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Methodist Protestant Church

1879-1919

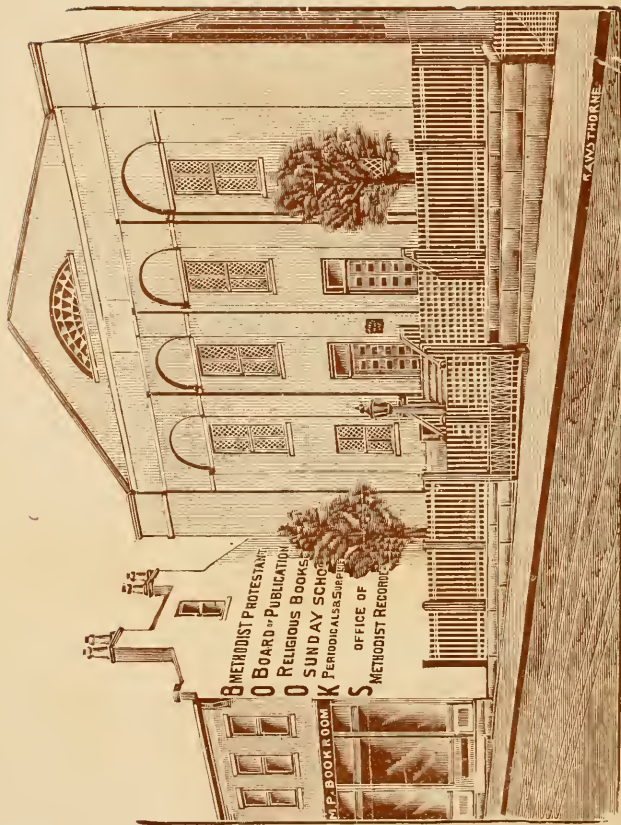
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HISTORY
OF THE
WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY
SOCIETY

OF THE
METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH

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WITH CONDENSED HISTORIES OF BRANCHES

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DEDICATED

To the Memory of

Mrs. Eliza Sands, whose earnest efforts in behalf of the women of heathen countries first inspired a desire in the hearts of many in our beloved church to aid in sending the gospel to benighted lands;

And to the Memory of

Mrs. Martha P. Booth Claney, who was early associated with the foreign mission work of the Methodist Protestant Church, and who was always abounding in the work of the Lord.

To the Memory of

Mrs. Mary A. Colhouer, whose beautiful life was an inspiration and whose abounding faith will forever linger as a beneficent influence not only in the home-land, but in the hearts of those dear little brown girls whom she dearly loved in that far away island empire of the sea.

To our Beloved Friend,

Mrs. F. A. Brown, who for twenty-five years served faithfully and with grace as President of the General Executive Board, and who in mind and heart represents the highest type of Christian womanhood.

And to

Every loyal worker throughout our church who has helped by prayer and sacrifice to make the following record possible, this volume is gratefully dedicated by the

AUTHOR.

PREFACE.

Given the task of writing the history of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, it is undertaken with a deep sense of the honor conferred, and, it is hoped, with a feeling of grave responsibility commensurate with the importance of the effort.

It is the purpose of the author to record, with simple fidelity, the achievements of the Society from its origin to, and including its Fortieth Anniversary, and to so present them that they may stimulate the interest already enlisted, and bring to the minds of those pleading excuse, and belittling their buried talents, God's rebuke to Moses, "What is that in thine hand?"

It can scarcely be expected that a history covering four decades of activity can be presented with unchallenged accuracy but the work has been attempted with pains-taking and with this constant admonition: "Choose with discretion out of the plenty before you."

We are greatly indebted to Mrs. Mary A. Miller, who compiled the history of the first sixteen years of our organization. This history has been a valuable assistance in verifying facts, and in relating events connected with our early association with the Board of Missions. Mrs. Miller was one of the Society's most faithful and efficient members from its very beginning.

In searching information from every available

source, it was a pleasure to follow out an unbroken line of events in a complete file of Annual Reports as issued from year to year by the General Executive Board.

It is fitting that the names of two pioneer workers so signally honored in the dedication of our first history, should be herein transcribed, and their memory thus perpetuated.

With the prayer that the effort to preserve concise and accurate information may prove worthy, and may have at least a small part in the advancement of Christ's kingdom, this volume is herewith gratefully submitted by the

AUTHOR.

INTRODUCTION.

Preface and introduction have a fair part to play in bringing a new book to the attention of the public for whom it is prepared. If they be as the condiment offered at the beginning of the feast to whet the appetite for the richer viands that are to follow, it is well; but if they serve no such purpose, but only act as the half-opened door on the threshold of which the reader stands in the chill without while he longs for the warm glow that he sees shining within, they were better not written.

The function of the preface is to set forth the aim, object, method and means used in the pages to follow, giving assistance to the reader in comprehending each section and chapter that is to follow, and to see their bearing on the aim and purpose of the author. The use of an introduction is, as the word implies, to introduce—both the author and the subject to the reader.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is the subject and the Methodist Protestant Church and the general public are the constituency to which it is to be introduced. Quietly and unobtrusively, beginning in small things, this society has grown with a mustard seed growth until the birds of the air that lodge in the branches are the people of two continents. Its growth has been in number and in power, in membership and in dynamic force. There are not only an increasing number associated with it, but the missionary spirit

of the kingdom is more intense in this membership.

But while this is gloriously true, it is also sadly true, that a large number of its natural constituency—the women of the Methodist Protestant Church—are not closely connected with the society, and also that a still larger number know little of its early struggles and their culmination in its later victories. It is hoped that this volume will not only set before our people the essential facts of its history, but that these, warmed by the author's passion for truth and souls, will be kindled into a flame in the hearts of many, burning away the dross of indifference to the Lord's great commission, "Go ye therefore."

The issuance of the present volume is not to be regarded as an adverse criticism of the last history dated 1896, prepared by Mrs. M. A. Miller. There was a need of a careful record of the work, at that time, and that book fairly met that need, and served the church and society effectually. Twenty-four years have passed since it was published, years filled with labors and victories, sometimes with temporary defeats, but always years of the "forward look." It is proper that these should have their record and teach their lesson in connection with the earlier years. The society represents more today than in those earlier years, much more has been put into it; and the present workers cannot fully understand their heritage and properly appreciate the work and workers of all the days unless a complete record is made. Hence the society and the church will appreciate the present

volume as an essential part of its missionary equipment.

History is philosophy teaching by example. The history of this society, as an example, is that it is possible to do the impossible. Anyone can do the possible—laborers can be hired in the market place anywhere to do that, only the few can do the impossible, and they do it by that faith that lays hold upon God and claims his promises—"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Again and again it has seemed in the past that the success desired and planned could not be attained, but faith has always won the victory—God and his saints have sometimes lost a skirmish, but never a campaign. With all the strength and courage that a victorious past gives the society will go forth to new conquests of faith.

Of the author of this volume we could say much; it is her wish that nothing be said. It is but just to say that she brings rare qualifications for the preparation of the book. She has a mind highly trained for sustained literary effort. As Rosalia Porter she was the first student in Adrian College that took a degree in both the musical and literary departments. Early attainments in both lines have been sustained and strengthened by later use to a marked degree. She has a thorough knowledge of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and its working. She has filled the highest office in the Steubenville auxiliary and in the Muskingum branch, while her latest service was as president of the Executive Board for the years preceding its fortieth anniversary, presiding over

it until it reached the culmination in the complete success of the great "forward movement." These things fit her to be the historian of the present period. She brings her best and most exacting labors of many days, as embodied in this volume, and lays them at the feet of her Lord, as represented in this society, trusting that they will be used for his glory. It is needless to say that it is a labor of love, "without money, and without price," and without calculation, as Mary of Bethany poured out her precious ointment on the head of her Lord.

May this volume be used as "bread cast upon the water," reaching all shores, and bringing results in the present and in the "many days."

C. E. WILBUR, D. D., L.L. D.

Bellevue, Pittsburgh, Pa., October 23, 1919.

Part I.

Organization and Statistics

CHARTER MEMBERS OF W. F. M. S.

Mrs. John Scott
Mrs. Susan E. Anderson
Mrs. J. H. Claney
Mrs. Mary A. Miller
Mrs. James I. Bennett
Mrs. N. B. O'Neil
Mrs. Martha Collier
Mrs. Eliza Sands
Mrs. J. J. Murray
Mrs. William Wragg
Mrs. William Barnhill
Mrs. A. Aughenbaugh
Mrs. William Wrighter
Mrs. W. K. Gillespie

The first five ladies named on the above roll were appointed to sign the Charter of the Society.

MISSIONARIES, ORDER OF GOING.

Miss Lizzie M. Guthrie.....	1879
Miss Harriet G. Brittan.....	1880
Miss Margaret Brown.....	1884
Miss Harriet E. Crittenden.....	1884
Miss Annie L. Forrest.....1886-2nd term	1902
Miss Jane R. Whetstone.....	1887
Miss Melissa M. Bonnett.....	1887
Miss Amelia J. Rowe.....	1892
Miss Annette R. Lawrence.....	1894
Miss Margaret M. Kuhns.....	1894
Miss Alice L. Coates.....1895-1904-1911-1919	
Miss Mary E. Williams.....1897-1905-1916	
Miss Almira Dean.....	1900
Miss Grace M. Hill.....	1900
Miss Olive I. Hodges.....1902-1911-1918	
Miss Ella M. Wilson.....	1903
Miss Nancy V. Grose.....	1908
Rev. Charles S. Heininger.....	1909
Miss Gertrude Mallett.....1909-1919	
Miss Donna Schlegelmilch.....1909-1916	
Rev. P. W. Dierberger.....	1912
Miss Elizabeth Dawson.....	1912
Miss Harriet E. Steele.....	1914
Rev. Carl G. Soderbom.....	1915
Miss Alice May Shepherd.....	1919
Miss Mable Muller.....	1919
Mrs. Nelle Cairns Hurst.....	1919

BRANCHES, ORDER OF ORGANIZATION.

Pittsburgh	1879
Muskingum	1880
Ohio	1880
Genesee	1880
Maryland	1881
Missouri	1882
Iowa	1882
North Illinois	1883
West Virginia	1884
Indiana	1884
Pennsylvania	1885
Michigan	1886
West Michigan	1886
New Jersey	1886
New York	1887
South Illinois	1887
Washington and Alexandria.....	1888
Minnesota	1888
Onondaga	1892
Kansas	1893
North Carolina	1900
Eastern	1914
Seattle	1919

Michigan and West Michigan united in 1907, forming the Michigan Branch.

New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania united in 1914, forming the Eastern Branch.

ORGANIZED DEPARTMENTS.

Department of Scholarships and Bible Women,
Department of Literature,
Department of Thank Offering and Thankful
Boxes,
Department of Young Peoples Work,
Department of Education.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

The first By-Laws directed that the Board should meet once each month; that a member should pay a fine of twenty-five cents for failing to attend without sending an excuse; that a public meeting should be held once each quarter where reports should be read and addresses given to increase the general missionary intelligence, as well as an earnestness in the special work of the Society, and that the year should begin January 1st, and close December 31st. Very soon, the time for Board meetings was changed to once every three months, the Executive Committee meeting weekly.

Mrs. J. A. Thrapp (Muskingum Conference) was present at the first annual meeting by invitation and returned home carrying the spirit of organization with her.

Two life members and one honorary manager are recorded in the first annual report.

Memorial Services were conducted at the Annual Sessions of the Board almost from the beginning, thus honoring the memory of those of

our number throughout the Church who had been called during the year, from labor to reward. This beautiful custom still continues.

Mrs. F. A. Brown never failed to attend and preside over the Annual Meetings of the General Executive Board during her term of twenty-five years as President of the Board. During the succeeding thirteen years her name has stood at the head of the Executive Board as President Emeritus.

The title of the first Methodist Protestant leaflet was "How we came to have a Missionary Auxiliary in our church." Of the second, "Earth's Mission Bands."

At the third Annual Meeting the suggestion was made that the young women of our Church be organized into a society to be known as a "Reserve Corps." A good suggestion for today.

No hymn seems always to have compared as a favorite, with "Blest be the tie that binds." Sometimes it was sung at the beginning—in the middle and at the close of a day's session. The Doxology was always sung during periods of thankfulness and rejoicing.

Mrs. Susan E. Anderson attended thirty-seven of the forty sessions of the General Executive Board; only missing the three because of illness in her family. A wonderful record.

The poor Contingent Fund came up before the Board each year almost in the role of a pitiful beggar. For many years it seemed almost im-

possible to impress auxiliaries with the idea that it took a little extra money to keep the machinery going, and only when twenty cents were added to be used as Contingent Fund, thus making the membership fee \$1.20, did either Board or branch find adequate support for the incidental expenses of the Society.

While it is a matter of congratulation that no salaries whatever were paid for many years in the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, it should also be recorded that a number of women in both Board and branches have paid all their own traveling expenses, donated stamps and stationery, and all telephone and telegraph charges, for the benefit of the Society. Only in more recent years has it been found advisable to employ a Traveling Secretary who gives her full time to the work.

A pleasant custom prevailed for years of seating the delegates in groups according to branches. Any returned missionary present was seated with her home branch.

For many years a friendly rivalry existed between Maryland and Pittsburgh branches. Later several other branches made the question doubtful as to which should lead, and the future alone can decide where the laurels will be cast.

It might be well to revive the custom so long followed of sending an annual subscription for The Missionary Record, the Methodist Protestant and The Methodist Recorder to each of our mission stations. The missionaries stand in need of a more

definite knowledge of the interests and growth of our denomination, such as they would receive in no other way.

The church papers have many times donated valuable space in the interest of the W. F. M. S. and have made the Society greatly their debtor because of manifold kindnesses.

Almost as many young women have applied to go out as representatives of the W. F. M. S. in the foreign field since its organization that were not accepted because of frail health and other existing conditions, as have been employed by the Society. The heart of many a young woman has been moved by the crying need for help, yet in most of the cases a missionary's life seemed too strenuous to render their acceptance advisable.

Since 1887 a certain time was set apart each day for definite prayer for the success of the W. F. M. S. by many of its members. In 1915 the recommendation was adopted that the "Rising Hour Prayer Circle" be observed by every member of the Society for our missionaries, our work and our workers.

Beginning with 1906 the minutes of the General Executive Board have been printed as a current number of the *Missionary Record*—July is designated as the Annual Report number.

It must be left to the great record above to give due credit to the native teachers and Bible women on the field. Only He who makes note of the humblest service in His name, can measure the

far reaching influence of these earnest Christian women.

As the Society rounded out its fortieth year, few realized the arduous duties of the General Executive Treasurer, Mrs. Lida K. East. Receiving and disbursing over forty thousand dollars this anniversary year; crediting large or small amounts to their particular departments, sending out checks and drafts, some in this country and many more to Japan and China, without mistake or confusion is a big task. Our work now embraces thirty-two different departments to which money must be properly credited. Mrs. East has developed a system of financial bookkeeping that is a great credit to her, and an assurance that our funds as a Society will be carefully guarded.

Mrs. Wm. Schenck, Eastern Branch, has produced three very successful pageants that carry with them the spirit of progress. They are entitled "Pilgrims of the Night," "The Light of Liberty," and "Aunt Jane's Conversion to Foreign Missions"

According to the Discipline of the Church, the headquarters of the Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society were established in Pittsburgh, Pa., and no less than five of its members must be members of the Pittsburgh Branch. All meetings of the Committee are held in the Methodist Protestant Publication House.

BEQUESTS, GIFTS AND ANNUITIES.

Bequests.

Mrs. Mary A. Dodge, (Maryland).....	\$ 2,000.00
Mrs. J. H. Rupp, (Maryland).....	400.00
Emily Tuthill Walker, (East Port, N. Y.)....	540.00
Rev. S. M. Lowden.....	100.00
Doctor Imo Estate, (Indiana).....	445.00
Miss Emily Munden, (Pittsburgh).....	190.00
Mr. John H. Claney, (In memory of his wife) (Pittsburgh)	1,000.00
Zollikoffer Estate, (Maryland).....	400.00
Mr. and Mrs. Brockman, (Indiana).....	1,000.00
Rev. J. T. Murray, (In memory of his wife) (Maryland)	500.00
Miss Sarah Blue	100.00
Harriet Holmes	200.00
Mrs. Clara Bailey, (Indiana).....	500.00
Mrs. W. W. Moore, (Michigan).....	500.00
Mrs. J. J. Murray, (Pittsburgh).....	5,000.00
Mrs. Mary A. Miller, (Kansas).....	3,000.00
Mrs. J. J. Murray, (Pittsburgh).....	50.00
Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Colhouer, (Pittsburgh)	500.00
Miss Jane Whetstone, (Japan).....	50.00
Miss Melissa Bonnett, (Japan).....	25.00
Mrs. Price Woods, (Iowa).....	400.00
Mr. H. J. Heinz, (Pittsburgh).....	1,250.00
Men's Bible Class, Steubenville, Ohio. (Mus- kingum)	150.00
Fairmont Church, (West Virginia).....	675.00
Rev. and Mrs. S. Heininger, (Michigan).....	200.00
Mrs. Jessie Nicholson Walker, (Muskingum)..	1,000.00
Miss Elizabeth Dawson, Steubenville, Ohio..	1,000.00
Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Bair, (Muskingum).....	3,400.00
Mrs. J. E. Palmer, (Pittsburgh).....	1,000.00
Rev. and Mrs. S. Heininger, (Michigan), 2 lots in Adrian, Michigan.	

Annuities.

Mr. Martin L. Shields, (West Virginia).....	6,000.00
Mrs. Susan E. Anderson, (Pittsburgh).....	1,250.00
Mrs. Ida Seaman, (Pittsburgh)	100.00
Mr. and Mrs. Herman L. Hoge, (Muskingum)	500.00
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hupfield, (Maryland)....	1,000.00

**RECEIVED BY GENERAL EXECUTIVE
TREASURER.**

1879-80	.....\$	381.16
1880-81	.....	1,380.16
1881-82	.....	1,838.48
1882-83	.....	2,251.79
1883-84	.....	2,118.37
1884-85	.....	3,189.16
1885-86	.....	3,292.50
1886-87	.....	3,217.98
1887-88	.....	3,955.23
1888-89	.....	3,483.71
1889-90	.....	3,490.07
1890-91	.....	3,897.15
1891-92	.....	3,647.66
1892-93	.....	3,720.42
1893-94	.....	3,628.20
1894-95	.....	3,201.56
1895-96	.....	3,903.71
1896-97	.....	3,837.44
1897-98	.....	5,036.11
1898-99	.....	5,074.98
1899-1900	.....	7,803.91
1900-01	.....	7,266.73
1901-02	.....	6,189.45
1902-03	.....	8,913.56
1903-04	(25th Anniversary).....	13,467.22
1904-05	(Report missing).....	
1905-06	.....	8,856.32
1906-07	.....	12,550.54
1907-08	.....	11,811.77
1908-09	.....	10,804.82
1909-10	.....	10,537.78
1910-11	(Golden Shower).....	17,060.93
1911-12	.....	15,830.51
1912-13	.....	21,282.24
1913-14	.....	23,946.02
1914-15	.....	14,730.53
1915-16	.....	17,360.69
1916-17	.....	31,470.21
1917-18	.....	30,989.62
1918-19	(40th Anniversary).....	40,125.00
Total		\$376,543.79

Building Fund Receipts are added in the above total.

**GENERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD—WHERE
ENTERTAINED.**

- 1879—First Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.
1880—First Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.
1881—First Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.
1882—Cambridge, Ohio.
1883—Baltimore, Md., Starr Church
1884—Springfield, Ohio.
1885—Adrian, Michigan.
1886—First Church, Pittsburgh.
1887—Ohio, Illinois.
1888—Central M. P. Church, Washington, D. C.
1889—Memorial M. P. Church, Camden, N. J.
1890—Toronto, Ohio.
1891—Washington St. M. P. Church, Baltimore, Md.
1892—Grace Church, Sharpsburg, Pa.
1893—Bridgeton, N. J.
1894—Adrian, Michigan.
1895—Lafayette Ave. M. P. Church, Baltimore, Md.
1896—Seventh St. M. P. Church, Kansas City, Kansas.
1897—First Church, Cincinnati, Ohio.
1898—Alnutt Memorial Church, Baltimore, Md.
1899—Bellevue, Pa.
1900—Muncie, Indiana.
1901—Congress St. Church, Washington, D. C.
1902—Grace Church, Greensboro, N. C.
1903—Morgantown, W. Va.
1904—First Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.
1905—LaFayette Ave. M. P. Church, Baltimore, Md.
1906—Lansing, Michigan.
1907—New Brighton, Pa.
1908—Cambridge, Ohio.
1909—Rhode Island Ave. M. P. Church, Washington, D. C.
1910—Morgantown, W. Va.
1911—Steubenville, Ohio.
1912—Westminster, Md.
1913—Foosland, Illinois.
1914—Grace Church, Greensboro, N. C.
1915—Adams Basin, N. Y.
1916—Sabina, Ohio.
1917—Fairmont, W. Va.
1918—Lansing, Michigan.
1919—First Church, Pittsburgh.

NAMES OF PRESIDENTS, SECRETARIES (RECORDING AND CORRESPONDING) AND TREASURERS. (1879-1919).

Presidents

Mrs. Dr. John Scott
 Mrs. F. A. Brown
 Mrs. J. W. Gray
 Mrs. E. C. Chandler
 Mrs. Henry Hupfield (1919)

Corresponding Secretaries

Mrs. N. B. O'Neil
 Mrs. Mary A. Miller
 Mrs. J. J. Murray
 Mrs. D. S. Stephens
 Mrs. G. H. Miller (1919)

Recording Secretaries

Mrs. J. H. Clancy
 Mrs. J. J. Murray
 Mrs. Charles A. Herbert
 Mrs. G. B. Dotson
 Mrs. A. E. Sanford
 Mrs. S. K. Spahr
 Mrs. T. H. Colhouer
 Miss S. A. Lipscomb
 Mrs. Thomas Kelly
 Mrs. J. R. Roberts
 Miss Jennie White
 Mrs. Henry Hupfield
 Mrs. S. W. Rosenberger (1919)

Treasurers

Mrs. J. D. Anderson
 Mrs. Priscilla Hazlett
 Mrs. J. W. Zirckel
 Mrs. H. C. Watkins
 Mrs. Geo. T. Marshall
 Mrs. Lida K. East

Treasurers' Building Fund

Mrs. John Scott
 Mrs. J. D. Anderson
 Mrs. C. B. Fornshill
 Mrs. S. E. Baynes
 Mrs. Lida K. East (1919)

**ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION
OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SO-
CIETY OF THE METHODIST PROTESTANT
CHURCH.**

The subscribers, citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, have arranged to associate themselves for the purpose set forth in the following articles and are desirous of acquiring and enjoying the powers and immunities of a corporation, or a body politic in law.

We do, therefore, hereby associate ourselves for the objects, and under the articles, conditions, name, style, and title following, viz:

Article 1.

The object of this association shall be the educating and Christianizing of women and children in foreign lands, and to that end assisting and maintaining persons in and connected with such work and acquiring such means and property as may be required for the purpose of carrying on and conducting and accomplishing mission work under the Methodist Protestant Church.

Article 2.

This Society shall also have the power of selling, leasing, and conveying any and all property which they may have or at any time acquire.

Article 3.

The management of this Association, and all other matters within its power as a corporation under law, and not limited to any matter herein contained, shall be provided for under the By-Laws of this Association.

Article 4.

The name, style, or title of this Association shall be "The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church."

Witness our hands:

MRS. JAS. I. BENNETT,
MRS. J. H. CLANEY,
MRS. M. A. MILLER,
MRS. J. D. ANDERSON,
MRS. JOHN SCOTT.

CONSTITUTION OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Article 1.

This association shall be called the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Article 2.

Purpose.—The purpose of this Society is to unite the women of the Methodist Protestant Church in efforts to promote and extend the organized work of missions, to send missionaries, Bible women and teachers to women and children in heathen lands, and to employ native teachers and Bible women.

Article 3.

Membership.—Any woman may become a member of this Society by paying one dollar and twenty cents (\$1.20) per year into the funds of this Society, one dollar (\$1.00) of which shall be for dues, ten cents (10c) for General Contingent Fund and ten cents (10c) for Branch Expenses Fund.

The payment of ten dollars (\$10.00) at one time shall constitute life or memorial membership and the payment of fifty dollars (\$50.00) shall entitle one to be an honorary manager for life.

A children's memorial fund was created, by which any child up to sixteen years of age may become a member of our Society by the payment of five dollars (\$5.00).

A child may become a life member by the payment of ten dollars (\$10.00) extra.

Honorary managers shall be entitled to seats in General Executive Board and Branch meetings.

No membership dues can be appropriated to constitute any person a life or memorial member, nor honorary manager, nor in any way diverted from the General Fund.

Article 4.

Organization.—The organization of this Society shall consist of a General Executive Board, conference branches and auxiliaries as hereinafter provided.

Article 5.

General Executive Board.—The General Executive Board, to which shall be entrusted the general management of affairs, shall consist of a President, Vice President, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, Treasurer, Treasurer of Building Fund, Auditor, Executive Committee, Secretaries of Literature, Thank-offering, Scholarships and Bible Women, Young People's Work, Education, and Field Secretary, together with President and Corresponding Secretary of each Conference Branch.

The officers shall be elected annually, and shall serve until their successors are elected. Nine shall constitute a quorum. The Executive Committee hereinafter named shall have power to fill all vacancies occurring in its own body in the interim of the year, and shall transact all business committed to it by the Society, subject to revision at the Annual Meetings of the Branches to act in case the President and Corresponding Secretary can not attend.

The President, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurer shall have their traveling expenses paid to the Annual Meeting from the General Contingent Fund.

Duties of the General Executive Board.—It shall be the duties of the General Executive Board to consider the interests and demands of the entire work of the Society; ascertain its financial condition; appropriate its money in accordance with the purpose and methods herein indicated; devise means for carrying on the work; employ missionaries, designating their field of labor; examine reports of missionaries employed; receive and act upon the reports of Corresponding Secretaries of Branches, and arrange with them to be undertaken by each; receive and ship supplies to mission stations; appoint such standing committees as the work may require; arrange for the publication of the Annual Report; and transact any business that the interests of the Society demand, provided that all plans and action shall be in harmony with this Constitution.

Article 6.

Executive Committees.—The Executive Committee of the Society shall consist of thirteen persons, and they shall be elected by the General Executive Board quadrennially at the Annual Meeting next preceding the

General Conference. Through this committee the Society shall be amenable to the General Conference. The committee shall have its headquarters at Pittsburgh, Pa., and not less than five of its members shall be members of the Pittsburgh Branch of the Society. Three shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

The Executive Committee shall be considered voting members of the Branch in which they reside.

Article 7.

Branches.—The women of each Conference District, who organize under this Constitution, with by-laws not conflicting, shall be recognized as a Branch Society. The officers of each Branch shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, Treasurer, Auditor, and five or more Managers who, together with the President, Corresponding Secretary and two delegates from each auxiliary, shall constitute this Branch Society. Five shall constitute a quorum. The duties of the officers shall be as customary; they shall be elected annually and continue in office until successors are elected. The Corresponding Secretary shall, under the direction of the Branch, report to the General Executive Board the work of the Branch during the year, for publication in the Annual Report. All membership fees and other funds appropriated for the general work shall be forwarded to the Treasurer of the General Executive Board, quarterly, beginning April 1st.

Article 8.

Auxiliaries.—Auxiliaries may be formed by any number of women who shall adopt rules of government in harmony with the Constitution. Each member of an Auxiliary shall contribute to the funds of the Society one dollar and twenty cents per year (10c per month), one dollar of which shall be for dues, ten cents for General Contingent Fund, and ten cents for Branch Expense Fund.

Article 9.

Funds.—The funds of the Society shall be raised at meetings appointed in behalf of the Society; by securing members, honorary, life, and memorial members, honorary managers; and by such other means as the General Executive Board may determine, which shall not be in conflict with the regular collections of the Board of Foreign Missions.

Article 10.

Relations to the Board of Foreign Missions.—This Society shall act in harmony with the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Protestant Church, reserving the right of controlling the use of its funds.

Article 11.

Amendments to the Constitution.—The Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any Annual meeting; provided, that all proposals for amendment or alteration shall have been submitted at a previous Annual meeting and duly entered on the minutes of same; and further provided, that any amendment imperative by the action of the General Conference may be acted upon at a meeting next succeeding the General Conference.

(The above Constitution in operation 1919).

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Part II.



General History

GENERAL HISTORY

Of

THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

1879 Methodist Protestant Church 1919

Two little girls in a foreign land; the tender sympathetic heart of a Christian woman; receptive minds in the home-land, influenced by divine compassion, such were the forces that brought into being The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church.

Through a succession of events that the world may call chance, but which we believe were directed by Providence, the door was opened for the women of our Church to enter Japan. The inspiration came from God and his hand prepared the way that our Church might have a closer fellowship and a more diligent co-operation with Him in the great task of saving the world. It is important at the outset that a note be made of the faithful work that was being done in various sections of our beloved Zion, before an organized effort was attempted.

For a number of years previous to the organization of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, some interested women in our Church were busy in a quiet way, contributing to Zenana work in

India, and assisting through our Church Board of Missions in the support of scholarships. Money raised by local societies was being sent to the foreign field through other boards, but the Woman's Union Missionary Society of New York disbursed the larger part of the funds collected for about ten years.

This significant fact should be borne in mind, that thus in our midst the growing interest in missions was being nurtured, the fallow ground was now ready for the ripened seed and, in His own good time, He would send forth the sower to sow.

These first scattered efforts bear the names of Mrs. Eliza Sands and Mrs. J. H. Claney of Pittsburgh who labored faithfully year after year, gathering money and distributing publications furnished by the Pittsburgh and Allegheny Branch of the Union Society, and in this way keeping alive the spark of missionary zeal already kindled; also the names of Mrs. J. T. Murray and Miss Jane Roberts of Baltimore, who were equally zealous in the work. About this time Dr. William Collier, then stationed in Connellsville, Pa., inaugurated a new feature by having various Sunday-schools adopt heathen girls to educate. One and another were taken until at one time there were seventeen girls being supported by a few Sunday-schools and their friends, in the Union Missionary Home in Yokohama, Japan. Our Church Board of Missions had used the Union Society of New York as the channel for the disbursement of its funds and at this

time were supporting a number of girls in the Home. It was while money was being sent in this way for scholarships, that the first incident occurred which, by the blessing of God, inspired the effort toward the organization of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church. The incident referred to is recorded in the history of the Society written by Mrs. Mary A. Miller as follows:

"There appeared one day at the Woman's Union Mission Home in Yokohama, Japan, two little girls asking for shelter and protection. Already the Woman's Board was taxed to the utmost of its financial ability, and the teachers, following instructions from America, were receiving no more pupils; but these two children, wretched and forlorn, so touched the heart of Miss Guthrie, one of the teachers in the Home, that she begged to keep the girls for a day or two to see if anything could be done for them, for, to refuse them, was to consign them to lives of shame. Many hours of the night were spent by Miss Guthrie in prayer that God might influence the hearts of some in the home land to help these children, and what was her joy when the next mail came in, to find a letter from the Woman's Union Missionary Society containing an application for two girls to be supported by friends in America."

Truly the Master Director meant that these two little homeless unprotected waifs should serve as our first impulse to commence a definite and tangi-

ble work in His name for did He not say, "A little child shall lead them."

Sometime previous to this incident Dr. Collier had applied to our Board of Missions, then located in Springfield, Ohio, for two scholarships for girls in the Union Home in Japan, having forty dollars which had been collected from the Sunday-school in the Connellsville Church, and forty more which had been contributed by Mrs. John L. Sands of the First Church, Pittsburgh. This sum covered the cost of two scholarships, and accordingly the little girls were retained in the school. Miss Guthrie was impressed by this immediate and direct answer to prayer, and resolved that when she should return to America she would try to meet those who had had such a vital and significant a part in helping to lift the burden from her heart, as she pled for those poor benighted children. By request of the Board of Foreign Missions, Mrs. J. H. Claney opened a correspondence with the Woman's Union Society to ascertain terms by which co-operation would be granted the Board in educating girls for teachers and Bible readers in the Union Mission Home. The terms were considered favorable and the money for scholarships was accordingly forwarded as above mentioned.

It was a great inspiration to the Sunday-school at Connellsville when their request was granted, that a girl would be selected toward whose education and evangelization they might contribute, and who would bear the name of Martha Collier in

honor of Dr. Collier's wife. The plan of supporting scholarships through the Union Society finally led to the opening of the Church's own mission in Yokohama.

The second incident was the returning of Miss Guthrie to America in 1879. It was God's plan that Miss Guthrie should be the quiet force that should quicken the awakened impulse already waiting for direction.

It might be profitable before relating Miss Guthrie's introduction to a few of the members of the Methodist Protestant Church, to know something of her early experiences and the peculiar fitness with which she undertook her life-work. We are indebted to Dr. John Scott for the following sketch as found in his "Recollections of Fifty Years in the Ministry":

"Miss Lizzie M. Guthrie was born in Bakers-town, Allegheny County, Pa., a village about eighteen miles north of Pittsburgh. Her father, the Rev. Joseph Guthrie, D. D., was a minister in the Reformed Presbyterian Church, and cousin of the celebrated Dr. Thomas Guthrie, of Scotland. Her mother died when she was but two years old. She was then placed in charge of her grandfather, Mr. Joseph Coskey, who tenderly cared for and educated her. In 1861 she was adopted by an aunt, Mrs. McClurg, and removed to Philadelphia, where she enjoyed every comfort and even luxury, and became a gay and fashionable young lady, full of life and joy. But a change came over her. Jesus

laid his hand upon her heart, and called her into his service. Won by his love, she yielded to the Divine Spirit, and dedicated herself to God. Her heart was changed, and also the great purpose of her life. She could now say,

“Fade every earthly joy,
Jesus is mine.”

Like the Master himself, she resolved to seek, and, by the assistance of Divine grace, to save the lost. She was converted under the ministry of our own sainted Thomas H. Stockton, and partook of the last communion ever observed in the church at the corner of Eleventh and Wood Streets, Philadelphia, where Brother Stockton served for so many years as pastor. That was an Independent Church, and Miss Guthrie knew perhaps nothing of the Methodist Protestant Church, of which Brother Stockton was a minister.

Miss Guthrie's attention was soon turned to the subject of missions, and, after due deliberations, she made up her mind to go out as a missionary in the foreign field.

In 1868, Miss Guthrie's services were secured by the Woman's Union Missionary Society of New York, and she was sent out as a missionary to India. The climate of India, however, did not suit her. Her health soon gave way, and at the end of a few years her fellow-missionaries deemed it advisable that she should return home. Her friends were advised of her purpose, but were also informed

that but little, if any, hope was entertained that she would live to reach her native land. Contrary to expectation, however, the sea voyage proved beneficial; her strength began to return; and when she reached Japan, the improvement in her condition was very marked. She was urged by the missionaries of the Woman's Union Board there to remain a few months until her health should be fully restored. To this she assented. At length, having entirely recovered from her illness, and her services being needed there, she entered heartily into the mission work, under the direction of the Union Board, and remained there for six years."

It was during this term of service in Yokohama that she became aware of the faith of a few heroic souls in our branch of God's kingdom through the direct answer to her prayers for funds and she resolved to meet them on her return home. While in Pittsburgh attending an annual session of the Woman's Christian Association, she was introduced to one of our members, Mrs. N. B. O'Neil, of Allegheny, and to her she reported the good work that was being done by our Church in the education of girls. Directly arrangements were made to present Miss Guthrie at the Monday morning meeting of pastors, where she made a most favorable impression by her earnest appeal; and it was there decided to call a meeting of all the women of the city churches to consider the organizing of a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. This meeting was held in the First Methodist Protestant

Church of Pittsburgh, and as a result the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church was then and there organized. February 14th, 1879. The motion to organize was made by Mrs. John Scott. The following named officers were elected: President, Mrs. John Scott; Vice Presidents, Mrs. James I. Bennett, Mrs. F. H. Collier, and Mrs. William Wragg; Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. H. Claney; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. N. B. O'Neil; Treasurer, Mrs. J. D. Anderson. Forty-two women were chosen as a Board of Managers, two or more being selected from each church represented. A committee was appointed to present an appeal to the women throughout the Church urging the importance of the work. A committee was also appointed to draft a Constitution and By-Laws. Thus the Society was fairly inaugurated, and entered upon its career of great usefulness. Dr. Scott continues:

"How wonderful are the dispensations of our Heavenly Father, and how mysterious his ways of working! Who could have imagined that an entire stranger to our Church, though converted under the labors of one of our ministers, and trained under the auspices of another organization, should become the means of arousing our missionary zeal, organizing our women, and should go forth as our first missionary to a foreign field! But so it was. It seems that God had prepared and sent her to lead us out into the foreign missionary work."

In God's own good time His purposes were being

fulfilled. Rich, fertile soil, already well prepared, received the seed, and upon his handmaidens fell the privilege and responsibility of cultivation, in this particular vineyard. So under Divine direction the circle that encompassed our being, was made complete. Our growth was slow, for the laborers were few, but their abiding faith was honored, and for them and all who truly follow after, a harvest will be garnered in the great store house on high. Miss Guthrie gave valuable assistance to the new society by her wise counsel during the year subsequent to its organization. A second meeting was called at which the Constitution and By-Laws were submitted. The articles, with one exception, were favored. Various opinions were held as to what the relative status of the new society should be, some favoring co-operation with the Union Society of New York as heretofore, and others desiring to assist the Board of Missions in establishing our own denominational work. Upon discussion it was found impractical to establish a permanent relation with the Union Society. Eventually this particular article was so worded as to give the new society the right to direct all its funds, but pledging to work in harmony and full sympathy with the Board of Missions. The Constitution and By-Laws were then adopted as a whole. Following instructions, the first official communication was sent out soon after the permanent organization was effected, explaining the work and defining the object of the society to be an effort to send mis-

sionaries and teachers to women in heathen lands. One thousand copies of this appeal were sent out, eight hundred were addressed to ministers in the denomination, believing this to be the most direct way of reaching the women of the various charges.

The Constitution and By-Laws, the names of the Officers and Board of Managers, were included in the communication, which was signed by Mrs. J. W. Rutledge, Mrs. Margaret Scott, and Mrs. N. B. O'Neil, Committee.

The following article governing the raising of funds is a part of the original Constitution: "The funds of the Society shall not be raised by public collections in our churches, but by securing members, life members, honorary managers, and in such other ways as the Society may determine and which shall not conflict with the regular collections for the Board of Missions."

It might here be added that it has been the policy of the Woman's Society to adhere faithfully to the above ruling throughout its entire history.

Before the first year had rolled around it was deemed necessary to revise and add to the Constitution—that the work might be broadened and systematized in such a way as to meet the requirements of the whole denomination. The boundaries of the church were divided into branches, each branch embracing all the auxiliary societies within the limits of its respective conferences. The purpose was to form an auxiliary in every church.

The administration of the affairs of the whole society was vested in the General Executive Board in which all branches should have representation, the whole to be in harmony with the government of the Church. Any number of women who contributed not less than ten dollars annually might form a branch by adopting rules of government conforming to the Constitution.

The First (1880)

Annual Meeting was held in the First Methodist Protestant Church, Pittsburgh, Pa., February 19th, 1880. The custom of opening the first session of every annual meeting with an old fashioned love-feast was at this time inaugurated, and continues with some modifications until the present day (1919). The first annual report contains but a few pages. The story of the year's work could be told in a few minutes.

The revised constitution was adopted and is embodied in this report, together with rules governing auxiliaries and mission bands, also reports from auxiliary societies. Pittsburgh, the original branch, reported ten auxiliaries and one mission band. A society had been organized July 6th, 1879, at Franklin, Michigan, thus placing Michigan second on the list. Hopeful promises had come from Maryland relative to juvenile work. Petitions were ascending on high in behalf of the new Society none the less earnest though widely separated. Printed page cannot reveal the power of importu-

nate prayer as it comes from the heart of a sincere follower. God has always blessed every token of love, whether it be the costly alabaster box or the wee mite of the widow, each being offered to do Him honor.

At this meeting Miss Guthrie expressed her willingness to go to Japan and establish the work of our Society, but with only \$300.00 in the treasury the undertaking seemed too great. How often in the succeeding years has this same experience been repeated, and how often as then has the Lord fulfilled his promise to those who lift their eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh help. Thus the way was opened. Rev. C. H. Williams, then Corresponding Secretary of the Board, was invited to address the meeting, and through him came the suggestion that the Board and the Society unite their strength, and thus a missionary could immediately be sent to the foreign field, and the education of the girls in Japan could be utilized in connection with our own church development. This proposition met with favor, and Miss Guthrie was accordingly accepted to represent our Church and Society in Yokohama, Japan. The Board of Missions sanctioned the plan suggested that they should assume Miss Guthrie's traveling expenses and the Society pay her salary.

At the time our work was undertaken in Yokohama, it was a city of 75,000 inhabitants, and the center of foreign commerce in Japan. Eight other

denominations had chosen this point also as the field of their operations.

In Mrs. O'Neil's report as Corresponding Secretary, she reveals the vision that has come to these few heroic souls, and their humility of heart in the following words: "In the department of Foreign Missions, it has been given to the women of America to do a grand work, that of reaching the women in eastern lands, who, by the very laws and religion under which they live, could never have been reached save by womanly ministrations.

. . . Now at the close of this our first year, we come, now proclaiming great victories achieved, nor can we point to our year's work embodied in striking form, but we remember there is for everything a season, and a time for every purpose. Ours is the seed-time, and in the sowing we realize the need of the constant guidance of Him whose followers we would be, that our harvest may be found in all its rich results at the great ingathering."

Dr. J. J. Murray, Dr. John Scott, Rev. David Jones, Rev. C. H. Williams and many others, were present who were deeply interested in the young society and spoke words of encouragement which gave a wonderful impetus to the effort, and inspired the hearts of all. Immediate steps were taken to carry out the plans already consummated. Mrs. J. J. Murray generously contributed fifty dollars to aid in sending out Miss Guthrie, and was thus made the first honorary manager of the organization.

April 23rd was the time agreed upon for Miss Guthrie to set sail for Japan. On the evening prior to Miss Guthrie's departure, a farewell meeting was held in the First Methodist Protestant Church of Allegheny. The altar was decorated with flowers given by Mrs. J. D. Anderson of Bellevue, Pa., while back of the pulpit hung a large American flag, presented to the Society by the women of the Muskingum Branch, the flag to be placed eventually over the Mission Home in Japan.

Miss Guthrie was introduced, and spoke with much feeling in reference to her departure. Dr. John Scott was present, and his reference to her address in his "Recollections" has preserved to us in her own words, a glimpse of the joy she felt in being considered worthy to go and offer to the heathen world salvation as it is in Jesus. Miss Guthrie said:

"Tomorrow I shall leave you, dear friends, and set my face toward the rising sun in Japan, the place of my future labors and love. I rejoice to know that I do not go alone. My Saviour will go with me, and keep me and bless me in my distant field. But there is one thing that I wish to urge upon you, Christian friends, especially upon the young members of the Church, that you soon send me an assistant, as the field there is already white to the harvest, but the laborers are few. What can one do among so many millions who are hungering for the bread of life. I shall expect to read in every kind letter from you the cheerful tidings of your

earnest efforts to send, as soon as possible, another worker into the vineyard in Japan." The farewell words of Miss Guthrie expressed the burden on the hearts of every succeeding missionary. "Send more workers. There are so many and we are so few." The meeting closed with encouraging words from Dr. Murray, Revs. Phipps, Berrien and others; Mrs. Colhouer in the name of the Society made some earnest and practical remarks, assuring Miss Guthrie of our sympathy and prayerful interest and our desire to do to the utmost all that she may be longing for. Her last words to the waiting women as she left the church that evening were—"God be with you."

The going out, and that which appears like a mysterious dispensation of Divine Providence, is best told by Mrs. Miller. "At noon, on April 23rd, 1880, Miss Guthrie was accompanied to the train by Dr. and Mrs. Scott, Rev. J. C. Berrien, Mr. J. H. Claney and many other friends, and soon proceeded on her way toward the "Land of the Rising Sun." Miss Guthrie arrived in San Francisco in her usual health, intending to spend a short time with friends, but while waiting for the vessel to bear her through the "Golden Gate" of the Pacific, the summons came from the spirit land, and the pale boatman bore her across the waters and through the golden gates of the Celestial City. On May 15th the sad news of her death was flashed across the wires to Pittsburgh, and fell like a pall on the church. Her body was embalmed in San

Francisco and brought to Pittsburgh for burial, on June 7th. The funeral services were held in the First Church, where a very large number of friends of all denominations came to pay the last tribute of respect to her memory."

The following account of the funeral services is condensed from the Methodist Recorder: "Revs. T. H. Colhouer, J. C. Berrien, and Messrs. Charles A. Scott, Charles A. Herbert, William K. Gillespie and John H. Claney, acted as pall-bearers. As the remains were borne up the aisle, the choir rendered the anthem, "And God shall wipe away all tears." A large cross of pure white flowers was placed on the altar, and other floral offerings were placed on the casket. Rev. S. F. Crowther read part of the fifteenth chapter of First Corinthians and part of the seventh of Revelation. Rev. William Wragg announced the hymn beginning "Farewell dear friend," after which Rev. W. H. Phipps led in prayer. Dr. Scott and Dr. Murray spoke of the beautiful character of the deceased, and of the hold she had gained upon the hearts of all those who had been associated with her. Dr. Murray held in his hand a volume of daily scriptural readings which had been used by Miss Guthrie amid her toils in foreign lands, and which on leaving her brother at Sparta, Illinois, to come to Pittsburgh, she gave to him as a small token of remembrance. In it was the following entry: "February 4th, 1880. Left Sparta for Pittsburgh." The passage for that day read "The Lord has said unto you, ye shall

henceforth return no more that way." On the day of her death, May 15th, 1880, is the following entry made by her brother, "Passed from death to life at San Francisco, Cal." The passage for this day was, "God shall wipe away all tears . . . there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, for the former things are passed away." The chorister without knowing this fact, selected for the opening anthem, "And God shall wipe away all tears." The co-incident was beautiful and touching." Miss Guthrie's body was laid to rest in a beautiful spot, in Allegheny Cemetery, there to await the resurrection morn, when all that then seemed so mysterious shall be made plain. "Let us trust God where we cannot trace Him."

Miss Guthrie had expressed a wish before leaving Pittsburgh that Miss Harriet G. Brittan, who had organized the work of the Woman's Union Missionary in India, and with whom Miss Guthrie had labored in that field, might be sent to Yokohama to join her as soon as the Society could see the way clear to do so. Miss Brittan had labored for eighteen years as a missionary in India, and was at this time at home on furlough. To her the Society turned in this dark hour, and promptly her answer came "Here am I, send me." Although "God buries his workmen, he carries on his work."

Arrangements were soon made with the Board of Missions, and Miss Brittan was at once appointed to succeed our lamented Miss Guthrie. Miss Brittan arrived in Pittsburgh on the 8th of

August to confer with the committee in regard to her departure for Japan. While there she suggested an immediate effort to raise money to build a missionary home for the Women's work in Japan. She proposed that an appeal be made to the Church, and that any one giving ten cents should be considered as giving one brick for the building. Larger sums should be credited at the same rate. This plan was adopted, and the fund so raised was called the Brick Fund.

Miss Brittan sailed for Japan very soon after being accepted as the representative of the Society, arriving there in September, 1880. She set about at once to rent a suitable building and to gather the children in for a school. She was successful in both her efforts. The school grew so rapidly that in a few weeks she was obliged to rent a larger building. Before an assistant could be sent to Miss Brittan by the home Society, one was provided through the providence of God. This assistant who became so valuable as a teacher and interpreter, was none other than Gei Neddzu (Martha Collier) the first fruits of our first seed sowing in a foreign land.

Miss Anna McCully of Brooklyn, N. Y., who was a friend of Miss Brittan's went to Japan at her own expense, and taught in our school for about two years. The Society paid her salary. All expenses of the school, excepting missionaries salaries and a few scholarships were borne by the Board of Missions.

The following resolution was sent by the Society to Rev. James H. Ballagh, Yokohama, Japan: "Resolved that the Committee on behalf of the Board of Missions and the W. F. M. S. tender their gratitude to Rev. James H. Ballagh and family of Yokohama, Japan, for the hospitality and kind attentions shown our missionary, Miss H. G. Brittan, on her arrival as a stranger in that city; Also, that thanks are due Mr. Ballagh for the interest shown in our mission work, and for the suggestion received from him by letter." It is with pleasure that mention is here made of the kindness of Dr. Ballagh, forty years ago. Throughout the succeeding years Dr. Ballagh though of another denomination, has ever been a ministering friend and a worthy advisor to our missionaries, and his counsel has been of inestimable value. Even now, though advanced in years, he is alive to the interest of missions and stands ready at any time to assist our girls with the wisdom gained from ripe experience.

The Second (1881)

Annual Meeting was held in Pittsburgh, with seven Branches reporting, either by letter or delegate. The seven Branches were: Pittsburgh, Michigan, Muskingum, Ohio, Illinois, Iowa and Genesee. The visiting delegates were Mrs. S. K. Spahr, Ohio Branch, Mrs. J. A. Thrapp and Mrs. E. N. McFarland of Muskingum Branch.

The General Conference met in Pittsburgh in May, 1880, when Mrs. J. H. Claney presented a

report from the Woman's Society, also a petition requesting official recognition by that body. The request was granted, and the following resolution ordered sent to the Society: "We recognize The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church, located in Pittsburgh, Pa., as one of the permanent agencies of the church, and recommend that branch societies of the same be organized in all our Conferences, and auxiliaries in all our stations, circuits and missions wherever practicable; provided that said Society in their methods for raising funds shall in no way interfere with the collections to be taken in the churches and Sabbath-schools for the Board of Missions." A letter of greeting from Rev. T. H. Lewis, pastor of St. Johns Church, Baltimore, guaranteed the sum of two hundred dollars annually from that church toward the support of a missionary sent out by our Society. The offer was gratefully accepted with the promise that as soon as a suitable person could be secured, St. John's Church would be notified. A service was held in memory of Miss Guthrie. Many beautiful tributes of love were expressed by those present who owed to her the quickening of their first impulse for foreign missionary work. The service was led by Mrs. M. A. Colhouer. Rules governing missionary candidates were adopted. Briefly they were to this effect. A candidate must believe herself divinely called to the work of a foreign missionary; she must be healthy, must furnish testimonials of good scholarship; must have

some financial and executive ability, and some experience in teaching. (A knowledge of medicine and nursing is desirable). She must not be less than 22 nor more than 30 years of age, and be willing to accept any field of labor to which she may be assigned.

Dr. John Scott, Editor of the Methodist Recorder, tendered the use of a column or more of the Recorder to be edited by the Society. Mrs. Mary A. Miller was elected editor of this column, which place she acceptably filled until our own official organ was started, when she became its editor. The kindness of Dr. Scott was much appreciated and it might here be said that the Society in its infancy, while struggling through many difficulties, were no little indebted to Dr. Scott, for as he says, "I advocated the Society's cause when they needed a friend, and when there was not only indifference, but opposition on the part of many to their work."

A Charter was obtained which recognized the Society as a corporation, giving to the body the power of acquiring, selling, leasing or conveying property under the laws of Pennsylvania.

During the second year the main object had been to create interest in the work by sending out leaflets, also one thousand copies of the annual report. The columns used by the Society in the Methodist Recorder had exerted a wide-spread influence. Mrs. John Scott was made treasurer of the Brick Fund. Mrs. N. B. O'Neil the Correspond-

ing Secretary resigned, owing to removal from the city and Mrs. M. A. Miller was elected to that office.

The Third (1882)

Annual Meeting was held in Cambridge, Ohio. On account of sickness and inclement weather the attendance was small. These conditions influenced the Society to change the time of its annual meeting from February to May. One new branch was reported, the Maryland Branch, with eight auxiliaries; thus a very encouraging beginning was made in Maryland. Seven branches reported either by letter or through a delegate. Mrs. F. A. Brown was elected President of the Society which position she filled most acceptably for twenty-five consecutive years. It was during the third year that a storm of protest arose because of the independent relation granted the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society by the General Conference in 1880. The Board of Missions desired to have the young society as its auxiliary, and have all its funds paid into its treasury. To this the Society would not agree. Difficulties multiplied when the Society proposed to buy or build a home for the work in Japan. The questions in dispute created a war of words for some time, even reaching the point where the Board of Missions suggested that it might be better for the Woman's Society to retire from Japan, and take up work in India. The Society intimated that they might take up independent work at some

other point in Japan. It was some time before misunderstandings were adjusted. The Society was upheld by some of the denomination's leading ministers. Mrs. Mary A. Miller, Record Editor, has this to say, in looking back, that in her opinion, "The Society's wish to be independent of the Board of Missions was that it might be able to push its work abroad with more rapidity than the policy of the Board seemed to favor." The President, Mrs. F. A. Brown said, "We were shown through many perplexities, how to manage that doubtful problem, the reluctant brethren." To adjust difficulties a committee of five was appointed to meet with the Annual Council, when it was decided to present the subject to the next General Conference where it was hoped that the work of each body would then be more clearly defined.

The Fourth (1883)

Annual Meeting was held in Baltimore. Some increase of membership was reported, but no new branches had been formed during the year. The necessity of a more aggressive campaign was strongly emphasized and definite plans were formed along these lines. The columns of the Recorder and Methodist Protestant and the Methodist Protestant Missionary were generously offered to the Society, thus affording opportunity to give information regarding the new plans. Death had entered our ranks and called to their reward two of our earliest and most active members, Mrs. Charles

Herbert and Mrs. Dr. Burns. Their absence was keenly felt. During the year, mite boxes were introduced, missionary leaflets were distributed, also 1,000 copies of the annual report. A vigorous effort was made to increase the number of Mission Bands. Miss Brittan reported a school of fifty pupils, comfortably located in a good building which she had rented, upon the advice of the Board of Missions. Application was made at this meeting by Miss Peterson of Baltimore to go as a Medical Missionary. The application was held over for future consideration.

The following from the Secretary's report seems quite unusual for a Missionary Society. "The receipts of our Treasury, thus far, have been greater than the demands upon it—and the question arises, 'Does not this surplus indicate for us a wider field?'"

The Board was cheered by a letter from Dr. Marlay, missionary in Yokohama under the Methodist Episcopal Church. He said in part: "The importance of Yokohama as a field of operations has not been exaggerated, and we are all encouraged by the prospect of greeting as fellow-laborers here the excellent ladies you are sending to occupy this station. American Methodism has an important mission to perform in Japan; we have most urgent need of all the missionaries the church can send us, and hence we hail with the utmost satisfaction the prospect of welcoming your agents in accom-

plishing the mission of our beloved church in this empire.”

The Fifth (1884)

Annual Meeting was held in Springfield, Ohio. This being the headquarters of the Board of Missions, there was ample opportunity for an interchange of opinions that helped to clear up some of the misunderstandings heretofore existing.

This was an eventful meeting inasmuch as the first applications here came to the Society from three young women who felt called of God to go into foreign missionary work. It was a time for prayer and thanksgiving; yes, and for tears, too, for hearts were full, and through it all, God's favor was recognized. The names of the young women were: Miss Margaret Brown, Miss Harriet E. Crittenden and Miss L. E. Dunn. The highest recommendations accompanied each application. After prayerful consideration Miss Brown and Miss Crittenden were accepted, but owing to the frail health of Miss Dunn, it was thought best that her going be deferred. Prayers were offered for her whose heart was so intensely in the work, that her strength might be recovered. The two missionaries-elect were instructed to sail for Japan in September. Before going, the President, Mrs. Brown, and Miss Brown visited the West Virginia Conference, and at that time organized West Virginia Branch.

The application made by Miss Peterson at the previous Annual Meeting to go as a medical mis-

sionary had been left in the hands of the Executive Committee. After due consideration the Committee decided that at this stage of our work it would be rather premature to send out a medical missionary, as the need of teachers was so great.

In the employment of missionaries there were some requirements added to those already adopted. A missionary must signify her intention of making this her life work, and must believe in the doctrines of the Methodist Protestant Church. The term of service must not be less than five years, and the missionary's entire time and attention must be given to the work. They must not involve the Society in any expense the estimate of which has not been submitted to and approved by the Society. They must make an annual and a quarterly report to the Society, and the action of the Society will be communicated to them at once by the Correspondent Secretary of the Board.

No new branches had been added the past year. New Jersey sent its second contribution of money and promised future co-operation. The Treasurer of the Brick Fund was made a member of the Executive Board. We find many changes taking place in the foreign field. Miss McCully, Miss Brittan's assistant, had returned to America. Gei Neddzu (Martha Collier) so valuable as a teacher and interpreter, had been stricken with cholera and died. Fortunately the services of Miss Cooper, a Eurasian girl, who had been educated in the Union home were soon secured. The Board of Missions

had, in the fall of 1883, sent out an ordained minister, Rev. F. C. Klein, a member of the Maryland Conference. Rev. Mr. Klein, with his wife, found a home in the building which had been recently purchased for the Board of Missions by Miss Brittan, and which was being used as a home for the missionaries and for the school. Miss Brown and Miss Crittenden arrived in Yokohama, October 29th., 1884, and began at once their work of assisting in the school. Not long after their arrival Miss Brittan resigned her position and accepted another in Tokyo. When the fact became known that Miss Brittan was no longer at the head of our school, the Executive Committee appointed Miss Brown Superintendent and Foreign Treasurer, and Miss Crittenden, principal of the school. The Corresponding Secretary was instructed to write Miss Brittan and ascertain if her services could be obtained for the Girls' School whenever it should come under the care of the Society. Her reply was in the affirmative. She also suggested work amongst the Eurasians, a work very much needed, but which no society had yet taken up. Miss Brittan wrote that "the helpless condition of these children has weighed on my heart for years and I have an intense longing to open a home for them. . . . They are the children of so called Christian parents, but are almost wholly neglected and are brought up in a condition generally far worse than the poor heathen around them; the heathen are taught some form of religion, while these poor children are taught

neither religion nor morality." The Society approved of the suggestion made by Miss Brittan, and being informed of their approval she immediately opened the work in Yokohama.

Objection was raised by the representative of the Board of Missions to our Society taking up work among the Eurasian children. Accordingly Miss Brittan wrote that, for the present, it would be best for the Society to relinquish the enterprise, but she would continue to conduct it as an independent school. Thus Miss Brittan permanently severed her connection with the Methodist Protestant Mission, after serving very successfully for five years, leaving a good record of work well done. Miss Brittan's resignation was accepted at the annual meeting, 1885.

This being the year of the meeting of the General Conference, a committee of three was appointed, consisting of Mrs. Mary A. Miller, Mrs. F. A. Brown, and Mrs. A. R. O'Brien to represent the Society at the Conference. The main points in the report as presented to the Conference were as follows: "The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has steadily adhered to the purposes as heretofore presented to the General Conference, in their Constitution. Branches were already organized in nine different Conferences, with about one hundred Auxiliaries and a number of Mission Bands. The Society raised during the five years of its existence about \$11,000. It is paying the salaries of Miss Brittan and her assistant and supporting

several scholarships, all of which amounted to about \$1,500.00 annually. There was a balance in the Treasury of \$2,083.31. Two new missionaries had been accepted who would leave for Japan in September. The Society had agreed to pay each missionary a salary of \$500.00 annually, with \$150.00 each for outfit.

"No disposition had been made of the building or "Brick Fund." It having been found unwise to educate boys and girls together in Japan, this fund will doubtless be used to secure a building exclusively for Woman's Work.

"The Society has been regularly incorporated and been given the power of selling, leasing and conveying any and all property which it may at any time acquire.

"It is the desire of the Society to supplement the evangelistic work of the Board of Missions by opening mission schools, day schools, and orphanages, and while co-operating with the Board in this way, it desires to co-ordinate with the Board, and be amenable to its authority."

The report as prepared and read by the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Mary A. Miller, concludes with the following: "Great good has already resulted to the church in a quickening of its pulses in every department where woman's foreign mission work has been inaugurated, and the Society feels that the influence of its work, if rightly directed, may be a mighty lever in lifting our churches to a higher and broader plane of usefulness. There

has been developed an administrative ability and an acquaintance and sympathy with the requirements of the kingdom of Christ, and an understanding and grasp of all moral and religious interests of great importance to the Church. That our beloved church may reap the fruits of this labor for Christ, the Society desires to plan more largely for the future than it has done. It wants to be a help and not a hindrance in its plans of work, and believing that the responsibility of sustaining its own specific work will be an incentive to greater exertion on the part of the whole church, we are fondly hoping that the petition which comes from the Society to the General Conference may meet with its most hearty approval, and that the future of our foreign interest may be such as will prove that wisdom has dictated the plans and methods of work proposed."

The petition from the Society that followed its general report, asked General Conference; First, to recognize the Society as one of the Boards of the Church; Second, that while desiring to act under the advisory supervision of the Board and be amenable to the General Conference, it also desires to reserve the right of controlling its own fund; Third, it asked for such a division of the foreign work as shall give the Society the support and supervision of all work for women and girls, and that our present school be so transferred, at the expiration of Miss Brittan's contract; Fourth, it asked that the Society be given the right of

carrying on all internal arrangements of their departments in such a way as deemed best by the Society, to secure success. The petition was signed by the Committee appointed to present the same.

The General Conference congratulated the Society upon its achievements and commended the women for the business-like manner in which the work of their Board had been transacted. The Conference in their consideration of the petition from the Society proceeded in a manner rather unusual, that gave evidence of a lack of information on the part of many of its members, at the same time indicating well laid plans on the part of a few.

The Committee on Foreign Missions after considering the petition as presented by our Society, accompanied their report to General Conference with seven distinct recommendations, which were styled "Rules for governing the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church," but which were in reality a new Constitution. No time was allowed for discussion. The Conference adopted the following recommendations acting under the impression that the foreign work would thus be best preserved and promoted.

First, that no change will be made in the work in Japan until the expiration of Miss Brittan's contract unless agreeable to the Society and the Board; Second, that Miss Brittan would be permitted to control the internal management of our school, and Rev. F. C. Klein would continue his evangelistic

work, teaching the young men, and directing his labors toward establishing a Mission Methodist Protestant Church; Third, that when the contract with Miss Brittan expires, the Board shall direct the teaching of men and boys, leaving the work among women and girls to the special care of the W. F. M. S. Fourth, and most vital, that the liberal Constitution under which the Society had been working would be taken from it, and it was to be placed under the Board of Missions, the Society simply being an auxiliary of that Board. All power was to be taken from it. Even the appointment of its missionaries, their remuneration, and the designation of their fields of labor. All appropriations, and all official acts were to be presented to the Board of Missions before they could be legally carried out, and thus the "Independent Sovereignty" which for about four years had rested like a mighty incubus on the minds of certain conservative brethren, came to an untimely end." When the new relation became known to the Society the action was greatly deplored. To anticipate—a petition was presented at the next session of General Conference requesting that the freedom of action formerly granted the Society, and of which it had been deprived at the previous session, be restored. This petition was granted in full.

The Sixth (1885)

Annual Meeting was held in Adrian, Michigan. Three Branches, West Virginia, Indiana and Penn-

sylvania had been organized during the year. New Jersey had for two years contributed money but was not as yet prepared to organize.

A letter of greeting came from Dr. F. T. Tagg, Correspondent Secretary of the Board of Missions, assuring us of his interest in the Society's success. Mrs. G. B. Dotson had done some very successful work as official organizer—through Mr. Dotson's influence, Mrs. M. J. Morgan of Indiana became one of the Society's most faithful, zealous workers until called to her eternal reward. Four leaflets were presented in response to a call for literature that were distinctly Methodist Protestant. Professor Wilbur, then a member of Adrian College faculty and a stranger to most of the Board, indeed almost a stranger to the work of the W. F. M. S., gave an address on the conditions in Japan and the need of an uplift for the women of that land.

This same Professor Wilbur is our own Dr. C. E. Wilbur who has endeared himself to every member of the Woman's Society by his unfailing interest, and his manifest willingness to give without stint of his time and talents and often of his means to forward our cause. How little either the Society or Professor Wilbur knew, at the time he gave this first address, of the close and pleasant association that would be maintained throughout the passing years.

The building now jointly occupied in Yokohama by the Board and the Society would soon be needed

by Mr. Klein for the growing school for boys, and plans were adopted to increase the "Brick Fund" in order that a suitable place could be secured for our work at an early day. A letter was read from Rev. C. H. Williams, Secretary of the Board of Missions, offering the Society the Methodist Protestant Missionary, a paper published by him in the interest of the Board and which he wished to discontinue. The details of the acceptance of his offer will be found in the review of the beginning and development of our official organ, as found on a special page of this volume.

The Seventh (1886)

Annual Meeting was held in First Church, Pittsburgh. This was going back home. The time of meeting had been changed to the third Wednesday in May—which time still prevails. Onondaga was the only new branch organized. In the organized branches, Maryland was reported as leading in the cause and pushing the work more vigorously than any other branch.

Two very pertinent questions called forth a general discussion: First, "Is it profitable to hold the meetings of the Executive Board annually?" The almost universal opinion prevailed that it was profitable; Second, "Is it wise in consideration of our increasing expenses, to pay from our auxiliary, moneys into the treasury of the Board of Missions?" Delegates were unanimous in their opinion that we as a Society have great need of all money

collected to meet the growing expenses of Woman's work. The importance of tithing also received liberal consideration. The Executive Committee reported that Miss Crittenden having become dissatisfied with the division of the work on the foreign field, as made by the Executive Board, had tendered her resignation. They also reported a communication from the Board of Missions stating that, if our Society did not wish to retain Miss Crittenden, she would be employed by the Board of Missions. Repeated efforts were made to adjust the misunderstanding with Miss Crittenden but without success. It was made clear that the plan of operations laid down by our Board was not intended to affect Miss Crittenden's relation to our school, but that the Board had placed Miss Brown at the head of our department work, she being the elder and presumably of more practical experience. Miss Crittenden was released from the work and later employed by the Board of Missions. Miss Brown was instructed to rent a suitable building for our school, which she soon secured at 84 Settlement, and the transfer of the school was made August 1st, 1885, (the school heretofore being in the building rented and used by the Board of Missions at 120 A. Bluff). Miss Brown now being the only teacher in our school, Mr. Klein kindly assisted her in the school room duties, until a regular assistant could be secured.

On February 26th, 1887, word came to the Executive Committee that Miss Brown's health had

failed and upon the advice of her physician she was returning to America. Miss Brown wrote upon reaching San Francisco, and said in part: "I cannot tell you how hard it was for me to give up my work in Japan. Perhaps you would think it would give me joy as we neared the American shore to know that I was so near home and native land; but as I stood there my thoughts went sadly back to the land I had left behind, and I would have been willing to have the ship headed the other way, and so retrace every mile of that long voyage to get back to my work, and to those girls I have so learned to love." Should such devotion and self-sacrifice fail to stimulate the interest of those in the homeland? Mr. Klein was fortunate in securing for our Society the services of Rev. and Mrs. George Elmer of the Methodist Episcopal Mission, who faithfully conducted the school until our Board sent out two women the following summer. Miss Jane R. Whetstone and Miss Melissa M. Bonnett made application to go, and as their testimonials seemed to meet the requirements, they were accepted by the Executive Committee, subject to the decision of the Board which was soon to meet in annual session.

The Eighth (1887)

Annual Meeting was held at Ohio, Illinois. The attendance was larger than at any former meeting. Three western branches had representatives present for the first time, viz.: Indiana, Iowa, and North

Illinois. Upwards of 5,000 pages of literature were sent out this year.

The action of the Executive Committee in endorsing the applications of Miss Whetstone and Miss Bonnett as missionaries was confirmed by the Board and they set sail for Japan, June 4th, 1887.

Mrs. Mary A. Miller and Mrs. J. E. Palmer were elected to represent the W. F. M. S. at the next session of General Conference. The absence of Mrs. Colhouer was regretted and her wise counsel was missed throughout the meeting. Mrs. Colhouer was on her way to Japan with her husband, Dr. Colhouer, he having been appointed by the Board of Missions for work at Yokohama. The presence of Miss Margaret Brown, returned missionary, and Miss Whetstone and Miss Bonnett, missionaries-elect, was a great inspiration. Four new branches were reported, New York, New Jersey, South Illinois and Kansas.

The contract with missionaries was added to, in order to avoid misunderstandings which unwittingly seemed to force themselves upon the Society. The addition was to the effect that if a missionary should voluntarily leave the employment of the Society within five years after her arrival on the field, she shall refund to the Society the money expended by them for outfit and passage, and she shall give six months' notice of any contemplated change of relationship to the Society or forfeit her salary for that time.

The Ninth (1888)

Annual Meeting was held in Washington, D. C. Two very important events occurred during the year just closing, viz: The purchasing of ground for our school in Yokohama and the establishing of work at Nagoya.

Again the proposition came up that the General Executive Board of the W. F. M. S. meet every four years, and if not four years, to meet bi-ennially. The opinion was almost unanimous in favor of annual meetings. The office of Vice President was created at this time, and the request was sent to the General Conference to increase the Executive Committee to nine members. This request was honored at the session of Conference which was held two weeks later.

The proposition to unite Home and Foreign work was deemed inexpedient. Such opinion was confirmed by General Conference who considered it wise to commit the work to separate agencies. A growing interest in our work was reported from the home base, and the most encouraging word came from our workers abroad. One missionary writes: "A continued revival is operating here and all the girls of our school, even the small children are deeply interested in their soul's salvation. The older girls and the young men in the Sunday-school, contribute of their means to purchase religious tracts to spread in the towns and villages around Yokohama, and the young men proclaim

the good news of Christ, the Saviour, wherever they can find a listener."

Upon the advice of Rev. T. H. Colhouer who had on various occasions been of great assistance to our missionaries, a lot 100 x 150 feet (244 B. Bluff) was purchased for \$1,350.00. The Brick Fund having in the Treasury only \$2,470.62 after the lot was paid for, not enough to begin a building, the Board assumed the obligation of raising \$5,000.00 the whole amount needed, without a dissenting voice. Rev. Mr. Colhouer very strongly urged the Society to purchase the adjoining lot, which he considered necessary to give ample room for our buildings. The additional lot was subsequently purchased. Rev. T. H. Colhouer who very kindly agreed to act as superintendent of the building of our new home, was requested to proceed with the building as soon as possible, that it might be ready by September, 1889.

Miss Bonnett carried on the work at Yokohama with the assistance of native teachers until in February she was re-enforced by Miss Kimball, a resident missionary, who took charge of the musical department and some of the teaching.

Our Society had the honor of being represented by Mrs. Mary A. Miller at the World's Missionary Convention which met in London, England Mrs. Miller gladly bore her own expenses, that she might be present at this great meeting and thus gain new inspiration, and likewise place our work, although young and weak, along with those of

riper experience. She was happy to report that at the Women's Meetings, where the methods of women's societies were discussed, our society came in for a share of commendation on account of its freedom of action. During one of these meetings a committee was formed called "The World's Missionary Committee of Christian Women." Its object was to secure a more united effort among denominational societies and to secure a united prayer for special objects. Miss S. A. Lipscomb was appointed to represent our Society on this Committee.

The Tenth (1889)

Annual Meeting was held at Camden, New Jersey. It is recorded that in the matter of attendance, all former meetings were surpassed. A number of those present had gone to the Annual Meetings year after year and long since they had "received compensation in the enrichment of their own spiritual natures, in addition to the good which they have been instrumental in doing to others at home, as well as abroad."

A discussion came up each year as to the propriety of incurring the expense of bringing together such a number of women year after year. The Missionary Record of this date has the following to say upon this important question: "The educational value of these assemblies, the enlarging of sympathies, the stimulus given to Christian workers, is more than an offset for all the money ex-

pended in this way. The women are sowing good seed, and the day is not far distant when the church at home and abroad will reap a harvest with rejoicing."

Rev. F. C. Klein and wife and Miss Margaret Brown, all recently returned from Japan, were present, and were very helpful in solving problems, and giving valuable suggestions, that would otherwise have made conclusions more difficult.

Mrs. M. J. Morgan had been organizing in Michigan and Indiana, and Mrs. Rupp and Mrs. Dodge of Maryland Branch reported a work that kindled enthusiasm in many hearts for the spread of Christ's kingdom. Mrs. Dodge and Mrs. Rupp were present and added new zeal by the warmth of their interest. Mrs. Dodge though more than three score and ten, and holding membership in a sister denomination, was enthusiastic for our work and gave added inspiration by her presence. Mrs. Dodge a few years later made the first bequest to the Society.

West Michigan Branch, and Washington and Alexandria Branch, were organized during the year. Minnesota also reported an organization. Memorial membership was established by a friend of Woman's work, Mr. J. L. D. Chandler, who asked that his wife be made a Memorial member of our Society. The name of Mrs. Luella Chandler was the first enrolled. The list of Memorial Members has grown in the passing years until with the fortieth anniversary there were en-

rolled 294 names. The names that are printed in the annual reports from year to year, "In loving remembrance," call to mind the faithfulness of those who bore them, and give assurance that they, with the names of hundreds of other co-workers will be found in the great book of remembrance on high.

"God calls our loved ones, but we lose not wholly
What He hath given,
They live on earth, in thought and deed as truly
As in his heaven."

A lot having been purchased in Yokohama in 1888, the Society proceeded at this time to plan for the erection of a new building upon it, suitable to our needs. Rev. T. H. Colhouer kindly offered to assist in overseeing the construction of the home, and gave valuable help in every possible way. The school was removed to the new building located at 244 B Bluff in October, 1889.

An application to go as our missionary came from Miss Annie L. Forrest, who was then a student at the Missionary Training School in Brooklyn, N. Y., and who had had practical experience in the city mission work of Brooklyn. Miss Forrest made a deep impression by her earnestness and enthusiasm and was accepted and appointed to assist Miss Whetstone in Nagoya. The closing service was a Thank-offering service at which \$332.40 were received for the home in Yokohama.

The Eleventh (1890)

Annual Meeting was held in Toronto, Ohio. The reported increase in numbers, and in receipts of money, was very encouraging. During the year the Executive Committee received a very satisfactory statement of all expenses incurred in the building of the Home in Yokohama. The buildings, out-buildings, and improvements of the ground, had cost \$5,778.80. This added to the price of lot (\$1,350.00) represented an outlay by the Society of \$7,128.80. This amount had been collected from November, 1880, when the first brick was sold, to May 22nd., 1890. Most of this money had come in small sums, and represented real sacrifice. A gift of \$500.00 was received from Mr. and Mrs. Colhouer toward the building and improvements, also a proposal that they assume all out-standing obligations, from their private funds, and await the Society's convenience to reimburse them. Miss Whetstone contributed \$50.00 and Miss Bonnett \$25.00 toward the Home. The following resolution was adopted at the Toronto meeting:

“Whereas, Dr. and Mrs. Colhouer, of the Board of Missions have rendered very efficient service to the Woman's Board, in superintending the erection of our Home in Yokohama; therefore be it,

Resolved, That the Executive Board do hereby extend most cordial thanks to them for the service, sympathy and co-operation so cheerfully given; also that we highly appreciate their donation of

five hundred dollars towards the completion of our buildings and we pray that the Father of mercies may bless them abundantly in all spiritual grace, and enable us to emulate their generous and self-denying example."

Mrs. Dr. Scott resigned her position as Treasurer of the Brick Fund and Mrs. J. D. Anderson was elected as her successor. A vote of thanks was tendered Mrs. Scott for the careful management of the funds entrusted to her. The work had involved no little labor, but there was a just compensation in the feeling that a good work had been accomplished.

Our new station at Nagoya was making slow progress, for the workers here found many obstacles to overcome. While the natives were willing to accept foreign customs to bring their country up to the standard of other nations, they could not be impressed with our religious teachings.

Miss Whetstone wrote to our Executive Committee of the great needs there and while manifesting deep earnestness, the note of hardship and discouragement was very evident. "I pray hourly for patience. The people here are very much opposed to the Bible, more so than in any other place in Japan. They are taught to hate Christians, and to believe that missionaries had come into their midst to do them harm; but we intend to stand by the Book, committing ourselves and this great work into the care of our Heavenly Father." These words from a brave and faithful worker there,

stimulated the determination of those at home to renewed sacrifice, that might in a small way be worthy the infinitely greater sacrifice their representatives experience in the midst of such difficulties.

Miss Bonnett wrote of the work in Yokohama as growing rapidly. Ten girls were recently taken into the Church. "Japan is producing a rich harvest, but oh! how much more would there be were there more reapers."

By the aid of an interpreter Mrs. Colhouer visited the native homes and told the women of the love of the true God, and of his interest in them, as only Mrs. Colhouer could do. She said, "In the houses where we visit we find the shrines and vessels of incense and candles for the performance of heathen worship, yet they do not like to admit that they believe these images to be gods; they say it is necessary to have them in the house, and it is a Japanese custom, and refuse to give up the customs of their ancestors. Every time I go out among the families, I come home with a feeling of sadness because I cannot get access to more people. As they sit and look at us with open eyes and ears, listening to our strange message, I feel that it would not be difficult to teach them if we had the time."

At this annual meeting it was thought best to send Miss Bonnett to Nagoya, and return Miss Whetstone to the school at Yokohama. Miss For-

rest was doing good evangelistic work in Nagoya and was continued at this station.

The Mission Band from Empire, Ohio, was present and was formally introduced to the Board. Without doubt this Band has the honor of being the first Mission Band in the W. F. M. S. It was organized January, 1882, with eight members and reported fifty in 1890. Two members had attended every meeting during the eight years and several had missed only two or three times. Their smallest collection for one year was \$9.00, the largest \$42.50. Their report, which was given special space in the annual report, closes with this enthusiastic purpose: "We hope to do more and better work the coming year than ever for this glorious cause of foreign missions." Signed Miss Orpha Allen.

The Twelfth (1891)

Annual Meeting was held in Washington St. Church, Baltimore. The increased attendance, and all reports indicated a growing interest. Greetings were received from Rev. F. T. Tagg, Secretary of the Board of Missions, and from Mrs. Colhouer then in Japan. Miss Margaret Brown and Miss R. M. Bonnett, returned missionaries, were present. Miss Bonnett had returned to America during the year upon advice of her physician. The term of service for which missionaries were to be employed was changed at this time, from five to eight years.

Impressive services were held, honoring the

memory of Mrs. A. R. O'Brien, a member of the General Executive Board, and the first Corresponding Secretary of the Maryland Branch. In a beautiful tribute given by Miss Jane R. Roberts, a life long friend, she said: "It was but just to say that the early success of Maryland Branch was largely due, under Divine Providence, to the untiring labors of Mrs. O'Brien. She depended upon divine help, yet availed herself of every thing that came in her way that would tend to qualify her for her work. Patiently and without a murmur she passed through the severe ordeal of physical pain and 'was not for God took her.'"

The Thirteenth (1892)

Annual Meeting was held in Grace Church, Sharpsburg, Pa., nineteen delegates present. A number of ministers, on their way to General Conference stopped to give a word of greeting. The question of continuing the work at Nagoya caused much discussion. A wave of national prejudice was sweeping through the entire empire, which was rendering the labor of the missionary almost ineffectual. A critical spirit, even amongst the native Christians, prevailed in all the great centers. Many of the pastors of churches were unwilling to receive advice, but very willing to receive financial help. Some of the members of the Board believed that a further outlay of money or effort at this time would be unwise, and a resolution to that effect was introduced, which met with strong

opposition from some of the delegates. A tie vote resulted, but eventually the question was decided in favor of continuing the school at Nagoya and retaining Miss Forrest as teacher and evangelistic worker. Later it was considered advisable to appoint Miss Whetstone as principal of the school, and to permit Miss Forrest to continue her evangelistic efforts in which she has been very successful.

A resolution was passed instructing delegates to the General Conference to ask that the statistical report of the Society be included in that of the Japan Mission and that our interests have a place at the Annual Conference. The committee, Mrs. D. S. Stephens and Mrs. F. A. Brown, presented the petition, and were gratified by having the assurance that a report of our work would be embodied in the Annual Report of the Japan Conference, and membership would be granted to all missionaries sent out by the Society. The Committee was also instructed to petition the Conference that the relation existing between the Board of Missions continue as heretofore. The petition was granted.

The matter of organizing the very young children in the Church was considered and resulted in forming a band to be known as "Precious Jewels." This society includes children from birth up to five years of age.

An application was received from Miss Amelia J. Rowe, Troy Mills, Iowa, to go out as our mis-

sionary. Miss Rowe was present at this meeting and was accepted and appointed to Yokohama.

Frailty of body caused the resignation of Mrs. J. J. Murray as Corresponding Secretary of the Board, and Mrs. D. S. Stephens was elected to fill the unexpired term. Mrs. Stephens was retained in this office for twenty-seven successive years. Only relinquishing her duties because of failing health. A generous part of the successful development of the W. F. M. S. is due to the faithful work of Mrs. Stephens throughout her long period of service. Mrs. C. B. Fornshill, of Baltimore, was elected Treasurer of Brick Fund. There remained in the Treasury at this time, \$466.62 which was the beginning of a fund to purchase a lot and build a home in Nagoya.

Rev. A. R. Morgan, serving under the Board of Missions, wrote of the growth and importance of our work at Yokohama, "Forces that are boundless in effect are being set in motion. Most of the girls in the school profess themselves as desiring to engage in Christian work when the proper time comes. Had the Society never accomplished anything but what it has done for these girls, it might well claim to have succeeded. There is no nobler work, no work deserving of higher praise than that of Christian women in America in their efforts to elevate the women of Japan."

The Executive Board expressed their desire to participate in the Congress of Missions to be held in Chicago during the Columbian Exposition, Sep-

tember, 1893, and appointed Miss S. A. Lipscomb to represent the Society's interests at this Congress.

The Fourteenth (1893)

Annual Meeting was entertained at Bridgeton, New Jersey. Eighteen branches reported by delegate or letter; three were not heard from but as money had been received by the Treasurer they were still considered active. The names of two missionary candidates were presented at this meeting, Miss Annette Lawrence and Miss Margaret Kuhns.

Miss Whetstone having completed her first term of service (six years) in the employ of the W. F. M. S. was present, and was able to give valuable information as to the needs of our workers in Japan, the condition of our buildings, and the general success of our schools. In presenting her report Miss Whetstone stated that on account of circumstances existing at Nagoya, she had given most of her time to work immediately connected with the Board of Missions and desired that her salary which the W. F. M. S. pledged to pay, be used toward purchasing a property at Nagoya for the Society. Miss Whetstone's kindness was appreciated but it was deemed just to pay her her full salary as contracted to do. Her generosity was more than once in evidence, not only toward the Society, but in her efforts to assist the native girls under her care. At one time Ko Tamura, one of her valued assistants, was obliged to go to the hospital for treatment.

Miss Whetstone bore all her expenses and gave to her a mother's care.

The report from Nagoya gave evidence of Divine approval. Struggling for a number of years in the face of great difficulties, the faith and energy of a few heroic souls, both at home and on the field, were being rewarded. The prospect of success was brighter than it had ever been before. Opposition to the missionaries was dying out and natives were asking for Christian instruction. Both boys and girls were being taught in the school.

The growth of the W. F. M. S. and its consequent increase of responsibility made a larger Executive Committee desirable. The request presented to the General Conference that the number on the Committee be increased to thirteen was accordingly honored, which number is still retained.

The application of Miss Lawrence to go as our missionary was accepted, with instruction to join Miss Rowe at Yokohama as soon as possible. Miss Kuhns was also accepted, but her appointment to Japan was deferred until she shall have completed a short course of study at Moody Bible Institute, or some other training school.

The request came from Miss Rowe that some alterations in our building at Yokohama should be made, also that a retaining wall must be built, a cure found for smoky chimneys, and more light must be secured for some of the class rooms. A committee was appointed to consider these requests, and in their report they recommended that Miss

Rowe be requested to forward estimates to the Board as to the cost of the suggested improvements, also that she inquire into the possibility of a sale of 244 B Bluff, and the amount that could be realized, and that she ascertain the cost of a lot on the opposite bluff, in a more eligible part of the City of Yokohama. Also the approximate cost of the erection of a home and school building on approved plans, with the school rooms so arranged that they can be thrown into one with a seating capacity of 250 or 300 persons. This report was unanimously adopted.

The Fifteenth (1894)

Annual Meeting was held in Adrian, Michigan, with twenty-one delegates present, and reports from sixteen branches. Miss Whetstone, returned missionary, was also present. Reports show that \$8,614.43 passed through the hands of the Treasurer of the Brick or Building Fund, as now known, and \$43,592.00 through the General Treasurer's hands, making a total collected in the interest of our Society during the first fifteen years of \$52,206.47. A total of 197 auxiliaries and 2500 members was reported by the Corresponding Secretary at this meeting.

Miss Margaret M. Kuhns who made application and was accepted for missionary work in 1893, had spent three months in the summer of 1894 at the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago in preparation for her work on the foreign field. She set

sail in October. She had been assigned to Yokohama, and upon her arrival in Japan immediately assumed the duties in connection with our school at 244 B Bluff.

An application was received from Miss Regina Garrel, offering her services as a medical missionary. The time not being opportune for sending out medical missionaries, the application was laid on the table.

Stress was put upon the necessity of auxiliaries preparing the best programs possible for their meetings. There is so much in present day literature pertaining to missions, that no meeting need be dull. Don't ask any one in this busy age to come to a poor missionary meeting. It was also determined to appeal to the Christian Endeavorers for an increased interest. The first Christian Endeavor Society was the outgrowth of a missionary society, hence there should naturally be, amongst the Endeavorers, a spirit of compensation.

Miss Lawrence left San Francisco, September 30th, to take up her second term of service with the W. F. M. S. She was assigned to the work in Nagoya. Miss Forrest, whose contract for five years expired in September, 1894, and who had labored so faithfully at this point, returned to America in furlough. After three years' service, Miss Amelia Rowe was released from her contract, and came home to be married. All rules governing missionaries failing to fulfill their contract, were complied with by Miss Rowe.

The Sixteenth (1895)

Annual Session was held in Lafayette Ave. M. P. Church, Baltimore, Md. From the Corresponding Secretary's report given at this meeting, it is evident that some steps must be taken at this time to arouse the lagging zeal already making its effect manifest. Expansion should be our constant aim. We may have been too economical in our methods, and too lax in our effort to combat that old excuse: "It takes ninety-five cents of every dollar to send the balance to the heathen." We may have adhered too rigidly to the purpose of sending every penny to the foreign field, leaving nothing for necessary home expenses. We have been proud of the fact that we have no salaried officers, but as our Corresponding Secretary has said: "It may be false economy to send all our money to foreign lands and not retain enough at least to repair our machinery. A successful seedsmen does not sell all his fertilizing material to his patrons, but he enriches his own deep furrows, so that the seeds and plants he brings to market may be of the best." She makes a plea for more money to be expended, to send a wise and efficient woman throughout our boundaries to strengthen the weak places, and give counsel and information that will bring helpful results. We should also expend some money on the training of future missionaries. We have applications from our church from deeply spiritual young women, who have a heart full of

love for mankind, but they know nothing of the duties that await them, or of the best methods of reaching the ignorant and unfortunate.

Mrs. D. S. Stephens, Mrs. F. A. Brown and Mrs. W. W. Baynes were elected delegates to the General Conference.

Mrs. Mary A. Miller, Editor of the *Missionary Record*, presented her resignation which was accepted with profound regret. Mrs. Miller was leaving Pittsburgh to make her home in Kansas City, Kansas. For ten years she was faithful in the arduous work connected with the *Missionary Record*, and gave time and talent and money gratuitously to its support. The appreciation of the Board was but feebly expressed in a resolution presented at this time. Mrs. Matilda McBride was elected Editor of the *Record*, and the place of publication was transferred to Kansas City.

It was decided at this time to hold ourselves in readiness as a Society to follow the Board of Missions into China whenever they found the way clear to enter upon this new work. A growing desire in various sections of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to extend the efforts of the Society into China had been expressed at previous Board meetings.

The 14th day of February, or the day most convenient to that date, was adopted to be observed perpetually by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society as Thank Offering day. It was ordered that \$500.00 be sent for changes and repairs on our

Yokohama home. The work in Yokohama was reported to be in a very satisfactory condition. Figures or statistics will not measure the degree of success at this point. Aside from the work of our faithful teachers, who can measure the influence of nine native girls who work faithfully in the Sunday-school, or how far the influence of seven girls who do house to house visitation distributing tracts and inviting people to the Church services may extend. The Father of Mercies above takes account of these humble services and heaven alone will reveal the result of the efforts of these deeply earnest girls. Our missionaries are holding on to what they have gained at Nagoya and still manifest an abiding faith in the work here. Rich seed has been sown, and they look for an abundant harvest in God's good time. May their faith be rewarded and may the Society bear these noble workers at Nagoya daily before the throne of Grace.

The Board instructed the Corresponding Secretary to notify Miss Kuhns that an assistant would be sent to her as soon as possible. In answer to prayer and an earnest effort an able assistant was secured in the person of Miss Alice L. Coates. Miss Coates is deeply spiritual and well qualified to help bear the responsibilities and arduous duties that come to a missionary, and to assist in establishing a good and permanent work in Yokohama. Miss Coates sailed for her field of labor in October, 1895.

The Seventeenth (1896)

Annual Meeting was entertained in Kansas City, Kansas. The Seventh Street Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was kindly offered for the use of the Woman's Board, because of its close proximity to our own Church, in which the sessions of the General Conference were being held at the same time.

Three returned missionaries were present, Mrs. Colhouer, Miss Whetstone and Miss Forrest.

Branch reports show slow increase. Maryland Branch reported a new phase of work in taking up the employment of Bible women who are to go out into the homes and teach, giving their full time to our work.

Miss Kuhns writes that: "Monotonous as school life and work appear, we can say, we are progressing. Just as sure as the unfolding leaves and opening flowers tell the gardener that success is crowning his efforts, so do the many little incidents of daily life prove to us that our labor is not in vain. A beautiful memorial tribute was paid to O-Ko-San, one of our first native workers in Japan, by Mrs. Colhouer. Miss Whetstone and Miss Forrest added words of highest commendation for the faithfulness and efficiency of this young Japanese Christian girl. To the women at home, O-Ko-San's name was very familiar, and because of her unfaltering service she had become endeared to the hearts of many in the home land, very especially

so to the "Busy Workers" of Westminster, Md., who had supported her for some years. Her death was sincerely mourned. The General Conference recognized The Missionary Record as the official organ of the W. F. M. S. at this time.

The necessary additions and improvements at 244 B Bluff are well under way, and the school is gradually increasing in numbers and interest. In the School every moment of time is taken up in English and Bible study, Sunday-school work, and Endeavor work, King's Daughters Circle and House to House visitation, which leaves little time for the study of the language. More time for language study, pleads the missionary, for this means more efficient work. Realizing that the time was long over-due when our girls at Nagoya should have a home, it was resolved that the Society purchase ground and build a home as soon as a suitable location could be secured. This matter was placed in the hands of Miss Lawrence, who was instructed to advise with the Board of Missions and submit estimates to the Executive Committee. Money already in the Building Fund would be applied to the investment. It was also decided at this meeting to begin kindergarten work as soon as practicable at Nagoya.

The Eighteenth (1897)

Annual Session of the W. F. M. S. was held in Cincinnati, Ohio. The falling off in branch reports created anxiety and a purpose to investigate

the cause. At one time, twenty-one branches had been organized. Now only fourteen can be counted on as being active. Our Corresponding Secretary has this to say: "Sometimes a stream may become sluggish and its current slow, then a much needed inrush of water will come and arouse all latent matter into activity and life. So it is with some of our branches. The monotonous routine of meetings becomes dull and uninteresting, and one by one members drop out, until the life blood of an auxiliary is gone, and why? Simply for the lack of nutrition. As auxiliaries die, the branch becomes weakened and worthless. Can we wonder that some auxiliaries become weary and indifferent? They are isolated, and seldom come in touch with the warm spirit that fosters the growth and life at the centers, and they soon begin to waver, weaken and cease to struggle. This is where our missionary literature should come in, to give knowledge and in some measure create the necessity of larger distribution of this kind of reading." When auxiliaries have gone out of existence because they did not know what to do, there is **but one** solution as to the reason—something is lacking on our part. One thing is evident, we need an inrush of missionary literature.

Miss Lawrence reported that ground had been purchased in Nagoya. She was instructed to arrange with the Board of Missions in regard to the title to the property, that it might be held in trust by the "Land Company," formed by that Board,

for the use of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. The amount of money ordered sent to Nagoya at this time was \$1,737.30. Miss Lawrence had during the year submitted plans to the Executive Committee which were approved and she was authorized by this Committee to proceed with the building. The request came from the Maryland Branch that the legacy left by Mrs. Mary A. Dodge be used to build the home at Nagoya, and that it shall be known as the "Mary A. Murray Home," in memory of a faithful and beloved member of that Branch. The request was granted. Miss Coates was transferred from Yokohama to assist Miss Lawrence at Nagoya. The work at Yokohama is showing marked increase. Money was ordered sent to pay for needed improvements on the buildings, and a promise of relief was given Miss Kuhns at an early date.

Ways and means to secure more missionary literature came in for free discussion. It was deemed wise to have a permanent secretary for this department, hence the office was created, with hopes for an awakened interest along this line. The Treasurer's report was encouraging. "For eighteen years we have gleaned yet the time has never come when the last cent was gone nor did the year ever close and find the Society in debt."

The Nineteenth (1898)

Annual Meeting convened in Baltimore, in the Alnutt Memorial Church. The number of branches

reporting seems to have settled down permanently to fourteen. The question as to why the church has failed to foster or encourage this young Society as the Society had the right to expect, was freely discussed. More sympathy from the ministry is needed, as well as a reasonable assurance of their willingness to assist in the development and extension of our work. In some churches and conferences there has been a loyalty and co-operation that has been a blessing, and a source of great encouragement, at other points even mention of our work has been as an unwelcome guest. The conclusion of the matter was summed up in this thought: "The pastor who is not missionary in spirit should reform or go into other fields of work." In January of the present year, Miss Lawrence and Miss Coates moved into the new home at Nagoya. The property is clear of debt. A free kindergarten was opened, very soon after the home was completed, which numbers 50 in regular attendance. (Thus our first kindergarten was established (1898) which was still in a flourishing condition at our fortieth anniversary). Miss Mary E. Williams, who signified her desire to go out as our missionary at the last Board meeting, was accepted and sailed for Japan in October. She will assist Miss Kuhns at Yokohama.

At the school in Yokohama there are sixty-one pupils. Twenty-two have professed faith in Christ and been baptized. Eighteen have graduated, some of whom are teaching in the public schools of the

city. The school has reached the limit of the building. Growth and extension are what we have been praying for. Are we ready to meet it? Our property is all now in excellent condition. We now have something so long desired, two missionaries at each of our stations. To disseminate information throughout branches, a traveling library was advocated, also a training school for our missionaries. The following resolution was adopted, that steps be taken toward establishing a mission in China as soon as the way is clearly revealed to us to do so.

The death of Miss Harriet G. Brittan and Miss Margaret Brown, two of the Society's beloved missionaries, had occurred the past year. So ends those lives

"That stand as all true lives have stood.
Firm rooted in the faith that God is good."

The Twentieth (1899)

Annual Session was entertained in Bellevue, Pa. It seemed fitting that the Twentieth Anniversary of our organization should be in this city so near to the birth place of the Society, where many live that have nursed and tenderly guarded this child of the Church from its infancy. The first ten years, the work of construction was strenuously carried on. Timid, yet bold in the line of duty, the pioneers of our Society pressed on. During the second decade, more attention was directed toward raising our school at Yokohama to a higher standard, and

devising means to extend our work. Also in establishing school and kindergarten work in Nagoya. During the twenty years we have sent to Japan twelve young women to bear the "glad tidings." Three have finished their course, and gained their reward. The value of our property in Japan is fully \$15,000.00. The schools are doing excellent work with four teachers from this country, and a number of native teachers and Bible readers.

Miss Lawrence was present, and through her came the recommendation that our work at Yokohama be moved to the interior of Japan. Rev. T. H. Colhouer spoke against the proposal, and Miss Lawrence in its favor. After consideration the Board decided that the reasons given for removal would not justify such action, and appointed a Committee to investigate all arguments bearing in any way whatever upon the question. For some time the idea of extending our work into China had been under consideration. It took definite form at this time, by the adoption of the following resolution: "Resolved that this Society proceed to take up work in China as soon as practicable and that Miss Annette E. Lawrence be sent to China as our first missionary." The Senior Christian Endeavorers expressed a desire to assume the support of a missionary in China.

The twentieth anniversary meeting closed with the watchword, "Advance," and a fixed purpose to double our membership in the next ten years.

The Twenty-first (1900)

Annual Session of the Society was held at Muncie, Indiana. The reports cover an eventful year. We have ventured into new fields. The year 1900 finds the Society passing through the open gateway into China. Miss Annette E. Lawrence, and Miss Grace M. Hill, who sailed from America since our last Board meeting, are now in Shanghai, China. Miss Hill is to be supported by the Christian Endeavorers and will be known as "The Endeavor Missionary." Miss Lawrence and Miss Hill remained at this point for nearly a year studying the language, and becoming familiar with the country and the customs of its people. They undertook some evangelistic work in outlying towns.

Miss Almira Dean was accepted by the Board to work with Miss Williams at Yokohama. Last July the new treaties went into effect in Japan. The Minister of Education, Count Kabayama, placed certain restrictions upon religious instruction in all schools recognized by the government. The school age is fourteen years, and the education of Japanese children is to be wholly godless until after that age is reached. Christian parents are prevented from giving their children a Christian education without subjecting themselves to great difficulties. This edict will affect the school at Yokohama to some degree, but Nagoya will not be disturbed.

Rev. Frances E. Clark, (Father Endeavor

Clark) visited our mission stations in Japan and for each station had only words of highest commendation. He wrote to the Methodist Protestant from which we quote :

“I am glad to know that the Christian Endeavorers of the Methodist Protestant Church are becoming more and more interested in mission work, and I can assure them that they have reason to be proud of their work and their workers. May they increase in loyalty and love for their noble Mission Board, and support it with a generous hand, for I feel confident that in no other way can their money count for more for the upbuilding of the cause of Christ, than thus bestowed and directed by their Board”

The Twenty-second (1901)

Annual Meeting was entertained in The Congress Street Church, Washington, D. C. To those who have carefully watched the work of this Society from year to year the questions might be asked: “Have we worked in vain?” “Has our effort been an experiment?” “What have we accomplished?” One answer alone should encourage those who have faithfully labored: ‘Our offerings may have been as the Widow’s Mite, or the few loaves and fishes, but the Lord accepted and blessed them. Through these timid efforts, the Bread of Life has been sent to hungry souls.’ We are pleased that our Church is growing in numbers. Is it growing in the desire to be “our brother’s keeper?”

Reports from our mission stations show steady growth. The new treaties in Japan which it was feared might hinder the progress of Christian education have proven less harmful than was anticipated. According to reports from missionaries, opportunities are on the increase, always beyond the ability of the missionaries to embrace.

The application of Miss Olive I. Hodges to enter our foreign mission work at the expiration of her college course was gratefully received.

Our delegate to General Conference which met in May, 1900, reported the following action taken by that body: The General Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church shall at each quadrennial session elect five women who shall constitute the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church, and who shall have power to sell, lease, convey and manage any and all property which they may have or may at any time acquire. The Society shall make a full and complete report of its condition and property to each General Conference." This proposition came through the Board of Foreign Missions. After due deliberation the decision of the Woman's Board was to this effect. That it appears inexpedient to change the organic law of this Society, first because this change, if effected, would take the control of the property and the affairs of the Society entirely out of the hands of the women of the church, and place it in the hands of a Committee appointed by the General Conference and accountable only to

them. Second because such a change in the fundamental law of the society would likely be fatal to the success of the work of the Society by destroying the interest of those upon whom its success rests. Action upon this matter was deferred until the next session of the General Conference, in order that the Society might present its view upon the subject and ascertain the reasons for the proposed change.

The Twenty-third (1902)

Annual Session of the Executive Board was held in Greensboro, North Carolina. This, the first meeting with our southern Methodist Protestants, was most cordially welcomed. Although one of our youngest organizations, it ranks fourth in membership and money sent to the Treasurer.

The application of Miss Olive I. Hodges, Morgantown, W. Va. was accepted, and she was directed to take up work in Yokohama upon her arrival in Japan. Miss Hodges left for her appointed field of labor in September.

A proposition was considered at this time to hold all Annual Meetings of the Executive Board in the future at some central point, but no definite action was taken.

Miss Annie L. Forrest, who had served one term as our Missionary in Japan, was elected to go to Nagoya and take up evangelistic work at this point. Miss Forrest had given most efficient service as General Organizer since her return from Japan, and because of her valuable help here at

home, she was retained year after year, and to her must be given the highest praise for loyal and unflinching service. Though faithful and true to the work at home, her heart was in Japan with those she had so learned to love. Miss Forrest sailed in November, 1902.

Mrs. J. F. McCulloch was elected Editor of the Record and Dr. J. F. McCulloch, Publisher. Miss Lawrence and Miss Hill had chosen the City of Chang-teh in the province of Hunan as a permanent location. They worked under the care and direction of the Cumberland Presbyterian Society. They are under the banner of the Lord's Kingdom, with the pennant flying for the Methodist Protestant Church.

The Twenty-fourth (1903)

Annual Meeting convened in Morgantown, W. Va. Truly God had been good to us during the past year. A general review of our work was not received in a spirit of exultation or self-gratification, but rather with a feeling of deepest humility, for we realized that "It is not by might nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of Hosts," that the things for which we strive are being accomplished.

Miss Coates who was home on furlough, was present. Miss Ella M. Wilson was accepted and sent to Japan to assist in the work at Yokohama. Miss Dean was permanently located at Hamamatsu. On account of the growing interest in scholarships,

it was deemed wise to create a special department to care for the proper reception and distribution of funds for the same.

Through the impetus given the West Virginia Branch from assuming the support of Miss Hodges, this branch rose to increased strength and activity. The Secretary's report says: "We gave our best in 'Our own Miss Hodges' and we hope some day to not only support one, but ten missionaries."

Indiana follows closely after West Virginia. Out of 122 Churches in the Conference seventy are organized for Woman's work.

Next year being the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church, it was determined that an extra effort be made along all lines for an increase not only of faith and consecration, but of membership and money. The financial goal was set for \$10,000.00. The time is ripe for extension along all lines, and we must be prepared to meet it.

The Twenty-fifth (1904)

Annual Meeting was entertained in the First Church, Pittsburgh. This year marks an era in the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, a landing place from which we may step up to greater achievements. This is our Silver Jubilee Year. We rejoice in our activities, and gladly offer to the church one of its departments of usefulness. The attitude of the church today is vastly different from

that we faced twenty-five years ago. Then our efforts were met in many cases by prejudice and indifference. Today the church has become more intelligent on the subject of missions, and to some extent calls to us to organize.

Miss Mary E. Williams who had completed her first term of service in Japan was present. Mrs. Susan E. Anderson offered her twenty-fifth Annual report. The report was adopted, after which Mrs. Anderson tendered her resignation and presented the Board with twenty-five silver dollars. \$10,000.00 was the aim for this Silver Jubilee year. The amount received was \$13,467.22, not including about \$200.00 Building Fund. Total sum collected since organization \$119,084.01. A vote of appreciation was extended the retiring Treasurer who had handled thousands of dollars without the loss of a cent or one being paid to her for faithful service rendered.

Respect was shown to the memory of Dr. William Collier by placing a bouquet of flowers on his grave. It was through Dr. Collier that the first money was sent to the foreign field and through him that the first girl, Gei Neddzo (Martha Collier) was educated and became a teacher in our mission school in Japan.

The cry for more school room comes from Yokohama. Every week pupils are turned away for lack of suitable accommodations. Four girls will graduate this year. The conduct of the school

is above reproach. "More room" is also the cry from Nagoya.

During the twenty-five years now closing, sixteen have gone out as missionaries, fourteen to Japan and two to China. Three have been called to their eternal reward.

The shadows have fallen athwart the work in China. On account of the return to America of Miss Lawrence because of broken health, and the untimely marriage of Miss Hill, the work undertaken by the Society in China, was for the time discontinued. All troubles have their value, and in the wake of greatest calamities richest blessings often come.

Representatives from the Society to the General Conference in session in Washington, were well received. The report given was highly commended and no suggestions were offered that the Society's method of work be changed.

The twenty-fifth annual session of the Society closed with the feeling that as we waited by the way, we were refreshed. With the perplexities that confront the beginning of new work safely passed, we felt the assurance of Divine guidance for the future, and so began a new year which it is hoped will bring honor to His name both at home and abroad.

The Twenty-Sixth (1905)

Annual Meeting was held in the Lafayette Avenue Church, Baltimore. Reports from the home

field show the usual fluctuations, but on the whole a growth. On the foreign field the conditions were somewhat influenced by the Russia-Japanese War. On the whole, however, there has been a fidelity to service that more than offset war's depleting influence.

Repairs were placed on the school building at Yokohama at a cost of \$2,500.00. The support given by the Christian Endeavorers was transferred to Miss Ella Wilson stationed at Yokohama. Miss Mary E. Williams returned to Japan after a year's rest. She was made Superintendent of the evangelistic work in Yokohama District. Miss Dean was continued Superintendent of the work at Hamamatsu. This field is recognized as a difficult one. The people are conservative and hard to approach. All other missionaries on the field were retained in the positions heretofore assigned to them, with the instruction that assignments are to be binding for the term of one year.

A Committee was appointed at this time to petition the Board of Missions to send a male missionary to China. Should they not feel that they could do so at this time, that they be asked to give their moral support and encouragement to this Society in meeting that need.

The Twenty-Seventh (1906)

Annual Meeting convened in Lansing, Michigan, with twenty-five delegates in attendance. Miss Almira Dean, of Nagoya, because of broken health

returned to America, and attended the meeting of the Board. Miss Tanaka, a young Japanese girl who had been connected with our school at Yokohama was present. Miss Tanaka is a student at Adrian College.

Mrs. F. A. Brown, who had faithfully served as President for twenty-five years, declined re-election. Mrs. Brown was elected President Emeritus. Mrs. J. W. Gray, of Adrian, Michigan, was elected President.

A primary school was opened during the year at Kitagata, a section of Yokohama not far from our present property, to accommodate the overcrowded condition at 244 B Bluff. With this necessary acquirement the spring term opened with an enrollment of 127. Miss Alice M. Coates was transferred from Nagoya to Hamamatsu and instructed to open a kindergarten, and continue to develop the educational and industrial work at this station.

The Board still deplores the scarcity of original leaflets and missionary literature, which calls forth the annual plea. The Annual Report was first authorized as a current number of the Missionary Record.

The Twenty-Eighth (1907)

Annual Meeting was entertained within the bounds of Pittsburgh Branch, at New Brighton, Pa. All branches came in at this time for a goodly

share of commendation. In truth, as the auxiliaries and branches choose to direct, so the history of the Society is recorded year by year. Our Corresponding Secretary says: "No previous year has been better, and we are pleased to know the work of increase has been through the efforts of auxiliaries. All projects put forth by the Board have received kind attention from them. I think sometimes we are not as helpful and just to the branches as we might be for their good, and the general good of the Society."

Michigan and West Michigan Branches united to be hereafter known as the Michigan Branch. Miss Hodges is truly the missionary of West Virginia Branch, as they have met her salary each year, and furnished outfit and transportation as she left for her chosen field of labor, five years ago. Mrs. J. E. Palmer was appointed Assistant Corresponding Secretary of the Executive Board.

As the Society stood in need of erecting new buildings and renting or leasing additional ground, it was decided to proceed at once to plan for the early departure of Mrs. D. S. Stephens, Corresponding Secretary of the Board, to visit our mission stations in Japan, and ascertain the condition of our work there. Mrs. Stephens sailed in company with Mrs. Mary A. Miller and Miss Julia Hickey, July 8th, 1907.

With no purpose of permanently relinquishing their efforts to share with others in carrying the "glad tidings" to the benighted millions of China,

the Society feels that the time has now come for definite action. Along this line, upon encouragement from the Board of Missions, the Society began plans to take up work in China through the American Board of Foreign Missions. Mrs. Stephens, our Corresponding Secretary was instructed to commence immediate correspondence with the American Board concerning the expediency of this Society taking work in China in connection with their Board.

Our missionaries in Japan were authorized to erect on the Yokohama school property a suitable building for use as class rooms and chapel. In remembrance of the good work in our Society of the late Mrs. M. J. McCaslin of the Indiana Branch, the proposed chapel will be called "The McCaslin Memorial Chapel." The new kindergarten just completed, at Nagoya, ranks with the best of its kind in Japan, and its patronage shows how it is appreciated in this city. The building is erected according to government regulations; the ground on which it stands is leased for ten years with privilege of a longer term if desired.

Our missionaries in Japan have frequently appealed to us for a training school in Japan to prepare their graduates for teaching and Bible reading. It is becoming a necessity to have well trained native Christian leaders, hence it was recommended that the course provided by the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago be secured and used.

The Twenty-ninth (1908)

Annual Meeting of our organization was held in Cambridge, Ohio. The meeting was one of unusual import as at this time the Board gained such information as directed, and developed their purpose to enter China.

The board was favored with presence of Miss Olive I. Hodges who was home on furlough. Miss Margaret M. Kuhns who had given such acceptable service as Traveling Secretary for the past fourteen years, offered her resignation. Miss Kuhns was under commission to return to Japan, but the Board had felt that she could not be spared from the home field. In her capacity as Traveling Secretary Miss Kuhns was untiring, energetic and faithful to duty under both helpful and trying conditions. The measure of her success cannot be estimated. Her resignation was regretfully accepted. Not long after an invitation was received for the wedding of Miss Kuhns to Dr. A. G. Dixon.

It became necessary to increase the salary of Bible Women to ninety dollars, and price of scholarships to fifty dollars per annum.

The report of Mrs. Stephens as to the condition and needs of our mission stations in Japan, was very explicit and her recommendations very concise and definite. She called attention to mistakes that had unavoidably been made in the home land, some of which had proven detrimental to our development. She said, "One good Presbyterian

missionary said to me, 'You sinners in America do not know many times what you are doing.'" Alas! too true, but an honest struggle is always made with the facts at hand. Acting upon the report, substantial improvements were ordered at all the stations. Of our missionaries, Mrs. Stephens had only words of highest commendation for their indefatigable labor in promoting our interests and the interest of the Gospel of Christ in foreign lands. Both in spiritual and business affairs they have shown zeal in their undertakings and loyalty to all work committed to their care, using economy in their outlay, exceeding our own thought. Our work compares well with any of the colleges or Christian schools for girls in Japan. Our graduates are a credit, some are teachers in other mission schools. Our representatives after visiting Hamamatsu, recommended the purchase of a home for our missionaries and for school purposes. This purchase was made at a cost of \$4,000.00, thus making an advance at this important center.

The Board of Missions was petitioned in 1905 to send a male missionary to China, or if not possible to do so at this time, to give their moral support and encouragement to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, that they may see their way clear to re-enter China, and renew their efforts to establish a definite work in this neglected field. After considering the petition, the following reply was received by the Society: "The Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Protestant Church

endorse the Woman's work in China and will lend what help they can, money consideration excepted; provided however that we take work with the American Board, contemplating the prospective union of our Church with the Congregational."

Pursuant to instructions the Corresponding Secretary of our Board opened correspondence with Dr. James L. Barton, Corresponding Secretary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions relative to terms under which our Society could operate in China in connection with their Board. To Dr. Barton our Society owes grateful appreciation for his interest and the carefully prepared details submitted by him, which were specific and definite. Dr. Barton mentioned one or more stations that might be available, but dwelt particularly upon a station in the Northern part of China, belonging to the North China Mission. Kalgan, the name of the station to which he referred, is one of the walled cities of China on the border of Mongolia, 125 miles north of Peking. It is the gateway of Mongolia to the north. After the Boxer uprising in 1900 when the entire mission plant was destroyed, the financial distress was so great it was found impossible to secure suitable men to re-enforce the other stations then being operated by the North China Mission: hence the question of being able to do full justice to their other obligations and still continue the mission at Kalgan, led the American Board to offer this station to our Society. The necessary buildings re-

quired for the use of missionaries had already been replaced by the Kalgan indemnity fund. These consisted of two dwelling houses and a dispensary; a school building for boys and one for girls; a chapel and also servants quarters. Dr. Barton very generously offered the station to our Society to be operated independent of their Board or if not possible to do so, to co-operate in some way under the direction of the American Board, assuring our Society that in either event the North China Mission would do everything in its power to assist our Board in developing the work at Kalgan. The door into China being thus opened and the invitation so generously given to enter, the General Executive Board of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, in annual session assembled, voted to accept the offer from the American Board of Foreign Missions and to proceed to do its part toward taking charge of and equipping Kalgan Station. It was understood that the one missionary family then stationed at Kalgan would remain there and work in connection with our missionaries until they had the language and were ready to carry the burden themselves.

The Thirtieth (1909)

Annual Meeting was held in the Rhode Island Avenue Church, Washington, D. C. It was a great and added inspiration to have the presence of three of our returned missionaries, Mrs. Margaret Kuhns Dixon, Miss Annie L. Forrest and Miss

Olive I. Hodges. Two applications had been submitted to the Executive Committee to go to Japan, since our last annual meeting, Miss Nancy Virginia Grose and Miss Gertrude Mallett. After the necessary preliminaries, Miss Grose was accepted and sailed early in September, 1908, to take up her field of labor at the school in Yokohama. Miss Mallett was accepted to go as a kindergarten teacher in Nagoya. The application of Miss Donna Schlegelmilch was presented at the present session of the Executive Board. Miss Schlegelmilch was accepted and appointed to assume evangelical work in Nagoya. Our efforts were manifestly being owned and graciously blessed. Tennyson said: "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

Miss Olive I. Hodges and Mrs. J. C. Broomfield were elected delegates to the Ecumenical Conference of Foreign Missions, which meets in 1910 in Edinburg, Scotland. This will be the third missionary meeting of such magnitude. The first was held in Exeter Hall, London in 1888. Mrs. Mary A. Miller represented our Society at this time. The second was held in Carnegie Hall, N. Y. 1900. Mrs. Henry Hupfield was present as our delegate, and the third as mentioned above.

Miss Forrest was employed as Traveling Secretary. The salaries of our missionaries on the field was increased from \$500.00 to \$600.00 per annum.

Inasmuch as all negotiations between the Board of Foreign Missions and the Woman's Foreign

Missionary Society to co-operate in a mission work in China has been deferred to a more opportune time, and believing that a Divine hand led the Society to accept the offer of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Mission to co-operate with them in the conduct of Mission work in Kalgan, North China, it was determined at this time to employ Rev. Charles S. Heininger as our missionary to labor at Kalgan in conjunction with representatives of the American Board at a salary of \$700.00 per annum. Mr. Heininger left for his field of labor, October 5th, 1909.

The Thirty-first (1910)

Annual Meeting was held in Morgantown, W. Va. As the years pass on the broadening of our work through new opportunities gives added interest to each annual meeting. It has been well said, "That appeals and prophecy give way to facts and figures." Surely the facts and figures as presented by the branch secretaries, the Traveling Secretary and treasurers supplemented by the statement from the Corresponding Secretary, who gathers from fields afar, go to prove that the year just closing is one of the very best, and gave cause for rejoicing. What records come from our mission fields? That of faithful work by our missionaries at every point; the course of instruction in our schools developing to a high grade; our graduates honored in many ways; a regular and systematic study of the Bible positively required by our

teachers; and an abiding earnestness in the hearts of the native Christian girls. What of the attendance? At Yokohama 75 girls in the higher classes; 115 in the primary grade, 134 in the kindergarten, and in Sunday-schools an enrollment of about 379. Mothers' meetings are held where many hearts are reached through song and Bible story. At Nagoya, 37 little ones graduated and left the kindergarten, with great reluctance, to enter the primary government schools. One hundred and fourteen children are in the kindergarten; 100 pupils in the Sunday-school. Seven Sunday-schools at various outlying stations in which our workers teach 390 pupils. The kindergarten at Hamamatsu has 43 children. The government has granted mission schools the right to collect tuition fees. A collection was taken this year at the Children's Day exercises at Hamamatsu which was sent to a mission hospital in Korea. During the Christmas exercises an offering was given by these little people for a Christian orphanage in Nagoya. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, ye have done it unto me." Inasmuch as these little hearts are moved to helpful service they have ministered unto Him.

Improvements were reported from Hamamatsu to the value of \$1,000.00, the Japanese government directed that more time be given in all mission schools to the teaching of Domestic Science. Extra provision must be made for this requirement.

The Alumnae Association connected with our

school in Yokohama celebrated the Thirtieth Anniversary of the opening of the school with appropriate exercises. As a souvenir of the event they had printed a most beautiful booklet giving views of our various buildings—the instructors, students, and graduating classes—as a work of art it is a superior production. It was their pleasure also to present a memorial of love on this occasion in the form of a handsome portrait of Miss Harriet G. Brittan the founder and first teacher in the school. They also gave several tables to the sewing department. One of the graduates presented the school with a handsome clock.

Rev. Charles S. Heininger, our missionary at Kalgan, China, was directed to ascertain definitely what the American Board of Foreign Missions would require of us in a financial way, and what our relation to them would be in case their work at Kalgan should be given over to us.

The Thirty-second (1911)

Annual Meeting of the Executive Board was held in Steubenville, Ohio. Special enthusiasm was manifest at this meeting, due in part to the great Jubilee Celebration that reached from coast to coast, and touched every Christian worker, and to the fact that the year just closing marked the Thirtieth Anniversary of the founding of our school at Yokohama, our first independent effort. Two of our foreign workers were present, Miss Mary E. Williams and Miss Ella Wilson.

The Budget plan for covering our financial obligations was adopted at this time.

To comply with the order of the Japanese government, our missionaries were directed to proceed with the erection of a Domestic Science Hall. A plan was adopted for raising money for this building, as suggested by Mrs. George T. Marshall: It proved most practical through the use of the "Golden Shower Bag."

In accordance with the instructions of Mr. McIvers, our foreign legal adviser, a resolution was passed that the Superintendent of the Yokohama Mission be the agent for the property in Yokohama, as required by the law of Japan. In connection with the appointment of this Superintendent the following resolution was passed: Resolved, that inasmuch as Dr. T. H. Colhouer is deceased, the Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church of the United States of America, hereby appoint the Superintendent of the Yokohama work, or her successors, as agent of the Yokohama property 244 A and 244 B Bluff, in the foreign concession, at Yokohama, in the Empire of Japan, to have and to hold said premises, subject to the conditions contained in the original deed, granted by the Japanese Government and shall remain in possession of said person as agent, until otherwise ordered, to apply the rents, issues, and profits thereof to the use of said Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Because of the great need of workers on the field Miss Alice M. Coates volunteered to surrender a part of her vacation at home and return to Japan at an early date. Miss Coates' self-sacrifice was an example to the whole Society. She signed a contract for her third term of service and sailed from Vancouver in May, 1911.

Rev. C. S. Heininger's salary was increased from \$700.00 to \$1000.000 from the date of his marriage November 23rd. The Board directed that negotiations should begin with the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, with the view of purchasing the Mission property in Kalgan, China.

The Thirty-third (1912)

Annual Meeting convened at Westminster, Md. Trusting in Him whose blessing has crowned our labors, we will still commit our ways unto Him; such was the spirit throughout the meeting. As a further inspiration, the following taken from a leading missionary journal was read: "The progress of Christianity in Japan is just reaching a new stage. One of the members of the Cabinet is calling for a commission representing Buddhism, Shintoism, and Christianity for the purpose of putting these three religions upon an equal footing and giving them equal rights under the law. It is a marvelous record that in fifty years Christianity has made such progress in that empire and wields such an influence that it is now officially

proposed to put it upon a par with the national religions."

The advisability of selling our Bluff property in Yokohama was seriously considered at this time. Although the thought has been entertained at various times in the past, by our missionaries on the field and by others, it was apparent that in the near future something definite must be done along this particular line. The main reason for the proposed change was the lack of adequate space. No room to expand. The missionaries suggested that we buy land in a new district, on which all our buildings could be placed both school and kindergarten, with ample room for future growth. It was thought that if we did not make this move in the next few months we would not be able to make it later without must more expense. Sentiment weighed heavily in the decision, emotion stirred the heart, akin to parting with the baby's cradle. Like practical women, valuing first things first, a conclusion was reached, that after our missionaries consult with the missionaries of the Board of Foreign Missions on the field, they be given the privilege by this Board of selecting and purchasing enough land so that all our buildings may be in one compound, but not to sell the Bluff or remove any buildings without consulting with the Executive Committee in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Miss Elizabeth Dawson made application to go to Japan as a kindergarten teacher. She was accepted and sailed in September to locate at Nagoya.

Mrs. Stephens, Mrs. W. M. Baynes and Mrs. Hupfield were appointed to represent the Society at the coming General Conference which soon convenes in Baltimore.

Rev. S. Heiningcr generously offered to travel for the Society in the interest of our work in China. His offer was gratefully accepted. The first organization of a Young Ladies Auxiliary to the W. F. M. S. was reported from Steubenville, Ohio. An official stamp to be used on individual letters and on all packages sent out by the Society was designed by Mrs. George T. Marshall. The design was accepted and the use of the stamps recommended.

Plague, revolution and famine have retarded all mission work in China the past year, yet Dr. Barton says, "Since Calvary no such opportunity or challenge has come to the Christian Church as that now presented by the great Chinese Republic." The American Board has sent to Kalgan Dr. Fan, a graduate from the North China Union Medical College, who has opened the dispensary and is doing a good and noble work in healing and caring for those afflicted with disease. 4,390 persons were treated during 1912. The people appreciate highly the many blessings this service brings to them. What does all this mean to us? Rev. P. W. Dierberger of Indiana was appointed as missionary to this great field, and was requested to sail in September.

It was resolved to renew our efforts to secure

the co-operation of the Board of Missions in our China work. This field requires all the energy our united efforts can arouse throughout the Church. In harmony with the above purpose a committee consisting of Mrs. E. C. Chandler, Mrs. Henry Hupfield and Mrs. D. S. Stephens was named to confer with Dr. F. C. Klein, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, to ascertain the attitude of this Board toward co-operation. This same Committee was instructed to confer with the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions relative to purchasing the compound at Kalgan, China.

The Thirty-fourth (1913)

Annual Meeting met in Foosland, Illinois. A helpful season of prayer marked the opening session. It has been well said: "Know this, all ye workers, the right hand of our power is prayer." This was the keynote throughout the session.

Important steps were to be proposed at this Annual Meeting that could only be taken by Divine guidance. Pursuant to authority given at our last Board Meeting, our missionaries on the field proceeded with the contemplated purchase of land in Yokohama that would afford sufficient space to accommodate all our necessary buildings in one compound. Four and one-half acres of land were secured, beautifully located in a Japanese settlement, for the sum of \$16,000.00. A payment of \$5,000.00 has been made. Dr. C. E. Wilbur and Mr. H. J. Heinz, who were on their way to attend

the great Sunday School Convention in Zurich, Switzerland, visited the new location, and spoke very highly of the judgment of our missionaries in the selection of a site. They spoke, as well, of the faith and enterprise of those in the home-land. Dr. Wilbur and Mr. Heinz advised that no attempt be made to move the dormitory building, but that we sell it with the ground. Miss Olive I. Hodges, the Superintendent of Yokohama District, was advised to dispose of all buildings at 244 B Bluff, to the best advantage, with the exception of the McCaslin Chapel, which should be torn down and rebuilt at the new location.

The Society having had under consideration for the past two or three years the purchasing of the Kalgan, China, Compound, and having on hand sufficient money to make a creditable first payment, resolved to proceed immediately to negotiate for the purchase of the Kalgan Mission property, now owned by the American Board of Foreign Missions. It was further resolved that the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions be requested to appoint one member of a committee, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to be given the same privilege, these two to select a third, to appraise these properties, secure figures and terms. It was the desire of the Society that our own Board of Foreign Missions should enter with the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society upon the work at this critical period, but deferred action on the part of the Board made it necessary

for the Society to step out alone. The following conference is explanatory: According to appointment a Committee of three from the Society, composed of Mrs. Chandler, Mrs. Wilbur and Mrs. Hupfield met with a committee of like number, namely: Dr. L. E. Davis, Dr. J. C. Broomfield, and Dr. F. C. Klein, in Pittsburgh, May 9, 1913, to consider points of interest to our Church in connection with our work in China. The offer to cooperate with the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions had already been accepted by the Society and the initial work had been accomplished. The Methodist Protestant missionaries in China were desirous of organizing a church in Kalgan. It seemed necessary to have the cooperation of the Board of Foreign Missions of our Church before any definite action could be taken, toward church organization, hence by direction of the Society the counsel was called.

The above statement embodies the object of the meeting. The question was asked: "Are you willing for our missionaries to organize a church at Kalgan as opportunity may offer? In the event that the Board of Missions cannot at present see their way clear to enter this field?" No definite action was taken relative to permitting the Society to organize a Church at Kalgan, Dr. Broomfield submitted the following resolution which will be presented at the present session of our General Executive Board, and at the first regular meeting of the Board of Foreign Missions: Resolved:

“That we ask for the appointment of a Committee of three from your Society to act with a like committee of three from the Board of Foreign Missions whose function shall be to advise at stated periods concerning the co-ordination of the work of both Boards, as set forth in the Discipline.”

The delegates to the last General Conference were most cordially received and their report favorably and earnestly commended. The report from the W. F. M. S. was placed in the hands of the Committee on Foreign Missions who made the following recommendations to the General Conference, viz: “Your committee would recommend that while the General Conference shall cherish a sympathetic and prayerful interest in this Society’s work in China, it shall leave the practical direction and control of this and every other work of the Society to be carried on in harmony with and under the advisory supervision of the Board of Foreign Missions.”

The \$500.00 left to the Society by Mrs. W. W. Moore has been added to by friends in the Michigan Branch until now there is a little over \$1000.00 in the fund. This money will be used for a building in Kalgan to be named the “Moore Memorial School.”

The money given by Mrs. C. E. Perry, Michigan Branch in memory of her little son was made a nucleus for the erection of a building on the Kalgan compound for school and chapel purposes. Rev. S. Heininger who had been working in the interest

of money to purchase the property at Kalgan, reported cash received \$1,107.99; Pledges, \$1,149.41, making a total of \$2,257.40.

A design for a W. F. M. S. pin was ordered, the same to be presented at the next Board Meeting. The Executive Committee was instructed to take steps to secure if possible, quarterly missionary lessons in our Sunday-school Periodicals.

The Thirty-fifth (1914)

Annual Meeting of the General Executive Board was held in Greensboro, N. C. The year just closing was a strenuous year, financially. In 1913 opportunities that seemed exceptional, even imperative, came to the Society to purchase land in both Japan and China. Prices were quoted by our missionaries that were favorable, and their opinion presented by them influenced the Society in their decision to purchase, even if the treasury should be overtaxed. There were times during the past year when available resources were almost exhausted, but in the end, Providence provided for us through the forethought, energy, and generosity of our members and friends.

A new name appeared among the Branch reports, the "Eastern Branch." This branch is a consolidation of the New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania branches.

Miss Florence M. Cronise was engaged to go to Japan. Miss Cronise generously volunteered to

pay her traveling expenses. Miss Harriet E. Steele was accepted and instructed to sail in September. Miss Gertrude Mallett returned to America one year in advance of her term of service, on account of ill health. Miss Nancy V. Grose, after giving to the work five years of faithful service in Japan returned home. Rev. P. W. Dierberger, after one year of service in China, returned to this country, on account of broken health.

Dr. C. E. Wilbur made some sacrifice in his trip to Zurich, Switzerland, in stepping aside long enough to visit our Mission at Kalgan, China. This trip was made upon the request of the W. F. M. S. Dr. Wilbur was able at this meeting to present many helpful suggestions. Doubtless his visit has already borne fruit in completing the arrangements for the purchase of our property at this point.

The report of the Joint Committee on the appraisalment of Kalgan Compound was received. The property was purchased on the following conditions: The price to be paid for 3½ acres of ground on which are two substantial homes for missionaries and several Chinese buildings suited for dormitory and school purposes, was \$9,000.00 in three equal installments. The first payment was made at the appointed time, and the property is now in the hands of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church.

The business of the City of Nagoya, Japan having encroached upon our property at this point, rendering it undesirable, our missionaries were

given authority to sell, and purchase a new site for the Mary A. Murray Home and the Workers' Home.

Rules governing the employment of male missionaries were formulated as follows: Male missionaries for China shall be engaged for a term of eight years. Their salaries shall be one thousand dollars per year, and lodging. No out-fit money shall be provided, but traveling expenses for self and family, including personal baggage only.

The Thirty-sixth (1915)

Annual Meeting convened in Adams Basin, N. Y. The year just closing has been most trying. Workers in every denomination have stood appalled at the serious check the missionary cause has received by the great European War. The spirit of our faithful Executive Committee as expressed in their Annual Report which is the spirit of all our women: "We are continually thankful that our mission stations are not in the war zone, and that our beloved missionaries and properties are safe. The injury to us has been the far spreading depressing influence on the money market, causing many to withdraw their support and others to delay until the last moment their missionary obligations. We are so thankful that He who has guided us through the many years will stay with the cause until His Kingdom is finally and eternally established."

Rev. Carl G. Soderbom, who had practical ex-

perience as a missionary in China for many years, under the direction of the China Inland Mission, made application through Rev. C. S. Heininger for work at Kalgan. Rev. and Mrs. Soderbom were thoroughly familiar with the language and the methods of operation in the North China field, and were ready for immediate work. Mr. Soderbom was employed after careful consideration—and gave valuable assistance for five years as did his wife, in forwarding our cause at this point, until broken health compelled retirement. Mr. J. G. Bair, Cambridge, Ohio, contributed \$400.00 annually toward the salary of Mr. Soderbom.

The Church and Society at Fairmont, W. Va. contributed \$675.00 which was used to purchase the out-station recently occupied by Rev. Mr. Soderbom. Mr. Heininger writes that, "Many of this Board being mothers can appreciate our needs when I say that the China Mission may best be compared to a growing child, out-growing everything it has. It just needs everything and needs it all at once."

Our work in Japan has felt the effect of this terrible world tumult but our workers continued faithful, 'lengthening our cords' as opportunity permitted. Miss Schlegelmilch, one of our untiring and successful evangelists in this field, returns to America on furlough to better prepare herself for future work. The first term of service on the foreign field was made five years instead of six as heretofore.

Branches were instructed to request a place on

the program at their Annual Conference. Mrs. J. W. Gray unable longer to serve as President of the General Executive Board, Mrs. E. C. Chandler, of Steubenville, Ohio, was elected President. It was recommended that the "Every Woman Canvass" be thoroughly observed, also that all members be urged to faithfulness to the "Rising Hour Prayer Circle," remembering especially our missionaries, our work, and our workers.

The Society was represented at the Tenth Interdenominational Conference of Women's Mission Boards which met in New York City, by Mrs. William Schenck, President of Eastern Branch.

The Thirty-seventh (1916)

Annual Meeting convened at Sabina, Ohio. Still under the depressing influence of the Great War, enhanced by threatening complications that seemed to forebode ill to our own beloved country, the work both at home and abroad has been somewhat disturbed. Conscious that all labor for the Master is a labor of love, plans have progressed under his Divine direction. The Executive Committee held eighteen meetings during the year. Weighty problems were before them. Many questions pertaining to the welfare of the work in general were pushed aside, the entire time being taken up with financial interests. The direct cause of special action was the purchasing of the Compound at Kalgan, China, and the purchase of ground and the immediate erection of suitable buildings

at Yokohama, Japan. These facts caused a serious strain on the limited income of the W. F. M. S. In 1912 authority was given Miss Olive Hodges, Superintendent of our work in Japan, to secure a new site for our school at Yokohama. The ground was purchased in 1914, but no effort was made during that year to build. The property of the Society at 244 B Bluff was immediately offered for sale. The strenuous condition of the times impeded progress along that line, and not until 1915 was the sale consummated.

The following resolution is taken from the Minutes of the Executive Committee which are certified to by Miss Julia Hickey, Secretary of the Executive Committee: "Resolved, unanimously that the offer of A. L. Bagnall of Yokohama, Japan, to purchase the premises of 244 A and 244 B Bluff, Yokohama, with buildings thereon, (with the exception of the McCaslin Memorial Chapel) for the sum of 24,200 yen, (\$12,100.00) should be and is hereby accepted, and that the present officials of the Executive Committee should be and hereby are instructed and empowered to execute all necessary papers for the completion of the sale and transfer of the aforesaid property, including amongst others a certain instrument to be executed by the Corporation to A. L. Bagnall containing covenants of title in respect to the aforesaid property, and a power of attorney to be given to Miss Olive I. Hodges, our representative in Japan, enabling her to take all steps and execute all papers

which may be necessary for securing to this corporation the purchase price aforesaid and effectively transferring the aforesaid property to Mr. A. L. Bagnall. Dated November 11th, 1915."

Miss Olive I. Hodges, missionary for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church was directed to proceed at once with the erection of new buildings for school purposes on the new property, the cost of the buildings not to exceed \$16,500.00. The McCaslin Chapel was removed as directed and soon the address at 244 B Bluff will become a memory. The address for our new home is Eiwa Jo Gakko, Maita Cho, Yokohama, Japan. Several bequests were received during the year just closing amounting to nearly \$6,000.00.

Miss Schlegelmilch and Rev. C. S. Heininger, each at home on furlough, were present. Rev. C. G. Soderbom has charge of Kalgan Mission during Mr. Heininger's absence. Miss Schlegelmilch was engaged to return to Japan, in September, thus beginning her second term. Miss Mary E. Williams, after a furlough of three years occasioned by the affliction and death of her mother, returned to Japan in February, thus entering upon her third term of service under the W. F. M. S. Mrs. Nancy Grose Austin of Yokohama was re-engaged as an assistant teacher at the school.

Mrs. Chandler and Mrs. Stephens were appointed delegates to the General Conference soon to meet

at Zanesville, Ohio. The quadrennial report which had been prepared by our Corresponding Secretary was read and accepted by the Board.

Muskingum Branch, with the aid of valued friends of the W. F. M. S., Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Bair, Cambridge, Ohio, established a fund by contributing \$1,000.00 and agreeing to give that amount each year, for at least eight years. A part of this money will be used to secure a location for our work near the business center of the City of Kalgan. This fund, to which Mr. and Mrs. Bair contribute annually \$600.00 and Muskingum Branch \$400.00, is known as the "Center Fund." According to plans suggested by our missionaries the buildings on the new "Center" will contain when built, a chapel, a dispensary and reading rooms.

A series of evangelistic meetings were held at the school in Yokohama, at which 40 of the girls expressed a desire to become Christians. A few of these girls have already been baptized and others are under instruction. One of the first graduates from the Nagoya kindergarten began work as head kindergarten teacher under Miss Coates at Hamamatsu.

The Thirty-eighth (1917)

Annual Meeting was held at Fairmont, W. Va. The spirit of loyalty was the spirit of the hour. The banner of the cross must move forward and the honor of our country's flag which was in peril, must be upheld. Many fervent petitions ascended

on high for Divine direction in temporal as well as spiritual decisions. In spite of war's alarm, reports from the field and from the home base bespoke surpassing loyalty and faithfulness. The treasurer reported over \$30,000.00 receipts during the year. The school enrollment both in Japan and China is greater than ever before in our history. One longing plea from our evangelistic and kindergarten workers for more help and more room, because of the multitudes to be reached and the many who were already seeking after truth, who could not be accommodated, fell upon responsive hearts. One missionary writes: "Blessings have multiplied as the years go by. It is a wonderful life. rich and full, broad and deep. A missionary has joys the world knows not of—and a few troubles too."

Miss Schlegelmilch has in charge as a part of her labors the evangelistic work among blind women and girls who had been reached by the school already established in Tokyo by the Board of Missions. In Japan there are over one hundred thousand blind people, very few of whom are receiving any education whatever. The condition of the girls is pitiable beyond description. Miss Schlegelmilch conceived and instituted the idea of publishing a little magazine which she named, "The Blind Girl's Friend." It is the first Christian magazine ever published for the blind in Japan. The magazine is printed by using the Braille system of raised letters so that at first, with the help of one who

can see, the alphabet is soon learned, after which reading becomes a matter of proficiency. This effort on the part of this tireless and enthusiastic worker will prove to be a great evangelizing agency. Another interesting feature directed by Miss Schlegelmilch is the work among two thousand factory girls at this point and in the overcrowded factories at Oyama where our work is perhaps best organized. At Nagoya, more parents are seeking to know about Christianity. Bibles, and hymn books have been bought by a number of mothers. This year several children graduated who were the fourth in one family to finish from our kindergarten. The "Mary A. Murray" home at Nagoya was sold and a more favorable location secured on which to build through the good judgment and generosity of Miss Elizabeth Dawson our kindergartner at this point.

Rev. C. S. Heininger, who had been in America the past year, returned to Kalgan, China, in April, thus beginning his second term of service under the direction of the W. F. M. S. Seeing, and realizing in a very limited manner the needs and opportunities in this great harvest field, the Board of Missions was again invited to co-operate with the W. F. M. S. in China and by so doing bring together a stronger force to meet these needs and develop the opportunities pressing hard upon the Society. Numerous conferences were held during the past year by the joint committees, but no con-

clusions or common ground was reached. The Code address was adopted, the same was ordered sent to our missionaries.

Mrs. Lida K. East represented our Society at the Interdenominational Conference of Mission Boards at Garden City, Long Island.

Very generous loans from two gentlemen, always actively interested in our Woman's work were gratefully received. Mr. F. W. Pierpont loaned \$5000.00 and Mr. George T. Marshall, \$1000.00, to be returned in payments agreeable to the Society. Miss Hodges was present and added much to this very successful session of the Board.

The Thirty-ninth (1918)

The Thirty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Executive Board was held in Lansing, Michigan. The war cloud so much dreaded, had broken over our own fair land, and many homes had been robbed of their noblest and best; still a profound responsibility for the maintenance of our missionaries on the field and continued faithfulness on the part of the Society to meet the obligations here at home, characterized the reports of various officers and committees. The strain upon the Society's finances was greatly lessened by gifts and loans. Miss Elizabeth Dawson, who had supervised the rebuilding of the Murray Home at Nagoya, generously installed the system of plumbing in the home, contributing \$1000.00 for the same. A gift of two beautiful lots in Adrian, Michigan was made by

Rev. and Mrs. S. Heining, which are to be sold for the development of our China Mission.

The "Share" plan as suggested and outlined by Mrs. Lida K. East, was adopted, twenty dollars constituted one share. The budget was divided into shares and each branch was assigned their quota. In this manner Sunday-schools, Christian Endeavor Societies, children's societies and individuals could be approached and interested, and thus the necessary finances more easily met.

A Committee was appointed consisting of Mrs. Chandler, Mrs. Marshall and Mrs. East to promote plans for the celebration of the Fortieth Anniversary of the W. F. M. S. The plans took form in the issuing of a pamphlet giving an outline of the efforts to be made toward a great and successful celebration of our Fortieth birthday. The following was submitted by the Committee through a circular letter and by the generous use of printers ink in various ways. Outline:

Visitation Day in September.

In every Church an Auxiliary.

In every Church Young Peoples' Organizations.

Membership Goal, 25,000.

\$1000.00 for each year of our existence, or \$40,000.00.

Successful prosecution of the "Share plan," or 2000 shares at twenty dollars each.

A contribution of 35 cents per member to the War Emergency Fund.

Our Aim.

To send two missionaries to Japan.
To send one missionary to China.
To pay all of our indebtedness.
To meet all differences in exchange.
To put our work on a sure financial basis.
To interest every woman in the Methodist
Protestant Church.

To do the work God in his wisdom has
given us to do.

To do it as he would have it done.

To have a Mission Study Class in every
church.

Individual responsibility was the prevailing spirit in all the plans. It was recommended at this time that a pennant be given to the Branch making the best showing according to membership—and that branches award pennants to auxiliaries at their annual meetings on the same basis. All pennants to be on display at the Anniversary meeting, May, 1919. A historical play was also recommended showing the work of the W. F. M. S. from its organization to its Fortieth Anniversary.

The new Murray Home at Nagoya is completed and the workers there are very comfortable and happy.

The lease on the ground where our kindergarten in Nagoya now stands being about to expire, an effort was made to purchase the ground, but upon inquiry it was found unavailable. Our

missionaries were instructed to re-lease for as long as possible. Miss Olive I. Hodges returned to Japan, in March, to enter upon her third term of service. Miss Schlegelmilch was given a leave of absence to return to America in the summer of 1919, that she might take special training, thus better preparing herself for her chosen labors. A dormitory has been opened for blind girls in Tokyo, supported by the gifts of friends at home and members of the Japanese M. P. Church, through the efforts of Miss Schlegelmilch. Of the class of fourteen graduates at the School in Yokohama, all are professing Christians. Twenty-four children graduated from the kindergarten at Hamamatsu, is the largest class in the history of this school.

A fund was created to cover the loss to our missionaries in money exchange. This was known as the "War Emergency Fund."

Because of educational conditions in non-Christian lands it becomes necessary to send the children of missionaries away for their education, the General Treasurer of the Society was instructed to forward a stated sum to the missionaries for this purpose, the amount based upon the designated age of the child.

The mission work in China having reached such proportions in churches and communicants, that the organization of a Conference would be advantageous for the further expansion of the work, the Executive Board resolved to present a petition to the General Conference asking for the endorse-

ment of a conference in China, on the same plan as the present conference in Japan, to be known as the "Chinese Mission Conference."

The World War has brought to light some interesting facts which go to prove that good seed has fallen on good ground some time, some where in the great Japanese Empire. General Hibiki, himself a Christian, is one of three representatives designated by the Japanese Emperor to work among the soldiers of the Allied Armies in France, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. He said that among the Japanese Christians are five Major Generals, a vice admiral, a number of judges, lawyers, and political and commercial leaders.

Fortieth (1919)

Annual Meeting marks the Fortieth Anniversary of the organization of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church. Very appropriately, the place chosen for its celebration was at the old home, the birth place, in the First Church, Pittsburgh, Pa. Forty years have passed since a few timorous, yet earnest women, carefully treading in untried paths, began a work so long neglected. We are told that the seventy returned with joy to the Master, so we return, it must be, bearing a few sheaves. With no spirit of self-glory, rather with a spirit willingly and gratefully, acknowledging Divine guidance through every step of the way, with humble confession of oft repeated failure; this coming together

reveals a loving unity of purpose which claims all the world for Christ.

At every home-coming the vacant chair silently speaks of other days. Translated from labor to reward, perhaps no influence will be missed in the passing of years, more than that of Mrs. Mary A. Colhouer, whose presence was a constant benediction. From the very beginning, Mrs. Colhouer was a valued member of the Executive Board. With her heart set on things eternal and her unwavering confidence in the sure promises of God, she wisely counseled, ever and always, to "go forward." The recent death of Mr. H. J. Heinz, removed a friend to our Society who had given many substantial evidences of his friendship.

Our Society has been for a number of years a member of the Federation of Woman's Boards of North America, and now advances another step by proposing to be identified with the Inter-Church World Movement. Mrs. George H. Miller, represented the Society at a recent convention held in Cleveland, Ohio, where the interests of this great movement were considered.

In July, 1918, the following resolution was received from Dr. F. C. Klein, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions: "Resolved, That, if the Young People of North Carolina will raise the sum of \$2000.00 through the Children's Day offering, or otherwise in excess of the amount heretofore raised through the regular offering, or the budget or Children's Day service, then the Board will co-

operate with the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, as the Society heretofore requested, applying the money to the support of the work in China, as the demands of the work make it advisable, as may be determined by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Board of Foreign Missions."

At a meeting of the joint Committees held September 18, 1918, the above proposition was thoroughly discussed and the following recommendation was made: "That the Board of Foreign Missions of the Methodist Protestant Church share with the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society such part of the work of the Kalgan, China field as the funds of the North Carolina Young People will sustain, and that the funds received shall be used for the conduct of a school for boys or a worker at an outstation." The recommendation was adopted. A second recommendation came from the joint committee that the Society be asked to release Rev. Charles S. Heininger of Kalgan now under contract with the Society. Also to transfer all work for men and boys to the Board of Foreign Missions, and that the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society retain and develop the work for women and children in China. The ultimate purpose of this transfer is to parallel in operations our work in Japan. The attitude of Mr. Heininger being favorable to the transfer as stated, this recommendation was adopted. It was further decided that the two committees, representing both branches

of mission work in the Church, should be made permanent and should meet semi-annually for mutual consultation, and for the purpose of developing plans for the future good of the cause of missions in our denomination.

A great cause for thanksgiving and praise was the final payment of all indebtedness. All borrowed money was returned, and all indebtedness on our mission properties both in Japan and China was cancelled. The Society stood erect, ready for new responsibilities. It was a pleasure to acknowledge our indebtedness to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, from whom the Society purchased the Kalgan property, for their Christian courtesy and patience in times when obligations agreed upon were overdue. No interest money was ever asked from our Society.

A small fund, known as the "Reserve Fund," was added to by the generous gift of Mrs. J. E. Palmer, of \$1,000.00. The amount of money received during the year was \$39,072.96. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. The coveted financial goal was in sight. Thrilled and stirred by the address of Mrs. Lena Leonard Fisher of Cleveland, Ohio, on the subject, "The New Patriotism," individuals and branches responded joyously with money and pledges that sent the total way past the goal, the sum total for the anniversary fund being \$40,125.00. Let it here be recorded as a significant bit of history that every branch more than met its quota.

The salaries of missionaries in Japan were increased to seventy-five dollars per month. Miss Alice L. Coates was directed to return to Hamamatsu, Japan, there to begin her fourth term of service. Miss Gertrude Mallett was accepted to take up kindergarten work at Nagoya. Miss Alice May Shepherd, a trained nurse recently released by our government from war work, volunteered for service for her church in Kalgan, China, and was accepted.

Obviously it has been quite impossible to note in this history the work of our various secretaries, but the report of the Secretary of Scholarships and native workers, Mrs. Wm. Schenck, so swells the chorus of rejoicing that note must be made of it. In spite of war and hard times; loss of friends and death of donors, the report shows the largest amount ever subscribed for scholarships and native workers. Total amount for Japan, \$3,165.00; Total for China, \$2,835.00, making \$6,000.00 to be used in this most practical way for the advancement of the truth in these far away fields.

A special service of consecration had been arranged in connection with the formal acceptance of out-going missionaries which was very fitting and impressive. The form used at this meeting was adopted, to be hereafter used, being varied according to need.

Mrs. Henry Hupfield for twenty-two years the efficient Recording Secretary was elected President of the Society, and was formally presented to the

Board. The pennant was awarded to the Iowa-Missouri Branch for making the best showing the past year. The joint committee to represent our Society in co-operation with a similar committee from the Board of Missions was named: Committee, Mrs. Henry Hupfield, Mrs. George H. Miller and Mrs. Lida K. East.

Authority was given by the Board to petition General Conference to grant to the Society an Annual Thank Offering Sunday when our work may be legally presented and our Annual Thank Offering received.

The foreign interests covering work already undertaken, its needs and opportunities, are here purposely recorded, lastly and collectively. Needs, are like the poor, always with us, opportunities grow and multiply. Baron Shibusawa, one of Japan's wealthy and influential men and a generous contributor of money to the Sunday-school work of his country, although not a Christian himself, has this to say bearing upon our great opportunities: "The old religions of Japan are bankrupt, and recourse must be had to Christianity for moral principles on which to base their life. I regard the Bible as the greatest book ever written; I have a copy with me constantly and read it diligently and regularly."

Since the new property at Yokohama, with its new buildings and equipment opened to us great opportunities, the enrollment in all departments of the school has doubled. The increase in the

number of pupils, the number of graduates, and best of all, the number of baptisms, give evidence of faithful and conscientious work on the part of our missionaries. The evangelistic work in the Yokohama-Tokio district is most appealing. Forty years ago welfare work was not known among factories, if indeed the factories themselves existed. Today the moral and spiritual uplift for girls in the factories of Japan is growing to be a serious, earnest question. In all our mission stations within the Empire, our missionaries are doing their utmost for these girls. The native Bible women are doing wonderful work along these lines. The work among the blind girls in Tokio is meeting one of the needy conditions of Japan. The establishing of a dormitory, and founding a Christian magazine, printed in raised letters, is but a part of this splendid effort.

The territory assigned to our missionaries at Nagoya is extensive, the needs and opportunities are intensive. Our largest and oldest kindergarten, well located and well equipped, is located at this point. This school has made for itself a reputation that is far reaching in its influence, and because of this fact, bears increased responsibility and faces greater opportunities. A new kindergarten was opened the past year at Atsuta, a suburb of Nagoya that has been a joy and blessing from the very outset. The kindergarten at Hamamatsu stands high in influence and the character of its Christian teaching. A new

building is promised at this point, and already mothers of the children are collecting money toward new furniture, and daily showing an increased interest. Finite minds can never measure results. The large number of educated Christian girls who have gone both from the instruction and influence of our missionaries, establishing Christian homes, becoming teachers, some entering commercial life in the cities, will attest that the money contributed by the church for the cause of missions has been well invested. The Society owns property in Japan valued at approximately \$75,000, which is entirely clear of debt.

The situation in China demanded careful consideration at this time. War conditions, and the impossibility of securing missionaries, had created discouragement in the face of ever increasing opportunities, in our Kalgan district. More people were added to the church on confession of faith during the past year than any of the preceding ten years, and with an insufficient missionary force, a danger was liable to arise from lack of Christian teaching and training of those babes in Christ. Our missionary at Kalgan writes: "Missionary work is not only an attempt to influence the lives of a few individuals. It is an attempt also to change the lives of nations and all the problems of society, of poverty, of international relations, that come within the scope of the missionary's work. If our Society and our Church want to have a vital part in this work we must enlarge our vision and get

a different program." The program for China was changed by the transfer of Rev. C. S. Heininger and all work for men and boys together with the outstations to the Board of Foreign Missions.

Provision was made at this time for the Society to send out three new women missionaries to China to develop the work among women and girls. The needs are great, the opportunities never greater. The Society's property in China which is free of debt, is valued at approximately \$30,000.00.

"March we forth in the strength of God
With the banner of Christ unfurled,
That the light of the glorious gospel of truth
May shine throughout the world.
Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin
To set their captives free
That the earth shall be filled with the glory of God,
As the waters cover the sea."

We have, as a society, rounded out our forty years of life. With proper development, the very highest achievements should be within reach at the age of forty years. Effort and power to attain should be, at this mature age, in the fulness of vigor. As a Woman's Missionary Society we are grateful for that Divine light which always dispelled shadows and makes bright the path before us; grateful to the mothers of our organization for their wisdom and self-sacrifice, and for the faithful efforts of many consecrated women, as the years have passed; but as a Society, measuring up to maturity in years, do we measure up in achievement? Humbly and contritely we must answer, "No."

Failing to stand on the pinnacle of possible attainment after forty years of life should make us truly penitent.

Lost opportunities cannot be recalled. The past is gone, but the present is ours, filled with wonderful opportunities. Let us learn the lesson of renewed and constant faithfulness, for remember "we pass this way but once."

May we be influenced by the wisdom of Emerson who said, "Every good and commanding movement in the annals of the world is the triumph of enthusiasm. Nothing ever succeeds without it."

May we trust in the Lord and pray continually for guidance, ever acknowledging our shortcomings, and we shall have the assurance of an abundant harvest when the reaping time comes.

GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The record of events in connection with the history of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is punctuated from beginning to end with important decisions wholly to the credit of the Executive Committee of this Society. The original Committee which was composed of three members, met once each week to consider matters pertaining to the welfare of the new Society. It was later decided to hold monthly meetings, when a fine of twenty-five cents was imposed upon any member of the Committee who failed to attend or send a written excuse. The duties of the Committee were

then as they are now, to attend to all business pertaining to the development of the work both at home and abroad during the interim between the Annual Meetings of the General Executive Board. The names and number on the Executive Committee always carried the endorsement of the General Conference. In 1884 the number on the Committee was increased to five. As the responsibilities increased, the number was added to, nine being recognized in 1888, and in 1892 the number was raised to thirteen, which the number is still retained (1919).

Many have filled the responsible office of chairmen during these years. Three were active members of the Committee almost the entire forty years. A comprehensive view of the entire work, enriched by personal association with every development from year to year, gave to their judgment a permanent and reliable value. Mrs. J. E. Palmer was many years Corresponding Secretary of the Committee, and only relinquished the duties of the office because of advanced years and failing health. Mrs. C. E. Wilbur has been a valued member of the Executive Committee for twenty years and was its Chairman at the time this history closes.

The responsibilities of this Committee are imperative. So often interests that were extremely vital to our development, although thoroughly discussed by the General Executive Board, were of necessity, passed on to the Executive Committee

for final action. Many times the applications of candidates for missionary work and their fitness for the same, were left entirely in the hands of the Committee, for obvious reasons. Approving or rejecting the recommendations of our missionaries on the field as to purchasing ground, and erecting new buildings, often involving great interests, are a part of the Committee's duties. Keeping close watch of the condition of finances, and as a consequence making frequent appeals for liberal support, took many hours of valuable time. Only those who have experienced it can realize what weary brain and body really mean, until they have served on the Executive Committee. It could but be expected that some errors of judgment would sometimes be made. Only Divine direction marked the way that led around dangerous shoals and quicksands lying in the darkened pathway. Pressing on his countenance shed forth a light that made each step more confident.

Honor and distinction in the course of development of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is due the efficient women who have served as members of the General Executive Committee in the passing of years. Theirs should be the commendation as given by our Master. "Well done good and faithful servants."

CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES

If it had been possible to transcribe here all the good points found in the Corresponding Secre-

tary's reports as they have been annually presented, and to have put into active operation all the splendid suggestions made by them in the passing years, what grand achievements would have been to the credit of the W. F. M. S. today.

Covering thirty-seven years of the forty since our organization, Mrs. Mary A. Miller (10) and Mrs. D. S. Stephens (27) stood as it were on the watch tower, sounding the trumpet of warning, or unfurling the banner of victory. They were privileged as Corresponding Secretaries to review the achievements of the few at home, and to scan the fields that lie far away under the dark shadows of false teaching and superstition. Theirs was a rare privilege, a vital energizing force. A vision of the collective sympathy at home, presented from year to year served to stimulate and support the tender ministry of the missionary on the field, and unfolded to each the blessings and opportunities found in loving service.

TRAVELING SECRETARIES

As a part of this history it is a pleasure to give credit to traveling secretaries who have been faithful through ebb and flow, through storm and sunshine, never lowering our royal standard, but ever carrying it bravely onward. Without their help we would have been far behind our present standing, both financially and numerically. We have not always appreciated the hardships and self-sacrifices of the traveling secretary. Only the rec-

ords above will show how much stands to their credit and ability. To Mrs. G. B. Dotson, Miss Jane Whetstone, Mrs. M. J. Morgan, Miss Margaret Brown, Miss Margaret Kuhns and Miss Annie L. Forrest, must be given the highest praise for their loyal and unfaltering services. Most of our returned missionaries, while home on a furlough, have added their valuable experience and influence toward building up this beloved work.

THE MISSIONARY RECORD

The Missionary Record was, at the beginning, a child of faith, born of the necessity of the hour. It became evident that if we expected to create a missionary spirit in the church the people must know what we were trying to do and the need of it. Rev. T. H. Colhouer was at this time publishing a paper called The Methodist Missionary. Because of pastoral duties, he soon found it necessary to discontinue his publication. It was then taken up by Rev. C. H. Williams, corresponding secretary of the Board of Missions, who called the paper, "The Methodist Protestant Missionary." Not long after, this Mrs. T. H. Colhouer, who was then Chairman of the Publicity Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, prepared a resolution relative to an official organ for our society, which she planned to present at the meeting of the Executive Board in 1885. Before her resolution was presented, however, the corresponding secretary asked the privilege of reading a com-

munication from the Board of Missions in which they made an offer that our society take over The Methodist Protestant Missionary and publish it as the organ of our society. Mrs. Colhouer plead for the paper, and was ably supported by Mrs. Mary A. Miller. The paper was adopted, its name changed to "The Woman's Missionary Record," and Mrs. Miller was made its first editor. The following motto was suggested at this time by Mrs. W. K. Gillespie, of Pittsburgh: "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Arrangements were soon completed for its publication, and the first issue appeared in July, 1885. Truly an example of up-to-date enterprise. It was not always smooth sailing for the Record. A number of times when the paper was obliged to report a deficit, there were those ready to advocate that it be discontinued; but the strength of opinion was always in favor of holding fast, so the Record's life was saved after many a crisis. More than once friends came forward and helped to tide over the hard places. When the strain was lifted, can't you hear our sainted Mrs. Colhouer exclaim, "Praise the Lord!" and our president, Mrs. Brown, would rise and say, "Let's sing the Doxology."

The editors of the Record have been successively: Mrs. Mary A. Miller, ten years; Mrs. Matilda McBride, two years; Mrs. F. C. Huling, four years (Mrs. Huling introduced the magazine form); Mrs. H. T. Stephens, one year, and Mrs. J. F. McCulloch, since 1903.

Miss Gettie Davis, who was for a number of years publishing agent, was ever ready to make sacrifices for its success.

Dr. J. F. McCulloch published the Record for more than ten years. His watchfulness and economy saved the Society many dollars.

Mrs. M. A. Colhouer served as General Chairman of the Missionary Record many years, using much of her energy toward advancing its interests in every possible manner. At the close of our fortieth year, which is the thirty-fourth year of the Record's life, the words of Mrs. Colhouer, coming from her heart two decades ago, are eminently appropriate:

"I can see how God has carefully watched and guarded the course of our dear paper, saved its life, and I feel in my heart a song of doxology because of what will be the future of our beloved missionary organ."

The work of the historian closes with a consciousness of imperfection and oversight. Records have at times been perplexing because of discrepancies, through no individual fault. It is regrettable that space cannot be given in this volume to the splendid work done by the Secretaries of the various departments of our Society. As each instrument has its part in a great orchestra, without which the grand chorus of harmony would be imperfect, so each secretary doing her part faithfully and efficiently adds volume and harmony without which our organization would be imperfect.

As year succeeds to year the Society has been greatly helped and uplifted by the practical anniversary sermons delivered in honor of our work by the pastors in charge at our place of annual meeting.

Much has resulted from the labors of the Society that cannot be transcribed. Heart has been knit to heart as the members mingled at branch and Board meetings. New interest is added by the incoming of new workers and although the Great Book is opened and one by one new and familiar names are added to the long roll above,

“Though the ways of Zion mourn
 When her dear ones are called away,
 Who have themselves so calmly borne
 The heat and burden of the day,
 Yet He who slumbereth not nor slepeth
 His ancient watch around us keepeth.”

Bishop Wm. M. Taylor has forcibly and eloquently paid tribute to the permanence of all Christian effort which is faithfully done in His name:

“Our work lives on. It is fitting that we should recognize the comforting fact that each one leaves his own little bit of work in the great edifice which God is rearing through the centuries, and which is to be at last for his own habitation through the Spirit. When Moşes dies God has Joshua fully trained to take his place; When Elijah steps into the chariot that is to take him to glory, God has

Elisha there in readiness to receive his falling mantle; When Stephen is stoned to death, Paul is prepared by God to take up his mission. Thus, though the man disappears, his work is carried forward, and is, through the energizing influence of God's spirit, made operative throughout the ages."

Part III.



Foreign Work

JAPAN

YOKOHAMA

The development of many phases of the mission work at Yokohama have been recorded in the preceding pages of this volume. The special history as told by a young Japanese graduate, and submitted by Miss Hodges carried with it a double significance. Author.

The following was compiled by one of our graduates a few years ago:

THE HISTORY OF OUR SCHOOL

“Our school was founded in October, 1880, by Miss Britain. Before this, Miss Guthrie was on her way to Japan to open a school for girls and to do evangelistic work among women, but she was taken ill and died in San Francisco on her way to Japan.

So Miss Britain was sent to Japan to take the place of Miss Guthrie. When she came to Yokohama she gathered together a few boys and girls and taught them at No. 24 Bluff.

At that time the school was very small and was called the Britain School. It was somewhat like the Terakoya of older times in Japan.

The next year 1881, the school was moved to No. 68 Bluff. After that the number of students gradually increased.

Miss Brown, Miss Crittenden, and Mr. and Mrs. Klein were sent to the Britain School in October, 1884.

In 1885 a school building was erected at No. 120 Bluff.

In 1885 on the resignation of Miss Britain, Miss Brown became the principal. In 1886 the girls were moved to No. 84 Yamashitacho, the boys remained at No. 120 Bluff. It was then that the name Eiwa-Jo Gakko was given to the school for girls.

In 1887 Miss Brown had to return to America on account of ill health. Miss Whetstone and Miss Bonnett were sent out to the school arriving in June, 1887. Miss Bonnett became the principal. As the number of pupils was increasing, a lot was bought in 1890, at the site on which our school now stands and a new building was erected with the purpose of accommodating about thirty girls. At the first commencement there were only two graduated.

When Miss Bonnett returned to America for rest, Miss Whetstone became the principal. Miss Rowe was sent to Japan in 1891 to take the place of Miss Whetstone who returned to America.

In October, 1894, Miss Kuhns came to the school. As the dormitory was too small to accommodate increasing number of the pupils several rooms were added.

In 1895 Miss Williams came to the school. When she went home on furlough Miss Hodges was sent to the school. The school had been improving all the time, but many things were yet needed. There was even no electric light.

In 1905 Miss Williams came back and in 1906 Miss Hodges and Miss Williams bought a building for the Primary School at Kitagata and a kindergarten was erected in 1909.

In 1908 the chapel was built and the old chapel room on the third floor was remodeled into sleeping rooms.

Miss Williams returned to America in 1911. Again Miss Hodges came back to take the principalship and has continued until the present time.

In 1913 our school secured recognition from the Department of Education.

Looking back over our school's progress, our belief is made stronger in the power of the Gospel to take root and grow in the hearts of men.

I congratulate this school on what it accomplished and I pray that it may become stronger and stronger in its power for good."

Signed: One of the Graduates.

As to the Evangelistic work of this district it is hard to give any early history. Probably from the beginning there has been more or less evangelistic work carried on under the direction of one or another missionary connected with the school, but not until Miss Schlegelmilch came to Yokohama in 1911 did we have a missionary giving her full time to the development of **this work**.

A history of the work to be true should include so much that can not be told. Not merely the growth in numbers but the growth in individual

lives. It should tell of our school girls who are making homes all over Japan and in Siberia, Manchuria, Korea, America, Mexico, and the South Sea Islands. Of the children who are growing up with a better chance for life because of the light of the gospel the REAL history can never be written.

MISS OLIVE I. HODGES,
Superintendent, Yokohama District.

In 1915, September 11, the new buildings at Maith Machi Cho, were dedicated. The removal from 244 B Bluff was made necessary by the need for more rooms for students and for a location near the center of Japanese life in the city, as the first building was constructed in the foreign reservation for purposes of safety. The McCaslin Chapel was removed to the new site, and two new buildings constructed—the Dormitory and Domestic Science Hall. A home for the missionaries and a gymnasium are a necessity and will, no doubt, soon be constructed.

HAMAMATSU

Miss Williams came to Hamamatsu in the autumn of 1898 saying that she wanted to get away from the sound of the English language for a while and study Japanese.

For a teacher and helper she brought with her Kimura Chiyeko San, one of the six girls who went to Nagoya with Miss Laurence in 1894.

At that time there was a Japanese pastor of

the Methodist Protestant Church, Mr. Tamura, here, living in the house where he preached. To him Miss Williams wrote, asking him to find a house for her. A few days later she started, shrewdly observing, "I know that if I land on his hands it will be an incentive to find a house sooner." A year in this fair land had taught her that the people do not always keep pace in their movements with the desires of the missionaries.

She was right. He soon found a house, but so much too large and so poorly built that when the high winds for which this city is famous, began to blow, she was afraid to stay there and this house, 10 Moto Shin, being for rent, she came here to this place bought later by the mission.

She was not able to carry out her plans of devoting her entire time to language study, as she had intended; for being the first foreigner to live here, she was besieged by visitors and the opportunity for doing evangelistic work was too great to be resisted.

In a family living near the chapel was the only Protestant Christian young man in the city. This young man, after a somewhat checkered career, has recently been put in charge of one of our churches, as for some years he has been doing Christian work in connection with his ordinary work.

For many years our church has had in its work a pastor, son of a Shinto priest and an evangelist, who was connected with a Buddhist temple, who

became a Christian through Miss Williams' efforts that winter.

The following spring she had to return to Yokohama to take charge of the school, but so great seemed the opportunity that she and I arranged that Kimura San should stay on. Social conditions would not permit her to live alone, so her mother consented to come from Yokohama and live with her. The day for her coming had been fixed, when something, supposed at the time to be plague, broke out here, and the mother refused to come. So we had to give up our plan and Kimura San went to Nagoya to work in the Second Church there.

Sometime later the pastor of the Hamamatsu Church went over to Doweism taking most of the membership with him. Mr. Van Dyke made an urgent appeal to me to send Kimura San there at once to hold the remnants of the church together, saying that he had absolutely no one whom he could send in this emergency. She went and did nobly. Afterwards this pastor returned to our church and for many years has been doing efficient work.

Kimura San's health broke down after a while and she returned to Yokohama, then for a time our Women's Foreign Missionary Society had no regular work here, although the church continued.

During my absence on my first furlough from July, 1902 to September, 1903, Miss Dean was in Nagoya in charge of work. On my return she came

to Hamamatsu and started classes in cooking, knitting, and crocheting, and remained here until February, 1906, when she returned to America.

Miss Wilson was in Hamamatsu for a while remaining here until June, after Miss Dean returned home. One day a telegram with Miss Wilson's name signed, was brought to me at the kindergarten asking me to come to Hamamatsu at once, there was no explanation; but on my arrival I found general excitement prevailing. A gang of thieves, fifteen strong, as subsequent events proved, had struck the town and were setting fire to houses everywhere. As many as six or eight fires a day were started in broad daylight, while at night no household attempted to sleep right through. Different ones took turns watching for two or three hours. Fifteen watchmen were stationed on one short street. Notwithstanding all this it was a week or more before the gang were all caught and imprisoned.

Following the instructions of the W. F. M. S. to go to Hamamatsu, I arrived October 5th, 1906, bringing with me Matsumoto Misao San, who had been working in the Nagoya kindergarten with me for five years. She entered our Yokohama girls' school in the spring of 1896 and had her first lessons in English in my class.

During the summer preceeding my coming to Hamamatsu, Mr. Hata, who was then pastor of the church here, found a good house for rent which proved to be the very place where Miss Williams

had lived during the latter part of her stay here. It took several weeks to put the house in order and get it clean according to our ideas of fitness. There was a ceiling over a part of the kitchen only, which allowed free entrance to the rats and they frolicked around the rooms at night at their own sweet will. On the day of our arrival the landlady came in to see us all smiles and good will. Her husband was absent in Tokyo for a time. She had two requests to make of me. One was that I would not drive a nail anywhere in the house and in this she had my fullest sympathy for to drive nails in the beautiful wood would have been unpardonable indeed. But the other request was that I put no chairs in the parlor as the thick straw mats were of particularly fine quality. Excepting the kitchen, the parlor was the only good sized room in the house. To my question as to where I should put the chairs, she declined to take any responsibility, that was quite my own affair. An idea occurred to me, would she sell the mats? To this she rather reluctantly agreed on condition that I sell them back to her if I left the house; and I went to bed that night with the receipt for the mats in my possession and the chairs in the parlor.

In regard to the kitchen ceiling, she was quite willing that I should put in one, but she did not intend to lay out anything more on the house—Japanese people would be quite satisfied with it as it was.

Meanwhile a search for a house where a kindergarten could be started was going on. A tiny place more like a doll's playhouse than anything with which we are familiar in America, was finally found through the kindness of the landlady. It was clean nearly new and near the house.

The pastor's youngest son, the landlady's granddaughter, the little daughter of a former pupil in our school and two other children made up the group of five with which we began.

Yamada O Yone San had recently graduated from our school and came to spend the winter for the advantage of the mild climate. She played the organ but attempted no teaching, being quite out of health. One morning a Christian man called with his little son, frankly announcing that his visit was one of inspection. After looking on for an hour or more he departed saying, "This is a very well conducted kindergarten, I shall send my son." This same son was the first one to send me a letter of welcome when I returned to Japan last August. During the last two years of his middle school course, he came once a week for English conversation with me. He now writes of his desires to become a Christian preacher, but says that circumstances will not permit.

After six months in our little "doll house," during which time the number of children had grown to twenty, I was able to rent a larger house about three blocks distant from where we live. This house is well situated facing south and is well

lighted, but so old and shabby that it seems that it would almost fall by its own weight. Here the kindergarten work has been carried on for more than twelve years and several hundred children have passed in and out of its doors.

In this city our children have largely come from homes of considerable culture. The mothers have appreciated to a marked degree the monthly mothers' meeting, and have shown their appreciation of the work in a substantial way by gifts of money; and from time to time favorable notices have appeared in the Japanese newspaper published in this city. Several entire families have been brought into the church largely through its influence. To my mind however, the greatest results are to be expected from the influence of the kindergarten and Sunday-school on the hearts and minds of the children themselves. One of our little girls now eight years old came into the kindergarten when she was scarcely more than three. She has always been most regular in her attendance at Sunday-school. Her mother, whose father and brother are both Buddhist priests, has become a Christian. Recently the uncle came to visit his sister and one day went to one of the numerous temples of the city to worship, taking his niece with him. The child did not join in worship and when he asked why not, she replied that she did not pray to stone images, but to the God who created all things. Her uncle remonstrated with her, telling her that if she followed another religion, the family would be

divided and she would be separated from her ancestors. "If that is so," said she, "you would better become a Christian and come with us." Amazed at the clearness and decision of the child, the uncle told his sister that if Sunday-school teaching could so influence a child of her age, he was going to start one in connection with his temple, and he has done so.

Seventeen graduates from our Yokohama Girls' School have come to work here for a period of from one to six years, learning to teach the things they have themselves been taught, and as they do their own buying and cooking, get a practical knowledge of how to manage their own homes later. Nine of these girls are now married, several of them to pastors and all but two of them have married Christian men.

Beside the kindergarten work in which there are fifty-three, we have a meeting for mothers, a woman's meeting and a class in cooking monthly. Across the city, a children's meeting is held on Monday evenings and is always largely attended. Tuesday afternoon is given to English teaching at the kindergarten with an average attendance of thirty, the pupils ranging all the way from first grade to teachers of the Primary school. Last Sunday the church service was conducted by a young man who became a Christian while he was attending the English class.

Visits are made in the homes and many callers are received.

For years we have been waiting for the new kindergarten building so greatly needed and now we have reason to hope that this will be realized in the not distant future.

The mission owns a substantial and commodious home for missionaries here, and ground for a kindergarten building. It will require \$3,000 gold, or possibly more, to erect this.

ALICE L. COATES.

NAGOYA

In 1887, Rev. F. C. Klein directed the attention of the W. F. M. S. to Nagoya as an important, but as yet an unoccupied center, a place where some work was being done by the Board of Missions and where Mrs. Klein had a class of ten girls. Nagoya is an inland city of 300,000 inhabitants, situated about 125 miles from Yokohama. The outlook here was most encouraging, and accordingly Mr. Colhouer and Miss Whetstone visited Nagoya and immediately advised the opening of a school for girls at this point. The Executive Committee favored this advanced step, but having no one at hand to send to take up the work they decided to divide the teaching force at Yokohama, and at once instructed Miss Whetstone to go to Nagoya and take with her Ko Tamura, one of the oldest pupils at Yokohama, as teacher and interpreter. This she did in December, 1887.

At first progress was slow and results disap-

pointing. Those living near our missionaries were often insolent and offensive. Prejudice against what, by them, seemed an intrusion, led them to acts of persecution that tried the soul of the workers, and made the outlook most discouraging. To Miss Whetstone and her faithful Japanese girl great credit should be given for their abiding faithfulness through most trying circumstances. Several times the Executive Board considered the advisability of discontinuing the effort at Nagoya but the Great Leader had a future for our work in this city and it was continued.

In 1889, Miss Annie L. Forrest took up special evangelistic work at this point. Let it be said of Miss Forrest, who spent most of her two terms of service at Nagoya, that only the great book can reveal the results of her earnest efforts.

In 1894, Miss Annette Lawrence went to Nagoya and by her our first kindergarten was started in February, 1897. In the beginning it was difficult to get the children to attend with any regularity, for the kindergarten idea was new to many of them and few of the parents seemed interested in the education of their children. The location was not well suited to our needs, and in May, 1897, the adjoining house and garden were rented, and this is the lot on which our first kindergarten building was erected. Of the one hundred and sixty-six kindergartens established by the different missions now working in Japan, only eighteen were established at the time of beginning ours, and there

was no other Christian kindergarten within many miles. Miss Alice L. Coates went to Nagoya in 1897 to assist Miss Lawrence. The ground had just been purchased and Miss Lawrence had been directed to erect a home for the missionaries. This was completed under the direction of the missionaries in charge, and was moved into December 30th, 1897. This new home was named in honor of Mrs. Mary A. Murray of the Maryland Branch. Miss Lawrence spent one-half the time looking after work at Shidzuoka, and Miss Coates supervised the new kindergarten. The popularity of the school began to grow and its influence was being felt throughout the city. Admission was sought far beyond the capacity of our small building to accommodate. Miss Almira Dean assisted in the work during the furlough of Miss Coates in 1902. Miss Coates was transferred from Nagoya to Hamamatsu in 1906 and instructed to open a kindergarten at this point.

Miss Ella Mae Wilson who went to Japan in 1903 did splendid work along Sunday-school and evangelistic lines at the Nagoya mission station. The new kindergarten building was erected in 1907. It is the largest kindergarten building in the city, and has several times been used for group meetings.

Miss Gertrude Mallett went to Nagoya in 1909 as kindergarten teacher and Miss Donna Schlegelmilch who went the same year had charge of the evangelistic work in this section. A most capable and efficient force.

Miss Elizabeth Dawson, an experienced kindergarten, took up the work in 1912, Miss Mallett having returned to America because of ill health. The kindergarten was most ably conducted by Miss Dawson. During Miss Dawson's service, and by her efforts, the Mary A. Murray home was sold and a new site was bought, and an up-to-date building planned and begun. Miss Florence Cronise assisted Miss Dawson by taking charge of the evangelistic work. Miss Mary E. Williams has had full charge of the work since 1916.

Miss Williams opened a kindergarten at Atsuta in the Southern section of Nagoya, in December, 1918, which is a marvel in growth and promises great results.

From the beginning, as time went on, much work for children was started in various neighborhoods of Nagoya, often using for the purpose the chapels rented by the Board of Missions, and where, later in the day or evening, a missionary or Japanese evangelist would preach. One of our missionaries says, "In proportion to our force, I doubt if any other mission in Japan has carried on as much work for children as we have done."

Nagoya is a field of wonderful opportunities, all that is lacking is a greater force not only on the field but in the homeland.

Compiled from facts submitted by Miss Alice
L. Coates and Miss Mary E. Williams.

CHINA

In May, 1909, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church began plans for active work in China.

Encouraged by an opening that seemed most propitious, and by the application of Rev. Charles S. Heininger to go as their missionary, the General Executive Board recognizing the direct answer to many prayers, decided to enter the open door.

Through communication with the American Board of Foreign Missions, our work was located at Kalgan, a city in North China. The early fall found Rev. Mr. Heininger on the ground, ready for his chosen labors.

To refresh the memory it might be well to recall that the city of Kalgan lies on the northeastern boundary of China, just within the great wall, and has a population of about one hundred and twenty-five thousand. The coming of the railroad and the colonization of the Chinese on the Mongolian border, makes it imperative that persistent effort be put forth to evangelize this important center. The mission compound has in it three and one-half acres upon which are two foreign brick houses, where our missionaries live, and several Chinese houses, where schools and Christian services are held.

In September, 1912, the society sent much needed help to Rev. Mr. Heininger in the person

of Rev. P. H. Dierberger, but failing health compelled Rev. Mr. Dierberger to return home in less than two years.

In 1913, through the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, the W. F. M. S. purchased the compound for the sum of nine thousand dollars, paying three thousand dollars down, the balance to be paid in two equal installments. The work is new, and it has been impossible for development to keep pace with opportunity. Absolute requirements came thick and fast, and our hearts have often been sadly burdened because we were not able to meet our needs promptly. Our courage and faith have never faltered, because we believed that the one who prepared and pointed out the way would take care of his own.

In 1914 this courage and faith was rewarded by the application of Rev. Carl G. Soderbom who came to our Board as a missionary with twenty-five years experience and with the reputation of being one of the most successful and devoted workers in China. He knew the Chinese language perfectly, and with his most capable wife, they are proving a blessing that cannot be measured in words. To our mission over against the great wall and to the W. F. M. S. at home, Rev. and Mrs. Soderbom have been a tower of strength. May their hearts be encouraged and their hope renewed day by day.

It is a pleasure to express the greatest appre-

ciation and commendation of the work of Rev. C. S. Heininger, this messenger of the cross, who bravely and faithfully faced trials and discouragements, yet maintained a steadfast purpose. With but one object, and that not to be ministered unto, but to minister, he labored on, and his shall be the great reward.

Rev. Mr. Heininger so loves his work that he has said the best pulpit in America would not tempt him, and he believes, with Dr. Barton, that "since Calvary, no such opportunity or challenge has come to the Christian church as that now presented to the Chinese republic." To meet the challenge our missionaries stand in the front rank, bearing aloft the banner of the cross, and proclaiming aloud the unsearchable riches of Christ, and the saving power of his grace. Through the columns of our church papers those who are interested have kept in touch with the work being done in the out-stations. It is vast and far-reaching. In less than a decade our Chinese church numbers 356, 288 being men. Many others are under Christian instruction. The average attendance at church services is about 150. Twenty-two Chinese Christian workers are giving their time to teaching the word they have learned to love. Four day schools are being sustained where many seek admission who cannot be accommodated. At our small dispensary down in the city 8,987 patients were treated in one year.

Muskingum Branch, with the assistance of a generous friend within this Conference, had assumed the building of a chapel down in the heart of the business section of Kalgan. This building will contain a room where church services will be held; a reading room; a dispensary, and rooms for native helpers. This will be known as the "Center." The Michigan Branch provided funds with which the Perry Memorial School for boys was built in 1917. This branch is gathering funds to build a school for girls in the near future.

A fine measure of success has crowned the faithful efforts of our missionaries in Kalgan as the following letter will show:

Translation of Chinese Letter

To the Methodist Protestant Church of the U. S. A.:

We wish to write you because we have just closed our eighth conference of the church at Kalgan. It was held June 19-23. It has been a year since our former meeting, when we forwarded a letter of greeting to you. During this year the work of the church has made great progress. From the reports of each church we gather that during the conference year 115 members were added, while the number of inquirers and probationers enrolled were more than double that number. Indeed, the door for evangelism is wide open. As in the conference we beheld these favorable conditions we

greatly rejoiced, and think you, too, will rejoice to hear of them. Not only has there been this numerical progress, but in the spirit of the church there has been great development. (1) At this conference every outstation elected delegates as their representatives in the conference. (2) The conference decided to ordain a Chinese pastor and to be responsible for half his salary. (3) The conference elected six men as an executive committee (a sort of missionary's cabinet), to assist the missionary in dealing with important church matters. These show the spiritual condition and progress of the church. Besides these, the conference decided many weighty matters. From this it is evident that this conference transacted more affairs and more important ones than in previous years. This marks the beginning of the true prosperity of the church. This year we thank God for his great mercy in giving us such good results.

We have again received your aid, and are truly thankful for all these benefits. The blessings which we have enumerated are due to your help, and we thank you for them. But the harvest truly is great and the laborers few. There are problems more difficult than in former years. At present there is only one pastor-missionary. In these conditions it is impossible to do justice to the work. We beg of you to send a number of missionaries, preachers, doctors and lady missionaries for the women's work; and also that you increase your gifts, so that we can extend the kingdom of heaven

and gather the harvest. These matters are of the utmost importance and demand early action. We hope that you will soon find some means of supplying our needs. In conclusion, greetings.

From the annual conference at Kalgan.

YAO SHU TE, President,
T'SUI SHIH HAI, Secretary.

Translated by C. S. HEININGER.

Part IV.

Branch Histories

PITTSBURGH BRANCH

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was organized in the First Methodist Protestant Church of Pittsburgh, Pa., February 24th, 1879. The following autumn the Pittsburgh Branch of this organization was formed. All the missionary societies and agencies that had been at work under the general society, naturally formed the units of which the Branch was formed, and several officers of the general board became officers in the branch. The first officers of the branch, as shown in the first annual report of the Society were as follows: Mrs. James I. Bennett, President; Mrs. J. J. Murray, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. T. Brown, Treasurer. Of these Mrs. Bennett was Vice President of the general society, and Mrs. J. J. Murray a member of the board.

Eight auxiliaries were named as the first anniversary of the society as constituting the Pittsburgh Branch; these were as follows: First Church, Pittsburgh; First Church, Allegheny; Second Church, Pittsburgh; South Side, Pittsburgh; New Brighton, Beaver Falls; East End Band, Pittsburgh, and Centennial Band, Allegheny.

No dates are given in the minutes for the organization of the auxiliaries in the First Church, Pittsburgh and the First Church, Allegheny, but the general society was formed practically of the missionary workers in these two auxiliaries, so it

may be safe to say that the two auxiliaries in these churches were identical with the general body, and their organization at the same date—February 14, 1879. The South Side auxiliary was formed, in what was better later known as the Eighteenth Street Church, South Side, in March, 1879. The Second Church Auxiliary was organized April 7, 1879. The auxiliaries at New Brighton and Beaver Falls were formed the same day, December 26, 1879. The East End Band, otherwise known as the "Willing Workers," were a band of children in East End, Pittsburgh, who had contributed enough money to the branch treasury to constitute then an auxiliary, under the constitution of that day. The Centennial Band was a group of missionary workers that had been organized by Mrs. N. B. O'Neil. Their name was taken from the fact that the Band was formed in the centennial year of American independence. Since their organization they had contributed an average of sixty dollars per year for work in the Union Missionary Society; now they became tributary to the Pittsburgh Branch.

Some funds were also received from Sharpsburg, Waynesburg, and Arlington Camp Ground, but the amount was not enough to constitute them auxiliaries.

The amount of money received into the general treasury the first year was \$381.16. All but twenty dollars of this was credited to the Pittsburgh Branch, the remaining twenty came from Ohio and

Michigan, ten dollars from each. Beginning with this modest sum the first year, the offerings of the branch have steadily increased, though not uniformly, until at the fortieth anniversary, when the amount reached \$6,808.30, going far beyond the amount assessed upon the branch.

In organizing and sustaining its work Pittsburgh has been helped vastly by the fact that the general headquarters were located here, and that the constitution required that at least five out of the thirteen members of the Executive Board must be located here. This has made it a strong center of missionary effort, they being efficient workers. Many returning missionaries came here, while frequent visits were made by the traveling secretaries. Largely through these means, as well as through the efforts of Mrs. M. A. Colhouer, who was for many years the Branch Organizer, a considerable number of auxiliaries have been added to the roll, though there never was a complete canvass of the conference. At present there are twenty-five auxiliaries in the Branch as follows: First Church, Second Church, Fourth Church, First Church, North Side, (Allegheny); Trinity, Bellevue; First Church, South Side, (Knoxville); Mt. Washington, Youngstown, East Liverpool, Nessley, Eldersville, Beaver Falls, New Brighton, Sharpsburg, Castle Shannon, Washington, Amity, Connellsville, Sheridanville, Dunbar, Squirrel Hill, Fairmont, Uniontown, First Church, Young Woman's Auxiliary, First Church, Pittsburgh. The auxiliaries are well

organized and efficient, doing excellent work. The work of extension is being carried on slowly, but surely, and it is hoped to reach several more churches soon.

The location of five or more of the members of the Executive Committee within the branch had at one period a considerable influence on the work of the branch. This required a large sum each year for meeting the necessary expense of these members at Board Meeting, etc., as no part of the membership dues could be diverted for this purpose. For many years the ladies of the various auxiliaries about the city held an annual noon-day dinner in the city to raise funds for the purpose named, while the auxiliaries outside the city sent supplies to help provide the abundance always found on the tables. This custom was kept up, at considerable expense of money and energy, until provision was made in another way, through the branch and Executive Contingent Funds.

The members of the Executive Board living within the bounds of the branch are as follows: Mrs. Susan E. Anderson, Mrs. Jennie E. Palmer, Mrs. C. E. Wilbur, Mrs. George T. Marshall, Mrs. Lida K. East, Miss Julia Hickey, Mrs. J. E. Rhodes, Mrs. G. H. Miller, Mrs. R. H. Madore, and Mrs. Andrew Lester.

Bequests and gifts have been made through the branch to the Society as follows: Mrs. J. J. Murray, \$5000; Mr. J. H. Claney, \$1000; Mrs. Susan E. Anderson, \$1250 (annuity); Mrs. Jennie E. Palmer,

\$1000. Many other smaller sums implying real sacrifice on the part of the givers have been received, but there can be no record made of them here; they will be credited when the great "Book of Books" is made up.

Several missionaries have gone out from the Pittsburgh Branch. The first was Miss Ella Mae Wilson, of New Brighton Auxiliary. She went to Japan. Her chief work was in Hamamatsu and Nagoya. At the latter city she did a magnificent work in the kindergarten, raising it to such a high state of efficiency that the officials of the city sought entrance for their children; and her work, together with that of Miss Gertrude Mallett, led to its being shown at the World's Sunday-school Convention at Zurich, Switzerland, as an ideal kindergarten for Japan. Several other missionaries from other denominations have united with the Pittsburgh churches and gone out under the auspices of the branch, notably, Miss Dean, Miss Dawson, and Miss Muller.

The branch has a record of two hundred and forty-eight life members, fifty-six memorial members, thirteen honorary managers. Mrs. J. J. Murray became the first honorary manager by the payment of the first fifty dollars into the general treasury, and remained the only one for many years.

The present membership of the branch is 891. The officers of the branch at the present time are: Mrs. E. E. E. Stewart, president; Mrs. H. R.

Gowdy, recording secretary; Mrs. George H. Young, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Clarence W. Millar, treasurer. The vice presidents are: Mrs. George T. Marshall, Mrs. S. P. Antrim, Mrs. J. A. Wangaman.

The branch meetings are held quarterly—October, April, and June; the April meeting is called the "Annual Meeting."

MUSKINGUM BRANCH

The Muskingum Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was organized March 11, 1880, at Cambridge, Ohio, by Mrs. N. B. O'Neil and Miss Lizzie M. Guthrie. Mrs. Dr. John Burns was made President; Mrs. E. N. McFarland, Corresponding Secretary, and Mrs. Wilson Scott, Treasurer. The receipts for the first year were only \$156.50, and during this year very little progress was made, but at the close of the second year there were twenty-five auxiliaries with a membership of 450, and a total of \$248.35 in the Treasury. The number of auxiliaries increased to thirty during the third year, and the Treasury contained \$441.60.

Throughout the early life of Muskingum Branch, zeal and enthusiasm seemed to fluctuate, necessitating an occasional visit from the Official Organizer. Mrs. G. B. Dotson visited the branch in 1888, and as a result of her labors, the work was revived and auxiliaries took on a renewed in-

terest. This continued for several years when retrogression began again to show its disheartening influence, though the leaders continued faithful and never lost heart in the ultimate success of Muskingum Branch. In 1891 the number of auxiliaries had dropped to thirteen and the membership to 95, still the lowest ebb was not reached until in 1897, when the number of auxiliaries dropped to ten. Just when things seemed darkest and most disheartening, a new courage was given to the few faithful ones by the visit of Miss Annie L. Forrest to the branch in 1897-98, who organized and re-organized until Muskingum again numbered twenty-five auxiliaries.

During the great Jubilee year in 1904, Miss M. M. Kuhns went through the Conference and organized seventy-two auxiliaries, raising for the Jubilee Fund, \$2067.49. It is the history of the branch that while a number of auxiliaries are added under the enthusiasm instilled by a visiting secretary, many soon lose interest and drop out, leaving the faithful few to carry the burden. At the Jubilee Meeting in Pittsburgh in 1904, Muskingum Branch was awarded the banner for having donated the most money for this special year and one of her auxiliaries, New Alexandria, received the banner awarded to the auxiliary having given the greatest sum of money.

Very naturally thirty-nine years would record many changes in the roll of officers serving the branch. The various Presidents are as follows:

Mrs. Dr. John Burns, Mrs. F. A. Brown, Mrs. J. A. Thrapp, Mrs. W. A. Sampson, Mrs. F. A. Brown (2nd term), Mrs. J. A. Thrapp (2nd term), Mrs. E. C. Chandler who was re-elected each year for twenty-five years when she declined re-election and Mrs. S. W. Rosenberger became President. The first Corresponding Secretary was Mrs. E. N. McFarland, followed by Mrs. F. A. Brown, Mrs. D. C. Coburn, Mrs. J. W. H. Brown, Mrs. H. H. Fickes, Mrs. F. C. Chambers, Miss Nellie Felumlee, Mrs. M. M. Puntney who is the present Secretary, having served the society thirteen years. The first Treasurer, Mrs. Wilson Scott, was followed by Mrs. E. C. Chandler, Miss Clara Roop, Mrs. N. H. Coburn, Mrs. O. V. W. Chandler, Mrs. W. P. Mahan, Mrs. T. M. McFarland, Miss Belle Peters, and Mrs. E. M. Fell, who has faithfully served the branch as its Treasurer since 1902. Mrs. Fell has endeared herself more and more to the auxiliaries, and each year her duties have become heavier. At the date of her election the funds amounted to less than four hundred dollars, while in 1919, the Fortieth Anniversary year, she handled \$7,339.98. The auxiliaries now number thirty-four, with five young ladies societies and a total membership of 1030.

The special work undertaken by Muskingum Branch is the collection of four hundred dollars every year for eight years, over and above the usual amount, to be applied to the China work. This sum is known as the "Center Fund" from the fact that a chapel and dispensary are to be

provided near the center of the City of Kalgan, by the funds so collected. The site was bought in the early part of 1919, and will soon be a great asset to our mission work in China. The branch has been liberally assisted in the collection of the "Center Fund" by Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Bair, Cambridge, Ohio, who give annually \$600.00 to this special Fund. The budget assigned to Muskingum Branch in 1919 was \$5000.00.

An interesting bit of history pertaining to our early records is the fact that Mrs. J. A. Thrapp was present at the first Annual Meeting of the Executive Board upon invitation. This meeting was held in Pittsburgh in February, 1880. Mrs. Thrapp and Mrs. E. N. McFarland were representatives of Muskingum Branch, at the Annual Board meeting in Pittsburgh in 1881.

Another item of interest that indicates loyalty to country as well as to missions is found in the presentation of a flag to be taken by our first missionary to Japan and to float over our school in Yokohama. The Treasurer's report of 1881 shows this item: "Paid for flag \$21.70." This shows enterprise in a society only one year old.

Muskingum has been honored almost from the beginning with representation on the General Executive Committee, of the Society. Way back in the early records the following motto was adopted: "Faith without works is dead."

The General Executive Board has been entertained four times within the bounds of the Branch,

twice in Cambridge (1882, 1908), once in Toronto (1890) and once in Steubenville (1911).

There are many women who have done much for the upbuilding of the Branch and who deserve mention in this little history, but unfortunately their deeds of love and sacrifice have been unrecorded and it is impossible for the author of this sketch to find them to place them along with the few facts we have gleaned, but when the great history will be prepared and finished none will be omitted and none who have helped to build up the Muskingum Branch and to fill the world with righteousness shall go unrewarded.

MARTHA M. PUNTNEY,
Corresponding Secretary.

OHIO BRANCH

The Ohio Branch, W. F. M. S. was organized March 29th, 1880, in Mechanicsburg, Ohio, at a meeting called for that purpose and presided over by Rev. A. L. Reynolds, D.D., then pastor of Mechanicsburg Methodist Protestant Church and ever since the loyal friend and helper of the W. F. M. S. in the Ohio Conference.

The first officers of the branch elected at that meeting were: President, Mrs. J. J. Ware; Vice Presidents, Mrs. C. S. Williams, Mrs. T. B. Graham, Mrs. A. L. Reynolds; Recording Secretary, Miss Millie Bishop; Treasurer, Miss Binkerd; Cor-

responding Secretary, Mrs. S. K. Spahr; Auditor, Mrs. S. B. Kingsley.

The branch organized auxiliaries at Cincinnati, Catawba, Harmony, Mechanicsburg, Mt. Blanchard, Springfield, Spring Valley, Sabina, Richwood, North Lewisburg, West Middleburg, Middletown, Bell Brook, Pharisburg and Mt. Cory. Of these organizations, Catawba, Mechanicsburg and Cincinnati have continued uninterruptedly until the present time.

The following have served the branch as officers: President, Mrs. J. J. Ware, 1880-1893; Mrs. G. Stevens, 1893-1898; Mrs. George Greaves, 1898-1919. Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. S. K. Spahr, 1880-81; Mrs. Anna J. Dotson, 1881-1898; Mrs. Chas. H. Hubbell, 1899-1900; Miss Alice Conway, 1900-02; Miss Irene McKinnon, 1903-17; Mrs. U. B. Morgan, 1917-19. Treasurer, Miss Binkerd, 1880; Miss Jennie White, 1881-98; Mrs. M. M. Campbell, 1898-1917; Mrs. Margaret Neer, 1917-19. Recording Secretary, Miss Bishop, 1881; Mrs. G. C. Stevens, Mrs. Sarah Blue, Mrs. Chas. Hunsdon, Miss Tavener, Mrs. J. E. Bailey, Mrs. John Mathew, 1905-19. Vice Presidents have been many, but Mrs. A. L. Reynolds served in that capacity from 1880 to 1887 and again from 1906 to 1919.

During the years of Miss Anna J. Dotson's service as Corresponding Secretary, she was also organizer for the branch and did genuine pioneer work in that capacity, traveling throughout the Conference territory enlisting the interest and co-

operation of the pastors and organizing the women of the church into auxiliaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Miss Dotson also acted as general organizer for the Executive Board while Corresponding Secretary of Ohio Branch and was instrumental in organizing Indiana Conference Branch while so employed.

Miss White, who held the position of Branch Treasurer from 1881 to 1898, after changing her name, changed her relation to the branch also and as Mrs. George Greaves continued to serve it in the office of President.

Ohio Branch has continued uninterruptedly since its organization and its history has been a varied one. The largest number of auxiliaries at any one time was twenty-eight and the smallest eight.

The lowest ebb of its financial record was in 1893, when the contributions amounted to \$103.00 and its highest financial attainment was reached this last year, \$1,403.00.

During the early history the branch held meetings quarterly and these at different points, but since the location of the Conference at Sabina, the quarterly meetings have been abandoned and the annual meetings held at the time of the Conference sessions and on the conference grounds in the building erected there in 1907 for the use of the Women's Missionary Societies of the Ohio Conference,

largely through the efforts of Dr. A. L. Reynolds while President of the Conference.

At the annual meeting in August of this year, the branch voted to unite with the Muskingum Branch, in response to the invitation extended by the latter to form the greater Ohio Branch. This union will doubtless be consecrated at the close of this missionary year, when the original Ohio Branch will have completed the fortieth year of its history.

MRS. GEORGE GREAVES, President.

MRS. U. B. MORGAN, Cor. Sec.

THE MARYLAND BRANCH

In response to the request of the Maryland Conference, a number of ladies assembled in St. John's Church, Liberty Street, Baltimore, Md., on April 5, 1881, at 3 P. M. with the view of organizing a W. F. M. S. in the Maryland Conference. An organization was effected and officers as follows were elected, viz:

President, Mrs. J. T. Murray; Vice Presidents, Mesdames Zollickoffer, Starr and Jones; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. A. R. O'Brien; Recording Secretary, Miss Jane R. Roberts; Treasurer, Mrs. Tyler; Auditor, Mrs. C. A. Benjamin; Editress, Mrs. E. J. Drinkhouse; Managers, Mesdames Burroughs, Drinkhouse, Hammond, Benjamin, Miss Roberts.

The work was entered timidly, but with prayerful hearts, taking as their guide the precious prom-

ise, "God is able to make grace abound toward you that ye always having all sufficiency in all things may abound in every good work." A mass meeting of all Methodist Protestant ladies in Baltimore was held May 4, 1881, a majority of the city pastors were also present and took a prominent part. The object of this meeting was to infuse a missionary spirit into the female membership of our church and urge a zealous co-operation in this, to us, new work; and to arrange for the speedy formation of auxiliaries in the city and also throughout the Maryland District. A leaflet containing a statement of the organization of the Society, its purposes, and an appeal to all of the pastors of the Maryland Conference was published by the Branch, and a very auspicious beginning was made. In June 1889, Mrs. J. H. Rupp was appointed organizer for the branch, and much effective work was accomplished. In 1890 Mrs. Cromwell was made District Secretary; in the same year Mrs. A. R. O'Brien, owing to ill health, was compelled to resign as Corresponding Secretary, and Mrs. N. R. Seeman took up the work. After faithful service for a number of years, declining health compelled Mrs. J. T. Murray to resign as president and Mrs. W. W. Baynes took up the work and gave more than twenty years of most faithful and devoted service to this office; declining re-election in 1911, Mrs. Henry Hupfield who had been Corresponding Secretary for a number of years, was elected to the Presidency and is still filling this

office most efficiently. Miss Florence Hammond succeeded Mrs. Hupfield as Corresponding Secretary, she being in 1915 succeeded by Mrs. W. E. Kindley, the present incumbent. The office of Recording Secretary has been filled by Miss Jane Roberts, Mrs. C. B. Fornshil, Mrs. B. W. Kindley, and Mrs. T. R. Matthews, who is now filling that office.

Mrs. C. A. Benjamin succeeded Mrs. Tyler as Treasurer, and she was followed by Mrs. J. L. Bartlett, Miss Florence Hammond, and Mrs. Ella B. Marley, the present Treasurer.

During the first year eight auxiliaries were organized with a membership of 228 members, raising \$143.54 and the past year we had 42 auxiliaries, 1326 members and raised \$5005.00.

Various phases of the work have been carried on by the branch through all these years; Scholarships, Bible Readers, Native Teachers and a missionary have been supported. The branch is now sending out to work in China a young woman, Miss Alice May Shepherd, a trained nurse from St. Luke's Church, Philadelphia. This auxiliary being in the Maryland Branch, we now have "our own" Missionary.

By legacies of Mrs. Mary A. Dodge, Mrs. J. H. Rupp and Dr. J. T. Murray the "Murray Home" in Nagoya, Japan, was erected and named in honor of Mrs. J. T. Murray through whose influence these legacies were left for the work.

Maryland Branch has for years, at Christmas,

remembered the workers and children in Japan, by sending a barrel of gifts or money to be used for this purpose. .

We feel that our work has been growing but there is still a great work for us to do, to help to send the blessed Gospel to those who know not "the blessed Saviour" of all mankind. O that we may arouse all the women of the church to the great needs of this work.

MRS. W. E. KINDLEY, Cor. Sec.

IOWA BRANCH

Before there was any printed literature of the W. F. M. S. of the Methodist Protestant Church, Mrs. W. M. Lyman, of New London, Iowa, had a great interest in foreign missions. She had lived far in the East; but with her husband moved to Iowa and located in New London. Her interest in missions caused her to call the women of her church together and at that meeting an auxiliary of the W. F. M. S. was organized. Mrs. J. W. Seymour was the first president, Mrs. Wm. Lyman, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Shields, treasurer. As to the date I think it was 1880 or 1881.

In March, 1882, Rev. E. S. Brown, then pastor of Newton circuit, Iowa Conference, organized an auxiliary at Hixson Grove. The first president, Mrs. M. E. Russell. Other branch presidents were: Mrs. Rev. J. L. Scott, Mrs. Price Woods, Mrs. Asa Gurner and Mrs. Rev. A. Q. Gharrett. Correspond-

ing Secretaries: Laura E. Gordon, Olive Ogburn, Mrs. Hannah Conover, Mrs. Mary Gibson. Treasurers: Mrs. A. C. Murphy, Miss Etta Conover, Miss Gertrude Spellman, the latter having held the office for over twenty-four years.

As the years went by Miss Margaret Brown, a returned missionary, visited Iowa traveled over the various fields of labor and was successful in organizing new societies.

In these former years the branch meetings were held in connection with the Iowa Annual Conference.

For missionary interest and prohibition sentiment, Iowa is much indebted to Aunt Sara Remsburg, she being the wife of Rev. William Remsburg who for years was the traveling president of the Iowa Conference, they visiting the various fields of labor were always advocating all good organizations and were ready and willing to help in every good cause.

MISS GERTRUDE SPELLMAN,
Corresponding Secretary.

NORTH ILLINOIS BRANCH

In April, 1879 at Limerick, which is now the Kasbeer Church, Mrs. Mary A. Jordan, wife of Rev. W. H. Jordan, of North Illinois Conference, organized a Missionary Society, and only two months had passed since Foreign Missions had been established by the women of the Methodist Pro-

testant church, thus we find Mrs. Jordan presenting this work to a little body of country women. Mrs. Philip Hensel of this little band is still living, working and loving this cause.

On September 15, 1883, at Deland, Ill., at conference, our branch was organized. Mrs. Mary Jordan was elected President; Mrs. E. V. Kidd, Vice President; Mrs. Hattie Kelly, Second Vice President; Mrs. Eliza Johnston, Treasurer; Mrs. A. H. Widney, one of the managers, who is living and working in this cause yet. Total amount raised during the first year of organization was \$105.87.

In 1890, we adopted the use of mite boxes.

The North Illinois Branch entertained the Executive Board in the Ohio Church in May, 1887. Miss Maggie Brown, a returned missionary from Japan, a sister-in-law of Rev. C. A. Wood was a great help to the branch. Much good was accomplished through her untiring efforts.

In 1896, the first scholarship work was undertaken. Two societies supporting two little girls in Japan.

In 1896, Mrs. Annie Wilson of Ohio, Ill., was made President.

In 1901, Miss Margaret Kuhns, a returned missionary from Japan was secured to travel our Conference to organize more societies.

Up until this time the branch meeting, which consisted in attendance of from six to twelve ladies, nearly always wives of the ministers, was held at Conference time and occupied about two hours dur-

ing one afternoon. At the branch meeting held in Canton, in 1903, they voted to hold their meeting separate from Conference, and to be held in April. This change was not made without some opposition and bitterness, yet it has proved to be an advanced step and our branch took on new life.

In 1904, we celebrated the Silver Jubilee, a twenty-fifth anniversary, and raised \$771.34. At this meeting Mrs. Nettie Vickery, of Kasbeer, was made recording secretary. At the branch meeting in 1906, originated our present thankful boxes which are in use up to present time, and the office of Secretary of Scholarship was added and Mrs. Nellie E. Downs elected to the office. Miss Margaret Kuhns again visited our branch in 1908. Mrs. Annie Wilson, our president, was elected delegate to our Executive Board meeting to be held at Cambridge, Ohio. Reports show at this time splendid work done in the way of supporting Scholarship and Bible Women. Our branch has done a noble work in this respect.

In 1913, at branch meeting plans were made and carried out to send an organ to Kalgan, China work.

May 21st, 1913, the Executive Board meeting was entertained at Foosland, Ill.

In 1916, Miss Donna Schlegelmilch, a returned missionary from Japan, visited our branch meeting. In August and September, Rev. Charles Heininger visited all of our auxiliaries. Every one of them

contributed to the fund collected by Rev. Heininger amounting to over \$600.00.

At the branch meeting in 1917 we voted to support a native Chinese physician, salary \$160.00 a year, which we have continued. Mrs. D. S. Stephens, corresponding secretary of Executive Board attended this meeting.

During this year a bequest of \$200.00 was received from Miss Harriet B. Holmes, of Castleton, Ill., a few weeks previous to our branch meeting in 1918 we met with the loss of our beloved president, Mrs. Annie Wilson. She had been in office twenty-two years and had attended nine Board meetings. A memorial service was held for her at this meeting and the branch made her a memorial member. Our assessment for this year was \$1800.00 and we raised over \$2,187.00. In the fall of 1917, Miss Olive I. Hodges, home on furlough from Japan, visited our auxiliaries. She devoted all her time to the financial situation and through her efforts we were able to put our auxiliaries on a monthly budget plan which we have continued.

At our 1918 meeting we elected Mrs. Nellie E. Downs, of Foosland, president of our branch. This being our third president since organization.

Miss Alice L. Coates, a returned missionary from Japan attended our branch meeting in 1919. At this time we have eighteen auxiliaries. We have forty-four life members and thirty memorial members, two honorary managers. We were assessed 125 shares and raised \$2,831.21.

At this meeting the pennant of the North Illinois Branch was awarded to Union Auxiliary for securing the most money per member.

Rev. Frederick Baylis gave the slides prepared by Miss Donna Schlegelmilch of her work in Japan. We expect to have the services of our traveling secretary, Miss Annie L. Forrest during this year, this is the first time she has ever visited our branch.

Present officers are: Mrs. Nellie Downs, President; Mrs. A. J. Christy, First Vice President; Mrs. J. N. Booth, Second Vice President; Mrs. Herbert Green, Third Vice President; Mrs. Sadie Ball, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Nettie Vickery, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Mabel Ruff, Treasurer; Superintendent of Scholarships, Mrs. Gussie Smith; Superintendent of Thank-offering, Miss Cathryn Roberts; Superintendent of Thankful Boxes, Miss Clara Smith.

THE WEST VIRGINIA BRANCH

In May, 1884, at the fifth annual meeting of the Executive Board of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church, Miss Margaret Brown was accepted as a missionary to be sent to Japan in September of the same year. In August, she, with Mrs. F. A. Brown, visited the West Virginia Conference during its session at Newburg. From the minutes of that session of the conference I find the following: "At the Methodist Protestant church, Newburg, 3 P. M., address by Mrs. F. A. Brown, after which the

West Virginia Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was organized with the following officers: President, Mrs. B. M. Strickler; Vice Presidents, Mrs. Marion Callahue, Mrs. Patterson, Julia Barr, Anna Betts, Melissa Bonnett, Sarah J. Maxwell and Mrs. Elizabeth Kelsall; Recording Secretary, Mollie Swisher; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Will A. Strickler; Treasurer, Mrs. F. M. Durbin; Auditor, Mrs. M. Steele; Board of Managers, Mrs. D. M. Simonton, Mrs. D. G. Helmick, Mrs. H. Young, Mrs. J. N. Berthy and Mrs. Benjamin Stout. After preaching at 7:30 P. M. by Rev. I. A. Barnes, the Independence Auxiliary of the West Virginia Branch was organized. Two other auxiliaries and fifty-three members constituted the branch.

In 1886, the West Virginia Conference appointed Miss Melissa Bonnett to organize auxiliaries within the bounds of the conference, paying her \$25 a month and expenses. Miss Bonnett worked faithfully at her appointed task until 1887 when she was elected to go as a missionary to Japan. Before leaving for her new field of labor she succeeded in organizing several new auxiliaries.

During the first few years of its existence the branch held very few meetings, the auxiliaries sending reports and money directly to the Secretary and Treasurer of the Board. Mrs. Strickler, the first Recording Secretary, mentions three branch meetings held at the following places: Grafton, Lost Creek and Harrisville.

Miss Bonnett's election as missionary stimulated the churches to some extent and created interest in our work in Japan; but as a Branch a revival of missionary interest among the churches was very much needed.

In 1890, Mrs. Morgan visited the West Virginia Conference and organized four Mission Bands.

In 1891, Miss Bonnett's health failed and she was compelled to return to America. Her health improved and she soon began working in the conference, and in 1892, at a meeting held in Clarksburg, she succeeded in re-organizing the branch. During the next few years there were several interesting meetings held; but as no regular annual meetings were held interest in the work again declined, until the branch was pronounced dead, and steps were taken to organize a new branch that should undertake the support of Miss Olive I. Hodges, the second missionary to go from West Virginia to Japan. Some of the members of the first branch claimed that they were planning to reorganize the work, and were offended because they were not permitted to do so. They held a meeting and decided to send the money in their treasury directly to the treasurer of the Board, using \$50.00 of the amount they had on hand to make Miss Bonnett an honorary manager, thereby showing their appreciation of her earnest and faithful work in trying to keep alive the missionary spirit in the women of West Virginia.

The new branch was organized at Parkersburg

in August, 1901. Mrs. George R. Brown was elected President, Mrs. C. C. Douglas, Corresponding Secretary. The branch pledged to support Miss Hodges, and she assisted in the organization of auxiliaries for a short time before leaving for Japan. In 1903 there were thirty-five auxiliaries, 325 members, and 100 "Record" subscribers in West Virginia. Since then, some years the work has declined, but there has been a meeting of the branch every year, and I believe we have met our pledge to pay Miss Hodges' salary. The branch has many times raised more than her salary, and a few times twice that amount. Three missionaries, Miss Hodges, Miss Grose and Miss Steele, have gone from our church at Morgantown, and Miss Williams from Monitor, West Va., making five who have gone from our branch. How blessed is this branch, and how much more should she contribute towards the support of the work in Japan!

During the last three years the West Virginia branch seems to have begun to realize what great privileges and responsibilities are hers. She is holding two branch meetings each year, one in April and one at the time of the meeting of the annual conference in August. She is branching out in her work by sending a fine typewriter to the missionaries in Japan; by sending her President to a summer mission conference to bring back to her members fresh inspiration and a knowledge of what other churches are doing. One of the best of her forward movements is the presentation of

the Woman's Foreign Missionary work to the people on one night during the sessions of the annual conference by means of illustrated lectures, pageants, etc. At present the West Virginia Branch has nineteen auxiliaries, two Mission Bands, eighteen Life and Memorial members and three Honorary Managers. The officers at this time are: President, Mrs. Clyde D. Barbe, Morgantown, West Va.; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Anna Clelland, Fairmont, West Va., and Treasurer Mrs. John Barnes, Morgantown, West Va.

MRS. GEO. R. BROWN.

January, 1919.

INDIANA BRANCH

The Indiana Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was organized in a grove about one mile northeast of Allen Chapel, Kendallville Circuit, in Noble County, Indiana, and is recorded in the minutes of the Indiana Conference of 1884. At 1:30 P. M., a missionary meeting was held, and was addressed by Mrs. G. B. Dotson, corresponding secretary of the Ohio Branch of Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church, after which she organized the Indiana Branch with Mrs. M. J. Morgan, President; Mrs. Mary McKinney, First Vice President; Mrs. P. W. Patterson, Second Vice President; Mrs. Lou Isabell, Third Vice President; Mrs. Bell Davis, Recording Secretary; Mrs. H. Stackhouse, Correspond-

ing Secretary; Mrs. T. E. Lancaster, Treasurer; Mrs. M. Jones, Auditor. The following named persons were elected as managers: Mrs. W. H. Whitford, Mrs. Harvey Shipp, Mrs. T. Bailey, Mrs. Dr. Omo, Mrs. William Duling, Mrs. Rev. Jones, and Mrs. Rev. Widney. Mrs. M. J. Morgan was elected as organizer.

The branch was encouraged in their second annual session by the inspiration given through the helpful presence of many of their leading pastors. The names of Revs. S. J. Jones, J. S. Sellars, S. M. Louden, H. Stackhouse, J. H. C. Prim, and M. J. Morgan are familiar to many Methodist Protestants outside of Indiana, as leaders in the denomination, and staunch friends of the cause of foreign missions. During this session the Committee on Missions of the Annual Conference recommended that the Conference recognize the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, as a work that merits aid and endorsement of all pastors and churches, and that a column be granted in the financial exhibit of the Conference, so that the amount collected on the several charges may be reported in the Conference Minutes: Committee: S. H. Flood, M. H. Jones, J. G. Smith and W. R. Custard.

The annual conference adopted the report of the committee on missions in the year 1887 urging the pastors as soon as practicable to present to the people of their charge the claims of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and see to

the organization of missionary auxiliaries and that we assist the ladies to make Indiana the banner Conference in the woman's missionary work. In 1891, it was made the standing rule of the Conference that Thursday evening of each session should be given as the time for holding the anniversary meetings.

In the year 1900 and 1901 great good was accomplished and a call made for increased effort and a general rallying of all the forces which we command; still relying on fidelity which has always characterized the home service of the faithful few in the Indiana Branch, as well as the Indiana Conference, we come using the words of the great Missionary Apostle in his addresses to the churches which he had founded: "Grace be unto you and peace from God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ." I think it was during these years that the Indiana Branch took a little girl, a Japanese, to educate, and we gave her the name of Indiana Maize.

In 1903, Mrs. M. J. Morgan-McCaslin was obliged to relinquish her office as corresponding secretary of the branch, which position she had held for nineteen years. Mrs. McCaslin was one of our consecrated women in the cause of Christ; she was corresponding secretary of the Indiana Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society ever since its organization except two years, during which time she was president of the branch. She was a member of the Executive Committee of

the Woman's Board for fourteen years, during which time she served as an element of power for good. Her voice was a harbinger of good things and greeted our ears with pleasantness. On the 19th of May, 1904, she was removed by death from the church militant to the church triumphant. May it be said of us as we can say of her, "This world has been bettered by our living in it."

The year 1909 shows our branch in a growing condition, very healthful. This was the year that two missionaries went out from our conference to the foreign field, highly commended by our branch. Miss Donna Schlegelmilch was sent to Nagoya, Japan, and Rev. Charles Heininger was sent to Kalgan, China.

The twenty-fourth annual meeting of the Indiana Branch of the W. F. M. S. was held in the city of Muncie, April 21, 1910. This was our first meeting held separate from our annual conference.

On December 8th, 1911, death took from us our sister and co-worker, Mrs. Lenhart. In the early stages of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of our church, she became interested and served as the secretary of the first society, which was organized in our church in Maples, in the year 1888. After her husband entered the active ministry, she came into a wider field of activity in the work of the Indiana Branch. She was president of the branch for several years and later corresponding secretary; this position she held until compelled by ill health to resign. She was also

secretary of the Leaflet Committee of the National Society. To all of this work she gladly gave of her time and talent. A part of Mrs. Lenhart's last message to the Indiana Branch was: "The only rule for work which I can give you is to do anything for the advancement of the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society which no one else will do, whether it comes strictly within the bounds of your office or not."

In 1912, Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Dierberger went out to do service at our mission in China. In 1913, Mrs. F. W. Lineberry was elected president of the branch. In 1915, the corresponding secretary, Mrs. A. R. Corn, reported a 25 per cent gain in membership, 13 per cent in auxiliaries, and 35 per cent in money raised over last year. At the annual meeting in 1918, the records show a gain of ninety-five new members, and a list of 48 visitors and 52 voting members in attendance. At this meeting Mrs. Fred C. Clark was elected president of the branch and is honored with that position at the present time.

On July 4th, 1918, Mrs. A. R. Corn, the corresponding secretary of the branch, gave up this earthly life for the home prepared by her heavenly Father. Mrs. Corn was a consecrated and capable woman, beloved by all who knew her. Mrs. F. W. Lineberry was elected as her successor.

At the session in 1919, Mrs. Lida K. East, the General Executive Treasurer was the honored guest, and gave very helpful suggestions and information. At the fortieth anniversary of the

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, Indiana branch reported 25 auxiliaries, 616 active members, 15 honorary members, 129 life members, 33 adult memorial members, and 11 junior memorial members. Amount sent to the General Treasurer in 1919 was \$3,486.82.

This branch has been favored during its history with scholarly and inspiring addresses given by such representatives as Dr. F. T. Tagg, Rev. J. B. Walker, Rev. T. J. Ogburn, Rev. F. C. Klein, Rev. S. Heininger, Dr. C. E. Wilbur, Miss Tanaka of Japan. The visits of Miss M. M. Kuhns and Miss Forrest throughout the branch resulted in strengthening old auxiliaries, organizing new ones, and arousing an interest in churches with little or no missionary spirit. Bequests came to the branch from the Dr. Omo estate, \$445.00; Mrs. Brockman, \$1000.00; Mrs. Chlora Bailey, \$480.00. The returned missionaries sent out by this branch, Miss Schlegelmilch and Rev. C. S. Heininger did splendid work while home on their furloughs, that created an added zeal amongst those already interested.

To what proportions the work has grown this history will reveal in part. What harvest will yet repay the patient toilers, what hallelujahs will proclaim its grand achievements, the future must reveal. The record of the past shows that the devoted women of the Indiana Branch, as well as the non-Christians in whose behalf they undertook their labors, have been blessed in their doing;

the field of their vision has been enlarged; their sympathies have been intensified; have become more or less familiar with the modes and means of church work with which they had little acquaintance. They have grown into a more mature, vigorous and satisfactory Christian womanhood; and in view of what they have been enabled to accomplish they may well "Thank God and take courage."

MRS. F. W. LINEBERRY,
Corresponding Secretary.

MICHIGAN BRANCH

In answer to the appeal sent out by the Pittsburgh ladies, the Methodist Protestant church of Franklin, Mich. was the first one outside of the Pittsburgh Branch to respond by an organization. The Franklin Auxiliary was organized by Mrs. R. N. Mulholland, July 16, 1879, just five months after the first called meeting at Pittsburgh.

August 20, 1881, Mrs. Mulholland organized, at Columbiaville, what was known as the Conference Auxiliary composed of the wives of the ministers and delegates, with Mrs. Mulholland as corresponding secretary, and Mrs. A. B. Hathaway as treasurer. These officers were appointed by the Executive Board to serve as branch officers as the branch was not organized.

The next year (1882), the branch was at Dansville, by Rev. S. K. Spahr, but its duties were not

understood and the meeting of the Conference Auxiliary continued to serve as a branch.

In 1886 at Saginaw, through the efforts of L. Alice Stephens, the branch organization was finally achieved. Meetings were held annually thereafter at same time and place as the Annual Conference until 1904, when it was voted to have the branch meeting at a separate time and place.

In the spring of 1905 the first separate meeting was held in Burton. This proved to be such a splendid success that we never returned to the old way. In the first ten years we grew to the number of eight auxiliaries and sent to Executive Board about \$800.00.

In 1898 Mrs. Anna Windrem was elected organizer. She added a few auxiliaries to our number and increased the membership to 190. Nearly \$2,400.00 was raised the second ten years.

In 1900 Miss Jane R. Whetstone travelled the branch and organized a large number of Auxiliaries, but for lack of leaders many of them never held a meeting. She collected over \$700.00 and strengthened the work materially.

In 1905 Miss Margaret M. Kuhns travelled the branch and organized a large number of auxiliaries, but the same difficulties hindered the survival of many of them. However, we had 29 auxiliaries with a membership of 341. She raised over \$1400.00 in the parts of two years, which was considerably more than our pledge of \$1000.00 for the Jubilee Fund.

In 1907 the West Michigan Branch united with us.

In 1908 Mrs. Windrem was chosen field secretary for the branch. She raised considerable money, strengthened the work and organized a few auxiliaries. In the third ten years we raised over \$4800.00.

In 1911 Mrs. W. W. Moore, one of our loved workers, bequeathed \$500.00 to Michigan Branch. It was voted by the branch to raise an additional \$500.00, making \$1000.00, to be used for some building to be known as the Moore Memorial. This money has been raised.

In 1915, with \$1.00 found in the pocket of little Fayette Perry, who was drowned at Gull Lake, and the money his bank contained, together with sufficient sum added by his parents to make \$25, a new plan for raising money was formed. This was a nucleus for building a boys' school to be known as the Fayette Perry school. The branch voted to raise this amount to \$1000.00 and afterward more was added on account of "war prices."

In 1913 Rev. S. Heininger travelled the branch in the interest of the China work, raising quite a large sum of money.

In 1917 Rev. Chas. Heininger did special work in the branch, raising money and organizing auxiliaries. He created interest in the work wherever he went.

In 1918-19, Miss Annie L. Forrest organized

23 auxiliaries, receiving 412 new members, besides raising money.

In 1919, it was voted to pay the salary of a lady missionary. Money raised in the fourth ten year period more than \$12,500.00, nearly three times that of the preceding period.

At the present time we have 35 auxiliaries with membership of 425. This is the largest permanent number in our history.

It would not be fitting to close this story without some mention of the pioneers who labored under the great discouragements that pioneer work of any kind must meet.

Mrs. R. N. Mulholland was the first of these and gave inspiration to the cause, serving as corresponding secretary for seven years.

Mrs. F. P. German of the Franklin auxiliary, and one of its first officers was faithful to the cause many years until called higher.

Mrs. A. B. Hathaway served as treasurer of the branch eight years, president three years, corresponding secretary six years and vice president fourteen years.

Mrs. L. Alice Stephenson served as recording secretary five years, corresponding secretary ten years, as secretary of Scholarships and for the Executive Board six years.

Mrs. D. S. Cramer was corresponding secretary three years, president six years, vice president seven years.

Mrs. J. W. Gray was vice president two years,

corresponding secretary four years, president of the branch nineteen years and is still faithfully holding that office. She was also president of the Executive Board ten years.

Mrs. Geo. Bingham was treasurer eleven years.

Mrs. S. Windrew was recording secretary for fifteen years, corresponding secretary for two years.

Mrs. R. B. Sloan was corresponding secretary for three years and recording secretary seven years.

Mrs. B. S. Jennings has been treasurer fourteen years and is still giving efficient service.

These are a few of the earliest officers who have given long years of service. Many others in the later years have been just as faithful and efficient.

In the forty years we have raised over \$20,000. The branch was never more flourishing and the outlook for still better work is most flattering.

President, Mrs. J. W. Gray, Adrian; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Harlan L. Feeman, Adrian; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Margaret Eddy, Williams St., Lansing; Treasurer, Mrs. B. S. Jennings, Clio.

L. ALICE STEPHENSON.

WEST MICHIGAN BRANCH

Barryville, one of West Michigan's most energetic and enthusiastic auxiliaries, claims to have been the second in the denomination; its organization having followed closely upon that of the one

at Franklin, Michigan. Other auxiliaries were added gradually, and the West Michigan Branch of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society was organized at the annual meeting of the West Michigan Conference on the Newburg Circuit, in September, 1888.

Mrs. L. D. Abbott was made president; Mrs. S. J. Badcock, vice president; Mrs. D. B. Clark, recording secretary; Mrs. C. P. Goodrich, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Bruce, treasurer.

There were some interested ones all over the district, and some money raised every year, but for several years, foreign mission work moved slowly: Sometimes there were six auxiliaries, and sometimes but one. (Barryville).

All honor is due our devoted pioneer board; all honor for the years of faithful seed sowing; for the years of patient waiting with very little apparent results.

In 1899 Lansing and several other auxiliaries were organized by Miss Whetstone. In 1900 pledges were made for the support of a scholarship pupil in the school at Yokahama. In 1902 this girl was placed in the school, and was continued until her graduation. Her name was Shiokawa Aki San, but we called her Frances Abbott Clark, in honor of our pioneer board.

Our next venture was fifty dollars to help furnish a home for Miss Lawrence and Miss Hill, in Chang-teh, Hunan, China. Also fifty dollars for an organ for their use. Miss Lawrence's health soon

failed, however, and she was recalled. Later Miss Hill went over to the Baptists.

For a short time we supported a Bible Woman in Nagoya for Mr. Perry.

In 1905 the union of the Michigan and West Michigan Conference brought about also the consolidation of the two branches since known as the Michigan Branch.

In 1901 Miss Kuhns visited the entire branch, organizing it thoroughly. From this time on, West Michigan became an active and prosperous branch, whose progressive methods began to be recognized in the family of Foreign Missionary workers. Taking for their motto: "God is able."

In 1904 the branch published a special number of "The Missionary Record," setting forth its history and efforts; the number was well received, and proved the earnestness of the workers.

Special mention should be made of Mrs. S. J. Badcock, still living with her son in North Dakota. All the other members of the pioneer board have gone to their reward. Among the later workers may be mentioned Mrs. Ida M. Parker, (treasurer of branch); Mrs. Alice Badcock, Mrs. C. E. Perry, Mrs. A. N. Waldo, Mrs. Cora Deller, Mrs. Amy Vandewarker, Miss Nina Lathrop and Miss Belle Waldo.

Our work for humanity has led us to love God more, and we believe that to be a foreign mission worker in its fullest sense we must be our best for God everywhere.

WASHINGTON AND ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

Never in the life of the Methodist Protestant churches of Washington, D. C., was the missionary spirit absent. Some noble women of each church contributed or worked for the cause, through some agency, both for the Home work and the Foreign field, up to the time of the organization of the Woman's work, which was not many years after the organization of the main society of the church. Thus when the opportunity opened, this cluster of devoted Christian women were in a receptive frame of mind for definite missionary plans.

In the year 1888, Miss S. A. Lipscomb, with a small band of consecrated women from the Methodist Protestant churches in Washington and Alexandria met in Congress street church, Georgetown, and banded themselves together as a Missionary Society, known as the "Washington and Alexandria Branch."

Under the leadership and guidance of Miss Lipscomb, a highly cultured Christian woman, full of energy, who was chosen the first president of the Society, this missionary enterprise worked and struggled for some time before it was well established in our churches.

In 1901 Mrs. Julia Perkins was made president, and several auxiliaries were organized in the Branch, with definite plans for the work; North Carolina avenue auxiliary commencing its his-

tory in February, 1901, followed by Mt. Tabor, making six auxiliaries in all. The societies did excellent work toward supporting the labor in the foreign field. Although the smallest branch in the Woman's Board, it has supported scholarships, Bible women, raised money for the building fund, and general work in Japan.

In 1903 Mrs. T. W. Grimes was made our president, followed by Mrs. O. M. Ong in 1906. In 1909, Mrs. W. B. Hartley was made president, and still holds the office, rounding out her ten years of service, on the fortieth anniversary of the Woman's Board.

During these years much good work was accomplished in a general way. In Rhode Island Avenue Church a class of young ladies in the Sunday-school supported a Bible Reader at a salary of \$80.00 a year. The Primary and Intermediate Department helped the Auxiliary to support a little girl in Japan. The Christian Endeavor Society of Congress Street Church for years supported a girl in the school in Japan and for two years after she graduated paid her salary as a native teacher.

Mrs. Luke, a member of Congress Street Church Auxiliary, paid the rent for a chapel or place of worship in Japan, thus keeping the interest and holding a part in work, in spite of discouragements from time to time. First Church, Alexandria, N. C. Avenue and Mt. Tabor Auxiliaries, for five years

supported a girl, and after she graduated, paid for her as a teacher in the kindergarten.

The annual reports from time to time show increases and decreases in membership and finances, which resulted from causes over which there was no control, chiefly deaths and removals from the city.

In 1909 Alexandria Auxiliary withdrew, much to our regret, as some of our most faithful officers had come from this Society. One particular member, our Branch treasurer, Miss Goods, served us in that capacity for fifteen years.

Our Branch has been represented on the Woman's Board by Mrs. T. J. Wilson, secretary of mite boxes, and Miss Ella Walsh, secretary of literature, both serving several years.

Mrs. T. J. Wilson, our corresponding secretary for many years, an earnest Christian advocate of the missionary work, represented us at the board meetings and kept us informed of the work and advancement of the cause.

Our officers, especially the presidents, have been consecrated Methodist Protestant women, and this history and record has been made possible by their service to the Branch and the missionary spirit, they have striven to inspire us with. The Branch is not large, but strong in spirit, and harmonious in its labors, both within its own organization and in the church, having the support and encouragement of all of our pastors. It affords the members of the Washington and Alexandria

Branch, much joy to contribute their portion of the labor of love, to the history of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church, at this time, the fortieth anniversary of our Society.

MISS ELLA WALSH,

Historian for the Branch.

ELIZABETH E. HATHAWAY,

Corresponding Secretary.

ONONDAGA BRANCH

The Onondaga Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Protestant Church was organized at Park Avenue Methodist Protestant Church, Syracuse, by Miss Margaret Kuhns, November 20th, 1902. At this time twenty-three auxiliaries were enrolled, and eight delegates were present. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. C. Waterman; corresponding secretary, Mrs. R. D. Vrooman; treasurer, Miss Edith Nash.

Previous to this time a missionary society had existed for several years at Paines Hollow, their chief work being to support a girl in school in Japan. Aside from this, the work in our conference was entirely new and it was with great timidity we began our efforts. Our first meeting was entertained by our mother auxiliary at Paines Hollow, and a little courage inspired in the hearts of the faltering sisters.

We find no report of any money being sent away until at a meeting in October, 1903, which report was \$200.26. At this time five of our auxiliaries had already died. In spite of our efforts more auxiliaries disbanded, until in 1906 we had only thirteen left on our roll, and a report of only \$87.73 raised during the year. Our officers, although very much discouraged, determined to work with greater energy and we voted to raise \$50.00 for the support of a Bible woman. At our next meeting we had a report of \$288.75 raised during the year. From this time on our work progressed more favorably. More auxiliaries died but we never again failed in sending more than \$200.00 to our Executive Treasurer. As time required we raised our Bible woman fund to \$90.00.

In 1909 Genesee Branch united with us and became Genesee Sub-District to our Branch. Thus we were strengthened by more experienced workers of whom Miss Mary Moall deserves mention.

In 1912 our conference was visited by Miss Forrest and new interest in missions was aroused. As a result our treasurer sent \$1,361.34 to our Board treasurer. Since this encouraging year we have paid more than \$500.00 each year, last year reaching \$800.00.

We have changed officers very little. Mrs. Cyrus Waterman served as president fourteen years; Mrs. I. J. Howland two years, and Mrs. J. R. Wagoner is now elected as our president. Mrs. R. D. Vrooman was our corresponding secretary

for fourteen years, and Mrs. L. J. Reed is now serving her third year. Mrs. Edith Nash Burton was our treasurer five years; Mrs. B. J. Fults nine years; Mrs. Coe is now serving her third year.

In 1908, Mrs. C. Waterman, president of the Branch, was sent as delegate to the Board meeting at Cambridge, Ohio, this being the first time we had been represented at a Board meeting. In 1912 Mrs. R. D. Vrooman represented us at Baltimore; in 1915, Mrs. B. J. Fults was our delegate to the meeting at Adams Basin. In 1916 Mrs. W. Fuller attended our meeting at Sabina, Ohio. In 1917 Mrs. L. J. Reed was our delegate to the Pittsburgh meeting. In 1918 we were represented at Lansing, Mich., by Mrs. J. R. Wagoner.

In 1917 we were visited by Miss Olive Hodges, who did us much good. In 1918 Miss Alice Coates began work with us, but was interrupted by the influenza epidemic.

At present we have fourteen auxiliaries with about two hundred members, and since we were organized we have sent about \$7,000.00 to executive treasurer. Many times we have been saddened by the loss of loved and valued members, but we who are left mean to stand together and accomplish better work than we have hitherto done.

MRS. CYRUS WATERMAN.

KANSAS BRANCH

At the Sixteenth Annual Session of the Kansas Annual Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, held at Douglas, Kansas, October 6-10, 1886, a resolution was adopted recognizing the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society "as a most efficient power in the hands of the church to reform the heathen, and recommending the organization of Women's Foreign Missionary Society auxiliaries wherever it may be practical."

September 7, 1893, at Uniontown, Kansas, the Kansas Branch of Women's Foreign Missionary Society was organized through the efforts of Rev. Mrs. Eugenia F. St. John, Rev. Mrs. Matilda B. McBride, and Mrs. Ina B. Sheppard.

Mrs. Ina B. Sheppard was elected president and served continuously until 1901.

In 1894, Mrs. Mary Fletcher was elected traveling secretary. Much of the early success of the Woman's Foreign Missionary movement in Kansas was due to her untiring efforts. Mrs. Fletcher traveled in the interest of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society until 1901.

When Mrs. Fletcher resigned as traveling secretary the Kansas Branch suffered a great loss, but through the interest and zeal of Mrs. D. S. Stephens, it was carried through this crisis.

In the period from 1901 to 1915 Mrs. Chas. Mellors, Mrs. Hattie Ensminger, and Mrs. H. T. Stephens served as presidents.

In 1915, Mrs. J. W. Shell was elected president

and has served most efficiently for four years. Much credit is due Mrs. Shell for the present success of the Kansas Branch.

At present the Kansas Branch has three auxiliaries and 51 members. During the year ending May 1, 1919, this Branch raised \$301.72.

INA B. SHEPPARD, Cor. Sec.

NORTH CAROLINA BRANCH

The first auxiliaries of the North Carolina Branch were organized by Miss Forrest December, 1899. They were Lebanon, High Point, Randleman, Asheboro, Liberty, Greensboro, Burlington, and Tabernacle.

The first Branch meeting was held in Grace Church Greensboro, March 30th, 1900. At this meeting five out of the eight auxiliaries were represented.

First on the program was a paper by Mrs. T. A. Hunter, on the "History of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society." An encouraging message from Mrs. D. S. Stephens was read by the President, together with greetings from Miss Forrest. A discussion then followed on "How to Make the Meetings Interesting," and some splendid suggestions were made by Mrs. L. C. Edwards. Mrs. J. S. Hunter spoke on the subject of "Mite Boxes."

The editor of "Our Church Record" offered space in his paper for the use of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society work.

It was then decided to invite the Executive Board to meet in North Carolina the next year.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. J. F. McCulloch; first vice president, Mrs. R. R. Ross; second vice president, Mrs. W. P. Picket; third vice president, Mrs. S. H. Rea; recording secretary, Mrs. Rosa F. Harrell; corresponding secretary, Miss Velna McCulloch; treasurer, Mrs. J. S. Hunter; auditor, Miss Lelia Kirkman; managers, Mrs. Alice Montgomery, Mrs. J. J. Welch, Mrs. Nannie Hayes, Miss Etta Stafford (now Mrs. John Foster), Mrs. W. C. Hammer, Mrs. R. E. Patterson, Mrs. T. A. Hunter, Mrs. W. A. Bunch.

While the North Carolina Branch does not show a great increase in the number of auxiliaries, or in number of members, we have some of the most faithful auxiliaries, and faithful members to be found in any branch.

The amount of money raised for the year ending March 30, 1918, was \$1,900.00. One of our best contributions to the work is that the North Carolina Branch furnishes the editor of the Woman's Missionary Record, in the person of Mrs. J. F. McCulloch.

The Branch has in recent years had some special gifts from Mrs. J. N. Wills, Mrs. F. R. Harris, Mrs. W. D. Bullock, and Miss Velna McCulloch.

While our Branch has made some progress we have not done what we should have done—nor what we could have done. "How to interest the

women of our Church" is the ever recurring question at our auxiliary and branch meetings. Could we interest more women we would make greater progress for the Master's work.

Officers for 1918: President, Mrs. J. F. McCulloch; first vice president, Mrs. Geo. R. Brown; second vice president, Mrs. C. W. Bates; recording secretary, Mrs. J. M. Millikan; corresponding secretary, Dr. Harris Glascock; treasurer, Miss Velna McCulloch; auditor, Mrs. W. K. Hartsell; secretary of scholarships and Bible women, Mrs. L. W. Gerringer; secretary of Young People's Work, Mrs. J. M. Stone.

We could not give this little account of the North Carolina Branch without saying something about the efficient service rendered by our treasurer, Miss Velna McCulloch. For more than a dozen years she has served faithfully as treasurer, has been the most liberal member in the Branch. More than once when our missionary's salary was due and no money in the treasury, it was our treasurer who gave from her own pocket. Not only was she the most liberal member in our Branch, she also gave her time and her prayers to the work.

The fields are still white unto the harvest, "Let us pray the Lord of the Harvest to send more laborers unto the harvest."

DR. HARRIS GLASCOCK,
Corresponding Secretary.

EASTERN BRANCH

The Eastern Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is the expansion or outgrowth of the old New Jersey Branch which came into being as an organized body in 1886.

On the 28th day of April of that year, the following ladies, appointed by the New Jersey Conference at its last sitting, met in the church at Barnsboro, N. J., to organize as a Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Louisa Stanger; Vice President, Mrs. Ida W. Stultz; Recording Secretary, Mrs. M. E. Long; Treasurer, Miss Sarah E. Allen; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. I. D. Coxson; Board of Managers, Mrs. H. Duffield, Mrs. E. Morgan, Mrs. H. Westcoat, Mrs. H. Stanger, and Mrs. E. Stultz.

After devotional services Mrs. Duffield made a motion that we organize under Article 6, and adopt as our own, the by-laws on pages 42 and 43 of the Constitution of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, which was carried.

The names of Mrs. McDowel and Mrs. Staulcup were added as vice president; the name of Mrs. Grant as auditor, and the names of Mrs. J. Hurff and G. Westcoat to the Board of Managers.

The following ministerial brethren were present, and encouraged by their presence and words of cheer these ladies who were new in this work: Rev. L. D. Stultz, W. D. Stultz, J. W. Grant, W. H.

Coxson, I. W. McDowel, William Staulcup, D. Thackara and P. V. Petty.

Invitations were given by Rev's. Staulcup and McDowel to organize auxiliaries on their charges.

A motion was made and carried that the new society meet at Glassboro, on the first Wednesday in June—the present being a preliminary meeting to organize. The following committees were appointed: On Home work: Mrs. Emma Stultz, Mrs. I. W. Stultz and Mrs. I. D. Coxson. Mrs. Duffield and Mrs. Coxson were a committee to prepare a circular to be sent to each pastor urging the importance of our Branch in mission work. The President, Mrs. Louisa Stanger, gave an address. Mrs. I. D. Coxson offered prayer, after which all united in singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." The dues at this first meeting of the New Jersey Branch amounted to sixty cents and the collection forty-seven cents. The meeting was adjourned with a benediction by Rev. W. H. Coxson, who has long since passed to his reward, as have others whose names have been mentioned. Still many remain to joy in the continuance and growth of this work.

Just here we should say that this was not the beginning of the interest in the mission work in the New Jersey Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, for we read in the minutes of the Conference held at Hopeville, (now Glendola) Monmouth County, October 12th to 18th, 1880, the following recommendation: "We recommend that a Missionary Anniversary be held on Saturday even-

ing, subject to our Home Society, and that a Woman's Branch Society be organized in our Annual Conference as auxiliary to the general society, as per Discipline, page 89," signed by J. L. Watson, J. Brockbank and S. P. Hutchinson, and, at this meeting a society was organized to be called "The New Jersey Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society," with the following named ladies as officers and members.

President, Mrs. Allan Osborn; Vice President, Miss Ray LaFetra; Treasurer, Miss Sarah E. Allen; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Kate White; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Carrie Ludlow; Managers, Mrs. E. D. Stultz, Mrs. A. V. Wainright, Mrs. Sarah Clark, Mrs. Ellen Algor and Mrs. Abbie Van Leer.

Probably because it was more difficult in that day to communicate with each other and get started, this action was not carried out, but, we find in the minutes of the Conference held at English Creek in October, 1881, the following item: "We are glad to learn the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is finding its way to the hearts and its claim to the pockets of our people and we believe it is destined, by the great Head of the Church, to be an instrument of much good to heathen women." In Mrs. M. A. Miller's history of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society we find the following words from the sixth annual meeting. "The New Jersey Conference has for two years been contributing money, but is not yet prepared to organize."

Three meetings of the Branch were held in 1886. The meeting at Barnsboro in April, at Glassboro, June 2nd, and at Millville, September 8th. The Annual Meeting for election of officers was at this time held in the fall and the semi-annual in the spring. The Semi-Annual meeting in April, 1887, was held in the Bridgton Church. The report of the Corresponding Secretary at this meeting showed two new auxiliaries organized, one at Bridgton with fifteen members and one at Millville with twenty members, afterward discontinued, but again reorganized in 1906. The Treasurer reported having received \$79.00, of which she had paid \$75.00 to the Executive Board, \$1.00 to the Corresponding Secretary of the Branch, leaving a balance of \$3.00 in the Treasury.

The Annual Meeting of 1887 was held at Westville, N. J., on September 15th and in the afternoon of that day following an address given by Mrs. I. D. Coxson, an auxiliary was organized in that church composed of fifteen ladies and fourteen men as contributing members.

The Branch met in the church at Leesburg, March 28th, 1888. At this meeting an auxiliary at Manasquan was reported, and greetings were extended to the new auxiliary. Also at that meeting, Mrs. R. J. Patterson was made a life member. On September 12th, 1888, the Annual Meeting was held at Camden, and, at this meeting the question of changing dates of Annual and Semi-Annual meeting was raised. A committee was appointed by the

President and their report that the Annual Meeting be held the last Wednesday in March, and the Semi-Annual on the second Wednesday in September was adopted.

The present officers were held in office until the Annual Meeting which would now convene in March. In December of this year a special meeting of the Executive Board of the Branch was held at Moorestown to consider the question of inviting the General Executive Board of the Society to meet in New Jersey, and it was decided to do so. At this time, too, an auxiliary was organized at Moorestown. The Annual Meeting in March, 1889, was also held at Moorestown. The Semi-Annual Meeting on September 8th, 1889, was held in the Glassboro Church.

Much to encourage the Branch in the way of mission bands and increasing interest in the work was evidenced at this meeting. A returned missionary to Japan, Miss Maggie Brown, had visited the churches of the New Jersey Conference and had greatly helped the cause by her knowledge and the inspiration aroused by her presence.

The Annual Meeting of the Branch was held in the Westville Church March 26th, 1890. The Branch had passed the experimental age at the close of almost four years, as it was organized in April, 1886, and now was an assured fact, and a strong factor in the Methodist Protestant Church in New Jersey. Those who had taken up the work in fear and trembling because of their weakness,

and their knowledge of the fact that they were unused to public work, but with such a strong desire to tell others of their Master and of His love for all mankind, now could see some of the fruits of their labor.

They had wondrously worked and carried on to the best of their ability, and, those who later entered the work, know that their ability to lay securely a strong foundation to build upon through the years to come, was of no mean order.

In these four years they had by His grace done much in broadening and strengthening the missionary cause in New Jersey, but He was still their guide, "and they did nothing of themselves save as they were led by Him."

As we glance through the pages of these old records, some very dim, and, as we progress from session to session we find how greatly the work has developed. We find new methods of interest to those who do not know about the work, and in informing those who perhaps had not cared for it, and had felt that there was so much at home to be cared for—helping them to see "that these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." We find, too, the importance of our Woman's Missionary Record being in every home, a means of education and inspiration in the work. We find different methods by which are raised the funds to buy land, to keep our missionaries salaries paid, to build homes and schools, that the glorious gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ may reach

unto the uttermost parts of the earth. All these and more we find in these old records.

We find that at one time our Mission Bands were more in evidence than now. One Auxiliary, the Manasquan, twenty-five years ago reported 160 members in their mission band. Junior Christian Endeavor Societies have doubtless taken the place to a great extent of the Mission Bands.

Much interest might be culled from these old—and, the newer pages, but for obvious reasons space is too limited to here record it.

The first president, first vice president, and corresponding secretary of the old New Jersey, now the Eastern Branch, are still interested in the work.

After the Union of the New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania Conferences of the Methodist Protestant Church, forming the Eastern Conference, the New Jersey Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in March, 1913 followed the same course, and became the Eastern Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

Not all of the auxiliaries have responded to the request for reports, but in the final summing up it will be seen that the work has grown. The greater part of the early auxiliaries continue, splendid work has been done by those coming in line later, and with the addition of those within the boundaries of what was once the New York Conference we have cause for rejoicing—still we

are not satisfied, for we have not reached our goal, "An Auxiliary in every Church."

Within the boundaries of the Eastern Conference we have now twenty-five auxiliaries with a membership of 680. We have twenty-two life members, four memorial and seventy honorary members. Sent to the Executive Board Treasurer at the 1919 meeting of that body, \$2004.25. Budget assigned the Eastern Branch for 1920 \$2000.00.

Presidents of the New Jersey and Eastern Branch: Mrs. Louisa D. Stanger, 1886-1887; Mrs. I. D. Coxson, 1887-1891; Mrs. J. S. Duffield, 1891-1897; Mrs. W. D. Stultz, 1897-1899; Mrs. R. J. Patterson, 1899-1901; Mrs. A. Patton, 1901-1905; Mrs. W. E. Pettit, 1905-1908; Mrs. A. V. Wainright, 1908-1910; Mrs. W. S. Schenck, 1910.

Officers elected at the Annual Meeting of 1919: President, Mrs. William Schenck; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. R. J. Patterson; Treasurer, Mrs. J. Leuppie; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Henry Wainright.

MRS. HENRY WAINRIGHT,
Recording Secretary.

SEATTLE BRANCH

The ladies of the First Methodist Protestant Church, of Seattle, Washington, were asked to meet at the church, June 5th, 1912 to organize a missionary society. Dr. Gill presided wrote the constitution and by-laws and paid the first dollar into the

treasury. The society consisted of ten active and one honorary members.

By the end of the second year twenty-seven active and three honorary members were enrolled. The study of foreign fields was taken up and thank-offerings as well as the regular dues were adopted.

A review of the work of the society shows that the education of a little girl in China and a boy in the Industrial School, at Pine Ridge, was taken up. Later Mrs. Myer paid two scholarships and Mrs. Bowman one, in Kalgan. Making four scholarships in foreign fields and one in the home field, besides sending money and clothing to the White Shield Home and doing other work in our own city.

Then it was decided to concentrate our efforts and it was planned to send \$100.00 to Mr. Heinger in Kalgan, China. This was done and now the year 1919 is expected to be the banner year of the society as great things are being carried to the throne of grace and being planned and hoped for. There is a membership of thirty active and twenty honorary members. The Branch was organized September 10, 1919, at home of Mrs. H. C. Watkins, Seattle.

Officers chosen: Mrs. O. B. Williams, President; Mrs. Huie, Vice President; Mrs. E. W. Chapman, Recording Secretary; Mrs. P. A. Kimple, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. H. C. Watkins, Treasurer.

As there was but one auxiliary at the time of

organization of the Branch, the officers were chosen from the three churches in this section. They then proceeded to organize auxiliaries in the two churches, Ravenna and Sea View.

As we have but three churches in this section, we are 100 per cent organized, and our motto is, "Every woman in the church a member, and every man an associate member." Watch us grow.

MRS. P. A. KIMPLE,
Corresponding Secretary.

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