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 (Zech. iv. 6.)

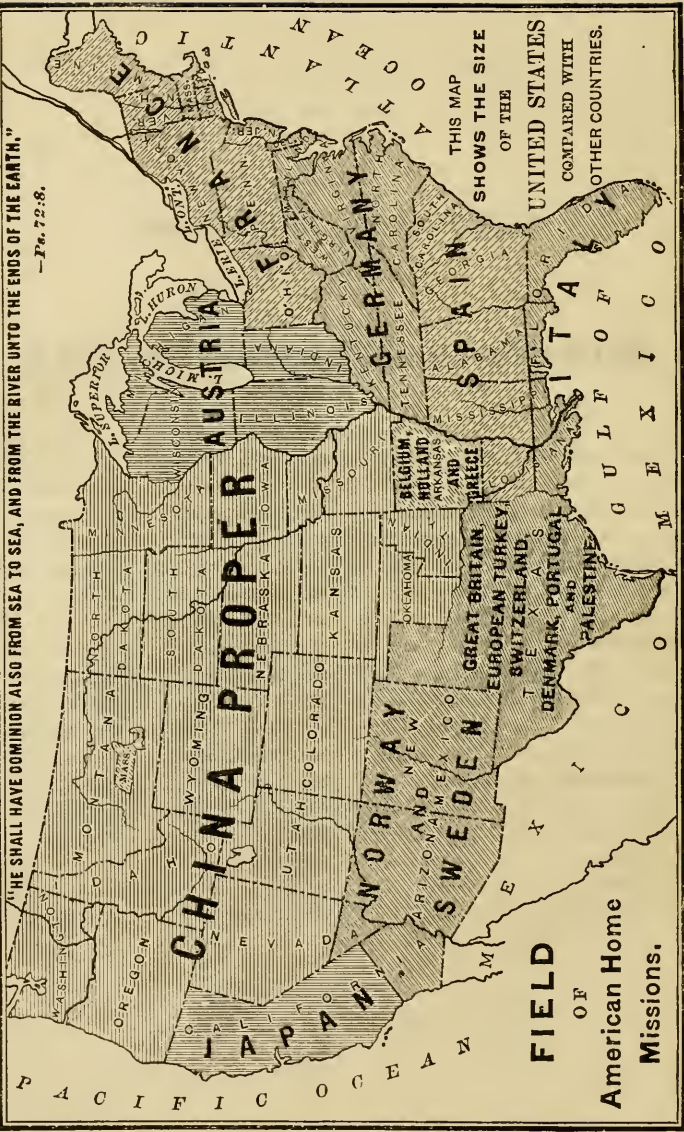
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Week of Prayer, October 8-14.
Twentieth Century Educational Day, February 6, 1901.
Third Annual Board Meeting, St. Louis, Mo.

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MRS. R. K. HARGROVE, GENERAL SECRETARY.

Through the divine blessing the year 1899-1900 has been one of progress and improvement along all lines. This advance is due largely to the new Constitution given us by the General Conference of 1898. For a time the membership distrusted the new departures, but this has given place to a sense of permanence, efficiency, and power. Our Society has now definite, well-defined plans and objects. With competent and qualified workers, and with the necessary intellectual and spiritual equipment, most gratifying results await us.

During the year there has been remarkable gain in the number of auxiliaries and members both among the adults and juveniles. Because of the failure of some to report at all, and the imperfect reports of others, it is impossible to exhibit thoroughly accurate statistics. An earnest effort has been made to stimulate the membership to contribute to the Twentieth Century Thank Offering. Leaflets have been issued bearing on this subject which have been helpful to our workers. The editor of *Our Homes* has ably and continuously presented the subject, thus aiding the campaign. The subscriptions made to the Twentieth Century Thank Offering by individuals, auxiliaries, and Conferences, as reported up to March 31, 1900, amount to over \$7,000. This good beginning is not quite one-third of the \$25,000 called for and urgently needed.

We have not yet approached the noble example set by the Methodists of England, who are averaging nearly \$5 per member. We will find it necessary to press this movement, during the time that remains until January 1st, 1901, with a thoroughness, vigor, and enthusiasm not yet approached. There is not a member who cannot either give a dollar or induce some individual to give that much for the equipment of the Twentieth Century. Every subscription is a sacred pledge between the soul and its God. Not one pledge must fail; the rather let payments exceed subscriptions. The Society is indebted to Dr. J. D. Hammond, Secretary of the Board of Education, for encouragement and assistance in forwarding this movement. Is it improbable that in that invisible cloud of witness-women of sacred story, and from apostolic times to the present noted for exalted worth, are cognizant of this golden privilege and our decisions? Shall we win earthly and heavenly plaudits, or deserve censure? By all that we hold dear let each measure up to her duty and privilege.

Many of the District Secretaries have taken a notable part in the suc-

esses of the past year by organizing and fostering societies, by securing the observance of the Week of Prayer, and by soliciting subscriptions to the Twentieth Century Thank Offering. By reference to pages 39-44 it will be seen that the Society is better equipped with District Secretaries than ever before. High hopes cluster around this band, and it is confidently anticipated that the results achieved will be beyond computation. The Conference makes it the special duty of the Conference Corresponding Secretary and the District Secretaries to organize auxiliary societies. Because of their intimate knowledge of the field, they can do this more effectively than any one else. Notwithstanding the validity of this opinion, the call for organizers has never before been so urgent. In response to this demand several ladies have devoted varying lengths of time to this service. Miss Elizabeth A. Redford has been elected General Organizer, and has been in the field five months, and in spite of numerous and stubborn obstacles has met with phenomenal success.

REPORT OF ORGANIZERS.

In making my report as organizer I cover about five months' work, the time being devoted to the Missouri, Louisville, and Alabama Conferences. During that time about seven thousand miles were traveled, sometimes on a Pullman palace car, then again on an ordinary day coach, and a number of times on a local freight. I have never missed connection nor failed to keep an appointment. In summing up the work I report as follows: Towns visited, 102; letters and postals written, 573; public talks made, 180; personal visits made, 113; adult auxiliaries organized, 58; young people's auxiliaries organized, 5; auxiliaries revived, 5; total revived and organized, 68; adult members added, 815; young people members added, 64; total members added, 879; subscribers to *Our Homes* secured, 259; record books placed, 112; "Helps" sold, 19; cash for Key West school, \$82.06; pledge for Key West, \$200; total amount raised in pledges and cash, \$282.06; annual meetings attended, 2.

In reviewing this report the figures seem meager indeed. I would that more could have been accomplished, yet as each day came and went each hour seemed full to overflowing. I feel in my heart that much has been done that these figures do not tell. Seeds have been sown beside many waters that will yet yield a harvest for the Master. No organization has been effected that has not been fully equipped with record books and *Our Homes*, and a letter of welcome written to each by the Conference Corresponding Secretary of the Conference in which the society was formed. The months that I have engaged in this organizing work, wandering in and out amid Southern Methodism, and mingling with pastor and people, have taught me much. I have come to know clearly what home mission work means, and I do not hesitate to say that the neediest mission field of the world to-day is the home land.

In closing this report only sweet memories are mine. With a grateful heart I thank the Father for his guiding care and love, and, too, I would thank those in whose midst I have labored for their sweet companionship and love. ELIZABETH A. REDFORD, *General Organizer.*

Miss Emily M. Allen, our first General Organizer, gives the following record of service in the Memphis and Louisville Conferences not included in last year's report:

Letters and postals written, 127; personal visits, 24; public talks, 51; baby mite boxes distributed, 280; old auxiliaries visited, 4; new auxil-

iaries secured, 3; new adult auxiliaries organized, 19; young people's auxiliaries organized, 2; adult members secured, 248; young people members secured, 51; subscribers to *Our Homes* secured, 69; cash for London school, \$9.16; cash for Cuban school at Key West, \$43.78; cash for rescue work, \$1.50.

EMILY ALLEN, *Organizer*.

Mrs. T. R. Kendall made a most brilliant organizing tour of ten days in the North Carolina Conference, captivating the people wherever she went, but at a cost to herself of months of subsequent suffering. A note of joy, however, pervades her report, which follows:

On June 28, 1899, at the request of your President, Miss Bennett, I began work as organizer in the North Carolina Conference, and for twenty-one days I labored day and night in the strength of the Lord. I thank you and our Father for that opportunity. It was a heavenly benediction to my soul. Through obedience and trust in Him I learned truly that "the secret of the Lord is with them that fear him." And O the fullness, the richness and preciousness of his secret! The joy and peace that were mine during those days more than compensated for the self-denial, loneliness, and weariness experienced. I wish it were my privilege to talk with you face to face about the marvelous leadings and dealings of the Holy Spirit in my personal work with the Mary Magdalenes. But suffice it to say that I believe there is no more timely nor important work than the rescuing of these little ones. It was while upon my knees in prayer and my arm around one of these, my unwise sisters, that I received such a baptism of the Holy Spirit as enabled me to stand before public audiences to the end of my labors. And it takes the power of the Holy Ghost alone to succeed in the rescue work. I ask the prayers of the Board for one by the name of Lily. I claim her by faith.

My statistical report from June 28 to July 21, 1899, is as follows: Public talks made, 20; District Conferences visited, 5; personal visits made, 24; societies organized, 9; societies strengthened, 3; members secured, 133; subscriptions to *Our Homes* secured, 130; postals written, 25; letters written, 15; money in cash and subscriptions secured, \$307.95; miles traveled by rail, 1,442; miles traveled by private conveyance, 44.

This report would not be complete without a word of praise for the preachers. The above results were made possible only through their kind coöperation and help. They—the good women, lay brethren, and the newspapers—greatly encouraged and strengthened the heart and hands of your organizer. Of the above amounts of money, \$25 was sent me as late as December, 1899, by a layman, M. B. B. Adams, of Four Oaks, N. C. He promised only \$12.50, but you see he has given "good measure, pressed down, shaken together." May the wisdom that is from above be given unto you as a Board!

MRS. T. R. KENDALL, *Organizer*.

Other organizers have done effective service, both by traveling and correspondence.

Last year, as a suitable preparation for the important claims of the Twentieth Century, each Conference Society was asked to organize thirty new auxiliaries, with an average of ten members each. Out of the entire number of Conferences (thirty-nine), only one has attained this goal, the North Alabama Conference. How many Conferences can reach this goal during 1900-01? The total number of organizations enrolled in the General Office is 365, aggregating 4,005 members. The increased number of young people and juvenile societies is a special cause for rejoicing.

Miss Belle H. Bennett and Mrs. W. D. Kirkland made a trip through South Carolina, presenting the cause to the Annual Conference and introducing the work so imperfectly known heretofore. In addition to this our honored President has been abundant in labors. Traveling at her own expense, she attended seven annual meetings of Conference Societies, visited one point in the Arkansas and one in the Louisville Conference, two in the Southwest Missouri, three in the Missouri, five in the North Georgia, and ten in the South Carolina, either conducting the meetings herself or participating largely in them. She visited London and Nashville several times on the business of the Society. During the month of March she visited the Cuban Missions at Key West and Tampa and several points in the Florida Conference.

It is gratefully recorded that during the year none of the members of the Board have been called away by the Heavenly Father. A number of Conference changes have occurred, new Presidents, Corresponding Secretaries, and Treasurers have entered the work to bear their share of toil and responsibility.

Several times during the year the demands of the work required the consideration and action of the Executive Board. The minutes of these meetings show the business transacted as follows:

MINUTES OF CALLED MEETINGS OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF WOMAN'S BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

The executive Committee of the Woman's Board of Home Missions met in called session June 5 at ten o'clock A.M., in the home of Mrs. J. D. Hammond, Nashville, Tenn. Mrs. Hargrove, Mrs. Hammond, Mrs. Kirkland, and Miss Allen were present, and also Miss Helm, member of the Louisville Conference. Mrs. Hammond called the meeting to order. Mrs. Hargrove led in prayer.

It was moved that Mrs. S. H. Babcock, of the White River Conference, be requested to organize for six weeks in the Arkansas Conferences at \$30 per month and traveling expenses. Carried.

Motion made and carried that Miss Allen be asked to give a month's work to North Carolina during the summer, should her school engagement for another year permit.

On motion the following action was taken in regard to paper of Mrs. David Sullins's referred to the committee: That the names of deceased babies be enrolled on the Angel Band Loan Fund upon the payment of \$5.

Motion was carried that the material already collected by Miss Helm and Miss Redford for the booklet of helps be approved, and that the further additions necessary be made by Misses Redford and Allen. "Helps for Home Mission Societies" was decided upon as the name for the booklet.

The body adjourned to meet Thursday morning at 8:30 o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING, June 6, 1899.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Hammond. The opening prayer was led by Miss Allen. The minutes of the previous session were

read and, after slight corrections, approved. By request Miss Redford read the constitution and by-laws for auxiliaries as blocked out by her and Miss Allen to submit to the committee. The introduction was adopted. Articles 1, 2, and 3 were adopted; 4 and 5, adopted as amended. By-laws 1 and 2 were adopted; 3, 4, and 5, adopted as amended; 6, adopted; 7 and 8, adopted as amended; 9 and 10, adopted; 11, adopted as amended; 12, adopted. The constitution and by-laws were adopted as a whole.

The constitution and by-laws for young people and juvenile societies were read. The constitution as a whole was adopted as amended. By-law 1 was adopted; 2, adopted as amended; 3, adopted; 4, adopted as amended; 5, 6, 7, and 8, adopted. The constitution and by-laws were adopted as a whole.

The following resolution was adopted: That we thank Mrs. Tigert for acceding to our request to keep the Baby Roll until the place can be filled.

Miss Allen stated that in view of the fact that school work would prevent her consulting with the Committee on Literature and Press during the year, she felt that the best interests of the work would be served by her resignation. She nominated Miss Elizabeth Chapman for her place. Miss Allen's resignation was accepted and Miss Chapman elected. The committee then adjourned.

MRS. J. D. HAMMOND, *First Vice President*;
EMILY M. ALLEN, *Secretary*.

A called meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions was held at the residence of Mrs. R. K. Hargrove, West Nashville, Tenn., November 10, 1899, with Miss B. H. Bennett, President, in the chair, and the following members present: Mrs. J. D. Hammond, First Vice President; Mrs. R. K. Hargrove, General Secretary; Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Treasurer; and Mrs. James Atkins, Corresponding Secretary of the Tennessee Conference.

Mrs. Hargrove presented a list of bills against the Board and unpaid appropriations, which were ordered paid to the amount of \$640.07.

The employment of general organizers was considered. On motion of Mrs. Hargrove, the Board authorized the employment of Mrs. Kate Blevins, Rogersville, Tenn., as an organizer, subject to the direction of the General Secretary as to time and place of work.

Mrs. Branner was requested to attend the next session of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference, and represent the Woman's Home Mission Society. Mrs. Atkins was appointed to correspond with her on the subject.

The Secretary read a letter from Mrs. Mary B. Williams, Superintendent of work among Chinese and Japanese on the Pacific Coast, giving information and proposing the employment of Rev. Davis. A letter was read from Rev. W. R. Lambuth, recommending the employment of Mr. Usaka for that work. After consideration, Mr. Davis's employment was authorized.

The subject of appointment of a Twentieth Century Rally Day was considered, and February 6 was fixed upon. The circumstances made it necessary to take this day formerly set apart for Loan Fund Day.

A letter from Rev. P. L. Cobb was read in regard to the need of missionary work in the mining section of the Cumberland Mountains. His plan called for a correlation of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, the Educational Board, Sunday School Board, Conference Board of Church Extension, Board of Domestic Missions, and the Annual Conferences. No action was taken.

Letters from Miss Mary Bruce were read, showing the difficulties attendant upon the purchase of a lot upon which to build the boarding school at Key West.

The Board requested Miss Bennett to go to Key West and examine into the situation. Full authority was given her to act as her judgment dictated, as being the best under the circumstances.

MARY HELM, *Recording Secretary pro tem.*

The second called meeting of the Woman's Home Mission Board was held at the Methodist Publishing House, in Nashville, Tenn., on Monday, March 12, with the following members present: Miss Belle Bennett, Mesdames R. K. Hargrove, M. M. Kirkland, J. D. Hammond, and James Atkins. The opening devotions were led by Mrs. Atkins. Mrs. Atkins was appointed to act as Secretary of the meeting. The object of the meeting was stated by Miss Bennett, President of the Board, which was to consider the interests of the Key West school. In doing this the President laid before the Board the correspondence between herself and Bishop Candler touching the urgency of immediate action in providing better and larger quarters for the accommodation of the school. It was shown from the correspondence that the Bishop had already secured an eligible site by the generosity of the Key West people. After a full consideration of the matter the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas the Woman's Home Mission Society has been calling on the Church for two years for money to build a boarding school in Key West, and has now secured \$2,500 in cash and \$2,000 in subscriptions; and whereas the said school has been in successful operation for more than six months in a rented building for which the Society must pay fifty dollars per month, and at the present time has a pupilage of more than two hundred; therefore be it

Resolved, That we indorse the plans presented, and authorize the President, General Secretary, and Treasurer to sign a contract for a building to cost not more than \$8,000.

Mrs. Hargrove brought to the attention of the Board a plan of work proposed by Rev. P. L. Cobb, of the Holston Conference, for missionary work in the mining districts about Bluefield, W. Va., and the following resolution in regard to it was introduced by Mrs. Hammond, and was adopted:

Resolved, That the General Secretary be instructed to lay the said plan for work in the Holston Conference before the Board at its meeting in New Orleans.

MRS. JAMES ATKINS, *Recording Secretary pro tem.*

PARSONAGES.

The Society and Church at large are to be congratulated on the present laws governing parsonage work. They are most wisely conceived and admirably adjusted to meet the needs of the churches. These laws are the result of a long practical experience in dealing with churches and parsonages. The first year's effort to conform to the law has proved a little perplexing, but a better understanding of it is dispelling all perplexity. Under the original constitution donations granted by the Central Committee were secured against loss by fire or sale, and the money thus returned has been redonated. All through the past, sums of money have been returned through refunding bonds which otherwise would have been lost. It is a matter of profound regret that thousands of dollars raised and expended within the several Conferences for parsonage property was not better secured. Under the old constitution donations made by Conference Societies were lost in case of fire or sale. Under the new law the Trustees are required to keep the parsonage insured for a term of years and to give bond that, if sold, the donation is to be returned to the Conference Society. The amount of parsonage work accomplished this year exceeds that of previous years. Much of it could not be reported because of a failure to comply with the law in passing the money through the general treasury to be paid out by the Secretary of the Board of Church Extension. The Conferences have worked more systematically, and most of the donations are secured by refunding bonds. That the Board of Church Extension has conducted all the legal business of the Society for fourteen years, with a wisdom that has prevented loss and a forbearance that has eliminated our blunders, is no small occasion for gratitude. During the year the Conference Societies have aided 27 parsonages, donating \$1,648, the detailed account of which appears on page 47.

The Superintendent of this department did effective work during the year, as is shown by her report which follows:

In writing my report for the year, I realize that it is not as full or satisfactory as it ought to be. In the Thirteenth Annual Report, By-Law 13 to the General Constitution of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, reads: "Blanks shall be sent out by the Superintendent of the Parsonage Department to each Conference Society for the purpose of gaining information as to the number of parsonages, their location, condition, size, furniture, etc. She shall endeavor to stimulate efforts to keep parsonages in creditable condition." But this requirement has not been fulfilled. In correspondence with the General Secretary, it was *advised* that this part of the Superintendent's duty be omitted this year, in consequence of unusual pressure to adjust parsonage interests to the new constitution. However, I have not been idle. Two hundred letters have been written in reply to requests for information from preachers and First Vice Presidents from the following Conferences: Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, North Georgia, South Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Indian Mission, Missouri, and California. I have sent out six blanks for application for aid to parsonages, to be presented to the Woman's Board at their meeting in New Orleans April 11-18. In each case I have informed applicants that application for do-

nations or loans must be sent to the General Secretary one month before the meeting of the Woman's Board.

Mrs. F. A. LYONS, *Superintendent.*

The Educational Endowment Fund is not a Loan Fund, but a sum of money the interest of which is applied yearly to the Society's educational interests. Money contributed to it by enrolling names goes into this general fund. It is loaned for us by the Fidelity Trust and Safety Vault Company, of Louisville, Ky., at six per cent. The enrollment of names has been an especially popular method of raising money, and it is hoped it will continue to be until every one of the six thousand Southern Methodist preachers shall be placed on this honored roll. Two honorary life members were made in the North Georgia Conference, Miss Emily M. Allen and Mrs. T. R. Kendall, through the payment of \$100 for each by their friends as a token of loving appreciation. During the year 33 adult and 6 juvenile life members were made, netting \$885. The money contributed for honorary and life members should pass undirected into the general treasury, to be used solely for the maintenance of the general work. The necessity for this is obvious, since the money contributed for the support of the general work is totally insufficient. It is a consummation sincerely to be desired, that more money go *undirected* into the general fund and *less be specialized*. The Week of Prayer was faithfully observed by some Conferences, while others neglected it. This special week, with all the spiritual, intellectual, and financial interests that center about it, is of vital importance. It is the heart whose pulse beats register the strength of the invisible forces within. Conference and auxiliary societies whose interests are closely identified with that of the general Society do not fail to observe the week. The Week of Prayer collections amounted to \$1,771. Though in excess of last year, it is not equal to the collection of \$2,000 raised in 1893-94, when the Society was only one-third of its present membership. Plans and preparations for this week laid in the *summer* or *early fall* exceed in results those adopted in the week or ten days just preceding it. The adoption of a wise plan for the year's work would secure more satisfactory results. (Inestimable effects would follow if the first and second quarters of the year were utilized in bringing up the Conference pledge made at the Board meeting, the third quarter to conserve the interests of the Week of Prayer, and the fourth to be improved in perfecting and completing the year's plans.) Is it loyal or disloyal for a Conference Society to say, because it contributes its collections to the general treasury: "We are sending our money away from home?" All the land is home, and every one a sister! The golden-cupped receptacle holds the orange juice at first in distinctly cleft partitions, but when fevered hands press the yellow rind and fevered lips drink the sweet nectar, comes it not from all the divisions, a united flow? The seven prismatic colors of light, each distinct, beautiful, are not perfect or capable of highest usefulness until united into one. Each Conference is a whole, and yet each is a part of the whole, incomplete, until blended into perfect unity.

A commendable interest has been shown in the enrollment of names on the Preachers' Wives and Angel Band Loan Funds. These lists are

found on pages 44 and 45. Mrs. Martha M. Watkins, of New York City, one of the earliest contributors to our loan funds, has been called home during the year. All who knew her were impressed with her saintly character. The table furnished by the Board of Church Extension shows all the facts regarding these several sums. The total loan funds of the Society amount to \$20,549.17.

Summary of Parsonages Aided by the Several Loan Funds to March 31, 1900.

1. Preachers' Wives' Loan Fund, originally constituted by making the wives of preachers patrons of the fund at \$5 each. It now embraces all contributions to the Parsonage Loan Funds not otherwise designated.

Reported to March 31, 1900, thirty-eight parsonages..... \$14,740

2. Harriet C. Hargrove Parsonage Loan Fund, constituted by Bishop R. K. Hargrove in memory of his deceased wife, Harriet C. Hargrove, for many years an active and zealous member of the Central Committee of the Woman's Home Mission Society.

Reported to March 31, 1900, nine parsonages..... \$3,260

3. Werlein Fund, given by Miss Mary Werlein, of New Orleans.

Reported to March 31, 1900, nine parsonages..... \$1,925

4. Angel Band Parsonage Loan Fund, constituted by paying twenty dollars for each member. The names represent the loving remembrance of departed ones by parents and friends.

Reported to March 31, 1900, eight parsonages..... \$2,650

5. Jane W. Barker Parsonage Loan Fund, constituted by Mrs. R. K. Hargrove, in memory of her mother, Mrs. Jane W. Barker.

Reported to March 31, 1900, four parsonages..... \$1,150

6. Lucinda B. Helm Parsonage Loan Fund, begun by Mrs. Viola Hunt, contributed to by friends throughout the Church, in grateful memory of the founder of the Woman's Home Mission Society.

Reported to March 31, 1900, four parsonages..... \$900

7. Mrs. Creed Fulton Parsonage Loan Fund, a daughter's loving memorial, contributed by Miss Sallie S. Fulton, of Virginia.

Reported to March 31, 1900, three parsonages..... \$1,100

Summary of Loan Funds and Their Increase.

FROM THE BEGINNING, 1887, TO MARCH 31, 1900.

NAME OF FUND.	When Contributed.	Amount Contributed.	Interest Earned.	Present Capital.	Total Loans.	No. Loans.
* Preacher's Wives.....	1887-99	\$ 6,051 16	\$1,486 39	\$7,537 55	\$14,740 00	38
† Harriet C. Hargrove.....	1895	2,000 00	155 10	2,155 10	3,260 0 9	9
‡ Jane W. Barker.....	1896	1,000 00	.....	1,000 00	1,150 00 4	4
Angel Band.....	1888-99	2,128 00	197 55	2,325 55	2,650 00 8	8
† Werlein.....	1895-96	1,000 00	.....	1,000 00	1,925 00 9	9
Lucinda B. Helm.....	1887-99	1,561 00	86 87	1,648 72	900 00 4	4
† Mrs. Creed Fulton.....	1897	1,000 00	.....	1,000 00	1,100 00 3	3
‡ Educational and City Mission Endowment.....	1898-99	2,735 70	.....	2,735 70	.....	.....
* Uncompleted Funds.....	.....	1,110 00	36 55	1,146 55	.....	.....
Total to March 31, 1900.....	.....	\$18,586 71	\$1,962 46	\$20,549 17	\$25,725 00 75	75
Total to March 31, 1899.....	.....	15,650 13	1,541 79	17,191 92	20,915 00 66	66
Increase in one year.....	.....	\$ 2,936 58	\$ 420 67	\$ 3,357 25	\$ 4,810 00 9	9

* Part of this subject to annuity.

† Subject to an annuity of \$25 for the benefit of the poor of West Nashville, Tenn.

‡ Subject to annuity. The interest earned is applied in payment of the annuity, instead of being added to the capital as with other loan funds.

§ The income from this fund is not added to the capital, but is used in the school and city mission work. The principal is invested in negotiable securities.

Our Homes has been edited so ably as to give the greatest satisfaction. Indeed, we are prepared to affirm, at no time in its history has it so perfectly served the end for which it was established, the upbuilding of the cause, the enlightenment of its readers, and the comprehensive setting forth of the work of the Society. Our editor reports:

Report of Our Homes.

Financial and Statistical Statement.

Balance in bank April 1, 1899.....	\$ 127 45
Receipts from April 1, 1899, to April 1, 1900.....	2,775 85
	\$2,903 30
Total	\$2,903 30
Expenses from April 1, 1899, to April 1, 1900.....	2,591 56
	\$ 311 74
Balance in bank April 1, 1900.....	\$ 311 74
Number of subscribers April 1, 1899.....	5,275
Number of subscribers April 1, 1900.....	5,919
	356
Increase.....	356

MARY HELM, *Editor and Agent.*

The demand for literature must ever increase with the growth of the Society, having a direct relation to its progress. The Board appropriated for printing, as a maximum limit, \$900. This has not been exceeded, provided several quite considerable bills be assigned to their respective and proper budgets. The gross amount of printing done last year, however, amounted to about \$1,500. The publishing of the Week of Prayer programmes in sheet form in the extra pages of *Our Homes*, and the financial showing by districts and Conferences in the January supplement, cost \$125.79. This bill should be met by the receipts of the week. The Twentieth Century leaflets and programmes for Rally Day cost \$81.50, which naturally should be deducted from the total amount contributed to this special fund. A large number of Wolff Record Books have been published, the cost amounting to \$410.25, but this was met by the receipts of the sales of the second edition of these books. Included in the printing bill proper is that of thirty-five hundred Thirteenth Annual Reports, at a cost of \$430, and the payment of \$100 on the Annual Reports of the previous year. The Publishing House has sent out the Society's Annual Reports and all quarterly and miscellaneous leaflets save those sent from the general office. The cost to the House for sending out this literature, and included in the bill, is \$22.75 for postage and \$68.96 for express charges. The cost of the printing of each Annual Report is a little over twelve cents, and the mailing four cents per copy. The several Conferences have paid during the year for their quota only three cents apiece, less than the actual cost of mailing. A large number of reports were sent gratuitously from the general office, the miscellaneous demand amounting to about one-half of the total number distributed. The demand for the quarterly leaflets is constant, and they conserve the interests of the Society to a most commendable degree. Some of those published this year have attracted the attention of other than our own or-

ganization. The following report of their gifted editor portrays the work accomplished:

REPORT OF LEAFLET WORK.

It will be observed that the number of leaflets published this year has been larger than ever before, to supply the increasing demand. This has been the most encouraging year of our history as regards this part of the literature. Our workers are being awakened to the fact that knowledge of the work is indispensable to successful effort. Ignorance of the work has been the great cloud before us in the past, obstructing all forward movement. A soldier may as well go forward to battle with no sword or firearms, as for a soldier of the cross to attempt to meet the most formidable of foes with no equipment but a "zeal without knowledge." Our Home Mission work is complicated, and, while it opens doors and invites the varied talent of women in the Southern Methodist Church, it demands a careful, systematic, and persistent study of the work and its needs. As we start out in this our fifteenth year may every Conference officer and every auxiliary officer rise to a higher plane of intelligent service than ever before!

First Quarter.

One leaflet on the Baby Roll, one on the Board meeting, one "Home Mission Catechism," and three on the general work.

Second Quarter.

One leaflet on the Educational Endowment Fund, one on Systematic and Proportionate Giving, one on Cuban work, and three on the general work.

Third Quarter.

Two leaflets on the Twentieth Century Fund, one on city missions, and three on the general work.

Fourth Quarter.

One leaflet on the Twentieth Century Fund, one on mountain work, one on proportionate giving, and three on the general work.

Besides the regular leaflet work, a considerable number of gospel tracts have been sold. The \$21.66 expended for these has been returned through tracts sold, and expended a second time.

ARABEL W. ALEXANDER, *Editor of Leaflets.*

The Committee on Literature and Press have stimulated a deeper and more general interest in our Reading Course and have revised the list of books, thus accomplishing an important and valuable service. Their Chairman presents the annual report and makes valuable suggestions, which should be adopted. The report is as follows:

REPORT OF LITERATURE AND PRESS COMMITTEE.

Reports from a large majority of the Conferences show a slight decrease in the number of women taking the Reading Course, though this apparent deficiency is perhaps owing to the fact that one or two of the strongest Conferences have as yet failed to report. Some of the Conferences, notably the Mississippi, show a marked increase. The North Texas is the banner Conference, twenty-four per cent of her membership reporting as taking the Reading Course. This places North Texas in the first rank in proportion of membership as well as in actual

numbers taking the Reading Course. North Carolina, Northwest Texas, Georgia, Virginia, and Mississippi must also be placed upon the roll of honor. The Chairman recommends that in every Conference a Superintendent be appointed for this interest of our work, who shall try to arouse in our women a desire for a wider knowledge of our country and its needs, and to induce them to take up our Reading Course. In regard to the use of our Church press, the Chairman has to report that it is not used to the best advantage. In some of our papers Conference editors have done faithful work; in others, interesting but more or less intermittent notes of our progress have appeared; and in others, nearly or quite nothing. It has been difficult to gather the facts which would be of interest to our Church public, and there have been other difficulties. If some sort of central intelligence office, so to speak, could be created, and a systematic effort inaugurated to gather the fresh and interesting details of the various phases of the work, and to spread these facts through a wider use of the Church press, much good might be done. It would take time, patience, and a hearty coöperation of the Conference editors and Secretaries, the missionaries and teachers of the Board, the Superintendents of departments, and the local societies, for each and all of these would have to supply the central office with items of interest as they learned them; but if our women will consent to do this, and can grow into the habit of it, a mass of information can be constantly gathered which would be of the greatest interest, and, scattered persistently through all our Church papers, do more than could be easily calculated to strengthen our Society.

Mrs. J. D. HAMMOND, *Chairman.*

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

The normal tendency of every live organization or institution is to expand, and it is of vital importance that the means of support increase correspondingly. The policy of the Woman's Board of Home Missions should be sound financially, so clearly defined and so continuously guarded that the sum total appropriated yearly for its maintenance shall not exceed its assured annual income. Is it not an indisputable fact that the most permanently potent force wielded by our Society is its Christian schools? The educational work of our Society is in fine condition, and gathers strength and efficiency yearly. There is special cause for gratitude in the Sue Bennett Memorial School, at London, Ky. The earnest, studious spirit which prevails among its students is due in a measure to its superior faculty. The total amount passed through the general treasury for the school was \$6,980.76. Of this, over \$3,300 up to the first of March was received in fees sent to the general treasury, and was returned to pay the salaries of its teachers. To give additional facts in regard to the school would be to anticipate the reports of the Superintendent and Principal.

Sue Bennett Memorial School, London, Ky.

The scholastic year of 1899-1900 of the Sue Bennett Memorial School has shown considerable growth in the pupilage and work of the institution over the three previous years. The enrollment for the full term was nine less than that for the corresponding term of 1898; but for the winter term, much larger than ever before, considerably overtaking the capacity of the boarding department, which consists of seven small cottages and the Lucinda B. Helm Dormitory. This large increase in the number of students necessitated two additional teachers. This extra teaching force

will be required for every winter term, as the district school-teachers and other young people, released for summer and fall work, enter school after Christmas. From the beginning the faculty has been a good one, doing most excellent work. Some changes have been necessary each year. Though having to give up Miss Mary Osborne last year, we were most fortunate in securing, to fill her place, Miss Emily Vail, of Philadelphia, a graduate of Bryn Mawr, and a Christian worker of large experience.

The music classes have increased in numbers and interest until two teachers and two assistants have been required to serve them during the winter term. This department has been magnified and well conducted from the opening of the school. The teachers have been earnest, Christian women and fine instructors, and, notwithstanding a very low rate of tuition, the department has more than paid for itself. We regret that it will be necessary to give up the senior music teacher, Miss Florence Campbell, who has been in successful charge for two years.

The woodwork classes, under Mr. Lawhern, an earnest young man studying for the ministry, have been a decided success. He is a master mechanic of much ability, and the carpenters' shop is a popular branch of the school work among the younger boys and girls.

Miss Florence Bengé, a fine young woman and former student, has had charge of the kitchen and large dining room of the Lucinda B. Helm Dormitory. She has furnished good table board for a cost of \$1.35 per week, and has proved herself a capable and satisfactory manager.

The school continues to grow in favor with the people of London and a large section of surrounding country. Its religious influence is felt in a marked degree. Principal Lewis said last summer that nothing in connection with the school had given him greater joy than to find during his canvass that many of the young district teachers were conducting devotional services and teaching Bible classes according to the instruction received in the Sue Bennett Memorial School.

One new cottage was built during the year, the lumber having been given by Mr. J. M. Thomas, of Ford, Ky., a member of the Christian Church. Through the liberality of Dr. D. L. Knott, of Lebanon, Ky., the school was the recipient also of four hundred dollars special donation—one hundred dollars as the nucleus of a Students' Loan Fund, and three hundred dollars for a cottage, this money having been used to pay for one already built, which now bears the name of Mrs. D. L. Knott.

The Lucinda B. Helm Dormitory has been completed and furnished, and since the beginning of the winter term crowded to congestion. The auxiliaries of the Kentucky and Louisville Conferences have been most generous in supplying many of its urgent needs—bedding, rag carpeting, and other household furnishings.

The management earnestly desires that all students from a distance shall live on the grounds. With the past year's enrollment of two hundred and eighty-five, this has been impossible; it is therefore evident that the greatest need of the school still continues to be enlarged boarding accommodations, cottages or barrack rooms for the young men.

BELLE H. BENNETT, *Superintendent.*

The present school year began September 1, and closes May 21. The enrollment for the first term was one hundred and sixteen; for the second term, two hundred and sixty-five. The total enrollment to date is two hundred and eighty-five. Two students entered on scholarships. The shortest period for which a student may enter is three months. Only thirty did this out of our entire pupilage. The income this year from fees, up to March 31, amounts to about \$3,300. The faculty includes a Principal and eight assistants. Six students give instruction in return for tuition this year. The teachers are doing fine work. No Principal could wish a better corps.

Each student receives systematic instruction in the Bible, and the effect is marked. Conversions are frequent, conduct excellent, and an earnest spirit is manifest throughout.

J. C. LEWIS, *Principal*.

Report of Cuban Schools—Key West, Ybor City, and West Tampa.

The Society is greatly indebted to Bishop W. A. Candler for his valuable assistance in enlisting the citizens of Key West in our school there and in securing the donation of a fine lot for the site of the new school building.

He expresses a desire that some woman give \$10,000 to the school, and that Twentieth Century gifts be thus directed. Furniture for the accommodation of two hundred pupils and a corps of eight teachers and the epidemic of yellow fever added much to the expenses of last year. The maintenance of the three schools at Key West, Ybor City, and West Tampa, with four hundred and forty pupils, ten teachers, and four assistants, including the cost of furniture and care of the sick, amounted to \$6,379.26. The fees taken in have helped materially to pay house and piano rent and also assistants. The Cuban Mission reports are as follows:

In May, 1899, the Superintendent came from Tampa to remain in Key West until a house should be built for the school at that place. We had expected to secure the title to a piece of ground that had been selected when Bishop W. A. Candler was here some months before, and to our great surprise and disappointment upon inquiry it was found that the lot had been privately sold, and further developments as the summer wore on showed a deep intrigue, to us in general, and some of the members of the committee in particular. Bishop Candler had left the question of land in the hands of a committee. The loss of the lot threw the committee into disorder, but after some talking search was begun for another suitable place, and in this pursuit again the same malign influence was manifested, for nearly every one who had land to sell held it at a figure much higher than the committee felt able to reach, and thus the summer was spent. It takes only a few strokes of the pen to record it, but it meant a great many hot journeys to see this or that land, this or that person, and wait for this or that reply. This is not written in the spirit of complaint, but simply that it may be known that there was a faithful, honest effort made. Meanwhile the preparations to open school in September went on, and everything was ready, when, just a week before the time, the first case of yellow fever was declared. This of course made some excitement, but none of us felt that it would be serious. However, the flame, once ablaze, swept on more fiercely and relentlessly, until every one in the island who could had it. Our household was touched, there being five cases within a period of six weeks; but God was very good, and all lives were spared. We feel very content now in being "immunes." School was finally opened October 23, with seventy-five pupils the first day. This number rapidly increased to one hundred and fifty in December. Our present enrollment is two hundred. The failure to get a house of our own under way made it necessary to secure a second house to accommodate the school, and we lived thus in the school until Christmas, when we secured one—the best on the island, so considered—and only those who have moved know the difficulties.

Much might be said of each teacher, for they possess their special excellences: but suffice it to say that the success of the school is due to the faithfulness and efficiency of each in her place. The highest type of Christian character is held before all, and true religion is the central thought of all teaching. Ten of our pupils have been received into the

Church. In regard to our needs, we need first and most of all a house. Provision has been made for one, and the ground is secured; but the building planned will not be large enough to accommodate our present school. We need a chapel. A large assembly room is a necessity. It was not provided for in the original plan because of the limit in cost, and then we hoped that some one would give a sum especially for that. What more beautiful monument than a chapel called by his or her name? We need a kindergarten; not only special rooms, but the teacher. There is no more important factor in education than the well-equipped kindergarten. We need, besides our present corps of teachers, a professor. There is an opportunity here to prepare young people for college, and there is no reason why we should not do it. There is a wide and open field among the colored people, who compose nearly half the population of the island—indeed, make a small Africa at our door—and for whose weal or woe we shall have our share of responsibility.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

Enrollment for the term of 1899-1900:

West Tampa, boys and girls.....	77
Tampa, Ybor City, boys and girls.....	103
Key West, boys.....	22
Key West, girls.....	240
Total.....	442

MARY W. BRUCE, *Superintendent.*

Report for Tampa and West Tampa.

The work here has gone on regularly during the year. Miss Perrin writes as follows:

The past school year has been a very encouraging one for the workers in the Wolf Mission School in Ybor City. Last spring and during the summer, when so many of the Cubans were returning to the island, and a "lockout" in the factories deprived many of them of work, the prospect for a good year seemed rather discouraging—especially when yellow fever broke out in Port Tampa, only a few miles away; but through the goodness of God, the plague was kept away from us. The trouble between the cigar makers and their employers was adjusted, one or two new factories have been established, and there has been work for all; so that, instead of returning to Cuba, many of those who went over in the first days came back to Ybor City again, and the opportunity for reaching them is perhaps greater than ever before, for they now feel more settled and at home among us. This has given us a steadier, more uniform attendance during the year, and since September we have had almost the same children in our schoolrooms. It is this constant, daily opportunity to reach the hearts and minds of the little ones, to cultivate good habits, and develop character that cannot fail in the end to produce lasting results. Since September 1, there have been enrolled in the Kindergarten Department fifty children, and in the higher grade fifty-three. Attendance at Sunday school has been good, and in all departments of Church work activity and spirituality have been manifested. The Epworth League, which is held every Tuesday night in our kindergarten rooms, has grown wonderfully in numbers and interest, and the social evening every two weeks is much appreciated by all the Cubans, and participated in by old and young alike. The Woman's Home Mission Society of the Ybor City Church has also done good work during the year. The attendance has increased, collections have been good, and the little society has promised forty-four dollars toward the Twentieth Century Thank Offering, which shows how highly these Cuban women and men appreci-

ate the educational work of the Church, especially that which is being done among their own people. In the kindergarten the year has been a very happy one for me, and many of the little ones have seemed to develop more than ever before. Perhaps this is because there are some that have been in the kindergarten since the beginning—four years ago—and they have had time to “grow” in many ways. Only one incident has marred the happiness, and that was the death of a dear little boy who had been one of the first to enter the kindergarten, and whose bright mind and gentle disposition gave promise of a good and earnest man. But God saw fit to take him, and since through the devotion of this little one to his kindergarten and Sunday school all the family have been happily converted and brought into the Church, how can we murmur? For all the blessings of the year we are truly thankful. MINNIE A. PERIEN.

Miss Cheatham had charge of the boys' department up until Christmas, when, in view of the pressing need at Key West, it was deemed best to make a change. An effort was made to secure another teacher, but without success. The smaller boys were provided for in the kindergarten. As has been said before, the condition of the people here and in West Tampa is more truly Cuban than in Key West. They live more to themselves, as it were, and the greater number speaking no English; but the need of an unregenerate humanity is the same. Miss Fisher has done good work through the League. Of course all are interested in it, but she has been a mover in it all. The need of the work here, besides the usual corps of teachers, is a coat of paint on the building to preserve it. The hot sun of Florida is very hard on paint, causing a house to look weather-stained in an incredibly short time. Miss Marvin is “instant in season and out of season,” all the time trying to do good, as her report will show.

Our Father has been with us and blessed our weak efforts in leading some of the Cubans into the light of the Sun of Righteousness. Never has the work been so near to my heart, and never have I so desired to see the work prosper as through these last months in Ybor City and West Tampa; and just here I want to say that surely no worker was ever so blessed in having a Cuban sister who loves her Redeemer, and, because of this deep love, loves her people, and longs to help them to know the Saviour as she knows him in her everyday life. I say no worker ever had a more companionable and a more helpful sister than I have found in Sister Delofeu, our pastor's wife—a woman who exalts her work and forgets herself in her work. We visit the sick and strangers together. Our last quarterly report showed one hundred and fifty-one visits made, and in most of these homes the Bible was read and prayer offered in behalf of these families, and as often the request to attend Church services, the League, and Home Mission Society. In some cases—not so many as we would like—we have been delighted to note our invitations accepted. In the month of February we made eighty-one visits; and in March, seventy.

We know the chief thing for us to do in this work is to be watchful in all things, prayerful, and live an everyday life with Christ.

MARCIA MARVIN.

WEST TAMPA.

The work here has gone on smoothly, though through difficulties on the part of our two faithful workers in sickness long and continued in their family. Miss Valdes's report will show the state of the work.

The school opened in September with twenty-five names on the roll, and

the attendance daily increasing. We now have seventy-seven names on the roll, with an attendance of forty or fifty daily. Four of the scholars have joined the Church, and the large ones all show great interest at the services. Their eagerness to learn their Sunday school lessons perfectly has been noticed even by our visitors. Their zeal at the juvenile society also increases steadily. At our February meeting it was quite pleasing to see their anxiety to be elected, that they may work in the Master's precious cause. After the elections some expressed their disappointment at not being elected, but were quite encouraged when told that we do not need to be elected to do good work for the Lord. Our attendance at the Sunday school is as large as at our daily school. EMELINA VALDES.

GREENEVILLE INDUSTRIAL HOME AND SCHOOL.

The women of the Holston Conference, under the leadership of Mrs. Wiley, have been doing effective work. The Home and School at Greenville is now nearly free from debt. The officers and teachers are as follows: Mrs. E. E. Wiley, Superintendent and Financial Agent; Mrs. Rosa St. Clair Spotts, Mrs. Sue R. Sensabough, Miss Lillian Oglesby, Miss M. Leon Sensabough, Mrs. Eliza Neelson, and Mrs. Josie Ellis. With Christ-like spirit these all labor without compensation. Believing the highest good for the child can be secured by placing it in a Christian home, forty-nine of these children have been thus placed, and four little ones have been adopted, while thirty-eight in the school, March 31, have received during the year the Home's gentle ministrations of love and care. During the year the cash receipts of the school have amounted to \$4,003.09, and supplies have been donated to the amount of \$500, all to be credited to the Holston Conference. Has another Conference in the connection raised so much money outside of dues? The faith, prayer, and indefatigable labors of the head of the institution have been a vital factor in all this.

Chinese and Japanese Schools.

Our Chinese and Japanese schools on the Pacific Coast have been under the efficient supervision of Mrs. Mary B. Williams. She has deemed important the opening of a mission at San Francisco and the appointment of a missionary. Six night schools have been in operation in and around San Francisco, taught by one or two paid teachers as the necessities of the case demanded. Monthly reports on prepared blanks are sent from each school supplying the facts in regard to enrollment, average attendance, nights taught in each week, course of study, Christians in attendance, and number of conversions. To the San Francisco school \$205.25 has been given; to San José, \$116.25; Salinas, \$40; Oakland, \$176; Los Angeles, \$240; Alameda, \$135; for special services, postage, for Superintendent and travel, \$14.96—making a total cost for the year of \$1,001.30. The Superintendent and Mrs. Brown, Los Angeles, Cal., reports as follows:

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT.

The work of the Woman's Home Mission Society among those on the Pacific coast, who sit in great darkness, has grown slowly but steadily since the first night school was opened in Oakland, May 31, 1897. There has been in the past year not only an increase in attendance and interest in studying English, but a marked increase in interest on spiritual liens. Devotional exercises are held each evening at the close of school work.

The students pay respectful attention, and all who can do so join in reading the Bible lesson and in repeating the Lord's Prayer, and in singing as well. They are fond of music and enjoy the songs heartily. Sunday school classes are taught in some of the schools, and we trust there will be a class in every one before this year closes. The students nearly all work as servants in families. After finishing their domestic labors, they dress themselves with scrupulous neatness and taste and walk long distances to the schools. They learn rapidly, and are not satisfied unless thorough instruction is given. I have read some of their composition work that showed marvelous progress. They are gifted with retentive memories. A thing once understood is theirs forever, seemingly. This is especially true in things spiritual. The advanced pupils take great delight in explaining lessons to beginners. They help wherever they can. In some of the schools they furnish the fires and lights. The difficulties encountered are for the most part owing to students changing homes or their work causing irregularity of attendance. We need a mission in San Francisco greatly, in order to hold those who become Christians, and through them build up the work. We have at the present time night schools at Oakland, San Francisco, and Alameda for Japanese; Los Angeles and Red Bluff for Chinese.

The Oakland school for Japanese is in charge of Mrs. Anna Baue. Total enrollment, 127; average, 13. Six of the students are Christians. The school has been taught in a room of the church from the beginning.

Mrs. Ivy D. Ostrom superintends the work in San Francisco, and is also the principal teacher. Miss Berta Smyth is teacher of the primary class. This school was opened September 12, 1898. Total enrollment, 84; average attendance, 12. Six Christians are enrolled. The school is taught in a room of the church.

Mrs. Mary Davis is our superintendent in Alameda. The teachers are Miss Lemuella Chamberlain and Mrs. Marie Jones. The school was opened August 21, 1899. Total enrollment, 56; average attendance, 12. Three Christians are enrolled. The school is taught in a comfortable building in a central location.

Mrs. L. C. Renfro teaches a class of Chinese at Red Bluff, and reports progress. Her services are rendered as a freewill offering.

Mrs. C. Price Brown, superintendent at Los Angeles, will report the work there. MRS. MARY B. WILLIAMS, *Coast Superintendent.*

REPORT OF CHINESE NIGHT SCHOOL AT LOS ANGELES, CAL.

March 1, 1899, to March 1, 1900.

The school was organized September 12, 1898. Number enrolled since organization, 99; total number taught since March 1, 1899, 2,867; average attendance per month, 239; number of days taught, 312; number of conversions, 3; number of Christians in daily attendance, 3 to 5. Several have expressed a desire for salvation, but are waiting to learn more of the "doctrine." The month of April was our smallest attendance; the month of August our largest. These months are comparatively the busiest and least busy of the year for the vegetable men, of whom our school is largely composed.

A kindergarten school has been opened in Chinatown, and our class of small children has decreased. We have three—and occasionally five—regular, bright little boys. One little fellow is exceptionally bright. He comes only to the night school; never goes to the day school. He is in his eighth year, and has been in school not quite one year; yet he can read well in the third reader, and is learning to write and do number work in addition and subtraction. Considering the few minutes we can give him each night, I consider we have a prodigy in him. There are many nights when there is only one teacher, and, as each must be taught separately, you must know but a short time can be allotted to each.

The school is comparatively a mission school. We let them know that we teach them that they may learn to read the Bible, and thereby become Christians. We have singing, prayer, and Bible teaching one-half hour every evening. On Thursday evenings we have shorter lessons and a longer prayer hour. Sunday school every Sunday from 6 to 7:30 p.m., after which the Chinese leader preaches or teaches in Chinese. We have received from the Superintendent, Mrs. Williams, for carrying on the mission, \$240; also the sum of \$21.60 from the local board. The donation of \$130 for the support of Woo Sing came last month. We had received only \$10 up to that time. Since its reception he has been paid \$25 for February and March, and will continue to be paid this amount as long as there are funds in hand.

We are praying that our Twentieth Century thank offerings will be sufficient to place all our projected work on a substantial basis, and that there will be no going backward. We are endeavoring to teach our Chinese Christians to tithe their money. I believe that when we once get a chapel it will not be long before it is self-supporting. Situated as we are now, we cannot reach the women and girls. I think I see a glint of a better day for them. The first Monday of every month the workers in the different missions, of which there are eight, meet in an all-day meeting. These have been days of blessings to us. They are held down in the dirt and busy traffic of Chinatown. The day meetings are in English, and the evening meetings in Chinese. We always have one hour's street meeting. One Chinese woman has dared to come out to our meetings, where Chinese men and American men and women meet together. She knew what it meant, ostracism by her own people. She would always testify in the meetings. I have seen the mission boys put their fingers in their ears when she was speaking; the men would not speak to her, not even the Christian Chinese preacher. But last Monday night she testified as usual, and at the close of the meeting the Chinese minister and one of the highest Chinese merchants went directly up to her and shook her hands. You can't imagine how glad the hearts of the mission workers were. We think that it means much. We have prayed much for the help of the Chinese women, and tried to get them to help us to reach other women and girls, but even the minister's wife would not do it.

Would it be too much to ask of those interested in mission work on the first Monday of each month to send a petition to heaven in behalf of the workers in Chinatown?

MRS. C. PRICE BROWN. *Secretary Board of City Missions.*

Friendsbury, the gift of Miss Melissa Baker, is contested in the courts. The court of appeals is expected soon to render its decision.

It is confidently hoped that the court of appeals will give this magnificent bequest to the Society. Should this be done, in order to comply with the conditions of Miss Baker's will, the Society will be obliged to raise \$10,000 for endowment within the present fiscal year. This gift will impose grave responsibilities and enlarge our field of usefulness in the preparation and training of city missionaries.

The General Treasurer has received and disbursed \$39,417.01, coming into the treasury in small sums, and often with bewildering and contradictory instructions. Her good practical sense, painstaking care, and faithfulness have made her services invaluable to the Society. That the Conferences may get a clearer conception of the money needed outside of loan and educational endowment funds for the next fiscal year, it would be well to remind them that it will require \$14,763 for the work of the Society. This sum includes the support of the schools, \$800 for print-

ing, \$3,900 for the Mission Home at Dallas, Tex., \$1,000 for organizing work, and \$1,000 for miscellaneous account. Appropriations for the expenses of the President, General Secretary, General Treasurer, superintendents of the various departments, and expenses of the Board meeting, make a larger total than ever needed before. This must be raised exclusive of all dues, Educational Endowment Fund, and Preachers' Wives' and Angel Band moneys, and also Twentieth Century money, as that is given to build, endow, and equip. It must be *undirected* money. In addition to all this, \$5,000 must be raised to complete the building at Key West. These facts are stated with the hope that the auxiliary and Conference Societies will realize the need of *undirected donations*.

SUPPLIES.

Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, Superintendent of the Supply Department, reports the best year's work ever accomplished by her department. Out of the 24 Conference Societies, the Holston has given the largest number of boxes, amounting to 47, valued at \$754.46, all sent to her own Conference enterprise, the Greeneville Industrial Home and School. St. Louis ranks second in value of donations, sending \$750.80, and Tennessee third, valued at \$681.03. A comparison of values sent by individual societies shows that St. John's Church, St. Louis, sent two boxes valued at \$234.55, and Clarksville, Tenn., two valued at \$200.86. The two most valuable single donations were sent by St. John's Church, St. Louis, Mo., and St. John's Church, Augusta, Ga., the former valued at \$169.25 and the latter \$169.17. It is impossible to calculate the good accomplished by these donations. It is to be regretted that the statistical reports prepared by the Conference Corresponding Secretaries give only 170 boxes, while the Superintendent reports 198. This discrepancy must arise from the imperfect reports of the Conference and auxiliary officers. There should be a Superintendent of Supplies elected by each Conference Society, who by correspondence can keep the General Superintendent informed as to those individuals and societies who are willing and able to send a box. Such assistance will develop the Conference resources and facilitate and enlarge the labors of the General Superintendent.

The Superintendent reports:

Number of application blanks sent preachers, 55; number of application blanks sent auxiliaries, 72; number of application blanks in hands of auxiliaries, 10; number of application blanks in office, 8; number of donations sent needy preachers and our mission schools and rescue homes, consisting of money, boxes, and provisions, from Conferences are as follows:

	No. of Boxes.	Value of Boxes.	Cash Given.
Alabama	1	\$ 60 00	\$20 00
Baltimore.....	4	301 60	.....
East Texas.....	1	12 00	.....
Florida	2	106 00	.....
Holston	47	754 46	.....
Indian Mission.....	1	33 50	.....
Kentucky	21	213 00	.....
Louisville.	7	191 73	.....

Louisiana	2	\$ 25 00	5 00
Little Rock.....	1	63 00	.....
Missouri	2	45 00	.....
Mississippi	3	124 00	10 00
North Alabama.....	2	165 57	.....
North Georgia.....	6	447 76	13 81
North Texas.....	27	661 95	.....
Northwest Texas.....	21	388 06	.....
South Georgia.....	3	117 90	.....
Southwest Missouri.....	4	172 95	.....
St. Louis.....	14	77 80	.....
Tennessee	10	681 03	.....
Texas.....	1	20 15	.....
Virginia	3	172 00	.....
West Virginia	1	25 00	.....
White River	2	135 75	.....
Total	196	\$5,733 02	\$48 81

Total value and cash, \$5,781.83.

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. J. H. YARBROUGH.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP CERTIFICATES, BABY ROLL, AND BABY MITE BOXES.

The work grouped under these heads has been most lovingly advanced by the enthusiastic and painstaking labors of its Superintendent. Her love and devotion to the work overcomes every obstacle, and solves every difficulty. These children of our baby band form an important company and should ever be remembered in our prayers. The Master said: "Their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven." As soon as these little ones are old enough they should be gathered into a Juvenile Home Mission Society. Every Conference and every auxiliary is expected to appoint its Superintendent of Baby Roll, not to handle the moneys, for this is the duty of the auxiliary and Conference treasurers, but to multiply this lovely band. If additional words of explanation had been inserted into the duties of the Superintendent of the Baby Roll in Helps, they would have cleared up the confusion due to their omission. (See page 91.) The following report shows the growth of the work this year:

LIFE MEMBERS, BABY ROLL, AND BABY BOXES.

The six Conferences ranking highest in names enrolled are as follows: (1) Holston, 612; (2) Tennessee, 263; (3) North Georgia, 262; (4) Baltimore, 197; (5) North Mississippi, 192; and (6) Louisville, 179.

Money received for expenses for the year from the general treasury, \$55; money expended during the year, \$55.64; money received from the Conferences, \$104.38, which has been turned over to the general treasury. The Baby Roll is represented in all the Conferences but two, the Montana and the German Mission. One new Conference added this year, the Western Virginia. The Holston Conference not only has made the largest gain, but she still leads the roll with 612 names. This increase is largely due to the Conference Secretary of the Baby Roll, Mrs. D. Sullins, whose love for the work is intense, and her untiring faithfulness is a constant inspiration to me. I have sent out 3,185 baby boxes and 1,566 baby certificates. The total number of names on the Baby Roll is 3,859, while the increase this year was 1,566. The following is the report of the Baby Roll:

CONFERENCE.	1898-99.	1899-1900.	Increase.	CONFERENCE.	1898-99.	1899-1900.	Increase.
Alabama	18	38	20	North Carolina.....	17	48	31
Baltimore.....	120	197	77	North Georgia.....	201	262	61
Columbia.....	14	15	1	North Mississippi...	135	192	57
Denver.....	13	17	4	North Texas.....	137	170	33
East Texas.....	42	96	54	Northwest Texas.....	144	170	26
East Columbia.....	1	8	7	Pacific.....	27	39	12
Florida.....	25	51	26	South Carolina.....	2	6	4
Holston.....	369	612	243	South Georgia.....	57	143	86
Illinois.....	2	2	.....	Southwest Missouri.	65	98	33
Indian Mission.....	45	60	15	St. Louis.....	129	180	51
Kentucky.....	58	91	33	Tennessee.....	182	263	81
Louisville.....	125	188	63	Texas.....	10	15	5
Louisiana.....	70	110	40	Virginia.....	78	114	36
Little Rock.....	44	79	35	West Texas.....	27	35	8
Los Angeles.....	61	82	21	Western.....	14	15	1
Memphis.....	76	125	49	Western N. Carolina.	18	18	.....
Mississippi.....	132	173	41	Western Virginia.....	.....	1	1
Missouri.....	42	68	26	White River.....	8	14	6
New Mexico.....	2	16	14				
North Alabama.....	2	49	47	Total.....	2,512	3,860	1,348

MRS. J. J. TIGERT, *Superintendent.*

SYSTEMATIC AND PROPORTIONATE GIVING AND MITE BOXES.

The interest in the department has grown remarkably during the last twelve months. The demand for literature and the orders for mite boxes exceed those of all previous years. The thoughtful, faithful women charged with this work are beginning to create a conscience on this subject. Is it the sound in the tops of the mulberry trees, and is the Lord moving in behalf of a higher spiritual life for his children? The Superintendent, with strong faith that this is God's way of giving, has lately generously endowed this department with a gift of \$1,000. The interest of this sum is to defray the expenses of this department of work. This endowment, together with her generous Twentieth Century gift of \$500, makes her conspicuous in liberality. Her interesting report is as follows:

The progress and development of this department during the past year has had no parallel in its former history. Its evolution from a chaotic state to a thing of definite shape and utility has brought with it an increment of strength and usefulness transcending expectations. Studying the aims and purposes of our general Society, we have correlated our plans to harmonize with all others. We have endeavored to add permanency to good works, to reach up and lift up by influence and example. In attempting to attain perfection we have been brought to realize wherein our weakness lies, as well as demonstrate the power hidden within the folded work. We have come to know that in carefully thought out systems needs are not invented, but grow out of what has preceded. The presentation, therefore, of our hopes and requests will not, we trust, be regarded as whimsical and without foundation in fact, but instead be given due consideration by your honorable body.

The conviction has grown that what is most important in our Society is laborers to educate and enlarge the liberality of our members.

1. In the administration of the affairs of this department we have constantly striven for organization, well knowing that to be a worthy part of the polity of Methodism a clearly defined system must be established. It is gratifying to note that almost universally the auxiliaries have selected energetic, consecrated women as Second Vice Presidents and chairman of this department. But we regret to say that only fourteen Conferences have acceded to our request. The failure on the part of

these officers to enlist as a unit in this work may be attributable to the fact that the last annual Board meeting neglected to define the duties of Conference Second Vice Presidents, thereby retarding the growth of this work.

2. Our next effort was put forth to arouse to enthusiasm those who stand as sponsors for this department in both Conference and auxiliary societies. We have urged them to take the work closely to heart, and make it part of life itself. There is every reason to believe that many noble women are dedicating time and talent to the cause and accomplishing a great work in teaching righteousness in giving and honest money relations between man and the Father. The simple rules issued last year for the guidance of these officers are coming to be more and more observed. The assertion can positively be made that never before to our knowledge have tithing and freewill offerings awakened such deep interest, nor been so largely discussed.

3. To still further enhance the importance and usefulness of the department, we solicited and were given a column in *Our Homes*, which from month to month will bring to the members knowledge of progress and words of counsel and wisdom. Recognizing deficiencies and failures, we felt impelled to call upon those in authority for help to strengthen our position and give force to our methods, and we rejoice to announce that our bishops and leading ministers will contribute forceful articles to our column.

4. Believing the old-time mite box to be totally inadequate to present requirements, we designed and had made a new and attractive one for our "clientage," which, being of cardboard and substantially constructed, may do service indefinitely, thereby lessening expenses.

5. The literature furnished is not commensurate with demands, and we have been forced to supplement it with purchases from other denominations. Our own Leaflet Committee are untiring in their exertions toward suitably supplying all the departments with literature, and for this reason we have hesitated to burden them with our particular and growing needs.

6. Feeling the imperative necessity for some manner of report book, we bent our energies in the direction of devising an acceptable one, but it failed to be fully adopted. However, we arranged and had printed postal cards with the full allotment of questions for the use of Conference chairmen. Samples of similar cards were printed for auxiliary use, which we advise Conference Second Vice Presidents to duplicate in order that they may obtain complete and accurate quarterly reports of details of the work. A few of these officers have signified their willingness to comply with this suggestion. The cost of these cards will be slight when distributed among forty women; whereas, if left to one, it would entail a heavy expenditure to purchase. We have printed thirteen hundred postals, for as many auxiliaries, to be used four times each year. It seems right and proper that expenses as well as work be borne equally by those interested.

The following report of the material labors of the department during the past twelve months we submit with justifiable pride and pleasure.

Distributions.—Letters written, 274; postals written, 18; leaflets, 961; stewardship books, 358; mite boxes, 3,400.

Expenses.—Stamps, \$33.46; leaflets, \$3.60; typewriting, \$2.50; freight on old mite boxes from Nashville, Tenn., \$7.38; wooden mite boxes, \$4.50; new mite boxes (2,000), \$31.50; telegram, sixty cents; postal report cards (500), \$8. Total, \$86.98.

It must be stated that the supply of mite boxes gave out in February, 1899, and our order, though forwarded at once to Nashville, was delayed by the illness of the manufacturer, and not finally filled till June. It will be seen, therefore, that the 2,458 mite boxes sent out were confined to nine months, which was an average of 273 per month. The largest number

sent out in any one month was 792, in January; the next largest was 300, in February.

It is impossible to give credit by Conferences because of the failure of auxiliaries when ordering to designate to what Conference they belong. This has been a "thorn in the flesh," and we are looking to our Conference allies to remedy this oversight.

The demand for mite boxes, literature, and stewardship books is largely on the increase, and we confidently expect another year to reveal even more fully the measureless value of this department. Our duties now involve the monthly preparation of manuscript for *Our Homes* and "notes" for various Church papers, personal letters to Annual Conferences, constant correspondence with Conference and auxiliary chairmen, looking out for new and inspiring leaflets, designing mite boxes, arranging and mailing same with appropriate literature, and keeping records, to fulfill which has become our joyous daily occupation.

If, in all said, we arrogate to this department a place of too vast importance, kindly attribute our weakness to the fact that we are a one-ideaed and one-purposed Superintendent, prone to think the value of the department cannot be overestimated and should take rank as pre-eminently important in our Home Mission Society.

To be permitted to engage in this work and associate so pleasantly with you, my sisters, I count the greatest privilege.

In this connection I beg to acknowledge my indebtedness to the editor of *Our Homes*, through whose kindness our work is extending into remotest corners; to the Editor of Leaflets, who holds us in mind unceasingly and gives this department her best efforts and thought; to our President, who gives forth no uncertain sound in voicing her views of tithing and freewill obligations; and to our friends in the field, who are too numerous to mention by name. While many have helped and counseled and advised, to her who has remained our steadfast guide and patient ally, our faithful General Secretary, Mrs. Hargrove, we feel especially indebted for encouragement and help. While prevented from meeting with you, I shall watch eagerly the work of the convention, and pray that all your deliberations may receive the smile of the Father's approbation.

MARGARET M. RATCLIFFE, *Superintendent*.

CITY MISSIONS.

City mission work has been carried on in a number of cities, and should be inaugurated in many others. All the city mission work should be as immediately under the supervision of the Board as are the other departments. The city missionaries employed should receive special training, present their testimonials to the Board as do all teachers, and be paid through the general treasury. The cities employing missionaries should agree with the Board to pay monthly into the general treasury a stipulated sum for their support. We need a band of several hundred consecrated, educated, and specially trained women to do city mission work in our Southern cities and towns. The work accomplished in the cities varies, as is indicated by the subjoined reports.

Nashville, Tenn.—The work has progressed favorably during the year, as will be shown by the reports from the various departments, which are submitted in detail except from the school. Miss White has given satisfaction to the Board. The school was closed for a time on account of smallpox, but is now in session with good attendance. The industrial classes on Saturday, in charge of Mrs. Stevenson, are well attended, and the results of their work will be beneficial.

The Treasurer's report, together with those of Mrs. Booth and Miss

Williams, are herewith submitted. During the incumbency of Miss Hearn as matron of the Door of Hope she secured donations of supplies to the amount of \$62.20, and repairs in the house to the value of \$260.

Visits to the poor, 394; visits to the sick, 306; visits to houses of ill fame, 226; visits to Door of Hope, 105; visits to the hospital, 28; visits to the jail, 23; services held in jail and hospital, 10; visits to kindergarten school, 61; religious visits to families in trouble, 79; families helped in time of need with provisions and coal, 32; business visits for Door of Hope and settlement work, 185; business visits to Mission Home, 2; business visit to Orphans' Asylum, 1; business visit to penitentiary, 1; Bible readings and talks on the work in churches, 19; cottage prayer meetings, 13; meetings attended at Nashville Relief Society, 16; papers, books, and tracts distributed, 767; Bibles distributed, 7; funerals of the poor attended, 8; funerals of fallen women attended, 5; conversions among the sick (all died), 9; garments distributed, 75; shoes distributed to poor children, 12 pairs; received in cash and donations, \$179.50.

Mrs. S. S. BOOTH, *City Missionary*.

Visits to houses of ill fame, 225; visits to the poor and sick, 140; visits to the Mission Home, 10; visits to the hospital, 49; visits to the jail, 8; papers and tracts distributed, 3,852; solicited donations of provisions for the Home amounting to \$149.60; solicited donations for a poor family, \$3.60; secured one railroad pass from the mayor; amount of money received and disbursed for the Home for provisions, \$144; girls entering the Home, 28; girls sent to the Mission Home, 5; sent back to their homes, 2; secured work for, 4; in the city hospital, 3; joined the Salvation Army, 1; back to the old life, 11; at present in the Home (3 came in since the 1st), 5.

MISS JENNIE WILLIAMS, *City Missionary*.

The receipts from all sources for current expenses amounted to \$1,166.52. \$346.47 was received for a new building, making a total of \$1,512.99. The total disbursements amounted to \$1,110.90, leaving a balance on hand of \$55.62. All but \$200 of the \$1,110.90 expended for this mission work was contributed by the auxiliaries of the city and vicinity.

Since Miss Hearn left the Door of Hope we have had no salaried matron.

Mrs. W. J. STEELE, *Secretary Board of City Missions*.

Atlanta, Ga.—Industrial schools organized, 2; sessions held in four industrial schools, 144; total enrollment, 341; average attendance, 275; teachers in four schools, 26; visitors during the year, 53; garments made in the schools, 245; garments given to the children, 245; new garments given to the poor, 100; garments in good order, 706; pairs of shoes, 100; pairs of hose, 99; hats, 48; cloaks, 13; blankets, 2; sheets, 2; quilt, 1; mattress, 1; baskets of provisions given to the poor, 68; value, \$61.20; coal, \$5.50; wood, \$1; medicine, \$5.95; money, \$16.95; paid express charges on sewing machine for poor woman, \$1.90; paid to have a poor sick man's room whitewashed, fifty cents; religious and temperance papers distributed, 4,601; leaflets, 736; Scripture cards, 473; books, 68; Bibles, 3; bouquets of flowers with Scripture cards attached, 81; visits to the sick, 65; visits to strangers, 110; religious visits, 424; visits to benevolent institutions, 13; visits to auxiliaries, 28; visits to jail, 2; prayer meetings held, 61; mothers' meetings, 22; children's meeting, 1; Bible readings, 24; taught a class morning and afternoon in two Sunday schools; organized Young People's Home Mission Society; gave a talk on city mission work at four churches; attended Home Mission Conference at Dalton, and gave a talk on the work of a city missionary; attended District Conference at St. Paul's Church, and gave a talk on city mission work; attended women's coöperative meetings, 34; gave a talk in behalf of Woman's Coöperative Home at Trinity Church; secured 23 members for Woman's Coöperative Association, and collect their dues every month; gave a talk to the Epworth League at Inman

Park Church; wrote 25 postals for Trinity Epworth League; influenced 6 women to join Home Mission Society; influenced 2 Home Mission Societies to contribute to the city mission fund; brought 20 children into the Sunday school; carried my Sunday school class of little girls to sing for a poor sick man; helped to serve dinner 2 days at the Sheltering Arm Restaurant; gave a picnic to Linden Mission Sunday school; gave a picnic to Fulton Mills Industrial School; gave a candy-pulling to 48 children at Linden Mission; gave a candy-pulling to 41 children at West Side Industrial School; gave a candy-pulling to 104 children at Exposition Mills Industrial School; gave a Christmas dinner to 80 children at Leonard Street Industrial School; gave a dinner to 63 children at Fulton Mills Industrial School; secured employment for 4 poor women; conducted a funeral service over a poor woman whom I had been instrumental in leading to Christ; carried 5 little orphans to Decatur Orphan Home; secured a home for a little orphan baby; secured a home for a little orphan girl; helped the ladies of First Church sew one day for the Decatur orphans.

MRS. E. M. EVANS, *City Missionary.*

Augusta, Ga.—Since our last report we are able to record more enthusiasm and zeal in city missions and development along several lines. Excellent work has been done in rescue, cottage prayer meetings, house-to-house visiting, and Bible readings. Two industrial schools have been holding two sessions each every week, and we have reason to believe that a great deal of good has been accomplished not only with the children but with the parents. Mrs. G. W. Middleton, superintendent of the industrial department, is earnest, enthusiastic, and consecrated, and has become quite a factor of usefulness and general benefit among those with whom she works.

There was so much to be done, and the need so urgent, that at the last annual meeting Miss Daisy Davidson was elected as assistant superintendent, and the Board feels that under the management of these ladies the work must and will grow, even as the "mustard seed."

Two mass meetings have been held in the interest of the work, at which excellent programmes were rendered, and from which new inspiration was gathered. Some who were indifferently interested have been aroused to a sense of obligations, and have put their hands to the plow and seem determined to go forward to the end, battling for the Lord. Housekeepers who cannot attend the sessions of the schools on account of domestic duties have opened their homes to classes to whom instruction will be given in sewing and in the Bible.

This Board of City Missions was represented by a delegate at the annual meeting held at Dalton, Ga., August 27, 1899, whose expenses were defrayed from the general fund of the organization. The "penny pledge" system is kept up, and some new names have been added to the membership.

MRS. M. Z. HANKINSON, *Secretary of Board of City Missions.*

Macon, Ga.—A fine work has been carried on here throughout the year. Souls have been saved and lives purified and ennobled. This Door of Hope has prospects of permanency and growth that will make it one of the most useful institutions of its kind within the bounds of the Church.

New Orleans, La.—Our work is progressing. Each auxiliary in our Union has at heart the success of our cause—that of home missions. We have in a great measure much cause for gratitude for what service we have been able to render unto Him "Who weigheth more with how much love a man worketh rather than how much he doeth." There was collected on rally day \$125 for the Twentieth Century Educational Fund. This was but from three of our auxiliaries. The others are at work, but were not ready to report at the last meeting.

Rayne Memorial Auxiliary.....	\$ 64 00
Carondelet Street Church Auxiliary.....	52 00
Dryades Street Church Auxiliary.....	9 00
Total	\$125 00

One branch of our work which demands our best service is our Tchoupitoulas Mission. Last April an excursion was given under the auspices of the City Mission Board which netted \$47. This we added to our fund for the purchase of the building. The amount for that purpose was then as follows:

Received from the Woman's Edition of the <i>New Orleans Christian Advocate</i> , \$694.60, which, being at interest at seven per cent, now amounts to.....	\$ 926 33
In hand of City Mission and Church Extension Societies	735 00
In hands of treasurer of City Mission Board.....	156 34
Received from Mrs. E. K. Keener.....	100 00
Received from Miss Mary Werlein.....	100 00
Total.	\$2,017 67

Our lady missionary, Mrs. L. M. Meekins, in her annual report proves her thought to be in keeping with the Master's: "I must be about my Father's business." The result is as follows: Visits to the sick, 649; religious visits, 200; families prayed with, 243; Bible readings, 121; garments given, 529; Bibles given, 28; books loaned, 45; groceries given (number of times), 28; nourishment to sick (number of times), 53; papers and tracts distributed, 694; institutions visited, 14; money given, \$26.25; meetings held in Girls' Industrial School, 35; amount spent for poor in Industrial School, \$25.15; children secured for Sunday school, 10; meals given, 500; prescriptions filled, 8; garments made by children, 33.

HELENA HOOVER, *Recording Secretary of Board of City Missions.*

Kansas City, Mo.—According to plans previously made, the Board of City Missions opened a day nursery March 6, 1899, in connection with the regular city mission work. In this work the Board and the members of the different auxiliaries have taken a very deep interest. During the year 1,590 children have been cared for, making an average of about 5 per day. This seems not to be very flattering results for the time and means put forth, yet we rejoice that the nursery has been established, and that it is gradually gaining power among the people of the north end. The funds necessary for running the nursery are secured mainly by private subscription and donations. In September the Board entered into an agreement with a Mr. Donaghy for a benefit concert or lecture. From this source we realized \$160 in cash, besides numerous donations of flour, coal, shoes, etc. At the June meeting Miss Elizabeth Streater tendered her resignation as city missionary. It was with deep regret that the Board accepted her resignation. Miss Kent, a graduate nurse from Scarritt Hospital, was asked to supply the vacancy until the Board at Nashville could make a permanent appointment. Miss May Lockard was the appointee of the Board, and entered upon her duties September 1. Her report of the mission work shows something of the work accomplished. In October the mission office was moved from the Campbell Street Church to the front room of the nursery building. This room was nicely furnished so that it could be used for a reading room. The reading room was formally opened October 17. Recently it was decided to change this branch of the work into a circulating library. The sewing school shows an average attendance of 45, and much good work is being done in this department. The Board has handled over \$1,200 in cash

this year, besides many valuable donations other than cash. In reviewing the work of the year we realize that the outlay has been great for the visible results obtained. But it all having been done in His name, we trust Him for the harvest.

MRS. W. H. MARTIN, *Secretary Board of City Missions.*

The statistical report of city mission work in Kansas City from March 1, 1899, to March 1, 1900, is as follows: Visits, 2,332; prayers offered, 424; Bible read, 351; papers given, 1,159; Bibles given, 18; tracts given, 110; Scripture texts given, 252; street conversations, 75; garments given, 1,246; pairs of shoes given, 112; hats given, 87; baskets of food, 142; bottles of medicine, 82; dinners given, 35; bouquets given, 39; storybooks given, 23; calls at mission, 537; employment secured, 12; bed linen loaned, 20; institutions visited, 30; average attendance at Bible class, 7; average attendance at cottage prayer meetings, 5.

MAY LOCKARD, *City Missionary.*

Waco, Tex.—The labors of Miss Mattie M. Wright are thus reported:

Visits made, 1,544; business calls, 563; times relief sent to families, 118; garments distributed, 789; hats distributed, 66; pairs of shoes distributed, 47; Bibles and Testaments distributed, 3; yards of goods distributed, 137; patients furnished with bed linen, 9; garments made by the Mission, 14. Besides the above we have helped the families of the poor in various ways. In emergencies we have paid their house rent; furnished different articles of furniture, bedding, cook stoves, and heating stoves (6 in number). Shrouds have been made and furnished for the dead, and flowers at a number of funerals. Medicine, milk, and other diet has been provided for the sick. In four instances a hired nurse has been sent, and our own services have been given both night and day when possible. During the prevalence of fever last summer we had entire charge of two typhoid fever patients. Several families have been helped to their friends in a distant State. Donations have been made, consisting of groceries, dry goods, and other articles having a cash value of \$48.10. Our expenses have been as follows: For the relief of the poor (poor fund of Fifth Street Church), \$168.60; amount raised by City Board of Missions, \$40.55; salary of city missionary, \$275; day nursery and kindergarten, \$138.10. Total (including above donation), \$670.35. Paid in cash for property, \$444.25.

Two sewing schools were organized early in the year, but have been discontinued. We hope to reorganize them in the near future. A "Newsboys' Club," with a membership of thirty-one, promises to be an interesting feature of our work. It was organized in February of this year, and we have had some enthusiastic meetings.

A day nursery and kindergarten for the children of the poor was opened October 19, 1899. In less than four months we were able, through the never-tiring energy of Mrs. T. P. Sparks, a member of our City Board of Missions, to move into our own quarters. A neat modern cottage, well located for the purpose, has been purchased at a great bargain. We paid \$600, and gave a vendor's lien note for the balance. This we hope to take up in a few months. Though the property cost us \$1,000, we consider it well worth \$1,250. Forty-one children have been enrolled, while the daily attendance varies from twelve to twenty. One little homeless girl, thirteen years of age, has been cared for both night and day, and we are endeavoring to find her a permanent home in some Christian family. Since being brought under Christian influences she has been happily converted and joined the Methodist Church and Sunday school.

As we have endeavored from the first to go beyond an ordinary day nursery in our efforts to benefit the children, we considered ourselves peculiarly favored when we secured the services of Miss Mary E. Pattillo, a consecrated young woman of the Presbyterian Church, as our matron.

She was formerly connected (in the same relation) with the Thornwell Orphanage, in Clinton, S. C., and in many ways is eminently fitted for her responsible position. Since she severs her connection with our work at the beginning of this new year, we are again peculiarly favored in being able to command one of our own girls for the place: Miss Essie Roberson, who has spent one year in training at the Scarritt Bible and Training School.

We are indebted to Miss Pattillo for making our nursery work a reality; for if it had not been for her love for the work, which kept her at the post of duty in the face of every imaginable difficulty and discouragement, it would have been closed beyond a doubt. No matter to what degree of success we attain in the future under other management, we will always look back with gratitude for her faithful service during those "pioneer days."

Three girls were sent to the Rescue Home in Dallas, but only one of them was induced to remain. This fact alone convinces us that it is useless to attempt to tabulate satisfactorily the results in our mission work. Numbers of persons have been brought into Sunday school, and families have been persuaded to reestablish their Church relations, but we need more time to determine whether or not most of these results will be permanent.

MATTIE E. WRIGHT, *City Missionary*.

St. Louis, Mo.—The work at Niederinghaus Mission was continued through March, April, May, and June with zeal and interest. During the extremely hot weather but four of our ladies attended any of the meetings. Our President at the St. Louis District meeting pleaded with our women to rally to the enterprise and to become active workers. Our year of probation ended October 1, 1899. Our Societies furnished us with more than sufficient means to run the mission, and had increased their pledges, so that our financial report was a certainty. Without workers we could do nothing, and the few who so ably carried the burden of affairs for one year could do the work no longer. The seed sown was not lost. We are confident He will care for it, and so we have left it in His hands.

Average attendance at church from March to July, 1899, 50; Sunday school, 100; sewing school, 60; mothers' meetings, 10; prayer meetings, 30; calls made upon scholars, 150; garments distributed, 360; books and papers, 2,500; shoes, 12 pairs. In the sewing school twenty articles were furnished and given to those who made them. The attendance from July to October 1 was about one-half the above record. The sewing school closed June 1. All clothes on hand October 1 were given away; books, dishes, and other things were packed and stored for us until needed again. The money on hand was given to the preacher who conducted the services at the mission. The money passing through the Conference Treasurer's hands from March, 1899, to October, 1899, from all sources, amounted to \$245.88. All of this was faithfully expended.

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. M. A. ANDREWS.

Birmingham, Ala.—The Industrial School was organized by the Woman's Home Mission Society of the First Methodist Church in Birmingham, Ala., in April, 1898, two years ago. Its membership has increased from a beginning of four little girls to a school of one hundred and seventy-five. On the first Saturday of March, 1900, one hundred and fifteen pupils were present. The expense of the school is five dollars per month, furnished out of the fund from the poor collected in church the first Sunday in every month. This five dollars is spent in furnishing materials. Scissors, needles, thread, cloth, thimbles, and everything, are free, and are held as the property of the school. The ladies of the Home Mission Society furnish out of their collections a free lunch every Saturday to the children. This lunch consists usually of an apple, an orange, a banana, or a few sweet crackers to each child, and is a much needed source of good to the school. The school is divided into two dis-

tinct divisions. The primary department, where the children learn to make pretty stitches; and secondly, the advanced department, where they learn to make garments. The first department is under the supervision of Mrs. J. W. Wallis, and is in three divisions: (1) The kindergarten, where they learn to make stitches on white cloth, following pencil outline; (2) where the children learn to baste hems and hem towels; and (3) where they make lace-edged collarettes. Mrs. Wallis has six teachers in her grade. She herself passes judgment on each child's work before the child is promoted. The second department is in charge of Mrs. Havis. The classes in this grade are limited, six girls to a teacher being the limit. Here the girls work on garments, for no machine work is permitted as yet. Each girl has a separate bag for her own work, and every teacher is requested to take charge of the bags belonging to her girls and to have them put carefully away. Mrs. Montgomery has in charge all the new material and cuts every garment. The pupils are given all the work which they finish, and we find this an excellent incentive. We have an average of twelve garments finished monthly. We find it very necessary to have heads or superintendents to these departments, because, while we have fourteen teachers, three or four are often absent or tardy. We have recently added a cooking school. This is under the supervision of Miss Sue Simpson. There is an excellent kitchen in the basement of our church, with all the conveniences for cooking. Miss Simpson's class is limited to four. To each one of the four she gives eight lessons, teaching them plain cooking only, and we feel that her work is good. The school is begun promptly at half after two on Saturday afternoons. At four all work is stopped and the children invited up to the Sunday School Annex, where I teach them songs and tell them Bible stories or talk to them about the advantage of being good girls. After a half hour spent in this way we all run into the yard and have refreshments.

I feel that this report cannot be closed without mention of Mrs. Shazo. May God bless her! Summer and winter, rain and shine, she visits the poor and lowly and lends a hand upward and onward. For two years she and I have devoted our Friday mornings to looking up the absent from our school. We have been into the homes of all our children, and everywhere we are warmly welcomed. One of our girls is at Montevallo this year. She is worthy, but abjectly poor. We first learned her needs through the Industrial School, and with the able help and support of Miss Cahalan, principal of the public school where the girl had for seven years attended, I collected \$125 for her outfit and year at Montevallo. While this is not our school work, it grows so directly out of our school work and met with such earnest sympathy from our teachers that I feel it may be mentioned here. I have written very much at length because so many letters have been sent me from various places seeking information as regards our school, and this is a convenient way of answering some of them. Our new preacher, Dr. McFerrin, is earnestly in sympathy with our work among the poor, and we hope this year to enlarge its scope. More than fifty children have come from the Industrial School into our Sunday school. Thirteen joined the Church last Easter, and we hope to have others this next Easter. We ask your love and prayers.

MRS. S. C. BLOUNT, *Superintendent Industrial School.*

Dallas, Tex.—The Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School has added another year's beneficent ministry to its past history of effective service. Into this peaceful retreat souls stricken and smitten have gone for succor and protection, and found more, hope, love, and inspiration. It becomes at this time the province of the Board to dictate with great wisdom and sound judgment the future policy of this institution, thus determining its future potency for good. It will be seen that, with all the economy used and all the expedients resorted to, it was

necessary to use \$500 of building fund money to meet current expenses of \$2,220 for this institution this year. The General Treasurer reports that \$500 has gone from the general funds, and \$750.26 passed through the treasury. Its prosperity is shown by the reports of those two faithful and godly women, Mrs. W. H. Johnson and Miss Mary Moore.

The blessing of God is still the heritage of this work, done for his sake and in his name. With an ever-increasing sense of our responsibility and the far-reaching effects of this cause on whose foundation stones rests our social system the work has moved steadily forward. The hearts and consciences of the people are being aroused as never before. Many have learned that to establish an institution like this the teachings of Jesus must become the burden of a ceaseless song, and that at least as many souls as were required to save Sodom shall gladly accept self-crucifixion. With this cause we confidently enter the palaces of the rich and the hovels of the poor. In the ten thousand miles of travel and countless homes visited his command to seek and to save the lost is only a part of the message we carry. What forces are at work to produce this state of things? Who are responsible for the causes that lead to these appalling effects? Who nourishes the deadly Upas whose poisonous fruitage blights human life? These problems which involve home mission work in all its sacred and varied phases we strive to put on the hearts of women, who by rocking the cradle can rule the world, by showing how failure here has well-nigh wrecked it.

The Home, under the administration of Miss Mary Moore, of Kentucky, in the double capacity of superintendent and matron, has been signally blessed. Miss Louise Matthews, of St. Louis, Miss Fannie Armstrong, of Louisiana, and Mrs. M. Morrow, of Mississippi, form a faculty whose beautiful Christian characters and consecrated lives would prove a benediction to any Church institution. While this is one of our educational institutions in the broadest and deepest and most needful sense, sharing in our Twentieth Century Offering, the work has been from the first circumscribed and handicapped for want of money, equipment, and trained workers. That such marvelous results have been attained proves that we have been led by no human hand. From experience we learn that if we meet the demands of the work we must provide for three distinct classes, three entirely separate departments: (1) The young friendless girl with dangerous environments; (2) inexperienced and unwary victims entrapped by Satan; and (3), the very worst slum girls. A chapel is needed for these three classes, for they should never meet except in chapel exercises till they secure by good conduct and class record merited promotion. With such equipment the work that can be done in this broad new field will not only give joy in heaven over many sinners brought to repentance, but bring peace on earth. That it took the world two thousand years to understand the precepts and example of the Master seems now incredible as we with our limited experience see new possibilities and grander results day by day. The Epworth League is linked with this work in charity and help. They have been faithful and cheerful helpers. They have decided to help build an Epworth Annex, which will be the parlors, schoolrooms, and chapel of the Home. The *King's Messenger* is a great factor in what has been accomplished. Surely five thousand copies monthly of a pure, deeply religious journal pleading for a cause so dear to the heart of our blessed Lord carries with it the elements of success. It is the King's message, helping its readers to see this cause as Jesus saw it, and more and more its influence is felt for good.

During the year I have spent about two weeks in the interest of the San Antonio Home. I visited first the Home, then San Marcos, Austin, and Galveston. I talked in all three churches in Galveston and to the Home Mission Societies. I raised fifty dollars in cash, with good prom-

ises on subscriptions. This Home, with Rev. Nath Thompson as financial agent, and Mrs. M. L. Valino as matron, is doing a fine work, and has a promising future.

According to our system all moneys are sent from the auxiliaries to the Conference Treasurers, and from there to the General Treasurer, so that the Financial Agent receives only a small part of what she is supposed to directly or indirectly collect, as follows:

	Cash.	Subscriptions.
April	\$ 391 00	\$ 400 00
May	291 00	1,000 00
June.....	110 00	1,000 00
July	88 00	400 00
August.....	35 57	300 00
September	58 50	500 00
October	168 00	283 00
November	72 75	200 00
December.....	190 66	688 85
January	164 66	350 00
February	254 55	700 00
.....	\$1,824 69	\$4,822 85

The three hundred and seventy girls saved by this Home, public opinion almost revolutionized, and the world made a better place to live in, with the thousand providences of God, assure us without the peradventure of a doubt that God means to give us the \$50,000 needed to build a great institution which gives to friendless girls spiritual, mental, and industrial training. Whether he will put it into the hearts of fifty thousand of his children to be coworkers with him or that the crown shall adorn a single brow we cannot tell. We only know that in his own way and time the victory shall come, and this mother institution shall become a blessing to humanity and a glory to the Church.

MRS. W. H. JOHNSON, *Financial Agent.*

It is with delight that I tell of our work of faith and labor of love, which has been wonderfully blessed both spiritually and temporally, giving us great desire to enlarge our work that we may shelter all within our reach from the cruel snares of the evil one.

That it took the world two thousand years to understand the precepts and example of the Master seems now incredible, as with our experience we see new possibilities and grand results. We have had in the Home one hundred and twenty-five inmates. A large majority of the girls are under twenty, and many are orphans. These young girls, broken and ruined, meet Jesus and are transformed. Day by day we can almost see them grow like flowers transplanted in rich and fertile soil. Look into their sad young faces, bright with hope! Are you sorry that the Church provided salvation for them, the only class ignored by the State?

The day begins with the rising bell at 5:30 A.M. The Home is put in perfect order; cooking, laundry work, gardening, and sewing consumes the morning. The school bell rings at two o'clock. The afternoon is given to study and sewing. From seven to eight Miss Armstrong reads and discusses some good book. "Pilgrim's Progress" was an inspiration to all. The "Life of George Müller" is now the absorbing theme. Devotional and song service close the evening. Sunday school is from eleven to twelve o'clock, in charge of Miss Mathews. At three o'clock we have preaching by our pastor, Rev. E. A. Spragins, or some city or visiting pastor. Tuesday afternoon the Home Mission Society meets to have services, led generally by the Vice President, Mrs. Max Hahn. One of the most encouraging features of the work are the good reports we hear of the girls who have gone out to service, and the love

they express for the Home. One of the greatest blessings to the Home is the going in and out of the "spirit-filled" life of Mrs. W. H. Johnson, who is spending and being spent for our welfare, and my beloved co-worker, Miss Louise Mathews, in her untiring zeal is a great benediction to the Home. With such assistants we can understand why our efforts are crowned with success.

MARY MOORE.

The Treasurer of the Current Expense Fund gives the following:

Received from General Treasurer.....	\$ 534 36
Received from General Treasurer on monthly pledge	350 00
Received from auxiliaries, and sent to Treasurer of the Home	187 90
Received donations.....	315 70
Received by Financial Agent on Building Fund...	500 60
Received from market.....	82 25
Received from various sources.....	249 37

Total received.....\$2,220 18

Total expended.....2,212 39

Balance\$ 7 79

MRS. W. C. YOUNG, Treasurer.

San Antonio, Tex.—In this Rescue Home Providence has put into our hands a very fine chance for a practical application of our Christianity, and has given us a good start. That is a valuable piece of property, and is becoming more so from its situation. It is built on corner lots just in front of one of those plazas for which San Antonio is noted. The city is now making this plaza even more beautiful, and is building the city market and convention hall only one block away. This property (worth on a minimum valuation \$12,000), as you know, was given to us with an indebtedness of \$6,000. The good men and women hitherto in charge of this work, besides keeping the running expenses paid up, interest and insurance met, had reduced the debt down to \$5,250 when I took charge last fall. Since then we have collected about \$1,200 in cash and some \$300 or more in subscriptions. Besides the indebtedness, the Home is sadly in need of some repair. Despite our Twentieth Century Movement we hope to raise the necessary funds this year.

As one of the committee of management I have been present at every monthly meeting since last Conference. The internal working of the Home is splendid. Mrs. C. C. Thompson (I am sorry to say no kin to me), a woman of culture, sympathy, and business sense, is Superintendent. She is trying more and more to introduce into the Home an industrial department, a thing which is not very easy to do when you consider the ever-changing workers. Mrs. Volino, true to her conversion and her heart wholly in the work, is the matron.

NATH THOMPSON, Financial Agent.

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,		

LIFE MEMBERS.

1895-96.

The names of two life members were reported as follows:

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

1896-97.

During the fiscal year there were nine life members reported, which were as follows:

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, Mrs. John Joseph Baulch.

Tennessee Conference.—Mrs. J. H. Dodd, Mrs. J. C. Morris, Mrs. Bettie McF. Yarbrough, Mrs. W. H. Cotton.

1897-98.

The following were made life members during the year:

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. Lipscomb.

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.

The names of the following are reported as having been made life members during the fiscal year that has just closed:

Baltimore Conference.—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. P. 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, 33. Life members are represented in nineteen Conferences. The Tennessee Conference is the banner Conference.

1899-1900.

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

East Texas Conference.—Mrs. M. Haggar.

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.

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

Mississippi Conference.—Mrs. Rebecca Parker Gay.

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.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

1899-1900.

Conference.	Donor.	School.
Alabama,	Court Street Auxiliary, Montgomery,	One, Key West.
East Texas,	Mrs. C. E. Sanford,	One, Cuban.
Holston,	Conference Society,	One, Key West.
Louisiana,	Carondelet Street Auxiliary,	One, Key West.
Memphis,	Mrs. J. S. Swayne,	One, Cuban.
Mississippi,	Mrs. T. B. Holloman,	Three Scholarships.
Missouri,	Conference Society,	One, London.
North Alabama,	Conference Society,	Two, Key West.
North Georgia,	Mrs. R. H. Brown,	Three Scholarships.
North Mississippi,	Mrs. Walter Trotter,	Three Scholarships.
St. Louis,	Mrs. F. O. Ban'ch,	One Scholarship.
West Texas,	Mrs. H. C. King,	One, London.
Western Virginia,	Mrs. Mordecai Williams,	One, Cuban.
White River,	Mrs. S. L. Wyse,	One, Cuban.

DISTRICT SECRETARIES.

Directory of District Secretaries, giving name, address, and district served, 1900-1901.

Baltimore Conference.

District.	Name.	Address.
East Baltimore,	Mrs. J. B. Perrie,	Westwood, Md.
Washington,	Miss Bessie L. Crymes,	Alexandria, Va.
Winchester,	Mrs. C. W. Taylor,	Charlestown, W. Va.
Rockingham,	Mrs. Thomas Cooper,	Keezletown, Va.
Roanoke,	Miss Lulu Comer,	Roanoke, Va.
Lewisburg,	Miss Nellie Peck,	Covington, Va.
Moorefield,	Miss Margaret Ball,	Romney, W. Va.

District.	Name.	Address.
<i>Columbia Conference.</i>		
Willamette, Roseburg, Coquille,	Mrs. A. J. Zumwalt, Mrs. J. T. Cotton, Mrs. Annie Laurence,	Irving, Oregon. Roseburg, Oregon. Coquille City, Oregon.
<i>East Texas Conference.</i>		
Marshall, Pittsburg, Tyler, Palestine, San Augustine, Beaumont,	Mrs. S. E. Kirby, Mrs. J. W. Downs, Mrs. D. L. Sanders, Mrs. V. A. Godbey, Mrs. A. F. Bryan, Mrs. Alice Adams,	Longview, Tex. Pittsburg, Tex. Edom, Tex. Palestine, Tex. Timpson, Tex. Jasper, Tex.
<i>Florida Conference.</i>		
Fernandino, Tallahassee, Live Oak, Jacksonville, Gainesville, Orlando, Tampa, West Tampa,	Mrs. W. A. Mahoney, Mrs. M. M. McIntosh, Mrs. A. L. Woodward, Mrs. W. A. Mahoney, Miss Byrd Waterman, Mrs. Joseph Mizell, Mrs. C. E. Harrison, Miss Narcissa Marvin,	Fernandino, Fla. Waldo, Fla. Live Oak, Fla. Fernandino, Fla. Citra, Fla. Arcadia, Fla. Tampa, Fla. Key West, Fla.
<i>Holston Conference.</i>		
Radford, Wytheville, Abingdon, Big Stone Gap, Morristown, Knoxville, Cleveland, Chattanooga, Spring City,	Mrs. F. U. Lyons, Miss-Bannie Hull, Mrs. I. Lewis Clark, Mrs. H. A. W. Skeen, Mrs. J. R. Helms, Mrs. E. R. Haun, Mrs. J. E. Johnston, Miss Sara Atlee, Miss Annie Spencer,	Dublin, Va. Marion, Va. Abingdon, Va. Big Stone Gap, Va. Morristown, Tenn. Knoxville, Tenn. Cleveland, Tenn. Chattanooga, Tenn. Pikeville, Tenn.
<i>Indian Mission Conference.</i>		
Ardmore, Wynne Wood, Cherokee, Oklahoma, Okmulgee, Canadian, McAlister, Duncan,	Mrs. M. E. Kearney, Mrs. T. P. Rollow, Mrs. Walter Thompson, Miss Lizzie Ray, Mrs. H. D. Kinseley, Mrs. B. W. Bonnell, Mrs. N. B. Ainsworth, Mr. L. L. Thurston,	Ardmore, Ind. T. Wynne Wood, Ind. T. Tahlequah, Ind. T. Perry, Okla. T. Checotah, Ind. T. Muskogee, Ind. T. McAlister, Ind. T. Duncan, Ind. T.
<i>Kentucky Conference.</i>		
Lexington, Covington, Shelbyville, Maysville, Danville, London,	Mrs. M. H. Edwards. Miss Lula Jones, Miss Kate Petry, Miss Maud Daeres, Mrs. N. T. Hogg, Mrs. G. C. Lewis,	Versailles, Ky. Walton, Ky. Shelbyville, Ky. Carlisle, Ky. Richmond, Ky. London, Ky.
<i>Little Rock Conference.</i>		
Little Rock, Pine Bluff, Monticello, Camden, Preseott, Arkadelphia,	Mrs. J. M. Workman, Mrs. W. H. Davis, Mrs. J. E. Erwin, Miss Lizzie Stinson, Mrs. L. J. Gillespie, Mrs. D. Gillman,	Little Rock, Ark. Altheimer, Ark. Monticello, Ark. Camden, Ark. Hope, Ark. Arkadelphia, Ark.

Los Angeles Conference.

District.	Name.	Address.
Los Angeles,	Mrs. H. M. McKnight,	Los Angeles, Cal.
Arizona,	Mrs. J. M. Weems,	Phoenix, Ariz.

Louisiana Conference.

New Orleans,	Mrs. R. H. Wynn,	New Orleans, La.
Baton Rouge,	Miss C. V. Schwing,	Jackson, La.
Opelousas,	Mrs. E. R. Kennedy,	La Fayette, La.
Alexandria,	Mrs. J. D. Harper,	Alexandria, La.
Shreveport,	Mrs. J. T. Sawyer,	Shreveport, La.
Arcadia,	Mrs. F. E. Pitts,	Arcadia, La.
Delhi,	Mrs. M. E. Carr,	Oak Ridge, La.

Louisville Conference.

Louisville,	Miss Della Downing,	Louisville, Ky.
Lebanon,	Mrs. E. N. Hundley,	Lebanon, Ky.
Russellville,	Mrs. Walter Harned,	Hopkinsville, Ky.
Henderson,	Mrs. A. J. Chapman,	Morganfield, Ky.
Bowling Green,	Mrs. S. T. Breeding,	Bowling Green, Ky.
Princeton,	Mrs. S. L. C. Coward,	Princeton, Ky.
Elizabethtown,	Mrs. James Slaughter,	Nolin, Ky.
Owensboro,	Mrs. N. B. Cook,	Owensboro, Ky.
Columbia,	Mrs. M. L. C. Chism,	Tompkinsville, Ky.

Memphis Conference.

Memphis,	Miss Mattie Hancock,	La Grange, Tenn.
Jackson,	Mrs. R. F. Phillips,	Jackson, Tenn.
Dyersburg,	Mrs. J. B. Howell,	Dyersburg, Tenn.
Union City,	Mrs. E. S. Faireloth,	Union City, Tenn.
Paducah,	Mrs. V. D. Humphreys,	Arlington, Ky.
Paris,	Mrs. E. H. Ayers,	Dresden, Tenn.
Lexington,	Mrs. G. W. Banks,	Lexington, Tenn.

Mississippi Conference.

Seashore,	Mrs. L. B. Turner,	Bay St. Louis, Miss.
Vicksburg,	Mrs. E. D. Jones,	Carlisle, Miss.
Meridian,	Mrs. K. Kennedy,	Lauderdale, Miss.

Missouri Conference.

Plattsburg,	Mrs. A. V. Griffith,	Lawson, Mo.
Fayette,	Mrs. J. D. Bowling,	Columbia, Mo.
Chillicothe,	Mrs. Anna Matthews,	Chillicothe, Mo.
St. Joseph,	Mrs. C. W. Davis,	Barnard, Mo.
Hannibal,	Mrs. Shetler,	New London, Mo.
Macon,	Mrs. J. C. Ewing,	Clarence, Mo.
St. Charles,	Miss I. E. Hardwick,	Frankford, Mo.
Mexico,	Mrs. S. G. Brown,	Mexico, Mo.

Montana Conference.

Helena,	Miss Margaret Knowlton,	Butte, Mont.
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New Mexico Conference.

El Paso,	Mrs. M. B. Cobean,	Roswell, N. Mex.
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North Alabama Conference.

Birmingham,	Mrs. H. W. Myers,	Birmingham, Ala.
Decatur,	Mrs. N. E. Robinson,	Decatur, Ala.
Florence,	Mrs. F. R. King,	Leighton, Ala.
Gadsden,	Mrs. J. G. Robertson,	Gadsden, Ala.
Guntersville,	Mrs. M. M. Barron,	Guntersville, Ala.

District.	Name.	Address.
Huntsville, Jasper, La Fayette, Talladega, Tuscaloosa,	Mrs. W. J. Reid, Mrs. Z. A. Dowling, Mrs. G. L. Jenkins, Mrs. V. C. Hawkins, Mrs. J. H. J. Brock,	New Market, Ala. Jasper, Ala. Roanoke, Ala. Talladega, Ala. Woodstock, Ala.
<i>North Carolina Conference.</i>		
Raleigh, Durham, Fayetteville, Rockingham, Wilmington, Bew Berne, Washington, Warrenton, Elizabeth City,	Miss Mary Gibson, Mrs. Thomas Sneed, Mrs. M. J. Simpson, Mrs. J. H. Terry, Mrs. A. C. Craft, Mrs. A. R. Miller, Mrs. T. Simmons, Miss Annie Pearce, Mrs. R. C. Beaman,	Raleigh, N. C. Durham, N. C. Fayetteville, N. C. Rockingham, N. C. —, N. C. Kingston, N. C. Washington, N. C. Weldon, N. C. —, N. C.
<i>North Georgia Conference.</i>		
Athens, North Atlanta, Augusta, South Atlanta, Carrollton, Dahlonega, Dalton, Elberton, La Grange, Oxford, Gainesville, Griffin, Rome,	Mrs. W. B. Hill, Mrs. R. P. Milam, Mrs. L. S. Arrington, Mrs. A. Richardson, Mrs. E. G. Kirkley, Mrs. W. H. Skippen, Mrs. C. L. Deardorff, Mrs. C. E. Mason, Mrs. H. R. Harris, Mrs. J. F. Bonnell, Mrs. Homer Wright, Miss Corinne Elder, Mrs. D. B. Freeman,	Athens, Ga. Atlanta, Ga. Augusta, Ga. College Park, Ga. Carrollton, Ga. Ellijay, Ga. Dalton, Ga. Toccoa, Ga. Odessadale, Ga. Oxford, Ga. Buford, Ga. Barnesville, Ga. Cartersville, Ga.
<i>North Mississippi Conference.</i>		
Sardis, Grenada, Winona, Durant, Columbus, Aberdeen, Corinth, Holly Springs, Greenville,	Miss Julia Jones, Mrs. M. S. Collier, Mrs. E. F. Buckley, Mrs. Irene Thomas, Mrs. J. N. McMorries, Mrs. T. J. Dukeminer, Mrs. G. W. Bynum, Miss L. F. Mathews, Mrs. S. M. Shankle,	Arkabutla, Miss. Oxford, Miss. Carrollton, Miss. Maben, Miss. Brooksville, Miss. Strongs, Miss. Corinth, Miss. Holly Springs, Miss. Hollandale, Miss.
<i>North Texas Conference.</i>		
Dallas, Terrell, Greenville, Sulphur Springs, Paris, Bonham, Sherman, Gainesville, Bowie,	Mrs. W. M. Crow, Miss Lulu Bell, Mrs. E. W. Harris, Mrs. R. B. Vaughn, Mrs. G. W. Bedford, Mrs. J. M. Terry, Mrs. F. P. Varley, Mrs. B. J. Apperson, Mrs. H. H. Halsell,	Oak Cliff, Tex. Kaufman, Tex. Greenville, Tex. Sulphur Springs, Tex. Paris, Tex. Bonham, Tex. Collinsville, Tex. Gainesville, Tex. Decatur, Tex.
<i>Northwest Texas Conference.</i>		
Georgetown, Abilene, Dublin, Fort Worth, Waco,	Mrs. G. S. Wyatt, Miss Lou Hazzard, Mrs. J. C. George, Mrs. W. H. Purcell, Mrs. J. T. Carpenter,	Temple, Tex. Colorado, Tex. Stephenville, Tex. Cleburne, Tex. Waco, Tex.

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District.	Name.	Address.
Clarendon,	Mrs. G. S. Hardy,	Clarendon, Tex.
Waxahachie,	Miss Elsie Bennett,	Hillsboro, Tex.
Gatesville,	Mrs. S. E. Perry,	Hamilton, Tex.
Corsicana,	Mrs. M. Y. Beeson,	Mexia, Tex.
Vernon,	Mrs. J. M. Houssels,	Vernon, Tex.
Brownwood,	Mrs. W. Spangenburg,	Brownwood, Tex.
Weatherford,	Mrs. J. B. Price,	Weatherford, Tex.

Pacific Conference.

San Francisco,	Miss Mary Oppenheim,	San Francisco, Cal.
Colusa,	Mrs. J. W. Ray,	Yuba City, Cal.
San Joaquin,	Mrs. J. S. Taylor,	Selma, Cal.

South Carolina Conference.

Spartanburg,	Miss Carrie V. Duncan,	Spartanburg, S. C.
Rock Hill,	Mrs. M. V. Patterson,	Chester, S. C.
Marion,	Miss Ella Livingston,	Bennettsville, S. C.
Orangeburg,	Mrs. W. A. Wright,	Barnwell, S. C.
Sumter,	Mrs. C. E. Stubbs,	Sumter, S. C.

South Georgia Conference.

Savannah,	Mrs. R. C. Neely,	Waynesboro, Ga.
North Macon,	Mrs. J. C. Hinton,	Vineville, Ga.
South Macon,	Mrs. M. C. Hook,	Perry, Ga.
Columbus,	Mrs. T. W. Gantier,	Columbus, Ga.
Americus,	Mrs. J. D. Laing,	—, Ga.
Thomasville,	Mrs. J. A. Johnson.	Albany, Ga.
McRae,	Mrs. J. Bishop, Jr.,	Eastman, Ga.
Waycross,	Mrs. J. L. Walker,	Waycross, Ga.
Valdosta,	Mrs. L. T. Creech,	Quitman, Ga.

Southwest Missouri Conference.

Kansas City,	Mrs. E. P. Ryland,	Kansas City, Mo.
Lexington,	Mrs. L. F. Clark,	Waverly, Mo.
Boonville,	Miss Birdie Brent,	Boonville, Mo.
Clinton,	Mrs. S. G. Welborn,	Lincoln, Mo.
Neosho,	Mrs. J. J. Wolfe,	Joplin, Mo.
Nevada,	Mrs. David Nixon,	Nevada, Mo.

St. Louis Conference.

St. Louis,	Mrs. H. B. Steele,	St. Louis, Mo.
Charleston,	Miss H. A. Tinsley,	Caruthersville, Mo.
Farmington,	Mrs. Z. T. McCaun,	Potosi, Mo.
Poplar Bluff,	Mrs. Copeland,	Poplar Bluff, Mo.
Washington,	Mrs. M. L. Ellet,	St. Clair, Mo.
West Plains,	Mrs. M. F. Jones,	West Plains, Mo.

Tennessee Conference.

East Nashville,	Mrs. J. A. Puryear,	Nashville, Tenn.
Murfreesboro,	Mrs. Kate C. Dahney,	Christiana, Tenn.
Columbia,	Mrs. A. P. McFerrin,	Columbia, Tenn.
Franklin,	Mrs. G. I. Mathews,	Franklin, Tenn.
Clarksville,	Mrs. T. B. Fisher,	Springfield, Tenn.
Dickson,	Mrs. Williams,	Dover, Tenn.

Texas Conference.

Houston,	Mrs. Belle Blandin,	Houston, Tex.
Austin,	Mrs. H. M. Whaling,	Austin, Tex.
Brenham,	Mrs. J. M. Crutchfield,	Lyons, Tex.
Calvert,	Miss E. N. Stokes,	Calvert, Tex.
Huntsville,	Mrs. S. S. Griffith,	Conroe, Tex.

District.	Name.	Address.
<i>Virginia Conference.</i>		
Richmond,	Miss Rebecca Hardwicke,	Richmond, Va.
West Richmond,	Mrs. R. E. Michaels,	Richmond, Va.
Rappahannock,	Miss Fannie Robinson,	Litwalton, Va.
Lynchburg,	Miss Elizabeth Morton,	Lynchburg, Va.
Farmville,	Mrs. J. H. Martin,	Farmville, Va.
Portsmouth,	Mrs. W. C. Vaden,	Portsmouth, Va.
Norfolk,	Mrs. M. C. Flaville,	Norfolk, Va.
<i>West Texas Conference.</i>		
San Marcos,	Mrs. T. W. Moore,	Seguin, Tex.
San Antonio,	Mrs. G. W. Collier,	San Antonio, Tex.
Cuero,	Miss Mabel Wallace,	Cuero, Tex.
Llano,	Mrs. L. M. Watkins,	Llano, Tex.
San Angelo,	Mrs. J. W. Hill,	San Angelo, Tex.
Beeville,	Mrs. W. O. Stephenson,	Floresville, Tex.
<i>Western Conference.</i>		
Atchison,	Mrs. A. G. Campbell,	Council Grove, Kans.
Council Grove,	Mrs. Annie Rively,	Kansas City, Kans.
<i>Western North Carolina Conference.</i>		
Charlotte,	Mrs. B. D. Heath,	Charlotte, N. C.
Franklin,	Mrs. W. L. Nicholson,	Bryson City, N. C.
Greensboro,	Mrs. J. R. Brooks,	Reidsville, N. C.
Statesville,	Mrs. A. V. Bennett,	Statesville, N. C.
<i>Western Virginia Conference.</i>		
Parkersburg,	Mrs. C. P. Fullerton,	Philippi, W. Va.
Fayette,	Mrs. H. B. McClure,	Hookersville, W. Va.
Charleston,	Mrs. G. W. Ayers,	Barboursville, W. Va.
Catlettsburg,	Mrs. G. F. Adams,	Catlettsburg, Ky.
Prestonsburg,	Miss Mollie Clark,	Eugene, W. Va.
<i>White River Conference.</i>		
Helena,	Mrs. R. R. James,	Cotton Plant, Ark.
Jonesboro,	Mrs. J. W. Crawford,	Paragould, Ark.
Searcy,	Mrs. J. T. Hardee,	Searcy, Ark.

NAMES ENROLLED ON PREACHERS' WIVES' LOAN FUND.

Baltimore Conference.—Mrs. J. C. Jones, Mrs. M. E. Rowzee, Rev. E. V. Register, Rev. W. H. D. Harper.

Columbia Conference.—Mrs. Miles Cary, Rev. J. D. Sibert.

East Texas Conference.—Mrs. G. R. Hughes, Mrs. D. F. C. Timmons, Mrs. J. S. Mathis, Mrs. R. J. Smith, Mrs. J. B. Turrentine.

Florida Conference.—Mrs. H. B. Someillan, Mrs. W. M. Poage.

Indian Mission Conference.—Mrs. Thomas Marcum, Mrs. A. J. Worley, Mrs. A. E. Bonnell.

Little Rock Conference.—Mrs. W. E. Thompson, Mrs. W. C. Watson, Mrs. J. M. Workman, Mrs. J. J. Bond, Mrs. A. O. Evans.

Los Angeles Conference.—Mrs. J. T. Thornton.

Louisville Conference.—Mrs. A. P. Lyon, Mrs. Felix R. Hill.

Mississippi Conference.—Mrs. J. M. Morse.

Missouri Conference.—Mrs. H. D. Thompson.

North Alabama Conference.—Mrs. J. A. J. Brock.

North Georgia Conference.—Mrs. T. E. Davenport, Mrs. W. T. Irvine.

North Mississippi Conference.—Mrs. L. Cunningham, Mrs. J. R. Countiss, Mrs. R. A. Tucker.

Northwest Texas Conference.—Mrs. James Campbell.

South Georgia Conference.—Mrs. W. C. Lovett, Mrs. T. D. Ellis, Mrs. J. M. Lovett.

St. Louis Conference.—Mrs. J. N. Hughes, Mrs. C. L. Smith, Mrs. O. T. Halliburton, Mrs. J. F. Robson.

Tennessee Conference.—Mrs. John Mathews.

Virginia Conference.—Mrs. J. W. Stiff, Mrs. R. A. Dodson.

White River Conference.—Mrs. F. A. Jeffett, Mrs. Frank Barrett.

NAMES ENROLLED ON ANGEL BAND LOAN FUND.

Louisville Conference.—Mrs. Ann Mills Otts, by daughter.

New Mexico Conference.—Baby, no name, Rev. B. C. Mathews.

North Georgia Conference.—Ethel Smith, by mother.

North Mississippi Conference.—Mrs. Fannie Featherstone.

North Texas Conference.—Mr. E. Dickinson.

Northwest Texas Conference.—No name sent.

South Georgia Conference.—Kathleen Taylor, Martha Taylor.

Tennessee Conference.—Mrs. Agnes Stratton Cain, by her husband.

Texas Conference.—No name sent.

NAMES ENROLLED ON EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND.

Alabama Conference.—Rev. M. H. Holt, Rev. A. J. Lamar.

Baltimore Conference.—Dr. B. W. Bond, Rev. J. C. Jones, Rev. R. M. Wheeler, Mrs. R. M. Wheeler, Rev. J. R. Andrew.

Columbia Conference.—Rev. R. A. Reagan, Rev. J. T. Cotton, Rev. E. L. Fitch, Rev. H. C. Allen, Rev. C. A. Hyatt.

Denver Conference.—Rev. E. E. Carrington.

East Texas Conference.—Rev. J. T. Smith, Mrs. Pronie Hopkins, Mrs. W. W. West, Rev. J. B. Turrentine, Rev. V. A. Godbey, Rev. J. W. Bridges, Rev. J. T. McClure, Rev. G. V. Ridley, Rev. L. M. Fowler, Rev. A. S. Whitehurst, Rev. C. F. Smith, Rev. W. P. Pledger, Rev. Ellis Smith.

Florida Conference.—Rev. J. T. Mitchell, Rev. D. A. Cole, Rev. M. De Lofen, Rev. E. A. Harrison, Rev. T. H. Sistrunk, Rev. J. B. Ley, Rev. J. Hilburn, Rev. W. M. Poage, Rev. F. E. Shipp, Rev. T. W. Tomkies, Rev. R. V. Atkisson, Rev. Thomas Griffith, Rev. E. I. Gates, Rev. J. H. Owen.

Holston Conference.—Rev. J. A. Duncan, Rev. David Sullins, Rev. James Mahoney, Rev. L. L. H. Carlock, Rev. R. A. Owen, Rev. J. S. French, Rev. J. F. Wampler, Rev. D. E. Houk, Rev. J. A. Baylor, Rev. J. A. Early.

Indian Mission Conference.—Rev. J. M. Gross.

Kentucky Conference.—Rev. W. T. Rowland, Rev. J. L. Clark, Rev. W. W. Spates, Rev. B. E. Lancaster, Rev. T. M. McIntyre, Rev. W. T. Ecklan, Miss M. Theobald, Rev. J. S. Sims, Rev. P. H. Hoffman, Rev. W. F. Taylor, Mrs. W. F. Taylor, Rev. J. R. Savage, Mr. J. H. Cooper, Mrs. W. T. Pointer, Rev. J. W. Hughes, Rev. E. C. Savage, Rev. J. J. Dickey, Rev. J. W. Jackson, Rev. George Jackson, Rev. F. E. Smith, Rev. S. McKay.

Little Rock Conference.—Rev. F. Carr, Rev. James A. Anderson, Rev. J. M. Workman, Rev. E. N. Watson, Rev. A. O. Evans, Rev. James Thomas, Rev. J. P. Lowrey, Rev. W. E. Thompson, Judge W. C. Ratcliffe, Rev. J. J. Bond, Rev. J. C. Brown, Rev. T. D. Scott, Rev. T. O. Owen, Rev. Andrew Hunter, Rev. A. W. McKay, Rev. R. R. Moore, Rev. M. B. Corrigan, Rev. J. R. Moore, Rev. G. C. Jones, Rev. H. H. Watson.

Los Angeles Conference.—Rev. H. W. Knickerbocker, Rev. J. M. Weems, Mrs. J. M. Weems, Mrs. A. D. Alsap, Mr. E. Irvine, Rev. M. B. Shabrough, Rev. M. N. Morris, Rev. W. T. Andrews, Rev. Z. N. Dowling, Rev. J. D. Simpson.

Louisiana Conference.—Rev. Daniel C. Barr, Rev. R. J. Harp, Rev. W. H. La Prade, Rev. E. N. Evans, Rev. J. L. Pierce, Rev. I. F. Reams, Rev. T. S. Randle, Rev. M. C. Manly, Rev. W. T. Bolling, Rev. W. Schuhle.

Louisville Conference.—Rev. A. P. Lyon, Rev. C. Y. Smith, Master G. E. Lyon, Rev. W. K. Piner, Rev. U. G. Foote, Rev. D. L. Collie, Mrs. D. L. Collie, Rev. G. B. Overton, Rev. R. W. Browder, Dr. Felix R. Hill, Mrs. A. A. Norris, Miss Sallie Green.

Memphis Conference.—Rev. S. J. Jewell, Rev. H. W. Brooks, Rev. W. C. Sellars, Mrs. J. W. N. Burkett, Rev. J. H. Roberts.

Mississippi Conference.—Rev. J. P. Drake, Rev. J. A. B. Jones, Rev. W. H. Lewis, Rev. J. M. Morse, Rev. L. S. Jones.

Missouri Conference.—Rev. E. C. McVoy, Rev. H. H. Johnson.

Montana Conference.—Rev. I. R. Hubbs.

North Alabama Conference.—Rev. G. W. Read, Rev. J. Williams, Rev. F. A. Gardener, Rev. J. R. Turner.

North Carolina Conference.—Rev. R. B. John, Rev. J. D. Bundy.

North Georgia Conference.—Rev. W. W. Brinsfield, Rev. P. A. Heard, Rev. S. R. Belk, Rev. B. P. Allen, Rev. H. M. Quillian, Rev. L. G. Johnson, Rev. S. R. England, Rev. J. H. Eakes, Rev. T. R. Kendall, Rev. J. W. Quillian, Rev. F. M. McCleskey, Rev. R. W. Bigham, Mrs. Hamristhe, Rev. W. G. Hanson, Rev. S. R. England, Mrs. J. H. Eakes, Mrs. J. L. Camp, Mrs. H. G. Smith, Mrs. J. H. Mashburn, Mrs. Georgia Allen, Mrs. L. G. Johnson, Mrs. Americus Williams, Dr. W. B. Stradley, Dr. W. P. Lovejoy, Rev. S. H. Washburn, Rev. W. R. Branham, Rev. A. C. Thomas, Mrs. A. C. Thomas.

North Mississippi Conference.—Rev. H. T. Cunningham, Rev. B. B. Sullivan, Rev. J. J. Brooks, Mrs. J. J. Brooks, Rev. J. M. Bradley, Rev. S. M. Thames, Rev. J. C. Park.

North Texas Conference.—Bishop J. S. Key, Rev. G. S. Sexton, Rev. D. J. Martin, Rev. J. J. Clark, Rev. L. P. Lively, Rev. I. W. Clark, Bishop C. B. Galloway, Mrs. E. W. Sims, Rev. N. B. Read, Rev. J. F. Alderson, Rev. S. A. Ashburn, Rev. J. W. Hill, Rev. J. F. Pearce, Rev. W. D. Mountcastle, Rev. R. S. Hyer, Mr. C. M. Harless, Rev. J. L. Morris, Rev. E. H. Casey, Mrs. M. S. Smith, Rev. M. H. Neely, Rev. W. F. Cummings, Rev. F. B. Carroll, Rev. L. P. Smith, Rev. I. S. Ashburn, Rev. W. M. P. Rippey, Rev. O. C. Fontaine, Rev. F. A. Rosser, Rev. C. B. Fladger, Rev. E. B. Thompson, Mr. Nick Sims, Rev. W. H. Stephenson, Miss Belle H. Bennett, Rev. R. G. Mood, Rev. C. M. Threadgill, Rev. J. A. Black, Rev. R. W. Thompson, Rev. L. S. Barton, Rev. W. H. Howell, Rev. G. C. Rankin, Rev. E. R. Edwards, Rev. J. J. Morgan, Rev. S. P. Ulrich, Rev. N. C. Young, Rev. W. P. Wilson, Rev. C. H. Govette.

Northwest Texas Conference.—Rev. Abe Mulkey, Rev. M. S. Hotchkiss, Rev. Sam. R. Hay, Mrs. Rosetta Talley, Mrs. J. R. Richardson.

South Carolina Conference.—Rev. A. J. Stokes, Rev. Henry Stokes, Rev. R. L. Holroyd, Rev. W. H. Hodges, Rev. M. B. Kelley, Rev. R. A. Child, Rev. Mark Carlisle, Dr. J. H. Carlisle.

South Georgia Conference.—Rev. J. C. Flanders, Rev. J. M. Lovett, Rev. Bascom S. Sennell, Rev. J. B. Johnstone, Rev. T. W. Ellis, Rev. E. F. Cook, Rev. H. P. Myers.

Southwest Missouri Conference.—Rev. J. S. Jenkins, Rev. J. F. Hogan, Rev. L. P. Norfleet, Rev. C. N. Scrivener, Rev. T. W. Alton, Dr. S. H. Werlein, Bishop E. R. Hendrix, Rev. E. P. Ryland, Rev. C. W. Scarritt, Rev. A. G. Dinwiddie, Rev. W. W. Lewis.

St. Louis Conference.—Rev. C. L. Smith, Rev. C. E. Patillo, Rev. J. H. Early, Rev. C. W. Webdell, Rev. M. T. Haw, Rev. J. R. Eddlemon, Rev. B. M. Messick, Rev. J. H. Young, Rev. T. E. Sharp, Rev. R. D. Smart, Rev. R. U. Scruggs, Rev. Z. T. McCann, Dr. L. F. Hall, Dr. J. W. Lee, Mrs. J. W. Lee, Rev. Josephus Stephan, Rev. J. F. Triplett.

Tennessee Conference.—Rev. J. B. Erwin, Rev. J. W. Smith, Rev. J. R. Stewart, Rev. John Mathews, Rev. E. B. Chappell, Rev. A. P. McFerrin, Rev. S. E. Wasson, Rev. J. W. Cherry.

Texas Conference.—Rev. James Kilgore.

Virginia Conference.—Rev. J. B. Merritt, Rev. L. T. Williams, Rev. J. T. Mastin, Rev. J. S. Lumpkin, Rev. T. N. Potts, Rev. J. W. Crider, Mrs. J. W. Spruill, Mrs. B. T. Buckover, Mrs. W. J. Young, Rev. W. R. Proctor, Prof. Leslie Watson.

West Texas Conference.—Rev. C. F. Annis, Rev. L. C. Mathis, Rev. B. C. Roach.

Western Conference.—Rev. W. H. Comer.

Western Virginia Conference.—Rev. Lyman H. Jackson, Rev. J. W. Hampton, Rev. H. Moore, Rev. S. G. Preston.

White River Conference.—Rev. R. A. Holloway, Rev. S. H. Babcock, Mrs. S. H. Babcock.

LIST OF PARSONAGE GRANTS

*Paid through the General Board of Church Extension, March 31, 1899, to
March 31, 1900.*

I. GRANTS MADE BY THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

CONFERENCE.	Charge or Location.	Donation.	Loan.
Arkansas.....	Berryville, Ark.....	\$ 50 00	
Columbia.....	Corvallis, Oregon.....	230 00	
Denver.....	Trinidad, Colo.....	150 00	
East Columbia.....	Troy Circuit, Idaho.....	80 00	
Florida.....	Ocala, Fla.....	250 00	\$ 250 00
	Alachua, Fla.....	40 00	
	Sebastian, Fla.....	40 00	
	Nowata, Ind. T.....	40 00	
	Coalgate, Ind. T.....	25 00	
	Durant, Ind. T.....	25 00	
Indian Mission.....	McLoud, Okla.....	60 00	
	Geary, Okla.....	60 00	
	Franklin, Okla.....	25 00	
	Washita, Okla. (District Parsonage).....	150 00	
	Miami, Ind. T.....	75 00	
Louisiana.....	Paul's Valley, Ind. T.....	120 00	
	Many, La.....	75 00	
Memphis.....	Memphis, Tenn. (District Parsonage).....		2,500 00
	Union City, Tenn. (Cayce Circuit).....		550 00
Mississippi.....	Bay St. Louis, Miss.....	50 00	
	Natchez, Miss.....	60 00	100 00
Montana.....	Big Timber, Mont.....	85 00	
North Alabama.....	East Lake, Ala.....	40 00	
North Texas.....	Dallas, Tex. (Ervey Street).....	125 00	100 00
Pacific.....	Red Bluff, Cal.....	120 00	
St. Louis.....	Doniphan, Mo.....		160 00
Texas.....	Galveston, Tex. (St. John's).....		1,000 00
West Texas.....	Bexar, Tex.....	60 00	150 00
28 parsonages aided.....		\$2,035 00	\$4,810 00

II. GRANTS BY CONFERENCE HOME MISSION SOCIETIES.

SOCIETY.	Charge or Location.	Donation.
Baltimore.....	Lexington, Va.....	\$ 25 00
East Texas.....	Grapeland, Tex.....	50 00
	Andersonville, Tenn.....	50 00
Holston.....	Wise, Va.....	50 00
	Durant, Ind. T.....	35 00
	McLoud, Ind. T.....	40 00
	Miami, Ind. T.....	40 00
	Sapulpa, Ind. T.....	40 00
Kentucky.....	Tishomingo, Ind. T.....	25 00
	Jackson, Ky.....	100 00
Los Angeles.....	Los Angeles, Cal. (Bellvue Avenue).....	45 00
Louisiana*.....	White Castle, La.....	100 00
Louisville.....	Louisville, Ky. (West Broadway).....	100 00
Mississippi.....	Pachuta, Miss.....	50 00
North Carolina.....	Grimesland, N. C.....	25 00
North Mississippi.....	Brown's Creek, Miss.....	50 00
North Texas.....	Bridgeport, Tex.....	200 00
	Chillicothe, Tex.....	50 00
	Indian Creek, Tex.....	75 00
Northwest Texas.....	Canyon City, Tex.....	75 00
	Burnet, Tex.....	100 00
	Rockville, Cal.....	48 00
Pacific.....	Clovis, Cal.....	50 00
	Marquand, Mo.....	50 00
St. Louis.....	East Prairie, Mo.....	50 00
Southwest Missouri.....	Otterville, Mo.....	50 00
Tennessee.....	Pelham, Tenn.....	75 00
Virginia.....	Drake's Branch, Va.....	50 00
White River.....	Lake City Circuit.....	50 00
27 parsonages aided.....		\$1,648 00

Respectfully submitted.

P. H. WHISNER,

Corresponding Secretary, Board of Church Extension.

* Pine Grove, Many, and Olla were aided by the Louisiana Conference Society to the amount of \$65, but as this money was not paid through the Secretary of the Board of Church Extension it could not be included in the table.

Number of Pastoral Charges and Number and Value of Parsonages (Exclusive of District Parsonages) in the Several Annual Conferences.

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EAST OF MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

CONFERENCE.	Number of Charges.	Number of Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.
Alabama.....	146	115	\$ 131,553
Baltimore.....	160	140	213,325
Florida.....	118	94	76,540
Holston.....	166	114	169,235
Illinois.....	52	39	24,215
Kentucky.....	111	73	110,225
Louisville.....	148	122	153,875
Memphis.....	159	128	156,213
Mississippi.....	120	109	105,675
North Alabama.....	189	146	137,710
North Carolina.....	157	128	153,925
North Georgia.....	233	171	215,850
North Mississippi.....	143	117	102,033
South Carolina.....	211	167	236,140
South Georgia.....	178	128	148,335
Tennessee.....	188	135	133,900
Virginia.....	227	148	205,279
Western North Carolina.....	180	127	143,032
Western Virginia.....	99	57	55,010
Total east of Mississippi River.....	2,985	2,258	\$2,670,070

WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI.

Arkansas.....	97	84	\$ 37,625
Columbia.....	22	18	12,400
Denver.....	16	12	13,400
East Columbia.....	24	15	9,700
East Texas.....	94	90	64,810
German Mission.....	16	16	12,000
Indian Mission.....	155	103	44,950
Little Rock.....	113	87	64,617
Los Angeles.....	28	27	30,510
Louisiana.....	118	93	79,673
Missouri.....	163	131	140,083
Montana.....	13	12	17,600
New Mexico.....	17	15	12,220
North Texas.....	151	130	130,275
Northwest Texas.....	211	195	167,676
Pacific.....	86	56	48,440
Southwest Missouri.....	130	98½	103,700
St. Louis.....	110	75	74,265
Texas.....	92	78	77,056
West Texas.....	86	71	58,634
Western.....	24	22	19,100
White River.....	98	65	37,092
Total west of Mississippi River.....	1,864	1,493½	\$1,255,826

WHOLLY OR PARTLY IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

Brazil Mission.....	22	4	\$ 12,500
Central Mexico Mission.....	30	19	70,268
China Mission.....	15	21	27,060
Japan Mission.....	14	7	6,107
Mexican Border Mission.....	23	6	1,810
Northwest Mexican Mission.....	13	6	8,375
Total.....	117	63	\$ 126,120

SUMMARY.

East of Mississippi River.....	2,985	2,258	\$2,670,070
West of Mississippi River.....	1,864	1,493½	1,255,826
In the missions.....	117	63	126,120
Grand total.....	4,966	3,814½	\$4,052,016

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1900.

CONFERENCE.	Amount Remitted of Adult Membership Dues.	Amount Remitted of Young People's and Juvenile Membership Dues.	Total Amount Remitted of Membership Dues.	Gain in Membership Dues During Year.	Loss in Membership Dues.	Amount Remitted of Life-Membership Dues.	Names of Life Members.	Amount Remitted of Baby Members.	Amount Remitted for Con-secrational Enterprises.	Amount Remitted for Special Donations Not In-cluded in the Above.	Amount Remitted from Week of Prayer.	Gain over Last Year.	Loss over Last Year.	Remitted for Preacher's Wives Loan Fund.	Names of Patrons Made During the Year.	Aux. Made Their Fr. Wife a Patron of the L. F.	Amount Remitted for An-gel Band Loan Fund.	Remitted for Hon. L. M.	Names of Honorary L. M.	Rem. for Hon. L. Patrons.	Names of Life Patrons.	Amount Remitted from Adult Mite Boxes.	Amount Remitted from Baby Mite Boxes.
Alabama.....	470 23	34 52	504 75	\$118 36		\$ 75 00		\$ 18 25	6 45	\$ 110 61		\$ 2 63		\$ 20 00							\$ 12 00	\$ 39 03	
Arkansas.....	181 43	65 80	247 23	80 24		21 30		1 45	21 30	25 25	24 07			10 00							6 76	1 19	
Baltimore.....	137 20	2 55	139 75							22 00	5 00										4 70	50	
Denver.....	415 50	13 31	428 81	\$41 56		25 00		17 7	31 55	379 65	32 70	4 05		25 00							19 59	11 70	
East Texas.....	539 86	69 72	609 58			25 00		4 30	226 21	96 21	96 21			10 00							1 92	10 87	
Florida.....	637 79	56 16	693 95	26 49		25 00		51 50	15 00	38 96	103 27	29 11									11 36	16 04	
German Mission.....	487 18	16 76	503 94			75 00		2 75	5 00	46 15	22 90	\$ 1 00		15 00									
Illinois.....	505 02							10 10	126 86	184 90	30 07			25 00								9 41	2 97
Indian Mission.....	208 11							7 72	67 00	67 00	24 33			5 00								4 51	9 27
Kentucky.....	352 91	28 11	381 02	42 90		50 00		7 25	186 00	39 08	30 05	30 05									1 19	1 57	
Los Angeles.....	487 60	115 60	603 20	24 80		25 00		12 78	25 00	24 50	19 71			10 00							6 76	28 31	
Louisville.....	230 50	13 65	244 15			25 00		4 25	64 30	80	51 74			6 00								28 10	3 42
Memphis.....	339 53	11 65	350 18	19 20		25 00		8 13	63 72	418 83	26 41	2 96		5 00							7 50	7 14	
Missouri.....	121 15			9 06				2 50	142 75		9 70										1 10	23	
Montana.....	376 06	7 97	384 03			25 00		13 00	161 25		19 45			15 00								30	10 31
North Alabama.....	179 65	5 30	184 95			150 00		8 25	69 29	540 80	91 21	73 89									20 71	32 00	
North Carolina.....	447 06	7 65	454 71			25 00		12 00	197 78	1 35	69 14			15 00							6 56	4 79	
North Georgia.....	425 71	18 05	443 76					4 00	30 72	139 30	46 69			5 00							2 95	8 50	
North Mississippi.....	114 88	5 75	120 63	18 08				4 00	95 00	680 16	46 87	7 73		5 00									
North Texas.....	323 80							2 00	46 75	122 50	23 24												
Northwest Texas.....	125 08	1 45	126 53			25 00		19 45	23 65	161 03	47 13			20 22							3 89	11 76	
Pacific.....	540 49	10 15	550 64					4 00	67 00	357 40	52 25	20 51		1 05							10 74	5 49	
South Carolina.....	625 16	10 65	635 81	116 55		150 00		12 75	88 50	245 88	31 29			20 00							27 34	8 58	
Southwest Missouri.....	816 01	13 55	829 56	58 10		75 00		15 75	761 55	961 00	28 20			5 00							7 36	29 46	
St. Louis.....	300 56	75	375 56	59 36				3 50	37 35	43 86	43 86	15 06		10 00									
Tennessee.....	521 63	92 15	613 78			75 00		9 75	160 61	8 11	12 80										5 53	1 80	
Texas.....	297 51	3 60	301 11						298 25														
Virginia.....	120 00	2 41	122 41					1 03			15 00			10 00									
Western.....																							
W. North Carolina.....																							
Western Virginia.....																							
White River.....																							
Total.....	\$12 619 26	\$540 31	\$13 159 57	\$631 36	\$84 46	\$661 00		\$277 11	\$2,077 93	\$5,100 37	\$1,002 76	\$100 64	\$85 84	\$341 27		12	\$155	\$84 75			\$290 95	\$57 71	

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CONFERENCE.	Value of Supplies Sent Out and Reported to Superintendent of Supply Department.	Scholarships.	Amount Remitted from	Amount of Forgiveness Granted.	Number of Parsonages Re-Ported.	Total Value of Parsonages Reported.	Amount Expended on Station Expenses During the Year.	Amount Expended on District Parsonages During the Year.	Amount Expended on Circuit Parsonages During the Year.	Total Number of Parsonages Aided by Auxiliaries.	Amount of Parsonages Helped Out of Conference Fund.	Total Amount Expended on Local Church Work, such as Furnishing Churches, etc.	Total Amount of Money Expended on Local Mission Work.	Value of Supplies Given Locally.	Total Amount Raised for Salary of City Missionary.	Total Amount Raised and Expended for Resurrection Work.	Total Amount Raised and Expended for Mission Work.	Total Amount Raised and Expended for Relief of Needy.	Report Here Any and All Special Work Not Included in Above Questions.
Alabama.....																			
Arkansas.....																			
Baltimore.....	\$ 149 00		\$ 107 76	20	\$ 3,570 00	\$ 922 45	\$ 5 10	\$ 284 25	\$ 125 00	3	\$ 39 13	\$ 736 79	\$ 48 40	\$ 42 48				\$ 183 50	
California.....	20 00		18 24			218 84		74 00				84 30	4 60	49 90				70 50	
Denver.....						129 96						409 41							
East Columbia.....			69 05	32	30,700	787 03	40 00	309 28	1 30 00	1	30 00	1,104 40	183 25	82 30					\$ 20 00
East Texas.....			22 78			600 10	18 95					838 47	106 35	87 10					59 60
Florida.....			85 11			139 41	8 79				225 00	1,382 17	94 25	311 79				40 31	
German Mission.....	78 55	4 30																	
Holston.....			8 25	20	2,000	1,232 50	145 00	52 00		12		973 00	474 98	178 50				60 00	
Indian Mission.....																			
Kentucky.....			51 69			925 00	320 61	263 08			130 00	1,663 81	252 40	363 65					
Little Rock.....			5 85	6	7 0 0	18 75					97 29	348 09	21 45	59 00				17 50	5 0
Los Angeles.....			25 20			213 95	58 10				176 04	493 06	257 05	111 75				63 25	110 00
Louisiana.....	266 01		27 80	8	41,500	221 30	60 00				100 00	372 26	90 35	101 70					
Louisville.....																			
Memphis.....	125 20	49 10	16 25	19	20,700	125 58	75 00			8	77 83	388 60	136 79	94 11				85 00	26 10
Mississippi.....	40 00	25 00	13 80	18	21,700	282 69	16 00			6	100 00	482 01	67 30	10 00					
Missouri.....																			
Montana.....																			
New Mexico.....					6,900	425 76	99 45			6		1,573 01	17 75	133 10				71 75	
North Alabama.....	179 67	39 96	21	40,285	1,629 76	16 20	34 85				75 00	2,974 38	18 70	237 85				20 20	3 68
North Carolina.....			32 62		33,950	61 25	3 25			6	307 00	617 03	636 01	485 29				27 80	551 87
North Georgia.....	406 54	19 75				3,481 30	20 65	24 48			125 10								
North Mississippi.....	170 00	55 8																	
North Texas.....	156 70		71 79	67	71,200	1,888 70	56 75	336 95	50	500 00	500 00	1,577 10	209 20	194 45				219 63	
Northwest Texas.....			53		51,000	407 35	19 35			1		1,111 65		168 50				47 00	
Pacific.....			6 55																
South Carolina.....			5 00		10,500	126 66	65 00	10 00				1,233 61	14 00	80 75				30 75	
South Georgia.....	113 00		51 66	19	28,515	418 28		642 50	112 62	8	350 00	928 30	288 39	90 15				176 45	
Southwest Missouri.....	914 49	35 22	192 22	24	32,575	235 03		1,006 28	75 00		1,264 25	44 00	10 10	293 20				101 35	223 38
St. Louis.....	476 77					65 06	4 50				82 00	1,458 10	676 83	218 75				59 46	
Tennessee.....			11 20	12	17,150	110 73		31 40			75 00	1,531 23	44 05	10 00				252 06	
Texas.....			41 78			178 10					110 00	639 01	269 49	107 49				594 70	
West Texas.....	172 00	5 00	7 50			436 16				13	100 00	667 82	176 75	103 65				73 50	
Western.....																			
W. North Carolina.....																			
Western Virginia.....																			
White River.....	139 04	26 15										562 00	48 75					136 55	
Total.....	\$3,436 97	\$72 28	\$929 96	325	\$180,775	\$15,392 90	\$822 55	\$5,271 52	\$2,969 91	122	\$2,190 24	\$4,103 70	\$1,369 54	\$3,463 68	\$27 81	\$271 36	\$237 81	\$2,833 70	\$544 79

GENERAL TREASURER'S REPORT.

FOR 1899-1900.

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

DISBURSEMENTS.

Check 1, Miss Elizabeth Redford, traveling expenses and salary, from middle of February to middle of March.....	\$ 59 25
Check 2, Mrs. M. V. Chance, for Macon Door of Hope	42 43
Check 3, Mrs. H. W. Lowe, Parsonage Aid and Conference expenses.....	211 42
Check 4, Mrs. F. O. Baulch, for Niedringhaus Mission	17 75
Check 5, Mrs. F. O. Baulch, for Niedringhaus Mission	16 00
Check 6, Mrs. C. Jackson, for Kansas City missions	63 00
Check 7, Miss Bruce, for Key West Building Fund.....	500 00
Check 8, Bishop Candler, traveling expenses to Board meeting at Dallas.....	30 00
Check 9, Rev. C. R. Lamar, traveling expenses to and from Dallas	10 00
Check 10, Mrs. A. M. Lambdin, for Atlanta missions.....	43 63
Check 11, Mrs. W. H. Bumpas, for Nashville missions.....	100 00
Check 12, Miss Mary Helm, traveling expenses to Dallas, and return.....	16 40
Check 13, Mrs. L. H. Hammond, traveling expenses to Dallas, and return.....	39 15
Check 14, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, traveling expenses to Dallas, and return.....	41 65
Check 15, Mr. R. K. Hargrove, traveling expenses to Dallas, and return.....	38 75
Check 16, Miss Emily M. Allen, for work in Memphis and Louisville Conferences.	60 12
Check 17, Miss Emily M. Allen, for traveling expenses and organizing in Memphis Conference, paid by that Conference.....	38 97
Check 18, Mrs. C. Jackson, for Kansas City missions.....	63 00
Check 19, Mrs. F. O. Baulch, for Niedringhaus Mission.....	14 80
Check 20, Dr. P. H. Whisner, balance of Loan Funds, 1898-99.....	439 38
Check 21, Prof. J. C. Lewis, for London teachers for May.....	325 00
Check 22, Miss Bruce, salaries of Cuban teachers for May.....	365 00
Check 23, Mrs. A. M. Lambdin, for Atlanta missions.....	30 95
Check 24, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, salary for May.....	50 00
Check 25, Miss Redford, on account of allowance of General Secretary.....	128 75
Check 26, Mrs. R. K. Hargrove, amount overpaid on literature bill of 1898-99.....	36 58
Check 27, Miss Bruce, traveling expenses to Dallas.....	30 00
Check 28, Mrs. W. C. Young, for Dallas Home for June and July.....	100 00
Check 29, Miss Emily Allen, traveling expenses to Dallas, and return	49 11
Check 30, Mrs. M. V. Chance, for Macon Door of Hope.....	65 20
Check 31, Mrs. W. H. Bumpas, for Nashville mission.....	100 00
Check 32, Mr. W. F. Barclay, for certified copy of articles of incorporation.....	4 00
Check 33, Mrs. F. O. Baulch, for Niedringhaus Mission.....	28 05
Check 34, Miss Bennett, for cottage at London, gift of Dr. L. D. Knott.....	300 00
Check 35, Mrs. Baulch, for Niedringhaus Mission.....	11 82
Check 36, Mrs. Ira O. Wyse, to help furnish room in Dallas Home	25 25
Check 37, Mrs. W. C. Young, for Dallas Home.....	45 85
Check 38, Dr. P. H. Whisner, for the Warren Taylor Rogers Named Loan Fund...	500 00
Check 39, Mr. W. A. Cann, for designs of Key West School.....	20 00
Check 40, Mrs. A. M. Lambdin, for parsonages at Blairsville and Blue Ridge.....	106 89
Check 41, Miss Sarah Hughes, Treasurer of Kentucky Conference, expenses.....	37 20
Check 42, Mrs. C. Jackson, Kansas City missions.....	63 00
Check 43, Mrs. W. B. Gallat er, Baltimore Conference, expenses.....	53 43
Check 44, Mrs. Walter Trotter, for parsonage at Cedar Bluff, Miss.....	54 65
Check 45, Mrs. R. K. Hargrove, for Denver Conference literature.....	1 67
Check 46, Mrs. S. A. Montgomery, for parsonages at Pine Grove and Olla, La	42 37
Check 47, Prof. J. C. Lewis, in payment of J. C. Mc-Kee note.....	150 00
Check 48, Mrs. Mary Collier, for San Antonio Door of Hope.....	111 85
Check 49, Dr. P. H. Whisner, for parsonage at East Prairie, St. Louis Conference.	50 00
Check 50, Prof. J. C. Lewis, for piano.....	25 00
Check 51, Mrs. Ira O. Wyse, for cistern at Archer City parsonage, North Texas....	31 00
Check 52, Mrs. C. E. Sanford, Conference expenses, East Texas.....	18 27
Check 53, Mrs. M. V. Chance, for Macon Door of Hope.....	35 75
Check 54, Mrs. W. H. Bumpas, Tennessee Conference, expenses.....	82 02
Check 55, Mrs. F. O. Baulch, for Niedringhaus Mission and Conference expenses.	47 12
Check 56, Miss Belle H. Bennett, for Lucinda B. Helm dormitory.....	300 00
Check 57, Prof. J. C. Lewis, summer travel in interest of London School.....	100 00
Check 58, Miss Minnie Perrin, salary for June and kindergarten supplies.....	46 10
Check 59, Miss Mary W. Bruce, salaries for June.....	275 00

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Check 60, Mrs. Mary B. Williams, Chinese and Japanese schools for June and July.	100 00
Check 61, Thompson, Gibel, & Asmus, architect plans for Key West school building.	100 00
Check 62, Miss Emily Allen, traveling expenses to Nashville in the interest of the work.	24 50
Check 63, Barbee & Smith, printing leaflets for first quarter.	60 73
Check 64, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, salary for June and one-half of allowance for office expenses.	90 00
Check 65, Mrs. R. K. Hargrove, on office allowance of General Secretary.	200 00
Check 66, Mrs. F. B. Carroll, current expenses of Dallas Rescue Home.	107 63
Check 67, Dr. P. H. Whisner, for parsonage at Forest City, Mo.	50 00
Check 68, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, salary and Building Fund.	30 30
Check 69, Miss Bruce, for Key West building.	700 00
Check 70, Mrs. J. M. Wallis, Conference expenses.	28 60
Check 71, Mrs. R. K. Hargrove, Montana leaflets.	1 81
Check 72, Dr. P. H. Whisner, for parsonage at Coma, North Texas.	50 00
Check 73, Mrs. W. H. Bumpas, for Nashville missions.	80 00
Check 74, Mrs. Isabel Royal, Denver Conference expenses.	13 75
Check 75, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, salary and Building Fund from Northwest Texas.	158 75
Check 76, Dr. P. H. Whisner, for parsonage at Burnett, Northwest Texas.	100 00
Check 77, Dr. P. H. Whisner, for Educational Endowment Fund, \$140; Preacher's Wives' Loan Fund, \$55; Angel Band Loan Fund, \$20.	215 00
Check 78, Mrs. Thomas Barber, for Western North Carolina.	10 37
Check 79, Mrs. Mary V. Chance, for Macon Door of Hope.	9 40
Check 80, Mrs. A. M. Lambdin, for Atlanta missions.	30 80
Check 81, Mrs. T. R. Kendall, expenses as organizer in North Carolina Conference.	50 00
Check 82, Mrs. C. Jackson, for Kansas City missions.	63 00
Check 83, Mrs. F. O. Baulch, for Niedringhaus Mission.	10 31
Check 84, Prof. J. C. Lewis, salary, last payment on scholastic year, 1898-99.	100 00
Check 85, Mrs. A. M. Lambdin, for Atlanta missions.	14 00
Check 86, Mrs. F. O. Baulch, for Niedringhaus Mission.	16 00
Check 87, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, current expenses of Dallas Home, from General Treasurer, for August.	50 00
Check 88, Mrs. Mary B. Williams, Chinese and Japanese schools, for August.	50 00
Check 89, Miss Mary W. Bruce, salary for July and August.	100 00
Check 90, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, salary for July.	50 00
Check 91, Mrs. F. O. Baulch, for Niedringhaus Mission.	18 10
Check 92, Mrs. M. V. Chance, for Macon Door of Hope.	39 55
Check 93, Mrs. W. H. Bumpas, for Nashville missions.	80 00
Check 94, Mrs. C. Jackson, for Kansas City missions.	63 00
Check 95, Mrs. W. L. Waite, Conference half of dues.	16 49
Check 96, Dr. P. H. Whisner, for parsonage on Charlotte Circuit, Virginia Conference.	50 00
Check 97, Mrs. Ira O. Wyse, insurance on Dallas Home.	65 00
Check 98, Mrs. F. O. Baulch, for Niedringhaus Mission.	11 62
Check 99, Mrs. G. W. Collier, for Building Fund San Antonio Rescue Home.	45 30
Check 100, Miss Nora Hearn, traveling expenses to London school.	8 50
Check 101, Mrs. F. O. Baulch, for Niedringhaus Mission.	12 00
Check 102, Miss Marcie Marvin, salary for September.	35 00
Check 103, Mrs. M. V. Chance, for Macon Door of Hope.	25 00
Check 104, Mrs. F. O. Baulch, for Niedringhaus Mission.	13 82
Check 105, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, salary for August.	50 00
Check 106, Mrs. S. H. Babcock, for twenty-four days' work and traveling expenses in White River Conference.	25 70
Check 107, Mrs. C. Jackson, for Kansas City missions.	63 00
Check 108, Mrs. W. H. Bumpas, for Nashville missions.	100 00
Check 109, Mrs. R. K. Hargrove, traveling to West Virginia, paid by West Virginia Conference.	18 00
Check 110, Mrs. W. C. Young, for Dallas Home from General Treasurer for September.	50 00
Check 111, Mr. W. F. Barclay, printing application blanks, Conference and General Boards.	24 20
Check 112, Misses Fisher, Perrin, and Cheatham, one-half month's salary.	60 00
Check 113, Miss Belle H. Bennett, on office account.	50 00
Check 114, Mrs. O. F. L. Becket, Conference dues.	27 25
Check 115, Mrs. C. Jackson, scholarship in Scarritt Bible and Training School.	60 00
Check 116, Mrs. M. H. Honiker, Conference dues.	149 31
Check 117, Mrs. J. W. Wallis, Conference dues.	30 81
Check 118, Mrs. W. W. B. Gallaher, Conference dues.	36 67
Check 119, Mrs. Walter Trotter, Conference expenses.	38 38
Check 120, Mrs. W. H. Bumpas, Conference expenses.	82 23
Check 121, Miss Elizabeth Redford, expenses in Missouri as organizer.	50 00
Check 122, Dr. Whisner, for Marquand parsonage, St. Louis.	50 00
Check 123, Mrs. S. A. Montgomery, for parsonage aid.	25 52
Check 124, Mrs. F. O. Baulch, for Niedringhaus Mission.	24 25
Check 125, Mrs. Mary Collier, for San Antonio Home, \$221.30; parsonage aid, \$60.	281 30
Check 126, Mrs. F. O. Baulch, Conference expenses.	17 19
Check 127, Mrs. J. M. Cotton, for Madisonville parsonage.	32 00
Check 128, Mrs. F. O. Baulch, for Niedringhaus Mission.	25 01
Check 129, Mrs. O. T. Hotchkiss, Conference expenses.	15 0

Check 130, Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, for Atlanta missions.....	\$	64 09
Check 131, Mrs. W. H. Bumpas, for Nashville missions.....		100 00
Check 132, Mrs. Virginia Bandy, organizing two months in Tennessee Conference.....		50 00
Check 133, Mr. W. H. Johnson, salary and Building Fund.....		110 95
Check 134, Mrs. W. C. Young, current expenses Dallas Home, Northwest Texas and East Texas.....		96 35
Check 135, Miss Bruce, for brick pavement, Ybor City.....		42 05
Check 136, Miss Perrin, for kindergarten supplies.....		2 33
Check 137, Mrs. J. J. Tigert, office expenses.....		20 00
Check 138, Mr. W. F. Barclay, for printing 1,200 circulars.....		6 25
Check 139, Mrs. B. R. Scott, for parsonage and Conference expenses.....		25 72
Check 140, Mrs. W. C. Young, current expenses Dallas Home, North Texas.....		79 38
Check 141, Mrs. Mary V. Chance, for Macon Door of Hope.....		47 50
Check 142, Mrs. H. S. Shangle, Conference expenses.....		44 16
Check 143, Mrs. J. W. Wait, for dues.....		9 28
Check 144, Mrs. Mary V. Chance, Conference expenses.....		50 00
Check 145, Mrs. C. Jackson, for Kansas City missions.....		66 00
Check 146, Dr. P. H. Whisner, for parsonages General Board, first and second quarters.....		1,655 81
Check 147, Dr. P. H. Whisner, parsonages, Pacific Conference.....		150 00
Check 148, Mrs. C. Jackson, Conference expenses.....		52 68
Check 149, Dr. Whisner, Educational and Endowment Fund, \$151.40; Preacher's Wives' Loan Fund, \$65; W. T. Rodgers Named Loan Fund, \$500; Lucinda B. Helm Loan Fund, \$10; David Morton Fund, \$5.....		731 40
Check 150, Mr. W. D. Kirkland, salary for September and October.....		100 00
Check 151, Mrs. W. C. Young, for Dallas Home, general treasury.....		50 00
Check 152, Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, supply department expense.....		15 00
Check 153, Dr. W. W. Smith, Randolph-Macon, expense in interest of Friendsbury.....		12 56
Check 154, Miss Bruce, balance of salaries for Cuban teachers, September and October.....		730 00
Check 155, Miss Belle H. Bennett, salary of London teachers. This was returned.....		76 00
Check 156, Mrs. Mary B. Williams, for Chinese and Japanese teachers for October.....		75 00
Check 157, Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, Conference dues.....		90 78
Check 158, Miss Sarah Hughes, for Mrs. Hoffman, organizer.....		26 70
Check 159, Prof. Lewis, for salaries of London teachers for September, \$380; incidental expenses, \$250.....		630 00
Check 160, Dr. Whisner, for parsonage at Bridgeport, North Texas.....		143 00
Check 161, Dr. Whisner, for parsonage at Benton, Tenn., and Wise, Va., Houston Conference.....		100 00
Check 163, Mrs. Josephine Branner, interest on annuity.....		15 00
Check 164, Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, for Atlanta missions.....		39 34
Check 165, Miss Sarah Hughes, Kentucky Conference expenses.....		1 27
Check 166, Mrs. W. H. Bumpas, for Nashville missions.....		100 00
Check 167, Dr. Whisner, for parsonage at Olive Street, Kansas City.....		50 00
Check 168, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, traveling expenses to South Carolina.....		50 00
Check 169, Miss Bennett, traveling expenses to South Carolina.....		50 00
Check 170, Miss Redford, salary as general organizer.....		50 00
Check 171, Mrs. Hargrove, on office expenses.....		109 00
Check 172, Barbee & Smith, on account of printing bill.....		150 00
Check 173, Miss Bruce, on salaries and expenses.....		100 00
Check 174, Mrs. Arabella Alexander, first payment on salary.....		25 00
Check 175, C. F. Brower & Co., for Lucinda B. Helm dormitory.....		100 00
Check 176, Lithgow & Co., for London School.....		15 07
Check 177, Miss M. L. Gibson, for scholarship from North Texas.....		43 15
Check 178, Mrs. A. G. Slaughter, for Kansas City missions.....		60 00
Check 179, Mrs. M. V. Chance, for Macon Door of Hope.....		40 20
Check 180, Miss Sarah Hughes, Kentucky Conference expenses.....		28 81
Check 181, Prof. Lewis, "personal account, summer canvass".....		100 00
Check 182, Miss Redford, one month's services and expenses in Missouri Conference.....		84 27
Check 183, Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, for Atlanta missions.....		49 12
Check 184, Miss Bruce, fees returned to Key West.....		60 00
Check 185, Mrs. A. G. Slaughter, scholarship for Miss Cornelia Godhey.....		20 00
Check 186, Miss L. S. Horner, Conference dues.....		40 62
Check 187, Mrs. M. N. Moorman, for parsonage at Burkville, Va.....		60 00
Check 188, Prof. J. C. Lewis, coal for school building and janitor's wages at London.....		78 90
Check 189, Mrs. A. G. Slaughter, for Kansas City missions.....		63 00
Check 190, Mrs. M. J. Branner, balance of interest on annuity.....		15 00
Check 191, Mrs. W. H. Bumpas, for Nashville missions.....		100 00
Check 192, Mrs. W. H. Bumpas, Conference dues.....		102 83
Check 193, Dr. Whisner, for parsonage at Jackson, St. Louis Conference.....		50 00
Check 194, Miss L. S. Horner, Missouri Conference dues.....		36 36
Check 195, Mrs. A. R. Matthews, for Macon Door of Hope.....		50 00
Check 196, Mrs. M. H. Honiker, Conference expenses.....		30 00
Check 197, Mrs. H. C. King, Conference expenses.....		38 95
Check 199, Mrs. H. C. King, for San Antonio Rescue Home.....		79 45
Check 200, Mrs. M. V. Chance, for Macon Door of Hope.....		51 50
Check 201, Miss Maud Fisher, salary for November.....		45 00
Check 202, Miss Perrin, salary for November.....		45 00

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Check 203, Miss Marvin, salary for November.....	\$ 35 00
Check 204, Miss Cheatham, salary for November.....	40 00
Check 205, Miss Bruce, salaries of five Key West teachers, \$215; four months rent, \$100; piano rent, \$40.....	355 00
Check 206, Mrs. W. C. Young, for Dallas Home from general treasury, for November and December.....	100 00
Check 207, Mrs. W. C. Young, for Dallas Home: St. Louis, \$10; East Texas, \$15; North Texas, \$12.55.....	117 55
Check 208, Mrs. Rosa Valdes, salary for November.....	20 00
Check 209, Miss Valdes, salary for November.....	40 00
Check 210, Miss Perrin, salary for two assistants for September.....	25 00
Check 211, Prof. Lewis, salary for October, London.....	100 00
Check 212, Prof. Carnahan, salary for November, London.....	50 00
Check 213, Miss Campbell, salary for October, London.....	50 00
Check 214, Miss Letton, salary for October, London.....	35 00
Check 215, Mr. J. A. Bowling, traveling expenses in purchase of material for Key West building.....	100 00
Check 215, Dr. Whisner, for Indian Mission parsonages.....	140 00
Check 216, Miss Beaumont, salary for October, London.....	45 00
Check 217, Miss Vail, salary for October, London.....	40 00
Check 218, Mrs. M. B. Williams, for Chinese and Japanese schools, November, December, and January.....	375 00
Check 219, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, two months' salary, out of Dallas Building Fund.....	150 00
Check 220, Mrs. W. M. Lewis, Conference expenses.....	12 15
Check 221, Mrs. J. M. Cotton, for San Antonio Rescue Home: Mrs. Hargrove, \$100; East Texas, \$12.50.....	142 50
Check 222, Miss Sarah Hughes, Kentucky Conference expenses.....	9 02
Check 223, Mrs. W. C. Young, Northwest Texas.....	87 60
Check 225, Dr. Whisner, for parsonages in Northwest Texas Conference.....	250 00
Check 226, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, salary for November and December.....	100 00
Check 227, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, traveling expenses while organizing in South Carolina.....	22 67
Check 229, Mrs. A. G. Slaughter, for Kansas City missions.....	63 00
Check 230, Mrs. R. K. Hargrove, expenses of General Secretary's office.....	250 00
Check 231, Prof. J. C. Lewis, salary for November and December, London.....	200 00
Check 232, Miss Vail, salary for November and December, London.....	80 00
Check 233, Prof. Carnahan, salary for December, London.....	50 00
Check 234, Miss Beannont, salary for November and December, London.....	90 00
Check 235, Miss Letton, salary for November and December, London.....	70 00
Check 236, Miss Campbell, salary for November and December, London.....	100 00
Check 237, Board of Church Extension, for 250 certificates.....	15 00
Check 238, Miss Perrin, kindergarten supplies.....	6 47
Check 239, Mrs. F. O. Baulch, St. Louis dues.....	18 75
Check 240, Mrs. C. P. Brown, for Noo Sing, from North Carolina.....	130 00
Check 241, First National Bank, for Friendsbury, Baltimore.....	105 17
Check 242, Mrs. W. H. Bumpas, for Nashville missions.....	100 00
Check 243, Miss Belle H. Bennett, Lucinda B. Helm Dormitory.....	500 00
Check 244, C. F. Brower & Co., for London.....	174 97
Check 245, Miss Sallie Brown, interest on annuity.....	5 00
Check 246, First National Bank, for Key West Building Fund.....	741 31
Check 247, Miss Bennett, current expenses, London.....	500 00
Check 248, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, balance of office expenses.....	40 00
Check 249, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, salary for January and February.....	10 00
Check 250, Rev. J. T. Roberts, Indian Territory, from Kentucky Conference.....	10 00
Check 251, Mrs. O. T. Hotchkiss, Conference expenses.....	18 00
Check 252, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, balance of salary to January, 1900, paid out of Building Fund, Dallas money.....	187 50
Check 253, Mrs. Rufus Brown, for Atlanta missions.....	14 45
Check 254, Macon Door of Hope, Mrs. M. V. Chance.....	63 20
Check 255, Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, for Atlanta missions.....	37 95
Check 256, Dr. P. H. Whisner, for parsonage at Jackson, Ky.....	100 00
Check 257, Dr. P. H. Whisner, for Cedar Creek parsonage, Texas Conference.....	50 00
Check 258, Dr. P. H. Whisner, for Brown's Creek parsonage, North Mississippi Conference.....	45 00
Check 259, Dr. P. H. Whisner, for parsonages at Vineland and Vanceboro, North Carolina.....	25 00
Check 260, Miss Bettie Hill, East Texas Conference expenses.....	62 25
Check 261, Mrs. A. G. Slaughter, for Miss Godbey's tuition at Scarritt Bible School.....	140 00
Check 262, Dr. P. H. Whisner, for parsonage at Lexington, Va., Baltimore Conference.....	25 00
Check 263, Mrs. W. W. B. Gallaher, Conference expenses.....	39 36
Check 264, Dr. Whisner, for parsonage at Grapeland, East Texas Conference.....	50 00
Check 265, Dr. Whisner, for parsonage at Bridgeport, North Texas Conference.....	57 00
Check 266, Dr. Whisner, for parsonage at Pachuta, Miss.....	50 00
Check 267, Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, supply department.....	15 00
Check 268, Miss Redford, salary as organizer for January.....	50 00
Check 269, Dr. Whisner, for Broadway parsonage, Louisville, Ky.....	100 00
Check 270, Miss Bruce, Cuban salaries and rent to January 1, 1900.....	525 00
Check 271, Miss Perrin, for repairs on school building.....	50 00
Check 272, Dr. Whisner, for Loan Funds.....	140 00

Check 273, Mrs. J. J. Tigert, office expenses.....	\$ 15 00
Check 274, Miss Bruce, salaries for January and February.....	100 00
Check 275, Mrs. and Miss Valdes, salary for January and February.....	120 00
Check 276, Miss Marvin, salary for January and February.....	70 00
Check 277, Miss Cheatham, salary for January and February.....	80 00
Check 278, Miss Dodd, salary for January and February.....	90 00
Check 279, Miss Lillie Williams, salary for January and February.....	70 00
Check 280, Miss Ford, salary for January and February.....	90 00
Check 281, Miss Edington, salary for January and February.....	80 00
Check 282, Miss Fisher, salary for January and February.....	90 00
Check 283, Miss Perrin, salary for self and two assistants for January and February.....	120 00
Check 284, Mrs. A. G. Slaughter, for Kansas City missions.....	63 00
Check 285, Miss Minnie Perrin, balance due for two assistants for January and February.....	20 00
Check 286, Mrs. W. H. Bumpas, for Nashville missions.....	100 00
Check 287, Dr. P. H. Whisner, for Bexar, Tex., \$60; Corvallis, Oregon, \$230; Heppner, Oregon, \$50.....	340 00
Check 288, Mrs. M. V. Chance, for Macon Door of Hope.....	58 60
Check 289, Dr. P. H. Whisner, for parsonages in North Georgia Conference.....	150 00
Check 290, Dr. P. H. Whisner, for Duarte, \$45; Bellevue Avenue, Los Angeles, \$45.....	90 00
Check 291, Dr. P. H. Whisner, to complete donation of \$50 to Brown's Creek, North Mississippi Conference.....	5 00
Check 292, Miss Redford, salary as organizer for February, \$50; traveling expenses, \$50.....	100 00
Check 293, Miss Bruce, school fees returned.....	190 00
Check 294, Mrs. Walter Trotter, North Mississippi Conference expenses.....	18 00
Check 295, Mrs. George Call, East Texas Conference expenses.....	10 75
Check 296, Mrs. J. H. Reville, expenses while organizing.....	20 00
Check 297, Mrs. A. A. Gibson, organizing in Holston Conference.....	25 00
Check 298, Mrs. A. G. Slaughter, Southwest Missouri Conference expenses.....	77 48
Check 299, Miss Laura Campbell, salary for February, London.....	30 00
Check 300, Miss F. B. McIntyre, salary for February, London.....	30 00
Check 301, Prof. J. C. Lewis, salary for January and February, London.....	200 00
Check 302, Miss Emily Vail, salary for January and February, London.....	80 00
Check 303, Prof. J. W. Carnahan, salary for January and February, London.....	100 00
Check 304, Miss Mary Beaumont, salary for January and February, London.....	90 00
Check 305, Miss Lillie Letton, salary for January and February, London.....	70 00
Check 306, Miss Florence Campbell, salary for January and February, London.....	100 00
Check 307, Mrs. M. V. Chance, South Georgia Conference expenses.....	2 30
Check 308, Bishop R. K. Hargrove, amount advanced by him to Mrs. Kate Blevins for traveling expenses while organizing.....	25 00
Check 309, Mrs. Kate Blevins, traveling expenses while organizing.....	38 15
Check 310, Miss Redford, from Louisville Conference, for organizing.....	26 94
Check 311, Prof. J. C. Lewis, part of appropriation to London.....	628 32
Check 312, Miss Minnie Perrin, Tampa, water tax, \$26; two assistants, \$50.....	76 00
Check 313, Mrs. W. C. Young, for Dallas Home, from general treasury, for January, February, and March.....	150 00
Check 314, Dr. Whisner, from general treasury, for East Lake, Ala.....	40 00
Check 315, Dr. Whisner, for parsonage at Hamburg, donated by Little Rock Conference.....	100 00
Check 316, Mrs. A. G. Slaughter, for Kansas City missions.....	63 00
Check 317, Dr. Whisner, donated by Indian Mission Conference to Miami, \$40; Sapulpa and Bustow, \$40.....	80 00
Check 318, Dr. Whisner, donated by North Carolina Conference to Grafton, N. C.....	50 00
Check 319, Mrs. W. H. Bumpas, for Tennessee Conference expenses.....	140 91
Check 320, Miss Beale H. Bennett, balance due on office expenses.....	200 00
Check 321, Mrs. I. B. Holloman, Mississippi Conference expenses.....	27 83
Check 322, Mrs. J. W. Brown, New Mexico Conference expenses.....	57 62
Check 323, Miss Bettie Hill, for East Texas minutes.....	26 00
Check 324, W. G. Lee Woods, Treasurer, debt on San Antonio Home.....	35 85
Check 325, Mrs. S. H. Thompson, Little Rock Conference expenses.....	72 73
Check 326, Mrs. F. C. Carroll, Florida Conference half of dues.....	200 00
Check 327, Miss Bruce, rent of Key West school building for January, February, and March.....	150 00
Check 328, Mrs. Alexander, last payment on allowance for fiscal year.....	75 00
Check 329, Mrs. Mary B. Williams, for Chinese and Japanese work.....	50 00
Check 330, Dr. Whisner, donated by Northwest Texas Conference for their parsonages.....	150 00
Check 331, Mrs. M. V. Chance, for Macon Door of Hope.....	60 00
Check 332, Dr. Whisner, donated to Galveston, Tex., by Texas Conference.....	53 91
Check 333, Dr. Whisner, donated by the Louisiana Conference to Melville.....	115 01
Check 334, Dr. Whisner by Kentucky Conference, to East Pulaski.....	50 00
Check 335, Dr. Whisner, by St. Louis Conference, to Steelville, Mo.....	50 00
Check 336, Dr. Whisner, Board appropriation to Berryville, Ark.....	50 00
Check 337, Mrs. Hargrove, on account of office allowance.....	50 00
Check 338, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, salary for March.....	50 00
Check 339, Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, expenses to Board meeting.....	50 00
Check 340, Miss Sarah Hughes, Kentucky Conference expenses.....	38 92
Check 341, Mrs. J. W. Wallis, North Alabama Conference expenses.....	63 57
Check 342, Mrs. N. G. Rollins, Northwest Texas Conference expenses.....	22 40

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Check 343, Mrs. W. W. B. Gallaher, Baltimore Conference expenses	\$ 77 50
Check 344, Mrs. C. V. Winfree, Virginia Conference expenses	75 00
Check 342, Mrs. W. A. Rogers, South Carolina Conference expenses.....	37 49
Check 345, Mrs. F. O. Bau'ch, St. Louis Conference expenses.....	64 84
Check 344, Prof. Lewis, salary for March.....	-100 00
Check 345, Miss F. B. McIntyre, salary for March.....	30 00
Check 346, Prof. Carnahan, salary for March.....	50 00
Check 347, Miss Emily Vail, salary for March.....	40 00
Check 348, Miss Beaumont, salary for March.....	45 00
Check 349, Miss Lillie Letton, salary for March.....	35 00
Check 350, Miss Florence Campbell, salary for March.....	50 00
Check 351, Miss Laura Campbell, salary for March.....	30 00
Check 352, Dr. Whisner, donated by Pacific Conference to parsonages.....	197 18
Check 353, Mrs. M. V. Chance, South Georgia Conference expenses.....	2 30
Check 354, Mrs. M. H. Honiker, Holston Conference expenses.....	40 76
Check 355, Mrs. O. L. F. Beckell, Western Virginia Conference expenses.....	26 75
Check 356, Mrs. G. B. Hester, Indian Mission Conference expenses.....	27 70
Check 357, Mrs. H. C. King, West Texas Conference expenses.....	36 71
Check 358, Mrs. Bettie D. Green, Denver Conference expenses.....	47 23
Check 359, Dr. Whisner, donated by North Texas Conference for parsonages.....	150 00
Check 360, Mrs. A. G. Slaughter, Southwest Missouri Conference expenses.....	87 44
Check 361, Dr. Whisner, donated by North Georgia Conference to Bethlehem	50 00
Check 362, Dr. Whisner, donated by Florida Conference to debt on Key West parsonage.....	114 21
Check 364, Dr. Whisner, donated by Holston Conference to Coal Creek and Sequatchie.....	100 00
Check 365, Mrs. Walter Trotter, North Mississippi Conference expenses.....	60 84
Check 366, Mrs. J. G. Carrick, East Columbia Conference expenses.....	23 46
Check 367, Mrs. W. T. Henderson, North Texas Conference expenses.....	35 55
Check 368, Miss L. S. Horner, Missouri Conference expenses.....	9 77
Check 369, Mrs. S. H. Wyse, White River Conference expenses.....	8 05
Check 370, Mr. J. A. Bowling, first payment on Key West building.....	1,879 19
Check 371, To General Secretary, last payment on office expenses for 1899-1900.....	121 25
Check 372, American Paper Co., mite boxes.....	30 00
Check 373, Mrs. Hargrove, Conference literature, paid by the Conferences.....	179 58
Check 374, Dr. Whisner, for Educational Endowment Fund, third and fourth quarters, \$614.75; Loan Fund, fourth quarter, \$121.05; fifty per cent of dues, third quarter, \$716.68.....	1,452 48
Check 375, Mrs. W. C. Young, current expense money for Dallas Home, sent in by Texas Conferences.....	125 65
Check 376, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, salary for January, February, and March, paid out of Building Fund money.....	225 00
Check 377, Miss Redford, salary as organizer for March.....	50 00
Check 378, Miss Bennett, London School fees, \$296.50; Dr. Knott's gift to London, \$100; sale of a London lot, \$50.....	856 46
Check 379, Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, North Georgia Conference expenses.....	85 28
Check 380, Mrs. S. H. Thompson, Little Rock Conference expenses.....	62 64
Check 381, Miss Bruce, salary for March.....	50 00
Check 382, Miss Maud Fisher, salary for March.....	45 00
Check 383, Miss Flora Dodd, salary for March, \$45; two assistants for March, \$25.....	70 00
Check 384, Miss Marcie Marvin, salary for March.....	35 00
Check 385, Miss Minnie Perrin, salary for March, \$45; two assistants for March, \$25.....	70 00
Check 386, Miss Lillie Williams, salary for March.....	35 00
Check 387, Miss R. L. Ford, salary for March.....	45 00
Check 388, Miss Belle Cheatham, salary for March.....	40 00
Check 389, Miss Emeline Valdes, salary for March, for self and aunt.....	60 00
Check 390, Miss Edgington, salary for March.....	40 00
Check 391, Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, for Atlanta missions.....	39 20
Check 392, Dr. Whisner, appropriated by Louisville Conference to Owensboro, Ky., \$100, and \$50 by the White River Conference to a parsonage.....	150 00
Total.....	\$39,370 53

RECEIPTS.

CONFERENCE.	Dues.	Specials.	Loan Funds.	Educational Endowment Fund.	City Missions.	Total.
Alabama.....	\$ 72 52	\$ 71 07	.....	\$ 10 00	.....	\$ 153 59
Arkansas.....	4 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	4 70
Baltimore.....	504 75	294 43	\$ 20 00	25 00	.....	844 18
Columbia.....	182 08	60 52	10 00	25 00	.....	277 60
Denver.....	129 75	29 80	.....	5 00	.....	164 55
East Columbia.....	56 40	.....	.....	.....	.....	56 40
East Texas.....	383 18	164 05	25 00	65 00	\$ 442 34	1,079 57
Florida.....	627 43	306 76	10 00	70 00	11 70	1,025 89
Holston.....	693 95	454 90	15 00	51 40	.....	1,215 25
In dian Mission.....	503 94	70 55	15 00	5 00	.....	594 49
Kentucky.....	519 63	669 75	.....	106 81	.....	1,296 19
Little Rock.....	505 11	340 41	15 00	120 00	.....	980 52
Los Angeles.....	208 81	120 45	5 00	30 00	1 25	365 51
Louisiana.....	381 02	311 14	5 25	50 00	.....	747 41
Louisville.....	603 20	861 87	30 00	60 00	1 50	1,556 57
Memphis.....	288 09	259 41	.....	25 00	.....	672 50
Mississippi.....	214 15	224 21	5 00	25 40	.....	468 76
Missouri.....	350 58	603 72	5 00	10 00	.....	969 30
Montana.....	66 25	.....	.....	5 00	.....	71 25
New Mexico.....	119 05	63 43	25 00	1 90	.....	209 38
North Alabama.....	311 13	179 51	15 00	76 40	.....	582 04
North Carolina.....	184 35	449 03	.....	10 00	.....	643 38
North Georgia.....	944 71	628 58	30 00	134 25	391 98	2,129 52
North Mississippi.....	443 76	414 77	35 00	31 20	.....	924 73
North Texas.....	976 10	662 87	20 00	140 00	817 68	2,616 65
Northwest Texas.....	1,122 63	233 12	26 60	90 00	668 56	2,140 91
Pacific.....	325 95	79 54	.....	.....	.....	415 49
South Carolina.....	129 39	108 50	.....	40 00	.....	277 89
South Georgia.....	682 49	345 35	1,057 02	24 65	636 42	2,745 94
Southwest Missouri.....	535 21	412 88	1 05	55 00	660 00	1,664 14
St. Louis.....	643 13	290 40	20 00	85 00	255 88	1,294 41
Tennessee.....	816 01	863 32	35 00	40 00	1,000 00	2,754 33
Texas.....	368 81	177 82	10 10	5 00	78 35	640 08
Virginia.....	613 78	371 12	10 00	55 00	.....	1,049 90
West Texas.....	301 11	78 24	.....	24 60	435 25	839 20
Western.....	87 50	1 65	.....	5 00	.....	94 15
Western North Carolina.....	44 34	13 51	.....	.....	.....	57 85
Western Virginia.....	101 30	150 75	.....	20 00	.....	272 05
White River.....	122 47	27 55	10 00	15 00	.....	175 02
From other sources.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,243 67
Total.....	\$15,278 76	\$10,394 98	\$1,455 02	\$1,541 61	\$5,400 92	\$39,314 96

RECAPITULATION.

Amount received from Dues.....	\$15,278 76
Amount received from Specials.....	10,394 98
Amount received from Loan Funds.....	1,455 02
Amount received from Educational Endowment Fund.....	1,541 61
Amount received from City Missions.....	5,400 92
Amount received from Other Sources.....	5,243 67

Total amount received this year.....	\$39,314 96
Balance on hand April 30, 1899.....	1,586 72

Grand total.....	\$40,901 68
Amount disbursed.....	39,370 53

Balance on hand March 31, 1900.....	\$ 1,531 15
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MRS. W. D. KIRKLAND, *General Treasurer.*

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We have this day examined the books of the General Treasurer of the Woman's Home Mission Society for the year ending March 31, 1900, and find proper vouchers and receipts for all money paid out; also bank balance of \$1,865.36, which accords with the statement of the bank book.

J. H. KIRKLAND,

D. M. SMITH,

Auditing Committee.

June 29, 1900.

SECOND ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
WOMAN'S BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS
OF THE
M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH.

INTRODUCTORY.

NEW ORLEANS, with nearly two centuries of history and romance wrapping her in an Old World atmosphere, has many places of extraordinary interest to visitors. Among these are the numerous institutions founded by philanthropy and religion. To a loyal Southern Methodist who values aright pioneer heroism, no place in all the quaint old city so abounds in interest as does Carondelet Street Church, the mother of New Orleans Methodism, in which the Woman's Board of Home Missions held its second annual session.

Over the chancel hung in letters of gold on white the motto of the Home Mission Society, "Our Country for Christ." The daily decorations of ferns, roses, pansies, and carnations made one realize what an April can be in Southern Louisiana. From white easels wreathed with ivy there looked kindly out upon us the faces of the honored and beloved Bishop Keener and wife. As we recalled the fact that at those sacred altars Bishops McTyeire, Marvin, Doggett, and Wightman were ordained at the memorable General Conference in 1866 when lay representation was introduced into the Church, we seemed indeed upon hallowed ground and linked to an enduring past and a glorious future.

The Wednesday evening service found a good audience to greet the delegates already welcomed to hospitable homes and glad to see again the faces of one another. The choir in its first anthem, "Make a Joyful Noise unto the Lord," struck the keynote of gladness in service. At this hour and at other times during the meeting they encouraged and rested with sweet music the minds and hearts of the workers. Rev. W. M. Black read from the twelfth chapter of John the anointing of Jesus by Mary of Bethany and the entry of Christ into Jerusalem. Mrs. F. A. Lyons gave a greeting from the Home Mission societies of New Orleans, Mrs. W. H. LaPrade from the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and Rev. F. N. Parker from the brethren of the ministry. In the absence of Mrs. F. B. Carroll, Mrs. Mordecai Williams, of the Western Virginia Conference, responded for the Board.

Thursday evening had been set aside to hear Mrs. Florence Kelley, Secretary of the Consumers' League of New York City. As severe illness prevented her attending the Board meeting, after the devotional service

conducted by Rev. W. H. LaPrade, the hour was admirably filled by some of the general officers.

Mrs. Tigert made an earnest plea for the Baby Roll; Mrs. Hargrove explained the carefully prepared charts hung upon the walls, showing the status of the work in the different Conferences, and presented especially the needs of the schools among the Chinese and Japanese on the Pacific Coast.

Friday afternoon the Board set aside business in order to call upon Bishop and Mrs. Keener in their home in Carrollton. It was an hour long to be remembered. It was good to hear from the Bishop an outline of New Orleans Methodism, and to see his joy in the Master's work at home and in foreign lands. It was good to have his blessing and to look into those aged faces where earth's pain and heaven's peace blended in a chastened radiance.

On Friday evening Miss Bennett made a forceful presentation of the general work of the Society, and Miss Bruce of the Cuban schools in Florida.

The second annual session was fortunate in the presence and help of Dr. J. J. Tigert, and Dr. O. E. Brown and Prof. G. W. Dyer of Vanderbilt University.

The annual sermon on Sunday morning was preached by Dr. Brown from the text, "They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick." It was a strong and helpful message as to the full redemptive work of Christ in the salvation of the individual soul and of the social order.

Dr. Tigert preached Sunday night from Psalm cxxiii. 2.

Prof. Dyer addressed the Board on Monday and Tuesday evenings on the social problems of the Church, stressing the opportunity and responsibility now upon the South.

On Sunday afternoon the delegates and visitors had the pleasure of mingling with the Methodist Sunday schools of the city in the fifty-third anniversary of the New Orleans District Sunday School Union.

The reception tendered the Board by Mrs. R. M. Walmsley on Tuesday afternoon was not only a beautiful courtesy, but gave opportunity to meet the members of the Christian Woman's Exchange. The complimentary trolley ride in the late afternoon of Saturday, after a busy day's work, brought refreshing to body and mind. Who that shared them can forget the pleasures of those hours?—the caressing April air; the red Marie Henrietta roses that seemed climbing everywhere adding a touch of gayety to the soft harmonious tints prevailing in New Orleans architecture; the restful waters of Lake Pontchartrain; the beauty of the City Park with its century-old oaks taking on the newness of the springtime; or the sweet companionship of the hour as there came the realization that it is the high privilege of the children of God to help him make the whole earth blossom as the rose until at last there shall be "a new heaven and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness."

OFFICIAL MINUTES.

FIRST DAY, MORNING SESSION.

THE Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, met in its first session at eleven o'clock Wednesday morning April 11, 1900, in Carondelet Street Church, New Orleans.

Dr. J. J. Tigert conducted the devotional service, reading as lessons 2 Kings iv. 8-13 and Philippians iv. 1-8. After the hymn, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord," Dr. Tigert led in prayer.

The meeting was called to order by Miss Belle H. Bennett, President.

The roll of Conferences was called, and the names of twenty-five Conference delegates were enrolled as follows:

Baltimore Conference, Mrs. J. T. Williams, President.

East Texas Conference, Mrs. George Call, Corresponding Secretary.

Florida Conference, Mrs. E. K. Griffith, Corresponding Secretary.

Indian Mission Conference, Mrs. W. H. Purcell.

Little Rock Conference, Mrs. W. H. Pemberton, Corresponding Secretary.

Louisiana Conference, Mrs. F. E. Russ, Corresponding Secretary.

Memphis Conference, Mrs. Sue F. Mooney, President.

Mississippi Conference, Mrs. Clara Cope, Corresponding Secretary.

Missouri Conference, Mrs. M. S. Palmer, Corresponding Secretary.

New Mexico Conference, Mrs. J. T. French.

North Alabama Conference, Mrs. J. H. Reville, Corresponding Secretary.

North Georgia Conference, Mrs. F. P. Clark, Corresponding Secretary.

North Mississippi Conference, Mrs. Robert Somerville, Corresponding Secretary.

North Texas Conference, Mrs. H. A. Evans, Corresponding Secretary.

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

South Carolina Conference, Mrs. W. L. Waite, Corresponding Secretary.

South Georgia Conference, Mrs. W. Dessau, Corresponding Secretary.

Southwest Missouri Conference, Mrs. L. P. Norfleet, Corresponding Secretary.

St. Louis Conference, Mrs. L. M. Ottofy, Corresponding Secretary.

Tennessee Conference, Mrs. James Atkins, Corresponding Secretary.

Texas Conference, Mrs. O. T. Hotchkiss, Corresponding Secretary.

Virginia Conference, Mrs. M. M. Moorman, Corresponding Secretary.

West Texas Conference, Mrs. J. L. Cunningham, Corresponding Secretary.

Western Virginia Conference, Mrs. Mordecai Williams, Corresponding Secretary.

White River Conference, Mrs. S. H. Babcock, Corresponding Secretary.

Five general officers answered to their names. Five superintendents of departments were present.

The bar was fixed, and the usual rules of order adopted.

The Secretary brought in the following resolution, asking that it be made a permanent rule of order: 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.

The resolution was adopted as a permanent rule of order.

Mrs. F. A. Lyons, Mrs. W. W. Carré, and Mrs. S. A. Montgomery were appointed a Committee on Platform Courtesies.

The following visitors were introduced: Rev. R. H. Wynn, pastor of Louisiana Avenue Church; Rev. C. D. Atkinson, pastor of Parker Memorial Church; Rev. F. N. Parker, pastor of Carondelet Street Church; Rev. M. M. Black, assistant editor of the *New Orleans Advocate*; Rev. J. J. Tigert, D.D.; and Mr. Mordecai Williams, of Kentucky.

Misses Sue Price, Mamie Hands, Lonise Hands, Louise Simon, Louise Hugue, et, and Phala Lyons were introduced as pages for the day.

The reports of Conference delegates were called for. The following Conferences reported by their respective representatives: Baltimore, East Texas, Florida, Indian Mission, Louisiana, Memphis, Mississippi, Missouri, North Alabama, and North Georgia.

Mrs. Mooney stated that one of the most hopeful indications in the Memphis Conference was the active coöperation of the pastors.

Miss Bennett made some comments on the parsonage conditions in the North Alabama Conference as stated by Dr. Wells in the *Nashville Advocate*.

The body determined its business sessions to be from 9:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M., and from 2:30 to 4:30 P.M.

After announcements, one verse of Hymn 398 was sung, and the meeting was adjourned with the benediction by Rev. R. H. Wynn.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The body was called to order at 2:30 by the President. Rev. C. D. Atkinson led the devotional service. "Come, thou almighty King" was sung, and, after prayer, selections from the fifteenth chapter of John were read.

The roll was called, and the name of Mrs. A. A. Gibson, Corresponding Secretary of the Holston Conference, was added.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The reports of Conferences were resumed, and the South Georgia, Southwest Missouri, St. Louis, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Western Virginia, North Mississippi, West Texas, White River, Holston, Little Rock, New Mexico, North Texas, Northwest Texas, and South Carolina Conferences were reported by their delegates. Many interesting facts were given, and much profitable discussion had.

Mrs. Norfleet, of the Southwest Missouri Conference, stated that thirty-

two out of thirty-four auxiliaries are in good working condition, and that all the auxiliaries, except one juvenile society, use the Wolff Record Books.

Mrs. James Atkins, of the Tennessee Conference, stated that her Conference is the banner Conference in life memberships.

Mrs. M. Williams, of the Western Virginia Conference, was grateful that the Conference Society, although a year and a half old, has twelve working auxiliaries, with a membership of two hundred. A donation made to a parsonage in the Conference by the Board has helped much to make the organization popular.

Mrs. Somerville, of the North Mississippi Conference, was most instructive and helpful as she gave her conception of the duties of her office and told the methods of developing the work in her Conference. She emphasized the supreme duty and need of the Society—to hold up Christ in daily life.

The President here made inquiry as to work done among the colored people in accordance with the resolution adopted at the last Board meeting. Mrs. Dessau reported wise and effective work done in Marshallville, Ga.

Profitable discussion was had as to the best way of developing District Secretaries, and interesting experiences were exchanged.

Mrs. J. L. Cunningham, of the West Texas Conference, stated that although reports have come to her from only twenty auxiliaries, there are at least thirty in working condition.

Mrs. S. H. Babcock's statements as to the peculiar hindrances in the White River Conference and the slow yet manifest and certain growth of the work called forth interesting discussion as to the best methods of developing women in loyalty of purpose and breadth of sympathy.

When Mrs. Gibson stated that the Holston Conference has ninety-three auxiliaries, Mrs. Tigert announced that Holston leads in the number of names on the Baby Roll, Mrs. Sullins, the indefatigable Superintendent, reporting now six hundred and eleven.

Mrs. Pemberton, of the Little Rock Conference, reported forty auxiliaries with a gain of two hundred in membership, and three district meetings held.

Mrs. J. T. French, of the New Mexico Conference, told of the special work in visiting the sick and strangers who crowd that section seeking health. The preachers would find it impossible to live and do their work without the help of the Home Mission Society.

Mrs. H. A. Evans reported no department of work neglected in the North Texas Conference, which is the banner Conference in Educational Endowment Fund.

Mrs. Hey reported six parsonages helped last year in the Northwest Texas Conference. The preachers have always been helpful and appreciative. Of the twelve districts, six do not report regularly.

Mrs. W. L. Waite, of South Carolina, stated that her Conference is now ripe for Home Mission organization. While there are as yet only three districts out of ten provided with Secretaries, there are thirty-three auxiliaries as the results of the labors of Miss Marvin, Miss Bennett, and Miss Redford.

The President spoke encouragingly of the gratifying outlook in South Carolina.

The meeting was adjourned with the benediction by Dr. Tigert.

SECOND DAY, MORNING SESSION.

The meeting was opened by Miss Mary Bruce, of Key West, Fla. After singing the hymn, "Approach, my soul, the mercy seat," the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah was read with running comments upon the lesson, and the congregation was led in earnest prayer.

At 9:45 the President called the body to order.

The roll was called, and the names of Mrs. F. B. Carroll, Second Vice President, and Miss Kate Petry, Corresponding Secretary, of the Kentucky Conference, were enrolled.

The minutes were read, corrected, and approved.

Upon motion, Mrs. S. H. Babcock was made Assistant Recording Secretary.

The committees were announced as follows:

On Estimates.—Miss Belle H. Bennett, Mrs. R. K. Hargrove, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Mrs. J. D. Hammond, Mrs. F. B. Carroll, Miss Emily M. Allen.

On Parsonages.—Mrs. W. H. Pemberton, Mrs. R. K. Hargrove, Mrs. C. H. Cope, Mrs. J. H. Reville, Mrs. F. N. Hey, Mrs. F. A. Lyons, Superintendent.

On Education.—Mrs. Robert Somerville, Mrs. James Atkins, Mrs. E. K. Griffith, Mrs. W. H. Purcell, Miss Kate Petry.

On City Missions.—Mrs. H. A. Evans, Mrs. F. E. Russ, Mrs. L. M. Otof, Mrs. J. T. French.

On Missionary Candidates and Teachers.—Mrs. L. P. Norfleet, Mrs. W. Dessan, Mrs. W. L. Waite, Mrs. M. S. Palmer.

On Literature.—Mrs. Sue F. Mooney, Mrs. F. P. Clark, Mrs. J. T. Williams, Mrs. J. L. Cunningham, Mrs. J. D. Hammond, Chairman of Standing Committee.

On Finance.—Mrs. Mordecai Williams, Mrs. A. A. Gibson, Mrs. George Call.

On Resolutions.—Mrs. S. H. Babcock, Mrs. O. T. Hotchkiss, Mrs. F. N. Hey, Mrs. M. M. Moorman.

Mrs. J. W. Lee, President of the St. Louis Conference Society, Mrs. A. G. Dickson, President of the White River Conference Society, Mrs. R. H. Brown, Treasurer of the North Georgia Conference Society, Mrs. L. S. Arrington, District Secretary in the North Georgia Conference, and Mrs. B. F. Rudolph, Recording Secretary of the Little Rock Conference, were introduced to the body.

The report of Mrs. Ratcliffe, Superintendent of the Department of Systematic and Proportionate Giving, was read by Mrs. Alexander.

On motion of Mrs. Hargrove, that part of the report relating to the past work was accepted, and the part suggesting and outlining future plans was referred to the Committee on Memorials, to be thereafter appointed.

Mrs. Nortfleet moved that a Committee on Memorials and By-Laws be appointed, and, the motion being carried, the President stated that she would announce the committee before the session closed.

Miss Helm made some statements in regard to *Our Homes*, and Miss Redford, Miss Werlein, and Mrs. Purcell were appointed agents to secure subscriptions during the meeting.

Copies of the *New Orleans Advocate* were sent to the body by Mr. Black, the assistant editor, and Mrs. Lyons spoke gratefully of the loyal help given by that paper to the Home Mission work in Mississippi and Louisiana.

The report of Mrs. Yarbrough, Superintendent of the Department of Supplies, was called for. In introducing her the President stated that this department had grown into one of the great beneficences of the Church. Mrs. Yarbrough prefaced her report with valuable suggestions as to the wisest, surest, and most delicate way in which to accomplish this ministry of love. She emphasized the comfort, encouragement, and joy given by boxes of supplies, telling how in some places the preacher could not have held his work but for this timely aid, and Methodism could not have fulfilled its mission in the frontier sections. Mrs. Hargrove reënforced Mrs. Yarbrough's talk with accounts of her personal observation as to the great usefulness of this department to the Western Conferences which she had visited. In answer to the inquiry if it is not better to send in money the value of a box of supplies, Miss Bennett replied that the preacher's wife is often compelled to do all her housework and has neither time nor strength for the family sewing. Mrs. Somerville stated that North Mississippi would gladly do her share in this department if the authorities would only indicate what was her duty. Mrs. Yarbrough's report was accepted. (See pages 24 and 25.)

Upon motion of Mrs. Purcell, Mrs. Yarbrough was instructed to visit the Indian Mission Conference Society at its next annual session in the interests of her department, her expenses to be paid from the general treasury.

A resolution, signed by Mrs. Pemberton and Mrs. Purcell, as to time of reporting to superintendents, called forth various statements as to the many difficulties in the way of securing accurate reports. The General Secretary gave a strong and helpful talk on the necessity of promptness and accuracy in reports.

On motion, the resolution was tabled.

Mrs. Whitehurst, President of the East Texas Conference Society, was introduced.

The Committee on Memorials and By-Laws was announced as follows: Mrs. F. B. Carroll, Mrs. F. P. Clark, Mrs. J. D. Hammond, Mrs. J. T. Williams.

Committee meetings were announced.

Mrs. R. H. Brown, of Georgia, led the noon prayer hour. After the hymn, "Saviour, more than life to me," selections from Psalm cxix. were read. The earnest prayers by Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Hargrove refreshed all hearts; and when Dr. Tigert pronounced the benediction, it was felt that strength for work had been given from above.

THIRD DAY, MORNING SESSION.

The devotional exercises were led by Mrs. James Atkins, of Tennessee. After the hymn, "What a Friend we have in Jesus!" she read a lesson from the fifth chapter of Luke. Very earnestly was the lesson emphasized that our Saviour knows whose possessions are at his command, as he knew he could say to Simon, "Launch out into the deep." Willing obedience is followed by great blessings that make us feel our unworthiness. Mrs. Norfleet led in prayer, and after the hymn, "I love to tell the story," there was another prayer by Mrs. Babcock.

At ten o'clock the President called the meeting to order.

On motion the roll call was omitted.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Mrs. George Call was added to the Committee on Memorials and By-Laws.

Memorials from the Little Rock and Tennessee Conferences were referred to the committee.

The report of the General Treasurer was made. She stated that it was impossible to present a full and accurate report so long as the annual meeting comes so early after the close of the fiscal year.

The report was referred to the Committee on Estimates.

The General Secretary stated that it was wisest, for many reasons, that the money for the Twentieth Century Fund should come into the treasury simply as thank offerings.

Profs. Dillard and Carter, of Tulane University, and Revs. D. F. White and C. W. Dodson, Methodist pastors in New Orleans, were introduced and gave cordial greeting to the body.

Miss Helm, editor of *Our Homes*, submitted her report and that of the auditor. It was gratifying to hear that the paper had paid its way, and had a creditable balance in bank. The editor deplored the lack of helpful coöperation on the part of the women in the organization in the matter of furnishing contributed articles. She read the lists of subscribers by Conferences, showing loss and gain.

The report was accepted. (See page 14.)

Mrs. Hargrove commended warmly the entire management of the paper; and upon motion of Mrs. James Atkins, a rising vote of thanks was given Miss Helm for her able and economical conduct of the official organ.

The following telegram was received:

NEVADA, MO., April 13.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Southwest Missouri Conference, in session, sends greeting. 2^d Thessalonians i. 12.

The report of the auditor of *Our Homes* was accepted.

REPORT OF AUDITOR OF OUR HOMES.

I have examined the books of *Our Homes*, from April 1, 1899, to April 1, 1900, and find them correct. The checks and deposits agree with the books of the bank. The books have been well and carefully kept.

D. M. SMITH, Auditor.

Mrs. Arabel Alexander, Editor of Leaflets, made her report. It was prefaced by an earnest talk concerning Home Mission literature. Upon her requesting statements as to the use of the leaflets and other literature in the Societies, Mrs. Gibson, Mrs. Norfleet, Mrs. Purcell, Mrs. Waite, and Mrs. Dessau bore testimony to the invaluable service rendered in their Conference by the literature furnished.

On motion, the report was accepted and referred to the Committee on Literature. (See page 15.)

Mrs. Tigert, who had read at the evening session on Thursday a full report of the Department of Life Memberships and Baby Roll, was asked to give her statistical report.

On motion, the report was accepted. (See pages 25 and 26.)

A memorial presented by Mrs. Tigert was referred to the Committee on Memorials and By-Laws.

Mrs. C. A. Brown, President of the Deaconess Aid Society of Chicago, was introduced to the body, and made a very interesting talk. She outlined the history of the deaconess work in the Methodist Episcopal Church from its beginning thirteen years ago, and spoke of its marvelous and gracious results in beneficences of every kind.

Upon motion, the report of the General Secretary, before the body in printed form, was referred to the various committees.

Capt. Roper and Brigadier Brengle, of the Salvation Army, were introduced.

An invitation from the City Mission Board of the Home Mission Society to the delegates and visitors to a complimentary trolley ride on Saturday afternoon was accepted with thanks.

Mrs. James Atkins was made Chairman of Committee on Education in place of Mrs. Somerville, at Mrs. Somerville's request.

Brigadier Brengle was called to lead the devotional service. He gave an earnest and stirring talk about the work of the Salvation Army, now at work in seven hundred cities and towns in the United States, and reaching two hundred and fifty thousand people every year. He stated that they had raised fifty thousand dollars in their recent Week of Self Denial. He emphasized the fact that, in order to do the work of the Army in the spirit of Christ, there must be a death-consecration, burial with Jesus.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Capt. Roper.

FOURTH DAY, MORNING SESSION.

The devotional service was led by Mrs. Alexander. The lesson was the faith of the Syrophenician woman. After a half hour of earnest study and prayer the body was called to order by the President.

The minutes were read and approved.

The Secretary read a telegram containing a beautiful greeting from the Louisiana Epworth League Conference, in session at Arcadia.

Upon motion of the Secretary, it was decided that fitting responses should be sent to the Epworth League Conference and to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Southwest Missouri Conference. The

Secretary was instructed to send these telegrams, and also, upon motion of Mrs. Cope, to send telegrams of greeting to Mrs. W. C. Ratcliffe and to Mrs. Florence Kelley, of New York, whose illness prevented her presence.

The General Secretary requested that another communication from Mrs. Ratcliffe, containing further suggestions in regard to her department, be referred without reading to the Committee on Memorials and By-Laws, and it was so referred.

A proposed amendment to Rule 7, concerning titles and refunding mortgages, was read by the General Secretary, and upon her motion referred to the Committee on Parsonages.

Papers concerning mission work in the mining section of the Holston Conference were read and, upon motion, referred to the Committee on Estimates.

A motion prevailed to limit reports of Superintendents and others to twenty minutes.

Mrs. Hargrove made some statements in regard to the expense of literature provided in annual reports and in programmes for the Week of Prayer.

Misses Isadore Hnye, Olivia Smith, Fred Werlein, and Dot Wilmot were introduced as pages.

The first report of the Committee on Memorials and By-Laws was made by Mrs. Carroll.

By request the General Secretary explained the present law and the effect of the law amended.

The report was adopted. (See Report 1, page 84.)

By request of the President, Mrs. Hammond exhibited and explained a blackboard statement prepared by the Committee on Estimates as to special amounts subject to annual appropriations by the Board, so that the body might know upon what basis it could work another year.

Inquiries made of the Chair as to what is meant by the term "connectional" were answered.

On motion of Mrs. Somerville, the Committee on Memorials and By-Laws was instructed to frame a by-law clearly defining what is meant by "connectional work."

Mrs. F. A. Lyons, Superintendent of Parsonage Work, made her report, and it was referred to the Committee on Parsonages.

Mrs. Hammond gave an interesting talk on the Reading Course.

Mrs. Alexander asked that she might be allowed to speak a few minutes in regard to the "Life and Work of Lucinda B. Helm." Mrs. Purcell, Mrs. Tigert, Mrs. Norfleet, Mrs. Mooney, Mrs. Pemberton, and Mrs. Johnson gave inspiring testimonies as to the value of this biography in informing and interesting people in home mission work. Mrs. Alexander asked that Miss Allen be given a little while to bring the book before the body. Miss Allen emphasized the necessity of transmitting beautiful sentiments into practical deeds, and in a few minutes fifty-one copies of the book were sold, the money for which Mrs. Alexander gave at once into the treasury.

Mrs. Walmsley, President of the Christian Woman's Exchange, once President of the Foreign Missionary Society of Carondelet Street Church, was presented, and gave warm words of greeting and commendation. An invitation from her to attend the anniversary of the Christian Woman's Exchange on the following Tuesday afternoon was accepted with thanks.

The time was extended to hear the report of Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Financial Agent of the Dallas Mission Home. Mrs. F. B. Carroll, Second Vice President, was called to the chair. Mrs. Johnson made an earnest talk in regard to the needs and the outlook of rescue work. Upon Mrs. Hargrove's motion, the time was still further extended until the subject should be finished. Miss Mary Moore, the matron of the Home, was called for, and as she told of the daily life in the Home where the girls call her by the dear name of "mother," and of the joy she has in her heart, all were made to realize that only "where the Lord is the unseen guest every day" can this delicate and difficult work be done.

Mrs. Mordecai Williams, after this talk, recited the poem, "The Prodigal Girl."

Mrs. Johnson's report was referred to the Committee on City Missions.

Mrs. J. L. Cunningham, of the West Texas Conference, being called upon to give an account of the work done in San Antonio, was so persuasively earnest and inspiring that all hearts were drawn into sympathy with the godly men and women who are seeking to establish the Home there on a sure basis.

On motion, the body decided to hold a business session in the afternoon, and the meeting was adjourned with the benediction by Dr. Tigert.

FOURTH DAY, AFTERNOON SESSION.

Miss Bennett opened the service at 2:30 P. M. After "O for a thousand tongues to sing" was sung, she asked that special prayer be made for the beloved Miss Laura Haygood, critically ill in China. Several voluntary prayers were offered.

The business session opened with the reading and approval of the minutes.

Miss Bruce gave her report of the Cuban work. She asked that special prayer be made for the architect who was to be in Key West during the heated term. Miss Bennett, upon urgent request, gave information in regard to the building, the school, and the opportunity of the Home Mission Society to capture this strategic point for Christianizing Cuba.

Upon motion, the time was extended to 4:45 in order to hear the report of Miss Redford, the General Organizer. A stirring talk prefaced her statistical report, and this was followed by a unique recital of some of her experiences as an organizer, which taught the lessons of cheery courage undaunted perseverance, and the wisdom of sowing beside all waters.

The session closed informally.

FIFTH DAY, MORNING SESSION.

Monday's session was opened with an hour of earnest devotion, led by Miss Helm. Gratitude and praise, with hungering and thirsting after righteousness, was the keynote of the hour, and God's presence was a refreshing to minds and hearts looking forward to the work of a busy day.

At half past nine the President called the meeting to order. When the roll was called, the name of Mrs. C. Price Brown, delegate from the Los Angeles Conference, was added.

The minutes were read and approved.

Mrs. Brown's clear and forceful presentation of the Chinese work in Los Angeles gave an insight into the hardships and cruelties of girl life in Chinatown that made all hearts echo the quoted prayer of a Chinaman: "O God, can't you move in some way that the poor women of Chinatown may be reached?" As she told of the patient and loving labors of Mrs. Jackson, who was at the last Board meeting as a delegate from Missouri, but who has since then moved to the Pacific Coast, there came a new sense of nearness to the work and workers there.

The President here called upon Mrs. Somerville to lead in special supplication for the work among the Chinese.

Dr. O. E. Brown was introduced, and expressed his strong and growing sympathy with the work of the Society. In view of the tremendous opportunities before it, all might well ask: "Who is sufficient for these things?"

Mrs. Hargrove explained the delay in the report of Mrs. M. B. Williams, Superintendent of Chinese and Japanese Work, and gave some statements from it.

Mrs. Somerville presented some resolutions which were, on motion, referred to the Committee on Memorials and By-Laws.

Mrs. Mooney at this juncture gave greetings from Mrs. Ross Witherpoon, Corresponding Secretary of the Memphis Conference, and announced the bereavement of the Conference Society in the deaths of Mother Watts, of Kenton, and of the bright and beloved Mrs. T. D. King, of Brownsville, Tenn., who had represented her Conference at the Board meeting in Dallas in 1899.

Mrs. Hargrove announced the death of Mrs. Martha Watkins, of New York, one of the early and stanch friends of the Home Mission Society and the founder of one of its first loan funds. She moved that a letter of sympathy be sent to her devoted daughter. The motion was carried and referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

Mrs. Carroll took the chair, and Miss Bennett made the report of the London school. The report was accompanied with a brief but comprehensive statement of the opportunities and possibilities of the institution.

Miss Helm asked the privilege of adding a word as to what she saw and heard during her visit there of the latent young manhood and womanhood in the strong mountain life.

Miss Bennett resumed the chair. The report of Mrs. Blevins was called for, and her work as an organizer was brightly told. The report was, on motion, accepted.

The President and the General Secretary made explanation in regard to the change made in Rule 2 governing parsonage work.

Revs. Perry Lowery and P. H. Fontaine, New Orleans pastors, Rev. H. H. Ahrens, a local preacher, and Mr. J. L. Cunningham, of San Antonio, Tex., were presented to the body.

Mrs. Alexander was given time to represent Mrs. Ratcliffe's department, and the mite boxes and accompanying cards were distributed. Mrs. C. P. Brown enforced Mrs. Alexander's talk with a strong and helpful experience on tithing.

The noon prayer service was led by Mrs. Somerville. The duty and blessedness of prayer were emphasized by selections from Luke xi. and James i.

When business was resumed Mrs. Russ requested the privilege of presenting to the Board the contents of a small earthenware barrel, given by the famous old potter at Biloxi Bay, and belonging to one of the most earnest workers in New Orleans, who began filling it at the Seashore camp meeting. She wished a part of it given to enroll the name of a brother on the Memorial Loan Fund, and the rest to be appropriated to some need in the Key West school.

Miss Allen moved that to the unknown but appreciated donor the sincere and loving thanks of the Board be tendered.

The contents of the barrel, upon being counted, amounted to \$63.14. This was afterwards increased to \$70.

Miss Purnell, of Mississippi, showed a quilt of new and ingenious design that the ladies of that Conference had made in order to make up the scholarships pledged last year at Dallas. She wished it to go to one of the mission schools, and upon motion it was gratefully accepted for that purpose.

Mrs. Hammond read a communication from Mrs. M. Z. Hankinson, of Paine Institute, Augusta, Ga., respecting work among the colored people, and the building of a Girls' Industrial Hall at that institution. Miss Bennett spoke of the difficulties of the work, and called for experiences in regard to it. Several ladies told of the good results of personal effort in this direction.

The systematic and successful plans of the auxiliary at Marshallville, Ga., were given by the Secretary, and Miss Bruce told of the great need among the negroes in Key West, and her efforts to reach some of them.

The following resolution was read and, upon motion, adopted:

We have heard with pleasure of the good work of Paine Institute, and regret that we cannot give it substantial aid. While we cannot help this institution, we do urge our women throughout the Southland to do all in their power in their own communities to help and uplift the negro race.

MRS. F. B. CARROLL,
MRS. H. A. EVANS.

The General Secretary read a communication from Rev. J. W. Perry in regard to the missionary territory in the Holston Conference.

On motion, it was referred to the Committee on Memorials and By Laws.

After one verse of "O for a closer walk with God." the body was adjourned with benediction by Rev. W. H. La Prade.

FIFTH DAY, AFTERNOON SESSION.

Mrs. H. A. Evans conducted the opening service, reading the fourteenth chapter of John as a lesson. Dr. Tigert led in prayer.

At 2:45 o'clock the meeting was called to order by the President.

The minutes were read, corrected, and approved.

Mrs. Meekins, city missionary in New Orleans, was introduced, and gave an account of her labors and experiences, saying that she had a stronger and clearer conception of Christ's estimate of souls than she had before beginning work with the lowly and destitute.

When she had finished, the President expressed gratitude for the privilege of joining hands with a worker in the rich harvest fields that call for more self-sacrificing laborers.

Mrs. Atkins made a report of the mission work in Nashville in its different departments—the kindergarten, the Door of Hope, and the labors of the city missionary.

Mrs. Clark reported the plans and results of the three industrial schools carried on in Atlanta. She asked the privilege of bringing before the body at this time a book written by P. L. Stanton, of North Georgia, "Love and War in Cuba," fifty copies of which he had generously given to the North Georgia Conference Society.

Miss Allen and Miss Bruce recommended the book highly, and orders for it were taken.

Miss Deming, city missionary in Shreveport, being called for, gave some incidents showing the gracious results of the work done.

Mrs. Reville gave an interesting account of the Industrial School in Birmingham.

In the absence of Mrs. Dessau, Miss Allen made a statement in regard to the Door of Hope in Macon, Ga. By request of the President she read a personal letter from Miss Emma Tucker, stating that she had decided to become responsible for the Macon work, and establish a Faith Home there, but did not wish it to be either in spirit or effort antagonistic to the Home Mission Society. She looked forward to the time when it could become the child of the Woman's Board.

Miss Allen bore testimony to the value of the Woman's Board of City Missions in unifying and harmonizing and drawing into closer fellowship the women in the Churches in the cities.

Mrs. Norfleet gave a report of the Kansas City mission, and expressed the need of greater diligence and wisdom everywhere in rescue work.

Mrs. Hammond, at this juncture, gave an earnest talk upon the holier duty to childhood, especially to boyhood. Rescue is good, but prevention is better. It is difficult to rescue human wreckage; we have only to take the things out of the way of children and let them come to the Saviour, and when we get the children we get the world.

The following resolution was, on motion, adopted:

Resolved, That the organizers stress the importance of organizing so-

cieties of young people and children, as the future of our Home Mission Society depends largely upon the young people of our Church.

MRS. J. H. REVILLE.
MRS. F. P. CLARK,
MRS. KATE BLEVINS.

Mrs. Reville, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. Pemberton, Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. A. A. Gibson, Mrs. Carré, Mrs. Russ, Mrs. Yarbrough, Mrs. Ottofy, Mrs. Carroll, Mrs. Moorman, Mrs. Blevins spoke on the subject, giving difficulties in the way, the good accomplished by juvenile societies, or by co-operation with the Epworth Leaguers.

Mrs. Jones, a visitor from Mississippi, was asked to tell of the juvenile work in that State.

Mrs. C. Price Brown was added to the Committee on City Missions.

Mrs. Tigert announced two baby life members: Darwin Beach Carré, made so by his grandmother, and Patsey Geraldine French, by the members of the Board.

Mrs. French expressed her motherly appreciation of the loving-kindness shown her baby.

After one verse of "I need thee every hour," the Lord's Prayer was repeated in concert, and the meeting stood adjourned.

TUESDAY, SIXTH DAY.

A heavy rainstorm prevented a morning session. At 12:15 o'clock, a quorum being secured, the President called the body to order.

Miss Bruce led the opening prayer.

The General Secretary read letters and communications in regard to a donation made to Oregon City, Oregon, in 1894. On motion, the whole matter was referred to Dr. Whisner, Secretary of the Board of Church Extension.

Mrs. Griffith asked the privilege of making a statement in regard to the parsonage at Key West, on which a loan had been secured some years ago.

On motion, the time was extended.

By request, the General Secretary read a partial statement of the monies that can be appropriated to educational purposes.

The question of the value of a general organizer coming up, led to a most profitable interchange of views, in which the following ladies took part: Miss Helm, Mrs. Reville, Mrs. Alexander, Mrs. C. P. Brown, Mrs. Cunningham, Mrs. Palmer, Mrs. Norfleet, Mrs. Babcock, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Griffith, and Miss Allen.

It was the sense of the body that, while general organizers are valuable, and in needy Conferences necessary, it is far better that Conference officers and District Secretaries shall develop their own territory, gaining acquaintance with the workers and a personal hold upon them. The work of an organizer is necessarily lost unless followed up by Conference officers.

The Committee on Memorials and By-Laws brought in its second re-

port. The report was read as a whole, and considered by items. Items 1 and 2 were adopted; Item 3, lost.

Dr. Tigert was requested by the Chair to give his views as to what is meant by tithing and systematic and proportionate giving.

The third report of the committee was presented. Items 1 and 4 were adopted; Items 2 and 3, lost.

The body adjourned for luncheon, to meet at 3:45 o'clock.

The session was opened at 3:45 by Rev. Perry Lowery, who led in prayer.

The President was in the chair.

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

On motion, a resolution of thanks to Mrs. Ratcliffe for her arduous and generous labors in her department was passed.

Mrs. Carroll presented the fourth report of the Committee on Memorials and By-Laws. Item 1 was stricken from the report, Items 2 and 3 were adopted; Item 4, recommitted.

It was decided to hold a business session in the evening, beginning at 7:45 o'clock. Dr. Tigert pronounced the benediction, and the body stood adjourned.

SIXTH DAY, EVENING SESSION.

The service was opened with the hymn, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God almighty."

Rev. P. L. Fontaine led in prayer, and read as a lesson the twelfth chapter of Romans.

The President took the chair, and asked Prof. Dyer, of Vanderbilt, to address the body again on the social and religious problems discussed in his address of the previous evening.

He emphasized the great problem of reaching the wage-earners, but would not forget that Christianity is also a mission to the unworthy. Sickly sentimentality is not needed, but sanctified common sense. The duty of the Church to childhood was strongly stressed.

The report of the Committee on Education was read as a whole, and considered by items. Items 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 9 were adopted; Item 3 recommitted.

The place for holding the next annual meeting of the Board was then considered.

Invitations were extended from St. Louis, Augusta, Ga., and Los Angeles, Cal.

St. Louis having received the largest vote, on motion, the vote was made unanimous for that city.

On motion, the meeting was adjourned, and Dr. Tigert pronounced the benediction.

SEVENTH DAY, MORNING SESSION.

The devotional service was led by Mrs. Waite.

At 9:30 o'clock the business session began, the President in the chair.

The roll was called, and the minutes read and approved.

A motion prevailed to reconsider Item 8 of Report of Committee on Education. and, upon motion, the item was recommitted.

Mrs. Lyons announced the death of Mrs. Fenner Henderson, a daughter in one of the homes that had planned to entertain some delegates to the Board meeting.

Miss Helm was requested by a resolution of the Board to send a note of sympathy to the family, and the President asked Mrs. Clark to lead in earnest prayer for them.

The report of the Committee on City Missions was read by the Chairman.

Mrs. Atkins, being compelled to leave, was given the privilege of speaking as to the needs of the work in Nashville. She requested that Mrs. Yarbrough should be allowed to take her place.

The report of the committee being taken up by items, Item 1 was amended and adopted. Items 2, 3, 4, and 7 were recommitted; Item 5 was adopted, and Item 6 was referred to the Committee on Literature.

Business was set aside to receive visitors.

Capt. Watts, of the Mississippi Conference, was introduced, and expressed his pleasure in seeing something of the work to which he felt personally attached, as his daughter is Recording Secretary of his Conference Society.

Mr. J. H. Haag, Superintendent of the Whosoever Will Mission, was introduced, and in his stirring message, fresh from a heart aglow with love to God and souls, he taught the true secret of the success that attends a life like his—a life hid with Christ in God.

The reading of the report was continued. Items 8 and 10 were adopted, and Item 9 referred to the Committee on Missionary Candidates and Teachers.

Rev. J. T. Sawyer, presiding elder of Shreveport District, was introduced, and bade the workers a hearty Godspeed.

Mrs. Tigert announced the name of Mrs. Philip Werlein as added to the roll of life members, and also that of little Willis G. Wilmot.

The President spoke beautifully of the evening prayer hour for the little ones on the Baby Roll.

Mrs. Carroll presented the recommitted item from the Committee on Memorials and By-Laws, and it was adopted.

She read the fifth report, and Items 1 and 3 were adopted; Item 2 recommitted.

The sixth report of the committee was submitted and considered by items.

Item 1 adopted, Item 2 adopted as amended, Items 3 and 4 adopted, Items 5 and 6 adopted as amended, Items 7, 8, and 9 adopted.

The recommitted item on connectional enterprises was read and adopted.

The report of the committee as a whole was adopted as amended. (See pages 84, 85, and 86.)

The following resolution was adopted:

That we gratefully recognize the faithful and efficient service of Mrs. Tigert, the Superintendent of the Baby Roll, and, that her earnest work may bring the largest results to the Society, we urge upon the Third Vice Presidents in the auxiliaries increased diligence in securing the use of mite boxes.

MRS. F. B. CARROLL,
MRS. F. P. CLARK,
MRS. J. WILLIAMS.

Mrs. Mooney, Chairman of the Committee on Literature and Press, read the report, and it was adopted by items. Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 were adopted, Item 7 amended and adopted, and Item 8 adopted.

The report as a whole was adopted as amended. (See pages 83 and 84.)
The following resolution was adopted:

That the Editor of Leaflets be requested, before publishing the quarterly leaflets, to consult with the Literature and Press Committee, in order that the instructions contained in the literature may at all times be harmonious with the work and strengthen it.

MRS. F. B. CARROLL, MRS. F. P. CLARK,
MRS. J. T. WILLIAMS, MRS. J. D. HAMMOND.

Mrs. Tigert announced the name of Mrs. Amelia Scott as a life member.

Miss Bennett suggested that the Board place the name of Mrs. Fenner Henderson upon the roll of the Memorial Fund, and the necessary twenty dollars was raised in a few minutes.

The three baby life members, Willis Wilmot, Beach Carré, and Patsey French, were presented to the body, and Mrs. Hammond led in earnest prayer for these little lambs of the fold so dear to the Good Shepherd.

The following resolutions were read by the Secretary, and adopted on motion:

1. Inasmuch as the reports of the General Secretary and General Treasurer contain the reports in detail of the different Conferences,

Resolved, That at the annual meetings of the Board no reports of Conference delegates be read, but that one session be devoted to a conference of workers, in which the delegates may exchange experiences and compare methods of work.

MRS. J. D. HAMMOND,
EMILY M. ALLEN.

2. *Resolved*, That in order to expedite the business of the Board the Executive Committee shall go a day in advance to the place of meeting and be ready to present a table of estimates before the session opens.

MRS. F. B. CARROLL,
MRS. FLORA N. HEY,
MRS. H. A. EVANS.

3. As St. Louis is celebrated for her great charities and benevolent institutions, and the meeting in this city will offer fine advantages for visiting ladies to study these, we recommend that time be given at our session in that city to visit and study these philanthropic enterprises, thus utilizing for good this excellent opportunity.

MRS. S. H. BABCOCK,
MRS. F. B. CARROLL,
EMILY M. ALLEN.

The following resolution was presented by Mrs. Hargrove:

Resolved: 1. That a Twentieth Century Committee of three be appointed in each auxiliary, of which the President shall be one, whose duty it shall be to secure by personal canvass the enrollment of every name in the

auxiliary, and of friends of the Home Mission Society, on the Twentieth Century Roll Book by the payment of one dollar from each.

2. That this earnest constant canvass be continued until the full amount called for be secured.

BELLE H. BENNETT,
MRS. R. K. HARGROVE.

Miss Helm and Mrs. Hargrove spoke eloquently as to the necessity of unity and enthusiasm in the ranks of the workers. On motion, the resolution was adopted.

Mrs. W. H. Johnson asked that she might make another statement in regard to her work.

After this, the children of Mrs. Clara Cope, grandchildren of a veteran Methodist preacher, Rev. J. W. Harmon—John Wesley, Duncan Harmon, and Clara Ben Cope—were introduced, and Mrs. Hotchkiss led in prayer for the widowed mother and the children.

Mrs. Carré conducted the noon devotional service, reading the seventeenth chapter of John. After prayer by Mrs. Lyons, the meeting was adjourned with the benediction by Dr. Tigert.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The session was opened with a devotional service led by the President. She read the last four verses of the fifteenth chapter of Romans, and talked impressively of the need of loving, sympathetic prayer on the part of Christian workers for each other. The call for voluntary prayers met with many earnest responses.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

On motion, Dr. J. H. Kirkland and Mr. D. M. Smith were elected auditors.

The following officers were unanimously elected:

Editor of *Our Homes*, Miss Mary Helm.

Editor of *Leaflets*, Mrs. A. W. Alexander.

Superintendent of Mountain Work, Miss Belle H. Bennett.

Superintendent of Cuban Work, Miss Mary W. Bruce.

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

Superintendent of Department of Life Membership and Baby Roll, Mrs. J. J. Tigert.

Superintendent of Department of Systematic and Proportionate Giving, Mrs. W. C. Ratcliffe.

Superintendent of Chinese and Japanese Missions on the Pacific Coast, Mrs. Mary B. Williams.

On motion, it was decided to make the resolution of last year in regard to literature and press work a by-law to the general constitution.

Mrs. Pemberton read the report of the Committee on Parsonages. The report, as a whole, was adopted, all loans, however, being subject to approval by the Board of Church Extension. (See page 80.)

On motion of Mrs. Hargrove, the Secretary was asked to send to Dr. Whisner, Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, a letter conveying the thanks of the Woman's Home Mission Society for the help given so cheerfully every year in its parsonage work.

The report of the Committee on Finance was read by Mrs. Gibson. The report was adopted as a whole, except the last item, which was stricken out. (See page 84.)

Upon motion, Mrs. Tigert was instructed to prepare certificates for names placed on the Memorial or Angel Band Fund.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That Conference Societies shall pay half the expense of annual reports ordered from the General Secretary.

The Committee on City Missions brought in a report as to items re-committed, with the following results: Items 1, 2, and 4 were adopted; Item 3, re-committed.

The General Secretary made a statement as to the present legal aspect of the Friendsbury Home in Baltimore bequeathed to the Board by Miss Baker.

A motion presented by Mrs. Cope touching Sabbath observance was tabled.

The Secretary stated that the Board had had no formal report of the work referred by it last year in Dallas to the Executive Committee, and as the work of the whole year had been shaped by its action, she thought the Board would better ratify the action of the committee and instruct the General Secretary to include the minutes of those meetings in her published reports with the minutes of the called meetings of the Board. On motion, the Board ratified the action and ordered the minutes published.

The following resolution was adopted:

The Executive Committee shall consist of the officers of the Board. In case of the absence of a quorum of the officers, any member of the Board within reach may be called in.

Mrs. J. H. YARBROUGH,
Mrs. J. H. REVILLE.

Mrs. Norfleet, chairman, made the report of the Committee on Missionary Candidates and Teachers, and it was adopted as a whole. (See page 82.)

The item re-committed to the Committee on City Missions was again presented, and it was adopted. The report of the Committee as a whole was adopted as amended. (See pages 82 and 83.)

The following resolution was adopted:

Whereas Gov. Robert Taylor and Rev. Sam P. Jones have kindly tendered their services on the lecture platform, in a course of several lectures to be given at six different points, the proceeds of which go to the Twentieth Century Offering of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, be it

Resolved, That as a body we accept with thanks the generous offer, and urge our women to avail themselves of this opportunity; and that this matter be referred to the Executive Committee for adjustment,

BELLE H. BENNETT,
Mrs. R. K. HARGROVE.

The Committee on Education brought in a report as to the re-committed items. Item 1 was adopted; Item 2, amended and adopted. The report of the Committee as a whole was adopted as amended. (See pages 81 and 82.)

Mrs. W. J. Vaughn and Mr. W. C. Cain, of Nashville, were elected as members of the Auditing Committee.

Mrs. J. D. Hammond was elected Chairman of the Literature and Press Committee.

The delegates were asked to pledge their Conferences for the next year's work. The following pledges were made:

1. East Texas Conference.....	\$ 300
2. Florida Conference.....	300
3. Holston Conference.....	100
4. Little Rock Conference.....	100
5. Missouri Conference.....	50
6. North Alabama Conference.....	75
7. North Georgia Conference.....	500
8. North Texas Conference.....	1,000
9. Southwest Missouri Conference.....	100
10. St. Louis Conference.....	250
11. Texas Conference.....	100
12. West Texas Conference.....	50
13. White River Conference.....	30
Total.....	<u>\$2,955</u>

The delegates of the other Conferences represented pledged to do their best, and the privilege was given to insert amounts pledged should they be reported before the publication of the minutes.

Mrs. S. H. Babcock made the report of the Committee on Resolutions, and, after some corrections, it was adopted by a rising vote. (See pages 86 and 87.)

Thanks were given to Miss Sue Lyons for her invaluable aid to the daily reporters.

The minutes of the session were read and approved.

The hymn, "Go labor on: spend and be spent," was sung. Its heroic words stirred holy emotion and quickened higher purposes, and when Dr. Tigert prayed the closing prayer and committed the Board to the care and guidance of the Great Shepherd of the sheep, the second annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions stood adjourned.

BELLE H. BENNETT, *President*,
EMILY M. ALLEN, *Secretary*.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

PARSONAGES.

1. We recommend that the following be adopted as a substitute for Rule 7 in the by-laws governing the parsonage department:

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 of less than fifty 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.

2. That Conference Secretaries instruct their pastors as to the necessity for compliance with the laws governing applications for aid, so that no applications shall come before us, as at this session, not properly signed.

3. That we refer the various loans asked for to the Board of Church Extension, with the request that they be granted when practicable.

4. That the following donations be granted:

CONFERENCE.	PLACE.	Donation.
Alabama	Centerville.....	\$ 75 00
Arkansas	Van Buren.....	50 00
Baltimore.....	Frederick Mission, Va.....	100 00
Denver	Hoehne, Colo.....	100 00
East Columbia.....	Spokane, Wash.....	100 00
East Texas.....	Grand Saline, Tex.....	50 00
Florida.....	Citra.....	100 00
Indian Mission.....	Holdenville, Ind. T.....	100 00
Louisiana.....	Natcheloches.....	100 00
Mississippi.....	West End, Meridian..	100 00
Missouri.....	Cairo.....	50 00
Northwest Mexican Mission.....	Guaymas, Mexico.....	200 00
North Alabama.....	Wylam Mission.....	100 00
North Carolina.....	Wilmington.....	100 00
New Mexico.....	El Paso.....	100 00
North Texas.....	Oak Lawn, Tex.....	100 00
Pacific.....	Upper Lake.....	75 00
Texas.....	Rosenburg, Tex.....	100 00
Virginia.....	Oaklette, Va.....	50 00
Western North Carolina.....	Bryson City.....	100 00
West Texas.....	Rock Springs.....	50 00
	San Angelo.....	100 00
Total.....		\$2,000 00

Total parsonages, 22.

We would gratefully express our appreciation of the kind and efficient assistance rendered us in this difficult and perplexing labor by Mrs. Lyons, the advisory member of the committee.

MRS. W. H. PEMBERTON, MRS. H. COPE.
MRS. FLORA N. HEY, MRS. R. K. HARGROVE.
MRS. J. H. REVILLE.

EDUCATION.

Realizing that a liberal Christian education is the foundation of a symmetrical and successful life, and impressed with the fact that there is no greater obligation, no duty nearer to us than that of giving opportunity for such education to those who are unable to obtain it themselves.

Resolved: 1. That we appreciate the work being done in all the schools under the direction of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and recommend their continuance and support.

2. That the following appropriations for the Cuban schools be granted: For school at Key West, \$1,800 and fees; for school at Ybor City, \$400.

3. In view of the efforts being made to introduce heathen religions into our own country, and in recognition of the appalling conditions on our Western coast, as represented by Mrs. C. Price Brown, of Los Angeles, we express our appreciation of the difficulties and our sympathy for the work, and recommend that \$1,500 be appropriated for extending and establishing the same. As the Chinese work at Los Angeles has no connection with the Pacific Conference, being located six hundred miles south of that field, we recommend that the work of the Los Angeles mission be referred to the Executive Committee.

4. That we rejoice in the spiritual and material success of the Sue Bennett Memorial School at London, Ky., and, in addition to returning all fees to this institution, recommend that \$1,500 be appropriated to its support.

5. That the continued success of the Greeneville Industrial Home, under the superintendency of Mrs. E. E. Wiley, is heard with gratitude, and we regret our inability to make an appropriation to the same.

6. That we realize the probabilities of permanent good to our educational institutions from the Twentieth Century Thank Offering, and would recommend that each Corresponding Secretary emphasize especially this opportunity, and vigorously push it to the best possible results.

7. That the subscriptions for the Thank Offering, as they are paid into the general treasury, may be applied to the respective schools for which they are intended, and such offerings as are undirected may be applied to needy educational enterprises at the discretion of the Board.

8. The Board has heard with interest the communication from the Holston Conference, and recognizes the plan proposed in it as an open door to a larger field of opportunity and usefulness in the mining regions of our Southland.

9. That a commission be appointed from this Board, consisting of the President, the General Secretary, and the General Treasurer, to confer with a committee from the Holston Conference, and to secure such adjustment of the matter as will make it desirable for this Board to enter upon the proposed work and report the result to the next annual meeting.

10. That the situation at Key West, as viewed by Bishop Candler, our President, and the Superintendent of Cuban schools, indicates that the

former appropriation of \$5,000 to the building at Key West is wholly inadequate. It is the sense of your committee that the appropriation for building fund be \$8,000, with a contingent fund of \$2,000; the fund to be paid from the Twentieth Century Thank Offering and other special gifts to this institution and the funds already in hand.

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. JAMES ATKINS, MRS. SOMERVILLE,
MRS. E. K. GRIFFITH, MISS KATE PETRY.
MRS. W. H. PURCELL.

MISSIONARY CANDIDATES AND TEACHERS.

After a careful examination of the papers of all applicants to this Board, your committee recommends:

1. That to the Sue Bennett Memorial School the following reappointments be made: Mr. J. C. Lewis, Principal; Mr. J. W. Carnahan; Miss E. Beaumont; Miss L. Letton; Miss F. McIntyre. That the additional teachers and helpers necessary for the successful maintenance of the school be left to the discretion of the Superintendent.

2. That Misses Fisher and Perrin be transferred from Ybor City to Key West School.

3. That Misses Dodd, Ford, Eddington, and Williams, of the present faculty of Key West, be reemployed.

4. That Miss B. P. Todd, whose testimonials were very complimentary to her, be secured as a teacher in Ybor City School.

5. That Miss Bertie Keithley, a consecrated woman, whose testimonials show her true worth, be employed at Key West when her services may be needed.

6. That the city missionaries already employed, the matrons and mission workers now in the different homes, be reappointed or retained.

7. That Miss Cornelia Godbey, of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, eminently fitted for the work, be appointed to the work in the Holston Conference, if it is undertaken.

There were other applicants whose testimonials were of a high order, but, on account of a lack of funds, we cannot recommend them for any special work.

MRS. L. P. NORFLEET, MRS. W. DESSAU,
MRS. W. L. WAITE, MRS. M. S. PALMER.

CITY MISSIONS.

We recommend:

1. That in all city mission work special attention be given to kindergartens, cottage prayer meetings, mothers' meetings, Bible readings, rescue work, and also helpful meetings for the negroes.

2. That the following appropriations be made for city mission work: Nashville, \$10; Kansas City, \$8; Atlanta, \$5.

3. That the Board regrets very much its inability to aid the city mission work in New Orleans, the needs of which have been so eloquently pleaded by Rev. S. S. Keener.

4. That we empower Mrs. W. H. Johnson to take the field for the Dallas Mission Home in the North Texas, Northwest Texas, East Texas, and adjacent Conferences. We recommend that in her travels she endeavor to reach points not yet in sympathy with our work, and to organize auxiliaries.

5. That this Board hereby express its thanks to Mrs. W. H. Johnson for the noble work she has done for city missions, and that we individually show our appreciation by helping her with our money, influence, and prayers.

6. That the office of local treasurer of the Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and School be abolished. All funds contributed to this institution shall be sent to the Conference Treasurer within whose bounds the donations have been made. The Conference Treasurer shall remit these funds to the General Treasurer.

7. That as Mrs. W. C. Young, of Dallas, Tex., has served this Board as treasurer of Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and School for three years, sparing not herself at any time to advance the interests of this Home, we tender her a vote of thanks for her efficient services as an evidence of our appreciation of her valuable aid in putting this Home on the hearts of Christian people.

8. That this Board regrets very much its inability to assist the San Antonio Home; but we unite our prayers with those of their faithful workers that God may open the way for the maintenance of that noble Home.

MRS. H. A. EVANS, MRS. BROWN,

MRS. L. M. OTTOFY, MRS. RUSS.

MRS. FRENCH.

LITERATURE.

Your Committee on Literature realizes that never before in the history of Protestantism has there been such need for the circulation of Christian literature. As wise workers we need to be informed as to what is being done in the different departments of Church work, as to what needs to be done, and the best methods of doing such work; therefore,

1. We indorse the excellent work done by the Committee on Literature and Press Work during the year just ended.

2. We recommend the continuance of this committee, and, after careful consideration of its report, urge that for the incidental expenses of this department the sum of one hundred dollars be allowed.

3. We heartily commend *Our Homes*, the official organ of the Society, under the editorship of that elect woman of Methodism, Miss Mary Helm. The list of subscribers should be worthy the work and the workers.

4. As the *King's Messenger*, edited by Mrs. W. H. Johnson, of Dallas, Tex., devoted especially to that Christlike work of rescuing our fallen sisters, has proven an invaluable aid in this, we recommend this paper to our Home Mission workers as a power for good and an inspiration to all who labor for the advancement of the cause of humanity.

5. The "Life and Work of Lucinda B. Helm," by Mrs. Arabel Alexan-

der, should be read by every woman of Southern Methodism, as it is a treasury out of which all our lives can be enriched.

6. We urge upon young people's societies the distribution of temperance leaflets.

7. We urge that in all our meetings we study the Word of God, that we may be thoroughly furnished unto every good word and work.

MRS. SUE F. MOONEY, MRS. J. T. WILLIAMS.

MRS. F. P. CLARK, MRS. J. S. CUNNINGHAM.

FINANCE.

Your committee recommends the following appropriations for the maintenance of the work for the year 1900-1901:

1. For office expenses of President.....	\$250 00
2. For office expenses of General Secretary.....	250 00
3. For clerical help for General Secretary.....	600 00
4. For office expenses of Treasurer.....	120 00
5. For clerical help for Treasurer.....	600 00
6. For Department of Supplies.....	15 00
7. For printing and mailing baby mite boxes.....	40 00
8. Expenses of Angel Band certificate.....	25 00
9. Incidental expenses of Editor of Leaflets.....	100 00
10. For publications made by order of the Board and expense of mailing same.....	800 00

We recommend also that Mrs. Yarbrough's expenses be paid to and from the Indian Mission Annual Conference meeting, and that the expense of the Editor of Leaflets be paid to and from this meeting.

MRS. M. WILLIAMS, MRS. J. T. WILLIAMS.

MRS. A. A. GIBSON, MRS. GEORGE CALL.

MRS. W. L. WAITE,

MEMORIALS AND BY-LAWS.

Report No. 1.

Whereas, the necessities of the different connectional enterprises of the Woman's Home Mission Society require a juster distribution of the funds of the Society than at present obtains;

Resolved: 1. That Rule 2 in the by-laws governing the Parsonage Department be so amended as to leave the Board to exercise its judgment in appropriating for parsonages according to the needs as presented each year.

2. That the rule thus amended be applicable to the dues of the fourth quarter of 1899-1900.

Report No. 2.

1. That the request in the memorial from Mrs. Ratcliffe, relating to the expenses of the Conference Vice Presidents in carrying on the work of the Proportionate and Systematic Giving Department, be referred to each Conference Society to decide for itself.

2. That we recommend nonconurrence in the memorial of Mrs. Ratcliffe in regard to the Twentieth Century Fund.

Report No. 3.

1. We recommend that every Conference Society appoint a superintendent for the baby roll.

2. In regard to the memorial presented by the Tennessee Conference Society, asking us to take charge of the Monterey Training School at Monterey, Tenn., the committee recommend non-concurrence. We do this with regret, realizing the financial pressure already upon the treasury, and with earnest good wishes for the success of the school.

Report No. 4.

1. We recommend that the office of Superintendent of Parsonages be abolished, as the constitution requires the greater part of the work to be performed by the General Secretary.

2. We recommend that the Board of Home Missions coöperate with the Holston Conference in its missionary work among the miners and foreigners.

3. Whereas we have received from the Southwest Missouri Conference a memorial requesting the Board to take action in regard to the selling of Chinese girls on the Western coast:

Resolved, That this body instruct our General Secretary to correspond with the Corresponding Secretaries of the Home Mission Boards of the leading Protestant Churches, requesting them to coöperate with us in a petition to the President and Congress of these United States, praying them to suppress this nefarious practice.

5. In view of the fact that the greatest need of our Society is organizations, and that the conditions vary as to the field, the workers, the time of service, the salary: therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board be authorized to employ organizers as the needs of the work may demand, and arrange all the details of their services, and that the several Conference Societies be requested to bear one-half, or as large a part of this expense as possible.

Report No. 5.

1. 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.

2. *Resolved*, That a standing committee of three be appointed by the President, whose duty it shall be to audit the accounts of the general officers and superintendents of the societies, and report to the Board at its annual meeting.

Report No. 6.

We recommend:

1. That in By-Law 6 to the General Constitution the words "and Edi-

tors" be inserted after Superintendents, and that By-Law 13 be stricken out; that the following shall be added as by-laws:

2. No Conference Society shall elect or appoint as its representative at the annual Board meeting any person not a member of that Conference Society.

3. 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 as a personal liability.

4. There shall be a Committee of five on Literature and Press Work, of which the General Secretary, the Editor of *Our Homes*, and the Editor of Leaflets shall be *ex officio* members. The Chairman and the other member shall be elected annually by the Board.

5. That to By-Law 6 in By-Laws to Constitution of Conference Societies these words shall be added: "They shall send quarterly reports of their work to the General Superintendent of their department by the 15th of March, June, September, and December."

6. That the following be added as By-Law 9 to By-Laws for Auxiliaries: "It shall be the duty of each Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer to make a written report to the monthly business meeting."

7. That this new by-law shall be added: "The officers of the auxiliaries shall be elected by ballot."

8. That the following question be made Question 12 on requirements of missionary candidates: "Are you willing to be transferred from one position to another, if, in the judgment of the Board, such a change is deemed advisable?"

9. That in Clause 3 of Rule 2 in Rules Governing the Parsonage Department these words be inserted: "Such amount of the dues received by the General Treasurer and subject to appropriation under Article X. of Constitution as shall be determined upon by this Board from year to year at its annual meetings."

MRS. F. B. CARROLL, MRS. J. D. HAMMOND,
MRS. F. P. CLARK, MRS. GEORGE CALL,
MRS. J. T. WILLIAMS,

RESOLUTIONS.

The Woman's Board of Home Missions, eager to develop the best methods of reclaiming and holding our country for Christ, has found its annual gatherings not only helpful but necessary to successful planning for forward movements.

Believing that the interests of this body have been advanced by this meeting in New Orleans, we tender our sincere thanks:

1. To the women of the Home Mission Society of the city for the invitation sent a year ago to meet in this city of palms and roses. We have realized that "things seen are mightier than things heard." We have found New Orleans rich in historic interest, romantic incidents, rich in evidence of chivalrous honor paid to greatness, whether that greatness be shown on the field of battle by Jackson and Lee, or in the council chamber of the nation by Henry Clay, or in the realms of philosophy and di-

plomacy by Franklin, or in the overflowing love of a woman's life by Margaret the Bread Giver.

2. To Mrs. Florence E. Russ and Mrs. W. W. Carré for indefatigable labors in securing the comfort of delegates and visitors, and to the committees that have admirably executed their well-conceived plans for the entertainment of the Board.

3. To our hostesses, whose gracious hospitality has made us realize anew the charm of Southern home life.

4. To all the ladies of Carondelet Street, and of the other Methodist Churches of the city, whose gentle ministrations will be associated in our minds with fragrant flowers, delightful trolley rides, many kindly courtesies and loving words.

5. To Mrs. F. A. Lyons, whose devotion to the work of the Society gave special emphasis to the felicitous manner in which she welcomed us to her city.

6. To Rev. F. N. Parker for his cordial greeting in behalf of the brethren of the ministry, and to Mrs. W. L. La Prade, who, as the representative of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, welcomed us as collaborators in the great harvest field.

7. To Dr. O. E. Brown, of Vanderbilt University, for a sermon that made us long to realize the height, breadth, and depth of the redemptive work of Christ.

8. To Prof. G. W. Dyer for his helpful discussion of the great problems which the Home Mission Society is trying to solve.

9. To Dr. Tigert for his patient attendance upon our sessions, his kind interest in our deliberations, and his valuable counsel.

10. To Mrs. Alexander for her gift of fifty copies of the "Life and Work of Lucinda B. Helm," as a contribution to the Twentieth Century Thank Offering.

11. To Miss Mary Werlein for her donations, representing constant, loving thoughtfulness of the Home Mission work.

12. To Mrs. R. M. Wamsley for the reception tendered the Board in her lovely home, which proved a pleasant episode in the midst of arduous duties.

13. To the organist and the choir for beautiful music, and to the pages for cheerful, efficient attentions at all hours.

14. To the *New Orleans Christian Advocate* and the city papers for valuable space in their columns, and capable, sympathetic reporters.

15. To the railroads for reduced rates.

16. To the ministers and laymen who have encouraged us by their presence and practical assistance.

17. To the sexton of the church for faithful, untiring service.

The resolutions but faintly express what each delegate and visitor entertained so cordially for Christ's sake will hold as treasured memories of the Board meeting in New Orleans, the quaint city of many peoples.

Mrs. S. H. BABBOCK, Mrs. O. T. HOTCHKISS,
Mrs. M. M. MOORMAN, Mrs. F. M. HEY.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

Be it known, That we—Miss Lucinda B. Helm, Nashville, Tenn., Mrs. Nathan Scarritt, Kansas City, Mo.; Miss Belle H. Bennett, Richmond, Ky.; Mrs. Ellen Burdette, Louisville, Ky.; Mrs. John Carter, Louisville, Ky.; Mrs. Maria Carter, Louisville, Ky.; Mrs. M. A. Wolff, St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. E. E. Wiley, Emory, Va. — whose names are hereto subscribed, citizens of the United States, under the authority of the statutes of the State of Kentucky, in that behalf, do hereby constitute ourselves and such other persons as may hereafter become members of the corporation here formed, into a body politic and corporate, and do hereby assume to and for the said corporation all the rights, powers, and privileges granted and conferred by the laws of the State of Kentucky upon corporations of the kind hereby formed and created, and under and in pursuance of said statutes do hereby make and adopt the following articles of incorporation:

1. The name of the corporation shall be the "Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South."

2. The principal office and place of business shall be the city of Louisville, Jefferson County, Ky.

3. The objects of the corporation shall be to unite the efforts of Christian women and children in the collection of funds by private effort, personal solicitation, membership fees, donations, devises, and bequests for procuring homes for itinerant preachers, and otherwise aiding the cause of Christ by establishing and maintaining schools, missions, hospitals, and other agencies for the propagation of the gospel and the elevation of mankind.

4. The objects of the corporation being purely religious and charitable, it shall have no capital stock.

5. The corporate existence of the Society shall begin May 1, 1895, and shall continue for a period of ninety-nine years.

6. The management and control of the affairs of the Society shall be vested in a Board of Managers to be known as the Central Committee of the Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Said Committee shall consist of a President, a General Secretary, a General Treasurer, and nine Managers, all of whom shall be appointed by the Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, a corporation organized under a special act of the Legislature of Kentucky, approved February 20, 1884, in accordance with the Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Said appointment of officers and managers shall be made by said Board of Church Extension quadrennially at its annual meeting held in the city of Louisville, Ky. All vacancies occurring therein shall be filled by the committee.

7. The highest amount of debts or liabilities which the incorporation may incur shall not exceed \$2,500, and the private property of the incorporators and their successors shall not be subject to the payment of corporate debts.

8. The corporation shall have the right to buy, receive, and hold any and every kind of property (real, personal, or otherwise); and shall have full power to sell, convey mortgage, or otherwise dispose of same whenever it is deemed advantageous or expedient, a majority of the Board of Managers, known as the Central Committee of the Society, consenting thereto at any regular or called meeting, and they may at any such meetings authorize and empower the President and General Secretary to make a deed or other proper instrument of conveyance thereof.

9. The incorporators whose name appear in the preamble—together with the names of Miss Emily Allen, Forsyth, Ga.; Miss Rebecca Robertson, Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. J. S. Key, Sherman, Tex.; and Mrs. George P. Kendrick, Louisville, Ky.—shall constitute the Central Committee until their successors shall be duly appointed; and Mrs. E. E. Wiley shall be President, Mrs. Nathan Scarritt shall be General Secretary, and Mrs. George P. Kendrick shall be General Treasurer.

LUCINDA B. HELM,	MRS. JOHN CARTER,
MRS. NATHAN SCARRITT,	MRS. MARIA CARTER,
BELLE H. BENNETT,	MRS. M. A. WOLFF,
MRS. ELLEN BURDETTE,	MRS. E. E. WILEY.

INSTRUCTIONS IN REGARD TO FUNDS.

All Money Must Be Sent According to the Following Directions:

The Regular Fund.—The Regular Fund is constituted by dues of adult, young people, and juvenile members. This fund must be sent by the auxiliaries to the Conference Treasurer, and by her to the General Treasurer. All money from life memberships, honorary life memberships and honorary life patrons, Baby Roll dues, mite box collections, and donations to which no special direction is given must be sent to the General Treasurer through the regular channels.

Special Donations.—These must be used as the donors direct. Special donations intended for any purpose *within* the Conference must be sent to the Conference Treasurer, and by her sent to the general treasury to be returned to the Conference Treasurer for expenditure. Special donations intended for any purpose *outside* the Conference should be sent to the Conference Treasurer, and by her forwarded to the General Treasurer. 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.*

LOAN 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.

Our Angel Band Loan Fund.—This name is given to a memorial fund constituted by a contribution of \$20 for each name sent. The \$20 may be paid at once, or in installments as desired. The names given as members of this band 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.

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.

Educational 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 loan funds must be sent to the General Treasurer, either direct or through the Conference Treasurers. Names of patrons for Preachers' Wives' Loan Fund and members of Our Angel Band and Educational Endowment Fund should accompany the money.

Mite Boxes are furnished free to all wishing to use them for the benefit of this society, on application to Mrs. W. C. Ratcliffe, 2309 South Clarkson Street, Denver, Colo. Any desiring wooden boxes can have them at cost.

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, Cherry Street, Nashville, Tenn.

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 Conference Superintendent of 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 Superintendent of Baby Roll to forward to the Conference Superintendent 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 the Conference Superintendent 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 Superintendent for enrollment. As names are constantly being added to the Baby Roll, the General Superintendent must be informed quarterly.

The Conference Superintendent of Baby Roll will send baby certificates to the Third Vice President of auxiliary, who has the Baby Roll in charge, and who will fill in names, etc., and turn over to proper parties.

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 Kentucky.

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.

Resolved that ¶ 389 to 397 of the Discipline, both included, be and they are hereby repealed.

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. *Resolved*, That a standing committee of three 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. A Committee of Literature and Press Work shall be formed, consisting of five members, and that the Editor of the Leaflets, the General Secretary, the Editor of *Our Homes* be *ex officio* members of the committee. The chairman and one other member shall be elected annually.

16. During the annual meetings of the Board a half hour at noon shall be set aside for devotional services.

17. These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting.

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.

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 Conference Society shall consist of a President, two Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and of a District Secretary from each presiding elder's district. These officers shall constitute the Executive Committee.

ART. 3. The President, the two 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 such other duties as may be assigned.

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 Superintendent of Baby Roll to forward to Conference Superintendent 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 free-will 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. 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 chil-

dren 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 Superintendent of 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. 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 and to the District Secretary 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. There shall be a Local Committee to cooperate 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, semiannually, 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.

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. The officers of the auxiliary shall be elected by ballot.

CONSTITUTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S AND JUVENILE SOCIETIES.

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 be-

half of this Society, and remitting annually to the General Treasurer of this Board all interest collected on parsonage loan funds, less annuities paid. After entering the amounts so received upon her books for a permanent record thereof, the General Treasurer shall immediately return the same to the Board of Church Extension.

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 to parsonages made by the Woman's Home Mission Society or any Conference Society under its jurisdiction shall be upon condition that titles to the premises shall satisfy the requirements prescribed by the General Board of Church Extension in making grants to churches, requiring insurance on the parsonages to be constantly kept up; and in all cases where the sums donated are \$50 or over, refunding bonds and mortgages shall be taken by the Board of Church Extension, payable to itself, as provided in ¶ 456 of the Discipline.

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.

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 by the Superintendent of 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. Names can be entered on the Angel Band Roll for five dollars.

CITY MISSION WORK.

In all our cities and towns where two or more auxiliaries of the Woman's Home Mission Society exist they may unite for the promotion of city mission work according to the following plan:

1. There shall be a Board of City Missions consisting of three members from each coöperating auxiliary society, to be chosen by said auxiliaries at the first regular meeting in January of each year. 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.

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.

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.

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.

- \$ 0 25 constitutes a baby membership.
 60 constitutes a young people or juvenile membership.
 1 20 constitutes an adult membership.
 10 00 constitutes a young people or juvenile life membership.
 25 00 constitutes an adult life membership.
 100 00 constitutes an honorary life membership.
 300 00 constitutes an honorary life patron to the loan fund.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

\$25 constitutes a scholarship in the mountain, Cuban, Chinese, or Japanese schools.

OUR HOMES.

Our Homes is the official organ of the society. The editor is elected quadrennially by the Woman's Board. This paper is published monthly. The address of the Editor and Agent is: Miss Mary Helm, Publishing House of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Nashville, Tenn. Terms, fifty cents per annum in advance.

LEAFLETS.

Mrs. Arabel Alexander, Editor, Vanderbilt Campus, Nashville, Tenn. Leaflets can be obtained from the Conference Corresponding Secretaries or from the General Secretary, Mrs. R. K. Hargrove, Nashville, Tenn.

READING COURSE.

First Year.—"Our Country." By Dr. Strong. Paper, 30 cents; cloth, 60 cents. "Life and Work of Lucinda B. Helm." By Arabel W. Alexander. \$1. "Twentieth Century City." By Dr. Strong. Paper, 25 cents.

Second Year.—"The Workers." By Walter A. Wyckoff. Cloth, \$1.25. "The New Era." By Dr. Strong. Paper, 35 cents; cloth, 75 cents. "Prisoners of Poverty." By Helen Campbell. Paper, 50 cents; cloth, \$1.

Third Year.—"How the Other Half Lives." By Jacob Riis. Cloth, \$1.25. "Social Aspects of Christianity." By R. T. Ely. Cloth, 90 cents. "In His Steps." By Charles M. Sheldon. Paper, 25 cents.

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.—"In His Steps." By Charles W. Sheldon. Paper, 25 cents. "The Workers in the West." By W. A. Wyckoff. \$1.50.

All these can be ordered of Barbee & Smith, Nashville, Tenn.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS RECOMMENDED FOR REFERENCE
AND USE IN SOCIETIES.

Home Missions Monthly, Box L., Station D, New York.

Woman's Home Missions, Delaware, Ohio.

Tidings, 2411 Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

"The Poor in Great Cities: Their Problems, and What Is Doing to Solve Them." Essay.

"English Social Movements." By R. A. Woods.

"Modern Cities." By Loomis.

"How to Bring Men to Christ." By Torrey.

"Our Brother in Black." By Bishop Haygood.

"The Gospel among the Slaves." By Dr. W. P. Harrison and Miss Annie Barnes.

"In Darkest England." By Gen. Booth.

"Christ and Our Country." By Rev. J. B. Robins.

"Problems of American Civilization."

"The Problem of Religious Progress." By Daniel Dorchester, D.D.

"Modern Methods in Church Work." By George W. Meade.

TITLE TO PROPERTY.

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 Kentucky.

FORM OF DEVISE AND BEQUEST.

I hereby devise and bequeath unto the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, incorporated under the laws of the state of Kentucky, the following property, absolutely, and in fee simple—viz.,
.....[Here describe the property so that it may be identified, if it be land or specific personal property; or give the amount if it be a bequest of money; or, if it be a bequest of stock or bonds or notes or other securities, describe the same and give the value thereof. In other words, in any case simply describe the property so it can be told what is intended to be given.]

Note.—Prompt notice of bequests and devises should be given Mrs. R. K. Hargrove, General Secretary, Nashville, Tenn.

A Few Statistics, 1886-1900.

Parsonages aided by the Woman's Board from 1886 to 1900	226
In loans	\$26,815 00
In donations	31,730 63—
Total in loans and donations	\$ 58,545 63
Total number of parsonages aided by the Woman's Board, the Conference and auxiliary Societies	1,034
Total amount of money expended on parsonages by the Woman's Board, the Conference and auxiliary Societies	123,506 31
Total amount of money raised and expended for connectional work	\$129,945 95
Total amount raised and expended for local and connectional work	376,510 56
The loan funds of the Society to date amount to	20,540 00

STATISTICS FOR 1899-1900.

The Society built during the year 1899-1900 more than one parsonage a week. East of the Mississippi River there are 2,985 charges; 727 are still to be supplied with parsonages. West of the Mississippi River there are 1,864 charges; 371 are still to be supplied.

Total number of members, March 31, 1900	23,280
Teachers and missionaries employed	32

Sent the past year 196 boxes of supplies; goods valued at \$5,733. Total names on the Baby Roll, 3,859. City mission work was carried on in nine cities. Last year there was \$5,400 passed through the General Treasury for the maintenance of this work. Total receipts of the General Treasury for all purposes amounted to \$39,314.

School for Mountain Whites.—Sue Bennett Memorial School, London, Ky. Total number enrolled, 282. Income from fees, \$3,300. Principal and eight teachers.

Cubans.—Three schools, Ybor City, West Tampa, and Key West. Twelve teachers and four assistants. Total number enrolled, 442.

Chinese and Japanese Schools.—Six night schools. Seven teachers and one Chinese minister. Total number enrolled, 366.

Dallas Mission Home.—The Home will accommodate 40 inmates. It is always full, and many are turned away. It has four teachers.

VALUE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE SOCIETY.

School for Cubans, at Tampa, Fla.	\$ 8,000
Sue Bennett Memorial School, at London, Ky.	25,000
Rescue Home, at Dallas, Tex.	15,000
Young Ladies' Institute, at Key West, Fla.	11,000
* Industrial Home and School, at Greeneville, Tenn	\$ 7,000 \$59,000
* San Antonio Mission Home, San Antonio, Tex.	12,000— 19,000
Grand total	\$78,000

* The two latter become the property of the Society as soon as the debts are paid by their respective Conferences.

CONFERENCE TREASURERS.

Conference.	Name.	Address.
Alabama	Mrs. C. L. Ruth	Montgomery, Ala.
Arkansas	—	—
Baltimore	Mrs. W. W. B. Gallaher	Charleston, W. Va.
Columbia	Mrs. S. H. Shangle	Corvallis, Oregon.
Denver	Mrs. Bettie D. Green	Denver, Colo.
East Columbia	Mrs. J. G. Carrick	Wilbur, Wash.
East Texas	Miss Bettie Hill	Livingston, Tex.
Florida	Mrs. C. T. Carroll	Monticello, Fla.
German Mission	Mrs. Nina Albertson	Castell, Tex.
Holston	Mrs. M. H. Honaker	Abingdon, Va.
Indian Mission	Mrs. G. B. Hester	Boggy Depot, Ind. T.
Kentucky	Miss S. A. Hughes	Beaver Lick, Ky.
Little Rock	Mrs. S. H. Thompson	Little Rock, Ark.
Los Angeles	Mrs. W. M. Lewis	Los Angeles, Cal.
Louisiana	Mrs. S. A. Montgomery	New Orleans, La.
Louisville	Mrs. A. A. Norris	Louisville, Ky.
Memphis	Mrs. J. S. Swayne	Jackson, Tenn.
Mississippi	Mrs. T. B. Holloman	Natchez, Miss.
Missouri	Miss Sherley Horner	Huntsville, Mo.
Montana	Mrs. J. W. Kemper	Butte City, Mont.
New Mexico	Mrs. J. W. Brown	El Paso, Tex.
North Alabama	Mrs. J. W. Wallis	Birmingham, Ala.
North Carolina	Mrs. S. H. Scott	New Berne, N. C.
North Georgia	Mrs. Rufus Brown	Augusta, Ga.
North Mississippi	Mrs. Walter Trotter	Winona, Miss.
North Texas	Mrs. W. T. Henderson	Dallas, Tex.
Northwest Texas	Mrs. Nat G. Rollins	Abilene, Tex.
Pacific	Mrs. Lula Davis	Los Angeles, Cal.
South Carolina	Mrs. W. A. Rogers	Greenville, S. C.
South Georgia	Mrs. Mary V. Chance	Waynesboro, Ga.
Southwest Missouri	Mrs. A. G. Slaughter	Kansas City, Mo.
St. Louis	Mrs. F. E. Moser	St. Louis, Mo.
Tennessee	Mrs. W. H. Bumpas	Nashville, Tenn.
Texas	Mrs. J. M. Cotton	Houston, Tex.
Virginia	Mrs. C. V. Winfree	Lynchburg, Va.
West Texas	Mrs. H. C. King	San Antonio, Tex.
Western	Mrs. R. B. Scott	Council Grove, Kans.
Western N. Carolina	Mrs. T. F. Marr	Winston, N. C.
Western Virginia	Mrs. O. F. L. Beckett	Ashland, W. Va.
White River	Mrs. Sallie L. Wyse	Batesville, Ark.