolled, with an average attendance of thirty-five. Our support was voluntary, as well as the service of the teacher. In July and August we had donations of one hundred and fourteen yards of bleaching and gingham, with needles, pins, and thread. In two months the children made ten dresses, several under-garments, many aprons and quilts. The children are much interested in the work, and especially in the religious talks and songs with which we open the school every Saturday. They are all the very poorest of children, and most of them have no training at home. Their improvement in morals, manners, and neatness is wonderful. Many of them are Catholics. There is an opportunity here for a well-conducted industrial school, and we all earnestly hope that we may yet secure this through the cooperation of our Home Mission Society. We are not discouraged, nor will we disband until we know there is no possible hope of obtaining a trained worker. The field is ripe for this work, and will soon be seized by some other Church if not by ours.

PORTSMOUTH, VA.—MISS HELEN BAKER, MISSIONARY.

During the absence of the city missionary, in March and April, the house-to-house visitation was kept up to some extent by members of the Home Mission Societies, so that the most needy families were looked after. The industrial school went on under the supervision of the teachers. Two young men from Monumental Epworth League took charge of the night school.

When the time came for these schools to close for the summer vacation, an entertainment for each was provided by committees from the different Auxiliaries. The girls of the industrial school took part in the programme, consisting of recitations, songs, and the repetition of Scripture verses learned during the year. A quilt pieced by the scholars, and promised the one who should be present every Saturday during the term, was awarded to the faithful one. When the children had done their part, they were entertained by a xylophone concert and treated to ice cream and cake.

On the 1st of October, when we were ready to begin work after the summer vacation, the City Mission Board had secured a new mission room. The ladies had been at work and made it attractive, with pretty new curtains and other adornments. It is a great improvement over

our former room, and seems to have had a good influence in causing the children to take more care in keeping it neat.

Thirty-five scholars are enrolled in the industrial school. Each Saturday they are taught a Scripture verse, and this year the story of Joseph in serial form is told them. They are also learning the names of the books of the Bible.

The night school, composed mostly of those who work during the day and are hence deprived of the advantages of the public schools, is divided into three classes, the most advanced being the third reader class. During the fall months the attendance was fine, but the winter's having been very severe has caused a decrease.

It was decided last October to endeavor to induce the mothers to meet at the mission room once a week, and after much effort and persuasion a few came and seemed to enjoy the social time. They have become interested in piecing a quilt, which is now ready to be quilted, and it will be sold and the profits divided among the mothers.

Sometimes one of our friends, who has a sweet voice, entertains with vocal music while the rest are busy sewing. A cup of coffee and a cake adds to the sociability, and just before adjourning an appropriate chapter and prayer afford some help, we hope, to these busy mothers. Families where cottage prayer meetings have been held testify that they have been benefited spiritually.

The most effective work of all is the friendly visiting. The visitor sometimes takes a meal with the families visited, thus becoming acquainted with them and on real friendly terms. Books written in simple style, such as Moody's, are loaned to them and found to be much appreciated.

Text cards are given the children, and when they are interested enough to learn they are taught Bible verses. One little boy who had learned several verses, when called upon one day at school by his teacher for a recitation and not being prepared, relieved the situation by repeating: "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God."

As this has been a very severe winter, much time has been given to the distribution of warm clothing and in trying to relieve the needs of the poor.

Our record shows: Trained worker employed by our Board, 1; salaried worker employed by our Board, 1; industrial school, 1; children enrolled in industrial school, 35; night school, 1; students enrolled in night school, 25; mothers' club, 1; women enrolled in mothers' club, 10. There is no Sabbath school affiliated with our work. Value of supplies and money received for distribution, \$140.85; visits made, 877; received, 3; visit to institutions, hospitals, jails, etc., 1; opportunities for prayer and Bible-reading, 266; meetings conducted or addressed, 6; persons aided, 165; garments given, 366; papers and tracts distributed, 1,091.

RICHMOND, VA.—MISS MARGARET E. CURLEY, SECRETARY.

The work of our City Mission Board is as follows: Visits paid during year, 300; garments distributed, 500; used by visitors for charity, \$25; fed at Christmas dinner, 500; baskets sent out, 50; raised for baths at institute, \$39.55; for School of Domestic Science, \$145; total amount raised, \$209.55; reported to Conference Treasurer, \$183.55; scholars in regular attendance at sewing school, 25; girls' class, with 15 in attendance every Tuesday night.

The school opened November 15, 1904. The only paid worker we have is our superintendent, who receives twenty dollars per. month. We have two pupils in school, and have obtained homes for about twenty

women and girls who would possibly have gone to ruin but for the timely shelter and help given by this school.

The rent of the building (\$22.50 per month) is paid by our Home Mission Auxiliaries, and this amount is reported through these Auxiliaries. All other work is done by our faithful and consecrated women, not for money but for love for Him who died that we might live.

ST. LOUIS, MO., SLOAN MISSION.—MISS MATTIE WRIGHT IN CHARGE.

The promoters of the Sloan Mission and we, its workers, are at last realizing the answer to our prayers, and an institutional church is the result of our labors. From the beginning our effort has been to make a church home around which could be clustered every feature of an "institutional" nature.

At the last session of the St. Louis Conference the importance of our work was recognized, the mission was organized into a church, and Rev. R. P. Basler was appointed pastor. The entire work has taken on new life with this recognition given it by the Conference, and there is needed now only a suitable building to house our various departments, and we will be an institutional church in appearance as well as in fact.

With a resident pastor, two deaconesses, a matron, and a kindergarten teacher, who gives half of the day at the mission, we have a real home for our headquarters. Our effort to accent the two ideas of a church and a home has borne fruit, and already not only the church, but our home—in every sense a Christian home—is making its influence felt in the neighborhood. It is the place where our people come for sympathy and Christian fellowship. Our young people are coming to us almost exclusively for their social enjoyment, and the children love the mission as they do their own homes. A large part of the membership of our boys' club has been absorbed by the Junior League and the Sunday school and the church, and these boys, with as many girls from the sewing school, spend most of their leisure in the evenings and on Sundays, at the mission. The club itself has been opened to "the boys" of the neighborhood, and its present membership represents about every phase of the species. It is a delight to us to see how these boys love the mission and how they are already yielding to its influence. We are praying that another twelve months will have brought them into as vital touch with the Church life of the mission as has been done with the former membership. This has been our effort with every department of the work, but in none has success been more marked than in the mothers' meeting. At the last meeting, at which twenty-six of our women were present, we organized them into a "Women's Circle" (the more exclusive name was keeping out a number who were not mothers); and in discussing the object of the organization one mother, who was recently converted, said: "Our object is to get God into our homes!" And it was a delight to hear the hearty response with which her assertion was met from the other members of the circle.

Brother Basler has won the hearts of our people, and the influence of his strong personality is already being felt in the neighborhood. Every service is a revival service and we average at least a conversion every week. The presence of an earnest, consecrated pastor in our home and our Church has given an impetus to the entire work even beyond what we had hoped.

We have just issued the first copy of *The Caller*, our monthly organ, and through its columns we hope to give to our friends the information needed to enlist their sympathy and support.

The work of the Woman's Board of City Missions and that of the Church are one. What has been accomplished this year with the boys

is but one instance of the effort we are making to have every department of our work a feeder to the Church. When Sunday morning we saw eight or ten of our last year's club boys take their places in the Junior League, then an hour later kneel for prayer at the altar of the church, we felt repaid indeed for the time and energy and prayers we had invested in them. These boys have, one by one, dropped out of the club because the new element recently infused into it is rather rougher than they care to associate with. But they are not lost to the mission; the Junior League was organized in time to hold them and bring them into intimate touch with our Church life. One evening last week it was interesting to note how our boys who had been associated with us for a year went to the Junior League meeting in the reading room, above stairs, while the "raw material," recently gathered in, assembled in the hall below.

Just such a transition is taking place in other departments of the work. The Women's Circle—our former mothers' meeting—is in reality now a Church organization, a sort of pastor's aid; though we do not call it by even this exclusive name, and we are looking forward to the time when it will become a real Home Mission Auxiliary.

The Young People's Club has been disbanded with the purpose of organizing it into an Epworth League. They are already meeting one night in the week for a class in Bible study.

And so, in looking back over the work of the past twelve months, we are happy over the consciousness of what we, as Home Mission women, have been able to contribute, not only toward helping humanity, but to the building up of the Church that is so dear to all our hearts. Our statistical record is: Trained workers employed by our Board, 3; salaried workers employed (besides 2 servants), 4; day nursery, 1; children cared for in day nursery average 20 in summer and 15 in winter per day; kindergarten, 1; children enrolled in kindergarten, 40; industrial school, 1; children enrolled in industrial school, 60; night school, 1; students enrolled in night school, 15; boys' club, 1; boys enrolled in club, 50; free reading room, 1; girls' club, 1—Junior League; mothers' club, 1; women enrolled in mothers' club, 25. There is a Sabbath school affiliated with our work; children enrolled in Sabbath school, 350; conversions average one each week; visits made, 1,100; received, 983; hours spent in kindergarten, 432.

TAMPA, FLA.—MRS. JANE F. WELLS, RECORDING SECRETARY.

The Woman's Board of City Missions, of Tampa, have assisted and coöperated with the city missionary employed by the Board of Church Extension. A deaconess will be employed as soon as one can be secured. A day nursery is equipped and the Board contributed toward it, and other work is planned. Our record follows: Day nursery, 1; children cared for in day nursery, 10; free reading room kept open for six months; value of supplies and money received for distribution, \$257.57; visits made, 300; visits to institutions, hospitals, jails, etc., 50; persons aided, 25; garments given, 400; groceries, \$50; papers and tracts distributed, 500.

THOMASVILLE, GA., VASHTI BLASINGAME HOME.—MISS ANNIE HEATH IN CHARGE.

Another year's record has closed, and as I look back over the work I see where much could have been done better, but I see also how God's hand has led us and how his richest blessings have been poured out upon us.

The city mission work here has had to be cut down somewhat on account of the heavy responsibilities and the no less heavy work that has come to us in the Vashti Home. Until the last two months, however, the visiting, prayer meetings, etc., were kept up. I will begin the work again as soon as our teacher, who has already been employed, comes to us. God has graciously blessed us in the home work. There are twenty girls in the Home at this time. Of these, 19 have been received into the Church, and most of them show a sincere desire to live for Christ. We have one girl in school at the Presbyterian College, in town. She hopes in a year or so more to be able to take a normal course and become a teacher. Some of the girls have had lessons in music, raffia work, crocheting, etc.

A movement is on foot for repairing the place and adding more rooms to the Home, which is a long-felt need, as the house is already filled and our schoolroom is too small to be used now with any degree of comfort. We have the money in hand for painting the Home, but hope to have the addition made first.

We had hoped before this time to be in some measure self-sustaining, but there has been a great deal to do before we were ready for this. It is one of our ideals, however, that we hope to make real in the not far-distant future. We have a very promising beginning for a poultry yard, and hope in a short while to begin to realize something from this source.

We have had a wonderful health record throughout the year, only one case of sickness and that not at all serious. God has blessed us in this work, leading us on step by step to depend more entirely upon him. He has raised up friends and supporters for the Home. We are striving to do the work entirely for his glory, and he has given us much joy in the work. Those who have contributed to the Home have done it so gladly, as if it were a real pleasure, and I think that many people bear our girls upon their hearts almost as much as they do their own children.

We were greatly blessed during the winter to have Mrs. Campbell with us to spend the night and give the girls a glimpse of Korea. We are praying that from her seed-sowing some heart may be turned to this part of our Master's work. We praise God for his past blessings, and our eyes are unto him for future needs. He may lead us through some trying places to test and strengthen our faith, but we know that in the end he will lead us into a large place, and give us "exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think."

TYLER, TEX.—MRS. ALEC WALDERT, PRESIDENT.

Our work is done by the ladies; as yet we are unable to have a trained worker. The record of this work shows one day nursery with average of four children cared for; one girls' club, enrolling thirty girls; one conversion we know of; goods valued at \$119.72 have been distributed, while two hundred garments have been given out. Papers and tracts amounting to 1,013 have been given away.

DEACONESS WORK.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., HOMER TOBERMAN DEACONESS HOME.—MRS. C. PRICE BROWN, SUPERINTENDENT.

It is with hearts full of gratitude that we look over the records of the past year's work, for, though we cannot boast of such great things accomplished, still we know that the good hand of our God has been upon

us. We can see how his guiding hand has led us, step by step, through places new and untried, helping us over the hard ones and giving us courage to go forward until we shall attain unto that for which we are apprehended. True we had a "large beginning," so far as the house is concerned, and we praise God for it; but after the house was completed and ready for occupancy we had barely enough money on hand to partially furnish the first and second floors, and there was not a dollar in sight to meet the daily expenses. But we just stepped out on God's promises, doing our best and trusting to him for results, and he has not failed us. The different Auxiliaries on the coast have responded nobly to the call for help and coöperation, different individuals have sent in contributions with and without solicitation, and the institution itself has, through its boarding and later its hospital departments, been able to meet all running expenses. We have not attempted any institutional work except a sewing class of some eighteen little girls. Through them we have come in touch with their mothers and also use it as an adjunct to the Sunday school. The need of other such features has not as yet presented itself. Little by little, as the occasion demanded, we have been enabled to furnish all but three of the remaining rooms; have fitted up our dressing room, so that we are prepared for all minor operations; have put needed improvements around the premises, etc., besides putting in and partially paying for a furnace that heats the lower floor.

We have given a home for a longer or shorter period to five aged people; have entertained as boarders eight young women, one of whom is now at Scarritt Boarding and Training School, having made the decision to take up Christian work during her stay with us. Another one who was with us for some months is also anxious to enter Scarritt in September, if her health permits. This has been truly a year of beginnings, and we feel that we are now ready for the real work of a Deaconess Home. If we may be used of God in influencing but one young life each year to enter the Master's service, we shall feel that our labors have not been in vain.

The following is the statistical report for the year: Amount received for furnishing, \$1,273.48; amount expended for furnishing, \$1,271.48; balance, \$2. Amount received for household expenses, \$1,559.90; amount expended for household expenses, \$1,543; balance, \$16.90. Number boxes of supplies sent in, 16; estimated value of supplies, \$262.70; number garments received for distribution, 268; number garments distributed, 178; number boarders, patients, guests for year, 48.

LOS ANGELES, CAL.—MISS MARIA ELLIOTT, DEACONESS.

My statistical report is as follows: visits made, 411; visits received, 40; visits to institutions, hospitals, etc., 12; opportunities for prayer and Bible-reading, 20; meetings conducted or addressed, 31; persons aided, 9; garments given, 25; money distributed in relief work, \$8.75; hours spent in sewing school, 25; hours spent in Chinese school, 304; hours spent in study, 178; papers and tracts distributed, 477; papers written in the interest of the work, 15; hours spent in visiting sick, 30.

For several weeks after my arrival here the weather was too warm to attempt any active work, so that my report is really only the record of half a year. In my work so far I have not had many of the "problems of poverty" to meet, there being no real "slum district" in this fair city. But we are not without our problems nevertheless, the most serious one being that of indifference to, if not out-and-out opposition to, orthodox religion. Here are gathered people from all over the world, drawn hither by reports of this wonderful climate; and I am some-

times tempted to wonder, from their words, if they do not think that they have left God behind when they left their old homes. Every wild belief of modern religious thought finds adherents here, from Buddhism and Theosophy, to the New Thought and Christian Science. To one accustomed to the staid old orthodoxy of the South, the conversations on religious subjects sometimes take rather startling turns. And so while I do not find many who are really in need of this world's goods, I find no lack of those who sadly need the bread of life and yet who do not realize their need. Just here let me speak a word in passing for the deaconess garb. I have found that it gives me an introduction into homes that would otherwise have been shut against me. I do not have to explain my reason for coming—the garb itself does that. For instance: I ring the door bell of a large apartment house. The door opens (by electricity) and a feeble voice from the landing above asks me to come upstairs. The lady is an invalid; and after we have exchanged a few sentences she says: "Come into my room, please I want to talk with you." And almost before we are aware she is pouring her heart out to me, telling me of the burden that is crushing her. "I cannot tell you why I have told you this. I have lived here twelve years and this is the first time I have ever told it, and to a perfect stranger! Well, no, you are not a stranger. I know you are the Lord's child by your dress, and I am his, so we are sisters, are we not?" And after praying together she said: "God sent you to me because I needed you. You have helped me."

One morning a message came: "Will you come to a house where a baby is dying of diphtheria, to pray for the little one?" The family were Catholics and the priest for some reason had refused to come, so they wanted a prayer to be said over the child ere its little life was gone. I tried to give the grief-stricken family the blessed comfort of our faith and offered a prayer, not only for the little life that was passing out, but for those that were left behind. That afternoon the nurse said to me: "You do not know what you have done for this family. Before you came the father sat morose and grim, trying to assure the others that when the breath left the body that was all of it—there was nothing beyond the grave. The mother could not give up and seemed to be almost desperate; but now it is different. The father says, 'Don't cry, children; the baby is better off up yonder;' and the mother says, 'God knows best. I don't want to keep my baby if God wants him.'" A few days later the eldest daughter said to me: "I like the Protestants best any way. They don't say so much, but they do a lot more than Catholics do. I just have my own Bible and I read a chapter every day, and I don't care whether the priest likes it or not." And so we are sowing "beside all waters," trusting the Lord of the harvest to give the increase in his own good time. Alas that there are so few to labor in the wide, white harvest field!

WACO, TEX., REBECCA SPARKS DEACONESS HOME.—MISS ELIZABETH TAYLOR, DEACONESS.

Weary, worn, and ill, I arrived in Waco on the eve of May 26, 1904, and the next day entered the Home where for the next twelve months I was to "let my light shine" for the good of others. I found eight bright, active girls here on my arrival; and while the Home has not always been full, yet during these months we have cared for twenty-four girls, giving them the privileges and advantages of a Christian home, and enabling them to live respectably on small wages. Our regret is that we cannot care for many times ten, realizing that when exposed to the mercies of the cheap boarding house young girls too

often meet with temptation they cannot withstand. Our Home is gaining in influence and in the good will of the people; and while it is necessarily small, we rejoice that in its conduct we have received great good and humbly pray that we have accomplished good.

Our institutional work has been somewhat retarded, owing to our lack of room. This is obviated by the completion of our new building, which will be used for a day nursery, and in the future a kindergarten. Our nursery has been open just two weeks; yet, in spite of exceptionally bad weather, we have cared for thirty-four children. We realize the unfavorable conditions that must inevitably meet any new enterprise just now; but we have long felt the need for this department, and decided to begin as soon as our building was completed. This department is under Miss Lillie Ashford, a thoroughly consecrated young woman, who is devoted to her work and will do good service in this line.

Our work has been mostly confined to the children, and early in the summer we opened an industrial club for girls. They meet in the Home, and with the aid of two or three good women we taught them sewing. This found much favor, and during the good weather the attendance was good, but since the beginning of winter it has not been so good; yet it is still an encouraging feature, and we think by spring may be enlarged and divided according to age. Our Busy Bee Club is for the boys and girls at Edgefield, a small suburb where Fifth Street Church maintains a mission. This too has done good work. Here we have had efficient help in Mrs. Brown and Miss Kate Lawson. The work at Edgefield is Mrs. Brown's special pleasure, as she devotes all her energies to it, and in the future the deaconess will be able to devote more time to it. Once a month we give both clubs a party and provide some simple refreshments. For the Christmas party we gave each child a small Christmas card.

My time, when not occupied by the housekeeping, has been given to visiting the sick and needy, while much visiting has been done in the woolen mill district. We are beginning to be understood by the people, and I believe the time has come for the projection and organization of new work.

Our City Board has been fortunate in securing the services of Mrs. Douglass as housekeeper. This, with the increase of time it will give me and the facilities our new building offers, will greatly aid in any enterprise we may deem advisable.

I am specially anxious to have Sunday afternoon gospel meetings for the women and girls who work during the week and Sunday morning remain at home, occupied with their housekeeping. A night school is very much needed, and this we hope to be able to open soon.

Work of all kinds comes to the hand of the deaconess. I have placed four girls in our Mission Home and Training School at Dallas. One escaped with another, and both came to Waco. This time, realizing the uselessness of returning them to Dallas, I placed them in the Home of the Good Shepherd in San Antonio.

The results of our year's work do not seem great, yet we know the All Father sees and honors faithful effort; and we realize this was a time of adjustment and foundation-laying. We are trusting for faith to enter this coming year the "open door" that God has unbarred for us, and to "expect great things from God and attempt great things for God."

SAVANNAH, GA.—MISS AMY RICE, PASTOR'S ASSISTANT.

It is very difficult to report the work of a pastor's assistant. She cannot point to this and say, "This I have done," and to that and say, "This is the result of my labors;" she is only a helper. I have often

compared it to the work of a housewife. A little mending, some sewing, meals planned and perhaps prepared, rooms put to rights, callers entertained, a little here and a little there, and yet, though evening may find her tired and worn, she has seemingly accomplished nothing—has only kept the household machinery running in its ordinary grooves. So it is with the "Servant of the Church." She must be content with keeping the various departments of Church work in running order—giving a push here, a pull there, dropping a little oil on some creaking or stubborn part, tightening a loose screw or polishing some rusty joint—work that no one can see, misunderstood often because the world judges by results only wearisome; yes, but full of blessing, for "this is the way the Master went," and she serves him only. He will not judge "according to appearance," but will "judge righteous judgment."

We have in our work at Trinity that ever-baffling problem, the unification of "the classes" and "the masses." It confronts us on every hand. While it may not always be apparent, yet it is there and must be reckoned with. While the classes are for the most part generous, democratic, and loyal, the "other half" are seldom inclined to meet them even halfway, seeming to resent any attempt at bridging the "gulf fixed between." The free kindergarten most nearly solves this problem. Here rich and poor, high and low, meet on the same happy level; and as I go to the homes in the mission district, whether of Greek, Barbarian, bond or free, with invitations to service, lecture or club, the word "Trinity" is sesame to hearts as well as doors, for "That is where the kindergarten is. Yes, we will come. Susie and Johnny both go to the kindergarten."

The stereopticon lectures have been and are a strong force as well. With a hand bag full of complimentary tickets I can enter the poorest home in the city and win the hearts of the children as if by magic. Jews, Catholics, Greeks—babies, fathers, and grandfathers—all come. When we wished to organize a boys' club, I had only to go down the street on Saturday and say to the friends, made in numerous wayside talks where the gang congregated in alley or square: "Come to the church next Monday night, boys; we are going to begin that club we have been talking of so long. Come to the room above the one where we have the "magic lantern entertainment;" and Monday night found seventy-five boys there, ready for anything we might propose.

The girls' club is more difficult. With a fine attendance one night, you see a few whispering on one side of the room and glances not approving cast toward a group on the other side. The next night one "set" will be missing. "Didn't like the crowd," when you ask the reason. The next night you may have a new crowd entirely. The advantages are great, with a fine course in physical culture under the direction of one of the best teachers in the city; yet when you approach the average factory girl and offer her its advantages and try to persuade her of her need, she looks you over coolly and rewards you with: "I don't think I care about it." They are afraid of being "missionaried" or trapped into some religious service. Time, patience, and the love that conquers all things only can conquer such conditions.

We have found the relief work of the Church another avenue of approach. The members of the Church send their cast-off and outgrown clothing to the "Supply Closet." A committee of ladies come with necessary tools and put the clothing in order; then it is stored away against a time of need. Two or three sets of bed linen have given good service. Sheets, pillowcases, and night robes are loaned in cases of sickness, and after recovery are washed and returned to go on another mission. Clean sheets preach loud sermons sometimes, and often we can see a difference

in a whole room and the care of the sick because of this glimpse of cleanliness that may lead to godliness.

These are some of the means we have used in the year past to be continued in the coming year. Our opportunities are great, our responsibilities equally so. Pray for us that we may be faithful to the trust imposed. My statistical report is as follows: Calls made, total, 1,586; calls on sick, 200; calls on sick in hospitals, 111; calls on strangers, 35; calls in interest of the unemployed, 85; calls in interest of women's work, 40; calls in interest of the prayer meeting, 50; calls in interest of the kindergarten, 11; calls in interest of the boys' club, 45; calls in interest of the girls' club, 30; calls in interest of the Epworth League, 21; calls in interest of the Sunday school, 34; calls in interest of the Bible classes, 36; calls in interest of the sewing circle, 15; calls in interest of port society work for sailors, 34; calls in interest of relief work, 134; pastoral calls, 441; canvassing calls, 244; calls received, 65; meetings attended, 285; meetings led, 32; work found for 26; garments given, 110; groceries given, packages, 96; Sunday school pupils found, 27; rooms found for 5; outfit of bed linen loaned five times.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

EDUCATION.

REPORT No. 1.

The educational work which the Woman's Board directs, and for which it makes appropriation, is represented by the following table, which gives concisely the number of teachers and students, and cost of maintenance, as well as income from fees:

SCHOOL.	No. Teachers.	No. Pupils.	Cost of Maintenance.	Income From Fees.	Value of Property.
Ruth Hargrove Seminary, Key West, Fla.....	9 263		\$4,977 00	\$1,296 00	\$11,000 00
Wolff Mission School, Ybor City, Fla. (Cuban).....	3 90		1,400 00	215 00	6,000 00
West Tampa School, Tampa, Fla. (Cuban).....	3 130		910 00	.....	2,000 00
Italian Night School, Ybor City, Fla.....	1 47		.....	107 25	.....
Sue Bennett Memorial School, London, Ky. (Mountain)	13 348		7,700 00	4,800 00	34,000 00
Brevard Industrial School, Brevard, N. C.....	6 127		2,733 70	1,225 62	12,000 00
Chinese Night School, Los Angeles, Cal.....	1 45		450 00	.....	.....
Japanese Night School, San Francisco, Cal.	3 69		760 00	.....	.....
Japanese Night School, Alameda, Cal.....	2 62		360 00	.....	.....
Japanese Night School, Oakland, Cal.....	2 58		284 50	.....	.....
Ann Browder Cunningham Home and School, Dallas, Tex. (Rescue Work).....	6 111		4,955 00	.....	15,000 00
Paine Annex, Augusta, Ga. (Negro Work).....	2 150		800 00	.....	7,000 00

For details of the work, we refer you to the report of the General Secretary. One member of the committee has visited the schools at London, Ky.; Brevard, N. C.; Dallas, Tex.; and Augusta, Ga. It has been impracticable to visit others, though an effort has been made to keep in touch with each institution.

REPORT No. 2.

We recommend the following appointments:

Ruth Hargrove Seminary.—Miss E. J. Reid, principal; eight assistants.

Wolff Mission.—Principal to be selected; two assistants.

West Tampa.—Miss Emelina Valdes, principal; two assistants.

Sue Bennett Memorial School.—Prof. J. C. Lewis, principal; twelve assistants.

Brevard Industrial School.—Prof. E. E. Bishop, principal; five assistants.

Pacific Coast Work.—Continuance of Miss Maria Elliott at Los Angeles, Mrs. A. S. Adams at San Francisco, Mrs. R. J. Tabor at Alameda, and Miss Standefer at Oakland.

Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and School.—Mrs. M. L. Stone; five assistants.

Italian Night School.—Miss Mary Bruce.

Paine Annex.—Miss Ellen Young; one assistant.

MISS BELLE H. BENNETT,
MRS. R. W. MACDONELL,
MRS. J. D. HAMMOND.

LITERATURE AND PRESS WORK.

REPORT No. 1.

During the year the book, "Life of Lucinda B. Helm," has been issued from the press. This is the third edition of the book, and in its new binding and appendix, bringing the history of the Woman's Home Mission Society up to 1903, it presents a most attractive appearance. In order to create a large reading of this book, and thereby scatter abroad information, it is offered at the almost cost price of sixty cents per volume.

Two booklets have been issued during the year—"Helps" for organizing, and "The Deaconess," a manual of deaconess work—while another issue of three thousand copies of the booklet, "City Missions," by Miss Helm, has been printed.

To meet the growing demand for printed matter, reprints of leaflets have been made, and increased numbers of them are used at monthly meetings.

Our Homes has been better than ever this year, and has a circulation of more than ten thousand.

The King's Messenger, under the management of Mrs. W. H. Johnson, continues its successful work. It has the hearty indorsement of this committee.

The usefulness of the *Bulletin* has been established, and it has had the hearty indorsement of the committee and the membership of the Society.

In the nature of things the general items sent out by the Superintendent of Press Work cannot contain information as to the progress of each Conference Society. To supply this information, let Conference Secretaries prepare and send to the Conference Press Superintendent each month a summary of the month's work not exceeding two hundred and fifty words. Let the Press Superintendent have this printed as a circular and mail it with the regular bulletin. The printing would cost not over one dollar. There would be no extra writing or postage for the Press Superintendent. If this be done, each Auxiliary will get the latest Conference news and will surely be stimulated to new efforts.

Some of the Conference Society annual publications are entitled "minutes;" others are termed "reports." It is suggested that the word "report" is the more fitting title, and its use is advised. The published report of a Conference Society should furnish information and inspiration. It should be issued as promptly as possible after the Annual Meeting, and as cheaply as is consistent with the demands of the work. Much of the material for the report can be secured and arranged by the Conference Corresponding Secretary in advance of the meeting—her own report, reports of other officers, directory, and other matter. This should be done.

Some officer (preferably the Recording Secretary) should secure bids for the printing and lay them before the Annual Meeting for decision. During the Annual Meeting it should be required that all committee reports, motions, and resolutions, as finally passed, be handed to the Secretary, neatly written out and ready for print. If this be done, any Recording Secretary can have her minutes ready for publication within a few days after the close of the Annual Meeting.

As to the arrangement of the contents of annual reports, the general report is recommended as a model worthy to be followed.

The usage of the most well-organized societies assigns to the Recording Secretary the duty of attending to the publication and distribution of annual reports. This report is made after examining and comparing a number of reports of Conference Societies.

In addition to the Reading Course, the following book is earnestly recommended: "The Practice of the Presence of God," by Brother Lawrence; price, eight cents. This may be ordered from our Publishing House or from F. H. Revell Company, Chicago, Ill.

REPORT No. 2.

The following recommendations are offered:

First, that the following specifications be added to the by-law defining the duties of the Committee on Literature and Press Work: It shall be the duty of this committee to supervise the reports of the proceedings of the Board, to see that reporters are present and to assist them in every way possible, to secure accurate reports for the agent of the Associated Press, and for any other press or bureau within reach.

Secondly, that the present system of issuing leaflets be discontinued and the following plans adopted:

(a) The general officers shall send to the Superintendent of Press Work each month such facts as they desire to have presented to the Auxiliaries.

(b) This committee, the chairman of which shall be the Editor of Leaflets, shall provide the General Secretary with a supply of leaflets from our own and other organizations covering every phase of the work, the same to be kept in or ordered by our Nashville office.

(c) The office shall furnish a classified price list of said leaflets to every Auxiliary, to be ordered by them as they may need.

(d) The following shall be issued for free distribution: The Constitution and By-Laws in leaflet form, and an annual leaflet giving a summary of the year's report, which shall be issued immediately after the meeting of the Board.

Thirdly, that the General Secretary have prepared a set of pictures after the order of the Perry pictures, representing every phase of our Home Mission work, the same to be sold at a penny apiece if possible.

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CONTROL OF DEACONESS WORK.

REPORT No. 1.

Your Committee of Control of Deaconess Work recommend that Mrs. Mary N. Carr, Birmingham, Ala., Miss Mabel Kennedy, St. Louis, Mo., Miss Mattie Marian Ivey, Franklin, Tex., be accepted and consecrated as deaconesses.

Miss Ivey is the first deaconess of our Board who feels called to work among heathen women, and will serve in the employ of our sister Board, the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions. In view of the fact that Miss Ivey has lost time through illness, it is therefore deemed inexpedient for her to be present for consecration at this session of the Board. The committee recommend that Miss Ivey be consecrated on the night of her graduation, May 16, at the Training School commencement.

REPORT No. 2.

With the hope of calling attention to this marvelous opportunity for the investment of the life of the womanhood of the Church, we have circulated printed matter on the call to the office of deaconess and on the nature of the work. The booklet, "The Deaconess," and the leaflets, "What a Deaconess Is and Is Not," "Deaconess Hospitals," and the "Children's Hospital," have been issued for free circulation in Epworth Leagues and colleges of the Church, in addition to the usual distribution through Auxiliaries. Miss Estelle Haskin and Miss Elizabeth Davis visited colleges in Missouri and North Carolina in the interest of the deaconess work. The distribution of pledge cards by our Conference Secretaries has doubtless revealed to many young women the power of a surrendered life and the purpose of God for the individual. This dissemination of printed matter and the public and private appeals of our workers have led to a large correspondence with the young women of the Church.

Ten young women have been in training in the Scarritt Bible and Training School. Three applicants, who had submitted papers in due form to the committee and had been recommended for training, voluntarily retired before entering the school. Two who had entered were recommended for another branch of work. Four applicants are now before the committee, two of whom have been recommended for a course in the Training School, and the other two have been referred to the General Secretary for further consideration.

The nine deaconesses who have been at work this year have rendered faithful and successful service, as will be shown by the reports of the agencies employing them. The mere fact that they are trained and set apart for the Master's service has not shielded them from trials of faith and patience; but we believe that each has come forth from these periods of test stronger to do the will of God and with broader, tenderer sympathy for the tempted and tried.

We recommend that renewal of certificates be granted to these eight deaconesses: Miss Mattie Wright, Miss Elizabeth Davis, Miss Annie Heath, Miss Elizabeth Taylor, Miss May Lockard, Mrs. E. L. Souby, Miss Mary Olsen, and Miss Maria Elliott. Miss Amy Rice, because of failing health, voluntarily retires from the work.

We also recommend granting a certificate to Miss May Wilson, Houston, Tex., who comes to us as a worker from the M. E. Church, duly accredited by her Conference Board of Deaconesses, her certificate of graduation from the Chicago Training School, and of her consecration as a deaconess of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Miss Wilson has been employed during the past year by the City Mission Board of Houston, Tex.

The calls for deaconesses are largely in excess of the supply. The peculiar demands of pioneer work require the exercise of great care in the selection of candidates. Requests are now before the Committee for Deaconesses from the following: City Mission Boards of Albany, Ga., Oklahoma City, Okla., Shreveport, La., Tampa, Fla., Pensacola, Fla., and Tyler, Tex.; also from Rev. G. M. Gibson, El Paso, Tex.; Rev. J. W. Perry, Knoxville, Tenn.; Rev. W. A. Morgan, Macon, Ga.; Rev. P. L. Cobb, Mexico City, Mexico.

CITY MISSIONS.

REPORT No. 1.

The General Secretary in her report has given a summary of the work of the City Missions, and full reports of them will be published. It is therefore unnecessary to rehearse the same matter here, but at

tention is called to the increase over last year in the number of salaried workers employed and the still larger increase in volunteer workers. There has also been an enlargement of the work done and the number of persons brought by it under Christian influence. In some phases of institutional work more than double the number are reached; this is notably true in regard to young women's, girls', and boys' clubs. There has also been large growth in attendance on the industrial and Sabbath schools. One kindergarten closed accounts for the only decrease in the list.

Last year eighteen City Mission Boards were reported as engaged in active work, though one was organized too recently to appear in the report. During this year six new City Boards have opened work—viz., Tampa and Pensacola, in Florida; Houston and Tyler, in Texas; Albany and Rome, in Georgia.

Houston has a deaconess and a kindergartner living in a well-furnished Settlement Home, and several institutional features are in operation. Much enthusiasm is felt and the outlook is good. Rome is supplied with a capable woman as a visitor and for the work opened among the mill operatives. Albany, Pensacola, Tampa, and Tyler have not been able to secure the trained missionaries they urgently call for, but the work is being carried on by volunteer service among the ladies of the Church.

Great regret is felt that the City Board of Birmingham has been compelled to give up the work that opened so auspiciously; but we hope that the future holds better things for that noble band of women, and that Birmingham Mission will again be restored.

There are now twenty-three City Missions in active operation.

Unsuccessful attempts were made at several places during the year to organize City Missions, and we feel that a timely warning may be spoken here as to the inexpediency of undertaking City Mission work without a reasonable prospect of maintaining it financially and conducting it desirably. Such failures are hurtful to the work.

During the year different members of the committee have visited nine missions and found them doing as satisfactory work as their limitations would permit. In every city on our list more workers and more money are needed to meet the large and pressing opportunities presented to us. In almost every place larger and better buildings are needed, and better furnishing and equipment for the industrial schools and clubs would greatly increase their value. Yet the lack of these things has developed the tact and ingenuity of our missionaries, and has not hindered them from doing a great work for God and humanity. Their consecration and faithful service have been greatly blessed, both in sowing the seed and in reaping the harvest.

There has been a marked development of the sense of personal responsibility and spirit of helpfulness among the Auxiliaries, as manifested by the large increase in volunteer workers. This is, we believe, mainly due to the fact that the members of the City Boards have become better informed as to their own duty and the requirements of the mission, and can take a more intelligent direction of its affairs and furnish fuller information to others.

The urgent call for trained workers, and women to be trained for the work, uttered at the last Annual Meeting, and all through the year in the columns of *Our Homes*, has met with only a partial response, and still the supply is far short of the demand. Five new workers have been appointed since the Annual Meeting: For Augusta, Miss Ella Kiser, a deaconess of the M. E. Church with fine training and long experience, whose health compels a temporary residence in the South (for reasons satisfactory to herself and the Board she does not sever her relations with

the M. E. Church); for Houston, Miss May Wilson, also a deaconess of the M. E. Church, who was working as pastor's assistant in Shearn Street Church, of that city (she has united with the M. E. Church, South, and, a transfer having been arranged with our sister Church, will receive from this Board a deaconess certificate); for Los Angeles, Miss Moizelle Elliott, a trained nurse, to assist Miss Maria Elliott; for Rome, Miss Mae McKenzie, and for Jacksonville, Mrs. Burdette, both resident workers without specific training.

The papers of the following applicants for mission work have been presented to the committee since the opening of the Annual Meeting, and we recommend:

1. That Miss Ida L. Reeves, of Fort Worth, Tex., a graduate of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, be accepted and given an appointment.

2. That Miss Nell Miller, Clarendon, Tex., a graduate of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, be accepted and given an appointment.

3. That Miss Annie M. Brown, Rolla, Mo., a graduate of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, be accepted for school work in one of our educational institutions.

4. That Miss Sue V. Herrick, Whitney, Tex., a graduate of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, be advised to continue the kindergarten course for another year.

This committee was empowered by the Board to hold Home Mission Institutes in different cities, especially those on the Gulf Coast, for the purpose of arousing an intelligent interest in City Missions. The original plan for this work was not carried out, but Miss Bennett visited New Orleans and set in training agencies that give promise of extension of the mission in that city. She and Mrs. L. P. Smith visited Galveston also, and conferred with the Church in regard to opening work there. Institutes on the general lines of Home Mission work, but emphasizing the city work, were held in Houston, Austin, and Dallas, Tex., with such pronounced success that the committee feels warranted in asking to be allowed to go on with them in the coming year.

The committee was authorized to formulate an amendment to the by-laws governing City Missions, looking to the General Board's taking a more direct control of that work. After careful consideration of the difficulties attendant upon such a step at this time, the committee is unable to present what it believes would be a desirable amendment.

Vouchers amounting to \$19,701.74 have been received by the General Treasurer for the current expenses of the City Boards, which will require an appropriation from the General Board of \$1,970.17, to be distributed as usual on the ten per cent rule.

MISS MARY HELM, *Chairman*;

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MISS MABEL K. HOWELL.

JOINT REPORT OF DEACONESS COMMITTEE OF CONTROL AND COMMITTEE ON CITY MISSIONS.

Appointments for 1905-06.

Atlanta, Ga.: Miss Rosa Lowe.

Augusta, Ga.: Mrs. Ella Kiser, deaconess.

Dallas, Tex.: Miss Mary Ogilvie.

Houston, Tex.: Miss May Wilson, deaconess.

Jacksonville, Fla.: Mrs. R. H. Burdette.

Kansas City, Mo.: Mrs. E. L. Souby, deaconess; Mrs. Ida L. Reeves.

Los Angeles, Cal.: Miss Maria Elliott, deaconess; Miss Moizelle Elliott, nurse.

Louisville, Ky.: Mrs. Mary N. Carr, deaconess.

Macon, Ga.: Mrs. F. M. Knowles.

Mobile, Ala.: Miss Mary Peery.

New-Orleans, La.: Mrs. L. Meekin.

Nashville, Tenn.: Miss Fronie L. Webb.

Portsmouth, Va.: Miss Helen Baker.

Rome, Ga.: Miss Mae McKenzie.

St. Louis, Mo.: Miss Mattie Wright, deaconess; Miss Mary Olsen, deaconess.

Thomasville, Ga.: Miss Annie Heath, deaconess.

Galveston, Tex.: Miss Elizabeth Taylor, deaconess.

Waco, Tex.: Miss May Lockard, deaconess.

Pensacola, Fla.: Miss Nelle Miller.

Albany, Ga., Montgomery, Ala., Richmond, Va., Tyler, Tex., left un-supplied.

Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School, Miss Elizabeth Davis, deaconess.

Pastor's assistant, St. Louis, Mo., Miss Mabel Kennedy, deaconess.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES APPOINTED FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING,

PARSONAGES.

We, your Committee on Parsonages, make the following recommendations:

1. That former grants to Stillwater, Okla., for \$200, First Church, Columbus, Miss., for \$125, Miami, Ind. T., for \$100, Saverton, Mo., for \$50, a total of \$475, be rescinded, and that the amount be included in the appropriations for this year.

2. That the two applications which reached the office of the General Secretary too late to be entered on the calendar be not considered at this time.

3. That, as the applications for donations were nearly three times in excess of the amount allowed for this purpose by the Committee on Appropriations, we were compelled in almost *every* case to cut the applications down one-half or more; and hence, in such cases as seemed best, we allowed a part of the amount applied for as donations, and recommended a loan for the balance—we therefore recommend that these loans be granted wherever practicable.

4. That in future no application for aid be considered unless the application blank be accurately filled out in every detail and properly signed. This result can be easily accomplished if each Conference Corresponding Secretary will see that this is done before sending the application to the General Secretary.

5. We regret to recommend that the applications from the Indian Mission be not considered at this time, because they are neither properly filled out nor properly signed. The same is true of the Tennessee applications, and some of the Texas applications, as to not being properly filled out; and for this reason we also recommend that they be not considered at this time.

6. That all those Conference Societies which are strong and whose dues are increasing be urged, as far as possible, to appropriate the necessary funds to meet the applications for aid within the bounds of their own Conferences, so that only such applications shall be submitted to this Board as *cannot be met* by Conference organizations.

7. That the following donations and loans be granted:

Conference.	Charge.	Donation.	Loan.
Alabama	Dothan Circuit	\$ 100	.....
Baltimore	Bethany	100	.....
	Royal Oak	100	.....
Denver	Colorado Springs (1st Church).	300	\$ 200
Florida	Bowling Green Circuit	50	.....
	Tampa Mission	50	.....
	Crystal River	100	600
	McClenney .....	.....	250
	Ybor City and West Tampa ..	323	.....
	Lake Butler .....	.....	200
Holston	St. Clair	75	.....
	Athens	200	.....

Conference	Charge.	Donation.	Loan.
Los Angeles	Pomona		\$ 500
	Azusa	\$ 200	
Mississippi	New Augusta	100	
Missouri	Kirksville		300
New Mexico	Odessa	100	
	Carlsbad	100	
	El Paso District	300	
	Marfa and Fort Davis	100	400
North Alabama	Hanceville	75	
	Hoke's Bluff	150	
North Carolina	Hope Mills	150	
North Georgia	Myrtle Street		200
North Texas	Sulphur Springs	100	
Northwest Texas	Colorado Springs District	150	575
Pacific	Gilroy	200	
	Sacramento	200	
	Gridley and Pennington	100	
	Centenary (San Francisco)	200	300
St. Louis	Ste. Genevieve	150	
South Carolina	Scranton	100	200
South Georgia	Parrott's		200
Texas	Livingston	50	
	Cason Springs	100	
	Brevard Circuit	100	
Western North Carolina	Dillsboro and Sylva	100	300
	McAdenville	50	350
	Glenville	100	
	North Jonesboro	125	
White River	El Paso	75	
	Totals	\$4,473	\$4,575

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. GEORGE CALL, *Chairman*;
 MRS. MARY B. MURRELL, *Secretary*;
 MRS. E. K. GRIFFITH,
 MRS. A. A. GIBSON,
 MRS. F. M. TOLLESON,
 MRS. V. S. MCLELLAN.

Amount allowed by Committee on Appropriations for donations	\$4,000
Amount rescinded from former loans	475
Total	\$4,475

EXTENSION OF WORK AND APPROPRIATION.

REPORT No. 1.

1. Whereas the social conditions of our cities are calling for organized city mission work, we recommend that an intelligent, experienced woman, under the direction of the General Secretary, be appointed to visit our own City Boards and help to perfect organization in those cities that are looking to the establishment of organized work. We recommend that this person be given time in our Northern and Eastern cities in order to study the methods of older Boards.

2. After seriously considering the question and realizing the need of undirected funds for carrying on our general work, this committee

does not deem it best to direct the funds of the Baby Roll to any specific work.

3. Your committee has given prayerful consideration to the application from the Thomasville City Mission Board to assume the care and management of the Vashti Blasingame Home. This work by its very nature is connectional, and is already caring for girls from various Conferences; so we recommend that it be accepted as one of the institutions under the management of this Board.

REPORT NO. 2.

CUBAN WORK.

Ruth Hargrove Seminary, Key West, Fla.:	
Salaries of teachers	\$4,900 00
Janitor and incidentals	279 00
Repairs and incidentals	500 00
Furniture (school)	100 00
Emergency Fund	50 00
Summer school	100 00
Building	5,000 00—\$10,979 00
Wolff Mission School, Ybor City, Fla.:	
Salaries of teachers.....	1,410 00
Household, janitor, and incidentals.....	180 00
Repairs	100 00
Italian Day School.....	405 00
Salary and travel of Superintendent.....	600 00— 2,695 00
West Tampa, Tampa, Fla.:	
Salaries of teachers.....	648 00— 648 00
Total Cuban work.....	\$14,322 00

RESCUE WORK.

Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and School, Dallas, Tex.:	
Salaries	\$1,700 00
Current expenses	2,400 00
Repairs and incidentals.....	500 00
Insurance	155 00—\$ 4,755 00

PACIFIC COAST WORK.

Los Angeles:	
Board and salary of deaconess.....	\$ 300 00
Board and salary of nurse.....	300 00
Rent	180 00
Incidentals	20 00—\$ 800 00
San Francisco:	
Salaries of teachers.....	480 00
Rent	480 00
Pastor	540 00— 1,500 00
Alameda:	
Salaries of teachers.....	240 00
Rent and furniture	120 00
Incidentals	30 00— 390 00
Oakland:	
Salaries of teachers.....	240 00
Rent and incidentals.....	300 00
Salary and travel.....	1,350 00— 1,890 00
Total Pacific Coast work.....	\$4,580 00

MOUNTAIN WORK.

Sue Bennett Memorial School, London, Ky.:	
Current expenses (in addition to return of fees).	\$2,500 00
Remainder due on dormitory.....	980 00—\$ 3,480 00
Brevard Industrial School, Brevard, N. C.:	
Current expenses (in addition to return of fees).	1,500 00— 1,500 00
Total mountain work.....	<u>\$4,980 00</u>

NEGRO WORK.

Paine Annex, Augusta, Ga.:	
Salaries of teachers.....	\$ 600 00
Incidentals	200 00—\$ 800 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Parsonages	\$4,000 00
Extension of work	1,200 00
Department of Sociology.....	750 00
Deaconess work	500 00
Vashti Blasingame Home	1,000 00—\$ 7,450 00

CITY MISSIONS.

Mobile, Alabama Conference.....	\$ 75 68
Tampa, Florida Conference.....	38 97
Jacksonville, Florida Conference.....	162 17
Los Angeles, Los Angeles Conference.....	11 61
New Orleans, Louisiana Conference.....	45 98
Louisville, Louisville Conference.....	167 90
Birmingham, North Alabama Conference.....	68 78
Augusta, North Georgia Conference.....	74 28
Atlanta, North Georgia Conference.....	263 25
Dallas, North Texas Conference.....	157 54
Waco, Northwest Texas Conference.....	201 80
Thomasville, South Georgia Conference.....	28 17
Macon, South Georgia Conference.....	89 46
Kansas City, Southwest Missouri Conference.....	163 85
St. Louis, St. Louis Conference.....	200 57
Nashville, Tennessee Conference.....	140 00
Tyler, Texas Conference.....	21 40
Portsmouth, Virginia Conference.....	57 17
Richmond, Virginia Conference.....	40 00—\$ 2,008 58

BOARD EXPENSES.

Office expenses of President.....	\$ 500 00
Salary of General Secretary.....	1,200 00
Office expenses of General Secretary.....	800 00
Salary of General Treasurer.....	600 00
Office expenses of General Treasurer.....	50 00
Expenses Supply Department.....	300 00
Expenses of Press Department.....	200 00
Expenses of Board meeting.....	500 00
Printing	1,200 00
Emergency	50 00—\$ 5,400 00
Total	<u>\$44,387 00</u>

MRS. R. W. MACDONELL, *Chairman*;
 MRS. N. M. BLASINGAME, *Secretary*.

MEMORIALS.

Memorials were received by your committee from the St. Louis, Texas, Northwest Texas, North Georgia, and Louisiana Conferences, and a communication from the Executive Committee of the Wesley Memorial Hospital of Atlanta, Ga.

I. In the St. Louis Conference Memorial there were five separate items:

Item 1 was referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

Item 2. We recommend nonconcurrency in the request asking for change of time for electing the members of the City Mission Board.

Item 3 was referred to the Deaconess Committee.

Item 4 was referred to the Committee on Press and Literature.

Item 5 was referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

II. The Texas Conference Memorial contains two items. We recommend nonconcurrency in (a), asking for the recall of old blanks. The (b) item was referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

III. The memorial from the Louisiana Conference was referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

IV. We recommend nonconcurrency in the memorial from the Northwest Texas Conference Society, but suggest that, where practicable and desirable, it might be a part of the local work of the Auxiliary to care for the graves of the preacher's family.

V. In regard to the memorial from the North Georgia Conference Society, we recommend nonconcurrency, because we have not yet collected the funds necessary for locating a hospital.

VI. We recommend that as a Board we express our appreciation of the cordial invitation of the Wesley Memorial Hospital Executive Committee to cooperate with them, and when the time comes when we shall be able to have a deaconess and nurse-training school, or to build a hospital, we shall be glad to consider their kind offer.

MRS. L. P. SMITH, *Chairman.*

BY-LAWS.

Your Committee on By-Laws begs leave to submit the following report:

1. That in By-Law 7, governing Conference Societies, to the clause, "She shall send a quarterly report to the Conference Corresponding Secretary," shall be added, "not later than by the 10th of March, June, September, and December."

2. That Article 15, of By-Laws governing Auxiliaries, shall read: "The officers of the Auxiliary shall be elected by ballot. If an office becomes vacant during the year, an election shall be held to fill the vacancy."

3. That the last clause of Article 1, By-Laws governing City Mission work, read: "The officers of the Conference Society residing in the city, the preachers in charge of the Churches in which Auxiliaries are located, and the presiding elder of the district may be advisory members."

4. In regard to the memorial from the Louisiana Conference, asking for explicit information as to representation of Auxiliaries at Annual Meetings, we recommend that the Conferences adjust this matter to their own needs, and refer them to Article 8, By-Laws governing Conference Societies.

5. There has been referred to this committee the question: "Who shall constitute the Committee on Programme for Annual Meetings of

Conference Societies?" This question is covered by Article 8 in By-Laws governing Conference Societies.

6. In regard to the memorial from the St. Louis Conference, asking that the By-Laws be changed giving the representative from the City Mission Board to the District and Annual Meetings a vote, we recommend that no change be made in the By-Laws on this point.

MRS. BENNETT DOUGLAS BELL,
MRS. L. P. SMITH,
MRS. J. B. CHATFIELD,
MISS ADA LEWIS.

RESOLUTIONS.

It is with hearts full of gratitude and praise to our Heavenly Father that we acknowledge his goodness to us, as we are privileged to meet again in annual session; therefore be it

Resolved: 1. That we thank him for the presence of the Holy Spirit in our midst, and for the prosperity which has come to our organization this year; and, as an expression of our gratitude to him, we are resolved to work with renewed zeal, to spend and be spent in his service.

2. That we desire to express our appreciation of the warm-hearted, Southern welcome which has been accorded us. In the kind letters which came to us before leaving our homes we received an assurance of this welcome, which has been more than fulfilled. To the committee which met us at the station and kindly welcomed us to this beautiful city of flowers, to our dear hostesses who have opened to us their hearts and their homes, and who have bound us to them by the cords of love, we express our heartfelt thanks.

3. That we are grateful for the cordial fraternal greetings extended to our body by Dr. J. A. Rice, in behalf of Court Street Church, Montgomery; Mrs. H. D. Moore, from the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Alabama Conference; Miss Lula Pearson, from the Montgomery City Mission Board; Mrs. L. C. Strong, from the Court Street Church Auxiliary; Mrs. J. H. Lakin, for the Alabama Conference Foreign Missionary Society; Mrs. George W. Patterson, in behalf of the Presbyterian Church of Montgomery; Mrs. Charles A. Stakeley, from the Baptist Church; and Mrs. J. B. Chatfield, of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Alabama.

4. That we appreciate the pleasant reception which was given by the Court Street Auxiliary, assisted by the young women's society. We wish to express our enjoyment of the opportunity for social intercourse and our appreciation of the substantial attentions of the young ladies who served us with the refreshing daily luncheon.

5. That our thanks be tendered Dr. Rice for his helpful, brotherly kindness, and to the preachers of our own and other denominations who have lent us the support of their presence.

6. That to Bishop Galloway our thanks are due for his inspiring sermon; to Dr. H. S. Bradley, for his most helpful exposition of the beatitudes, and for his strong address; and to Dr. E. O. Watson, for his interesting address on "Mill People of the South."

7. That to the Traction Company of Montgomery our thanks are tendered for the delightful recreation given us by a trolley ride.

8. That we are deeply grateful for the sweet music which has gladdened our ears, and for the silent ministry of the beautiful flowers which have gladdened our eyes we are deeply grateful. We thank the young women who have cheerfully rendered effective service as

pages. To the newspapers, which have printed full accounts of our proceedings; to the Southeastern Passenger Association, for the courtesy of reduced railroad rates; to all who have in any way helped to make our meeting a success—we offer our thanks.

ADA LEWIS, *Chairman*;
MRS. W. J. YOUNG,
MISS KATE PETRY.

CHARTER OF INCORPORATION OF THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I. The name of the corporation shall be "The Woman's Home Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South," and it may have succession and continue to be a corporation for fifty years from the approval of this charter.

ART. II. It is created for the purpose of uniting the efforts of Christian women and children in procuring and maintaining homes or parsonages for the use of the itinerant preachers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and for establishing and maintaining schools, missions, hospitals, homes for the friendless, and other like charities and agencies for the propagation of the gospel of Jesus Christ and the elevation of mankind.

ART. III. The Society shall be under the supervision and control of a Board of Managers to be known as "The Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South," in which Board shall be vested the corporate powers herein conferred. It shall consist of a President, two Vice Presidents, a General Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a General Treasurer, and such representatives from the subordinate Conference or local branches of the Society as the by-laws may provide, all of whom shall be women and any of whom may be married women. Said officers and managers shall be chosen at such times and places, in such manner, perform such duties, and hold office for such terms, as the by-laws may prescribe. In addition to said Board, there shall be, subject to its control, such subordinate Conference and local Societies as the Board may authorize by its by-laws.

ART. IV. The Society shall have authority to raise money for its purposes in any lawful way, and may raise and administer a permanent loan and endowment fund, which shall be safely invested or loaned, and only the income therefrom may be expended in carrying forward the work of the Society. It shall also be lawful for said Society to accept contributions to its funds subject to life annuities, which the Society may contract to pay; and the loan and endowment funds of the Society shall be held in trust to secure the payment of such annuities.

ART. V. The corporation shall have the powers enumerated in, and conferred by, Section 856 of the Annotated Code of Mississippi of 1892. It shall have the right to acquire by purchase, gift, grant, devise or bequest, and hold, sell, convey, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of every kind of property, real, personal, or mixed, provided it shall not hold real and personal estate exceeding two hundred and fifty thousand dollars in value.

ART. VI. The Society shall have the right, through its Board of Managers, to make all necessary by-laws for the government of said Board and of the subordinate Conferences and local societies. The persons herein

named as incorporators having made known the fact that they have already met and organized by adopting by-laws and electing officers and managers, therefore upon the approval of this charter, said organization so effected and by-laws so adopted shall become and continue as the organization and by-laws of this corporation, in so far as the by-laws are consistent herewith, to the same purpose and effect, but no further, as though formed and adopted at a meeting after the approval of this charter. The Society shall be subject to the provisions of the Book of Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and to the control of the General Conference of said Church, and no by-laws contrary to the laws of said Church shall be valid.

ART. VII. The meetings of the Woman's Board of Home Missions for the transaction of corporate business may be held anywhere in the United States. It shall prescribe by its by-laws what number of its officers and managers shall be necessary to constitute a quorum.

ART. VIII. The names of the incorporators, who shall constitute the officers and managers of the Board until their successors shall have been elected, are as follows: Miss Belle H. Bennett, of Kentucky, President; Mrs. J. D. Hammond, of Tennessee, First Vice President; Mrs. F. B. Carroll, of Texas, Second Vice President; Mrs. R. K. Hargrove, of Tennessee, General Secretary; Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, of Tennessee, General Treasurer; Miss Emily Allen, of Georgia, Recording Secretary; and the following representatives of the several Conference Societies, to wit: Mrs. C. H. Cope and Mrs. Robert Somerville, of Mississippi; Mrs. C. L. Chilton and Mrs. J. H. Reville, of Alabama; Miss Gertrude Durey, Mrs. W. H. Pemberton, and Mrs. S. H. Babcock, of Arkansas; Mrs. C. H. Buchanan and Mrs. M. N. Moorman, of Virginia; Mrs. Fannie McGhee, of Oregon; Mrs. J. H. Ledbetter, of Colorado; Miss Margaret E. Winnefred, of Washington; Mrs. George Call, Mrs. Bertha Mueller, Mrs. H. A. Evans, Mrs. F. N. Hey, Mrs. T. L. Lallance, Mrs. O. T. Hotchkiss, and Mrs. J. L. Cunningham, of Texas; Mrs. E. K. Griffith, of Florida; Mrs. A. A. Gibson, Mrs. Ross Witherspoon, and Mrs. James Atkins, of Tennessee; Mrs. Anna S. Dunlap, of Illinois; Mrs. C. M. Coppedge, of Indian Territory; Miss Kate Petry, Mrs. L. M. Clark, and Mrs. Mordecai Williams, of Kentucky; Mrs. L. L. Clayton and Mrs. Mary B. Williams, of California; Mrs. F. E. Russ, of Louisiana; Mrs. M. S. Palmer, Mrs. L. P. Norfleet, and Mrs. F. H. Ottofy, of Missouri; Mrs. S. B. Tabor, of Montana; Mrs. Ida T. Wilkins and Mrs. T. F. Marr, of North Carolina; Mrs. F. P. Clark and Mrs. Washington Dessau, of Georgia; Mrs. W. L. Waite, of South Carolina; and Mrs. F. White, of Kansas.

INSTRUCTIONS IN REGARD TO FUNDS.

THE money can be classified under five heads: I. The Regular Fund; II. Special Donations; III. Loan and Endowment Funds; IV. City Mission Money; V. Local Funds.

I. The **Regular Fund** is used for the support of the connectional work, such as mission schools, parsonages, and rescue work, and includes all money collected, as:

1. Dues of adult, young people, and juvenile members.
2. Life memberships and honorary life members and patrons.
3. Baby roll dues.
4. Mite box collections.
5. Week of Prayer offerings.
6. Donations to which no special direction is given.

II. **Special Donations** are those directed to some particular object, either within or outside the Conference, connected with the work of the Home Mission Society.

III. **Loan and Endowment Funds.**

1. Parsonage loan funds, whether named or unnamed.
2. Educational Endowment Fund.
3. City Mission Endowment Fund.

All money collected or contributed under these three headings (the Regular Fund, Special Fund, Loan and Endowment Funds) must be sent by the auxiliary treasurer to the Conference Treasurer, and by her to the General Treasurer, and a statement of the amount for each accompany the draft, as provided for in the record books. All moneys collected during the Week of Prayer are devoted to the current expenses of the general work. No sum from this Week of Prayer collection can be used to make Preachers' Wives' Loan Funds, Educational Endowment Funds, or for local enterprises. Money should not be sent by auxiliaries to the field—that is, in response to any person applying for special aid—but through the Conference Treasurer to the General Treasurer, from whence it will go as directed, and credit be given. Special donations remitted to the Conference Treasurer or General Treasurer must be accompanied by the name and wish of the donor. *This is very important if credit is desired.*

IV. **City Mission Money.** In those cities where there is a Board of City Missions, the auxiliaries supporting it assess themselves a certain amount, which is paid monthly to the treasurer of the city board. This treasurer sends a voucher (or receipt) to the Conference Treas-

urer for all the money thus received, who in turn signs and forwards the same to the General Treasurer.

V. Local Funds. Under this head is included *all* money raised for *any* purpose *locally*—viz., for the local parsonage, the church, or the poor. This money is held by the treasurer of the local committee, and is expended by her, a *report only* of the amount being sent to the Conference Treasurer, who in turn reports it to the General Treasurer.

LOAN AND ENDOWMENT FUNDS.

The Preachers' Wives' Loan Fund is constituted by donations of five dollars each to make individuals "patrons" of this fund. Names of patrons will be recorded and published in the Annual Report the year they are received. Money thus raised is used for loans to parsonages.

The Memorial Loan Fund.—This name is given to a fund constituted by a contribution of \$20 for each name sent. The \$20 may be paid at once, or in installments as desired. Names recorded on this roll represent the loving remembrance of departed ones by parents, children, relatives, or friends, who, in this way, erect to their memories a lasting monument of good deeds. Those not able to constitute Named Loan Funds are by this fund afforded an opportunity to honor their dead. Names of children may be entered on this roll for five dollars. Money thus collected augments the sum from which loans are made to parsonages.

Named Loan Funds.—The sum of one thousand dollars and upward, donated by one or more persons, may, by direction of the contributors, constitute a separate loan fund, and be named by them. No part of the amounts secured and set apart as constituting the Loan Fund is ever donated for any purpose, or used for current expenses, but is preserved without diminution a perpetual fund, held and reserved wholly for temporary loans. Parsonage loan funds are administered by the General Board of Church Extension, subject to appropriation by the Board of the Woman's Home Mission Society.

Education Endowment Fund and City Mission Endowment Fund have been created. These two last funds are not loan funds, but vested funds, the interest of which will be used for the objects indicated. Patrons to these funds can be made by the payment of five dollars.

All money intended for these funds must be sent to the General Treasurer, either direct or through the Conference Treasurers. Names of patrons for Preachers' Wives' Loan Fund and those enrolled on the Memorial Fund Roll and Educational Endowment Fund should accompany the money.

Mite Boxes are furnished to all wishing to use them for the benefit of this Society on application to Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, 346 Public Square, Nashville, Tenn.

Boxes of Supplies.—Transportation should be prepaid on all supplies, and the amount and to whom sent reported to the Conference Secretary, requesting her to forward same to Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, Superintendent, Church Street, Nashville, Tenn.

Baby Roll.—The name of any child five years old or under may be placed on the Baby Roll by the payment of twenty-five cents. A card for the name of the baby will be sent to be filled out and returned, that it may be recorded on the Baby Roll. A tiny mite box will be sent to receive the baby's pennies, which must be remitted quarterly to the Conference Treasurer, to be sent by her to the General Treasurer. These mite box collections constitute the dues from the Baby Roll. When a child is six years old his or her name must be entered upon the roll of the juvenile society, or on the Florine McEachern Brigade.

INSTRUCTIONS TO SUPERINTENDENTS OF BABY ROLL.

The auxiliary Third Vice President shall have in charge the Baby Roll. She shall collect the enrollment fee of twenty-five cents per member, and give quarterly to the auxiliary Treasurer the number of names enrolled during the quarter and the amount of fees to correspond. She shall at the same time send list of names and addresses to the third Vice President of the Conference Society, who superintends the Baby Roll. She shall keep a correct roll of baby members, secure the continued use of the baby mite boxes, and turn the moneys collected monthly in them over to the auxiliary Treasurer.

When the number of names, and enrollment fees to correspond, have been sent to the Conference Treasurer by the auxiliary Treasurer, then the Conference Treasurer shall forward to the General Treasurer the total *number* of baby members made in the Conference during the quarter (not the *names*), with amount of membership fees to correspond. She shall at the same time write the General Secretary to forward to the Conference Third Vice President a number of baby certificates corresponding with fees sent. (For instance, if she has two dollars and fifty cents, she will order ten certificates.)

When she receives mite boxes she also receives baby cards, which are to be sent to the Third Vice Presidents of auxiliaries to be filled out and returned to her, and in turn by her to the General Secretary for enrollment. As names are constantly being added to the Baby Roll, the General Secretary must be informed quarterly.

The Third Vice President of the Conference Society will send baby certificates to the Third Vice President of the auxiliary, who has the Baby Roll in charge and who will fill in names, etc., and turn over to proper parties.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE FLORINE McEACHERN MITE BOX BRIGADE.

The Auxiliary Third Vice President shall also have in charge the Florine McEachern Mite Box Brigade. She shall secure the use of these mite boxes by all children who have outgrown the Baby Roll, and also endeavor to enlist other children over five years of age in this Brigade. A social meeting of the Brigade must be held quarterly, when the money from the mite boxes shall be collected. The money must be sent to the General Treasurer through the regular channels for the Florine McEachern Hospital Fund.

CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS, AND MISCELLANY.

CONSTITUTION OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

ARTICLE I. This organization shall be known as the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

ART. II. The object of this Society is to enlist and organize Christian women and children in securing homes for itinerant preachers, in providing religious instruction for the neglected and destitute, and in otherwise aiding the cause of Christ.

ART. III. This society shall be under the supervision and direction of women, known as the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and consisting of a President, two Vice Presidents, a General Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a General Treasurer, and a Corresponding Secretary, or alternate, of each Conference Society.

ART. IV. The general officers of said Board shall be elected quadrennially by the Board at the session next succeeding each General Conference. The Corresponding Secretaries and their alternates shall be elected by the Conference Societies as their laws may provide. Superintendents of departments shall be elected annually by the Board, which shall also define their duties.

ART. V. The funds of the Society shall be derived from membership dues, special contributions at meetings appointed in the interest of the society, mite boxes, donations, devises, bequests, or by other means approved by the Board; and the creation of Loan Funds.

ART. VI. The Board shall have authority to raise and administer two Loan Funds, one for parsonage building, and another for Home Mission work. These shall be held separate from the funds raised for general distribution, and shall be used only in loans on adequate security, to be determined by the Board of Church Extension. The administration of the Loan Fund for parsonages shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Church Extension.

ART. VII. It shall be lawful for said Board to accept contributions to its funds from any persons capable of making the same, subject to annuities, payable to the order of person or persons making such donations; but all amounts so received shall be loaned by said Board, on adequate security or securities, and the aggregate amount of annuities that the Board shall assume to pay shall never be allowed to exceed one-half of the annual interest received on the loans made by said Board.

ART. VIII. The funds appropriated by this Board to parsonages shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Church Extension, and shall be administered by the same.

ART. IX. All property (whether real, personal, or otherwise) shall be held in the name of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, a corporation organized under the laws of Mississippi.

ART. X. All dues, special contributions, and other moneys collected by or for the use of the general work of the Woman's Home Mission Society shall be sent to the General Treasurer to be expended by the direction of the Board. Fifty per cent of the dues sent in by each Conference Society, less the amount paid out for Conference expenses, shall be held subject to the order of the proper officers of said Conference, for aiding parsonages within the bounds of the same, but any such funds unappropriated by said Conference at the close of each fiscal year shall be subject to the order of the General Board, and shall be used by said Board to aid the work in more needy Conferences.

ART. XI. The Board shall meet annually, to review and forecast the work, examine reports, estimate resources, appropriate receipts, project work for the year, decide the fields to be occupied and the provisions for each, select the missionaries, the teachers, and other agents to be employed for executing each part of the work, and devise the ways and means for accomplishing the same. It shall have power to make by-laws for the Society, and to provide constitution and by-laws for the Conference and auxiliary societies.

ART. XII. Fifteen members of the Board shall constitute a quorum to transact business at an annual meeting, and five members at a monthly or called meeting.

ART. XIII. The duty of the General Secretary shall be to correspond with missionaries and teachers and other employees of the Society, and with the Conference Secretaries; to furnish Conference Societies with all the needful information; also to secure from them such details of their work as will be necessary to make quarterly and annual reports to the Boards and acquaint herself with the condition, needs, and opportunities of the mission fields, and publish the same for the information of the membership. She shall sign all orders on the General Treasurer, and attend to the legal business of the Society. She shall report annually such details as should be incorporated in the reports of the Board of Church Extension, of Missions, and of Education.

ART. XIV. The General Treasurer shall keep a regular account of the receipts and disbursements of the Society, furnish quarterly and annual reports to be published with those of the General Secretary, pay such bills as the Board may approve, and make such disposition of the funds in her hands as the Board may direct. At the close of the year the accounts shall be audited by one or more competent persons selected for that purpose.

ART. XV. When a vacancy among the general officers or superintendents of departments shall occur in the interim of the annual meetings, the Board shall fill such vacancies until the next annual meeting.

ART. XVI. The office of deaconess is hereby created in connection with the Woman's Home Mission Society. The Woman's Home Mission Board shall prescribe a course of training for candidates for deaconess work, and shall pass upon the applications of those persons recommended by Quarterly Conference for appointment to a training school, and shall have power to reject a candidate at any time, during or at the end of a course of training, if she be found unsuited to the work. The Board, or the Executive Committee thereof, shall, upon application, recommend deaconesses to mission boards, preachers in charge, societies, or other Church agencies wishing to employ them. When a deaconess is thus employed, she shall make reports to the Quarterly Conference of the charge in which she labors, and be, so far as is practicable, under the direction of the preacher in charge. When removing from the bounds of one pastoral charge to another, she shall carry a certificate of official standing. She shall also make annual reports to the Woman's Board of Home Missions. Her certificate must be renewed annually.

ART. XVII. A candidate for deaconess work must be at least twenty-three years of age, a single woman or a widow. She must be a member of the M. E. Church, South, in good standing, and must have shown a fitness for this work by active service in some line of Christian work. She must have a good English education, and a certificate of good health from a reputable physician. Her application for admission to the training school must be indorsed by the Quarterly Conference and the preacher in charge of the Church of which she is a member. She must pass a satisfactory examination before the proper committee of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, both as to her educational and religious qualifications, before she can be placed in the training school. She must give two years of probationary service and study the course prescribed by the Board, after which she must have the recommendation of the superintendent of the school. In exceptional cases, when other requirements are met and the course in the training school is not deemed necessary, she may be nominated by the preacher in charge, and elected to the office of deaconess by the Quarterly Conference, without attending the training school. The duties of the deaconess are to minister to the poor, care for the sick, provide for the orphan, comfort the sorrowing, seek the wandering and sinful, and do any religious or teaching work to which she may be assigned by the preacher in charge employing her in the home or foreign field, and, relinquishing all other pursuits, devote herself to these or other forms of Christian work to which she may be found adapted. No vows shall be required of any deaconess; nevertheless it is expected that those who seek admission to the Training School, or who apply for a certificate from the Quarterly Conference, will have considered carefully the steps they are taking, and, feeling themselves called of God to do this work,

will enter upon it with the purpose of devoting themselves wholly to it. A deaconess shall, however, be at liberty to retire from the work after three months' notice to the Woman's Home Mission Board, and will be subject to a revoking of her certificate and dismissal if found unsuited to the work. While engaged in active service she shall be entitled to such support as the Woman's Home Mission Board shall stipulate; and if, after a long term of service, she shall be disqualified by sickness or old age, she shall be cared for in a deaconess home hereinafter provided for. A deaconess not employed by any of the above Church agencies shall be under the direct control of the Woman's Home Mission Board. A report of the work of each deaconess, with a certificate of character and standing, shall be sent annually to the Woman's Home Mission Board by the agency employing her, together with her personal report.

ART. XVIII. *Deaconess Institutions.*—The Woman's Home Mission Board is authorized to provide a home where unemployed deaconesses may temporarily reside and be instructed, and where the aged or sick may be permanently cared for, and such other institutions as will not be in conflict with other provisions of Section IV., Chapter XI., of the Discipline of 1893.

BY-LAWS TO GENERAL CONSTITUTION.

1. The President shall preside at the meetings and actively endeavor to advance the interests of the Society. She shall countersign all drafts on the treasury.

2. The Vice Presidents in their order shall perform all the duties of the President in her absence, and such other duties as may be assigned them in the Board.

3. The Recording Secretary shall give notice of all the annual meetings of the Board, and shall keep the minutes of all meetings in book form.

4. The General Treasurer shall send notice to the Conference Treasurer whenever money is sent to the Board of Church Extension from the 50 per cent dues of that society.

5. Special donations must be appropriated as the donors direct. Donations made for connectional work must be sent through the Conference Treasurer to the General Treasurer.

6. The traveling expenses of the general officers to and from all the meetings of the Board and of the superintendents of departments and editors to and from the annual meetings of the Board shall be paid from the general treasury.

7. Whenever the interests of the work demand it, the President or the General Secretary may call a meeting of the Board to provide for emergencies in the interim of the annual meeting.

8. No new work shall be undertaken until it has been presented to the Board at its annual meeting, and been accepted by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

9. The connectional work shall be divided into two classes, A and B.

Class A shall include the institutions deeded to the Board and under its full control. Class B shall include those local enterprises which are accepted by the General Board and become connected with it by passing their funds through the hands of the General Treasurer.

10. A committee of three shall be appointed by the President, whose duty it shall be to audit the accounts of the general officers and Superintendents of the Society and report to the Board at its annual meetings.

11. No principal of any institution shall buy land, contract for a building, purchase furniture, or otherwise incur indebtedness without a written order from the Superintendent, and no Superintendent shall assume a debt for her department except at a personal liability.

12. The Board shall from time to time, as may be necessary, create special departments of work and appoint superintendents to take charge of the same.

13. The President and the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society within the bounds of which the annual meeting of the Board is to be held, after consulting with the President and the General Secretary, shall fix the date of the meeting and make necessary arrangements therefor. If for any cause it should become necessary to change the place of meeting, it may be done by the officers of the Board.

14. The programmes for the annual meetings of the Board shall be made by the President and the General Secretary in consultation with the President and the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society within the bounds of which the meeting is held.

15. During the annual meetings of the Board a half hour at noon shall be set aside for devotional services.

16. These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Standing Committees shall be as follows:

A Committee on Education;

A Committee on City Missions;

A Committee on Literature and Press Work;

A Committee on Control of Deaconess Work;

An Auditing Committee.

1. Standing Committees shall be nominated and elected by ballot at the annual meetings of the Board, with *ex officio* members as hereinafter provided.

2. In case of vacancies occurring *ad interim* the remaining members of the committee shall conduct the work until the regular annual meeting of the Board.

3. A majority of each committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Each committee shall elect its own chairman and secretary.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

1. This committee shall consist of the President and the General Secretary of the Board as *ex officio* members, and one other member, said member to be a member of the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

2. It shall be the duty of this committee to superintend the educational work of the Society, and to report upon the same to the Board in annual session.

3. To this committee shall be referred all applications of missionary teachers; all the propositions for the opening of new schools or the enlargement of those already existing; the quarterly reports of superintendents, principals, and teachers; all estimates for the needs of the school for the ensuing year.

4. The committee shall recommend in annual session the number of teachers necessary for each institution, and the amounts to be appropriated for the maintenance of each school. The principal of each school shall submit the credentials of the faculty to the committee for indorsement and appointment. If an emergency arises such as will require an increase in the appropriation to prevent injury to a school, the matter shall be referred to the Board at a called meeting.

5. It shall be the duty of this committee, as a body or individually, to visit, if possible, the schools under their supervision and make themselves acquainted with their internal management.

COMMITTEE ON CITY MISSIONS.

1. This committee shall consist of the President and General Secretary as *ex officio* members, and three other members, who may be members of the Board or may be chosen from the membership of the Society at large.

2. It shall be the duty of this committee to take such oversight of this department as will insure the proper location of mission houses or homes, the class of work to be done in them, the judicious expenditure of funds to encourage or restrain expansion, to aid in devising ways and means for raising funds.

3. It shall be the duty of this committee to investigate the conditions and needs of cities where there are no City Boards of Missions; and where conditions are encouraging, the same should be reported to the Board in annual session or called meeting; and if approved, the committee shall do all in its power to aid in the organization of a City Board and the establishment of a mission on a safe basis.

4. This committee shall confer with and cooperate with City Mission Boards. To it shall be referred all propositions from cities or auxiliaries desiring to take up organized city mission work; all reports of City Boards, including an itemized statement of money received and expended; all reports from city missionaries; all applications for or from missionary workers, or for a change in work or workers assigned. Previous to annual meetings this committee shall

consult individuals, societies, and Boards supporting missionaries, and missionaries themselves, as to the assignment of work for the ensuing year. The committee shall assign work to all missionaries in the employ of the Board, subject to the approval of the Board in annual or called meetings.

COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE AND PRESS WORK.

1. This committee shall consist of the President and General Secretary of the Board, the Editor of *Our Homes*, the Editor of Leaflets, the Superintendent of Press Work, and two other members elected by the Board.

2. This committee shall devise and foster plans for the spread of information in regard to the Society and its work in Church papers and secular press.

3. It shall arrange reading courses on home mission work and Bible study for adult and young people's societies, and shall endeavor to secure the adoption of such courses by auxiliaries and individuals.

4. It shall as far as possible secure the admission of books on home missions in the Sunday school and Epworth League and public libraries.

COMMITTEE FOR DEACONESS WORK.

1. The officers of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, the Principal of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, and two additional members from the Society at large, quadrennially elected by the Board, shall constitute a Committee of Control of Deaconess Work. Three members shall constitute a quorum.

2. This committee shall receive and act upon all applications from those who desire to become deaconesses; also all applications to employ deaconesses. It shall receive quarterly reports from all deaconesses and deaconess institutions maintained or controlled by the Woman's Home Mission Society, and keep on file a full statement of the condition and work of these institutions, and endeavor to maintain helpful relations between the several institutions and between them and the Training School. It shall arrange for any transfers of deaconesses that may be desirable, and shall decide upon all questions of administration and differences.

3. When the deaconess shall have finished her probationary course of training, the Committee of Control shall present her to the Woman's Board of Home Missions in annual session for final acceptance and consecration. She shall then receive a certificate, duly signed by the President and General Secretary of the Woman's Board of Home Missions. This certificate shall be her credentials as a regularly authorized deaconess of the M. E. Church, South, and must be annually renewed. If she should retire or be found unsuited to the work, her certificate must be surrendered to the Committee of Control, and she

thereby ceases to be a deaconess. When the Committee of Control deems it advisable to have one or more deaconesses consecrated in the interim of the annual meetings, it shall arrange for the time and place for that service.

4. Any one receiving training at the cost of the Woman's Home Mission Society shall refund the money if she voluntarily retires from its employ before the expiration of four years.

5. No one shall be recognized as a deaconess of the M. E. Church, South, who does not comply with the disciplinary requirements and does not hold a certificate from the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

6. When the preacher in charge and the Quarterly Conference present a candidate that they deem an exception to the general rule requiring a course in a training school, the Committee of Control shall examine the candidate, and, if satisfied that all the requirements are met, shall refer her back to the Quarterly Conference for election, and she shall be consecrated at the next annual meeting of the W. B. M., or at such time and place as the Committee of Control shall direct, and shall be granted by that Board a certificate as a regular deaconess, subject to the rules governing the same.

7. No salaries shall be paid, the work of the deaconess being done for the love of Christ and in his name. Deaconesses shall receive an allowance of ten dollars a month, with board, traveling expenses, and car fare; but any who so desire may pay their own board and expenses, either wholly or in part. Deaconesses shall be allowed one month's vacation annually, during which time the allowance shall be continued.

8. No promise of life support, when disqualified by sickness or old age, shall be made to those who enter upon the work after the age of forty years, or to those who shall have given less than ten years of efficient, consecutive service as deaconess, the ten years not to include the two years of training.

9. When the deaconess is on duty a simple uniform shall be worn, consisting of a black dress, a black bonnet, with white ties and white turn-over collar and cuffs. Plain white waists may be worn in warm weather.

10. Wherever there are two or more deaconesses at work in the same city, if practicable, they shall live in a deaconess home, said home to be under the control of the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

11. No institutions shall be recognized as deaconess homes of the M. E. Church, South, except those that are authorized by the Woman's Board of Home Missions. All such property shall be held in the name of the Society.

12. Pastors, Mission Boards, or other agencies employing deaconesses shall obligate themselves to provide for their maintenance as specified in By-Law 7. When deaconesses are employed by foreign mission boards, said Boards, may, at their discretion, increase the allowance. When a deaconess thus employed resides in a deaconess

home, the money necessary for her maintenance must be paid to the home, from which she will receive the same as others. When there is no deaconess home in the place where she is employed, the money shall be paid directly to her.

13. The nurse deaconess shall receive the same care and allowance as others. When employed in nursing persons able to pay for her services, the money must be paid to the deaconess home or hospital with which she is connected. If not connected with such institutions, the money shall be sent by her to the general treasury and held subject to the needs of the deaconess work.

14. All deaconesses shall be required to pursue a continuous course of study and reading prescribed by the Committee of Control.

15. One day of the week shall be a day of rest for the deaconess, and time shall also be given for the reading and study so necessary to keep her work at the highest point of efficiency.

16. Cities and towns in which deaconess homes are located shall maintain the home by private subscriptions and donations or public collections, and shall do all that is possible to awaken interest in the home and the workers. All moneys expended for the maintenance of these homes shall be reported by voucher through the regular channel, said homes to be given twenty-five per cent on this amount from the general treasury. The deaconesses of a home may elect annually one of their number as a delegate to the meetings of the Woman's Home Mission Society in the district and Conference in which it is located.

17. The rules for self-government of all the deaconess homes must be submitted to the Committee of Control and receive its approval before they go into effect. The rules of the several homes shall be, as nearly as possible, uniform.

18. The superintendents of deaconess homes shall report the names and work of the deaconesses in their charge to the Committee of Control quarterly (1st of June, September, December, and March), with an itemized statement of all moneys received and expended, and shall also make an annual report at the close of the fiscal year. They shall, when deemed advisable by the Committee of Control, attend the Annual and District Conferences where the homes are located, to secure the interest and coöperation of the brethren.

19. The Committee of Control shall, at the annual sessions of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, make a full report of the deaconess work, which, after acceptance, shall be incorporated in the printed minutes of the Board.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The Auditing Committee shall consist of two persons, who may be members of the Board or of the Society at large, or members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in good standing.

This section shall take the place of any and all other by-laws relating to standing committees, and all such are hereby rescinded.

COMMITTEES FOR ANNUAL MEETING.

The following committee shall be appointed by the President of the Board at the opening business session of annual meetings, and shall be discharged upon the completion of their work previous to the adjournment of the Board.

Unless otherwise provided, the number of members in these committees shall be left to the discretion of the President.

Reports of these committees must be presented in writing, and copies of the same must be placed in the hands of the Recording Secretary before the final adjournment of the Board.

PLATFORM COURTESIES.

This committee shall consist of three members, whose duty it shall be to make known to the President all persons who should be introduced to the Board.

RESOLUTIONS.

This committee shall submit for action of the Board the formal resolutions usually adopted by such bodies.

MEMORIALS.

To this committee shall be referred all memorials of whatever character that come to the Board.

PARSONAGES.

To this committee shall be referred all applications for donations and loans to parsonages.

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXTENSION OF WORK.

All questions of finance shall be referred to this committee, including estimates from standing committees. The committee shall report for the decision of the Board the amounts to be appropriated for all the different objects comprising the work of the Board, all amounts of salaries or office expenses, and all other questions involving expenditure of money. The Treasurer of the Board shall be a member of this committee *ex officio*.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

FOR BUSINESS SESSIONS OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

1. Roll call.
2. Report of General Treasurer.
3. Report of General Secretary.
4. Report of Superintendents.
5. Announcement of standing committees.
6. Presentation of papers to be referred to committees.

FOR REGULAR DAILY SESSIONS.

1. Roll call.
2. Reading of minutes.
3. Reports from standing committees.
4. Reports from special committees.
5. Miscellaneous business.

RULES OF ORDER.

- (a) Each session shall open and close with devotional exercises.
- (b) All resolutions shall be presented in writing.
- (c) Ladies shall rise when addressing the Chair.
- (d) No member shall leave the room without permission of the Chair.
- (e) All reports of committees and such other papers as are to be incorporated in the minutes of the annual session shall be carefully copied as last read and approved by the body before being placed in the hands of the Secretary.
- (f) At annual meetings a timekeeper shall be appointed, who shall give prompt signal when each time limit is reached.
- (g) Courtesies shall be limited to the fifteen minutes preceding the noon hour.

CONSTITUTION OF CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

ARTICLE 1. In each Annual Conference there shall be organized a Conference Society, auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Home Missions, which shall have charge of the work of the Society within the Conference, hold annual meetings, appropriate money to pay incidental expenses, and determine amounts to be appropriated within its bounds.

ART. 2. The society shall consist of one or more delegates from each auxiliary and the following officers: a President, three Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and a District Secretary from each presiding elder's district. The officers shall constitute an Executive Committee.

ART. 3. The President, the three Vice Presidents, the Corresponding Secretary, the Recording Secretary, and the Treasurer shall be elected by ballot. The District Secretaries shall be nominated by a committee composed of the President, the Corresponding Secretary, and the Treasurer, and shall be elected by acclamation.

ART. 4. Three members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum to transact business at a called meeting. One member of this quorum must be either the President or the Corresponding Secretary.

ART. 5. The Conference Society shall use the dues for procuring parsonages and paying incidental expenses. Any auxiliary or auxiliaries within its bounds shall not project or accept work or respond to special calls for aid without the approval of the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

ART. 6. The Conference Society shall devise a plan for raising an expense fund. No Conference Society shall elect or appoint as its representative at the Annual Board meeting any person not a member of said Conference Society.

BY-LAWS TO CONSTITUTION OF CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society, actively advance its interests, and countersign all drafts on the treasury.
2. The Vice Presidents shall, in their order, perform the duties of the

President in her absence, and the Second Vice President shall be the Superintendent of the Department of Tithing, to cooperate with the General Superintendent of Tithing, and the Third Vice President shall superintend the Baby Roll.

3. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Conference Society and of the Executive Committee in a suitable book.

4. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Society and supply the auxiliaries with information and with literature by sending it direct to the Presidents of auxiliaries or to the District Secretaries, as the Conference Society may direct. She shall endeavor to organize auxiliaries in every charge of the Conference, and forward a detailed report of each organization by name to the General Secretary and to the Treasurer of the Conference Society. She shall send quarterly reports to the General Secretary by the 15th of March, June, September, and December; also an annual report in March, giving statistics in full. She shall make to the Conference Society such reports as that body may require. She shall also make for incorporation in the minutes of the Annual Conference the necessary report to the Conference Board of Church Extension in regard to appropriations made to parsonages in the Conference. She shall give due notice of all meetings of the Conference Society and of executive meetings. She shall draw all orders on the treasury.

5. The Treasurer shall receive all funds of the Society, keep a book account with each auxiliary, and submit the same annually to an auditor appointed by the Society. She shall write quarterly to the Treasurer of each auxiliary giving special attention to new auxiliaries. She shall remit to the General Treasurer by the 15th of March, June, September, and December all dues, that the General Treasurer may hold in reserve, subject to the order of the Conference officers, the fifty per cent due each Conference Society. She shall also send quarterly to the General Treasurer all special donations for connectional work, contributions to Loan Funds, offerings of Week of Prayer, and moneys for life memberships, stating carefully the purposes of the same, the names of donors and of life members.

(The Conference Treasurer shall send to the General Treasurer total *number* of baby members (not the names) made in Conference during the quarter, with amount of membership fees to correspond. She shall, at the same time, ask the General Secretary to forward to Conference Third Vice President a number of baby certificates corresponding with fees sent. For instance, if she has two dollars and fifty cents, she shall order ten certificates.)

6. The Conference Society may elect Superintendents to coöperate with the Superintendents of the Board. They shall send quarterly reports of their work to the General Superintendent of their department by the 15th of March, June, September, and December.

7. The District Secretary shall organize auxiliaries and use every available means to promote the advancement of the Woman's Home Mission Society in her district. She, or a representative appointed by her, shall

present a report of the work at the District Conference. She shall hold an annual meeting in the district composed of delegates from the auxiliaries, and shall encourage each auxiliary to hold annually an all-day meeting, and once a quarter a public meeting, thus creating sentiment in favor of the work. She shall ask each pastor in her district to preach a sermon on Home Missions once a year in each Church, and ask for a freewill offering. If the Conference Society so direct, the District Secretary shall conduct the correspondence with the auxiliaries in her district. Literature and information must be sent direct to the Presidents of Auxiliaries. She shall send a quarterly report to the Conference Corresponding Secretary not later than the 10th of March, June, September, and December. It shall be her duty to do all in her power to obtain subscribers to the official organ of the Society, *Our Homes*. She shall send her book annually to the Conference meeting to be approved.

8. The Conference Society may make such by-laws as the work demands, provided they do not conflict with those made by the Board.

9. If, during the year, an office becomes vacant, the Executive Committee shall fill the vacancy.

10. During the annual meetings a half hour at noon shall be set aside for devotional services.

AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Any number of women may become an auxiliary to the Woman's Home Mission Society, by electing a President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and by the payment of the regular dues—viz., ten cents monthly per member.

CONSTITUTION FOR AUXILIARIES.

ARTICLE 1. This society shall be called the Woman's Home Mission Society of the —, Auxiliary to — Conference Society of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the M. E. Church, South.

ART. 2. The object of this society shall be to raise funds for procuring parsonages where they are most needed, and to encourage women and children to active and earnest effort to advance the cause of Christ in our own land.

ART. 3. Any one paying regularly ten cents per month may become a member of the society; and any one paying \$25 in one year may become a life member, and shall receive a certificate for the same, which may release the holder from further payment of dues.

ART. 4. The officers of this society shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall together constitute an Executive Committee of the society.

ART. 5. The meetings of this society shall be held monthly, or oftener if the interests of the society require it. The February meeting shall be the annual meeting, when the officers shall be elected for the following year; a report of the work of the year shall be read and a copy of the same be given to the pastor.

BY-LAWS FOR AUXILIARIES.

1. The President shall preside at the meetings and superintend the work of the society, laying special emphasis upon the study of the reading course by the auxiliary.

2. The Vice Presidents shall in their order assume the duties of the President in her absence, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned them.

3. The First Vice President shall have in charge the local interests of the auxiliary, and shall, *ex officio*, be the chairman of the committee for local parsonage and benevolent work.

4. The Second Vice President shall coöperate with the Conference Superintendent of Systematic and Proportionate Giving in supplying the auxiliary with information upon this subject, and seeking to bring the members to this method of giving. She shall try to secure individual and auxiliary use of the mite boxes.

5. The Third Vice President shall have in charge the Baby Roll and Life Membership Certificates. She shall collect the enrollment fee of twenty-five cents per member, and give quarterly to the auxiliary Treasurer the number of names enrolled during the quarter and the amount of fees to correspond. She shall at the same time send list of names and addresses to the Conference Third Vice President. She shall keep a correct roll of baby members, secure the continued use of the baby mite boxes, and turn the moneys collected monthly in them over to the auxiliary Treasurer. It shall also be her duty to interest, enlist, and organize the children and young people.

6. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the regular and called meetings, see that the congregation is notified of the time of the meeting, both from the pulpit and through the Sabbath school, and send her book annually to the district meeting to be approved.

7. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the society, and send to the Conference Secretary or to the District Secretary, as the Conference Society may direct, full reports before the first day of March, June, September, and December. She shall also send to these officers the name and address of the auxiliary President. She shall send her book annually to the district meeting to be approved.

8. The Treasurer shall collect membership dues, securing at least ten cents a month per member, keep a book account of the funds of the society, and remit to the Conference Treasurer before the first of March, June, September, and December. She shall send her book annually to the district meeting to be audited. She shall send quarterly to the Conference Treasurer the number of names placed on Baby Roll, with amount of enrollment fees to correspond.

9. It shall be the duty of the Vice Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers to make a written report to the monthly business meetings of their local auxiliaries.

10. The society shall elect an agent for *Our Homes*.

11. The society shall elect a Superintendent of Press Work.

12. There shall be a Local Committee to coöperate with the First Vice President as chairman in looking after the parsonage and the benevolent work of the Church. This committee shall be elected quarterly, semiannu-

ally, or annually, as the auxiliary may prefer. It shall have its own Treasurer for local funds, which may be raised in any way the auxiliary deems best. Such by-laws may be adopted governing the work as the local needs may require, provided they do not conflict with the by-laws of the general work.

13. There shall be a Visiting Committee appointed monthly, whose duty it shall be to visit from house to house, to distribute reading matter sent out by the society, and other Church literature, enlist members for the society, and induce persons to attend church and Sabbath school. A full report shall be made at each meeting of the society. It shall be the duty of the Visiting Committee to report to the pastor the names of strangers and all cases of sickness and destitution that they may find. The members of the committee on their rounds should also endeavor by the reading of God's Word to comfort, strengthen, or bring to Christ those whom they may visit. The Visiting Committee may be subdivided into smaller committees to visit specific places. A committee on temperance and other committees may be appointed as the needs may require.

14. All the members are requested to pray for the work of the society at the hour of retiring and when they shall lie awake at night, praying especially for the members of the Baby Roll. Those who are shut in by age and ill health should be asked to bring the work and the workers daily before God.

15. The officers of the auxiliary shall be elected by ballot. If an office becomes vacant during the year, an election shall be held to fill the vacancy.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S AND JUVENILE SOCIETIES.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This society shall be called the Young People's or Juvenile Home Mission Society of —, Auxiliary to the — Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

ART. 2. The object of this society shall be to interest the young people and children of the Church in missionary and temperance work among the ignorant and degraded in our own country, to secure their help in carrying it forward, and to cultivate piety and systematic giving.

ART. 3. Every young person or child paying regularly five cents a month dues may become a member of this society.

ART. 4. Any one may become a life member of the society by the payment of \$10.

ART. 5. The officers of this society shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall constitute an Executive Committee to plan the work of the society.

ART. 6. Meetings of the society shall be held monthly or oftener. The annual meeting shall be held in February, when annual reports shall be read and officers elected for the coming year.

BY-LAWS.

1. The President shall preside at the meetings of the society, and in every way seek to promote its interests.

2. The Vice Presidents shall, in their order, preside in the absence of the President, and perform such special duties as may be given them by the society.

3. The Recording Secretary shall keep in a book a true record of the proceedings of the society, provide her pastor with notices of the meetings, and annually send her books to the district meeting for approval.

4. The Corresponding Secretary shall carry on the correspondence of the society, send reports of the work of the society once a quarter (before the 1st of June, September, December, and March) to the Conference Corresponding Secretary and District Secretary, and send to these officers the name and address of the auxiliary President. She shall send her book annually to the district meeting for approval.

5. The Treasurer shall collect membership dues, securing at least five cents a month per member; keep a book account; send funds once a quarter (before the 1st of June, September, December, and March) to the Conference Treasurer. She shall send her book annually to the district meeting to be audited.

6. An agent for *Our Homes* shall be elected, whose duty it shall be to solicit subscriptions to the paper.

7. The juvenile society may elect a Lady Manager to direct its interests. She shall guide its affairs in harmony with the work of the Woman's Home Mission Society.

8. The membership of the auxiliary shall be divided into bands of helpers, definite duties being assigned to them at each meeting.

BY-LAWS GOVERNING THE PARSONAGE DEPARTMENT.

The following rules are hereby prescribed for carrying out such of the provisions of the Constitution of this Society as relate to parsonages:

CONCERNING LOANS.

RULE 1. All loans in aid of parsonages shall be made by the General Board of Church Extension, subject to the same rules and conditions prescribed by it for loans in aid of church building. Said Board shall have authority to take bonds and mortgages payable to itself for all loans; to collect principal and interest of same when due, by suit or otherwise; and to pay annuities on Parsonage Annuity Certificates out of interest received by it, rendering an annual report of all its acts performed under these rules in behalf of this Society, and remitting annually to the General Treasurer of this Board all interest collected on parsonage loan funds, less annuities paid.

CONCERNING FUNDS FOR DONATION BY THE WOMAN'S BOARD.

RULE 2. (1) All money specially contributed to be used for donations in the parsonage work; (2) all donations refunded upon mortgages taken under Rule 7; (3) such amount of dues received by the General Treasurer and subject to appropriations under Article X. of the Constitution as shall be determined upon by this Board from year to year at its annual meetings; and (4) all unappropriated balances remaining to the credit of the several Conference Societies on the 1st day of April of each year shall together constitute a fund for donations to aid in building parsonages, and shall be disposed of in grants for that purpose by the Woman's Board of Home Missions. The Board may, in its discretion, grant such donations at its annual

meetings in anticipation of its receipts for the ensuing year; but in no event shall the aggregate grants thus made in advance exceed in amount the total amount received under the third item of this rule during the preceding year.

CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF THE GENERAL TREASURER.

RULE 3. The General Treasurer shall, at the end of every quarter, or oftener as she may see fit, remit to the Board of Church Extension all moneys coming to her hands under Rule 2, or for the loan funds; and no moneys received for the use of the parsonage department shall be used for any other purpose.

CONCERNING THE APPROVAL AND GRADING OF APPLICATIONS TO THE
WOMAN'S BOARD FOR DONATIONS.

RULE 4. Every application for donation hereafter presented for consideration at the annual meetings of this Board must first receive the approval of the Conference Woman's Home Mission Society; of the Conference Board of Church Extension of the Conference from which it comes, and such approval must be given at a regular meeting of said Board or its Executive Committee when held in the month of March for the consideration of applications for aid to the General Board of Church Extension. Said Conference Boards or Committees are hereby requested to consider all parsonage applications from their respective Conferences, and to forward such as they may approve so as to reach the General Secretary of the Home Mission Society by April 1st of each year. Each application so approved should have the signature of the President, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer of the Conference Society, and the action of the Conference Board written thereon, certified by the President and Secretary, and all the applications from a given Conference should be, by the Conference Board, graded and marked in the order of their relative importance. This rule shall not apply as to grading and time of approval in cases of unforeseen calamity occurring too late for compliance with its provisions. The General Secretary is hereby directed not to put on the calendar any application not in conformity with this rule.

CONCERNING EMERGENCY APPLICATIONS TO THE WOMAN'S BOARD.

RULE 5. The Woman's Board of Home Missions will not consider applications for donations at other than annual meetings except in cases of pressing emergency, of which it shall be the sole judge. Every such emergency application must be approved by the Conference Board of Church Extension or the bishop in charge of the Conference from which it may come.

DONATIONS BY WOMAN'S BOARD SUBJECT TO REVISION BY GENERAL BOARD
OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

RULE 6. All donations granted to parsonages by this Board shall be subject to approval of the General Board of Church Extension, as provided in Article VIII. of the Constitution; and no notice of any grant shall be given the parties interested until such approval shall have been given. The Board of Church Extension shall have the power to change the amounts granted and to offer loans instead of donations, when considered judicious,

provided the aggregate amounts granted by the Woman's Board shall not be increased.

CONCERNING TITLES AND REFUNDING MORTGAGES.

RULE 7. All donations granted to parsonages by the Woman's Board of Home Missions, or by the Conference Societies, shall be subjected to the same conditions as to titles, debts, insurance, and refunding mortgages as are imposed in like cases by the rules of the Board of Church Extension: *provided*, that mortgages shall not be taken for donations which do not exceed one hundred dollars; and that in cases of peculiar difficulty and hardship, any of the provisions of this rule may be modified in favor of the grantees, with the concurrent consent, in writing, of the General Secretary of the Woman's Board, the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, and, if the grant be made by a Conference Society, of the Corresponding Secretary of such Society.

CONCERNING DONATIONS BY CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

RULE 8. Each Conference Society shall, at its annual meeting, carefully examine all applications for donations to parsonages, and grant such as are worthy, to an amount not exceeding the sum at their disposal, or which they may reasonably expect will be at their disposal by the 31st day of March following, under Article X. of the Constitution, or from any other source; all such grants to be made subject to the provisions of Rule 7. In case of great emergency, the Woman's Executive Board of the Conference Society shall have the power to make an appropriation in the interim. No application shall be considered unless signed by the trustees and approved in writing by the presiding elder, the pastor, and the Quarterly Conference of the charge. The Corresponding Secretary of each Conference Society shall forward to the General Secretary the applications so granted, with the amount granted each indorsed thereon. The General Secretary shall, after making a list of the same in a book to be kept for that purpose, forward them to the Board of Church Extension, which shall, when supplied with the necessary funds, pay over the same to the parties entitled thereto, upon compliance with the requirements of Rule 7.

APPLICATIONS TO BE WRITTEN UPON AUTHORIZED BLANKS.

RULE 9. All applications for aid to either the Woman's Board of Home Missions or to Conference Societies must be written upon blanks prepared by the General Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary of each Conference Society shall be provided with a supply, at the expense of her society, for gratuitous distribution in the bounds of the Conference.

BY-LAWS GOVERNING CITY MISSION WORK.

In all our cities and towns where two or more auxiliaries of the Woman's Home Mission Society exist, whether in one or several Churches, they may unite for the promotion of city missions, under the title of a "Board of City Missions." But there shall not be in any city more than one such Board.

1. There shall be a Board of City Missions consisting of three or more members from each coöperating auxiliary society, to be chosen by said auxiliaries at the first regular meeting in January of each year. The Conference officers residing in the city, the preachers in charge of the Churches in which the auxiliaries are located, and the presiding elder of the district may be advisory members.

2. The Board shall elect at its first meeting in February of each year a President, two Vice Presidents, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

3. The Board shall hold at least one regular meeting each month. It shall be authorized, with the approval of the executive officers of the Woman's Board, to choose and employ missionaries and fix their salaries.

4. It shall employ as missionaries only those whose testimonials have been considered and approved by the executive officers of the Woman's Board.

5. A monthly report shall be made to each auxiliary by its representatives.

6. An annual report of the work shall be made to the District Conference.

7. The Board shall apportion to each auxiliary the amount necessary to be paid by it for salaries of those employed and other current expenses.

8. The Board shall urge the auxiliaries to secure funds by private subscription and other suitable methods for support of the work, to collect promptly and pay to the Treasurer of the Board.

9. The Board shall also report annually its work to its Conference Society and to the Woman's Board through the General Secretary.

10. The Woman's Board of Home Missions shall make appropriations to City Mission Boards of ten per cent on money expended for current expenses the previous year for city mission work and reported by voucher to the General Treasurer.

11. Where only one Methodist Church exists in a town, or where local conditions make the organization of a second auxiliary and the formation of a City Mission Board impracticable, city mission work may be made connectional under the following conditions: The auxiliary, if supporting two or more definite institutions, such as a sewing school, a kindergarten, or any other city mission work authorized as such by this Board, may make application to the Committee on City Missions to be organized as carrying on institutional work; and when approved by that committee they may report their work through their Conference officers to the general officers, sending vouchers for the money expended as is done by the City Mission Boards, and shall then receive an appropriation from the general treasury, as do the City Boards.

DUTIES OF HOME MISSIONARIES.

1. House-to-house visitation, reading of the Bible and prayer with families, Bible readings, holding prayer meetings, mother's meetings, organizing and superintending industrial schools, etc.

2. They shall report monthly to the Board of City Missions, and quarterly to the General Secretary, giving a full account of their labors during the past month or quarter.

3. They shall work with the presiding elder and the Board with special reference to the establishment of such permanent preaching places and Sunday schools as may be projected by Quarterly Conference or local Church Extension Boards.

REQUIREMENTS OF HOME MISSION CANDIDATES EMPLOYED BY THE WOMAN'S BOARD.

I. Persons who offer themselves for employment by the society should give satisfactory answers to the following questions:

1. Do you feel that you are moved by the love of souls and the providence of God to take upon you the work of a home missionary?
2. Have you an experimental knowledge of salvation through the atonement of Jesus Christ our Lord?
3. Do you believe in the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, as set forth in Part I., Chapter I., of the Discipline?
4. When and where were you born?
5. What are your domestic relations and obligations?
6. Have you a thorough English education?
7. In what schools have you taught, and how long?
8. Have you a knowledge of music, either vocal or instrumental?
9. Can you cut and fit dresses, and teach sewing?
10. Are you able to give instructions in housekeeping, including cooking?
11. Have you had experience in the care of the sick?
12. Are you willing to be transferred from one position to another if in the judgment of the Board such a change is deemed advisable?

II. 1. The candidates should furnish satisfactory testimonials to the following facts: (1) Membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; (2) Christian zeal for the salvation of souls; (3) good health; (4) educational fitness; (5) ability to give instruction in the common domestic industries; (6) aptness to teach.

2. Each candidate is requested to write a letter giving a brief sketch of her life and her call to the work, which, with her photograph, is to be sent with her testimonials.

3. The testimonials of a missionary candidate should be considered and passed by her Conference Society before they are brought before the Board.

COURSE OF STUDY FOR CANDIDATES.
CITY MISSION WORK.

1. The Bible in reference to doctrines generally; and special study of the Acts and the Epistles, their analysis and designs.
2. The life of Christ as portrayed in the Gospels.
3. Wesley's Doctrinal Standards, Sermons I.-XII.
4. Book of Discipline, Chapters I., IV., VI., XI.
5. McTyeire's "Catechism on Church Government."
6. McTyeire's "History of Methodism."
7. "Notes on Nursing," by Florence Nightingale.

Books of Reference:

- Young's "Christ of History."
 "The Methodist Armor," Hudson.
 "Pyle on the Gospels."
 "How to Bring Men to Christ," Torrey.

MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS.

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 1 20 constitutes an adult membership.
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 300 00 constitutes an honorary life patron to the loan fund.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

\$25 constitutes a scholarship in the mountain, Cuban, Chinese, or Japanese schools.

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LEAFLETS.

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READING COURSE.

FIRST YEAR.

Bible Study.—"Harmony of the Gospels." Burton & Stevenson. Price, \$1.50. "Life of Christ." Stalker. Price, 65 cents. Help recommended: Torrey's "How to Study the Bible." Price, 50 cents.

Home Mission Study.—Annual Report, OUR HOMES. "Deaconesses in Europe and Their Lessons for America." Jane Bancroft Robinson. Price, 90 cents. "Friendly Visiting among the Poor." Mary E. Richmond. Price, \$1.00.

SECOND YEAR.

Bible Study.—Acts, Epistles, and Revelation, with the use of helps in Teacher's Bible. "Life of Paul." Stalker. Price, 55 cents. Help recommended: Torrey's "How to Bring Men to Christ." Price, 50 cents.

Home Mission Study.—Annual Report, OUR HOMES. "Child Labor." Willoughby & DeGraffenried. Price, 75 cents. "Jesus Christ and the Social Question." Peabody. Price, \$1.25.

THIRD YEAR.

Bible Study.—The Old Testament from Genesis to Ruth, with the use of helps in Teachers' Bible. "Outlines of an Introduction to the Old Testament." Beardsley. Price, \$1.20. "How to Pray." Torrey. Price, 75 cents.

Home Mission Study.—Annual Report, *Our Homes*. "Under Our Flag." Alice M. Guernsey. Price, cloth, 50 cents; paper, 30 cents. "The Leaven in a Great City." Lillian W. Betts. Price, \$1.50.

FOURTH YEAR.

Bible Study.—The Old Testament from 1 Samuel to Esther, with use of helps in Teachers' Bible. "Outlines of an Introduction to the Old Testament." Beardsley. Price, \$1.20. "Quiet Talks on Power." Gordon. Price, 75 cents.

Home Mission Study.—Annual Report, *Our Homes*. "The Burden of the City." Isabell Horton. Price, 50 cents; paper, 30 cents. "The Present South." Edgar Gardner Murphy. Price, \$1.50.

READING COURSE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

First Year.—"Life and Work of Lucinda B. Helm." By Arabel W. Alexander. \$1. "The Workers in the East." By W. A. Wyckoff. \$1.25.

Second Year.—"Out of Mulberry Street." By Jacob Riis. \$1. "The Workers in the West." By W. A. Wyckoff. \$1.50.

All these can be ordered of Smith & Lamar, Nashville, Tenn.

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The title to all property, real, personal, or otherwise, should be taken and held in the name of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, a corporation organized under the laws of Mississippi.

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BOOKS FOR CITY MISSION WORKERS.

COMPILED BY MISS MABEL K. HOWELL, TEACHER OF SOCIOLOGY IN SCARRITT BIBLE AND TRAINING SCHOOL.

"Life and Labor of People of London." By Charles Booth. Macmillan Company, New York.

Prof. Graham Taylor says that the last two volumes of the above

work bearing upon "The Religious Life of City Slums" are especially valuable for mission workers in cities. The books have been recently published, and I have not seen them.

"Development of Thrift." By Mary Wilcox Brown. Macmillan Company, New York. 1903. Price, \$1.

This book is full of valuable suggestions for workers who are trying to build up the character of the poor by teaching them how to be independent. Attention is given to the various agencies that have been organized to stimulate the practice of thrift.

"Boys' Self-Governing Clubs." By Winifred Buck. Macmillan Company, New York. 1903. Price, \$1.

The author of this book has been for years "adviser" in boys' self-governing clubs, and therefore knows whereof she speaks. It is a very valuable handbook for workers with boys. It treats of the causes and consequences of criminal acts in children, gives advice of very practical nature on starting and organizing boys' clubs, suggesting a model constitution for the same, and simple parliamentary laws.

"Substitute for the Saloon." An investigation made by the Committee of Fifty. By Raymond Calkins. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston. 1901.

This book treats fully one aspect of the saloon problem, its contribution to sociability. A study is made of clubs, churches, settlements, Y. W. C. A.'s, lunch rooms, coffee rooms, etc., as substitutes for this social center of the poor man. The book is full of practical suggestions for a settlement worker.

"The Social Evil." With special reference to conditions existing in the city of New York. By Committee of Fifteen. G. P. Putnam's Company, New York. 1902. Price, \$1.

This book is the result of careful investigation and study. There is no better, no clearer, no more comprehensive statement of the problem involved.

"The Practice of Charity." By Edward L. Devine. Lentilhon & Co., New York. 1903. Price, 65 cents.

This little handbook is written for professional Church and charity workers, and gives some of the conclusions of modern organized charity. The following subjects of chapters will indicate the scope of the work: "In Defense of Charity," "Who Need Help," "Church and Charity," "Volunteer Service," "Professional Service."

"The Boy Problem." A Study in Social Pedagogy. By William Byron Forbush. The Pilgrim Press, Chicago. 1901. Price, 75 cents.

Sunday school teachers, city missionaries, and all workers with boys will find this book invaluable. Some of the subjects discussed are boy life, the way boys organize in "gangs," and the boy problem in the Church. The book is full of practical suggestions, and contains a valuable bibliography with a suggested reading course on the boy problem.

"How to Help Boys." A quarterly magazine published by the General Alliance of Workers with Boys. By William Byron Forbush. 14 Beacon Street, Boston. Price, \$1 a year.

"Social Settlements." Handbook for practical workers in Church and philanthropy. By Charles R. Henderson. Lentilhon & Co., New York. Revised edition, 1902. Price, 60 cents.

This little handbook gives an outline of the origin and progress of British settlements, and the history of settlements in the United States. The theory underlying the settlement, the place of religion in it, methods used in settlement work and results of the same are fully discussed. The book also contains a good bibliography on the settlement movement.

"The Institutional Church." Handbook for practical workers in Church and philanthropy. By Edward Judson. Lentilhon & Co., New York. Price, 60 cents.

"Constructive and Preventive Philanthropy. By Joseph Lee. Introduction by Jacob Riis. Macmillan Company, New York. 1902.

"Modern Cities and Their Religious Problems." By Samuel L. Loomis. Baker & Taylor Co., New York. 1887.

This book deals with subjects about which every city missionary should be informed, such as the growth of modern cities, the social composition of American cities, the trend of cities, and Christian work in London.

"Modern Methods in Church Work." The Gospel Renaissance. By Rev. George W. Mead. Dodd, Mead & Co., New York. 1901.

"This book deals chiefly with methods of Church work, but it suggests methods and pleads activity on no ground lower than the top of Calvary." The following are some of the subjects discussed: "Reaching People Outside the Church," "Men's and Boys' Clubs," "Boys' Brigades," "Industrial Classes," "Day Nurseries," "Kindergarten and Temperance Work."

"Crime and Its Causes." By William Douglas Morrison. Seran, Sonnensheim & Co., Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. 1902.

This book is of value to a Christian worker, because it tells how criminals are made, of the part destitution and poverty play in crime, and of the best way to deal with crime.

"The Drink Question." Its Social and Medical Aspects. By Kate Mitchell. British Women's Temperance Association, London. 1896. Price, \$1.

This book is thoroughly scholarly, and full of valuable information on the economic, medical, and social aspects of temperance. A Christian worker desiring reliable knowledge on the subject of the drink curse could well afford to ponder over the pages of this book.

"Friendly Visiting Among the Poor." A Handbook for Charity Workers.

By Mary E. Richmond. Macmillan Company, New York. 1899. Price, \$1.

Miss Richmond intended that her book should serve as a guide for "those beginning to do charitable work in the homes of the poor, whether as individuals or as representatives of some Church," and such it is. Its bibliographies make it valuable as a book of reference.

• Every city missionary should own a copy.

"Factory People and Their Employers." How Their Relations are Made Pleasant and Profitable. By Edwin L. Shuey. Lentilhon & Co., New York. 1900. Price, 75 cents.

This book is one of the series of handbooks for practical workers in Church and philanthropy. It sets forth facts, not theories. It is highly recommended to all Y. W. C. A. city workers.

"The Commons." By Graham Taylor. A monthly record devoted to aspects of life and labor from the settlement point of view. Fifty cents a year.

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