

***Woman's Home  
Mission Society***

***M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH***

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**Seventeenth  
Annual Report  
1903**

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Florida .....	Mrs. E. K. Griffith .....	Jacksonville, Fla.
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Kentucky.....	Miss Kate Petry.....	Shelbyville, Ky.
Little Rock.....	Mrs. W. H. Pemberton.....	Little Rock, Ark.
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Louisville . . . . .	Miss Ada Lewis.....	Beard, Ky.
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North Texas.....	Mrs. L. P. Smith.....	Dodd, Tex.
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# WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

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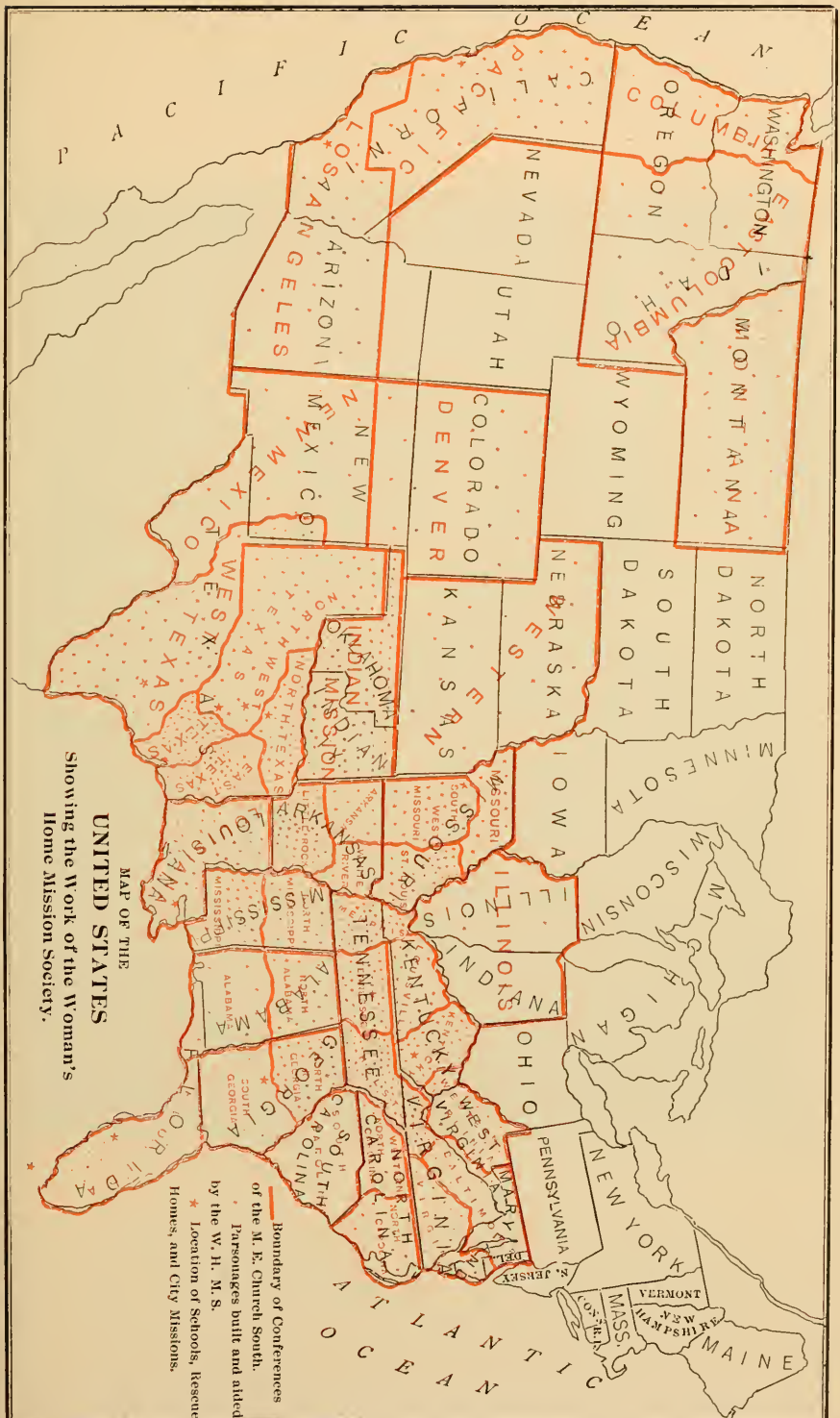
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las, Tex.

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## CALENDAR.

Week of Prayer, October 12-18.  
Fifth Annual Board Meeting, Kansas City, Mo



MAP OF THE  
**UNITED STATES**  
 Showing the Work of the Woman's  
 Home Mission Society.

— Boundary of Conferences  
 of the M. E. Church South.  
 \* Parsons' built and aided  
 by the W. H. M. S.  
 \* Location of Schools, Rescue  
 Homes, and City Missions.

NOTE.—During the fiscal years 1901-1903 two hundred and forty-one parsonages not shown on the map have been aided.



MISS AMY RICE.  
MISS MATTIE WRIGHT.

MISS ANNIE HEATH.  
MISS ELIZABETH DAVIS. MISS ANABEL WEIGLE.

THE FIRST DEACONESSES OF THE M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH.

Consecrated in Trinity Church, Atlanta, Ga., by Bishop E. R. Hendrix, April 19, 1903.

SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

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OF THE

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NASHVILLE, TENN.; DALLAS, TEX.:  
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The Seventeenth Annual Report has been so long delayed that it is deemed necessary to make the following explanation: The Recording Secretary, after the Board meeting, had serious trouble with her eyes and was unable to forward the minutes until the latter part of June. Since that date the work has been pushed, and the Report is now issued with as little delay as possible.



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METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

MRS. R. W. MACDONELL, GENERAL SECRETARY.

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Few years in the history of the Woman's Home Mission Society have been more eventful than 1902-03. The inauguration of new enterprises, the enlargement of plants already in existence, and carrying forward the work as a whole have called for diligence and enterprise and an abiding sense of dependence upon divine help. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts," has truly been the keynote of the work this fiscal year, for when human strength seemed exhausted, when forces for carrying on the work seemed most inadequate, strength and leaders were given, and we have been enabled to press on toward victory.

Among the events which make this a memorable year was the action of the General Conference in creating the office of deaconess and committing the development of the plan and government of their work to the Woman's Home Mission Society. This emphasizes the position of our work among the connectional forces of the Church, and with the trust gives increased responsibility.

Since the last meeting of the Board our Father has called Sister Fannie P. Clarke, Corresponding Secretary of the North Georgia Conference Society, to service in another realm. We miss her sorely; but death is only an incident in life, and we look to another day when our happy companionship will be renewed. We are grateful for the memory of her beautiful service while in our midst.

A quickened interest is demonstrated by the increased demand for general information about the work which has come daily to the office, and a wider dissemination of printed matter has placed the aim and scope of the organization in the hands of more readers than ever before. This we count as a promise of growth, for when once the work is understood it is bound to commend itself to those who seek the social betterment and evangelization of our people.

We have had healthy growth this year, though the reports do not reveal how much. Auxiliary officers and District Secretaries are sometimes careless about making their reports, and thus limit the usefulness of the Society. The appropriations for the work are made upon the aggregate membership, and when these officers fail to send their reports they discount the whole work.

Reports for the year present the following:

#### STATISTICS.

Adult auxiliaries, 1,662; adult members, 28,551; young people and juvenile auxiliaries, 149; young people and juvenile members, 2,863. Total members, 31,414; auxiliaries organized during year, 344; life members, 269; Baby Roll members, 8,074; day schools, 7; night schools, 4; pupils in schools, 1,324; teachers and missionaries, 58; parsonages helped by Conference Societies, 81; parsonages helped by the Board, 31; total parsonages helped this year, 112; collections for connec-tional work, \$55,522.03. Collections for local work, \$32,163.11. Value of supplies sent through supply department, \$14,309.11. Subscribers to *Our Homes*, 8,188.

#### PARSONAGES.

A more generous donation has been made this year to parson-ages than at any time in the past. The Board has given \$4,625.00 to 31 parsonages, and the Conference Societies have granted \$6,478.17 to 81, making a total of 112 parsonages helped to the amount of \$11,103.17. Through this department this year we have helped to build a home for one of our ministers who was appointed to a new town, where houses could not be rented and where building both church and parsonage at once was impossible. This help is always gladly rendered by the Board when practicable, but when the preacher's wife has given years of cheerful service to the Woman's Home Mission Society, as is true of this case, it seems only just that "after many days" the bread cast upon the water should re-turn in kind.

Again we would remind our workers that our grants are the last payments made on the parsonages, and the appropriations are con-tingent upon collections, not from money in bank.

#### SUPPLIES.

This department grows in favor with our members, as is demon-strated by the number and character of boxes sent to the homes of our preachers, and the generous supplies forwarded to the Con-ference Orphans' Homes. The big heart of the superintendent was often made glad during the year by the quality of goods reported in the boxes, and the comfort thus carried to many homes. This year 162 boxes have been sent to preachers, 223 to orphanages, and 50 to mission schools and rescue homes, making a total of 435, valued at \$14,309.11. While a greater number went to orphanages, those sent the preachers were more valuable.

#### SCHOOLS.

We have enrolled 1,324 students this year in our eleven schools, yet "Ye have limited the Holy One of Israel" may well be written against us. Lack of schoolroom capacity and insufficient accommoda-

tions have made us turn away by scores students who sought our instruction. Shall we suffer this to continue, or shall we strive to make our plants ready for an increased pupilage before another scholastic term?

#### *Cuban Schools.*

Ruth Hargrove Seminary, Key West, Fla., has had a year of most flattering success. The resignation of Miss Bruce at the close of the last scholastic year made search through the Church for a principal necessary. God led us to Miss Emily J. Reid, of Arkansas, whose ability and preparation peculiarly fit her for this trust. About 245 children have been enrolled, and more than 25 under six years of age were turned away because of inadequate equipment. Miss Reid has been ably supported by her faculty; and if they are given next year the requisite accommodations, our fondest dreams of the possibilities of this school will be realized.

The Wolff Mission School at Ybor City has been used this year not alone as a school center for 120 children, but by the hearty coöperation of the teachers with the pastor of the Cuban Church it has been a veritable evangelistic force among these strangers in our land. Through the happy family life they have been enabled to introduce many settlement features into the work. Miss Bruce, superintendent of the Cuban work, has made headquarters in this school, and has greatly aided by her magnetic spirit.

At West Tampa Miss Emelina Valdes and her aunt, Mrs. Rosa Valdes, have seen the work of the Lord prosper in their school of 115 children.

#### *Mountain Schools.*

Sue Bennett Memorial School, at London, Ky., has enrolled 327 students, and, because of inability to provide class room capacity, was compelled to refuse admittance to forty young people. The class of normal students has been larger than heretofore, numbering 76. In addition to the fine quality of class room work required at this school, the conversion of the students is the ardent desire of the faculty. More than 100 have been "born again" this year.

At the Industrial School and Home, Greeneville, Tenn., sixty children are spared the consciousness of being orphans, as they find a haven in the great mother-heart of Mrs. E. E. Wiley. A new building has been added this year for the accommodation of seventy-five babes.

#### *Pacific Coast Schools.*

Perhaps none of our connectional enterprises have made more interesting strides forward than have our schools on the coast. We were fortunate in being able to send Miss Mary Helm to visit this work, and the result in encouragement to workers and advancement of the schools has been most gratifying. Mrs. C. Price Brown,

Los Angeles, Cal., was secured as temporary superintendent, and by her wise management and selection of teachers has brought the work before the public most successfully. The enrollment of 207 Chinese and Japanese students attest this fact. Eleven young Japanese have joined our Church this year as a result of the three night schools at San Francisco, Oakland, and Alameda. Mr. Nishikawa, a teacher in one of our schools in Japan, has found it possible to give us several months of service, which has stimulated the students. Since March 1, 1903, we have been able to coordinate the work of our Board with that of the General Board of Missions, and thus secure the services of Dr. C. F. Reid as permanent superintendent of the Pacific Coast work. Dr. Reid's contact with the Orientals of China and Korea in his long missionary experience fits him for this field, and his presence is a promise of a bright future.

The school for Chinese at Los Angeles, under the care of Mrs. Wolfskill, continues to do good work, and extends its influence far across the ocean through the Christians who have returned to their native land to tell their people of a new-found Christ.

*Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School,  
Dallas, Tex.*

During the year 109 girls and 63 babes were admitted to this home; remaining in the home, 52 girls and 17 babes. Greater diligence this year was made than ever before in teaching industries to these unfortunate young women, and the result is most encouraging. In a few years we will reach the high ideal we have set for this rescue work, as in each report we are able to tell of the introduction of another industrial feature. The industries have made a net income these last twelve months of \$457.70. The resignation of Misses Moore and Matthews, whose beautiful service the Board will ever hold in fond remembrance, crippled the work temporarily; but Mrs. W. H. Johnson, to whose faith and zeal the Home is largely due, took charge at the call of the Board. Misses Nolley, Hartman, and Davis have been added to the teaching force during the year.

*Paine Annex.*

After two years' waiting for voluntary offerings with which to begin industrial work for negro girls at Paine College, Augusta, Ga., we are glad to report a promising outlook. The Board owns three and a third acres at the rear of the college, and while we sit in this annual session the buildings are in course of erection. Unexpected delays have retarded the work, but through the courtesy of Dr. Walker our teacher, Miss Ellen Young, has been at work in Haygood Hall. Notwithstanding incomplete accommodations, she has succeeded in stimulating her classes to active interest. Visions of material comfort and assurance of great usefulness come to us through this new enterprise.

*Choctaws of Mississippi.*

Miss Fannie Moore, a graduate of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, began work among the Choctaws of Mississippi in November. The school is located at Camack Chapel, near Biasha Creek, thirty-five miles from Meridian. The conditions of work have been hard, as the Indians themselves have been unsettled, owing to the effort of certain land companies to force them to move to the Indian Territory. The promoters of evangelistic work for the Mississippi Indians believe the question of removal is settled, and the outlook for satisfactory work more promising.

## FLAT TOP COAL MINES.

Several months elapsed after Misses Whitman and Rogers left the mining section of West Virginia before a trained worker could be secured. Miss Mary Peery entered the work in October, and has given six months' service to this inviting field. A settlement center is very much needed at this point and would hold untold possibilities for good.

## CITY MISSIONS.

Twelve City Mission Boards have enterprised work during the past year, employing a force of sixteen missionaries. These young women have gone into 10,000 homes, carrying comfort, cheer, and Christian sympathy with them to sorrowing hearts. Three day nurseries are carried on by three of these Boards, and have cared for more than 4,000 children whose mothers are breadwinners. Three free kindergartens are maintained at different points, while industrial schools are helping more than 500 children to learn the dignity of labor and the comfort that comes to homes when the women know how to cook and sew. Three night schools have furnished opportunities for ambitious youths to carry forward studies which were cut short by being forced to enter the world of labor—mothers' clubs, boys and girls' clubs, and reading rooms, have furnished social outlet where every influence is uplifting. These institutional features have led many to the deserted churches, and to-day "souls are born into the kingdom of heaven" as a result of our organized city work. On no department of our organization has the Lord of the harvest granted greater blessings.

## DEACONESSES.

There can no longer be a question as to whether there is a place for the Woman's Home Mission Society in the Church, when it is realized that the development of the deaconess work is committed to our care. This great trust has brought to the work much responsibility and labor, but it becomes a labor of love as we foresee the multiplied number of consecrated trained workers it will bring to the service of the Church. The changed conditions of life in

these latter days have imposed larger obligations upon the Church, which must be met through a trained, recognized force. Simultaneously with the creation of the office of deaconess calls for trained workers came from pastors and City Mission Boards from all parts of the Church. After days of painstaking labor, the Board *ad interim* was able to send out a message to the Church in the booklet "The Deaconess and Deaconess Work," clearly defining the duties and requirements of the office, and to-day we are able to present four young women who are ready to enter this life of consecrated service. These are skilled workmen prepared to "interpret Christ in his human life to the human nature of those among whom they are to work." Four deaconesses to satisfy the demand for scores is the basis upon which this work begins. There are six young women preparing for the office at the Scarritt Bible and Training School, and a year hence they will be ready to enter this service. Is not this a call from the Master to the womanhood of the Church? Will he call in vain? Nay, verily, "the Lord giveth the word; the women that publish the tidings will be a host."

#### LITERATURE.

This is a year when the power of the press has been thoroughly tested. Leaflets bearing on the various features of the work have been issued each month for adults and juveniles. The increased orders from Conference Societies have called for a larger supply of each of these issues. Two years ago 10,000 were printed for adults monthly; now 18,000 are necessary. The booklets "Helps," "The Deaconess and Deaconess Work," and "Record of the Woman's Home Mission Society" have been printed to meet special demands. A copy of the latter has been placed in the hands of every preacher in the connection.

We have noted with gratification the general interest which has been created through the items of news bearing on home missions sent out by the Press Committee to the Church and local papers each week. Too much cannot be said in commendation of the work of this committee.

*Our Homes* is more popular than ever; and though every month an increased number has been printed, they have not been sufficient to supply the demand.

#### TITHING.

Some faithful steward has said: "There is nothing truer in God's Word than that the tenth is the Lord's." A Church which fully accepts it as God's plan for carrying on his work is one most keenly alive to all other truth. The superintendent of this department keeps it well before the membership of our Society, for she has the faith and patience to enable her to labor on with the hope that the Church will come some day to practice it. The number of tithers among our members is 2,388.

## BEQUESTS AND DONATIONS.

Again, fortune would smile upon our Home Mission Society through a bequest made by Mrs. Catherine Wilson, of Kentucky. The amount of this bequest is \$7,000; but contestants of the will have arisen, and we cannot know what the outcome will be. From the estate of Mrs. Mary Rowzee, Fairfax, Va., we have realized \$3,165.90 in cash, and notes amounting to \$1,000 which mature four years hence. There are yet a few small sums to be collected, which the executor will turn over to us in due time. These bequests mean more to our work than the mere dollars and cents involved; they mean that the work is near to the hearts of our women.

Maj. J. B. Toberman and his wife, of Los Angeles, Cal., have made a generous donation to our work in a deaconess home to be located in their beautiful city. It will be known as the "Homer Deaconess Home," and is given in memory of a beloved son who "fell on sleep" several years ago. Such monuments evidence Christian faith, and we gratefully accept the trust the gift brings.

## OUR NEEDS.

First, more than all else, we would plead for workers—women who are ready to give themselves to some of the many phases of our work. We cannot go forward—nay, we cannot hold our own—unless a stronger force comes to the rescue.

At Key West another building is imperative if we would accomplish the salvation, the character-building of the youth who beg for entrance. Repairs must be made at West Tampa, and at Ybor City they plead for a piano and an increased teaching force.

One of the hardest tasks given the executive office is to realize the absolute demand for a dormitory and schoolroom capacity at Sue Bennett School, and not be able to furnish the funds to secure them. When a man of such mental and spiritual force as Prof. Lewis is consecrating his life to the school, will you not give him necessary equipment.

The workers at Dallas plead for another teacher to help develop the industrial features of the school; and if you would rescue these girls, will you not fully prepare them to maintain integrity and independence when they go out into the world again?

The opening work along the Pacific Coast calls for larger investment, and the work in the Coal Fields can never be permanent until we have a well-located central home where institutional features may be carried on by two or more deaconesses.

Will you bid us go forward with these, or shall we loiter another year in our Master's vineyard? Your liberality, your energy can solve these problems—we pass them on to you.

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

**I. PARSONAGE DONATION ACCOUNT, PARENT BOARD.**

**RECEIPTS.**

Balance on hand March 31, 1902.....	\$ 725 00
Received from Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Treasurer.....	5,000 00—\$5,725 00

**DISBURSEMENTS.**

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

Alabama Conference: Fitzpatrick, Ala.....	\$ 125 00
Arkansas Conference: Danville, Ark.....	125 00
Baltimore Conference: Linden, Va.....	100 00
East Texas Conference: Emory, Tex.....	75 00
West Palestine, Tex.....	90 00
Florida Conference: Key West, Fla.....	265 00
Gainesville District Parsonage.....	205 00
West Palm Beach, Fla.....	100 00
Indian Mission Conference: Muldrow, Ind. T.....	200 00
Lawton, Okla.....	100 00
Little Rock Conference: Camden District, Ark.....	100 00
Los Angeles Conference: Bellvue Avenue, Los Angeles.....	250 00
Louisiana Conference: Parker Memorial, New Orleans.....	250 00
Mississippi Conference: Meridian, South Side, Miss.....	90 00
Canton, Miss.....	206 00
Missouri Conference: St. Joseph, Gooding Church.....	90 00
New Mexico: Las Cruces, N. Mex.....	170 00
Lordsburg, N. Mex.....	225 00
Northwest Texas Conference: Stratford, Tex.....	50 00
Roby, Tex.....	50 00
Pacific Conference: Hanford, Cal.....	300 00
Exeter, Cal.....	225 00
Anderson, Cal.....	125 00
South Carolina Conference: Parksville, S. C.....	150 00
Southwest Missouri Conference: Joplin, Mo.....	150 00
Butler, Mo.....	125 00
St. Louis Conference: St. Clair, Mo.....	40 00
Tennessee Conference: Woodbury, Tenn.....	120 00
Western North Carolina Conference: Granite Falls, N. C.....	90 00
Madison, N. C.....	90 00
Pilot Mountain, N. C.....	125 00
Western Virginia Conference: St. Albans, W. Va.....	225 00—\$4,625 00
Balance cash in hand March 31, 1903.....	1,100 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$5,725 00</b>

The following grants heretofore made by you still remain unpaid, for various reasons—principally the dilatoriness of the interested parties in complying with the conditions prescribed by your rules: Spokane, Wash., \$100. (This was granted three years ago, and I have no evidence that the Church at Spokane is making any effort to comply with the terms or to carry through its enterprise. I recommend that you rescind the grant.) The others are: Burke's Garden, Va., \$100; New River Depot, Va., \$100; Mountain Park, Okla., \$150; Couchatta, La., \$50; Port Vincent, La., \$50; St. Francisville, La., \$75; Van Wyck, S. C., \$100; West End, Galveston, Tex., \$250; Port Lavaca, Tex., \$100; Sherman Street, San Antonio, Tex., \$125. Total, \$1,100. Papers in some of these cases are in process of preparation, and I recommend that you give all of them more time.



# SECRETARY'S REPORT.

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## II. PARSONAGE DONATION ACCOUNT, CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

### RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand March 31, 1902.....	\$1,093 27
Received from Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Treasurer.....	6,836 17—\$7,929 44

### DISBURSEMENTS.

#### DONATIONS BY CONFERENCE HOME MISSION SOCIETIES.

Alabama Conference: Centerville, Ala.....	\$ 100 00
Baltimore Conference: Buena Vista, Va.....	100 00
Linden, Va.....	100 00
Churchton, Md.....	100 00
Columbia Conference: Corvallis (District), Ore.....	50 00
East Texas Conference: Beaumont (District), Tex.....	75 00
Mt. Pleasant, Tex.....	75 00
Tyler (Circuit), Tex.....	50 00
Wallisville, Tex.....	100 00
Florida Conference: Williston, Fla.....	100 00
Tampa (Hyde Park), Fla.....	100 00
Ocala (Gainesville District), Fla.....	100 00
Jacksonville (McTyeire), Fla.....	100 00
Holston Conference: Draper, Va.....	50 00
Saltville, Va.....	75 00
Whitwell, Tenn.....	50 00
Radford (District), Va.....	50 00
Indian Mission Conference: Hobart, Okla.....	75 00
Hartshorne, Ind. T.....	35 00
Lawton, Okla.....	100 00
Berwyn, Ind. T.....	50 00
Kentucky Conference: Hindman, Ky.....	100 00
Little Rock Conference: Junction City, Ark.....	75 00
Bright Star, Ark.....	50 00
Los Angeles Conference: Duarte, Cal.....	49 00
Ventura, Cal.....	75 00
Louisiana Conference: Parker Memorial, New Orleans.....	200 00
Harrisonburg, La.....	100 00
Bastrop, La.....	100 00
Grand Cane, La.....	50 00
Louisville Conference: Bowling Green (Circuit), Ky.....	100 00
Memphis Conference: Lenox, Tenn.....	100 00
Jackson (District), Tenn.....	100 00
Mississippi Conference: Canton, Miss.....	100 00
Morton, Miss.....	50 00
Montana Conference: Clyde Park, Mont.....	58 00
Big Timber, Mont.....	49 00
New Mexico Conference: Las Cruces, N. Mex.....	87 78
North Alabama Conference: Bridgeport, Ala.....	50 00
North Carolina Conference: Littleton, N. C.....	45 00
Chapel Hill, N. C.....	49 00
Councils Station, N. C.....	49 00
North Georgia Conference: Clarksville, Ga.....	100 00
Locust Grove, Ga.....	50 00
Buchanan, Ga.....	75 00
Royston, Ga.....	75 00
North Mississippi Conference: Lamar, Miss.....	200 00
North Texas Conference: Como, Tex.....	100 00
Commerce, Tex.....	200 00
Bonham (South), Tex.....	100 00
Greenville (Mission), Tex.....	125 00
Northwest Texas Conference: Benjamin, Tex.....	100 00
Stratford, Tex.....	50 00
Paducah, Tex.....	75 00
Alma, Tex.....	100 00
Weatherford (District), Tex.....	100 00
Dalhart, Tex.....	100 00
Stamford, Tex.....	100 00
Fort Worth (Peach Street), Tex.....	100 00
Pacific Conference: Carter's, Cal.....	125 00
St. Louis Conference: Ferguson, Mo.....	49 00
St. Clair, Mo.....	60 00
Cape Girardeau, Mo.....	49 00
Mt. Zion (Creve Coeur), Mo.....	49 00
Oak Hill, Mo.....	49 00
South Carolina Conference: Cheraw, S. C.....	49 50
South Georgia Conference: Sylvester, Ga.....	100 00
Southwest Missouri Conference: Chilhowee, Mo.....	50 00

Moundville, Mo.....	\$ 60 00	
Pleasant Hill, Mo.....	100 00	
El Dorado Springs, Mo.....	50 00	
Lone Jack, Mo.....	50 00	
Tennessee Conference: Castalian Springs, Tenn.....	50 00	
Texas Conference: Bremond, Tex.....	81 00	
Virginia Conference: West Appomattox, Va.....	75 00	
Gordonsville, Va.....	200 00	
Western Conference: Rosedale, Kan.....	24 89	
West Texas Conference: San Antonio (West End), Tex.....	45 00	
Water Valley, Tex.....	100 00	
White River Conference: Newburg, Ark.....	40 00	\$6,478 17
Balance cash on hand March 31, 1903.....		1,451 27
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		\$7,929 44

The above cash balance is covered by the following grants, which will be paid as soon as the parties get ready to receive the same: Pike City, Ark., \$75; De Vall's Bluff, Ark., \$75; Pocahontas, Va., \$80; Griffithsville, Ark., \$45; Midway, Ga., \$75; Allentown, Ga., \$100; Cumberland, Ind. T., \$35; Kentwood, La., \$25; St. Francisville, La., \$75; Coahoma, Miss., \$100; Mound City, Mo., \$50; Hale, Mo., \$50; De Soto, Mo., \$100; Clayton, Mo., \$51; Bath, N. C., \$45; Hobgood, N. C., \$45; Tullahoma, Tenn., \$50; Olustee, Okla., \$50; Martinsville, Va., \$100; Honaker, Va., \$75; Brewersville, Ala., \$35.27; Stillwell, Okla., \$65; and an unappropriated balance of \$50 to the credit of the Southwest Missouri Conference Society.

### III. PARSONAGE LOAN FUND ACCOUNT.

#### RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand March 31, 1902.....		\$3,123 88
Collected on loans: Principal.....	\$4,839 16	
Interest.....	1,025 18	5,864 34
Contributed to Loan Funds.....		795 80
Total.....		<hr/>
		\$9,784 02

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

Holston Conference: Chattanooga, Tenn., Whitesides Street..\$	800 00	
Louisiana Conference: New Orleans, Parker Memorial.....	250 00	
Louisville Conference: Louisville District Parsonage.....	1,500 00	
Northwest Texas Conference: Amarillo, Tex.....	400 00	
South Georgia Conference: Lumber City, Ga.....	300 00	
Southwest Missouri Conference: Joplin, Mo.....	150 00	
West Texas Conference: San Angelo District Parsonage.....	250 00	
Sonora, Tex.....	300 00	\$3,950 00
Annuities paid.....		357 83
Interest remitted to Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Treasurer.....		697 35
Balance in treasury March 31, 1903.....		4,808 84
Total.....		<hr/>
		\$9,784 02

The demand for loans in aid of parsonages has not been such as to demand an increase of these funds to meet it, and it might be well, for the present, to direct your special efforts to increasing your Educational and City Mission Endowment.

### IV. EDUCATIONAL AND CITY MISSION ENDOWMENT.

(Managed by the Fidelity Trust and Safety Vault Company, Louisville, Ky.)

#### 1. Income Account.

##### RECEIPTS.

Interest received March 31, 1902, to March 31, 1903.....	\$ 321 88
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##### DISBURSEMENTS.

For accrued interest on sundry notes purchased.....\$	26 41
Five per cent commission on \$321.88.....	16 09
Remitted to Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Treasurer.....	279 38—\$ 321 88

2. Principal Account.

RECEIPTS.

Balance March 31, 1902.....		\$4,170 80
Cash from Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Treasurer.....	\$ 105 00	
Cash from Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Treasurer.....	45 00	
Cash from Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Treasurer.....	287 50	
Cash from Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Treasurer.....	90 00	
Cash from Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Treasurer.....	70 00	597 50
Total fund (principal).....		\$4,768 30

DISBURSEMENTS.

Sundry investments and loans.....	\$4,676 00
Balance uninvested March 31, 1903.....	92 30—\$4,768 30

For several years past one thousand dollars of your Parsonage Loan Funds, not being in demand for parsonages, has been in the hands of the Trust Company for investment, and the interest earned thereby is embraced in the total of \$321.88 above; but the \$1,000 is not embraced in the principal, \$4,768.30.

Respectfully submitted.

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

TOTAL NUMBER OF PARSONAGES HELPED SINCE THE ORGANIZATION OF THE SOCIETY.

CONFERENCE.	Donations from Conference Societies.		Loans.	CONFERENCE.	Donations from Conference Societies.		Loans.
	Donations from Conference Societies.	Donations from General Board.			Donations from Conference Societies.	Donations from General Board.	
Alabama.....	7	1	4	North Alabama.....	15	6	2
Arkansas.....	4	10	1	North Carolina.....	12	2	2
Baltimore.....	16	8	3	North Georgia.....	35	3	2
Brazil Mission.....		1		North Mississippi.....	21		
Columbia.....	12	14		North Texas.....	40	3	
Denver.....	12	9	3	Northwest Mexican.....		1	
East Columbia.....	4	9	1	Northwest Texas.....	49	11	4
East Texas.....	71	5		Pacific.....	51	12	1
Florida.....	32	16	4	South Carolina.....	4	3	1
Holston.....	94	1	3	South Georgia.....	18	1	2
Illinois.....	1	2		Southwest Missouri.....	25	4	1
Indian Mission.....	44	51		St. Louis.....	37	3	2
Kentucky.....	29	3	1	Tennessee.....	34	3	1
Little Rock.....	49	2	2	Texas.....	50		5
Los Angeles.....	24	9		Virginia.....	20	3	
Louisiana.....	45	9	1	West Texas.....	47	15	3
Louisville.....	27		4	Western.....	3	4	1
Memphis.....	45		3	Western N. C.....	13	4	1
Mississippi.....	34	4	2	Western Virginia.....	12		2
Missouri.....	8	4	1	White River.....	4	2	1
Montana.....	32	12		Reported aided, names not given.....	34		
New Mexico.....	3	9	2				

Total number aided by Conference Societies.....	1,120	Amount.....	\$ 77,056 77
Total number aided by General Board.....	257	Amount.....	51,430 83
Grand total.....	1,377		\$128,487 60

Number of loans, 68; amount, \$41,050.

## REPORT OF INSTITUTIONS.

### CUBAN WORK.—Miss Mary Bruce, Superintendent.

ESTABLISHED 1892.

Our work among the Cubans in Florida has closed a season of unusual prosperity. Year after year the schools have grown in numbers and interest, and more and more merit public sympathy and support.

The school at West Tampa has enrolled 120 scholars, and the teachers have served with a devotion which must yield a rich harvest. The Sunday school, Epworth League, and missionary society have flourished under the fostering care of Miss Valdes.

Wolff Mission School, at Ybor City, is in an encouragingly prosperous condition. The three teachers have thrown themselves into the school and Church work with an enthusiasm which has quickened the whole Church. We have met with some success in the Epworth League and missionary society, and through them have seen the church repaired. A reading room for our young people has been opened, with promise of happy results. Another teacher is much needed at this school; and as there is a promising outlook for a music class, another piano is necessary. Is there not one shut up in some dark parlor that might be brought out and used thus for the glory of God?

At Ruth Hargrove Seminary, Key West, 245 children were enrolled. That the hand of God was in the planting of this house and still is with it is abundantly proven by the report. Miss Reid has carried forward the work prosperously, and a few years only will be needed to see the results. Already the class rooms have been outgrown, and more than twenty-five children under six years of age have been turned away for lack of seating capacity. Can the women of the M. E. Church, South, hear this and not come to the rescue?

My own personal work shows 442 visits made, 135 garments distributed, 20 Bibles given away. I have also attended 47 missionary meetings. One especial cause for thanksgiving is the establishment of a day nursery, to which we have given much time and many hours of actual service, and through which there is a door opened to the Italians, hitherto left entirely alone. Another step in advance is the organization of the City Mission Board in Tampa, in which we have some share. Tampa has a fine body of home mission workers, and there is much undeveloped possibility. We give thanks for harmony among our workers, and "strength for daily need" and ask for grace to "sow beside all waters" and faith to grasp even faintly the promises to those who are faithful.

### WOLFF MISSION SCHOOL, YBOR CITY.—MISS LULA FORD, PRINCIPAL.

ESTABLISHED 1902.

Since the opening of the school, September 9, we have enrolled 115 pupils. I have an average of thirty children in my room, ranging in classes from first to sixth grade. I feel thankful that I am permitted to see marked improvement in their deportment, and to

know they have learned to study. Some of the first reader children are enthusiastic students. We have held our monthly home mission meetings with great regularity. At our last meeting forty children answered to the roll call, and the majority of them brought their nickels. We have organized a Band of Mercy in connection with the Home Mission Society, and we hope for good results. At my own expense I have furnished the school with Bible primers and "Easy Steps in Bible Story," which I use as supplementary reading with second, third, and fourth readers. We have a song service every morning from 9:30 to 10, at which service we endeavor to teach each child a verse from the Bible, without comment. At this time we have all of the children together.

Then in my room fifteen minutes before noon I have the children put up their books and I talk to them, and ask them questions about the Bible. I began at Genesis, and am going systematically forward. Nothing in the school has given me as great satisfaction as this little midday service. After we are through with books for the day I have a sewing class for half an hour. We cannot have anything without making some outlay. I bought the materials for the sewing class, hoping that most of the children would be able to refund the money, but very few of them have done so.

The winter has been a very trying one on the Cubans, and it has been as much as most of them could do to pay the regular tuition of twenty-five cents per week in my room, and ten cents in Mrs. Cooper's. We are very anxious to introduce basket-weaving in the school, and would have done so ere this but for the additional expense involved. An appropriation of three dollars per month for the industrial department would buy all material for a kindergarten sewing class, etc. These features of manual training are being taught in the public schools here, and we cannot afford to be without them. We have nine little music pupils, with Miss Bruce as music teacher. The prospects are that we shall have several more in the near future. There are a great many discouraging features in this work, the people are so indifferent to the gospel; but when I read in God's word of how little heed the majority gave to the great prophets and teachers of old, I take fresh courage, and am thankful to be permitted to sow the seeds of truth in the hearts of these children, trusting to the Lord of the vineyard for the increase. To accomplish what we might in this school, we ought to have another teacher, and a piano is necessary if our music classes continue. Will you grant these?

WOLFF MISSION SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN, MRS. M. P. COOPER, TEACHER.

In reviewing the work of the past six months I feel that it has not been in vain; for while a slow and arduous one, the children have progressed steadily and entered into each day's work enthusiastically. With an enrollment of fifty children, I am enabled to average a good daily attendance, and have divided my department into three divisions. First, the kindergarten, in which Miss Aetna Perrin so faithfully assists, struggling with little American, Cuban, and Italian babies ranging from two and a half years to five. The older children are in the primary and advanced primary classes, and are doing some very good work. But with so many departments I am unable to do all I would like to, and we feel the need of another teacher keenly; also some new charts, which would facilitate the teaching of English in a great measure.

The older children have a sewing class, and the boys as well as girls seem to enjoy it. I am so anxious to teach the children basket-

weaving, but, as I furnish the material used in the kindergarten at my own expense, do not feel I could hardly undertake the other; but surely there must be some home mission worker or society who would assist in enabling us to add this attractive and useful manual work to our school.

The little children take a great interest in the Home Mission Society we have organized, and having had experience with juvenile societies in my home in Louisville, Ky., I find our little band of workers compare very favorably with any I have known.

Only those who labor in the vineyard know of the many trials that daily confront one in the mission field, and we are thankful and gratified for the measure of success we have had, ever striving to redouble our efforts and accomplish more for good in the future.

WEST TAMPA.—MISS EMELINA VALDEZ, PRINCIPAL.

ESTABLISHED 1892.

We have had an enrollment of 120 pupils in our school. The attendance was very good until February, when two large cigar factories were moved. The majority of our people are employed in these factories, therefore they always live as near them as possible. By this moving of these factories we have lost some of our best scholars. Yet we have many that deserve praise for their zeal and the interest they take in their work. It is charming to see the meetings held by these children every month (both Epworth League and juvenile society). The eldest of the official members is only fourteen years old.

Another encouraging feature is the following: Miss Maria Morales, my assistant teacher, was married lately, and since then one of our former pupils has filled the place. Miss Morales herself was a scholar of our school. At San Antonio, Cuba, another of our former pupils is teaching, therefore we feel sure of God's blessing on our work. Sometimes I feel discouraged when I lose scholars, as they always leave when they are pretty well advanced. It seems hard not to finish the task. I am learning to be thankful, however, for the opportunity to sow the seed of truth in these young hearts, for they bring forth fruit among those who are yet in darkness, and thus scatter seed in broader fields.

Mrs. Rosa Valdez, my assistant teacher, has the work among the boys, and it is owing to her influence that we have some real Christian young men who are members of our Church Mission Society and even of our Board of Stewards. I will close this brief report by asking our Christian friends to pray for us and our work.

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

ESTABLISHED 1900.

Ruth Hargrove Seminary opened September 8, 1902, with about 150 pupils. We passed the two hundred mark before the end of the first quarter, and have received new pupils almost every week. Now our enrollment in all departments is two hundred and forty-five. The patrons have constantly manifested much interest, and I have never seen a more promising group of children than assembled on the first morning.

We feel that, considering the new management and lack of experience in this particular work, our year has been fairly successful. We have not accomplished what we hoped for, but we have done

something. Our fences are secure; the goats no longer roam over our premises; our trees are growing as if by magic; our flowers almost bloom in a night. The eating shed for the girls has saved our porches—and feelings. The screens partially protect us from flies and mosquitoes. The children have not lost interest, and a marked improvement in class work is very gratifying.

Our needs are greater than ever before, and must be met, else the work will be seriously hampered. The schoolrooms are not well equipped; desks, blackboards, maps, and other teaching devices are lacking. In some of the rooms we still use rude "forms" of home manufacture, together with chairs and tables, while only one room has sufficient area of blackboards. We should have, next year, a kindergarten and teacher. At least twenty-five children under six years old have been refused this session, and yet our primary room has "run over" three times. We have no room large enough for this work, and have asked the Board to give us another building. Our art department would grow if it had a chance, but our attic, where the thermometer goes up in proportion, is the only place for it. A force pump to bring water to our second floor is almost a necessity. We have the greatest plenty of water, but it is on the ground floor.

The boarding department consists of two little Cuban boys and three little Cuban girls. The latter we keep free of charge and have them help us in the domestic department. We could have other boarders, but there is no room for them. Bishop Candler, on his last visit to the school, expressed his intention of recommending a new building which will contain a chapel, primary department, and dormitory. It seems almost too much to hope for, but this would be a great thing for the work if we could have it next year.

Our aim has been to do thorough work in all departments, and with this to teach the children the great principles that underlie true living, and bring them into a personal knowledge of Christ. Our efforts have been unremitting, and we believe that God will let us see the fruits of our labors.

#### PACIFIC COAST WORK.—Mrs. C. Price Brown, Superintendent.

ESTABLISHED 1897.

The mission schools are all in very good condition, and more interest is being taken in them by the Churches than ever before. The work has been presented to them as object lessons by the students attending the Sunday school, League, and preaching services in groups of three or four, and sometimes by a whole school as a body. Besides this, the schools hold open meetings almost every month, having fine programmes of songs, recitations, readings, and addresses, followed by a social time, and sometimes refreshments.

We believe a new era of successful work lies before us. The visits of Dr. Lambuth and Miss Helm started anew the fire in all our hearts, and we work with the hope of "bringing the world to Christ, and Christ to the world." The coming of Mr. Nishikawa, a consecrated Japanese minister who speaks English almost perfectly, has given us courage. Mr. Nishikawa is a teacher from the Kwansai Gakuin, our college in Kobé, Japan. And now, best of all, Dr. C. F. Reid will be with us to take charge of all the work. The former workers—superintendent and teachers—who have struggled on through the weary, dark days are rejoicing with us, and we know these better days could never have come to us but for their faithful perseverance in the line of duty, holding on when everything seemed to say: "Give it up."

The enrollment of scholars in our schools has increased from 53 to 207, while 11 have joined our Church. We are advertising our schools in the Japanese daily papers now, which brings increased patronage.

Our teachers have done fine work, even when there are no apparent results, as in students becoming members of the Church there has been deep spiritual impressions made on the pupils.

We hope the Board can increase the appropriation for the San Francisco and Alameda schools. They are growing every night. We are praying that your annual session will be a glorious one. Surely the "Lord of Hosts" is going on before you. With all the open doors before you, and willing hearts to enter them, victory will crown your efforts.

FROM REV. T. NISHIKAWA, PASTOR.

My report will be very short, but full of hope and encouragement. Mrs. Brown's wise direction and consecrated energy have brought this work to a good running order. Enrollment in the schools and attendance at preaching services have increased and still are increasing. At Alameda, for instance, we had over 40, including 3 Japanese women, present last Sunday night, while we had only 15 at our first service, about a month ago. Two students from Kwansei Gakuin, our Methodist college at Kobé, Japan, arrived a few days ago and joined our mission. If we only had a home to receive those newcomers from our own Church in Japan, we should be able to do more permanent work.

We have very good teachers in these schools: Miss Dibble, of Alameda, Mrs. Adams, of San Francisco, aided by such consecrated men as Mr. Shiomi, Muraoka, and Shiramizu. While we hate to give up our Superintendent, Mrs. Brown, we welcome Dr. Reid among us, for we know he is the right man for the right place. No happier choice could be made than this. With these signs of encouragement at every hand, with these men and women at work, and Dr. Reid at the helm, why should we not expect a great result? Sisters, do please help push this great and important work. I know God's hand is in this, and I am full of hope and encouragement.

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

After the tiny flat occupied by our school since September, 1901, we have moved into a house of greater dimensions. We now have a nice, large schoolroom which serves as a chapel as well. This room opens into a capacious dining room with folding doors between; a room which delights the students when they hold their monthly literary meetings and invite their own and American friends to be present and take part in them. With the change of locality new hope sprang up, and with it a gradual increase in attendance, until now we have a day as well as a night session. February, 1902, enrollment, 17; February, 1903, enrollment, 93.

The encouraging feature of the work, however, and the one I would especially dwell upon, is the spiritual growth; for it is not to the numbers that God giveth the victory, but to the true and the valiant. Miss Helm's coming among us was an inspiration, an impetus to "go forward" in all lines of the work, and we were encouraged as never before. The Sunday after Conference we organized a Sunday school in the mission, to meet each Sabbath at three o'clock in the afternoon, and have never missed a meeting since. As a result, eleven boys have united with our Church.



The Sunday school has merged into an Epworth League under the supervision of our pastor, whose encouragement and help are a blessing to teachers as well as pupils. Now on our walls hangs our Epworth League Charter, nicely framed, bearing the names of twelve charter members, and others have been added since; also upon entering the schoolroom the eye falls upon a large Maltese cross (the handiwork of one of the students), with the inscription underneath, "Japanese Mission Epworth League, M. E. C., S." The officers in each department are zealous in keeping up their respective lines of work, and a more earnest little band of workers cannot be found in all Christendom, a "little leaven" from which we hope and pray for wonderful results.

Our League President, Mr. Muraoka, with a heart overflowing with love for Jesus, and a burning desire to "tell it to others," wanted to visit our Bay schools, and urge the boys over there to become Leaguers; and, receiving every encouragement from the teachers, he made several visits, "sowing seeds for the reaping by and by." If you could see the eagerness evinced for the evening lessons in the Bible, the lighting up of their faces as some particular text touches a tender chord in their hearts, the gratitude and devotion they show to their teachers, the deep appreciation of every "crumb that falls from the Master's table," it would arouse a feeling of enthusiasm for the work, as nothing else could.

Will not all who read this in our *own* sunny Southern land awaken to a deeper feeling of missionary zeal, and help by their *prayers* and *mites* the little League of Southern Methodist Japanese students, who are trying to help build up *our* Church and *our* school in the great city of the coast, the gateway of the Sunrise Kingdom, from which vessels every trip are bringing souls yearning to receive the light? Mr. Nishikawa is now with us, and we feel already that his help will *greatly* add to the upbuilding of the work.

#### JAPANESE SCHOOL, ALAMEDA, CAL.—MISS DELLE DIBBLE IN CHARGE.

When I took charge, the last of September, I found things in a very chaotic state, and the prospect was very disheartening. My first impulse was to give up then and there, for I had accepted the work very reluctantly, and promised to remain only a month, until some one could be found for the work. It seemed cowardly, however, to leave at a time when some one was so badly needed to set affairs right; so, after spending two or three sleepless nights over the subject, I decided to remain, hoping in the meantime to get the work into running order for whoever came next. The task looked rather hopeless at first, for I had nothing to guide me in the work of picking up loose ends.

A misunderstanding in regard to the interpreter existed; and, what was hardest of all to me, I felt that the boys were not at all in sympathy with me, but seemed to regard me with a feeling of distrust. My first move was to try to win their confidence, and to prove to them that my desire was to work for their good and to help them in every way. I next made a record of the classes, attendance, finances—in fact, everything connected with the work. I have given a receipt for every fee paid in, and have kept a strict account of all expenditures. In this way I have been able to keep a complete financial report ready for reference at any time.

The first month of my work—October—there were eleven enrolled. There were six when I began in September. The enrollment since has been seventy-two. There have been as many as twenty-five enrolled on one or two occasions; but, as they have been at school only

two or three evenings, and paid no fee, I have not counted them on the enrollment.

Since a feeling of mutual confidence has been established, the work has moved along with more satisfaction. More interest in religious matters is shown, and a strong desire for improvement in every line of the work has been manifested. In one class we have discarded our State series of readers, and have substituted an easy book of Bible stories. Later on we hope to find suitable books to replace the first and second readers, which are not at all suitable to this work. The boys have become dissatisfied with our dingy quarters, which no amount of work can brighten or beautify, and have expressed a desire for better rooms. We are looking for brighter quarters and are all interested in the change, and our brains are full of plans for the future. With Mr. Nishikawa to aid us, I feel very hopeful for the future of our mission. The present condition of the work is due in great measure to Mr. Shiomi, who is tireless in his efforts, and who has been my faithful helper through the most trying period.

The *one* month that I agreed to keep the school has lengthened into *five* months, and I must confess I have become so interested in the work, and so attached to our boys, that I do not like to dwell upon the time when I may have to leave them. Many days I have gone home from my daily duties feeling utterly exhausted and unfit for my mission work in the evening; but a sight of the bright, eager faces of the Japanese boys, and their eagerness and enthusiasm, have made me forget my weariness, and the evenings have been genuine pleasure.

#### JAPANESE SCHOOL, ALAMEDA, CAL.—A. SHIOMI, INTERPRETER.

In this report I wish to treat first of the matters of school management, and then of the measures which should be taken for the extension of the work for the future. I wish, first of all, to mention our thanks and gratitude to Mrs. L. D. Chamberlin, who for the last three years so faithfully attended the work you placed upon her. The boys who were acquainted with her looked upon her as a corner stone of this mission. Without her devotion and patience, which enabled her to surmount the difficulties of that time, the prosperous condition of the present day may hardly be expected. Here I simply say that we appreciated her Christian zeal and love, which she manifested in her conduct while she was with us.

Succeeding Mrs. Chamberlin, Miss Delle Dibble came to us. As soon as she started her work the members of Dosokwai, the society of our school, seemed to be stirred up, the pupils of the school increased, the missionary works were successfully carried out. Indeed, she has done her best—she just poured out abundantly over us her deep and warm sympathy and hearty consolation, which the true Christian can only do for the helpless wanderer in a foreign land as we are; and her best is fully accepted among us. Leaving the detailed report of the school affair to Miss Dibble, I shall write a little of the condition of our people here, and of the need of our mission to them.

There are about two or three hundred people in this town, and about fifty of them are married and have residences. They are simple and contented, but the saddest of all is their souls have no rest; there is no religious society among them to console their souls. Their social conditions, from a Christian's view, may be depicted with the word "sorry." They are hungry to have the rest for their souls, and thirsty for the living water. They wandered constantly to and fro, until they knocked at the door of our mission, and there they

are looking through the half-opening door and standing still. The field is ripening, but the reaper is not yet quite ready.

When the Dosokwai was first organized, about a year ago, the membership was only fifteen, but to-day the number of it is doubled. These members of the club are from every class of young men here, and every one of them is vigorous and active, yet not wild, but most of them are simple and eager to seek the truth. Now, with these young men, I am glad to say that they are almost in every way Christianizing themselves daily. For instance, three young men, accepting the advice of Miss Dibble and others, quit entirely the habit of using tobacco.

Another tendency, I think, worthy of remark is that they are always willing and eager to attend the services of the mission. They are so eager to know about the living religion, or the essence of the best feature of the present civilization of the world, that they often are not satisfied until they bring others with them to distribute the blessing they are enjoying. Understanding the above, every one will easily observe what is necessary to be done. It is urgent, I believe, to work more actively and not to be satisfied with school alone, but to begin preaching the gospel. A preacher ought to be sent over, and the mission must have a permanent place. With my view, I don't see a place more hopeful than this town, along the coast, and with the hopeful outlook it is no use to say much but to extend the work.

JAPANESE SCHOOL, OAKLAND, CAL.—MR. JOHN F. LYNAS IN CHARGE.

I report the work from October, at which time I took charge: The interest during the past months has increased a great deal, and the attendance is also improving. We have twenty-two enrolled. The boys all take a reverent interest in the Bible study and devotional exercises. It is a difficult matter to always report the exact number of Christians and the number of conversions, as frequently those who call themselves Christians are not always those who manifest the real evidences. We were very glad to welcome Mr. Nishikawa to the coast, and believe he will be able to assist us greatly. At present we are most hopeful for the future of the school, and expect to see greater results in the near future.

CHINESE MISSION SCHOOL, LOS ANGELES, CAL.—MRS. A. S. WOLFSKILL  
IN CHARGE.

That the school has in any measure held its own against the fearful odds and many discouragements of the year is one thing for gratitude. The enrollment this year is twenty. Since August the number in attendance has not been so large as heretofore. During the year five have returned to China. This, with Woo Sing, who went the year before, makes six who have gone from this school to work among their own people, all of them Christians save one. Woo Sing is giving his entire time to preaching to his own people. He sends me a quarterly report. Thousands hear the word from his lips, yet he writes me that "they are slow to believe." Only three, according to last report, had accepted Christ. A lady who spent twenty-one years in China as a missionary, and who has been in the work here fully eighteen years, stated in a public meeting a few days since that "the work is a great deal harder here than in China." To those who are trying so hard to sow the seed of eternal truth, this statement, while giving no pleasure, did serve as a stimulant and encouragement. The saddest of all are the inconsistent lives of those who claim to be Christians, and yet are stumbling-stones to "those little

ones." A number of new pupils have entered the school during the year, but the constant changing about keeps the roll about the same. The growth in grace of the Christian boys is as marked as in any Church or among any other class of men or women, and that the work is slow is no fault of theirs. We still need the prayers of all God's people.

**MOUNTAIN WORK.—Miss Belle Bennett, Superintendent.**

ESTABLISHED 1896.

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

I beg to submit the seventh annual report of the Sue Bennett Memorial school. The school opened September 9, and will close May 27. The fall enrollment was 135; the total enrollment to date, 327. We have had 48 special students in music and 46 in business. Our present faculty consists of a principal and nine assistants. The income from fees and rents amounts to \$4,706.08, of which \$3,618.48 has been collected and paid over to the treasurer. A department of domestic science was added this year, and we give systematic instruction in sloyd, sewing, and cooking. The work of the school, in all its departments, is thorough. Over one hundred students were converted during the year. We need a boys' dormitory and the completion and equipment of the unfinished part of the main building. "The best of all is, God is with us."

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

ESTABLISHED 1896.

The work of the Holston Industrial Home and School at Greeneville, Tenn., is each year more important and successful. Since last report our numbers have increased and our property has become more valuable by the addition of a large brick structure capable of accommodating seventy-five children. Its cost is \$8,000. It is modern and convenient in all its appointments. We have an excellent school on the premises for our smaller and less advanced pupils. I hardly know the superior of our teacher, Mrs. Victoria Mahoney Smith, in her department. The more advanced of our number attend the city graded schools, and are winning golden opinions. A large percent of them are members of the Junior and Senior Leagues. They lead in prayer, and are ready for every duty laid on them by the Church, and count themselves happy to be thus used.

I realize more and more each day why Jesus was careful to impress upon Peter the importance of feeding the lambs. There was a tremendous double meaning in the charge, for upon the rock of love for and faith in the Son of God the new Jerusalem coming down from God out of heaven is to be built. The cry of my soul through busy days and tired nights is for the neglected child life of my Conference. It needs salvation of both soul and body. It needs to be led in the way to intelligent Christian citizenship. Too long has the Church builded with one hand what it has torn down with the other. God has opened our eyes to the insane folly of it, and we are after the children with a thousand hands, and our utmost endeavor will be to develop the best and noblest in them.

Our collections for the past year were \$4,500; value of supplies, \$505.05. The Superintendent of Supplies, Mrs. W. L. Rohr, of Chattanooga, Tenn., is systematizing her department, so that the matter of

food and clothing will be little trouble and of great assistance. Our storerooms are filled, and the array of comfortably clad children attests the value to us of our faithful and most efficient superintendent. Our women are full of faith and good works. The test of their greatness lies not in their help to our home and school but in their intense loyalty to the work at large. The bare thought of it inspires me, and I know God will continue to enlarge them. The skies above us are bright with encouragement. Difficulties confront us as we toil through the days, however; but difficulties are there to be overcome, and we will yet be leading 500 children yearly into straighter paths; for their Redeemer is mighty, and he will plead their cause. Let me send congratulations to our workers of other Conferences. God bless each one! Their joy is as a crown to me.

FLAT TOP COAL MINES, WEST VIRGINIA.—MISS MARY PEERY IN CHARGE.

ORGANIZED 1901.

*Report from August 22, 1902, to March 1, 1903.*

Reaching the coal field just after the strike, I found the Church in a disorganized condition. This was necessarily the case; but, although the Eureka Sunday School was no more, and the children gathered into the fold at Eckman were scattered, the influence of the life and work of Miss Whitman among these people cannot be lost; it is immortal. Her faithful service here opened the way, and no doubt has made it easier for all who follow her. I adopted Miss Whitman's plan of work, as was suggested, confining myself to Brother Early's charge, and working under his supervision.

The following statistics will show to some extent how my time has been spent. House-to-house visits, 740 (including visits to sick); business calls, 29; meetings conducted, 9; home mission meetings attended, 18; Junior League meetings held, 6; papers distributed, 133; garments given out, 8; number of persons aided, 12. I have worked in two Sunday schools, attending the one at Eckman in the morning and at Keystone in the afternoon, where I have an interesting class of young men.

We have three home mission societies on the charge, two of which have done very good work; the third is just getting in working order. We are planning to hold public meetings of these societies in order to arouse a deeper interest in the work. The Junior League, which for various reasons was disbanded through the winter months, has been reorganized, and we hope to do genuine work among the children. Nothing has been done with night schools this year, but we are not discouraged. Conditions have been unfavorable, and suitable teachers are hard to secure. The way seems to be opening now, however, and we expect to organize at Eckman soon. Miss Gale came to the field January 20, and, although self-supporting, is proving herself a great help to us in the work.

Do you want to see us well-equipped and really accomplishing something in this field? Then give us a settlement home, a good housekeeper, and a half-dozen consecrated and well-trained workers. Is this too much to ask or expect? Not if we look to the right source. The gold and the silver are His, and I am persuaded that some of it is here in these mountains ready to be used in just such an enterprise if once it were started. We are hoping and praying and working with such facilities as we have, trusting that the way will open before us.

## RESCUE WORK.

ANN BROWDER MISSION HOME AND TRAINING SCHOOL, DALLAS, TEX.—  
MRS. W. H. JOHNSON, ACTING SUPERINTENDENT.

ESTABLISHED 1898.

In the good providence of God our fiscal year closes with the most encouraging outlook. In the very nature of this work there are difficulties which, like the poor, we shall always have; but as we slowly gather in trained workers they become less formidable. That "experience is the best teacher" is a misleading maxim, and, like many others, only half true. I speak from personal knowledge; for after ten years of ardent, persistent effort, and a thorough acquaintance with every detail of the work, I have not accomplished what I might have done with a thorough training at Scarritt, Pratt's Institute, and above all in the school of the Master.

The 16th of October, Miss Mary Moore, superintendent, and Miss Louise Matthews, assistant, both devoted Christian workers, who had given three and one-half years' faithful service to this institution, resigned, and accepted positions with the Misses Tucker at Nashville, and the Financial Agent was called by our General Board to take temporary charge of the institution. Fortunately Mrs. M. C. Flowerree, with her good judgment and excellent training, besides conducting the sewing department, became an invaluable assistant, while the virtues of Scarritt never shone brighter than in Miss Elizabeth R. Davis, who, with indefatigable energy, managed the laundry and gave a beautiful example of how we can exalt the most commonplace work. Then when we were left without experienced nurses, with a self-sacrifice unequalled she brought her Scarritt training into requisition, and, selecting three of our most consecrated and intelligent girls, opened a nurse-training class. Now, with Dr. J. W. Bourland's direction and skillful teaching we have, after three months, nurses equal to any emergency we have yet encountered. Having a trained teacher at the head of this department gives our girls fine opportunities, and has put a new phase on nursing, while it adds much to our discipline and Christian training.

The first of the year, by direction of the General Board, we secured Miss M. C. Nolley, of Richmond, Va., as teacher in our literary department. She is a consecrated lady of the broadest culture, most of her life having been spent in college teaching. She has made a revolution in our literary work. She has as assistant three of our young teachers, to whom she is giving a higher course, while they, in turn, assist with the teaching. She manages to keep in school for one and a half hours each day over fifty of our girls. Only sick-ness excuses absence, for here education is compulsory.

Miss Louise D. Hartman has also been engaged as teacher of household economics and of the Needlework Guild. Besides Bible-training at Moody's Institute, she has had a most successful business experience. Her varied talents make her a most efficient member of our faculty. With this increase of teachers we begin to see the dawning of a brighter day, for we have learned that we must deal personally with industrial just as we do with literary work, if we make it successful.

We began the year with 52 girls. Since, we have admitted 57; total, 109. Of these, 15 have returned to their own homes, 27 have gone into Christian service, 9 left without permission, one died, and one was sent to the Insane Asylum. Maximum length of time in the Home, four years. The majority average less than one year. In regard to the spiritual condition of the entire number sent out or dis-

missed, we know of only three who have gone back to an evil life; while ninety-three per cent have accepted Christ, received baptism, and connected themselves with the Church. Babies in our care at beginning of year, 31; adopted, 31; left with mothers, 6; died, 9; remaining in home, 17. Total, 63.

Besides my small financial report appended, I have issued 60,000 copies of the *King's Messenger*, as usual, in the interest of home mission work, and during the year have done some visiting among the auxiliaries and Churches. August and September I spent very profitably in New York and Chicago, investigating institutions similar to ours. We received cash contributions on current expenses \$1,179, cash for bake oven secured by Mrs. E. W. Rose, \$75. Total, \$1,254. Made from industries, \$496.70. During the year we have received fifty-seven boxes of supplies, contributed mostly by the thoughtful kindness of our auxiliaries. For these supplies of dry goods, clothing, etc., fruit, preserves, and jellies, we are truly thankful. To the ministers of our own and other Churches and to our Local Board, the institution is indebted for valuable services.

In spiritual, mental, moral, and industrial development, though we have by no means reached our ideal, our school has achieved such results that our faith has been strengthened, and we have never looked into the future with more courage. This institution has demonstrated beyond question that our Church, though the first to enter this field, has followed the Master and won for his cause a noble victory! Let us press forward, comforting our hearts with his promise: "Lo, I am with you alway."

#### SEWING DEPARTMENT.—MRS. M. C. FLOWERREE IN CHARGE.

We have had two classes during the year, six months each; thirty-five girls have been trained in the classes, and twenty on their own garments. Each girl averages three and one-half hours in the class per day. Every girl in the Home receives training on her own clothes, and is taught how to sew and cut by pattern; only those in the class who are anxious to be taught are instructed in drafting. Four hundred garments for the Home have been made in the sewing department. The receipts from work of this department were \$276.70.

#### LAUNDRY AND NURSE DEPARTMENTS.—MISS E. R. DAVIS IN CHARGE.

Since June, when I entered the work, the laundry has realized \$374.40 gross income, making a net gain of \$200. We pay the expenses of the laundry for the whole institution, and replace all worn-out material. Our water is exceedingly hard, and eats out the pipes in a short while, making a plumbing bill every six or eight weeks never less than \$7. The heat causes the lime to collect in the pipes of the tank and stove, causing a stoppage that sometimes burns before it is eaten through.

Since November 1 I have been in charge of the hospital, as up to that date girls from the Home had nursed the sick. We have three of our girls in training now. Since November eight babies have been born, three have died, and there are always sick ones to care for.

#### CHOCTAW INDIANS IN MISSISSIPPI, CAMMACK CHAPEL.—FANNIE C. MOORE IN CHARGE.

Monday, November 3, 1902, I began my work among the Choctaws. There were only six pupils present the first day, and nine is the largest number that I have enrolled. The first few days they were

very shy of me. Our school opens at 8 A.M. and closes at 4 P.M. The most of the day is devoted to teaching the children spelling, reading, writing, and arithmetic. One hour is devoted to teaching the Bible and songs, which they sing in Choctaw and English. They seem to enjoy this more than any other part of the day. The third Sunday in November Brother Donnell organized our Sunday school, appointing me superintendent and English teacher.

Brother Tinsley Phillips is the Choctaw teacher. All the members of this Church—twenty—belong to the Sunday school. We have Sunday school every Sabbath, and study the Choctaw and English catechisms and the International Sunday school lessons. Every third Sunday Brother W. W. Moore, the pastor, preaches for us, and one of our three Choctaw preachers (Brother Simpson Tubby, Brother John Johnson, or Brother Jim Johnson) preaches for us on the other Sabbaths. The weekly prayer meetings are conducted entirely by the Choctaws. They sing, pray, and tell their experiences all in their own language. Saturdays I visit in the homes when the weather is good and I can get some one to go with me, but the Choctaws live too far apart for me to go alone.

The Choctaws are a very interesting people and have many good traits. They are a people of deep feeling, and as a rule are honest and truthful. They are a very dependent people, and are very slow about almost everything. They have been illtreated by the white people so long that they are very slow to put confidence in a stranger. I have been with them for four months, so they now seem to love me and have confidence in me. They often come to see me, sometimes at my school and at other times at my boarding place. They come to me for medicine when one of them is sick, for something to eat when they are hungry, for books, and for envelopes and stamps; and always seem glad to have me visit them, especially if one of them is sick.

The work this year has been especially trying, because they were undecided about going to the Indian Territory. Some that have gone are not satisfied and are wanting to come back. The Choctaws have given up their old way of burying, and have accepted the Christian way, but many of them still marry by the old Choctaw custom.

This mission is in Neshoba County, Miss., about thirty-five miles from Meridian and about thirty-four miles from our nearest railroad point.

### PAINE COLLEGE, AUGUSTA, GA.

INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT.—MISS ELLEN YOUNG, TEACHER OF INDUSTRIES.

*Report from October 1, 1902, to March 1, 1903.*

I arrived in Augusta September 24, 1902; was kindly received by Dr. Walker and the Matron of Paine College; started the industrial feature of the work as projected by the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the M. E. Church, South, the first Monday in October. We were able to take up only the plain sewing at this date, because of lack of facilities for laundry and cooking. The latter features will be taken up as soon as the new industrial hall, now in process of erection, is completed.

We opened the sewing department with 122 girls arranged in five classes, who have been doing primary work such as learning the different stitches, the making of buttonholes, darning, matching of stripes, patching, making little garments, and beginning drafting.

Each girl has finished twenty-five specimen samples, and each has



her samples in an individual book, with directions for making same. We have a class of seventeen boys engaged in basket-making. They have finished 17 mats, 17 small baskets, and are now working on larger baskets. They made a wastebasket for Dr. Walker as a Christmas present, which he seemed to appreciate very much. The girls are preparing to make hats of raffia to wear to their annual picnic in May.

That the pupils are interested is shown by the fact that each is in his place punctually at class periods and that we have so few absentees. And that this work is very much needed is shown in their ignorance in making even the simplest stitches and in fashioning the simplest garments.

For class room furnishings I have one dozen tables, have purchased two dozen chairs, and borrowed fourteen from other class rooms. I have also a large cabinet, in which I keep my specimens of work and material, a tub, pail, and blackboard. I need more chairs, drafting paper, rulers, tracing wheels, and shades for windows.

I love the work, and am never happier than when engaged in my class room. I am anxious to see results of material development among my pupils. I am pleasantly situated so far as personal comfort and convenience are concerned, and kindness and courtesy from my associate workers. I have my class room just now in Haygood Memorial Hall, and have visits from different teachers and visiting friends, who all express themselves as well pleased, and are even enthusiastic over what has already been accomplished, and quite encouragingly sanguine for the future.

This report is not so satisfactory as I wish, but we began only a few months back, and there was so much in the beginning, with accompanying hindrances—lack of facilities—that we could not do any better this time. With a little more time and a little more practice of the “three p’s” we hope to render a better report the next time.

### CITY MISSIONS.

ATLANTA, GA.—MRS. R. P. MILAM, PRESIDENT:

We come with thanksgiving to report the past year as the most successful in the history of our city mission work. As each year passes we feel, by the increased interest shown in this work, and the continued generosity of friends, that our Heavenly Father owns and blesses our efforts. We have faith to believe that work so well supported in the past will continue to appeal to God's stewards, and as new work is projected we can undertake it, feeling sure we shall not lack for the means of support. We have now four industrial schools (one more than we had last year), under the charge of Mrs. Evans, our city missionary. She has a noble band of teachers (thirty-six in number) from homes of culture and refinement to assist her in instructing the 250 children who attend very regularly. Besides the sewing, they are taught to make baskets, shopping bags, and other fancy articles. We have in one school a large class of boys who are taught drawing.

Perhaps the largest work undertaken by this Board is the settlement work at the Elsas factory, on Decatur Street. There a whole section of a large building is most generously given by Mr. Elsas, the owner of the factory, who assists in many ways in advancing this work. Here are found the day nursery, free kindergarten, afternoon and night schools, also a “Boys' Brigade.” Miss Rosa Lowe, a graduate of Scarritt Bible and Training School, known to many of you, is the efficient, energetic, and successful superintendent of

this work—one who knows how to bring things to pass, and we feel sure that she will advance the work in its many departments. The mornings she spends in visiting the sick and needy; three afternoons in the week she teaches a class of girls who are too large for the kindergarten, thus bringing under her influence girls who have very little home training. In the night school she has voluntary help from two Christian young women and one gentleman from our city Churches. It rejoices our hearts to think this assistance is a free-will offering of labor in this great field, ready for the harvest. We know great good is being done for that class of boys and girls who are in the factory twelve hours a day, and we are assured our efforts in their behalf are appreciated. Friday evenings are devoted to the entertainment of these young people and their parents. We have had talks or lectures by our prominent ministers, and the physician in charge of our dispensary. For the future we have promises of musicales, readings, etc. In connection with this work, and in one of the rooms of our Settlement Home, is a free dispensary for the diseases of children. Several of Atlanta's most prominent physicians are assisting us with this work. Although only recently begun, already we see it is a grand work, besides affording us a fine opportunity to help the sick and afflicted little ones in that vicinity, remembering, too, that it is through the children the best work is done for the mothers. On Saturday evenings a Christian military friend drills our boys. This is a very popular feature. Miss May Holderby, a fine kindergartner, succeeded Mrs. Johnson, and is proving to be a fine teacher. We have an enrollment of about thirty. This Board is expending more than one hundred dollars per month for the relief and betterment of humanity, besides hundreds of dollars in provisions and clothing, of which no account is taken. No pen can tell the number helped, the weary hearts made lighter, the little souls started upward, the despairing parents with hope renewed, the starving bodies fed. The best work which is done in this world can no more be represented in figures or statistics than the sunbeams can be weighed in the scales or the sunset be measured by avoirdupois.

MRS. E. M. EVANS, CITY MISSIONARY.

Industrial school organized, 1; sessions held in four industrial schools, 105; total enrollment, 300; average attendance, 250; teachers, 36; visitors, 54; garments finished in the schools and given to the children, 390; baskets made in the schools, 4; shopping bags, belts, and purses, 10; new garments given to the poor, 132; garments, shoes, hats, etc., in good order, 1,191; amount of provisions, \$93; coal and wood, \$11.25; medicine, \$2; money, \$12.60; bars of soap, 10; paid for material for making baskets in schools, \$3.10; paid rent for poor family, \$5.75; moved two poor families, \$3.25; paid car fare for poor, \$1.60; paid sick woman's insurance, \$1; paid on Christmas trees, \$12.60; secured license for sick man to sell notions in his home and started him in business, \$10.55; bought ribbon and had bookmarks printed for invalid, \$3.50; sold fifty-four bookmarks for invalid, \$13.50; religious papers, leaflets, and magazines distributed, 2,906; pictures and scripture cards, 219; schoolbooks, 18; Bibles, 5; bouquets of flowers with scripture cards attached, 81; families furnished with garden seed, 11; visits to the sick, 125; visits to strangers, 111; religious visits, 374; visits to jail, 3; auxiliaries visited, 20; visits to kindergarten and day nursery, 10; visits to benevolent institutions, 5; prayer meetings held, 65; mothers' meetings, 14; meetings at Soldiers' Home, 5; prayed with persons who came to my home

and asked for prayer, 2; taught a class in Sunday school; children brought into the Sunday school, 10; attended meetings of City Mission Board and read my monthly report, 12; gave a talk on city mission work at the Second Baptist Church; gave a talk on city mission work at St. Paul's Church; gave a talk on city mission work at College Park Church; attended district meeting at Epworth Church and read my annual report; attended district meeting at Conyers, and gave a talk on city mission work; attended district meeting at Clarksville, and gave a talk on city mission work; attended district meeting at Dalton, and gave a talk on city mission work; attended the Annual Conference at Cartersville, and gave a talk on city mission work; helped Trinity League serve Thanksgiving dinner to 200 women and children; served on committee meetings of Coöperative Home; read a chapter in the Bible every morning to my cook; gave a lesson in sewing once a week to my cook's little afflicted girl; trimmed hats for poor children, 10; secured employment and home for poor woman; secured employment for poor boy; secured free transportation for a woman and five children and sent them to Birmingham; influenced eight women to join Home Mission Society; had a picnic for 312 children; had four Christmas trees for 373 children; took blind man to picnic and paid his car fare; furnished the names of ten poor families to parties who wanted to help them Christmas; carried two little children to Sheltering Arms; secured ten new subscribers to City Mission Board; collected dues to City Mission Board, \$64.

SETTLEMENT HOME.—MISS ROSA LOWE, MISSIONARY.

The Social Settlement work has been in progress at the Elsas Mills, Atlanta, Ga., just six weeks, but, "the field being white to the harvest," has made rapid progress.

The kindergarten was the first work begun in this community, and is in a very prosperous condition. The attendance is between twenty-five and thirty. The different Churches furnish a lunch for them on Friday, and the children are delighted with this. Miss Holderby, who has charge of this department, is a thoroughly consecrated young lady, and is instilling into them principles that will never be forgotten.

On February 2 an afternoon school was opened for children between the ages of six and twelve years. We now have an enrollment of fifty-one, though many dropped out after a few days. In the night school, which is for the benefit of the mill hands, we have an enrollment of 81, with an attendance of 61. We have promise of great good from our night school, and, with the assistance of three consecrated young people from one of the city Churches, we are doing fine work, which is shown by the deeply earnest spirit in which these students enter upon their studies. It is an interesting spectacle to see grown boys and girls grasping their last opportunity for obtaining an education and earnestly poring over their first reader.

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights are given to school, but Friday evening is reserved for entertainment, when the parents and friends of the children are invited and entertained with music or games and recitations, or instructed by lectures. These programmes are furnished by physicians, preachers, and friends of the work, both Jew and Christian.

The mill closing at twelve o'clock on Saturday gives the boys the opportunity to fall into great temptation; and in order to attract them from evil and give them employment, we have organized a

Boys' Brigade, or military company, composed of boys over twelve years of age. This meets with great favor among them, and already the effect can be seen. The captain of this host, being a consecrated young man, is trying to inspire the boys with a desire for usefulness in life, and by relating to them the deeds of great men, tries to impress upon them the difference between Christian and non-Christian character.

We have been made to realize that God is "able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think," as he has sent us the needed worker to enter each open door. Understanding how Christ reached the sick soul through the sick body, and finding so many of our people in this condition, we felt the great need of a medical dispensary; but before our need had been formulated into words our prayer was answered, and now we have a free dispensary for the diseases of children, with one of the most able physicians in the city at the head of it. Four days in the week the doctors hold their clinic in our building and the mothers come from every direction with their sick children to be treated. With this as an object lesson, we hope to impress them with the importance of taking their sick souls to the great Physician.

A great deal of nursing has been done in the community, for on account of the ignorance of the parents as to symptoms, remedies, and even the carrying out of the doctor's directions, it necessitates some one superintending the care of the sick. This state of affairs calls for a hospital in our building, the rooms for which have been promised by the owner of the mill, Mr. Elsas. He has already white-washed and painted one room for that purpose.

Since February 1 we have enlarged our day nursery department, using four rooms instead of two in the work. We have a large play room, adjoining which is a cozy little room used as a dormitory. We also have a dining room for this department, and a kitchen.

We feel that our work has only begun, and as we look back over the past few weeks and see what wonderful things God has done, we take it as an "earnest" of what he will do for us, and are encouraged to "expect great things from God" and "attempt great things for God."

#### DALLAS.—MISS ESTELLE HASKIN, MISSIONARY.

The statistical report of the mission work in Dallas, Tex., from October, 1902, to March, 1903, is about as follows: Calls, 400; garments given away, 100; Bibles given away, 3; Sunday school scholars secured, 25; Sunday school scholars taught, 75; teachers' meetings led, 7; Bible readings and prayers in homes, 20; money expended for rent and food for the needy, \$30; auxiliaries visited, 15; meetings led and talks made, 20; articles written in interest of the work, 6.

We feel that to undertake any statement in cold facts and figures concerning the beginning of a pioneer work is almost, if not quite, an impossibility.

We began about the first of October, and did six or eight weeks of hard work in gaining a general knowledge of the entire field, and planning for some organized work, as well as actual mission work in house-to-house visitation; but, alas! all actual record of this work went up in the flames with all the other earthly possessions of the missionary, and any report of that time is entirely dependent upon memory. Since then the only headquarters we have had has been at the Mission Home; and, although the contact with the workers there has been a source of inspiration, and any help that could be given to the girls a privilege, yet the actual work of city missions has been done under great difficulty, because of long distances and

the extremely rainy season. However, we did what we could during December and January in the matter of personal work in the homes and in trying to secure a house for settlement work; but because of a combination of circumstances, work was suspended for February, so that for this month we can only report that it has been a time of training in the matter of learning to wait. But despite all of our almost insurmountable difficulties, we rejoice greatly to be able to report the dawn of a better day. At last we have succeeded in renting a cottage in one of the most needy districts of the city, and in a short time we shall take possession and begin work on the Settlement plan, with as many of its features as our room and working force will permit. The growth of interest among our people has been so marked that we feel the waiting time has not been in vain, and although we are making a humble beginning, we have already on hand a small fund to apply on the purchase of a new building, and we hope to be able to establish a work in our small quarters that will be worthy of a larger and better building.

#### HOUSTON, TEX.—MRS. J. L. DUPREE, CITY MISSIONARY.

From January 1 to November 30, 1902: Visits made, 1,077; visits received, 107; visits to hospital, jails, etc., 38; opportunities for prayer and Bible readings, 140; meetings conducted and addressed, 58; persons aided, 36; garments given, 112; groceries given, \$50.05; hours spent in Industrial School, 66; hours spent in nursing sick, 52; number of sick, 23; hours spent in special service, mothers' meetings, one hour each week, cottage prayer meetings, one hour per week; time spent in study, one hour per week; children placed in homes or institutions, 11; papers and tracts distributed, 1,257; Bibles given, 16; Bible sold, 1; books loaned, 7; pastors and Churches served, 5; girls placed in Rescue Home, 9.

#### KANSAS CITY.—MISS MAY LOCKARD, MISSIONARY.

We feel much encouraged in regard to the day nursery. A comparison of past reports shows a steady increase both in number of children cared for and in finances.

The people in the mission district have greater confidence in the management of the nursery as time goes on, and are willing to leave their little ones to its care while they are at work. It is a rule of ours to give each child that comes under our roof the best care possible. The mothers understand and appreciate this fact.

Last September we moved into a large, commodious building, and as a result have better facilities for running the nursery than ever before.

Last year 4,846 children were cared for, with an average daily attendance of 16; 213 visits were made; 495 garments and 55 pairs of shoes were distributed among the needy. We have a fine sewing school and kindergarten on Saturday afternoons, and a boys' brigade which meets on Tuesday evenings, from which we hope great things, as the boys love to drill, are fond of their captain, and attend regularly. Our large playground will be just the place for their drills when the weather gets warm.

We hope to do much better work on the field next year, as the Board has kindly furnished an assistant for the nursery, thereby enabling the missionary to leave the house and attend to outside work.

We ask your prayers and the prayers of the whole Society, that God may direct us in this new undertaking and will bless our efforts.

KNOXVILLE, TENN.—MRS. DELIA L. CAWOOD, PRESIDENT.

Our work is just in its beginning, but already the Lord has stretched forth his hand and blessed it. Mrs. Pickle, our missionary, has been actively engaged since January 1 in house-to-house visitation in the vicinity of the East Knoxville Mission and the Brookside Cotton Mills. The attendance upon church, Sunday school, League, and home mission meetings has been greatly increased thereby. She has organized in East Knoxville a Mothers' Club, through which we expect to do much good.

It is our purpose to extend the work as rapidly as we can. We hope soon to have a free kindergarten, day nursery, and night schools.

MRS. HATTIE PICKLE, MISSIONARY.

Value of supplies and money received for distribution, \$13; number of visits made, 183; opportunities for prayer and Bible-reading, 20; meetings conducted or addressed, 9; number of persons aided, 17; garments given, 16; groceries, \$20; amount of money, \$4.80; hours spent in nursing sick, 17; number of sick, 25; hours spent in special service, 65; mothers' meetings, 8; hours spent in study, 95; papers and tracts distributed, 105; books loaned, 3; pastors and Churches served, 2.

This reports two months' service, as we have been at work only for this time.

MACON, GA.—MRS. M. C. KNOWLES, MISSIONARY.

During the year from March, 1902, to 1903, there have been twenty-five girls and five babies in the Macon Door of Hope. Three of these girls were persuaded into disreputable houses, not knowing where they were going. When they realized they had been thus duped they pleaded with the madam to help them get away, and she kindly sent them to our home. We were glad to care for them until they could get back home. One of our girls was married, and is living in Macon, where we all visit and encourage her. Two girls in the home now have babies, but we will soon send them to a Crittenton Home, as we are not prepared to keep mothers and their babies. This is a trying work, and we are not prepared to carry it on as it should be, as we had to first pay for our home and then improve it. I am so glad that when the trials come we know where to go, and when we need wisdom God has told us to ask of him and he will freely give. We are simply trusting God, and while it may not seem to prosper to some, we are doing the work with God and leaving the results with him. I am so glad God gave me this very work in his vineyard (although I had to shed many tears), and pray it may not be long before we can give our girls training which will enable them to become self-supporting when they go out from our roof into the world.

Money expended in current expenses during fiscal year, \$730.35; money collected for payment on house, \$530.67.

NASHVILLE, TENN.—SETTLEMENT HOME, MISS MINERVA A. CLYCE, MISSIONARY.

#### STATISTICS.

Value of supplies received for distribution, \$142.08; number of visits made, 1,132; visits received, 867; visits to institutions, 33; prayer and Bible-readings in home, 285; meetings conducted, 53;

hours spent in kindergarten, 78; number of persons aided, 246; garments given and sold, 1,348; groceries given, 65 baskets; meals given, 44; money for medicine, \$3.75; hours spent in industrial school, 105; hours spent in nursing sick, 133; number of sick, 30; hours spent in special service, 214; boys' club, 386; mothers' meetings, 20; hours spent in study, 1½ daily; children's service, 44; children placed in homes or institutions, 6; given a free outing, 133; papers distributed, 2,818; cards, 617; tracts, 56; Bibles given, 8; bouquets given, 21; shoes given and sold, 63 pairs; books loaned, 284; books received for the library, 179; employment secured for 5; bed linen loaned to 25 patients; sewing school enrollment, 157; money spent for materials, \$50.83; garments made, 140.

In the above I have given as fully as possible the usual statistics of the year's work, but in such a report very little is revealed of the institutional features which mean so much in the progress of socialistic improvement. I wish there were some method of bringing before the Board the spirit of the work without resorting to numbers and magnifying the machinery. When the Master dealt with the masses he relieved physical necessities, but when life touched life, in a magnetic personal contact, sin was condemned, hope was enkindled, faith was imparted, and the soul was reborn in the likeness of God.

The phenomenal growth of our Settlement has been due largely to three prime factors—a ripe field, a working Church, a mighty God; and wherever these are brought into juxtaposition success is inevitable. A ripe field! Yes; God knows that it is not only ripe, but that sheaves have been wasting for years. In this ward there are 2,600 white people who have inherited poverty, disease, immorality, illiteracy, and intemperance. There are fourteen comfortable saloons, and only three small mission churches. There is an insufficient water supply to insure a good sanitary condition, and the poorest sort of tenement system. There is no park or any kind of legitimate public amusement; no public school, except in an adjacent ward, and only 315 out of 819 children of public school age in school. There is no separation, so far as living is concerned, between the white and the colored people. They live in houses and rooms joining each other, and either, as the case might be, has to tolerate all that is objectionable in the other. There are no factories nor institutions of industry for the employment of idle hands; consequently indolence among the married women and the young men is an ever-existing menace to the morals of the community. Surely this is a people that hath been snared and robbed and spoiled and left desolate!

But yet we have hope when we have *a working Church*. The members of the adult auxiliaries have done much work during the year. They made 134 visits, held 31 prayer services, distributed 227 papers and 111 cards, supplied groceries and garments for distribution, and in other ways by their kindly contact and ready sympathy endeared themselves to the poor. On several occasions, when the fever prevailed, a nice conveyance carried the convalescing sick out for fresh air. One dear woman supplied all the ice needed for the fever patients, and another sent us weekly from her country home fresh butter and a basket of bright flowers. Such ministrations must be mentioned, but space forbids the enumeration of others. But God remembers them. The members of the young ladies' auxiliaries have done some extraordinary things. One society raised money enough to beautifully furnish one room of the Annex as a club room; one sent a valuable Christmas box of clothing and groceries; another gave an ice cream supper to the young men of the Reading

Room Association; others furnished at different times interesting free concerts of music and readings for the young people of the district. I cannot forbear mentioning here the thoughtfulness of some girls in sending laces, ribbons, stocks, ties, and handkerchiefs to their less fortunate friends. The Epworth Leagues of the city are working together in paying for a new \$200 piano, which they have donated to the Settlement, and which is a great help in the work and a greater joy to our neighbor friends. Vanderbilt furnishes a teacher for a girls' study class in literature, one for the boys' tennis club, and several for Sunday school classes. Ten students from the Peabody Normal volunteered to teach in the night school on alternate nights, making two teachers each night. Mr. David Lambuth meets the Young Men's Club three nights of the week; Dr. Ira Landrith conducts a weekly Bible class for mature men; Mrs. Ray, a domestic science graduate, instructs two classes in the science and art of cooking, teaching both the chemical analysis and food value of articles of diet; Misses Hill, Ragland, and Pearson give their services in the kindergarten for the instruction they receive in kindergarten methods; Miss Blanton teaches a music class for girls, and a number of young women give their Saturdays to the industrial school work. Our sewing department grew to such proportions that we were obliged to divide the work into morning and afternoon classes. The older girls have advanced from plain sewing to hemstitching and machine work. I have bought \$50.83 worth of materials—the money coming from the sales of the second-hand clothing sent in by the Churches. There are four things gained by this method of distribution—namely, the beggar element is kept at bay, the worthy poor are helped without the loss of self-respect, money is secured for purchasing new materials, and the children enjoy a variety of work and the reward of a new garment for the making.

Thus, by operating our institutional features on a practical, common sense basis, organizing workers, outlining difficult plans, forces are conserved and results obtained without great expenditure of means or energy. Because ours is a mighty God who can use "weak things of the world to confound things which are mighty," and agencies which are despised "hath God chosen to bring to naught things that are." Yea, a mighty God is this who, through this great awakening for the social betterment of downtrodden humanity, is turning the hearts of the children of men to himself by turning their eyes to their helpless neighbors. A mighty God, an everlasting Father, a Prince of Peace, a Saviour of the poor!

#### REPORT OF MRS. W. J. VAUGHN, TREASURER OF CITY MISSIONS.

*Receipts.*—In treasury March, 1902, \$187.88; Churches, \$1,189.04; General Treasurer, \$83.91; donations, \$71.52; extension of work, \$55.61. Total receipts, \$1,587.96.

*Disbursements.*—Coal, \$38.50; rent, \$249.75; salaries, \$525; house expenses, \$306.80; telephone, \$24; gas, \$36.95; kindergarten materials, \$21.86; sundries, \$68.58. Total expenses, \$1,271.44. Balance in treasury, \$316.52.

For building, \$346.47. Last year the receipts amounted to \$850.13.

#### THE SETTLEMENT HOME FREE KINDERGARTEN.—MISS MARTHA FROST, KINDERGARTNER.

The kindergarten reopened September 15, 1902, and one hundred and thirteen children have been enrolled during six months' teaching. There is not only an improvement in attendance and punctuality, but one of the encouraging signs is the sympathy which exists between



the kindergarten and the home. There is much that the mother can reveal to the teacher, and the teacher can aid the mother if the opportunity is offered for coöperation, and thus work together for one common purpose—the harmonious development of the child.

Rather than urge the kindergarten as a specific for all defects in child-training we should seek to enable parents to understand what the Froebellian system is founded upon and what it seeks to accomplish. It would enlist parents as active factors in child culture. If the mother learns how to apply the principles and some of the devices of the kindergarten in the home, she can wisely direct the restless activity of her children outside of kindergarten hours, on stormy days, in vacation, or during convalescence.

Two requirements for mother and kindergartner alike are sympathy and patience. By sympathy we mean the ability to live with the children; to enter into their lives; to see things, as far as possible, from their point of view. By patience we mean willingness to wait for results, to be contented with sowing the good seed in prepared soil.

In our mothers' meetings we desire to come into closer relationship with them and learn their cares, needs, their aspirations, and their disappointments; and, as far as possible, bring something of new hope and comfort into their hard and cheerless lives.

We are beginning to see results more fully this year, and children who are accustomed to the liberty of the streets, to the manners of the lowest quarters, to rough movements and imperious wills, are now kind and gentle and considerate of others through the kindergarten's influence.

One boy who had a stormy temper and did not know what kindness meant, who gave blows and took blows to settle a difficulty, has become quite subdued, with an eagerness to learn and to please, and, instead of becoming angry and kicking the chairs when corrected, he hides his head in his hands and is very much abashed.

A kindergarten temperance talk made an impression upon a little boy who refused to take toddy when the physician prescribed it, and one little girl repeated the talk to her father, who is a drunkard.

One little girl of a stubborn disposition, who did not wish to engage in the games, has become so interested that she wishes to play them at recess.

There is a general improvement in manners, dress, and condition of body, and their little minds are gradually unfolding to something higher.

A training class for kindergartners has been organized, and two young ladies have entered the class and assist in the kindergarten and visit the parents and children in their homes.

The infant class at Fillmore Mission Sabbath School is composed of children who attend the kindergarten, with a few exceptions, and the kindergartner has charge of it.

Number of visitors, 161; number of visits, 334, from September 15 to March 2, 1903.

#### NEW ORLEANS.—MRS. L. MEEKIN, CITY MISSIONARY.

Value of supplies and money received for distribution, \$78.67; number of visits made, 685; visits received, 183; number of visits to institutions, hospitals, jails, etc., 27; opportunities for prayer and Bible-reading, 222; meetings conducted or addressed, 13; number of persons aided, 252; garments given, 1,146; blankets, 3; groceries, 30 times; amount of money given, \$47; money spent for needs of poor, \$51.10; hours spent in nursing sick, 45; number of sick, 38; hours

spent in special service, 227; hours spent in study, 48; children placed in homes or institutions, 1; papers and tracts distributed, 903; "temperance" tracts, 40; Bibles given, 15; Testaments, 33; hymn books, 3; books loaned, 9; pastors and Churches served, 2; employment obtained for 8 persons; coal secured or bought for 6 families; King's Daughters' ice books given to 16 families; King's Daughters' grocery tickets given to 9 families; prescriptions filled, 21.

NORFOLK, VA.—MISS MARY M. OGILVIE, MISSIONARY.

The Virginia Street Mission Settlement continued through August of last summer, doing the same work that was begun in October the year before.

Two sewing school classes for the girls and two basket classes for the boys were held every week.

A prayer meeting for the women and children was conducted Thursday evenings. The basket classes continued to meet until the close of the public schools, when the boys' parents put them to work for the summer.

In June the little girls laid aside their sewing school work and entered into a new study as instructive as it was restful—that of picture-cutting and -mounting. At the end of the month those who had been most faithful were allowed to keep some of their best work as prizes. When even this work had become tiresome, the missionary and her sister instituted the "play school." Innocent games and pretty songs and marches were taught, and sometimes a helpful story was read. Some of the children lent much interest to the programme by giving quaint little recitations or singing some old songs. Not the least interesting feature of the entertainment was the time devoted to refreshments, which usually consisted of cake and lemonade. The older girls took their turn in being instructed how to wait on the table.

Twice during the summer funds were given us with which to provide outings for the children. More than fifty children, with mothers and grown sisters, accompanied us on each of these pleasant occasions.

On Sunday afternoons children from homes representing many creeds and nationalities gathered into our mission Sunday school. The Superintendent did not think it wise to try to teach the International lessons, but instead gave in as simple and attractive a manner as she could the plain gospel story. Most of the children in the Sunday school can tell in our weekly review the principal events of the first thirty years of Jesus's life. They can also draw the map of Palestine and point out the most important places of interest.

In the warm summer evenings, as we sat resting in our home near the mission house, there would come to our ears snatches of gospel songs from the little groups of women and children seated at their front doors. These choruses seemed to us as sweet as angel songs, for they were learned "up to the mission." This was a pleasing contrast to the loud and profane words that we used to hear so frequently in the days when we were just starting our work in the Settlement.

When the work reopened in October, after a rest of one month, it became necessary for us to move the mission rooms to a brighter and more commodious house farther down the street. The work, under many difficulties, grew and prospered until now, when all our people attend, even our new rooms—almost twice as large as the old ones—are too small to seat the audience comfortably.

Our record shows: Value of supplies and money received for dis-

tribution, \$75; number of visits made, 1,529; visits received, 250; number of visits to institutions, hospitals, jails, etc., 25; opportunities for prayer and Bible-reading, 50; meetings conducted or addressed, 39; number of persons aided, 95; garments given, 385; amount of money for groceries, \$20; hours spent in industrial schools, 150; hours spent in nursing sick, 500; number of sick, 15; hours spent in special service, 50; hours spent in study, 130; children placed in homes or institutions, 1; papers and tracts distributed, pages of literature, 75,000; Bibles given, 32; pastors and Churches served, 3; number converted, 12; number enrolled in Settlement Sunday school during the year, 80; number attending weekly prayer service at mission rooms, 50; average attendance at Sunday school, 25; average attendance at prayer meeting, 18.

PORTSMOUTH, VA.—MISS HELEN BAKER, MISSIONARY.

Following is the report of city mission work in Portsmouth from March 1, 1902, to March 1, 1903. As the work was suspended during the summer, this is a report for nine months only.

We felt very much gratified that sufficient interest was manifested in the work, when it was resumed the first of October, to enable us to secure a large room in a good location. This room we use for headquarters. Here we conduct a night school twice a week for the benefit of girls and boys who work in the mills and have had but little school advantages. The attendance is from twenty to thirty, and the weather never seems too inclement to keep them away. We teach them arithmetic, spelling, and reading. Our intention is to teach stenography as soon as they are sufficiently advanced.

Our industrial school was reopened in October with good attendance, and four teachers were secured. During the holidays the ladies of the Monumental Home Mission Society gave the children a treat. Games and recitations and repeating verses of Scripture made a delightful time for all.

A Bible class, meeting at a private house once a week, and consisting of children, young people, middle-aged, and old, is another feature of our work. Some of the members can read; some cannot. We have almost completed the study of the book of Matthew. We have also a class of young ladies in Sunday school at Monumental Church.

There is but one Chinese woman in Portsmouth, and it is our privilege to spend two hours each week in teaching her. She is very apt and can repeat, with some help, the Lord's Prayer and can answer some simple catechism questions.

We reorganized the Junior Epworth League at Park View, and the attendance has been fair during the winter. The girls have just completed a quilt, which they propose sending to the orphanage at Richmond.

The jail and almshouse work in this place is in the hands of efficient committees; hence it has not been necessary for us to visit these regularly.

House-to-house visits made, 1,345; business calls, 273; pages of literature distributed, 15,325; leaflets, 97; text cards, 6; tracts, 41; Testaments given, 2; books loaned, 6; opportunities for Bible-reading or prayer, 309; visits to jail, 2; visit to almshouse, 1; held 5 cottage prayer meetings, also 2 religious meetings at the mission rooms, and have conducted or addressed 19 meetings and attended 79; garments distributed, 186; hours spent nursing the sick, 12; invitations given to attend religious services, 198; hours spent

in the industrial school, 54; value of donations received, \$41; secured admission of one patient to the King's Daughters' Hospital.

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

On the first Wednesday in November the Board of Visitors for the Methodist Institute was formed into a Board of Home Missions by Mrs. Michaels, District Secretary for West Richmond District. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. R. E. Michaels; First Vice President, Mrs. Maybee; Second Vice President, Miss Jennie Jones; Secretary, Miss M. E. Curley; Treasurer, Mrs. Ella Creel. During the winter months much work has been done by the faithful workers, and we are beginning to see the result. The slum district of the city was divided into sections and visiting committees were formed; 195 visits have been paid to the sick, destitute, and fallen; \$20 has been given to relieve their wants, and 62 garments distributed. At Christmas a dinner was given to the poor; about 400 were fed, and 100 baskets sent to the sick and helpless. About \$150 worth of food was contributed for this dinner.

A Housekeepers' Club has been formed, with a consecrated Christian woman at the head. It has twenty-five members, women who work all day in the factories. They meet twice a month, and the time is spent in teaching cooking and nursing, and some little entertainment is provided. In order to reach the factory girls, a "Sunshine Club" has been formed, and between thirty and forty girls attend. A large, bright room in the institute has been comfortably furnished with cozy corners, couches, sewing machine, and library. Here every Tuesday night a committee of ladies meet with the girls, and they are being taught basket-making, chair-caning, and sewing. Very pleasant evenings are spent here, and these faithful women believe they shall "reap in due time if they faint not." The sewing school, under the management of Mrs. Creer, has thirty-five members on roll. Every Saturday afternoon the children meet here, and for an hour and a half are taught by devoted Christian girls to mend and make their own clothing. About a half hour of the time is given to singing, a Scripture lesson, and the Lord's Prayer. A number of Catholic children attend. Here is where we feel the most good can be accomplished, as it is through the children we hope to reach the parents, for "a little child shall lead them."

Just now the ladies are actively engaged in raising funds to put baths into the institute. The contract has been given, and work will be begun at once. When completed, they will cost about \$300. Of this amount, more than half has been collected and the remainder pledged. We hope and pray that the coming year may be crowned with richest blessings for all engaged in this noble work.

ST. LOUIS, MO.—SLOAN MISSION, MRS. GEORGE T. SPRAKE, PRESIDENT.

The first eight months' work of the St. Louis Woman's Board of City Missions of the M. E. Church, South, shows much intense interest on the part of the Churches throughout the city and suburbs. Loyalty to the cause by the women of the Church has resulted in the building up of Sloan Mission, located in a densely populated downtown district at Seventh and Hickory Streets. With a mission Sunday school as a nucleus we now have a regular organized Church. Rev. Z. T. McCann, the pastor in charge, is doing some effective work, and souls are being saved every week. The Sunday school has an average attendance of 200. The superintendent, Mr. W. M. Sloan, is always on hand, and under his wise guidance the school is sure to grow in numbers.

Our kindergarten is in a flourishing condition. Some thirty or forty children receive instruction in this department. The industrial school for girls is conducted every Saturday morning, with six to eight teachers of the various Churches. This we regard as one of our most important branches.

The day nursery is cared for by a consecrated young woman who tenderly cares for children of mothers who have to battle for bread in the factories near by. We feel that we have been quite fortunate in securing the services of Miss Mattie Wright, who will receive deaconess orders at the annual meeting of the Board at Atlanta. She will occupy comfortable quarters at the mission, and thus will be in touch with the people we are striving to reach. The society is in a healthy condition financially, as the treasurer's statement will show.

FINANCIAL REPORT FROM MISS NETTIE MILLER, TREASURER.

*Receipts.*—From all sources, \$787.46.

*Disbursements.*—For various purposes, 551.77. Balance on hand, \$235.69.

MRS. F. E. NORWOOD, MISSIONARY.

Value of supplies and money received for distribution, \$86.05; number of visits made, 1,605; visits received, 156; number of visits to institutions, hospitals, 45; opportunities for prayer and Bible-reading, 228; meetings conducted or addressed, 43; hours spent in kindergarten, 259; number of persons aided, 317; garments given, 663; groceries, \$67.75; amount of money, \$18.30; hours spent in industrial school, 46; hours spent in nursing sick, 43; number of sick, 72; hours spent in special service, 122; hours spent in study, 148; children placed in homes or institutions, 11; papers and tracts distributed, 1,345; Bibles given, 3; books loaned, 29; sick placed in hospitals, 7.

The city mission work in St. Louis began in the Home Mission Society of St. John's M. E. Church, South, at Sloan Mission, November, 1901. Through the faithful efforts of these women the work continued, and seed was sown until other Churches were inspired to help carry on the grand, good work.

In June, 1902, a City Mission Board was organized and the borders enlarged. Plans for Settlement work were in progress. So rapid has been the development along many lines that when we consider the great good accomplished in these homes from the kindergarten, day nursery, industrial school, Sunday school, preaching service, mothers' meetings, house-to-house visiting, together with the heart-to-heart talks had with these mothers, we rejoice that "God hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." I cannot estimate the profit and compensation these months of labor have been to me spiritually when greeted by a smile from so many children, and on the face of the mother the tear falls as she acknowledges her faith in her Saviour and gratitude to one to whom she can always come as a friend. These are bright spots in our life as your missionary, so may I continue to be instrumental in bringing many souls to Christ!

## HONORED LIST.

## Honorary Life Members.

Mrs. S. A. Dryden,	Mrs. John A. Carter,	Miss Belle H. Bennett,
Bishop W. W. Duncan,	Mrs. M. E. W. Aycock.	Miss Emily Allen,
Mrs. Amelia Downing Kendrick,	Miss Lucinda B. Helm,	Mrs. T. R. Kendall,
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1895-96.

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

1896-97.

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

1897-98.

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

1898-99.

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

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

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

1899-1900.

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

*East Texas Conference.*—Mrs. M. Haggard.

*Florida Conference.*—Mrs. D. A. Cook.

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

*Indian Mission Conference.*—Lucile Coppedge (Juvenile).

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

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

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

*Mississippi Conference.*—Mrs. Rebecca Parker Gay.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1900-01.

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

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

*Holston Conference.*—Mrs. Mattie White Hardaway.

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

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

*Little Rock Conference.*—Mrs. Dan Gilman.

*Louisville Conference.*—Mrs. Virgil Elgin.

*Memphis Conference.*—Mrs. Sue F. Mooney.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*St. Louis Conference.*—Mrs. Elizabeth Avis, Mrs. J. O. Chenoweth, Mrs. Florence O. Baulch, Mrs. J. W. Wagoner, Mrs. E. G. Boyle.

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

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

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

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

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

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

1901-02.

- Alabama Conference.*—Walter Berry (Juvenile).  
*Baltimore Conference.*—Ruby Myers (Juvenile).  
*Florida Conference.*—Mrs. W. A. Simmons.  
*Little Rock Conference.*—Mrs. M. A. Jones, Mrs. Julien C. Brown, Mrs. E. M. Pipkin.  
*Los Angeles Conference.*—Mrs. J. R. Toberman.  
*Louisiana Conference.*—David Morey Carré (Juvenile), Isabel Carré (Juvenile).  
*Memphis Conference.*—Mrs. W. W. Hall.  
*Mississippi Conference.*—Mrs. L. S. Jones.  
*Missouri Conference.*—Mrs. Hiram Groves.  
*New Mexico Conference.*—Mrs. C. B. Patterson.  
*North Carolina Conference.*—Mrs. H. C. Spiers, Mrs. L. H. Cutter.  
*North Georgia Conference.*—Rev. J. W. Snow, Emily Allen (Juvenile), Marion Andrews (Juvenile), Mrs. Frances P. Clark, Mrs. R. P. Milam, Mrs. R. L. Dorsey, Mrs. John Miller, Mrs. Sarah C. Parker, Mrs. J. M. Austin, Miss Lillian Borfeuille, Mrs. Simon Peter Richardson, Mrs. Walter O. Foot, Mrs. Thomas M. Swift, Mrs. W. B. Henry.  
*North Texas Conference.*—Mrs. O. E. Thomas, Mrs. J. F. Pearce, Mrs. L. H. Potts.  
*Northwest Texas Conference.*—Miss Martha Sullenberger, Mrs. John R. Nelson.  
*South Georgia Conference.*—Mrs. M. V. Chance, Mrs. A. L. Lawson, Mrs. James F. Evans, Miss Annie Heath.  
*Southwest Missouri Conference.*—Miss Louise Whitman.  
*St. Louis Conference.*—Dr. Cunningham, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Joseph G. Miller, Mrs. J. W. Lee, Mrs. J. A. Young, Rev. W. P. Shoemaker.  
*Tennessee Conference.*—McTyeire Tigert (Juvenile), Mrs. W. M. Leftwich, Mrs. Thomas Parks, Mrs. W. H. Bumpas.  
*Virginia Conference.*—Mrs. H. E. Wall.  
*White River Conference.*—Mrs. A. G. Dickson, Rev. J. W. Smith, Mrs. R. N. Holloway, Mrs. Richard Jackson.
- Total numbers of life members this year, 54; total number of life members on the roll 221.

1902-03.

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



*Virginia Conference.*—Mrs. J. P. Williamson, Mrs. J. B. Winfree, Mrs. J. T. Mastin.  
*Western North Carolina Conference.*—Mrs. S. E. Bass, Mrs. M. J. Branner.  
*White River Conference.*—Mrs. S. H. Babcock.  
 Total number of life members, 270.

**Baby Roll Membership.**

CONFERENCE.	1901-02.	1902-03.	Increase.	CONFERENCE.	1901-02.	1902 03.	Increase.
Alabama.....	55	65	10	North Georgia.....	467	540	73
Arkansas.....	.....	13	13	North Mississippi...	283	291	8
Baltimore.....	400	407	7	North Texas.....	203	239	36
Denver.....	49	53	4	Northwest Texas.....	294	411	117
East Texas.....	131	207	76	Pacific.....	.....	4	4
Florida.....	79	83	4	South Carolina.....	25	36	11
Holston.....	914	992	78	South Georgia.....	222	267	45
Indian Mission.....	99	106	7	Southwest Missouri.	202	229	27
Kentucky.....	173	224	51	St. Louis.....	313	354	41
Little Rock.....	223	377	154	Tennessee.....	525	755	230
Los Angeles.....	95	104	9	Texas.....	99	174	75
Louisiana.....	155	244	89	Virginia.....	159	192	33
Louisville.....	311	391	80	West Texas.....	42	62	20
Memphis.....	194	234	40	Western N. Carolina.	18	57	39
Mississippi.....	213	231	18	Western Virginia.....	53	4	57
Missouri.....	141	189	48	White River.....	51	94	43
New Mexico.....	125	228	103				
North Alabama.....	70	84	14	Total.....	6,450	8,074	1,730
North Carolina.....	67	133	66				

**Names Enrolled on Memorial Loan Fund.**

*Alabama Conference.*—Dr. Henry D. Moore, Annie Green (child), Elizabeth Howard (child).  
*Baltimore Conference.*—Margaret Lee Ball.  
*Florida Conference.*—Maud Phifer.  
*Little Rock Conference.*—Virginia Culpepper (child), Mary Orlea Vaughn (child), Mrs. M. E. Birch.  
*Louisiana Conference.*—Newton Guy Randle.  
*Louisville Conference.*—Mrs. Fannie Carneal Morgan, Mrs. C. L. Beard.  
*Missouri Conference.*—Mrs. Louisa T. Hull.  
*North Carolina Conference.*—Freddie Louis Martin (child).  
*North Georgia Conference.*—Mrs. W. S. Trimble, Mrs. W. A. Pye, Sydney Alfred Sturgis (child), Mrs. George Goodrich, Mrs. Clara E. Moore, Mrs. J. J. West, Wilbur Glenn Murshman, Pearl Clapp (child), Lucile Clapp (child).  
*North Texas Conference.*—Rev. Mr. Black.  
*Tennessee Conference.*—DeWitt Clinton Huff.  
*Virginia Conference.*—Mrs. T. J. Minton.  
*Western North Carolina Conference.*—May Bagby Sherrill (child), Dewey Lee Core (child).

**Names Enrolled on Educational Endowment Fund.**

*Alabama Conference.*—Alice Dannelly.  
*Baltimore Conference.*—Rev. J. B. Perrie, Rev. W. N. Wagner.  
*East Texas Conference.*—Rev. Harry G. Hayes, Rev. A. J. Weeks, Rev. B. H. Greathouse, Rev. Leon Henderson, Rev. W. A. Sampey, Rev. R. W. Thompson, Rev. Jesse Willis, Mrs. Jesse Willis, Rev. C. H. Smith, Rev. T. J. Milam, Rev. J. N. Allen, Rev. W. F. Davis, Rev. I. F. Rice, Rev. J. Walter Mills, Rev. John Adams, Rev. J. T. Smith.  
*Florida Conference.*—Rev. B. K. Thrower.  
*Kentucky Conference.*—Rev. M. T. Chandler.  
*Louisiana Conference.*—Rev. A. C. Smith.  
*Louisville Conference.*—Rev. E. L. Southgate.  
*Memphis Conference.*—Rev. H. C. Johnson

*North Georgia Conference.*—Mrs. J. S. Jenkins, Mrs. Harry Pleiss, Col. W. S. Thomson, Rev. J. R. King, Mrs. D. B. Freeman, Mrs. R. F. Wahson, Rev. B. F. Mobley, Rev. H. C. Christian, Mrs. C. W. Smith, Rev. A. D. Echols, Mrs. J. W. Quillian, Rev. S. B. England, Mrs. W. B. Dillard, Dr. W. F. Quillian, Rev. J. A. Rosser, Dr. H. S. Bradley, Rev. M. J. Coffee, Mrs. S. H. Bradley, Dr. C. W. Byrd, Mrs. C. W. Byrd, W. T. Irvine, Rev. J. S. Jenkins.

*North Texas Conference.*—Rev. J. M. Peterson, Rev. C. B. Fladger, Miss Elliott, Mr. J. Edgar Wall, Mrs. Mattie Clarke.

*North Mississippi Conference.*—Rev. J. C. Park, Rev. J. B. Stone.

*Northwest Texas Conference.*—Rev. C. E. Brown, Rev. J. G. Miller, Rev. Jerome Duncan, Mrs. S. H. Lumpkin, Rev. J. R. Nelson.

*St. Louis Conference.*—Mrs. Sydney Couchman.

*Tennessee Conference.*—Judge E. H. East.

*Virginia Conference.*—Rev. W. W. Leer.

### Preachers' Wives' Loan Fund.

*Baltimore Conference.*—Mrs. J. W. Beall.

*East Texas Conference.*—Mrs. V. A. Godbey.

*Florida Conference.*—Mrs. B. K. Thrower.

*Indian Mission Conference.*—Mrs. John L. Sullivan.

*Kentucky Conference.*—Mrs. J. W. Mitchell.

*Little Rock Conference.*—Mrs. W. P. Whaley, Mrs. H. R. Harrison.

*Louisville Conference.*—Mrs. Eugene Harralson.

*Mississippi Conference.*—Mrs. I. L. Peebles.

*North Georgia Conference.*—Mrs. G. W. Yarbrough, Mrs. W. F. Quillian, Mrs. S. E. Humphries, Mrs. W. E. Gilhurst, Mrs. F. L. Hutchinson, Mrs. Len Baldwin, Mrs. W. R. Lyon, Mrs. J. E. Rosser, Mrs. Elizabeth Paden, Mrs. S. R. England, Mrs. Wallace Rogers.

*North Mississippi Conference.*—Mrs. J. B. Stone.

*North Texas Conference.*—Mrs. T. R. Pierce, Mrs. S. A. Ashburn, Mrs. J. R. Wages, Mrs. C. A. Spaggins, Mrs. P. C. Archer.

*Northwest Texas Conference.*—Mrs. C. E. Lindsey, Mrs. Jerome Duncan, Mrs. J. G. Miller.

*South Carolina Conference.*—Mrs. L. A. Mood.

*South Georgia Conference.*—Mrs. F. W. Darby, Mrs. Scruggs.

*Southwest Missouri Conference.*—Mrs. William C. Hue, Mrs. Stonewall Jackson Brown.

*St. Louis Conference.*—Mrs. F. B. Winenow.

*Tennessee Conference.*—Mrs. T. A. Kerley.

*Virginia Conference.*—Mrs. J. T. Mastin, Mrs. J. T. Boseman.

# GENERAL TREASURER'S REPORT.

FOR 1902-03.

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

## DISBURSEMENTS.

1. Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, supply department.....	\$ 50 00
2. Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, salary.....	50 00
3. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, salary.....	66 66
4. First National Bank, Conference half of dues.....	1,800 00
5. Rev. J. A. Baldwin, expenses to Board meeting.....	15 00
6. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, for Graham Taylor's expenses.....	85 00
7. Mrs. J. D. Hammond, expenses to Board meeting.....	40 15
8. Miss Bennett, office expenses for 1901-02.....	160 00
9. Mrs. F. B. Carroll, expenses to Board meeting.....	82 25
10. Miss Emily Allen, expenses to Board meeting.....	36 05
11. J. C. Lewis, Sue Bennett School.....	229 11
12. Mrs. J. C. Lewis, Sue Bennett School.....	25 00
13. W. J. Kent, Sue Bennett School.....	50 00
14. Nathaniel Sewell, Sue Bennett School.....	45 00
15. Miss Florence Campbell, Sue Bennett School.....	50 00
16. Miss Mary McIntyre, Sue Bennett School.....	40 00
17. Miss Frances McIntyre, Sue Bennett School.....	40 00
18. Miss Emelyn Johnson, Sue Bennett School.....	22 40
19. Miss Lilly Letton, Sue Bennett School.....	40 00
20. Miss Jessie Parker, Sue Bennett School.....	35 40
21. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, expenses to Board and office.....	144 90
22. Mrs. Elizabeth Redford, expenses to Pensacola and services.....	38 45
23. Mrs. Ivy D. Ostrom, Pacific work.....	70 00
24. Mrs. A. S. Wolfskill, Pacific work.....	30 00
25. Miss Louise Whitman.....	41 66
26. Miss Danna K. Rogers.....	40 00
27. Miss Mary Moore, Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School.....	225 00
28. Miss Louise Matthews, Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School.....	25 00
29. Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School.....	25 00
30. Mrs. M. C. Flowerree, Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School.....	25 00
31. Miss Elizabeth Todd, Wolff Mission School.....	40 00
32. Miss Emelina Valdes and aunt, West Tampa.....	60 00
33. Mrs. M. P. Cooper, Wolff Mission School.....	40 00
34. Miss Mary Bruce, Ruth Hargrove Seminary, salary and incidentals.....	60 00
35. Miss Maud Fisher, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	45 00
36. Miss Irene Crow, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	40 00
37. Miss L. M. Stewart, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	40 00
38. Miss R. L. Ford, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	45 00
39. Miss Elizabeth Beaumont, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	45 00
40. Miss L. M. Ross, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	40 00
41. Mrs. H. P. Hogg, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	45 00
42. H. R. McKellar, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	60 00
43. Miss Elizabeth Billingsley, Students' Loan Fund.....	500 00
44. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, salary.....	83 33
45. Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, salary, office expenses, and expenses to Board.....	115 50
46. Miss Maggie Chestnut, clerical work.....	40 00
47. Mrs. Ivy D. Ostrom, Pacific work.....	70 00
48. Mrs. A. S. Wolfskill, Pacific work.....	30 00
49. J. C. Lewis, Sue Bennett School.....	129 11
50. Mrs. J. C. Lewis, Sue Bennett School.....	25 00
51. W. J. Kent, Sue Bennett School.....	50 00
52. Nathaniel Sewell, Sue Bennett School.....	45 00
53. Miss Lilly Letton, Sue Bennett School.....	40 00
54. Miss Emelyn Johnson, Sue Bennett School.....	22 40
55. Miss Jessie Parker, Sue Bennett School.....	35 40
56. Miss Florence Campbell, Sue Bennett School.....	50 00
57. Miss Frances McIntyre, Sue Bennett School.....	40 00
58. Miss Mary McIntyre, Sue Bennett School.....	40 00

59. Miss Mary Moore, Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School.....	\$ 225 00
60. Miss Louise Matthews, Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School.....	25 00
61. Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School.....	25 00
62. Mrs. M. C. Flowerree, Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School.....	25 00
63. Miss Louise Whitman.....	41 66
64. Miss Danna Kate Rogers.....	40 00
65. Miss Elizabeth Todd, Wolff Mission School.....	40 00
66. Mrs. M. P. Cooper, Wolff Mission School.....	40 00
67. Miss Emelina Valdes and aunt, West Tampa.....	60 00
68. Miss Mary Bruce, incidentals and salary, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	60 00
69. Mrs. H. P. Hogg, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	45 00
70. H. R. McKellar, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	60 00
71. Miss Elizabeth Beaumont, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	45 00
72. Miss R. L. Ford, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	45 00
73. Miss Maud Fisher, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	45 00
74. Miss L. M. Ross, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	40 00
75. Miss Irene Crow, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	40 00
76. Miss L. M. Stewart, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	40 00
77. J. C. Lewis, Sue Bennett School.....	200 00
78. Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, expenses to Board meeting.....	40 00
79. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, office expenses.....	100 00
80. Miss Emily Allen, expenses to Paine Institute, Augusta, Ga.....	17 60
81. Miss Mary Bruce, for Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	63 24
82. Mrs. S. H. Scott, sent in by mistake.....	4 80
83. J. C. Lewis, Sue Bennett School.....	200 00
84. Mrs. J. M. Cotton, San Antonio Home.....	61 85
85. Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, two months' salary.....	100 00
86. Miss Maggie Chestnut, two months' salary.....	80 00
87. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, two months' salary.....	166 66
88. Mrs. I. D. Ostrom, Pacific work.....	140 00
89. Mrs. Anna S. Wolfskill, Pacific work.....	60 00
90. Miss Mary Bruce, salary and incidentals, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	60 00
91. Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School.....	50 00
92. Mrs. M. C. Flowerree, Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School.....	50 00
93. Miss Mary Moore, Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School.....	450 00
94. Miss Louise Matthews, Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School.....	50 00
95. First National Bank, Conference half of dues.....	2,000 00
96. Mrs. E. E. Hoss, for Morton Memorial.....	39 00
97. Rev. P. H. Whisner, for parsonages, from the Board.....	2,000 00
98. Miss Mary Bruce, for sewing machine.....	28 00
99. Bigham & Smith, printing and mailing leaflets.....	228 00
100. J. C. Lewis, Sue Bennett School.....	68 00
101. Mrs. J. C. Lewis, Sue Bennett School.....	12 50
102. Was returned unused.	
103. Mrs. S. A. Montgomery, New Orleans city missions.....	6 17
104. Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, Atlanta city missions.....	25 00
105. Mrs. J. M. Cotton, Houston city missions.....	8 75
106. Mrs. C. S. Shivers, Kansas City city missions.....	26 57
107. Mrs. N. G. Rollins, Fort Worth city missions.....	19 20
108. Mrs. W. F. Bumpas, Nashville city missions.....	19 95
109. Mrs. Henry Prince, Macon city missions.....	16 07
110. Mrs. C. V. Winfree, Norfolk city missions.....	5 37
111. Miss Mary Helm, trip to California.....	250 00
112. Rev. P. H. Whisner, Loan Fund and Educational Endowment Fund, first quarter.....	278 50
113. First National Bank, for Paine Institute, first quarter.....	371 38
114. First National Bank, Conference half of dues.....	867 37
115. Miss Davis, Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School.....	50 00
116. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, office.....	50 00
117. Miss Mary Bruce, expenses to Nashville.....	10 00
118. Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, salary.....	50 00
119. Miss Maggie Chestnut, salary.....	40 00
120. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, salary.....	83 33
121. Miss Mary Moore, Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School.....	225 00
122. Miss Louise Matthews, Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School.....	25 00

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123. Mrs. M. C. Flowerree, Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School.....	\$ 25 00
124. Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School.....	25 00
125. Mrs. I. D. Ostrom, Pacific work.....	70 00
126. Mrs. A. S. Wolfskill, Pacific work.....	30 00
127. Miss Mary Bruce, salary for two months.....	100 00
128. Miss Davis, Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School.....	25 00
129. Mrs. M. P. Cooper, Wolff Mission School.....	40 00
130. Bigham & Smith, printing.....	72 71
131. J. C. Lewis, for Sue Bennett School.....	150 00
132. Mrs. W. D. Kirkland.....	50 00
133. Miss Ada Trawick, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	90 00
134. Miss Bessie Trawick, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	80 00
135. Miss Florence Campbell, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	100 00
136. Bigham & Smith, printing bill.....	547 83
137. Miss Emily Reid, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	75 00
138. Mrs. M. P. Cooper, for Wolff Mission School.....	25 00
139. Miss Maggie Chestnut.....	40 00
140. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell.....	83 33
141. Addison & Burgher, three years' insurance on Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School.....	50 00
142. Miss Elizabeth Billingsley, scholarship, Louisiana.....	75 00
143. F. T. McIntyre, three years' insurance on Ellen Burdette Home..	50 00
144. Edwln Gardner, for making maps.....	50 90
145. J. C. Lewis, Sue Bennett School.....	250 00
146. Rev. John M. Moore, San Antonio Rescue Home.....	4 70
147. Mrs. E. E. Hoss, Morton Memorial Church.....	1 00
148. Mrs. A. S. Wolfskill.....	30 00
149. Miss Emelina Valdes and aunt.....	60 00
150. Miss Lula Ford, Wolff Mission School.....	65 00
151. Mrs. M. P. Cooper, Wolff Mission School.....	40 00
152. Miss Aetna Perrin, Wolff Mission School.....	40 00
153. Miss Mary Bruce, Wolff Mission School.....	50 00
154. Miss Emily Reid, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	91 90
155. H. R. McKellar, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	60 00
156. Miss Irene Crow, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	45 00
157. Miss Dolly Phillips, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	40 00
158. Miss L. M. Ross, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	40 00
159. Miss Elizabeth Beaumont, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	45 00
160. Miss Matibel Pope, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	45 00
161. Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School.....	25 00
162. Mrs. M. C. Flowerree, Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School.....	25 00
163. Miss Mary Moore, Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School.....	225 00
164. Miss Louise Matthews, Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School.....	25 00
165a. Miss E. R. Davis, Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School.....	25 00
165b. Miss Mabel Howell.....	283 33
166. J. C. Lewis, Sue Bennett School.....	129 11
167. Nathaniel Sewell, Sue Bennett School.....	50 00
168. W. J. Kent, Sue Bennett School.....	50 00
169. Miss E. M. Atherton, Sue Bennett School.....	35 00
170. Miss Sarah Crane, Sue Bennett School.....	50 00
171. Miss Lullie Stratton, Sue Bennett School.....	40 00
172. Miss Lilly Letton, Sue Bennett School.....	40 00
173. Mrs. Sallie Reneker, Sue Bennett School.....	30 00
174. A. S. Bushing, Sue Bennett School.....	10 00
175. Miss Mary Peery.....	40 00
176. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, office.....	25 00
177. Mrs. C. P. Brown, Pacific work.....	232 50
178. Miss Emily Reid, for Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	42 70
179. Rev. George Williams Walker, furniture for Paine Annex.....	81 00
180. Mrs. W. D. Kirkland.....	50 00
181. Miss Maggie Chestnut.....	40 00
182. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell.....	83 33
183. Mrs. A. S. Wolfskill, Pacific work.....	30 00
184. Miss Mary Olsen.....	19 10
185. J. C. Lewis, Sue Bennett School.....	200 00
186. Mrs. J. D. Hammond.....	50 00
187. Rev. P. H. Whisner, Loan Fund and Educational Endowment Fund.....	398 20
188. First National Bank, Paine Annex.....	47 75
189. First National Bank, dues.....	2,465 75

190. Miss Elizabeth Billingsley, scholarship.....	\$ 80 00
191. Mrs. W. H. Johnson, for nursery.....	30 00
192. Miss Maria Gibson, expenses to Deaconess Committee.....	34 45
193. Mrs. C. P. Brown, Pacific work.....	157 50
194. Mrs. A. S. Wolfskill, Pacific work.....	30 00
195. Miss Emily Reid, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	99 06
196. Miss Elizabeth Beaumont, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	45 00
197. Miss L. M. Ross, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	50 00
198. Miss Irene Crow, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	45 00
199. Miss Matibel Pope, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	45 00
200. Miss Dollie Phillips, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	40 00
201. H. R. McKellar, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	60 00
202. Mrs. Sallie Reneker, Sue Bennett School.....	30 00
203. Miss Lilly Letton, Sue Bennett School.....	40 00
204. J. C. Lewis, Sue Bennett School.....	129 11
205. Miss Lulie Stratton, Sue Bennett School.....	40 00
206. Miss Sarah Crane, Sue Bennett School.....	50 00
207. Miss Jeanette Peterson, Sue Bennett School.....	35 00
208. Miss E. M. Atherton, Sue Bennett School.....	35 00
209. Nathaniel Sewell, Sue Bennett School.....	50 00
210. W. J. Kent, Sue Bennett School.....	50 00
211. A. S. Bushing, Sue Bennett School.....	10 00
212. Mrs. W. H. Johnson, for Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School.....	225 00
213. Miss E. R. Davis, Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School.....	25 00
214. Mrs. M. C. Flowerree, Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School.....	25 00
215. Miss Lula Ford, Wolff Mission School.....	65 00
216. Mrs. M. P. Cooper, Wolff Mission School.....	40 00
217. Miss Ætna Perrin, Wolff Mission School.....	30 00
218. Miss Mary Bruce.....	50 00
219. Miss Emelina Valdes and aunt.....	60 00
220. Miss Ellen Young, Paine Institute.....	30 00
221. Miss Mary Peery.....	40 00
222. Mrs. C. S. Shivers, Kansas City city missions.....	26 57
223. Mrs. N. G. Rollins, Fort Worth city missions.....	19 20
224. Mrs. Carrie Prince, Macon city missions.....	16 07
225. Mrs. C. V. Winfree, Norfolk city missions.....	5 37
226. Mrs. J. M. Cotton, Houston city missions.....	8 75
227. Mrs. S. A. Montgomery, New Orleans city missions.....	6 17
228. Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, Atlanta city missions.....	25 00
229. Mrs. W. H. Bumpas, Nashville city missions.....	19 95
230. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell.....	83 33
231. Mrs. W. D. Kirkland.....	50 00
232. Miss Maggie Chestnut.....	40 00
233. F. T. McIntyre, Sue Bennett School.....	39 00
234. J. C. Lewis, Sue Bennett School.....	100 00
235. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, office.....	50 00
236. Mrs. Luke Johnson, for Committee on Literature.....	12 00
237. Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, Supply Department.....	25 00
238. Mrs. J. D. Hammond, for leaflets.....	25 00
239. Mrs. A. S. Wolfskill, Pacific work.....	30 00
240. Mrs. C. P. Brown, Pacific work.....	145 00
241. Miss Fannie Moore.....	24 00
242. Miss Mabel Howell.....	83 33
243. Miss Mary Peery.....	40 00
244. Miss Ellen Young.....	30 00
245. Mrs. L. H. Potts, Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School.....	200 00
246. Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School.....	25 00
247. Mrs. M. C. Flowerree, Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School.....	25 00
248. Miss E. R. Davis, Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School.....	25 00
249. Miss Emelina Valdes and aunt.....	60 00
250. Miss Ætna Perrin, Wolff Mission School.....	30 00
251. Mrs. M. P. Cooper, Wolff Mission School.....	40 00
252. Miss Mary Bruce, Wolff Mission School.....	50 00
253. Miss Lula Ford, Wolff Mission School.....	65 00
254. Miss Emily Reid, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	95 00
255. Miss Dollie Phillips, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	40 00
256. Miss Irene Crow, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	45 00
257. Miss Bessie Trawick, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	40 00
258. Miss Ada Trawick, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	45 00
259. Miss Matibel Pope, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	45 00
260. Miss Elizabeth Beaumont, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	45 00

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261.	Miss L. M. Ross, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	\$ 45 00
262.	H. R. McKellar, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	60 00
263.	Miss Emily J. Reid, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	19 40
264.	Mrs. L. H. Potts, Land Fund, North Texas.....	32 30
265.	J. C. Lewis, Sue Bennett School.....	129 11
266.	Miss Sallie Reneker, Sue Bennett School.....	30 00
267.	A. S. Bushing, Sue Bennett School.....	10 00
268.	W. J. Kent, Sue Bennett School.....	50 00
269.	Nathaniel Sewell, Sue Bennett School.....	50 00
270.	Miss Loulie Stratton, Sue Bennett School.....	40 00
271.	Miss Maud Atherton, Sue Bennett School.....	35 00
272.	Miss Lilly Letton, Sue Bennett School.....	40 00
273.	Miss Sarah Crane, Sue Bennett School.....	50 00
274.	Miss Jeanette Peterson, Sue Bennett School.....	35 00
275.	Miss Florence Campbell, Sue Bennett School.....	50 00
276.	Miss L. H. Potts, Land Fund, Northwest Texas.....	67 00
277.	J. C. Lewis, Sue Bennett School.....	250 00
278.	J. C. Lewis, Sue Bennett School.....	100 00
279.	Mrs. L. H. Potts, for nursery.....	30 00
280.	Mrs. W. D. Kirkland.....	50 00
281.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell.....	83 33
282.	Mrs. L. H. Potts, Land Fund.....	32 30
283.	Miss Lula Ford, Wolff Mission School.....	65 00
284.	Miss Chestnut.....	40 00
285.	Miss Emelina Valdes and aunt, West Tampa.....	60 00
286.	Mrs. M. P. Cooper, Wolff Mission School.....	40 00
287.	Miss Ætna Perrin, Wolff Mission School.....	30 00
288.	Miss Mary Bruce, Wolff Mission School.....	50 00
289.	Miss Bessie Trawick, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	60 00
290.	Miss Irene Crow, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	45 00
291.	Miss L. M. Ross, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	45 00
292.	Miss Elizabeth Beaumont, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	45 00
293.	Miss Matibel Pope, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	45 00
294.	Miss Ada Trawick, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	45 00
295.	Miss Emily J. Reid, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	95 00
296.	H. R. McKellar, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	60 00
297.	Miss Dollie Phillips, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	45 00
298.	Mrs. C. P. Brown, Pacific Coast.....	157 50
299.	Mrs. Anna S. Wolfskill, Pacific Coast.....	30 00
300.	Miss Mabel Howell.....	83 33
301.	Miss Sarah Crane, Sue Bennett School.....	50 00
302.	Was skipped.	
303.	Miss Lilly Letton, Sue Bennett School.....	40 00
304.	Miss Loulie Stratton, Sue Bennett School.....	40 00
305.	Miss Maude Atherton, Sue Bennett School.....	35 00
306.	Mrs. Sallie Reneker, Sue Bennett School.....	30 00
307.	Miss Jeanette Peterson, Sue Bennett School.....	35 00
308.	A. S. Bushing, Sue Bennett School.....	10 00
309.	J. C. Lewis, Sue Bennett School.....	129 11
310.	Miss L. H. Potts, Sue Bennett School.....	200 00
311.	Miss Mary Peery.....	40 00
312.	Mrs. W. H. Johnson.....	25 00
313.	Mrs. M. C. Flowerree.....	25 00
314.	Miss E. R. Davis.....	25 00
315.	Miss Ellen Young.....	30 00
316.	W. J. Kent, Sue Bennett School.....	50 00
317.	Nathaniel Sewell, Sue Bennett School.....	50 00
318.	Miss Florence Campbell, Sue Bennett School.....	50 00
319.	Mrs. L. H. Potts, for furniture.....	50 00
320.	Mrs. T. B. Holloman, error in check.....	44 00
321.	J. C. Lewis, Sue Bennett School.....	200 00
322.	Miss Lula Jones, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	50 00
323.	First National Bank, Conference half of dues.....	2,789 57
324.	First National Bank, Paine Fund, Twentieth Century.....	730 50
325.	Rev. P. H. Whisner, Loan Fund and Educational Endowment Fund.....	325 00
326.	Miss Mary Bruce, for repairs on Wolff Mission School.....	50 00
327.	Miss Maggie Chestnut.....	40 00
328.	J. C. Lewis, Sue Bennett School.....	400 00
329.	Rev. P. H. Whisner, for parsonages, from the Board.....	1,000 00
330.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, office.....	100 00
331.	J. C. Lewis, Sue Bennett School.....	150 00
332.	Mrs. W. D. Kirkland.....	50 00
333.	Miss Billingsley, Scarritt scholarship.....	75 00
334.	Miss Ellen Young.....	30 00
335.	Miss Mary Peery.....	40 00
336.	Rev. P. H. Whisner, parsonages, from the Board.....	1,000 00
337.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell.....	83 33

338.	Miss Lula Ford, Wolff Mission School.....	\$ 50 00
339.	Miss Mary Bruce, Wolff Mission School.....	50 00
340.	Mrs. M. P. Cooper, Wolff Mission School.....	40 00
341.	Miss Ætina Perrin, Wolff Mission School.....	30 00
345.	Miss Emelina Valdes and aunt, West Tampa.....	60 00
346.	Miss Mabel Howell.....	83 33
347.	Mrs. C. P. Brown, Pacific Coast.....	190 00
348.	Mrs. A. S. Wolfskill, Pacific Coast.....	30 00
349.	Mrs. M. C. Nolley, Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School.....	25 00
350.	Miss Louise Hartman, Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School.....	25 00
351.	Miss E. R. Davis, Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School.....	25 00
352.	Mrs. M. C. Flowerree.....	25 00
353.	Mrs. W. H. Johnson.....	100 00
354.	Mrs. L. H. Potts.....	275 00
355.	Mrs. F. P. Varley.....	7 00
356.	Miss Emily J. Reid, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	95 00
357.	Miss Dollie Phillips, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	45 00
358.	Miss Bessie Trawick, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	40 00
359.	Miss Ada Trawick, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	45 00
360.	Miss Irene Crow, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	45 00
361.	Miss Matibel Pope, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	45 00
362.	Miss Elizabeth Beaumont, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	45 00
363.	Miss L. M. Ross, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	45 00
364.	H. R. McKellar, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	60 00
365.	J. C. Lewis, Sue Bennett School.....	129 11
366.	Miss Florence Campbell, Sue Bennett School.....	50 00
367.	Miss Sarah Crane, Sue Bennett School.....	50 00
368.	Miss Lilly Letton, Sue Bennett School.....	40 00
369.	Miss Loulie Stratton, Sue Bennett School.....	40 00
370.	Miss Maude Atherton, Sue Bennett School.....	35 00
371.	Mrs. Sallie Reneker, Sue Bennett School.....	30 00
372.	Miss Jeanette Peterson, Sue Bennett School.....	35 00
373.	Miss Lina Moses, Sue Bennett School.....	15 00
374.	W. J. Kent, Sue Bennett School.....	50 00
375.	Nathaniel Sewell, Sue Bennett School.....	50 00
376.	A. S. Bushing, Sue Bennett School.....	10 00
377.	Mrs. C. S. Shivers, for city missions.....	26 57
378.	Mrs. N. G. Rollins, for city missions.....	19 27
379.	Mrs. C. V. Winfree, for city missions.....	5 37
380.	Mrs. J. M. Cotton, for city missions.....	8 75
381.	Mrs. Carrie Prince, for city missions.....	16 07
382.	Mrs. W. H. Bumpas, for city missions.....	19 95
383.	Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, for city missions.....	25 00
384.	Mrs. S. A. Montgomery, for city missions.....	6 17
385.	Miss Maggie Chestnut.....	40 00
386.	J. C. Lewis, Sue Bennett School.....	200 00
387.	Miss Belle H. Bennett, office expenses for fiscal year.....	250 00
388.	Miss Ellen Young, Paine Annex, February salary.....	30 00
389.	Miss Mary Peery, Coal Fields, February salary.....	40 00
390.	Miss Anna Wolfskill, for March work on Pacific Coast.....	30 00
391.	Miss Mabel Howell, February salary and expenses.....	133 33
392.	Mrs. L. H. Potts, Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School, February.....	200 00
393.	Mrs. W. H. Johnson, February salary.....	25 00
394.	Mrs. M. C. Flowerree, February salary.....	25 00
395.	Miss E. R. Davis, February salary.....	25 00
396.	Miss Louise Hartman, February salary.....	25 00
397.	Miss M. C. Nolly, February salary.....	25 00
398.	Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, February salary.....	50 00
399.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, February salary.....	83 33
400.	Miss Emelina Valdes, February salary, self and aunt.....	60 00
401.	Miss Lula Ford, February salary and incidentals.....	65 00
402.	Miss Ætina Perrin, February salary.....	30 00
403.	Miss Mary Bruce, February salary, \$50; insurance on school furniture.....	78 75
404.	Mrs. M. P. Cooper, February salary.....	40 00
405.	Miss Emily Reid, February salary and incidentals.....	95 00
406.	Miss Irene Crow, February salary.....	45 00
407.	Miss Dollie Phillips, February salary.....	45 00
408.	Miss Bessie Trawick, February salary.....	40 00
409.	Miss Ada Trawick, February salary.....	45 00
410.	Miss Matibel Pope, February salary.....	45 00
411.	Miss Elizabeth Beaumont, February salary.....	45 00
412.	Miss L. M. Ross, February salary.....	45 00
413.	H. R. McKellar, February salary.....	60 00



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415. J. C. Lewis, February salary and janitor.....	\$ 129 11
416. A. S. Bushing, February salary.....	10 00
417. Nathaniel Sewell, February salary.....	50 00
418. W. J. Kent, February salary.....	50 00
421. Miss Maude Atherton, February salary.....	35 00
422. Miss Lullie Stratton, February salary.....	40 00
423. Miss Lilly Letton, February salary.....	40 00
424. Miss Florence Campbell, February salary.....	50 00
425. Miss Sarah Crane, February salary.....	50 00
426. Miss Jeanette Peterson, February salary.....	35 00
427. Miss Lina Moses, February salary.....	15 00
428. Mrs. L. P. Smith, Press Committee work.....	5 00
429. Mrs. L. H. Potts, land fund, \$2; oven, \$1.....	3 00
430. Miss Billingsley, Scarritt scholarship.....	75 00
431. Mrs. C. F. Reid, March salary and traveling expenses.....	125 00
432. Mrs. C. P. Brown, March expenses, Pacific Coast.....	140 00
433. Miss Billingsley, Scarritt scholarship.....	75 00
434. J. C. Lewis, incidentals.....	600 00
435. J. C. Lewis, incidentals.....	200 00
436. Miss Maggie Chestnut, March salary.....	40 00
437. Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, March salary.....	50 00
438. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, to complete appropriation of \$1,000.....	100 00
439. Mrs. W. H. Bumpas, Nashville missions.....	19 95
440. Mrs. J. D. Hammond, Leaflet Department.....	25 00
441. Bigham & Smith, printing.....	575 91
442. Rev. P. H. Whisner, for parsonages, from the Board.....	1,000 00
443. Miss Ellen Young, March salary.....	30 00
444. Miss Belle H. Bennett, office expenses (returned as not due her)...	250 00
445. Rev. C. F. Reid, traveling expenses.....	50 00
446. Rev. G. W. Walker, for Paine Institute.....	50 00
447. Mrs. Luke Johnson.....	5 00
448. Mrs. S. A. Montgomery, New Orleans missions.....	6 17
449. Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, Atlanta missions.....	25 00
450. Mrs. C. S. Shivers, Kansas City missions.....	26 57
451. Mrs. N. G. Rollins, Fort Worth missions.....	19 27
452. Mrs. Carrie Prince, Macon city missions.....	16 07
453. Miss Emily Reid, salary and incidentals for March.....	95 00
454. Miss Irene Crow, March salary.....	45 00
455. Miss Bessie Trawick, March salary.....	40 00
456. Miss Dollie Phillips, March salary.....	45 00
457. Miss Elizabeth Beaumont, March salary.....	45 00
458. Miss L. M. Ross, March salary.....	45 00
459. Miss Matibel Pope, March salary.....	45 00
460. Miss Ada Trawick, March salary.....	45 00
461. H. R. McKellar, March salary.....	60 00
462. Mrs. L. H. Potts, Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School, for March.....	200 00
463. Mrs. W. H. Johnson, March salary.....	25 00
464. Mrs. M. C. Nolley, March salary.....	25 00
465. Miss Louise Hartman, March salary.....	25 00
467. Mrs. M. C. Flowerree, March salary.....	25 00
468. Miss E. R. Davis, March salary.....	25 00
469. Miss Mary Peery, March salary.....	40 00
470. Miss Fannie Moore, March salary.....	21 00
471. Mrs. A. S. Wolfskill, Pacific work for April.....	30 00
472. Mrs. C. P. Brown, Pacific work for April.....	190 00
473. Rev. Clarence Reid, April salary.....	100 00
474. Miss Lula Ford, salary and household expenses for March.....	65 00
475. Miss Etna Perrin, March salary.....	30 00
476. Miss Mary Bruce, March salary.....	50 00
477. Mrs. M. P. Cooper, salary for March and kindergarten.....	60 00
478. Miss Emelina Valdes and aunt, March salary.....	60 00
479. Miss Lullie Stratton, March salary.....	40 00
480. Miss Maude Atherton, March salary.....	35 00
481. Miss Lilly Letton, March salary.....	40 00
482. Miss Jeanette Peterson, March salary.....	35 00
483. Miss Florence Campbell, March salary.....	50 00
484. Miss Sarah Crane, March salary.....	50 00
485. Miss Mabel Howell, March salary.....	88 33
486. W. J. Kent, March salary.....	50 00
487. Nathaniel Sewell, March salary.....	50 00
488. A. S. Bushing, March salary.....	10 00
489. J. C. Lewis, March salary and janitor.....	129 11
490. Mrs. L. H. Potts.....	107 50
492. Rev. P. H. Whisner, Memorial Fund, fourth quarter, \$179.30; Preachers' Wives' Loan Fund, \$37.30; Educational Endowment Fund, \$70.....	286 60
493. First National Bank, Twentieth Century.....	2,921 38

494. Miss Emily Reid, incidentals.....	\$ 20 00
495. Prof. J. C. Lewis, incidentals.....	200 00
496. Miss Sallie Reneker.....	11 07
497. Miss Ruth Campbell.....	15 00
498. Mrs. H. B. Gibbud, tracts for West Virginia coal fields.....	2 20
499. Miss Sallie Wells, March salary.....	30 00
500. Mrs. C. V. Winfree, Norfolk city missions.....	5 37
501. Mrs. J. M. Cotton, Houston city missions.....	8 75
502. First National Bank, fourth quarter's half dues.....	3,700 00

Total expenditures.....\$54,059 98

DISBURSEMENT OF CONFERENCE HALF OF DUES, 1902-03.

1. Mrs. T. B. Holloman, Mississippi Conference, dues.....	\$ 98 92
2. Mrs. Bettie D. Green, Denver Conference, dues.....	47 26
3. Dr. Whisner, Jackson District parsonage, \$100; Lenox, Memphis Conference, \$100; St. Clair, St. Louis Conference, \$60.....	260 00
4. Dr. Whisner, Canton, Mississippi Conference, \$100; Bowling Green Circuit, Louisville Conference, \$100.....	200 00
5. Dr. Whisner, Lamar, North Mississippi Conference, \$125; Buena Vista, Baltimore Conference, \$100.....	225 00
6. Mrs. J. C. Davis, Missouri Conference, dues.....	63 82
7. Mrs. W. H. Bumpas, Tennessee Conference, expenses.....	37 80
8. Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, North Georgia Conference, dues.....	156 10
9. Mrs. E. L. Prince, South Georgia Conference, expenses.....	28 00
10. Dr. Whisner, Harrisburg, Louisiana Conference.....	100 00
11. Mrs. D. B. Maffett, North Alabama Conference, dues.....	36 27
12. Dr. Whisner, South Bonham, North Texas Conference.....	100 00
13. Miss M. S. Tucker, Baltimore Conference, expenses.....	25 00
14. Mrs. N. G. Rollins, Northwest Texas Conference, expenses.....	23 94
15. Mrs. S. H. Shangle, Columbia Conference, expenses.....	10 50
16. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Columbia Conference, literature.....	10 87
17. Dr. Whisner, Centerville, Alabama Conference.....	50 00
18. Dr. Whisner, Rosedale, Western Conference.....	24 83
19. Mrs. J. W. Brown, New Mexico Conference, dues.....	25 00
20. Mrs. F. W. Carroll, Florida Conference, dues.....	66 35
21. Miss E. L. Hill, East Texas Conference, dues.....	17 67
22. Mrs. A. A. Norris, Louisville Conference, dues.....	50 00
23. Dr. Whisner, Hyde Park, Florida Conference.....	100 00
24. Mrs. F. E. Moser, St. Louis Conference, dues.....	24 00
25. Miss Mary S. Tucker, Baltimore Conference, dues.....	69 32
26. Dr. Whisner, Cape Girardeau, St. Louis Conference, \$49; Appomattox, Virginia Conference, \$75; Las Cruces, New Mexico, Conference, \$87.78.....	211 78
27. Dr. Whisner, Greenville Mission, North Texas Conference.....	125 00
28. Dr. Whisner, Paducah, \$75; Dallas Mission, \$100; Stanford, \$50; Willow Vale, \$50; Cold Water, Northwest Texas Conference, \$50.....	325 00
29. Dr. Whisner, Bastrop, Louisiana Conference, \$50; Alma, Northwest Texas Conference, \$100.....	150 00
30. Dr. Whisner, Chapel Hill, North Carolina Conference, \$49; Cheraw, South Carolina Conference, \$49.50.....	98 50
31. Dr. Whisner, Tullahoma, Tennessee Conference.....	50 00
32. Mrs. James C. Davis, Missouri Conference, dues.....	60 20
33. Mrs. W. A. Rogers, South Carolina Conference, dues.....	42 30
34. Mrs. W. H. Bumpas, Tennessee Conference.....	120 89
35. Mrs. F. M. Canfield, East Columbia Conference, dues.....	22 50
36. Mrs. J. W. Wolfe, Western Virginia Conference.....	42 95
37a. Mrs. N. G. Rollins, Northwest Texas Conference, dues.....	57 20
37b. Dr. Whisner, Mt. Zion, Mo., St. Louis Conference.....	49 00
38. Dr. Whisner, Lamar, North Mississippi Conference.....	75 00
39. Dr. Whisner, Sonora, Pacific Conference, \$125; Willamette District, Columbia Conference, \$50.....	175 00
40. Mrs. M. H. Honiker, Holston Conference, dues.....	96 12
41. Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, North Georgia Conference, dues.....	138 59
42. Dr. Whisner, Bridgeport, North Alabama Conference, \$50; Sylvester, South Georgia Conference, \$100; Bath Circuit, North Carolina Conference, \$45.....	195 00
43. Dr. Whisner, Castalian Springs, Tennessee Conference.....	50 00
44. Mrs. F. W. Carroll, Florida Conference, dues.....	100 43
45. Dr. Whisner, Morton, Mississippi Conference, dues.....	50 00
46. Dr. Whisner, Commerce (Greenville Mission), North Texas Conference.....	200 00
47. Dr. Whisner, Mound City, Missouri Conference, \$50; Moundville, \$60; Pleasant Hill, Southwest Missouri Conference, \$100.....	210 00
48. Dr. Whisner, West End, San Antonio, West Texas Conference.....	45 00
49. Dr. Whisner, Whiteville, \$50; Honiker, Holston Conference, \$75.....	125 00

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50. Dr. Whisner, Hartshorne, \$35; Still Water, \$65; Cumberland, Indian Mission Conference, \$35.....	135 00
51. R. S. Patterson, stereopticon slides for North Texas Conference..	33 12
52. Dr. Whisner, Linden, Va., Baltimore Conference.....	100 00
53. Mrs. T. B. Holloman, Mississippi Conference, expenses.....	11 61
54. Dr. Whisner, Ventura, Cal., Los Angeles Conference, \$75; Bastrop, Louisiana Conference, \$50.....	125 00
55. Dr. Whisner, Saltville, Va., Holston Conference, \$75; Lawton, Indian Mission Conference, \$100.....	175 00
56. Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, North Georgia Conference, dues.....	166 23
57. Mrs. A. P. Warren, Missouri Conference, dues.....	52 63
58. Dr. Whisner, Martinsville, \$100; Gordonsville, Virginia Conference, \$200.....	300 00
59. Dr. Whisner, Wallis, \$100; Mt. Pleasant, East Texas Conference, \$75.....	175 00
60. Dr. Whisner, Centerville, Alabama Conference, \$50; Berwyn, Indian Mission Conference, \$50; Radford, Holston Conference, \$50; Water Valley, West Texas Conference, \$100; Allentown, South Georgia Conference, \$100.....	350 00
61. Mrs. C. S. Jones, North Alabama Conference, dues.....	40 50
62. Dr. Whisner, Carner's Creek, North Carolina Conference, \$49; Coahoma, North Mississippi Conference, \$100; Lone Jack, Southwest Missouri Conference, \$100.....	249 00
63. Mrs. M. H. Honiker, Holston Conference, dues.....	63 13
64. Dr. C. S. Shivers, Southwest Missouri Conference, dues.....	20 00
65. Dr. Whisner, Gainesville District, Florida Conference, \$100; Grand Cane, Louisiana Conference, \$50.....	150 00
66. Dr. Whisner, West River, Baltimore Conference, \$100; Hindman, Kentucky Conference, \$100.....	200 00
67. Dr. Whisner, Peach Street, Fort Worth, Northwest Texas Conference.....	100 00
68. Dr. Whisner, Locust Grove, \$50; Clarksville, \$100; Buchanan, \$75; Royston, North Georgia Conference, \$75.....	300 00
69. Mrs. A. A. Norris, Louisville Conference, dues.....	100 00
70. Dr. Whisner, De Soto, \$100; Oak Hill, St. Louis Conference, \$49.....	149 00
71. Dr. Whisner, McTyeire Memorial parsonage, Florida Conference.....	100 00
72. Dr. Whisner, Bremond, Texas Conference.....	81 06
73. Mrs. J. W. Wolfe, Western Virginia Conference, dues.....	24 27
74. Dr. Whisner, Big Timber, Montana Conference.....	49 00
75. Mrs. G. B. Hester, Indian Mission Conference, dues.....	166 33
76. Miss E. L. Hill, East Texas Conference, dues.....	193 65
77. Mrs. F. E. Moser, St. Louis Conference.....	108 17
78. Mrs. C. S. Jones, North Alabama Conference, dues.....	54 03
79. Mrs. E. L. Prince, South Georgia Conference, dues.....	35 73
80. Mrs. William Thomas, Alabama Conference, dues.....	91 57
81. Mrs. Bettie D. Green, Denver Conference, dues.....	69 63
82. Mrs. A. A. Norris, Louisville Conference, dues.....	43 82
83. Mrs. F. E. Ross, Western North Carolina Conference, dues.....	19 40
84. Miss Sarah Hughes, Kentucky Conference, dues.....	86 58
85. Mrs. N. G. Rollins, Northwest Texas Conference, dues.....	92 49
86. Dr. Whisner, De Vall's Bluff, Little Rock Conference.....	75 00
87. Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, North Georgia Conference, dues.....	231 23
88. Mrs. W. R. Grosewich, Los Angeles Conference, dues.....	7 73
89. Dr. Whisner, Hale, Missouri Conference, \$50; Pocahontas, White River Conference, \$80; West Point, White River Conference, \$45.....	175 00
90. Dr. Whisner, Stamford, Northwest Texas Conference, \$50; St. Francisville, Louisiana Conference, \$75; Kentwood, Louisiana Conference, \$25; Pike City, Little Rock Conference, \$75.....	225 00
91. Check returned unused.....	
92. Mrs. F. E. Ross, Western North Carolina Conference, dues.....	5 62
93. Mrs. C. S. Shivers, Southwest Missouri Conference.....	103 34
94. Mrs. Ella Flickenger, Little Rock Conference, dues.....	270 04

\$ 9,975 37

## RECEIPTS.

CONFERENCE.	Dues.	Specials.	Loan Funds.	Educational Endowment Fund.	Total.	City Missions.
Alabama.....	\$ 382 68	\$ 217 01	\$ 35 00	\$ 5 00	\$ 639 69	.....
Arkansas.....	42 64	9 41	.....	.....	52 05	.....
Baltimore.....	801 25	3,514 92	25 00	10 00	4,351 17	.....
Columbia.....	138 85	8 86	.....	.....	147 71	.....
Denver.....	139 25	32 06	.....	.....	171 31	.....
East Columbia.....	46 70	7 50	.....	.....	54 20	.....
East Texas.....	737 30	362 64	10 00	75 00	1,184 94	.....
Florida.....	1,078 70	334 66	5 00	5 00	1,423 36	.....
German Mission.....	43 20	.....	.....	.....	43 20	.....
Holston.....	1,162 81	171 37	3 00	.....	1,337 18	.....
Indian Mission.....	1,073 53	117 01	5 00	.....	1,195 54	.....
Kentucky.....	673 77	766 06	505 00	10 00	1,954 83	.....
Little Rock.....	840 04	420 58	56 00	5 00	1,321 62	.....
Los Angeles.....	333 06	102 12	.....	.....	435 18	.....
Louisiana.....	571 70	869 92	105 00	.....	1,546 62	\$ 226 80
Louisville.....	727 54	855 17	45 00	5 00	1,632 71	.....
Memphis.....	569 33	162 92	.....	5 00	737 25	.....
Mississippi.....	434 17	352 77	5 00	.....	791 94	.....
Missouri.....	501 26	264 49	20 00	.....	785 75	.....
Montana.....	104 45	1 60	.....	187 50	293 55	.....
New Mexico.....	362 45	81 01	.....	.....	443 46	.....
North Alabama.....	326 83	68 27	.....	.....	395 10	.....
North Carolina.....	506 76	196 42	5 00	.....	708 18	.....
North Georgia.....	1,384 32	1,164 27	175 00	110 00	2,833 59	1,380 24
North Mississippi.....	475 98	311 86	5 00	5 00	797 84	.....
North Texas.....	1,467 04	1,116 39	65 00	25 00	2,673 43	.....
Northwest Texas.....	1,817 40	691 71	55 00	25 00	2,589 11	.....
Pacific.....	299 59	40 23	.....	.....	339 82	.....
South Carolina.....	450 08	126 35	5 00	.....	581 43	.....
South Georgia.....	927 49	450 31	30 00	.....	1,407 80	323 55
Southwest Missouri.....	776 39	189 18	10 00	.....	975 57	1,370 07
St. Louis.....	754 95	1,165 44	10 00	5 00	1,935 39	786 00
Tennessee.....	1,034 98	1,014 84	34 50	5 00	2,089 32	1,259 19
Texas.....	546 78	207 16	.....	.....	753 94	425 35
Virginia.....	850 00	599 47	25 00	5 00	1,479 47	334 30
West Texas.....	543 42	65 10	.....	.....	608 52	.....
Western.....	67 75	2 29	.....	.....	70 04	.....
Western North Carolina.....	250 06	64 72	10 00	.....	324 78	.....
Western Virginia.....	200 23	40 73	.....	.....	240 96	.....
White River.....	261 02	135 82	.....	.....	396 84	.....
Other sources.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10,055 17	.....
Total.....	\$23,705 75	\$16,302 64	\$1,248 50	\$487 50	\$ 51,799 56	\$6,105 50

## RECAPITULATION.

Amount received from Dues.....	\$23,705 75
Amount received from Specials.....	16,302 64
Amount received from Loan Funds.....	1,248 50
Amount received from Educational Endowment Fund.....	487 50
Amount received from other sources.....	10,055 17

Total cash received this year.....	\$51,799 56
City missions, as per vouchers.....	6,105 50

Grand total.....\$57,905 06

Balance 1901-02.....\$ 7,562 73

Cash collections 1902-03.....51,799 56

\$59,362 29

Total expenditures 1902-03.....54,059 98

Balance April 1, 1903.....\$ 5,302 31

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

## AUDITORS' REPORT.

We have this day examined the books of the General Treasurer of the Woman's Home Mission Society, and find proper vouchers and receipts for all money paid out, also amount on hand agreeing with statement of the Fourth National Bank.

J. H. KIRKLAND,

D. M. SMITH,

*Auditing Committee.*

MAY 21, 1903.

## TREASURER'S STATEMENT

### *Of Receipts and Disbursements of Twentieth Century Fund.*

#### RECEIPTS.

1899-1900.....	\$ 3,280 57
1900-01.....	17,919 77
1901-02.....	4,603 72
1902-03.....	3,060 11
Total.....	\$28,864 17

#### DISBURSEMENTS.

Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	\$ 8,240 57
Ann Browder Cunningham Home.....	4,907 00
Sue Bennett School, London, Ky.....	4,668 67
Greeneville (Tenn.) Orphanage.....	640 96
Students' Loan Fund, Searritt Bible and Training School.....	2,000 00
Kansas City Day Nursery.....	185 00
Paine Annex (directed).....	3,801 00
Choctaw Indians (Miss.).....	400 00
College at Cuthbert, Ga.....	1 00
Negro Industrial School.....	10 00
School at El Paso.....	18 80
Vanderbilt University.....	12 50
Indian Industrial School.....	1 75
Used for general work from undirected funds, 1899-1900.....	1,394 15— 26,281 40
Balance April 1, 1903.....	\$ 2,582 77

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

### MONEY RAISED AND EXPENDED SINCE ORGANIZATION.

	Connectional Work.	Local Work.
1887.....	\$ 261 55	
1887-88.....	3,837 51	\$ 5,381 40
1888-89.....	4,258 40	5,348 85
1889-90.....	2,954 88	11,599 43
1890-91.....	4,361 48	6,144 16
1891-92.....	3,727 51	10,541 69
1892-93.....	4,628 20	23,824 69
1893-94.....	4,995 37	15,098 93
1894-95.....	10,377 64	9,580 16
1895-96.....	19,301 72	32,825 38
1896-97.....	18,703 68	43,210 49
1897-98.....	20,971 19	48,828 88
1898-99.....	31,566 82	34,180 55
1899-1900.....	39,314 96	56,441 55
1900-01.....	54,486 93	55,874 64
1901-02.....	50,388 39	97,129 75
1902-03.....	56,754 93	32,163 11
Total.....	\$ 330,876 16	\$ 498,173 66
Grand total.....		829,049 82
Amount contributed to Loan Fund.....		25,112 87
Value of goods sent through Supply Department.....		59,230 17

# ANNUAL REPORT OF CONFERENCE TREASURERS.

CONFERENCE.	Number of Parsonages Reported.	Total Value of Parsonages Reported.	Amount Expended on Parsonages During the Year.	Total Amount Expended on Local Churches, Such as Furnishing Churches, Etc.	Total Amount of Money Expended on Local Mission Work.	Value of Supplies Given Locally.	Total Amount Raised for Salaries of City Missionaries.	Total Amount Raised and Expended for Rescue Work.	Total Amount Raised and Expended for Mission Work.	Total Amount Raised and Expended for Relief of Needy.	Report Here Any and All Special Work Not Included in Preceding Questions.
			\$ 175 15		\$ 8 00		\$ 22 00		\$ 26 85		
Alabama.....	112	\$ 20,000 00	3,869 71	864 65	826 85	785 85			443 00		
Arkansas.....			1,700 00								
Baltimore.....											
Columbia.....											
Denver.....											
East Columbia.....											
East Texas.....			1,389 26	\$ 927 80	45 15	\$ 615 96			\$ 226 60		
Florida.....			1,744 53	882 01		354 30			118 89		
German Mission.....											
Holston.....											
Indian Mission.....			3,869 71	864 65	826 85	785 85	\$ 22 00	\$ 31 00	\$ 26 85		
Kentucky.....			1,700 00								
Little Rock.....											
Los Angeles.....			518 00	608 03	49 20	94 20	43 83		87 23		
Louisiana.....	10	6,342 01	3,250 50	64 25	226 90	94 90	200 00		254 80		
Louisville.....			1,695 60	1,347 48	169 40	83 60			772 77		
Memphis.....											
Mississippi.....			603 94	1,179 72	97 45	55 60					
Missouri.....	19	26,350 00	561 49	2,444 59	5 00	33 60			91 20		\$ 811 15
Montana.....			506 51	387 90	45 25				178 55		82 05
New Mexico.....											44 20
North Alabama.....											
North Carolina.....											
North Georgia.....			2,909 89	1,121 46	1,385 90	784 98			170 15		
North Mississippi.....			412 04	2,347 93		91 81			2,182 79		
North Texas.....									229 26		
Northwest Texas.....			4,502 88	4,691 86	827 75	478 00	63 50		245 02		285 45
Pacific.....			1,333 65	1,186 50	86 85	86 43	12 00				
South Carolina.....			200 00	70 00	106 15	64 50			175 00		
South Georgia.....			1,549 58	302 20		167 65	218 59		409 24		
Southwest Missouri.....			480 96	1,534 32	1,037 57	223 28	312 50	537 92	284 20		
St. Louis.....			300 35	1,465 20	787 46	283 65			474 35		
Texas.....			753 89	616 83	967 80	970 17			960 49		
Tennessee.....			1,813 63	3,569 97		50 69			315 25		
Virginia.....			387 73	260 41	630 55	311 04	204 55				28 38
West Texas.....											
Western North Carolina.....	10	62,250 00	169 73	295 81	10 00	29 65			25 55		
Western Virginia.....	15	27,350 00	340 12	569 99	101 65	7 75					
White River.....											
Total.....	166	\$142,708 45	\$31,049 16	\$26,749 16	\$7,434 88	\$5,622 78	\$1,136 99	\$508 91	\$826 85	\$7,664 24	\$1,240 13

Mrs. W. D. KIRKLAND, General Treasurer.

# ANNUAL REPORT OF CONFERENCE CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.

FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1903.

Conference.	Adult Auxiliaries.	Adult Members.	Juvenile and Y. P. Auxiliaries.	Juvenile and Y. P. Members.	Total Members.	Life Members.	Baby Roll Members Added During the Year.	Taking Home Mission Reading Course.	Subscribers to Our Homes.	Pledged to Tithing.	Papers and Leaflets Distributed.	Visits Made to Sick and Strangers.	Visits Made to Corrective and Benevolent Institutions.	Collage Prayer Meetings Held or Bible Readings Given.	Garments in Good Condition Distributed.	Necessary Assisted.	Boxes of Supplies Sent Out.
Alabama.....	22	435	41	536	1	10	124	62	4,095	1,645	273	267	676	312	2		
Arkansas.....	1	149	13	162	1	13	125	125	3,439	46	38	451	161	10			
Baltimore.....	56	831	14	1,119	3	7	20	139	124	5,908	159	179	10				
Columbia.....	18	931	221	1,119	3	17	20	84	15	404	831	22	164	29			
Contra Costa.....	8	718	62	780	1	4	92	9	114	790	24	19	10				
East Columbia.....	8	108	62	170	1	4	32	1	168	100							
East Texas.....	43	692	21	693	3	76	28	317	82	6,177	817	27	136	1,781	357	3	
Florida.....	80	1,594	10	1,715	6	4	25	313	161	6,791	8,474	116	401	2,678	603		
German Mission.....	4	54	13	84	3	235	62	12	3	235	62	12	12	11			
Honolulu.....	196	7,060	6	3,406	5	78	132	525	112	3,296	21,657	219	133	3,411	2,127	85	
Indian Mission.....	73	1,083	3	1,112	3	7	7	282	201	2,861	5,617	10	169	1,353	546	3	
Kentucky.....	47	575	100	675	3	51	215	203	2,240	1,150	100	288	2,672	78	25		
Little Rock.....	42	474	17	536	16	134	46	521	145	6,000	7,304	53	258	2,672	50	12	
Los Angeles.....	25	437	206	643	9	179	32	179	52	2,065	1,861	82	6	1,060	51	3	
Louisiana.....	29	525	12	537	7	89	8	184	34	3,131	1,296	128	449	1,547	232	2	
Louisville.....	44	695	7	702	18	40	74	197	108	27,290	2,300	168	213	1,352	345	13	
Memphis.....	35	523	3	531	7	126	48	126	48	1,335	1,987	16	12	2,088	267		
Mississippi.....	35	528	1	540	9	14	1	127	29	3,250	3,427	89	31	1,669	354	1	
Montana.....	6	111	1	121	1	121	1	12	64	477	34	174	26				
New Mexico.....	18	229	2	229	2	103	45	83	56	2,600	2,757	34	88	863	60	4	
North Alabama.....	33	696	2	729	1	14	16	128	9	3,738	3,903	18	169	1,396	391	12	
North Carolina.....	22	504	3	519	8	66	133	138	10	3,000	700	48	2	231	347	24	
North Georgia.....	67	1,397	3	1,564	50	73	40	643	105	12,982	9,442	307	244	8,357	3,001	52	
N. Mississippi.....	54	864	1	876	2	8	1	221	61	2,016	3,895	317	114	1,653	313	16	
North Texas.....	87	1,365	5	1,465	12	36	326	580	171	31,026	15,504	337	263	4,839	797	80	
Northwest Texas.....	128	2,031	5	2,063	10	117	199	493	200	10,806	12,755	172	194	4,641	676	13	
Pacific.....	32	512	1	512	1	3	122	18	1,019	2,398	13	69	742	40			
South Carolina.....	34	514	4	511	11	11	117	11	1,875	112	6	4	19	68	2		
South Georgia.....	54	1,162	4	1,228	13	45	3	135	135	1,974	1,888	154	168	828	249	3	
S. W. Missouri.....	42	768	1	839	8	27	84	213	62	4,287	5,940	100	85	2,031	460	3	
St. Louis.....	49	890	2	900	17	41	127	199	89	2,216	11,733	256	124	3,759	387	13	
Tennessee.....	36	1,033	1	1,038	138	117	43	240	135	391	13,910	6,060	433	239	4,358	817	11
Texas.....	36	570	1	590	1	75	25	184	36	4,090	4,388	26	31	1,567	139	4	
Virginia.....	23	719	11	711	11	33	161	175	16	5,913	2,009	686	57	1,276	83	4	
West Texas.....	54	735	6	735	6	20	25	216	3	1,838	1,846	89	33	858	83	4	
Western.....	7	77	1	77	1	1	5	5	213	410	537	15	253	103	6		
W. N. Carolina.....	19	332	2	334	2	39	16	97	7	1,001	1,001	637	15	253	103	6	
Western Virginia.....	11	204	2	204	2	57	68	6	410	1,000	1,000	37	139	50	1		
White River.....	14	350	5	350	5	43	2	101	2	1,000	1,000	37	139	50	1		
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>1,662</b>	<b>28,551</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>28,633</b>	<b>31,414</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>1,730</b>	<b>1,549</b>	<b>8,188</b>	<b>2,488</b>	<b>182,472</b>	<b>160,991</b>	<b>4,518</b>	<b>4,201</b>	<b>60,352</b>	<b>14,182</b>	<b>427</b>

Mrs. R. W. MacDONELL, General Secretary.

### STATISTICS FROM 1886 TO 1903.

Number of members.....	31,414
Receipts for connectional work.....	\$330,876 16
Receipts for local work.....	498,173 66
Total receipts .....	829,049 82
Number of parsonages built and aided.....	1,377
Money donated to parsonages.....	\$128,487 60
Value of supplies distributed outside of receipts above stated .....	59,230 17
Number of day schools supported.....	7
Number of night schools supported.....	4
Number of pupils enrolled.....	1,324
Number of missionaries and teachers employed.....	58
Number of mission boards.....	12
Number of Rescue Homes and Doors of Hope.....	2

#### SOME FACTS FROM 1902-03.

The Society gave \$11,103.17 to parsonages last year, the largest sum ever granted in the same length of time. Sent 435 boxes of supplies, valued at \$14,309.11.

*Mountain School.*—Sue Bennett School, London, Ky. Enrolled 327 students. Incomes from fees, \$5,226.23. Ten teachers.

*Cuban Schools.*—The three schools for Cubans enrolled 480 children. Income from fees, \$1,174.03. Fourteen teachers.

*Chinese and Japanese Schools.*—Four night schools. Enrolled 207 students. Nine teachers employed.

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

*Paine Annex, Augusta, Ga.*—Industrial work begun at Paine for negro girls, with 122 girls in the classes.

*Choctaws of Mississippi.*—One day school enterprised for Choctaws.

City mission work carried on in 12 cities, 16 missionaries being employed. Total names on the Baby Roll, 8,074. Total receipts of the general treasury for all purposes amounted to \$56,754.93.

#### VALUE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE SOCIETY.

Schools for Cubans, at Tampa, Fla.....	\$ 8,000
Sue Bennett Memorial School, at London, Ky.....	25,000
Rescue Home, at Dallas, Tex.....	15,000
Ruth Hargrove Institute, at Key West, Fla.....	11,000
Industrial Home and School, at Greeneville, Tenn.....	10,000

Grand total.....\$69,000



FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING  
OF THE  
WOMAN'S BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS,  
M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH,  
HELD IN  
*TRINITY CHURCH, ATLANTA, GA.,*  
*April 17-22, 1903.*



## FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING.

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### INTRODUCTORY.

IN 1902, at the meeting of the Board in Richmond, Va., the "mother of colonies," there came a double invitation for 1903 from Georgia, the youngest of the "original thirteen." Savannah, with nearly two hundred years of history to which Whitefield and the Wesleys had given an interest peculiarly attractive to Methodists, offered her gracious hospitality; and to those who know her people, her famous coast-charms, her century-old oaks, there came a longing to see Savannah's springtime glory in the bicentennial year of Methodism.

But when Atlanta, with eloquent insistence upon her oft-renewed invitation, asked the Board to read a stirring page in modern history by coming to see how entirely she had helped to make Georgia forget "the abomination of desolation" which "Sherman's march to the sea" had made, so potent was the influence of North Georgia women, so persuasive the arguments of the beloved representative of that Conference, Mrs. Fannie P. Clarke, that the vote was soon made unanimous for Atlanta. Nor were the brightest hopes of the members of the Board disappointed from the moment they were greeted by the kind faces and words of the untiring Committee of Arrangements to the hour when the good-bys were said after the adjournment of the session. Atlanta won all heads and all hearts.

Alas that the shining face and the sweet voice of the honored and loved Mrs. Clarke were absent from the scenes! She who had most longed for the presence of the Board in Atlanta had entered into that presence where there is fullness of joy for evermore. The hallowing touch of her life and her departure was upon the session, and drew closer together the hearts of the workers, for who knows how soon the chain may be broken again?

The souvenir programmes, prepared by Mrs. Marvin Davis and others, were most interesting from the variety of the contents, bringing before us in brief the growth of Methodism in Georgia. There were gathered into its pages the "Wesley Oak," at Frederica, the oldest Methodist Church, St. John's, Augusta, the old and the new churches in Atlanta, the educational institutions, the orphanages. Trinity Church, with its association with the Haygood family, and the strong, saintly face of Miss Laura carried thoughts back to the time when, in carrying on organized home mission work in Atlanta under the guidance of her pastor, Dr. T. R. Kendall, she was going on toward that day when she heard the cry of China's Christless millions.

Trinity's present pastor, Rev. H. S. Bradley, and his charming wife, the host and hostess of the Board, with Mrs. Muse, Mrs. Milam, Mrs. Chamberlain, and the many others who provided for the comfort and pleasure of the delegates and many visitors, were right exponents of Atlanta's free-hearted hospitality, which was further evidenced by the generous luncheons served at noon by the ladies of the different Methodist Churches of the city. The receptions given on Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. A. Gregg, on Capitol Avenue, and Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. George Howard, on Ponce De Leon Avenue, gave opportunity in a delightfully informal way to delegates and visitors to mingle with one another and with the people of Atlanta.

On Friday night the devotional service was led by Mrs. L. P. Smith, whose vibrant, musical voice brought out the deep joyousness of the wonderful fortieth chapter of Isaiah. The exhortation "Comfort ye, comfort ye my people" was illustrated in the good cheer in the welcome to Georgia given by Rev. Sam P. Jones, the welcome in the name of the North Georgia Society by its President, Mrs. W. B. Higginbotham, the welcome to Atlanta by Mrs. Alonzo Richardson, to Trinity Church by Rev. H. S. Bradley, and the greeting from the Foreign Missionary Society of the North Georgia Conference by its Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. A. Gray. In replying to all these chaste and beautiful greetings, Mrs. Yarbrough, in behalf of the Board, spoke in her characteristic way, and by her contagious good humor and simple, straight-forward, loving sincerity captured Atlanta as completely as Atlanta had captured the Board. The music furnished by the choir upon this occasion, as well as that by other choirs and singers during the sesison, was restful and inspiring.

The Workers' Conference, conducted by Mrs. L. P. Smith on Saturday afternoon, had been most admirably planned, and was fruitful in results. It was among the most profitable hours of the session in arousing interest, calling forth interchange of opinion, and reviewing different methods of work.

Sunday was an epochal day in the history of the Board of Home Missions. In the large congregation that was gathered for the morning service, it was interesting to note the number of visitors from a distance, the presence of the General Secretary of the Board of Missions, Dr. Lambuth, and some other leading men in the Church. A few well-arranged palms and a large vase of Easter lilies gave freshness and beauty to the chancel. The music by the choir and the opening hymns, "There's a wideness in God's mercy" and "There is an eye that never sleeps" spoke to the mind and heart. Rev. S. H. Bradley led in prayer. Bishop Hendrix read as lessons the forty-fifth Psalm, beginning with the sixth verse, and the parable of the good Samaritan from the tenth chapter of St. Luke's Gospel. The text was the last verse of the twelfth chapter of Matthew: "For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother,

and sister, and mother." The high message, given in great simplicity, will live in the hearts of those who heard it. The infinite tact and tenderness Christ showed in dealing with women was emphasized, and also the fact that no woman ever misunderstood him or spoke unkindly of him. The honor roll was called of some of those who ministered to him. Only God and man know family relations; Christ was most true in all his earthly relationships. "Religion is doing the will of God." "Sentiment is a weak instinct; religion is that which binds a man's heart to his fellow-men through the heart of God." "All real charity is done through supreme love to God." Lessons were drawn from the characters of Martha—the secular, worldly, anxious woman full of unrest, and desirous of doing conventional service—and Mary—the thoughtful, eager listener to spiritual truth, with the calmness of assured faith in her spirit. Personal love for Christ is (1) born of personal experience of Christ's love for us; (2) is a love self-sacrificing and with creative power; (3) is uncalculating and unstinted. "How does Peter's selfish inquiry, 'What shall we have?' sound placed in contrast to Mary's 'alabaster box?'" "One can hardly help loving God, who is all loveliness; but to love unlovely men is the supreme test." "Jesus never despaired of men; the Christian worker must learn of him the love that never fails."

At the close of the sermon, from which these few thoughts are given, Bishop Hendrix called attention to the fact that twenty-five years ago, at the General Conference in Atlanta, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was authorized as an organization. The Church had now reached another epoch in its history, when trained women were to be set apart to do the Master's work. He addressed the five young deaconesses upon the necessity of a deep spiritual life as the only preparation for doing the will of God, reminding them that one can never bring a soul nearer to God than the bringer himself is, and also that souls, like delicate fruit, are gathered one by one. There followed a beautiful consecration service, and Miss Mattie M. Wright, Miss Amy Rice, Miss Annie Heath, Miss Elizabeth R. Davis, and Miss Anabel Weigel were admitted to the office of deaconess in the Church.

Sunday afternoon there was a memorial service held in honor of Mrs. Fannie P. Clarke, the Corresponding Secretary of the North Georgia Conference Society. Miss Emily Allen, who had charge of the service, by the Scripture lessons selected, brought to remembrance the fact that "Jesus Christ hath abolished death," and that a chastened joy must be the keynote struck when the life of a child of God ends on earth to begin in heaven, especially when gladness of heart and service is so distinguishing a characteristic of life as it was with Mrs. Clarke. Miss Bennett, Mrs. Muse, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Higginbotham, and others paid loving tribute to the character and work of the loved friend and comrade, whose diligent spirit ever since she came into office had seemed to breathe the words of the Master:

"I must do the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work."

On Sunday night Dr. Walter R. Lambuth, the ever-ready and sympathetic friend of the Board, made a clear and full presentation of the work of the Home Mission Society in all its departments. He stressed the endowment of power by the Holy Spirit as indispensable to successful work for Christ in mission fields at home and abroad. At the close of the address a collection of \$350 was taken.

On Monday night Miss Maria L. Gibson, whose presence at the session had been a glad pleasure to the Board, brought the Scarritt Bible and Training School briefly before us in its aim and purpose "to test and to train the whole woman" for the service of God in special fields. She made an earnest plea that effort should be made to reach the rich and cultured women who can be made so effective in capturing modern civilization for Christ.

The address of Miss Mabel Howell, teacher of sociology in the Scarritt Bible and Training School, on "Deaconesses and Home-Making" stressed eloquently the lamentable fact that the chief fault of much Christian work to-day is that many of its efforts are directed too far from the home, the corner stone of all society.

Tuesday evening the various phases of mission work undertaken in the cities where the Woman's Board of Home Missions has projected work were presented by the representatives from those cities, and showed the ever-widening scope of the Home Mission Society. When Mrs. Knowles, the "mother" in the "Door of Hope," in Macon, Ga., alluded to her own daughter, Mary Knowles, now laboring in far-away Korea, there came the conviction that there is no far-away in the great heart of Him who was given that all men might come back to "God, who is our home."

Not least blessed among all the holy and sweet memories of the Atlanta meeting will be those of the visit one afternoon to the settlement, near the Elsas factory, where the young missionary, Miss Rosa Lowe, the daughter of a Methodist preacher, makes her home among those who have her loving care. Surely such as these are the exponents of Him who never despairs of men, and they are hastening the day when all the waste places of the earth "shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose—shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing," because "they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God."

## OFFICIAL MINUTES.

### FIRST DAY, MORNING SESSION.

At ten minutes past nine o'clock on Friday morning, April 17, 1903, the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, assembled in its fifth annual session in Trinity Church, Atlanta, Georgia, was called to order by the President, Miss Belle H. Bennett.

"All hail the power of Jesus' name" was sung as the opening hymn. The President led in prayer, asking fervently for the manifest presence of God in the meeting of the Board, for his sure guidance to the preachers of the gospel everywhere, and his strength and power for all laborers in the fields of the world's harvest. The seventeenth chapter of the Gospel by John was read, and then that stirring old hymn, "Am I a soldier of the cross?" was sung. With the keynote of faith in the Master and service with him in the world's redemption strongly and truly struck, the body was tuned in mind and spirit for its work.

The roll was called by Conferences, showing the following attendance: All the general officers except Mrs. F. B. Carroll, Second Vice President; Miss Mary Bruce, Superintendent of the Department of Cuban Work; Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, Superintendent of the Department of Supplies; Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Financial Agent of the Mission Home at Dallas, Tex.; Miss Mary Helm, Editor and Agent of *Our Homes*; and the following twenty-three Conference delegates:

Alabama Conference, Mrs. T. D. Power, Corresponding Secretary.

Baltimore Conference, Mrs. J. H. Kuhlmann.

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

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

Holston Conference, Mrs. A. A. Gibson, Corresponding Secretary.

Indian Mission Conference, Mrs. J. M. Gross, Corresponding Secretary.

Little Rock Conference, Mrs. F. M. Williams, President.

Louisiana Conference, Mrs. F. A. Lyons, President.

Louisville Conference, Mrs. T. R. Kendall, President.

Mississippi Conference, Miss Florence Kern, Corresponding Secretary.

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

North Georgia Conference, Mrs. L. G. Johnson, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. W. B. Higginbotham, President (alternate).

North Carolina Conference, Mrs. Ida T. Wilkins, Corresponding Secretary.

North Mississippi Conference, Mrs. A. C. Yeager, Corresponding Secretary.

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

South Georgia Conference, Mrs. R. C. Neely, Corresponding Secretary.

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

St. Louis Conference, Mrs. S. P. Wilfley, Corresponding Secretary.

Tennessee Conference, Mrs. Bennett D. Bell, President.

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

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

Western North Carolina Conference, Mrs. T. F. Marr, Corresponding Secretary.

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

The first four seats across the body of the church were assigned to the delegates.

From nine o'clock until half past twelve were the hours determined for the morning sessions; the length of the afternoon sessions was to be determined by the needs of committee work and the general business of each day. The rules of order were read by the Secretary.

The President then made the following address:

This opening session marks the end of the first quadrennium of service for this Board.

Four years ago, at a called meeting held in Dallas, Tex., the Woman's Home Mission Society exchanged its executive force—a Central Committee of twelve women—for a larger and more representative body, whose delegated members became responsible for the growth, development, and management of the organization and its work.

It is not necessary that I should review to you the work of these four years, though there are some with us to-day to whom the recital would bring joy and renewed courage, for "the good hand of our God has been upon us," and "the wilderness and the solitary place have been made glad, and the desert to rejoice and blossom as the rose." But each annual report has given to you, and to every member of the Society desiring it, a general review of the year's work; and at every annual meeting the detail of every department has been put before you for critical examination, and an opportunity given for approval or censure, change of methods—or even a discontinuance of the work.

This is a more than ordinarily momentous meeting, and time is a factor of such importance to the busy women who compose the membership of this Board that I will, without further preliminary, put before you some of the many matters that will come up for your consideration, and perhaps final action, during these sessions.

The territory throughout which the Board works is so large, and the missions are becoming so numerous and varied, that the adoption of some measure for a broader and more flexible policy in the conduct and control of the institutional work of the Society has become imperative. This Board, too, must be relieved of the increasing burden of detail work which comes before it at these annual meetings. This can be done by a more general distribution of responsibility



and authority during the year. You will, therefore, be called upon early in the session to take action on the work of the committees appointed a year ago: the first, to fix the number of standing committees for this Board, and to outline their duties; the second, to frame a plan for shaping, harmonizing, and classifying the educational institutions of the Society. The wise and speedy settlement of these matters is of vital importance if the Board would do its best work during the next quadrennium.

The introduction of the great and, as we believe, vitalizing force of the deaconess in the Church, and the action of the General Conference committing the direction and superintendence of the same to this Board, entail a responsibility that should wring from every heart the prayer, "Teach me thy way, O God, and lead me in a plain path," for "who is sufficient for these things?"

A quorum of the Board in called meeting has already outlined a policy for this new element, but what was done at that meeting must be ratified at this; and if any changes are to be made, they must be made now. We are building for the future, and only that wisdom which cometh down from above can save us from mistakes in this important department. God grant that no personal prejudices, no importunate demands for help from pastors or congregations, and no fear of disaffection or antagonisms from any quarter, may induce this Board to abate one jot or tittle of the two years' course of Bible study and systematic training authorized by the General Conference and prescribed by this body. To fail to maintain a high standard in one single instance, at this juncture, would be to establish a precedent that would inevitably bring discredit upon the deaconess, and hinder, rather than help, the cause of Christ, by cloaking pretentious ignorance in the garb of the Church. We need trained women, and need them badly. We need exceptionally fine women, as the specific calls from numerous pastors, congregations, and institutions clearly show. We could doubtless place a hundred such deaconesses in the next thirty days, if we had them. But exceptional, well-trained women are not found nor made in a day. Let the Church wait until they are found and prepared, and let this Board make it difficult for an unworthy applicant to become a deaconess, so difficult that even the most ardent advocates of the cause will understand that you do not intend to authorize the setting apart of any but the best. "Quality, not quantity, is what we want." We must have women filled with the Holy Ghost and with power—power to study and to think; power to wield the sword of the Spirit to the saving of life, as the skillful surgeon uses his knife; power to work under authority and to exercise authority, to project work and develop work. We must have women who have power with God and man; we need no other kind. Too much time, thought, and prayer cannot be given to the launching of this new department.

Some questions of law affecting Conference Societies, districts, auxiliaries, and city boards have come repeatedly before the executive officers during the year, and must be referred to this Board for authoritative answers.

First, who constitute the Executive Committee of the Conference Society?

A precedent of long standing has limited the Executive Committee to the President, the First Vice-President, the Corresponding Secretary, and the Treasurer, and to call so many women together for an emergency case entails a heavy expense, for which societies are not prepared. The law, therefore, as it stands, is practically a dead letter in most of the Conferences for *ad interim* work, yet in some it

causes confusion and dissension. We believe the Board ought to construe and reaffirm the law as it now stands, or change the law and reconstruct Article No. 2, Constitution for Conference Societies.

By-Law No. 7, for Auxiliaries, requires the Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary to send full quarterly reports to the Conference Secretary and the District Secretary. Some of the District Secretaries claim that for them to make a second report to the Conference Secretary is a work of supererogation and useless expense. There is much confusion throughout the connection on this point. If this question could be left to the decision of the Conference Societies, we believe it would be advisable.

Again, we are asked to state to what extent a district meeting is a lawmaking body, and if Conference officers attending a meeting, though not living in the district, have a right to vote.

The time-honored question of "local helpers" must once more claim your attention. As Conference officers, do you believe that this force adds anything to the strength of the Society? Is it not often an excuse for a band of women calling themselves a Home Mission Society, to send annually a small sum of money to the Conference Treasurer, and in so doing, claim exemption from any further duty to the home mission cause?

The advance in organized city mission work during the past year has been phenomenal. Women in cities, towns, and villages seem to have suddenly awakened to the fact that enough time has been spent in talking and writing of the great need of evangelizing the cities, of the dangers from the congested slums and the ignorant, degraded emigrant, and are reaching out for work as though just realizing that *now* is God's accepted time for the redemption of the masses.

Twelve city mission boards are already affiliated with this Board, and in many other places the women are eager to organize.

The law of this Society authorizing the organization of city mission boards must be restated. The language of the first clause is obscure and ambiguous. The statement that in "all towns where two or more auxiliaries of the Woman's Home Mission Society exists they may unite for the promotion of city mission work." etc., has been construed to mean that auxiliaries in the same church, an adult and a young people's, may select three members each, and form a city mission board. Was this the intent of the law?

There is great need for a leaflet or pamphlet outlining a plan of city mission work and giving the approximate cost of the same for boards newly organized. It would be well to enter into detail and state the average amount of money necessary to rent and equip a house or rooms; the monthly salary of a missionary; the expense of a kindergarten, a kindergarten teacher and assistant; how to organize clubs, night schools, industrial classes, etc. It would also be well to state clearly the relation of the city mission board to the mission, and, as far as possible, to outline the duties of the members.

Some plan for preparing such a leaflet ought to be authorized before this body adjourns.

This meeting is peculiarly important, also, because you this year elect officers for another four years. This is not a political body where candidates are nominated, offices sought, and votes secured by persuasive eloquence or promises of preferment.

I therefore, in behalf of the women who are now serving this Board, desire to say somewhat in regard to those who may come after us. It is a privilege to work with this Board, and an honor to be chosen as one of its officers. He whom we serve and whose we are said: "I am come that ye might have life, and have it more abundantly." The

woman who conscientiously and intelligently works *with* this Board, as member or officer, learns to know more of the mind of the Christ. Life becomes more sacred to her, and the things of the world—the things she once prized, less important. Her horizon is enlarged, her sympathies are broadened, and her love so purified by importunate prayer, and the giving of self for the weak things of earth, that she enters each day into a life more abundant.

We miss one at this meeting who had grown so like her Master, in patient, tender love, so full of compassion for “the sheep without a shepherd,” that all sorrow and weakness were sacred to her, and her highest privilege was to “go about doing good.” From the life more abundant here, Mrs. Clarke, of North Georgia, has entered into the life abundant and eternal there.

But it is the requirements of the work, rather than the personal good of any woman, that we would ask you to consider in electing the officers of the Board. The field in which you are called to labor is as broad as our country; the necessity for the redemptive work of Christ as great as when he came to earth, and the opportunities for woman’s work, and for her work through this organization, absolutely incalculable. You need officers for this Board who can see from afar and meet their opportunities; who have large faith to project work, and such courage and hope as will inspire like courage and hope in others. You need and must have women who are willing to give *themselves* for the cause; women who live close to God, and much in prayer; who will study and think; who can write readily and strongly; and, traveling from Conference to Conference, assist in arousing the great body of Church people who neither read nor think.

None of you have come to this meeting without considering these things. All of you know that for the best interests of the work the General Secretary’s office must be located at Nashville, Tenn., and that upon the incumbent of this office falls the largest responsibility and the heaviest work. Select the best woman you can find in the Church for this place, and make it possible for her to be free from financial care, that she may work with an undivided heart. Select other women who can hold up her hands, dividing responsibility and work with her. Let no personal feeling for any woman now in office, no sectional pride, no lack of moral courage, nor fear of wounding some friend, prevent any member of this Board from casting her ballot for the woman who she believes *with* God will best advance his cause through this organization.

And now, thanks be to Him who has given us victory in the past, we can turn our faces to the future with an unflinching faith, knowing that “we are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God before prepared that we should walk in them.”

Upon motion, the address was referred to the different committees to be provided later in the session.

The President called for the reading of the minutes of the *ad interim* sessions of the Board. Upon motion, the part relating to the control of the deaconess work, which would come up later in the report of a special committee appointed at the last session of the Board, was omitted from the reading by the Secretary as follows:

The Woman’s Board of Home Missions met in called session June 24, 1902, with Miss Belle Bennett, President, in the chair. The following members were present: Mrs. J. D. Hammond, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, and Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, alternate from Tennessee. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Kirkland.

Mrs. MacDonell presented the following report from the committee appointed to confer with representatives of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the General Board, in regard to opening a day school in Oklahoma Territory:

"On May 22 your committee met Rev. J. J. Methvin, from Anadarko, Okla., and a committee from the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, in Mrs. Trueheart's office. Mr. Methvin presented a map showing the various quarter sections recently granted by the government. It was found that the section set apart for this Board was unfavorably located, in that the Indians have not settled within easy access; therefore it is

"Resolved: 1. Owing to the unfavorable location of the land that this Board declines to enterprise a day school in Oklahoma Territory at present.

"2. That the General Secretary be instructed to give Rev. J. J. Methvin power of attorney in order to make necessary disposition of the land recently granted this body.

MRS. J. D. HAMMOND,  
MRS. MACDONELL,  
MRS. HAIDEN DODD."

A letter from Miss Addie Purnell, relative to the Choctaw Indians in Mississippi, was read by the General Secretary and the following resolution adopted:

"Resolved, That we authorize Mrs. MacDonell to communicate with Rev. T. L. Mellin in regard to the Choctaw work and to limit the work and responsibility of this Board to two points only.

MRS. J. D. HAMMOND,  
MRS. J. H. YARBROUGH."

The General Secretary was instructed to correspond with Miss Mary Peery with reference to supplying the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Louise Whitman. The following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That \$100 be appropriated, contingent, for carrying on especial summer work in the Flat Top coal fields.

MRS. J. D. HAMMOND,  
MRS. J. H. YARBROUGH."

Mrs. Hammond presented the plans of work for the Literature and Press Committee and, on motion, \$30 was appropriated for the expense of this branch of work.

Miss Bennett read a letter from Mrs. Gross Alexander, in which she presented the copyright of her book, "The Life and Work of Lucinda B. Helm," to the Woman's Board of Home Missions. The following resolution was offered and carried:

"Resolved, That this Board receives with thankfulness the generous offer of Mrs. Alexander to present her book 'The Life and Work of Lucinda B. Helm' as a free gift to the Woman's Home Mission Society. We recognize the fact that this book has been an inspiration to our women and our work wherever it has gone; and in accepting with gratitude the ownership of the volume we wish to express something of our appreciation of our debt to it and to its author, and also to acknowledge our indebtedness for her gift.

MRS. J. D. HAMMOND,  
MRS. R. W. MACDONELL."

The President appointed Mrs. Gross Alexander, Miss Mary Helm, and Mrs. R. W. MacDonell as a committee to revise and arrange for the republication of this book.

A careful review of the Cuban work in Florida was made. The

Board expressed appreciation of the work and rare devotion of Miss Mary Bruce in this difficult field, and authorized Miss Bennett to retain her in the field if possible.

The Board adjourned to meet Thursday morning, June 25.

#### SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

The Board was called to order by the President. Prayer was made by Mrs. Hammond.

The Secretary read a letter from Miss Bruce relative to incidental expenses and repairs.

On motion, the Secretary and Treasurer were instructed to pay Miss Bruce \$25 for her sewing machine.

An additional appropriation of \$45 was made for Key West.

The following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*: 1. That Mrs. MacDonell be authorized to engage a principal for Ybor City at a salary of not more than \$50 per month.

"2. That \$180 of the sum appropriated to West Tempa be withdrawn from that school and applied to current expenses at Ybor City as hereinafter provided.

"3. That the three teachers engaged for Ybor City be required to live in the Wolff school building and to conduct the work on settlement lines. In order to make this possible, we hereby authorize the Secretary and Treasurer to pay \$20 per month toward household expenses to supplement the sum paid by the teachers for board.

MRS. J. D. HAMMOND,  
MRS. W. D. KIRKLAND."

On motion, \$250 contingent was appropriated to bear the expense of travel and training of the prospective teacher of Christian Sociology at the Scarritt Bible and Training School.

Dr. Walter R. Lambuth was introduced and consulted with reference to supplying a superintendent for the work of this Board on the Pacific Coast. The President requested Dr. Lambuth to serve with Mrs. R. W. MacDonell as a committee to secure and arrange with the proper parties for this work.

On motion of Mrs. MacDonell, the President appointed Miss Mary Helm to visit the Woman's Home Mission Societies of the Pacific Coast and to carefully investigate the various schools maintained in California by this Board.

The General Secretary made a report of her recent visit to the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, as well as to Paine College. After showing a map of Paine College, Mrs. MacDonell was requested to confer with Dr. Walker about buying a lot at the rear of the college.

The Secretary read communications from the Northwest Texas Conference Woman's Home Mission Society and the pastors of Waco, Tex., concerning the establishment of a Deaconess Home at Waco. She was instructed to express gratification at their substantial enthusiasm over the deaconess movement, but to say that the Board must defer action until the by-laws and working plans for this department are formulated. The Board also must forego the generous offer made by the citizens of Waco to establish a fifty-thousand-dollar hospital, as its resources are too limited to carry on a work of such proportions.

The President named the following committee of five to draft by-laws and details for the management of deaconesses and deaconess work: Miss Mary Helm, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Mrs. J. D. Hammond, Miss Bennett, and Miss Maria Gibson.

After prayer, the Board adjourned.

NASHVILLE, TENN., October 21, 1902.

The Woman's Home Mission Society met in called session October 21, 1902, with the President, Miss Belle Bennett, in the chair. The following members were present: Mrs. J. D. Hammond, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Miss Mary Helm, alternate from the Louisville Conference Society, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Mrs. Haiden Dodd, and Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, Superintendent of Supplies. Devotional services were led by Miss Bennett.

The minutes of the last called meeting of the Board were read, and reports from the committees appointed then were called.

Mrs. MacDonell reported, as a result of her correspondence with Mr. T. L. Mellen, that property had been bought at Biasha Creek and Camack Chapel for the work among the Choctaws, and that Miss Fannie Moore, a graduate of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, had been appointed to the school at Camack Chapel.

Miss Bennett reported that Miss Mary Peery had begun work in the coal fields and gave promise of much usefulness in that section.

Miss Mary Helm reported that the committee appointed to revise the book, "Life of Lucinda B. Helm," had not had sufficient time to attend to it.

Mrs. MacDonell reported that Mrs. C. Price Brown had been secured as a temporary superintendent of the work on the Pacific Coast, and that Miss Helm would tell of the appointment when she made her report of her visit to the coast.

The General Secretary was called on for a report from Paine Annex. She stated that three and a half acres of land had been bought at the rear of Paine College, and that Miss Ellen Young, a graduate of Hampton Institute, had been appointed teacher of industries; that she was already at work in temporary quarters kindly arranged by Dr. Walker. She submitted plans and specifications for the buildings for these industries. The Board instructed the General Secretary to have the plans enlarged by four rooms and to proceed to let the contract, borrowing the necessary funds to complete the building from the loan funds if necessary. The General Treasurer was also instructed to proceed to immediate collection of all subscriptions to this work.

On motion of Mrs. Hammond, Mrs. MacDonell was requested to write to Prof. Booker T. Washington for names of colored contractors, graduates of his institution, or others who would be competent to put up the buildings. The Secretary was also instructed to order the survey of the land and the building of the fence around the property. At the request of the Chair, Mrs. MacDonell read a letter from Prof. Booker T. Washington relative to this building at Paine.

Mrs. Hammond reported that, on account of ill health, the committee appointed to confer with one from the M. E. Church in regard to the reading course had been unable to do anything. A letter suggesting an interdenominational plan of study was read from Miss Martha Van Marter. It was decided that the committee should give it further consideration.

The Secretary read a letter from the Foreign Missionary Society of Los Angeles which expressed much pleasure and gratitude for the helpful visit of Miss Helm to the Pacific Coast.

Mrs. MacDonell read a communication from Rev. J. J. Methvin.

The following resolution was offered by Mrs. J. D. Hammond:

*Resolved*, That the General Secretary be instructed to communicate with Rev. J. J. Methvin and remind him of the final action of the committee, taken May 22, by which they definitely decided to relinquish the land in the Indian Territory, only holding it nominally long enough.

for him to reënter it under another name, and to explain to him that the Board is unwilling to rescind that action and cannot hold the land under any circumstances."

The papers of Mrs. Norwood, an applicant for city mission work in St. Louis, were presented, and the President appointed Mrs. MacDonell, Mrs. Haiden Dodd, and Miss Helm to examine them and report. These three ladies were appointed a permanent Committee on Missionary Candidates.

Mrs. MacDonell read a statement from the executor of the Rowzee estate. Letters from Mrs. Albert Follin and the lawyer Hon. R. Walton Moore were also read. Mrs. MacDonell stated that by correspondence with the Board she had been directed to accede to Mrs. Follin's request of extending a mortgage on her farm, which was a part of the estate of Mrs. Mary Rowzee. Mrs. Kirkland, General Treasurer, stated that she had in bank \$1,105.92 collected up to date from the estate. Mrs. MacDonell was instructed by the Chair to consult the lawyer in regard to a speedy sale of the farm in the Drainsville District.

On motion of Mrs. Hammond, it was ordered that the General Treasurer's report be the first thing at the next session.

After prayer, the Board adjourned to meet at 9:30 Wednesday morning.

#### SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

At 9:30 Wednesday morning Mrs. Haiden Dodd conducted the devotional exercise, reading for the lesson the twenty-seventh Psalm.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, corrected, and approved.

The General Treasurer made a financial report, giving a detailed account of the collections for the first two quarters of the fiscal year, as well as moneys expended for different institutions. She read a letter from a Conference Treasurer, making inquiry concerning the disposition of the collections from the Week of Prayer. On motion of Mrs. J. D. Hammond and Mrs. Haiden Dodd, the following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved*, That all moneys collected during the Week of Prayer are to be devoted to the current expenses of the general work. Life members may be made from this sum, and mite box collections may be used to augment it. No sum from this Week of Prayer collection can be used to make Preachers' Wives' Loan Funds, Educational Endowment Funds, or for local enterprises."

Miss Mary Helm read a paper she had prepared, giving specific directions as to the various funds raised by the Woman's Home Mission Society; and, on motion, she was requested to publish it in *Our Homes* and to supply the General Secretary with a number of copies in leaflet form.

Mrs. MacDonell was instructed to write to the Conference Secretaries declaring the position of the Board in regard to these collections.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, Mrs. Yarbrough, at the request of the Chair, dismissed the body with an earnest prayer.

#### THIRD DAY'S SESSION.

At 9:30 Miss Bennett called the meeting to order. Verses of promise were recited, and Mrs. Hammond led in prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Miss M. L. Gibson, Principal of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, was introduced.

At the request of the Chair, Miss Mary Helm gave a detailed and interesting account of the work and workers on the Pacific Coast. She stated that she and the committee appointed to engage a suitable pastor for the Japanese work had been unable to secure one, but that Mrs. C. Price Brown had consented to serve as superintendent of the Pacific Coast work until the proper person could be procured. Mrs. Brown to have supervision of the schools enterprised by the Board and to travel through the Pacific and Los Angeles Conferences, organizing and strengthening the auxiliaries of the Woman's Home Mission Society. At San Francisco a suitable house had been secured for the night school. Alameda and Oakland also were visited and strengthened. She gave an interesting account of the school among the Chinese at Los Angeles.

On motion, a vote of thanks was tendered Miss Helm for her efficient services in investigating and adjusting the work of the Woman's Board of Home Missions on the coast.

After prayer by Miss Bennett, the Board adjourned to meet at nine o'clock Friday morning.

#### FOURTH DAY'S SESSION.

The Board met in session Friday morning. Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Kirkland. The minutes were read and approved.

Miss Helm gave an account of the work of Mrs. Jackson among the Chinese women at Los Angeles.

On motion of Mrs. Hammond and Mrs. Kirkland, the General Secretary was instructed to request Mrs. M. I. Lambuth to take charge of the Japanese school at Alameda.

The appointment of Mrs. C. Price Brown as temporary superintendent of the work on the Pacific Coast was ratified by the Board.

The following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That in view of the fact that the memorial gift of \$6,000 from a generous Methodist in Los Angeles to the Woman's Board of Home Missions had to be immediately accepted or finally rejected, we indorse the action of Miss Helm in accepting it for the Board and directing its use in accordance with the donor's desire, with the understanding that no further work shall be undertaken and no appropriation shall be made from the general treasury until the whole matter can be laid before the Board in annual session, to take such action as it may see fit.

"We further recommend that Miss Helm prepare for the Board a written statement of the conditions at Los Angeles, and of the causes which led to Mr. Toberman's gift taking its present shape.

MRS. J. D. HAMMOND,  
MRS. HAIDEN DODD."

The committee appointed to draft by-laws for the government of deaconesses and deaconess institutions submitted its report. After amendment, it was adopted. (See page 134.)

On motion of Mrs. MacDonell, the Board proceeded to elect two members from the Society at large on the Committee of Control for the Deaconess Work. Miss Helm and Mrs. L. P. Smith were elected.

After prayer by Mrs. Kirkland, the Board adjourned to meet at 2:30 P. M.

#### FOURTH DAY'S AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2:30 the Board assembled. Devotional exercises were led by Mrs. J. D. Hammond. The minutes were read and approved.



On motion of Mrs. Hammond, Mrs. MacDonell, Miss Helm, and Mrs. Kirkland were appointed a committee to adjust the details of the work on the Pacific Coast.

Mrs. MacDonell presented a request from the Key West school that the appropriation for the janitor be increased from five to fifteen dollars per month. On motion, the request was granted.

A letter from Miss Ford was read, requesting a teacher of sewing at the Wolff Mission School, Tampa, Fla. On motion of Miss Helm, the General Secretary was instructed to consult with Miss Bruce about the advisability of organizing an industrial feature in the school, and, if deemed advisable, that thirty-six dollars be appropriated for its maintenance.

Miss Bennett gave a report of the Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School, at Dallas, Tex. On motion of Mrs. J. D. Hammond, the Board indorsed the action of the President and General Secretary in accepting the resignation of Misses Moore and Matthews and putting Mrs. W. H. Johnson in temporary charge. The Secretary was urged to use all diligence in securing suitable persons to fill the vacancies caused by these resignations.

On motion of Miss Helm, the Committee of Control was instructed to prepare and have published such printed matter as is necessary in prosecuting the deaconess work.

After prayer, the Board adjourned to meet *sine die*.

The following ladies were named by the chair as a Committee on Platform Courtesies: Mrs. W. A. Candler, Mrs. James Jackson, and Mrs. W. M. Nixon.

The General Treasurer read her report, giving, upon motion, only the details of some special collections and the totals of the various funds. The report, which showed a gratifying increase in receipts, was, upon motion, accepted.

The report of the General Secretary was called for, and as the published report in full was to be put a little later into the hands of each delegate, she culled only the salient points from the year's history, and made interesting comments upon them. She closed with an expression of thanksgiving to God for his gracious guidance in solving the problems that had come up in the office during the year, and made a strong appeal to the Board to search out the young women of the Church who ought to come into the ranks of trained workers.

Miss Bennett at this juncture outlined briefly the unfortunate history of the legacies made by different persons to the Home Mission Society, and eloquently enforced the necessity of giving during one's lifetime, so as to be sure that the gift shall go according to the wishes of the giver.

The following brethren were introduced to the body: Rev. W. C. Lovett, D.D., editor of the *Wesleyan Advocate*; Rev. W. D. Shea, pastor of Ingleside Church; Rev. W. G. Hamby, pastor of Epworth Church; Rev. S. R. England, pastor of St. John's Church; Rev. L. G. Johnson, pastor of Park Street Church; Rev. R. C. Cleckler, pastor of Inman Park Church; Rev. W. H. LaPrade, pastor of East Atlanta Church; Rev. R. B. O. England, pastor of St. Paul's Church; Rev. H. M. Quillian, pastor of Paine Memorial Church; Rev. C. P. Marchman, pastor of

Battle Hill Church; Rev. J. W. Heidt, D.D., presiding elder of Oxford District; Rev. W. F. Quillian, pastor of Gainesville, Ga.; Rev. M. J. Cofer, assistant editor of the *Wesleyan Christian Advocate*.

The host of the Board, Rev. H. S. Bradley, pastor of Trinity Church, was presented.

Miss Furlow Anderson, of Atlanta, sang a solo. After this Miss Bennett called attention to the picture of Miss Lucinda B. Helm on the platform, brought by Col. G. A. Park, of Louisville, Ky. When a boy he had been a member of Miss Helm's Sunday school class, and was known as "one of her boys." When called upon to give a greeting to the body, he did so in a simple, earnest, felicitous manner. Miss Helm spoke gratefully of his substantial aid from year to year to *Our Homes* in carrying a subscription list of twenty.

Mrs. T. R. Kendall told of Col. Parker's unfailing and sympathetic coöperation with the women in their work in his State of Kentucky.

Dr. C. W. Byrd, pastor of First Church, Atlanta, was introduced, and extended an invitation to the Board to attend the laying of the corner stone of the new First Methodist Church on Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Kendall presented a memorial from the Louisville Conference Society in regard to a change in plan for city mission work. It was referred to the Committee on Memorials.

Mrs. Bell presented a memorial from the Tennessee Conference Society in regard to the revision of the Wolff Record Books, and it was referred to the Committee on Memorials.

Miss Mary Bruce, Superintendent of Cuban Work, was asked to make her report. She spoke in behalf of the Ruth Hargrove Seminary, at Key West, and the schools at Ybor City and West Tampa, giving especially warm and loving approval to the labors of Miss Valdes, the Cuban lady in charge of the West Tampa school. She spoke of the door of opportunity for the gospel to be given to the Italian colony at Tampa.

Mrs. James Jackson extended an invitation to all the delegates and visitors to attend a reception to be given them by Mrs. George Howard on Saturday afternoon. Mrs. George Muse extended a similar invitation from Mrs. W. A. Gregg to meet the officers of the body on Friday afternoon.

The following committees were announced:

*Memorials.*—Mrs. L. P. Norfleet, Mrs. B. D. Bell, Mrs. M. N. Moorman.

*Resolutions.*—Mrs. A. A. Gibson, Mrs. F. A. Lyons, Mrs. M. N. Moorman.

*By-Laws.*—Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Mrs. S. P. Wilfley, Mrs. F. A. Lyons, Mrs. J. D. Hammond.

*Literature and Press Work.*—Mrs. J. D. Hammond, Mrs. L. G. Johnson, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Mrs. L. P. Smith, Mrs. J. M. Gross, Mrs. O. T. Hotchkiss, Miss Helm.

*City Missions.*—Mrs. T. R. Kendall, Mrs. T. F. Marr, Mrs. S. P. Wilfley.

*Parsonages.*—Mrs. George Call, Mrs. F. M. Williams, Mrs. S. H. Babcock, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Miss Florence Kern, Miss Kate Petry.

*Missionary Candidates.*—Miss Kate Petry, Mrs. O. T. Hotchkiss. Mrs. L. P. Norfleet.

*Appropriations and Extension of Work.*—Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Mrs. E. K. Griffith, Mrs. W. L. Waite, Mrs. T. D. Power, Mrs. A. C. Neely, Mrs. J. H. Kuhlmann, Mrs. A. C. Yeager, Mrs. F. A. Lyons, Mrs. J. B. Chatfield, Mrs. A. A. Gibson, Mrs. Ida T. Wilkins, Mrs. L. G. Johnson.

The President announced that the afternoon session would open at two o'clock.

Miss Mabel Howell, the teacher of Christian Sociology in the Scarritt Bible and Training School, was introduced, and conducted the services of the noon devotional hour.

"Joy to the world" was sung, and, after a brief, earnest petition for God's blessing upon his word, a part of the fifteenth chapter of John was read and one verse from the First Epistle of John. A strong teaching was given upon the necessity of abiding in Christ Jesus. Keeping his commandments is the secret of abiding; obedience unlocks the treasures found in Christ. The two essentials of the abiding life are belief and love—the first, the gate open toward God; the second, the gate open toward men. If God's grace come to us through the faith-gate, it must surely go out from us through the love-gate of our lives.

After the hymn, "Saviour, more than life to me," Dr. Heidt led an earnest prayer of thanksgiving and supplication, and closed the meeting with the benediction.

#### FIRST DAY, AFTERNOON SESSION.

At ten minutes past two o'clock the meeting was opened with devotional services led by the First Vice President, Mrs. J. D. Hammond.

Hymn 407 was sung. The scripture was taken from the fourth chapter of Ephesians, emphasizing the diversity of gifts and the oneness of purpose in Christian work.

When the roll was called, the names of Miss Kate Petry, Corresponding Secretary of the Kentucky Conference Society, and of Mrs. F. M. Williams, President of the Little Rock Conference Society, were added.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The report of Mrs. W. C. Ratcliffe, Superintendent of the Department of Tithing, was read by the Secretary. On motion, the report was referred to the Committee on Literature and Press Work. (See Reports of Departments.)

Mrs. W. H. Johnson was called upon to make a report of the Home and Training School at Dallas. The recital of the heroic labors

of the workers in that institution, as they face the hardest problem in the great work of the Church, stirred in every heart the purpose to be more strongly sympathetic with the workers there, and with the souls for whom they make a hand-to-hand fight with the powers of darkness amid the loneliness of a frontier moral and spiritual outpost.

Mrs. Hammond exhorted to stronger sympathy with the work of rescuing the outcast, but stressed the holier necessity of doing preventive work with the childhood of the world.

Mrs. S. A. Belk, First Vice President of the North Georgia Conference Society, addressed the body on the Parsonage Department of the Home Mission Society in an impressive manner.

The Secretary announced that she had a communication from Mrs. Sue F. Mooney, President of the Memphis Conference Society, in regard to a district parsonage in that Conference, and, upon motion, it was referred to the Committee on Parsonages.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, the benediction was pronounced by Dr. C. E. Dowman.

#### SECOND DAY, MORNING SESSION.

The devotional service for the morning was led by Miss Helm. After the hymn "Sweet hour of prayer" was sung, a Scripture lesson was read from the sixth chapter of Ephesians. The passage was interpreted as giving the gospel of everyday life. The armor for spiritual conflict is given us, and by it we may overcome the evil in the world. Having overcome, we must have patience with those who have not learned the uses of all the armor. Oftentimes we are called upon simply to stand and endure. "I need thee every hour" was sung.

Miss Bennett took the chair. Upon roll call, the name of Mrs. W. L. Waite, Corresponding Secretary of the South Carolina Conference Society, was added.

The minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

A letter was read by the Secretary from the Second Vice President, Mrs. F. B. Carroll, expressing regret that important business concerning the interests of the State School for the Blind, with which she is connected, would not allow her presence at the annual session of the Board.

A memorial from the Columbia Conference Society in regard to a visit from the General Secretary was read by Mrs. Hammond, and, upon motion, was referred to the Committee on Memorials.

The following was announced as an Auditing Committee: Mrs. R. C. Neeley, Mrs. Bennett Bell, Mrs. T. D. Power.

The report of *Our Homes* was called for, and the editor made the following gratifying report:

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## REPORT OF OUR HOMES, 1902-03.

### FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL STATEMENT.

Balance in bank April 1, 1902'.....	\$ 960 09
Receipts from April 1, 1902, to April 1, 1903.....	4,044 43
Total .....	\$5,004 52
Expenses from April 1, 1902, to April 1, 1903.....	3,171 94
Invested in Birmingham Street Railway bond*.....	1,032 50
Balance in bank April 1, 1903.....	\$ 800 08
Birmingham Street Railway bond.....	1,000 00
Total assets.....	\$1,800 00
Number of subscribers April 1, 1902.....	6,587
Number of subscribers April 1, 1903.....	8,188
Increase .....	1,601

MARY HELM, *Editor and Agent.*

By request, she made the following report by Conferences:

CONFERENCE.	1903.	1902.	Increase.
Alabama .....	124	94	30
Arkansas. . . . .	25	12	13
Baltimore .....	139	137	2
Columbia .....	84	28	56
Denver.....	32	31	1
East Columbia.....	24	17	7
East Texas (8).....	317	250	67
Florida (9).....	313	285	28
Holston (3).....	525	497	28
Illinois.....	3	....	3
Indian Mission (10).....	282	266	16
Kentucky (14) .....	215	117	98
Little Rock (4).....	521	355	166
Los Angeles.....	179	95	84
Louisiana .....	184	198	....
Louisville (11).....	230	206	24
Memphis.....	197	194	3
Mississippi.....	126	138	....
Missouri .....	127	131	....
Montana .....	12	31	....
New Mexico.....	83	94	....
North Alabama.....	128	91	37
North Carolina.....	133	124	9
North Georgia (1) .....	643	482	161
North Mississippi (12).....	221	195	26
North Texas (2).....	580	366	214
Northwest Texas (5).....	493	415	78
Pacific .....	122	70	52
South Carolina.....	117	59	58
South Georgia (7).....	329	235	94

\*A one-thousand dollar bond on the Birmingham Street Railway, bearing five per cent interest, was purchased at three and one-fourth per cent premium.

Southwest Missouri (15).....	213	184	29
St. Louis.....	199	130	69
Tennessee (6).....	391	285	106
Texas.....	184	148	36
Virginia.....	175	184	....
West Texas (13).....	216	158	58
Western.....	5	7	....
Western North Carolina.....	97	56	41
Western Virginia.....	68	79	....
White River.....	101	74	27
Unknown.....	31	9	22
Total.....	8,188	6,527	1,661

The reading of this paper called forth many pleasant, helpful facts. When it was learned that North Georgia led the list of subscribers, having six hundred and forty-three, Mrs. L. G. Johnson stated that extra exertions had been made by the friends and coworkers of the lamented Mrs. F. P. Clarke to bring up the subscription list to a gratifying number, because that was a consummation for which she had devoutly longed. Testimonies were given by various delegates as to the helpfulness of the paper. Mrs. Kendall, Mrs. Kuhlman, and Col. Parke were appointed to serve during the session as agents for *Our Homes*.

The following report was adopted with thanks:

I have examined the books of *Our Homes*, kept by Mrs. S. P. Vaughan, from April 1, 1902, to April 1, 1903, and find them correct. The checks and deposits agree with the books of the bank.

April 3, 1903.

D. M. SMITH, Auditor.

Miss Maria L. Gibson, Principal of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, was introduced, and gave an earnest, loving greeting. The words of Dr. George W. Walker, President of Paine College, Augusta, Ga., who was introduced, were full of gratitude and good cheer. By request of the President, he told somewhat in detail the work of the school, paying the highest tribute of approval to Miss Ellen Young, the young woman put there by the Board of Home Missions as the teacher of domestic industries. He told of the new buildings going up to accommodate the special needs of that department. His message was inspiring with the cheer that can come only to a child of God enduring "hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." Those who heard it will never forget the triumphant joy with which he quoted Bishop Haygood's words to him when he was entering this difficult field: "George, stand in your place. The Church will come to you after awhile."

Miss Bennett here called for experiences as to personal labors with the negro race. She gave her own experience, which was followed by encouraging accounts of personal work by Mrs. Hammond, Mrs. Wilfley, Mrs. Norfleet, Mrs. MacDonell, Mrs. Neely, and Miss Helm. Many others wished to speak, but the time was exhausted. Mrs. Hammond exhibited some specimens of work done by the students of Paine

College, who had sent a little willow basket to each officer of the Board.

Dr. Walter R. Lambuth was at this juncture introduced to the body. He told of a letter recently found among his father's papers, in which there was expressed, even while he was laboring in 1855 among the Chinese, a deep, prayerful interest in the slaves upon his father's plantation in Southern Mississippi. Dr. Lambuth gave highest approval to Paine College, and commended especially Prof. Gilbert, a member of the faculty, as a man, a scholar, and a Christian.

Rev. Frank Siler, pastor of Central Church, in Asheville, N. C., was introduced, and spoke of the home mission auxiliary recently organized in his Church by Mrs. Branner, President of the Western North Carolina Conference Society. He stated that he had come in behalf of the many thousand white girls in fifteen counties of Western North Carolina to lay before the Executive Committee the claims of an industrial school at Brevard.

Rev. Howard Crumley, Agent of the Orphans' Home at Decatur, was presented, and gave cordial, sympathetic greeting.

Mrs. Samuel D. Jones, President of the Atlanta Baptist Woman's Union, brought a beautiful greeting, to which Miss Allen responded in behalf of the Board.

Eight Presidents of Conference Societies were introduced as follows: Mrs. Higginbotham, of North Georgia; Mrs. Branner, of Western North Carolina; Mrs. Dickey, of Kentucky; Mrs. Hinton, of South Georgia; Mrs. Chapman, of Holston; Miss Bruce, of Florida; Miss Purnell, of Mississippi; Mrs. Underwood, of North Carolina.

Mrs. Young J. Allen, on the eve of her return to China, was introduced, and though her few words of modest, loving greeting were not heard by many, it was a blessing to look into the benignant face crowned with soft gray hair and shining with life's best experiences. Her daughter, Mrs. George R. Loehr, wife of the devoted missionary, followed Mrs. Allen with some cordial, fitting words of sympathetic interest.

Mrs. Godbey, literary editor of the *Nashville Advocate*, and Miss Elizabeth Redford, the faithful friend of the Board, were introduced, and gave greeting.

The report of Mrs. Hammond, Editor of Leaflets, was made as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE EDITOR OF LEAFLETS.

The marked increase in the use of the leaflets, which Mrs. Alexander has thankfully reported for a term of years, has continued during the past twelve months, and shows that the wider use of the leaflets keeps pace with the growth of our Society. Our women are evidently resolved to be intelligent workers, and to make use of this, as of the other, means available to that end.

At the beginning of the quadrennium 10,000 copies of each leaflet for adults was issued. The call now is for 18,000, as against 15,000 last

year; and of some leaflets even more copies have been required. The following is the statistical report:

Adult leaflets issued, 12; number of copies.....	204,000
Juvenile leaflets issued, 12; number of copies.....	75,000

Total .....	279,000
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Respectfully submitted.

MRS. J. D. HAMMOND, *Editor*.

The report by Mrs. Yarbrough, Superintendent of the Department of Supplies, was given. It was accompanied with comments and remarks made in her own happy, irresistible way. (See page 101.)

Bishop E. R. Hendrix was introduced, and closed a forceful exhortation upon the necessity of a comprehensive and unprejudiced outlook upon Christian work by calling for a show of hands as to membership in both the Foreign and Home Mission Societies of the Church. After he had noted the results with great satisfaction, Miss Bennett responded to his greeting and thanked him for his unflinching support of the work of the women.

The following telegram was read by the Secretary:

NASHVILLE, TENN.

To the Home Mission Board, Trinity Church, Atlanta, Ga.

*Miss Belle Bennett, President:* Love and greetings. Read Isaiah fortieth chapter, twenty-eighth to thirty-first verses inclusive.

MRS. HAIDEN DODD.

On motion of Mrs. Hammond, the Secretary was instructed to send messages to Mrs. F. B. Carroll and Mrs. Dodd, expressing regret at their absence, and sympathy with Mrs. Dodd in her personal affliction.

Dr. Alonzo Monk, upon being introduced, gave greeting, and in the name of the ladies of St. Mark's Church gave invitation to all present to share in the noonday luncheon they had provided.

A negro deaconess, Miss Anna E. Hall, of the M. E. Church, was asked to tell of her work in Atlanta. She emphasized the value of house-to-house visitation, told of the weekly sewing school, and of her occasional touch with the prisoners of the stockade.

Rev. J. A. Rosser, a superannuate of the North Georgia Conference, was introduced.

Mrs. Hammond was called to the chair, and Miss Bennett made her report as Superintendent of Mountain Work. (See page 104.)

The paper was referred to the proper committees.

An invitation from Mr. Foote, superintendent of Trinity Sunday School, was read, asking the body to attend the school on Sunday morning.

After various calls and announcements by chairmen of committees, Miss Bennett reminded the body of the duty and privilege of continuing instant in prayer that God's blessing might come upon the session, and especially upon the services of the coming Sabbath.

A solo was sung by Miss Furlow Anderson, and the session was adjourned with benediction by Bishop Hendrix.



## THIRD DAY, MORNING SESSION.

At nine o'clock on Monday morning four of the young deaconesses consecrated on Sunday gathered in the chancel, and Miss Davis led the devotional services. "Nearer, my God, to thee" was sung. A lesson was read from the fifth chapter of the First Epistle of John. After prayer and another hymn, Miss Bennett called the meeting to order.

The roll was called, and the names of Mrs. F. N. Hey, Corresponding Secretary of the Northwest Texas Conference Society, and Mrs. Frank Cooper, of the Western Virginia Conference Society, were added.

The minutes of Saturday's session were read, corrected, and approved.

Misses Evans and Crumley were introduced as pages.

Miss Helm was asked to make a report of her visit to the Pacific Coast. The Board was greatly interested and instructed by the report, which was as follows:

In compliance with the request of the Board in called session in June I went to California, instructed by it to make such arrangements and adjustments of the work on the Pacific Coast as in my judgment the interest of the work required.

When I reached Los Angeles, I found the situation as follows: Our Chinese night school was conducted in a rented room in a most desirable locality; and the number of pupils, though small, was about on a par with that of similar missions of other denominations, eight of which are in and around Chinatown, with its population of about 3,000. Two years previous to this time the Woman's Board of Home Missions, at the request of Mrs. C. Price Brown, then in charge of the mission, appropriated \$500 of the Twentieth Century Fund to build a frame chapel on a leased lot in Chinatown. Before this could be done, the lot was included in the fire district and a frame building forbidden. The appropriation was inadequate for a brick building; besides it was deemed undesirable to erect on leased ground a house that could not be moved. All the ground in Chinatown proper is under lease. Shortly after it was decided that this chapel could not be built, Mrs. Wolfskill, who succeeded Mrs. Brown, wrote to the General Secretary that a gentleman, name not given, proposed to give \$5,000 to build such a house as the mission needed, and she wished to retain the \$500 to add to his donation. A long delay was occasioned in trying to secure a lot located favorably for the work, yet at such a price as the donation warranted. I found there were two lots under consideration. The most desirable one belonged to the city, and was to be sold by decree of court at an unfixd date. It was as desirable for business purposes as for ours, and, estimating its cost by that of adjacent lots, would probably sell for \$7,000 or more. This of course was unattainable. The second lot was valued when it was first suggested at \$1,200, but had risen to \$1,700 and was still going up. After careful investigation, it was found that these two lots were the only ones immediately adjacent to Chinatown that were at all available, and Mrs. Wolfskill maintained that to be at a distance from Chinatown would be to destroy the work. Facing these conditions, and after advising with the Pacific Conference officers, the City Board of Missions, and others, I decided to accept from Mr. Toberman the \$1,700 lot, believing the objections advanced could be overcome by the character of work done upon it. The decision was reached too

late; the lot was sold the day before. This was only four days after my arrival.

For three weeks every effort was made, without success, to secure, if possible, another location. We were effectually shut off from establishing for the Chinese the work which the donation had seemed to make possible. Mr. Toberman then signified his willingness to use his money for missionary work for the white population of Los Angeles. An investigation of localities and character of work needed was begun, in which the committee was aided by Bishop Duncan and Dr. Lambuth. The decision reached was to establish a deaconess home as a center for city mission work, and a lot valued at \$3,000 was selected in a desirable locality. In the purchase of this lot the following conditions were agreed to: Mr. Toberman would pay \$1,000, and erect upon it a \$5,000 house according to plans furnished by the Board, if the Board would pay the remaining \$2,000 on the lot.

The Board, at a called session, accepted the offer and its conditions, and the lot was purchased, Mr. Toberman kindly consenting to advance the \$2,000 until after the annual meeting of the Board.

The exigencies of the case seemed to demand an immediate action on the part of the Board in the purchase of the lot for the following reasons: (1) The rapid increase in the value of real estate in Los Angeles; (2) the donor declined to put more than \$1,000 of his donation in the lot; (3) the possibility of losing the gift entirely by further delay. In my opinion a refusal to take this action would have been culpable on the part of the Board—a keeping of the letter of the law resulting in serious loss to the Society.

If, however, the Board in annual session should not indorse this action, the steps taken are not irretrievable. The lot can be sold—possibly at an advanced price—and Mr. Tomlinson's gift refused.

Miss May McKenzie and Miss Lalia Whiting, students of Wesleyan College, Macon, Ga., were presented to the body, and Miss Whiting gave the following message to the Board:

To the President and Members of the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

When the members of our Foreign Missionary Society appointed me to bring a greeting to the Woman's Home Mission Society, I felt not only sensible of the great honor conferred upon me as being the one chosen to deliver their message to you, but I felt also very glad and grateful that I could come into close touch with the Woman's Home Mission Society. Many of the names on your roll are familiar, and I am glad to have an opportunity for really seeing and hearing some of these women whom I have long honored. Why, a few years ago I could not have believed that I should ever see Miss Belle Bennett sitting in just an *ordinary* chair; for when I was a little girl I used to imagine her seated almost like a queen in a most magnificent chair—very, very costly, because *so many* collections were being taken for the Belle Bennett Chair in the Scarritt Bible and Training School. Since I have learned more of her work and of our great school in Kansas City, I have come to know that that famous chair means only larger equipment for better service from the young womanhood of our Church.

The work of our Wesleyan Missionary Society is chiefly for foreign missions, although we have done some home mission work. Perhaps your President remembers that it was the Wesleyan girls who gave the first money to the Cuban and Mountain schools. Scattered throughout our large body of students, of course you will find many preachers' daughters. I belong to that goodly company, and you

can very well see how your work, especially the Parsonage Department, is interesting to us.

But I come to bring you a greeting from Wesleyan. In doing so, I must bring before you some things that are a little bit ancient—much more so than Wesleyan girls. First, there is our school itself, and it is of its age that each of us feels most proud. We are always glad to say that it is the oldest college for women in the world, and the first to confer a diploma upon a woman graduate. That diploma hangs upon our walls with the name of the first president signed to it—that honored name, fragrant with noble life—Bishop George F. Pierce. Our first graduate is still living in Macon—a dear, beautiful old grandmother of eighty years.

We are gladder to know that some of the grandest women who ever gave their lives to the great cause of missions received their diplomas from Wesleyan. Miss Laura Haygood's picture hangs in our hall which is set apart for the Missionary Society and Young Women's Christian Association, and her noble face looks down upon us in our daily devotions with that radiant smile which comes like a blessing upon us. Your General Secretary, Mrs. MacDonell, and Mrs. Babcock, Corresponding Secretary of the White River Conference, are among our loved and loyal alumnæ. Your Recording Secretary is one of our teachers. The first honor girl of last year, Miss Matibel Pope, is a member of your faculty in the Ruth Hargrove Seminary, at Key West. So you see your connection with our old college is by no means small or accidental.

There are many things historic about Wesleyan. Among its old trees was a beautiful mock orange that used to stand in the back yard of the college. Its slanting, generous trunk, and low, spreading branches have furnished all through these years a favorite resort for girls seeking a cool place to study. Perhaps some of you, who are old Wesleyan girls, remember its fantastic, picturesque appearance. It would hardly do to intimate that such dignified ladies ever climbed its tempting branches. This tree was injured in some way this year, and had to be cut down. The girls felt that it was a sacred relic, and many pieces of the wood were preserved.

This tree is well known to all Wesleyan people, but there are some Georgia trees that are dear to all Georgians and dear to all Methodists. Among these trees at beautiful Thunderbolt, near Savannah, there stood one great live oak, under whose branches John Wesley preached when he was laboring in the young colony of Georgia. Recently—how or why, I do not know—this tree also was cut down; some of the wood was sent to Miss Allen by Mr. R. B. Reppard, of Savannah. With this piece of sacred wood, and with a piece of our own mock orange tree, as a handle, we had this small and unpretentious gavel made, and this gavel the girls of Wesleyan sent me to present to the Woman's Home Mission Society.

Although it is not a beautiful thing in itself, yet it will serve to remind you of the heroic man who said, "The world is my parish," and lived as if he believed it. May it remind you also of our grand old college that has sent out many workers into home and foreign fields, and that hopes to send many more! and may it bring to your remembrance the more than two hundred girls who, with it, send to you their love and greetings.

LALIA WHITING, *Class of 1903.*

Miss Bennett received the daintily-made gavel with warm and loving words, calling attention to the fact that Miss McKenzie, the other representative from Wesleyan, was preparing for work in the foreign field. She asked Mrs. MacDonell to make formal response in ac-

knowledge of the greeting and the historic gift, and the response was happily made in a simple, earnest way.

Mrs. J. B. Cobb, professor of English Literature in Wesleyan College, and Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society of the South Georgia Conference, was introduced, and gave a strong and beautiful message to the Board.

Mrs. Evans, city missionary in Atlanta, told of her labors and those of her coworkers in the various branches of work projected by the Woman's Board of City Missions. Miss Rosa Lowe, the young missionary in charge of the settlement work in Atlanta, gave a most encouraging report of the growth and condition of the kindergarten, the children's clubs, and the medical dispensary.

Dr. Vicanski, the kind Hebrew friend who had coöperated so unselfishly with the women of the City Board in Atlanta, was called forward by Miss Bennett and presented to the body. He stated that it had long been his hope to open a free dispensary among the needy in Atlanta, especially for the purpose of reaching helpless little children, and so he had welcomed the opportunity given him to work with the good women who were endeavoring to reach out helpful and saving hands. He then outlined his plan of establishing and conducting the dispensary, and stated that it was gratifying to note that some appreciative mothers had insisted upon paying for the medicines for their children.

Upon motion of Mrs. Williams, a rising and enthusiastic vote of thanks was given to Dr. Vicanski for his efficient and hearty services, and, upon motion of Mrs. Kendall, Mrs. Milam was instructed to convey the sincere thanks of the Woman's Board of Home Missions to Mr. and Mrs. Elsas, the liberal Hebrew friends, for the loyal support and the enlarging opportunity given by them to the city work.

Mrs. Trim, a member of the faculty at Greeneville, Tenn., in the Industrial Home and School, was presented, and was asked to make a report. The home now has sixty children, and the Baby Cottage, which is now building, will accommodate seventy-five. She told in a charming way of the real mother heart and life that Mrs. Wiley is putting into the home.

Miss Emily Reid, principal of Ruth Hargrove Seminary, at Key West, was introduced, and made a talk as to the condition and needs of the school. She thought the greatest need is a kindergarten department in order to compete with the Roman Catholic convent in reaching family life. It seems most desirable to secure another teacher to open a room in another part of the city for primary work to be done under the management of the seminary. A new range, new furnishings, maps, and other devices for best instruction are needed.

The report of the Special Committee on the Reading Course was called for, and, when presented by Mrs. J. D. Hammond as follows, was adopted:

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JOINT READING COURSE WITH THE M. E. CHURCH HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

In response to an invitation from the ladies of the Home Mission Society of the M. E. Church a committee of three was appointed last year to confer with a like committee from that body in regard to the writing and publishing of a home mission reading course to be used by the Woman's Home Mission Societies of all denominations.

The committee appointed by our President, in communicating with the Northern Methodist ladies, has met with the greatest consideration and courtesy. Only one book of the proposed course has yet been prepared—"Under the Flag," a book treating of needs and conditions in all parts of our country. This book was submitted to your committee, criticism invited, and all changes suggested by us were gladly made. As the book stands, it is a clear and unpretentious statement of the need for home mission work. It is to be a small volume, inexpensive enough to come within the reach of all. Some of the Woman's Home Mission Boards of other Churches have already given it their official approval, and the editors are anxious for this Board to do the same. Our approval will involve its being given reasonable advertising in *Our Homes*, and our recommending its use in all our auxiliaries. This the committee recommends shall be done.

The committee from the M. E. Church request that a committee from this Board be empowered to meet with them and the representatives of other Home Mission Boards to determine on the length of the course, the character, the several books, and to select the women to write them. It is desired that their authorship shall not be confined to the Society inaugurating the movement.

Your committee recommend the adoption of this suggestion, and the appointment of a committee with power to meet the representatives of the other Boards, and to take such action as may be necessary.

Your committee wishes to express its cordial appreciation of the sisterly spirit of the committee from the M. E. Home Mission Board, and their gratitude for this indication of a growing union between Christian women of all denominations.

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. JOHN D. HAMMOND, *Chairman*;  
MRS. R. W. MACDONELL,  
MARY HELM.

Mr. David W. Lambuth, son of Dr. W. R. Lambuth, was introduced, and made a strong and suggestive address upon city mission work as carried on in Manchester, England, where he had recently made careful study of methods and results. Upon motion, Mr. Lambuth was requested to allow the use of his paper in furnishing material for the Home Mission Society in its various publications. He stated that he should be glad to have it reach as large an audience as possible.

Bishop Hendrix, being asked to give a word of instruction and exhortation at this juncture, said the Society would do well to study the Manchester mission and the mission work at all other places where success had followed the efforts put forth. Joseph Parker once said that when he became depressed he liked to read good Methodist biography—it put iron into his blood. The Bishop said he wished to reaffirm the difference between Mary and Martha which his Sunday sermon brought out. Martha was the typical nervous, anxious woman with the secular spirit, stressing the *things* of life; Mary

was the meek and open-hearted learner, hungering and thirsting after righteousness. Marthas are abundant, and betray themselves in their tones of voice. One "Good morning" can be as chilling as an iceberg, and another as warming as a zephyr under a Southern sky. The true Christian life is not subject to worries, but abides in the region of perpetual calm. "The Holy Spirit makes no allowance for a breaking point in the life of a man." God's omnipotence comes in to supply the need when human frailty would give way. Paul was an illustrious example of the triumphant life.

Dr. Dowman, presiding elder of the Atlanta District, was presented, and gave heartiest encouragement, expressing the warm approval by the ministers of the work enterprised and done by the women.

Dr. Lambuth told some facts, gathered in personal observations, as to the work carried on in the Church of Dr. F. B. Meyer, in London. It is Christianity organized and at work that counts everywhere.

Miss Bennett expressed the conviction and hope that Trinity Church, in Atlanta, would some day soon undertake a work equal in scope and spirit to that done in any English city.

Mrs. W. C. Jarnagin sang a solo, "I shall see Him face to face," introductory to the noon hour service, in charge of Miss Howell. After the hymn, "All hail the power of Jesus' name," and earnest prayer that the Spirit would teach fresh truth from God's Word, the subject, the "Prayer-Life," was developed chiefly from the story of the prayer life of Jesus as told by Luke. Jesus never allowed his desire for prayer to keep him from his service to others; neither did he allow his service to blunt his desire for prayer. We need prayer for refreshing, as preparation for difficult work, as preparation for sorrow, as preparation for the baptism of power.

After another prayer, and hymn 768, the benediction was pronounced by Dr. C. W. Byrd.

### *THIRD DAY, AFTERNOON SESSION.*

At fifteen minutes past two the meeting was opened with prayer led by Mrs. Bennett D. Bell.

The President took the chair. The roll call was omitted, and the minutes of the previous session were read, corrected, and approved.

The report of the Committee on Literature and Press Work was read by Mrs. Hammond, and, upon motion, was adopted. (See page 119.)

By request, Mrs. Luke Johnson made some statements in regard to the work of the year. She stated that all the Church papers but five, and one hundred and forty-eight secular papers, are publishing regularly items of interest about home mission work.

The report of the committee appointed in Richmond on the number and work of standing committees was, in the regretted absence

of Mrs. Robert Somerville, the chairman, read as a whole by Mrs. MacDonell.

The first item, in regard to the general nature of the standing committees, was adopted.

The part relating to the Committee on Education was first considered. Items 1, 2, 3, and 6 were adopted; item 4 was adopted as amended, and item 5 stricken out. The report was adopted as a whole. (See report.)

The time was, upon motion, extended for five minutes.

The report as regulating the Committee on City Missions was considered. Items 1, 2, and 3 were adopted, and item 4 adopted as amended. The report was adopted as a whole. (See report.)

Mrs. W. H. LaPrade, President of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Louisiana Conference, and Mrs. Sam P. Jones, Second Vice President of the Home Mission Society of the North Georgia Conference, were introduced.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. H. LaPrade, Jr.

#### *FOURTH DAY, MORNING SESSION.*

At nine o'clock Tuesday morning the devotional service was led by Miss Mattie Wright, one of the deaconesses. Lessons were read from the seventeenth chapter of Joshua, fourteenth to eighteenth verses, and the first verse of chapter eighteen. Miss Weigel led in prayer. The hymn "Stand up for Jesus" was sung.

The President took the chair; the roll was called; the minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The work of the Committee on Standing Committees was resumed, and the Committee on Literature and Press Work was considered. Item 1 was adopted as amended, and items 2, 3, and 4 were adopted.

The report as to the Auditing Committee was adopted.

The next was the work of the Committee of Control for the Deaconess Work. The by-laws were read as a whole, and then considered separately. Items 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, and 19 were adopted. Items 3 and 9 were adopted as amended. Items 6 and 18 were recommitted, and Miss Helm, Miss Allen, and Miss Howell appointed to reframe the items.

Mrs. J. D. Hammond was called to the chair.

The report of the Committee on Committees for Annual Sessions of the Board was next taken up. Its report as to the following committees was adopted: Committee on Platform Courtesies, on Resolutions, on Memorials, on Parsonages, on Appropriations. Its report on the Committee on Missionary Candidates and Teachers was not adopted.

Mrs. W. P. Patillo was introduced, and brought greeting from the Missionary Association of Atlanta.

By-Laws 6 and 18 in the report of the Committee of Control for

Deaconess Work, which had been recommitted, were read by Mrs. MacDonell and adopted. The report as a whole was adopted as amended.

The following telegram was read:

DENVER, COL.

Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Atlanta, Ga.:

Greetings. I will support one deaconess in training, beginning next fall.  
MRS. W. C. RATCLIFFE.

The Secretary was instructed to send suitable expressions of the gratitude of the Board and its regret at Mrs. Ratcliffe's absence.

Pledges to support a deaconess in two years' training were given by the Kansas City District, in Missouri, by the Tennessee Conference Society, and by the Memphis Conference Society.

The General Secretary read a telegram from Rev. J. E. McCulloch in regard to a conference for leaders of missionary work among young people in the Southern States, to be held on Lookout Mountain July 1-8, and the Chair was asked to appoint the six delegates allowed the Home Mission Society.

The report of the Committee on Memorials was read by Mrs. Norfleet. Item 1 was lost, items 2 and 4 adopted, item 3 adopted as amended. The report as a whole was adopted as amended.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Literature and Press Work was made. Each of the nine items was adopted, and the report as a whole adopted.

Miss Mabel Howell took charge of the noon devotional hour. "Draw me nearer" was sung, and prayer followed. Some lessons were drawn from the character and work of Jeremiah, beginning with him when, as a seventeen-year-old boy, he had a definite revelation as to his mission, made response to the divine call, and received strength for beginning the work which he was called to do. God chooses the weak things of the world to accomplish great things, because they will lean upon Him in whom is everlasting strength. This omnipotent strength, given to Jeremiah, who had harder work to do than had Moses, Joshua, or Paul, is given to every one who responds with his whole nature to the divine call and seeks to fulfill the divine purpose.

#### FOURTH DAY, AFTERNOON SESSION.

The devotional services were conducted by Mrs. Gross and Miss Weigel. The hymn "Close to Thee" was sung, and a lesson was read from Luke, fourth chapter, thirteenth to thirtieth verses. After prayer, "A charge to keep I have" was sung.

Miss Bennett took the chair. Upon motion, the roll call was dispensed with, and the minutes of the previous session deferred.

The report of the Committee on Parsonages was read by Mrs. Babcock. Item 1 was adopted, item 2 recommitted, item 3 adopted, and item 4 adopted with the amendment that the application of Baxley, in the South Georgia Conference, be referred to the South Georgia Conference Society.



The report of the Committee on By-Laws was read by Mrs. MacDonell. Item 1 was recommitted, items 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 were adopted, item 7 lost. Item 1 was adopted as amended, and the report as a whole was adopted as amended.

Upon motion, the time was extended, and, by motion, the talks on city mission work at the evening hour were limited to three minutes in length.

The session was closed with the benediction by Rev. S. R. England.

#### FIFTH DAY, MORNING SESSION.

At nine o'clock Wednesday morning the meeting was opened with devotional service, led by Mrs. J. J. Dickey. Hymn 659 was used. Mrs. Wilfley led in prayer. The subject of Mrs. Dickey's lesson was "In Touch with the Divine Power," and its divisions, "The Approach," "The Desire," "The Contact," and "The Result," were enforced by passages from different parts of the Scriptures. One most valuable thought given was this: "An organization is to be used of us in doing our Lord's work; the organization is not to be machinery for using us."

A few testimonies were given, and hymn 837 was sung.

The house was called to order by Miss Bennett. The roll was called, and the minutes read and approved. Mrs. Bell moved a reconsideration of the debated item in the report of the Committee on By-Laws, and the motion prevailed, and item 3 of that report was recommitted, upon motion.

On motion of Miss Allen, the body decided to request the General Secretary to send a loving greeting to the girls of Wesleyan College expressing the gratitude of the Board for the historic gavel presented, and the wish of the Board that the college shall come into close touch with the work of the Home Mission Society.

Mrs. Chapman, of Knoxville, upon request, told of the mission work done in that city.

Dr. White, of the Second Baptist Church, of Atlanta, was introduced, and addressed the body in a most felicitous way, making an eloquent plea for the girls and boys in the mountain regions of the Carolinas and Georgia and other Southern States. Money invested in the sturdy, fresh life of youth breathing mountain air would give largest returns in strength and nobility of character. He distributed some tracts written when he was at work in the mountains of North Carolina.

Mrs. W. P. Lovejoy, President of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the North Georgia Conference, upon being introduced, spoke warm words of sympathy.

Mrs. Emmons, President of the Board of Managers for the Florence Crittenton Home, in Atlanta, told of the Christly work of redemption done there, and the companionship of the Master into which the work brings those who with him "seek the lost."

Dr. Kime, of the Sociological Society, was introduced, and in a brief, forceful way addressed the body upon the duty of studying earnestly the conditions that lead to vice and crime, and the best methods of prevention.

Mrs. Yarbrough, of Nashville, and Mrs. McCarthy, of Birmingham, by request of the President, told of the growing work done in those cities.

Rev. Charles M. Howard, an evangelist, was introduced, and presented the claims of a little book compiled and prepared by him for Christian workers.

Miss Elizabeth Redford, by Miss Bennett's request, told of the foreign trip she expected to make in June, and invited the members of the Board to join her party.

The Secretary read cordial letters from Mrs. Delia Clayton, Corresponding Secretary of the New Mexico Conference Society, giving a hopeful view of the work in that hard field, and expressing regret that the Conference was without representation in the annual session.

A telegram was read from Rev. W. N. Ainsworth, pastor of Mulberry Street Church, Macon, Ga., asking for the services of a deaconess.

Items recommitted in the report of the Committee on By-Laws were read and adopted, and the report as a whole was adopted as amended.

At this juncture the place of the next annual meeting was brought to the consideration of the body by an earnest invitation to Montgomery, Ala., given by Mrs. T. D. Porter. There followed in quick succession invitations to Tampa, Kansas City, Savannah, Chattanooga, Asheville, and Atlanta. After voting upon the different places nominated, Kansas City, having received the largest vote, was selected by a unanimous vote. Atlanta, through Mrs. Milam, offered a standing invitation.

The report of the Committee on Missionary Candidates and Teachers was read by Mrs. Hotchkiss. Each of the eight items was adopted, and the report as a whole was adopted. (See report, page 118.)

The report on City Missions was read by Mrs. Kendall. Item 1 was adopted as amended; items 2, 3, 4, and 5, adopted; and item 6 was to be reconstructed so as to express more fully the wish of the body. Instructions as to last item being given, the report as a whole was adopted as amended. (See report, page 117.)

The Chairman of Literature and Press Work moved a reconsideration of item 8 in Report No. 2. The motion was seconded and carried, and the item was adopted as read.

Miss Bennett called forward the five young deaconesses, and asked the body to engage in prayer led by Miss Allen. Miss Bennett then addressed the young women in her own loving, sympathetic way. She exhorted them when they made mistakes to rise again wiser and better, and to remember always that it is not charity, but a friend that

the world needs. She reminded them that back of them will be the womanhood of the Church that will, upon its great heart, bear them much in prayer. She read the certificate of consecration which was given to each one, and then asked Mrs. MacDonell to lead the prayer. "Go, labor on; spend and be spent" was sung, after which Mrs. Hammond gave an earnest talk to the deaconesses, reminding them that it was there, in Trinity Church, that that royal-hearted woman, Miss Laura Haygood, heard whispered to her spirit those words that drew her in perfect consecration to the Saviour of men: "I delight to do thy will, O God. Thy law is in my heart."

Miss Weigel responded in a few fitting words in behalf of the deaconesses.

This holy season was a preparation for the devotional services led by Miss Howell, after a vocal solo by Miss Dow. Miss Howell talked about the needs of a Christian worker—"a new heart, a clean life, and anointing power." She reminded us of the Christian's bank account, "My God shall supply every need of yours," and gave promises from the Word to meet the needs of the heart and life and labors of the child of God.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. John Jenkins, and the meeting was adjourned.

#### FIFTH DAY, AFTERNOON SESSION.

The meeting was opened with devotional service conducted by Mrs. Hammond. "A charge to keep I have" was sung. Part of the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah was read, after which Miss Howell led in prayer.

The roll call was dispensed with. The minutes were read and approved. Miss Bennett took the chair.

Mrs. Black, President of the Free Kindergarten Association, was introduced. She pleaded eloquently in behalf of the children. She told of this thought left with her years ago by Miss Haygood: that the different denominations are like the colors of the rainbow, that blend into beautiful white light in the hereafter.

Miss Bennett announced the names of the following delegates to the Missionary Conference on Lookout Mountain in July: Miss Helm, Mrs. Higginbotham, Mrs. Chapman, Miss Emma Tucker, Miss Howell, and Miss Allen.

The following were named as a committee to meet representatives of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the M. E. Church, to confer and decide as to joint Reading Course: Mrs. J. D. Hammond, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, and Miss Mary Helm.

On motion, Miss Mabel Howell was appointed to attend the Conference of the Young Woman's Christian Association at Asheville in June.

The report of the Committee on Extension of Work was read by

Mrs. MacDonell. Item 1 was adopted. When item 2 was read, by request of Mrs. Marr, Corresponding Secretary of the Western North Carolina Conference Society, Dr. Byrd was asked to present the claims of the Brevard School, and did so in a most effective manner, as he showed thorough acquaintance with that section and its needs, having preached, as he said, over a thousand sermons in that part of the country. Mrs. Marr also made some statements and some inquiries.

Item 2 was adopted, also items 3 and 4.

The following was adopted as a report from a special committee:

Your committee gave careful hearing to the communication of Mr. C. H. Moses concerning the management of the Sue Bennett School, and, while deploring the trouble, feel constrained to uphold the Principal in his effort to maintain discipline in the school.

MRS. R. W. MACDONELL,  
MRS. R. C. NEELY.

The first report on appropriations was read by Mrs. MacDonell, Chairman of Committee on Appropriations and Extension of Work. Each of the eleven items was adopted, and the report as a whole was adopted.

Mrs. J. H. McEachern, of Park Street Church, Atlanta, was presented to the body. In a few words that moved all hearts into sympathy with her, she spoke of her little daughter Florine, in whose memory she and her husband wished to make the gift of ten thousand dollars to the Home Mission Society.

The following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved.* That the profits on the "Life and Work of Lucinda B. Helm," after the cost of printing has been met, become a memorial fund to be used in the Florine McEachern Hospital.

MISS HELM,  
MISS ALLEN.

The General Secretary read her report of the receipts and disbursements of the Wolff Record Books and Literature as follows:

#### RECORD BOOKS.

##### *Receipts.*

Brought forward 1901-02.....	\$	34	34	
Collected on past account.....		37	95	
Sales for 1902-03.....		194	06	
Sales through <i>Our Homes</i> .....		80	24	— \$ 346 59

##### *Disbursements.*

Postal cards.....	\$	5	75	
Envelopes for mailing.....		6	50	
Stamps for mailing.....		36	47	— 48 72
Balance .....				— \$ 297 87

##### *Receipts for Literature from Conference Societies.*

Receipts for 1901-02.....	\$	741	55	
Receipts for 1902-03.....		649	80	
Helps and mite boxes.....		46	26	— \$1,437 61

*Disbursements.*

Paid General Treasurer.....	\$ 728 61	
To Wolff Record Books for account of Conference Societies .....	12 94—	741 55
Balance .....		\$ 596 06

Mrs. L. G. Johnson made a plea for the Mite Box Brigade, asking that it might find large room in the hearts and plans of the women in the Board and throughout the Church.

Mrs. Waite pleaded that, if possible, the appropriations for parsonages should be increased next year.

The following report was made by the Auditing Committee and accepted:

We have examined the expense accounts of Miss Bennett, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Miss Emily Allen, and Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough. These accounts are correct.

LILLIAN W. NEELY,  
 MRS. T. D. POWER,  
 MRS. BENNETT DOUGLAS BELL.

The General Secretary announced that Mrs. Christian Keener, of New Orleans, had made a gift of one hundred dollars to the Home Mission Society. By motion, the Secretary was instructed to write Mrs. Keener, thanking her for the gift.

The hour having arrived for the election of officers, at Miss Bennett's request, Rev. H. S. Bradley took the chair to conduct the election.

An informal ballot was taken for the offices of President, First Vice President, and Second Vice President, with the following results:

- President, Miss Belle H. Bennett.
- First Vice President, Mrs. L. P. Smith.
- Second Vice President, Mrs. J. D. Hammond.

The Secretary was instructed to cast the vote for the body for these officers.

While the votes were being taken for the other general officers the following were elected to serve another year:

- Superintendent of Mountain Work, Miss Belle H. Bennett.
- Superintendent of Cuban Work, Miss Mary Bruce.
- Superintendent of Department of Tithing, Mrs. W. C. Ratcliffe.
- Superintendent of Department of Supplies, Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough.
- Superintendent of Chinese and Japanese Work, Dr. C. F. Reid.
- Financial Agent of Dallas Home and School, Mrs. W. H. Johnson.
- Superintendent of Press Work, Mrs. Luke G. Johnson.
- Editor of Leaflets, Mrs. J. D. Hammond.
- Editor and Agent of OUR HOMES, Miss Mary Helm.

The informal ballot for General Secretary, General Treasurer, and Recording Secretary resulted as follows, and the Secretary was asked to cast the ballot for the body:

General Secretary, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell.

General Treasurer, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland.

Recording Secretary, Miss Emily M. Allen.

Miss Mary Helm and Mrs. George Call were elected additional members on the Committee of Control for Deaconess Work.

Mrs. Robert Somerville and Mrs. Delia Cawood were made members of the Committee on Literature and Press Work.

Miss Helm, Miss Howell, and Mrs. Yarbrough were made members of the Committee on City Mission Work.

Mrs. J. D. Hammond was made member of the Committee on Education.

Dr. J. H. Kirkland and Mr. D. M. Smith were elected as an Auditing Committee. By a rising vote gratitude was expressed to these gentlemen for their cheerful and faithful services, and the Secretary was asked to write and express to them the thanks of the Board.

The following were announced as a Committee on Revision of the Wolff Record Books: Mrs. MacDonell, Mrs. Kirkland, Mrs. B. D. Bell, Mrs. Yarbrough, and Mrs. Bumpas, of the Tennessee Conference Society.

Mrs. Bennett D. Bell was appointed fraternal delegate to the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions to meet in Memphis in May.

Mrs. R. W. MacDonell was appointed to get out new certificates for life memberships, and also for membership in the memorial fund.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read by the Chairman, Mrs. A. A. Gibson, and adopted by a rising vote. (See report, page 121.)

A motion by Miss Allen prevailed to send a copy of the beautiful souvenir to officers of those Conference Societies not represented at the annual session, and also to former officers and members of the Board, so that they might come somewhat into the atmosphere of the annual meeting, and share the good things provided by Atlanta hospitality. The General Secretary was requested to furnish Mrs. Muse with a list of persons to be furnished with the programmes.

The minutes were read and approved.

At five o'clock the closing hymn was announced by the President.

With hearts grateful for the many mercies crowning the first quadrennium as a Board, and for the gracious signs of God's favor as the new quadrennium opened, the workers "thanked God and took courage" as the beloved President voiced in prayer the adoration and supplication of their hearts.

Rev. H. S. Bradley pronounced the benediction, and the fifth annual session of the Woman's Board of Home Missions was adjourned.

BELLE H. BENNETT, *President*;

EMILY M. ALLEN, *Secretary*.

# In Memoriam.

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**MRS. FANNIE P. CLARKE,**

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY NORTH  
GEORGIA CONFERENCE SOCIETY.

**Fell on sleep December 25, 1902.**

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*"This woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did."*—Acts ix. 36.





## REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

### *Department of Supplies.*

IT is with joy and thanksgiving this year's report is made, the best in the history of this department—more boxes, more money, better boxes, more promptly forwarded and received than ever before. The correspondence and work, therefore, have been very heavy, but the General Superintendent has been greatly assisted by the Conference Superintendents and Corresponding Secretary. Much valuable information was gained by them from the presiding elders, which enabled us to prosecute the work in a much more systematic and intelligent manner. Every Conference should have a Superintendent of Supplies for two reasons: First, she can come in touch more readily with the needs of the preachers in her own Conference; secondly, she knows, or can know, the strength and local conditions of auxiliaries in the bounds of her Conference better than one living at a distance. Such items and suggestions as she can give will greatly lessen the labor of the General Superintendent, and secure much better results.

Allowing reports of all supplies sent by our Home Mission Societies to Conference Orphanages, our Home Mission schools, Rescue Homes, and City Boards to be reported through this department of course largely increased the number of donations sent, and their value, this year. Some fears were expressed that our preachers would suffer by allowing this to be done, but such is not the case. Very few preachers who applied for aid failed to secure it, and they would have been supplied if the call had been made earlier in the season. Below you will see from the table more boxes were sent to the various Conference Orphanages than to preachers, but the value of the supplies sent the preachers largely exceeds those sent the orphanages. And in many cases societies grew weary waiting to send boxes to preachers, and sent them elsewhere. This was caused by the delay in applying for blanks early in the fall. The preachers and the people seem more fully to understand that the department is not intended to simply supplement poor salaries, its purpose being to tide the preachers over hard places in which they will suffer if not relieved by the Home Mission Society.

It is not desirable to send help year after year to the same family; it will surely injure the preacher's usefulness, and cause the children to be less self-reliant. The delicate, quiet way in which this work is being done commends itself from the fact that some of our most useful, cultured preachers have been relieved this year. One of our Western preachers wrote that if it had not been for the reception of an excellent box he would have been forced to abandon his pulpit and go to work to supply the needs of his family.

The contents of the boxes are still improving, and in only three cases this year has there been complaint. Realizing we are doing this in His name and for His ambassadors, the standard of donations should be high. If more care were taken in the shipment of boxes to follow the instructions sent with each application blank, they would reach their destinations much sooner. Some of the most beautifully

and carefully prepared boxes have been sent during this year—boxes that were an honor to the societies sending, and a perfect benediction to the homes receiving them.

## REPORT OF SUPPLIES BY CONFERENCES.

CONFERENCE.	Donations Sent Preachers.	Donations Sent H. M. Schools and Rescue Homes.	Donations Sent Conference Orphanages.	Boxes Sent.	Value of Boxes.	Cash.	Donations Received by Preachers.
Alabama.....	2	.....	.....	2	\$ 134 96	.....	.....
Arkansas.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Baltimore.....	8	2	.....	10	248 33	\$ 47 00	.....
Columbia.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5
East Columbia.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
East Texas.....	.....	2	1	3	111 10	.....	.....
Florida.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
Holston.....	.....	.....	85	85	1,014 96	.....	.....
Indian Mission.....	3	.....	.....	3	183 00	.....	25
Kentucky.....	14	6	5	25	305 55	11 25	14
Little Rock.....	8	3	1	12	682 10	25 00	7
Los Angeles.....	3	.....	.....	3	46 70	100 00	2
Louisiana.....	1	1	.....	2	90 00	.....	.....
Louisville.....	11	2	.....	13	657 43	.....	6
Mississippi.....	1	.....	2	3	42 41	21 00	.....
Missouri.....	1	.....	.....	1	50 90	.....	.....
New Mexico.....	2	2	.....	4	63 15	.....	2
North Alabama.....	8	.....	4	12	572 56	10 50	7
North Carolina.....	1	.....	23	24	315 54	.....	1
North Georgia.....	32	.....	20	52	2,414 66	16 25	24
North Mississippi.....	5	.....	11	16	406 30	15 00	4
North Texas.....	24	26	30	80	2,644 85	.....	17
Northwest Texas.....	4	2	7	13	511 95	15 90	.....
South Carolina.....	2	.....	.....	2	125 10	.....	2
South Georgia.....	1	.....	2	3	181 25	.....	.....
Southwest Missouri.....	3	.....	.....	3	130 00	.....	.....
St. Louis.....	13	.....	.....	13	895 33	2 50	10
Tennessee.....	11	.....	.....	11	839 86	35 00	8
Texas.....	1	1	2	4	141 45	.....	1
Virginia.....	5	1	21	27	921 07	.....	2
West Texas.....	.....	3	1	4	120 00	.....	.....
Western N. Carolina.....	6	.....	.....	6	219 00	.....	6
White River.....	1	.....	.....	1	51 30	.....	1
Total.....	171	51	215	437	\$14,120 81	\$299 40	152

Grand total of value and cash, \$14,420.21.

### Department of Tithing.

MRS. W. C. RATCLIFFE, SUPERINTENDENT.

Tithing is creating almost universal interest throughout our Society, while among many members there prevails an earnest desire for truth on this subject and an entire willingness to be guided there-

by. Conference and Auxiliary Superintendents are doing a fine work, although there is still room for improvement, particularly in the matter of reporting by auxiliary officers.

It is important that only such women as will conscientiously and systematically do the work of the department be elected Second Vice Presidents.

Notwithstanding distributions have exceeded those of any previous year, it yet remains a fact that the amount of literature at my command fell far short of actual needs. I would suggest that a leaflet on tithing be sent out *every quarter* by the General Superintendent, and a reasonable supply be sent to me. This would leave the full amount of the income of this department to be used for pledge and report cards, stewardship books, tithing books, postage, etc. The growth of the department proves the wisdom of this proposal.

On all programmes for monthly meetings and Week of Prayer this department should always have a prominent place.

I respectfully ask that where the duties of Second Vice Presidents are defined in by-laws for auxiliaries the words "systematic and proportionate giving" be stricken out, and the word "tithing" substituted; and that this correction be made wherever the error is found.

Would it not be wise to constitute Second Vice Presidents of young people's and juvenile societies Superintendents of Tithing? The labors of the Superintendents of the Department of Tithing will probably always be those of sowing the seed the fruit of which will be increased contributions to the various Church institutions. The difficulty of securing statistics is largely due to insufficient reports, as well as to the fact that many are reluctant to bind themselves by a pledge when in reality they consecrate a tenth or more to the Lord.

If we read the signs aright, proportionate giving, with the tenth as the minimum, will be eventually adopted as the system of "paying what we owe." It combines simplicity with equity.

I desire to give expression to my sincere appreciation of the courtesy and kindness shown me at all times by many Conference and Auxiliary Superintendents, the General Secretary, and the editor of OUR HOMES.

EXPENDITURES.

Printing books, "Tithing," etc. (3,000).....	\$ 32 90
Express on same.....	3 31
Printing Stewardship Books (2,000).....	20 00
Printing pledge cards (5,000).....	8 00
Postage .....	12 98
Leaflets .....	3 32
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 80 51</b>

RECEIPTS.

Interest on \$1,000 (endowment fund) .....	\$ 70 00
Postage refunded and cash on sale of books.....	7 92
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$ 77 92</b>
Expenditure in excess of endowment.....	\$ 2 59

RECEIVED.

Postals .....	36
Letters .....	174
Signed pledge cards.....	238
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>448</b>

## DISTRIBUTIONS.

Circulars .....	841
Stewardship books .....	1,220
Leaflets .....	4,181
Report cards (Conferences, 51; Auxiliaries, 2,715).....	2,766
Postals .....	9
Letters .....	36
Manuscripts .....	8
Pledge cards .....	4,421
Books, "Tithing," etc. (sold, 407).....	2,035
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Total .....	15,517

*Department of Mountain Work.*

BELLE H. BENNETT, SUPERINTENDENT.

The past year has been a year of unprecedented success and blessing to the Sue Bennett Memorial School, at London, Ky.

The student body, numbering 331, has been the largest in the history of the institution. The faculty has been an exceptionally good one, and the work correspondingly good. Daily Bible study and the active personal work of the teachers have resulted in the conversion of more than one hundred of the students. Enough cannot be said of the good accomplished by Miss Emma Tucker in a series of Bible-readings given before the school during the winter. Many of the most rebellious spirits were conquered, and teachers and students were established and built up in faith and the knowledge of the Scriptures.

From sixty to seventy public school teachers have taken the normal course; some of them attended the school for a single term, others for much longer. Of this number, fifty or more will teach again in the summer and fall, having, at a moderate estimate, access to one thousand homes, with three thousand children and young people under daily instruction. One of the two young men who completed the school course two years ago is teaching in the school and has done good work; the other is in the United States government service on Porto Rico, and is a trustee of the first Methodist Church on the island, and superintendent of the Sunday school. While the increase in pupilage this year has made a corresponding increase in fees, and collections have been as close as during any previous year, expenses have been larger. An extra teacher in the primary department, change of management in the dormitory and general dining hall, the purchase of a strip of land to prevent the opening of a street through the center of the grounds, and some improvements for better industrial work, have made an overdraft on the general treasury for nearly one thousand dollars. Fees to the amount of several hundred dollars were uncollected when the treasurer's books were closed for the fiscal year. When these are in hand, a note will be given for the balance on overdraft, and the school will pay off this note as soon as it can. The Twentieth Century offering accruing to the school has been most judiciously and economically expended by a committee composed of the pastor of our Church, Rev. F. T. McIntire, Mr. Dan Brown, Teller of the First National Bank of London, and Mr. J. C. Lewis.

The greatly needed home for the principal was completed last summer, and the family, with several students, have been comfortably housed in it since the beginning of the fall term. This house, a beautifully located ten-room frame building, cost \$2,789.60.

The Louisville Conference Society raised more than half of the

money for this house, and it is called the Ellen Burdette Home, in honor of the noble woman whose name it bears, a charter member of the Central Committee, and for many years President of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Louisville Conference.

Out buildings, fences, pavements, and cisterns—the latter of which are very expensive because of the sandy, porous soil—have been added. The roof of the main school building, seriously injured by a tornado, was repaired at a cost of \$250. A stone sidewalk across the front of the property was built in compliance with a town ordinance, a front fence put up, and a stone walk laid from the street to the house.

Many improvements are still necessary to make the grounds and buildings comfortable, most of all a boy's dormitory or barracks for additional boarding room. About fifteen hundred dollars has been given by friends for this purpose.

#### WORK IN THE COAL FIELDS OF WEST VIRGINIA.

During 1901-02 this Board had two young women at work in the mining town of Eckman, West Virginia. They did fine work, but at the end of the year the pastors of the district, through the presiding elder, requested that only one missionary be continued for the next year, and the salary of the second be used to employ teachers and sustain night schools. The Board granted the request. Miss Mary W. Peery, a graduate of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, was the missionary put in charge of the field. She has worked faithfully, following the usual lines of city mission work. She has also succeeded in putting a young Christian worker, Miss Gale, in charge of a self-supporting music class for a part of the year. No night schools have been opened for various reasons. The prolonged strike among the miners added to the difficulties of the work, and visible results are not as manifest as we hope they will be in the future.

The superintendent has not been able to visit the mission during the year, and cannot advise as to enlargement or extension of the work. She can only ask for a conditional appropriation, and time to investigate conditions on the field, and see what is needed and what can be done.

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

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YOUR committee appointed to define work and fix the number of standing committees respectfully beg leave to make the following recommendations:

### I. STANDING COMMITTEES.

Standing committees shall be as follows:

- A Committee on Education;
- A Committee on City Missions;
- A Committee on Literature and Press Work;
- A Committee on Control of Deaconess Work;
- An Auditing Committee.

Standing committees shall be nominated and elected by ballot at the annual meetings of the Board, with *ex officio* members as hereinafter provided. In case of vacancies occurring *ad interim*, the remaining members of the committee shall conduct the work until the regular annual meeting of the Board. A majority of each committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Each committee shall elect its own chairman and secretary.

#### 1. Education.

This committee shall consist of the President and the General Secretary of the Board as *ex officio* members, and one other member, which said member is to be a member of the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

1. It shall be the duty of this committee to superintend the educational work of the Society and to report upon the same to the Board in annual session.

2. To this committee shall be referred all applications of missionary teachers; all the propositions for the opening of new schools or the enlargement of those already existing; all complaints from or against any school or teacher for adjustment; the quarterly reports of superintendents, principals, and teachers; all estimates for the needs of the school for the ensuing year.

3. This committee shall recommend in annual session the number of teachers necessary for each institution, and the amounts to be appropriated for the maintenance of each school. The principal of each school shall submit the credentials of the faculty to the committee for indorsement. If an emergency arises such as will require an increase in the appropriation to prevent injury to a school, the matter shall be referred to the Board at a called meeting.

4. It shall be the duty of this committee, as a body or individually, to visit, if possible, the schools under their supervision and make themselves acquainted with the internal management.

### 2. *City Missions.*

1. This committee shall consist of the President and General Secretary as *ex officio* members, and three other members, who may be members of the Board or may be chosen from the membership of the Society at large.

2. It shall be the duty of this committee to take such oversight of this department as to insure the proper location of mission houses or homes, the class of work to be done in them, the judicious expenditure of funds to encourage or restrain expansion, to aid in devising ways and means for raising funds.

3. It shall be the duty of this committee to investigate the conditions and needs of cities where there are no City Boards of Missions, and where conditions are encouraging the same should be reported to the Board in annual session or called meeting, and, if approved, the committee shall do all in its power to aid in the organization of a City Board and the establishment of a mission on a safe basis.

4. This committee shall confer with and coöperate with City Mission Boards. To it shall be referred all propositions from cities or auxiliaries desiring to take up organized city mission work; all reports of City Boards, including an itemized statement of money received and expended; all reports from city missionaries, all applications for or from missionary workers or for a change in work or workers. Previous to annual meetings this committee shall consult individuals, societies, and Boards supporting missionaries, and missionaries themselves, as to the assignment of work for the ensuing year. The committee shall assign work to all missionaries in the employ of the Board, subject to the approval of the Board in annual or called meeting.

### 3. *Literature and Press Work.*

1. This committee shall consist of the President and General Secretary of the Board, the Editor of *Our Homes*, the Editor of Leaflets, and Superintendent of Press Work as *ex officio* members, and two other members elected by the Board, who may be members of the Board or may be chosen from the Society at large.

2. This committee shall devise and foster plans for the spread of information in regard to the Society and its work in Church papers and secular press.

3. It shall arrange reading courses on home mission work and Bible study for adult and young people's societies, and shall endeavor to secure the adoption of such courses by auxiliaries and individuals.

4. It shall as far as possible secure the admission of books on home

missions in the Sunday school and Epworth League and public libraries.

*4. By-Laws for Deaconess Work.*

1. The officers of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, the Principal of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, and two additional members from the Society at large, quadrennially elected by the Board, shall constitute a Committee of Control for the deaconess work. Three members shall constitute a quorum.

2. This committee shall receive and act upon all applications from those who desire to become deaconesses; also all applications to employ deaconesses. It shall receive quarterly reports from all deaconesses and deaconess institutions maintained or controlled by the Woman's Home Mission Society, and keep on file a full statement of the condition and work of these institutions, and endeavor to maintain helpful relations between the several institutions and between them and the Training School. It shall arrange for any transfers of deaconesses that may be desirable, and shall decide upon all questions of administration and differences.

3. When the deaconess shall have finished her probationary course of training, the Committee of Control shall present her to the Woman's Board of Home Missions in annual session for final acceptance and consecration. She shall then receive a certificate duly signed by the President and General Secretary of the Woman's Board of Home Missions and one of the bishops of the M. E. Church, South. This certificate shall be her credentials as a regularly authorized deaconess of the M. E. Church, South, and must be annually renewed. If she should retire or be found unsuited to the work, her certificate must be surrendered to the Committee of Control, and she thereby ceases to be a deaconess. When the Committee of Control deems it advisable to have one or more deaconesses consecrated in the interim of the annual meetings it shall arrange for the time and place of that service.

4. Any one receiving training at the cost of the Woman's Home Mission Society shall refund the money if she voluntarily retires from its employ before the expiration of four years.

5. No one shall be recognized as a deaconess of the M. E. Church, South, who does not comply with the disciplinary requirements and does not hold a certificate from the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

6. When the preacher in charge and the Quarterly Conference present a candidate that they deem an exception to the general rule requiring a course in the training school, the Committee of Control shall examine the candidate, and, if satisfied that all the requirements are met, shall refer her back to the Quarterly Conference for election, and she shall be consecrated at the next annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, or at such time and place as the Committee of Control shall direct, and shall be granted by that Board a



certificate as a regular deaconess, subject to the rules governing the same.

7. No salaries shall be paid, the work of the deaconess being done for the love of Christ and in his name. Deaconesses shall receive an allowance of ten dollars a month, with board, traveling expenses, and car fare; but any who so desire may pay their own board and expenses, either wholly or in part. Deaconesses shall be allowed one month's vacation annually, during which time the allowance shall be continued.

8. No promise of life support, when disqualified by sickness or old age, shall be made to those who enter upon the work after the age of forty years, or to those who shall have given less than ten years of efficient, consecutive service as deaconess, the ten years not to include the two years of training.

9. When the deaconess is on duty a simple uniform shall be worn, consisting of a black dress, a black bonnet with white ties, and white turn-over collar and cuffs. Plain white waists may be worn in warm weather.

10. Wherever there are two or more deaconesses at work in the same city, if practicable, they shall live in a deaconess home, said home to be under the control of the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

11. No institutions shall be recognized as deaconess homes of the M. E. Church, South, except those that are authorized by the Woman's Board of Home Missions. All such property shall be held in the name of the Society.

12. Pastors, mission boards, or other agencies employing deaconesses shall obligate themselves to provide for their maintenance as specified in By-Law 7. When deaconesses are employed by foreign mission boards, said boards may, at their discretion, increase the allowance. When a deaconess thus employed resides in a deaconess home, the money necessary for her maintenance must be paid to the home, from which she will receive the same as others. When there is no deaconess home in the place where she is employed, the money shall be paid directly to her.

13. The nurse deaconess shall receive the same care and allowance as others. When employed in nursing persons able to pay for her services, the money must be paid to the deaconess home or hospital with which she is connected. If not connected with such institutions, the money shall be sent by her to the general treasury and held subject to the needs of the deaconess work.

14. All deaconesses shall be required to pursue a continuous course of study and reading prescribed by the Committee of Control.

15. One day of the week shall be a day of rest for the deaconess, and time shall also be given her for the reading and study so necessary to keep her work at the highest point of efficiency.

16. Cities and towns in which deaconess homes are located shall

maintain the home by private subscriptions and donations or public collections, and shall do all that is possible to awaken interest in the home and the workers. All moneys expended for the maintenance of these homes shall be reported by voucher through the regular channel, said homes to be given twenty-five per cent on this amount from the general treasury. The deaconesses of a home may elect annually one of their number as a delegate to the meetings of the Woman's Home Mission Society in the district and Conference in which it is located.

17. The rules for self-government of all the deaconess homes must be submitted to the Committee of Control and receive its approval before they go into effect. The rules of the several homes shall be, as nearly as possible, uniform.

18. The superintendents of deaconess homes shall report the names and work of the deaconesses in their charge to the Committee of Control quarterly (1st of June, September, December, and March), with an itemized statement of all moneys received and expended, and shall also make an annual report at the close of the fiscal year. They shall, when deemed advisable by the Committee of Control, attend the Annual and District Conferences where the homes are located, to secure the interest and coöperation of the brethren.

19. The Committee of Control shall, at the annual sessions of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, make a full report of the deaconess work, which, after acceptance, shall be incorporated in the printed minutes of the Board.

#### *5. Auditing.*

The Auditing Committee shall consist of two persons, who may be members of the Board or of the Society at large, or members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in good standing.

These by-laws shall take the place of any and all other by-laws relating to standing committees, and all such are hereby rescinded.

### II. COMMITTEES FOR ANNUAL MEETING.

The following committees shall be appointed by the President of the Board at the opening business session of annual meetings, and shall be discharged upon the completion of their work previous to the adjournment of the Board. Unless otherwise provided, the number of members in these committees shall be left to the discretion of the President. Reports of these committees must be presented in writing, and copies of the same must be placed in the hands of the Recording Secretary before the final adjournment of the Board.

#### *1. Platform Courtesies.*

This committee shall consist of three members, whose duty it shall be to make known to the President all persons who should be introduced to the Board.

*2. Resolutions.*

This committee shall submit for action of the Board the formal resolutions usually adopted by such bodies.

*3. Memorials.*

To this committee shall be referred all memorials, of whatever character, that come to the Board.

*4. Parsonages.*

To this committee shall be referred all applications for donations and loans to parsonages.

*5. Appropriations.*

All questions of finance shall be referred to this committee, including estimates from standing committees. The committee shall report for the decision of the Board the amounts to be appropriated for all the different objects comprising the work of the Board, all amounts of salaries or office expenses, and all other questions involving expenditure of money. The Treasurer of the Board shall be a member of this committee *ex officio*.

MRS. ROBERT SOMERVILLE,

MRS. R. W. MACDONELL,

MISS MARY HELM.

**COMMITTEE ON JOINT READING COURSE.**

This committee, in communicating with the Northern Methodist ladies, has met with the greatest consideration and courtesy. Only one book of the proposed course has yet been prepared, "Under the Flag," a book treating of needs and conditions in all parts of our country. This book was submitted to your committee, criticism invited, and all changes suggested by us were gladly made. As the book stands it is a clear and unpretentious statement of the need for home mission work. It is to be a small volume, inexpensive enough to come within the reach of all. Some of the Woman's Home Mission Boards of other Churches have already given it their official approval, and the editors are anxious for this Board to do the same. Our approval will involve its being given reasonable advertising in *Our Homes*, and our recommending its use in all our auxiliaries. This the committee recommends shall be done.

The committee from the M. E. Church requests that a committee from this Board be empowered to meet with them and the representatives of the Home Mission Boards to determine on the length of

the course, the character of the several books, and to select the women to write them. It is desired that their authorship shall not be confined to the society inaugurating the movement. Your committee recommends the adoption of this suggestion, and the appointment of a committee with power to meet the representatives of the other Boards and to take such action as may be necessary. Your committee wishes to express its cordial appreciation of the sisterly spirit of the committee from the M. E. Home Mission Board, and its gratitude for this indication of a growing union between Christian women of all denominations.

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. J. D. HAMMOND, *Chairman*;  
MRS. R. W. MACDONELL,  
MISS MARY HELM.

### PARSONAGES.

We, your Committee on Parsonages, make the following recommendations:

1. That the grant of \$100 made to Spokane, Washington, three years ago, be rescinded, at the suggestion of Dr. Whisner.
2. That applications forwarded to the General Secretary too late for the Board meeting be not further considered, but returned to the Conference Secretaries.
3. That the loans asked for be granted wherever practicable.
4. That the following donations be granted:

Conference.	Charge.	Amount.
Alabama.....	Notasulga .....	\$ 150 00
Arkansas.....	Dardanelle .....	50 00
Columbia.....	Harrisburg .....	100 00
Florida.....	St. Petersburg.....	100 00
German Mission .....	Houston Mission.....	144 00
Holston.....	Radford District.....	75 00
	Big Stone Gap Circuit.....	50 00
	East River Circuit.....	75 00
Indian Mission .....	Lawton .....	200 00
	Grant Circuit.....	50 00
	Caddo .....	100 00
	Stillwater and Morrison.....	200 00
	Miami .....	100 00
Kentucky.....	Hindman .....	100 00
Louisville.....	Pembroke Circuit.....	75 00
Louisiana.....	Port Vincent.....	50 00
Memphis.....	Lexington .....	100 00

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Mississippi.....	Washington Street (Vicksburg).\$	50 00
	South McComb .....	100 00
Missouri.....	Jamesport .....	75 00
New Mexico .....	Alamogordo .....	150 00
North Alabama .....	Ohatchie .....	50 00
	Fairview .....	75 00
	Albertville .....	100 00
North Carolina .....	Cerulian Spring (Roanoke Ct.)..	75 00
	Council Sta. (Carvens Creek)...	75 00
	Roanoke Rapids.....	75 00
North Georgia .....	Clayton .....	50 00
North Texas .....	Clarksville .....	106 00
	West Paris .....	100 00
Pacific.....	Cook (San Benito Circuit).....	50 00
South Carolina .....	Townsville Circuit.....	75 00
Southwest Missouri .....	Bolivar Circuit.....	75 00
Tennessee.....	Palmyra .....	75 00
Texas.....	McAshan (Houston).....	125 00
West Texas .....	Goliad .....	100 00
	South Heights (San Antonio)...	100 00
	West End (San Antonio).....	175 00
	Eagle Pass.....	75 00
Western North Carolina....	East Salisbury.....	100 00
White River .....	Piggott .....	75 00
	Pocahontas .....	175 00
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Total .....		\$4,000 00

Loans recommended:

Florida . . . . .	Miami . . . . .	\$ 500 00
Indian Mission . . . . .	Miami . . . . .	300 00
Louisiana . . . . .	Melville . . . . .	100 00
	Bastrop . . . . .	200 00
North Texas . . . . .	West Paris . . . . .	1,000 00
West Texas . . . . .	Eagle Pass . . . . .	300 00
White River . . . . .	Piggott . . . . .	150 00
	Pocahontas . . . . .	245 00

MRS. GEORGE CALL, *Chairman*;

MRS. S. H. BABCOCK, *Secretary*;

MRS. F. M. WILLIAMS,

MISS FLORENCE KERN.

**EXTENSION OF WORK AND APPROPRIATIONS.**

REPORT No. 1.

Your Committee on Extension of Work recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1. Whereas Mr. and Mrs. John N. McEachern, of Atlanta, Ga., have

expressed their intention of donating to the Woman's Board of Home Missions a sum of money to be used for a memorial hospital for the training of nurse deaconesses, agreeing on each anniversary of their daughter's birthday, July 22, to duplicate any amount raised for the purpose during the year by this Society up to a total of \$10,000, said hospital to bear the name of their little daughter, Florine;

*Resolved*, That we gratefully accept this generous gift, and pray that this memorial may become a means of helpfulness and blessing to many stricken homes.

That, in order to meet the conditions of the gift, this Society shall undertake to raise money for the projected hospital by organizing a Mite Box Brigade. The mite boxes, bearing the name and picture of the child whose memory is to be thus perpetuated, shall be prepared by the General Secretary and issued through the Third Vice President of the Conference and auxiliary societies. These officers shall secure the use of these mite boxes by all children whose names are dropped from the baby roll, invalids, and old persons; and shall endeavor to secure the enrollment of all children over five years of age in this Brigade. The account of the Mite Box Brigade shall be separately kept and the money forwarded to the General Treasurer for the Florine McEachern Hospital Fund.

That, as soon as the interest on this fund amounts to \$160 a year, that sum shall be used for the training of a deaconess each year until the hospital be built. All interest beyond this sum shall be allowed to accumulate until the entire sum be used for the hospital.

2. Whereas Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Toberman, of Los Angeles, Cal., have offered to build and present to the Board a deaconess home, costing \$6,000, in memory of their son, Homer, who "fell on sleep" two years ago;

*Resolved*, That we accept with grateful appreciation this generous gift, and pray that many sons and daughters may be born into the kingdom of heaven through the influence of this home.

That, in token of our appreciation, the home be called the Homer Deaconess Home.

3. In view of the great possibilities of usefulness at the Brevard School, and the earnest desire of the Western North Carolina Conference Society that this Board should take charge of it, in connection with the strained condition of the treasury brought about by the growth and prosperity of all our institutions and the duties laid upon us by the General Conference to provide deaconesses for the Church; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That we refer the whole matter to the Standing Committee on Education, requesting them to thoroughly investigate the conditions, to confer with the trustees, and to decide the matter according to their judgment.

4. Whereas the City Board of Waco, Tex., generously donates its val-

uable property to the Woman's Board of Home Missions, to be used in local work.

*Resolved*, That we hail with pleasure this expression of confidence from the Waco City Board of Missions, and recommend that the communication be referred to the Standing Committee on City Missions, and request that prompt attention be given to assisting this work to a working basis.

MRS. R. W. MACDONELL, *Chairman*;  
MRS. R. C. NEELY, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 2.

Your committee recommend the following appropriations:

*Cuban Work.*

Ruth Hargrove Seminary, Key West, Fla.:

Salaries (nine teachers).....	\$4,008 00	
Insurance .....	190 00	
Janitor and incidentals.....	235 00—	\$4,433 00

Wolff Mission School, Ybor City, Fla.:

Salaries (three teachers).....	\$1,080 00	
Insurance .....	87 50	
Repairs .....	25 00	
Janitor .....	27 00	
Incidentals .....	81 00	
Salary Miss Bruce.....	415 00—	1,715 50

West Tempa, Fla.:

Salaries (two teachers).....	\$ 540 00	
Insurance .....	50 00	
Repairs .....	60 00—	650 00

Total for Cuban work.....\$6,798 50

*Rescue Work.*

Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School:

Salaries of teachers and Agent.....	\$1,500 00	
Current expenses .....	2,400 00	
Repairs and incidentals.....	500 00—	\$4,400 00

*Pacific Coast Work.*

Los Angeles:

Salary of teachers.....	\$ 300 00	
Rent .....	60 00	
Incidentals .....	20 00	
Deaconess work .....	2,000 00—	\$2,380 00

San Francisco:

Salaries of teachers.....	\$ 240 00	
Rent .....	320 00	
Incidentals .....	20 00	
Pastor .....	540 00—	1,100 00

## Alameda:

Salaries of teachers.....	\$ 240 00	
Rent and furniture.....	60 00—	300 00

## Oakland:

Salaries of teachers.....	\$ 240 00	
Rent and incidentals.....	60 00—	300 00
Salary and travel of Superintendent.....		1,350 00

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Total for Pacific Coast Work.....\$5,430 00

*Mountain Work.*

## Sue Bennett Memorial School, London, Ky.:

Current expenses (in addition to the return of fees).....	\$1,500 00	
Insurance, repairs, improvements, etc.....		500 00
Coal Fields, West, Va.:		
Subject to the discretion of the Superintendent of Mountain Work.....		980 00

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Total for Mountain Work.....\$2,980 00

*Paine Annex.*

Salaries .....	\$1,000 00	
Furniture .....	1,000 00—	\$2,000 00

*Choctaws.*

Salaries .....		300 00
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*Miscellaneous.*

City missions.....	\$ 600 00	
Parsonages .....	4,000 00	
Teacher of Christian Sociology.....	750 00—	5,350 00

*Contingent.*

Office expenses for President.....	\$ 75 00	
Salary of General Secretary.....	1,175 00	
Office expenses of General Secretary.....	800 00	
Salary of General Treasurer.....	350 00	
Office expenses of General Treasurer.....	50 00	
Expenses of Supply Department.....	300 00	
Expenses of Editor of Leaflets.....	100 00	
Expenses of Press Department.....	130 00	
Printing, including publication of "Life of Lu- cinda B. Helm".....	1,100 00	
Expenses of Board meeting.....	500 00—	4,580 00

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Total for appropriation.....\$31,838 00



REPORT No. 3.

Your committee recommend the following appropriations from the Twentieth Century Fund:

For boys' barracks at the Sue Bennett School, London, Ky.....	\$2,000 00*
For payment of notes on lots at Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School.....	180 77
For schoolroom equipment and repairs at Ruth Hargrove Seminary, Key West, Fla.....	400 00
Total . . . . .	\$2,580 77

MRS. R. W. MACDONELL, *Chairman*;  
MRS. R. C. NEELY, *Secretary*.

CITY MISSIONS.

Having reviewed the report of the committee of last year, we recommend:

1. That all of its suggestions be carried out. They are as follows:

The Woman's Board of Home Missions is more impressed than ever before with the vital importance of city mission work, such as the times and circumstances demand; therefore be it

*Resolved:* (1) That Settlement Homes, kindergartens, industrial schools, and day nurseries be established in needy districts wherever practicable.

(2) That the appropriation to city missions be continued on the same basis—viz., ten per cent upon the amount raised the previous year for current expenses by the City Board shall be granted by this Board for the ensuing year.

(3) That all money raised for current expenses of city missions be reported by vouchers to the Conference Treasurer, who shall report the same to the General Treasurer. Blank forms for these vouchers shall be provided by the General Secretary and General Treasurer.

(4) Realizing the many duties devolving upon the city missionary, we urge the auxiliaries to appoint monthly three or more of its members to assist her in visiting the sick, teaching the sewing schools, and holding cottage prayer meetings.

(5) Bible-readings shall be given where practicable for negro women, and other methods be devised to help them to better living.

2. That the Reading Course Committee, appointed to confer with a similar committee from the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, be instructed to request the preparation of a handbook on Methods of City Mission Work, to be used in the list of books adopted.

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\*Of the amount appropriated to the boys' dormitory, \$1,200 was raised by the president in various sums from persons in Kentucky.

3. That the Department of Sociology in the Scarritt Bible and Training School from time to time prepare and submit to the Committee on Literature and Press Work leaflets on the various phases and methods of settlement and other city mission work.

4. That Conference officers residing in a city having a Board of City Missions be members *ex officio* of such Board.

5. That extreme care be used in the selection of names for our city missions, avoiding such names as might be detrimental to the success of the work. "Settlement," "Hall," "House," and "Home" are suggested.

6. That the Board of City Missions heartily coöperate with the City Board of Church Extension, whenever this organization exists in the same city or town.

7. That we hereby express our desire and intention to coöperate also with the General Board of Missions in any plans where we can serve with them the high interests of the Church.

MRS. S. P. WILFLEY, MRS. T. F. MARR,  
MRS. T. R. KENDALL, MRS. L. P. SMITH.

#### MISSIONARY CANDIDATES AND TEACHERS.

We, your committee, after a thorough examination of the papers that were before us, make the following recommendations:

1. That Miss Mary Oglivie be appointed to city mission work in Louisville, Ky.

2. As we have no deaconess or trained missionary available for the work, we recommend that Mrs. Hattie Pickle be employed by the Board of City Missions of Knoxville, Tenn., for work in that city.

3. That Mrs. F. E. Norwood, of St. Louis, Mo., be employed by the Board of City Missions of that city, for any work it shall deem advisable.

4. That Miss Estelle Haskins be retained in charge of the settlement work in Dallas.

5. As no immediate changes are needed in the faculty of the Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School, we recommend that any changes that may become necessary during the year be left to the Committee on Education.

6. That the appointment of the faculty of Sue Bennett Memorial School be left to the Superintendent of Mountain Work and the Principal of that institution.

7. That there be no change in the teachers employed in the schools at Tampa and Ybor City, Fla.

8. As the work done by the teachers in Ruth Hargrove Seminary, at Key West, has been so satisfactory to the Principal, we recommend that the present faculty be retained, and that any changes which

may become expedient during the year be left to the Committee on Education.

MISS KATE PETRY, *Chairman*;

MRS. O. T. HOTCHKISS, *Secretary*,

MRS. L. P. NORFLEET.

### LITERATURE AND PRESS WORK.

(Annual Report.)

The report of your chairman is this year a chronicle of faithful and successful work, in which she herself had little part.

Our General Secretary, who carries in her small body the energy and ability of half a dozen ordinary women, has issued three capital booklets during the year filled with home mission information and inspiration. The revised edition of "Helps for Home Mission Societies," the "Record of the Woman's Home Mission Society," and the booklet on "Deaconess Work" are indispensable for any one who would understand our work. Our members are urged to study them all, and to acquaint others, especially our preachers, with them. The calls for these booklets are most gratifying as showing the intelligent interest which is growing in the Church in regard to our work.

Miss Helm will herself report on our connectional paper; but while she cannot omit the patent fact of its great prosperity, she will make no mention of the hard work, the faithfulness, the brains, and the energy which she has consecrated to the service of her Lord, and which explain on the human side the growth and success of the paper.

One of the most notable things in the entire work of the Society this year has been the press work done under the supervision of Mrs. Luke G. Johnson and Mrs. L. P. Smith, the new members of the committee elected last year. At an informal meeting of the committee Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. L. P. Smith were put in charge of the press work, the latter west and the former east of the Mississippi River. With the coöperation of the General Secretary they have developed and carried on this work with an enthusiasm and ability beyond praise. This is regarded by the committee as the most important and successful work of the year, with the exception of the steps taken to inaugurate the deaconess movement. It is of such importance that we have asked Mrs. Johnson to present to you a special report of her own and Mrs. Smith's work. The committee recommends that a Department of Press Work be established, and a superintendent elected who shall be *ex officio* a member of the committee.

Books have been reviewed from time to time in the columns of *Our Homes* and recommended to our women. The Reading Course stands as before.

The report on leaflets will be separately presented. The editor has constantly consulted the committee, as required, and is greatly indebted to three members of it—Miss Helm, Mrs. MacDonell, and Mrs. Johnson—for some of the best and most successful leaflets of the year.

Respectfully submitted.

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

## LITERATURE AND PRESS WORK.

(Report No. 2.)

1. The committee does not deem it practicable to issue a leaflet on tithing every quarter, but recommend that the Editor of Leaflets give to that department equal consideration with the other departments in preparation of the leaflets during the year. The General Secretary is requested to keep in stock a supply of the leaflets on tithing most in demand, and to furnish the General and Conference Superintendents with as many as they need.

2. That Miss Helm be appointed to prepare, under the direction of the committee, a booklet outlining a plan of city mission work and giving the approximate cost of the same for Boards newly organized. This booklet should not only cover the cost of the different forms of city mission work, but should state clearly the relation of the city Board to the mission and as far as possible outline the duties of the members.

3. We realize that the aid rendered us by those Church and secular papers which have opened their columns to us has been of great help to us and promises an ever-widening sphere of usefulness in awakening and developing an intelligent interest in the work. We find that our women everywhere watch eagerly for their column, and great and telling interest is thus being aroused through our Church papers. We wish to express to the editors of these papers our hearty thanks and to insure them of our intention to bring our department to a higher degree of interest and efficiency. We also tender our thanks to the great number of secular papers which have opened their columns to us, thus enabling us to reach many outside of the Church.

4. We urge on all Conference and auxiliary agents diligent efforts to increase the circulation of *Our Homes*.

5. We recommend, in view of the prosperity of the paper, that the salary of the editor be fixed at \$85 a month.

6. We recommend the preparation, under the direction of the committee, of one or more leaflets on deaconess work which will be suitable for distribution in our schools and colleges for young women and for use in gatherings of our young people.

7. We recommend that the Superintendent of Press Work be authorized to devise methods of work for spreading home mission information.

8. We must have the coöperation of Conference Societies, and therefore it is necessary to have a Superintendent of Press Work in every Conference, whose duty it must be to see that the material furnished is published in the Church and secular papers of her Conference and also presented to the auxiliaries monthly. We recommend that each auxiliary corresponding secretary, wherever practicable, be the press superintendent of her auxiliary.

9. We recommend an early issue of a new edition of the "Life and Work of Miss Lucinda B. Helm," by Mrs. Gross Alexander.

10. We indorse the *King's Messenger*, and rejoice in its prosperity.

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

MRS. L. P. SMITH, *Secretary*.

**MEMORIALS.**

1. We, the committee, recommend concurrence in the request from the Tennessee Conference that the Record Books be revised as soon as practicable, and a committee be appointed by the President for this work.

2. We recommend that a committee be appointed to change the form of life membership and memorial certificates.

3. We recommend nonconcurrence in the request from the Oregon Conference, as the desired visit from the General Secretary is impracticable at this time.

MRS. L. P. NORFLEET,

MRS. BENNETT BELL,

MRS. M. N. MOORMAN.

**BY-LAWS.**

The Committee on By-laws recommends:

1. That Article 2 of the Constitution of Conference Societies shall be amended to read as follows:

"Art. 2. The Society shall consist of one or more delegates from each auxiliary, and the following officers: a President, three Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and a District Secretary from each presiding elder's district. The officers shall constitute an Executive Committee."

2. That By-Law Number 7 for auxiliaries be amended to read "and send to the Conference Secretary or to the District Secretary, as the Conference Society may direct, full reports," etc.

3. That the introduction to the by-laws governing city mission work be amended to read "In all our cities and towns where two or more auxiliaries of the W. H. M. S. exist, whether in one or several Churches, they may unite for the promotion of city missions under the title of a Board of City Missions. But there shall not be in any city more than one such Board."

And By-Law 1 be amended to read:

"1. There shall be a Board of City Missions consisting of three or more members," etc.

4. That By-Law Number 10, on City Missions, be added as follows:

"Where only one Methodist Church exists in a town, or where local conditions make the organization of a second auxiliary and the formation of a City Mission Board impracticable, city mission work may be made connectional under the following conditions: The auxiliary, if supporting two or more definite institutions, such as a sewing

school, a kindergarten, or any other city mission work authorized as such by the Board, may make application to the Committee on City Missions to be recognized as carrying on institutional work; and when approved by that committee they may report their work through their Conference officers to the general officers, sending vouchers for the money collected as is done by the City Mission Boards, and shall then receive an appropriation from the general treasury as do the City Boards."

5. That Rule 7, governing the Parsonage Department, be amended to read:

"Mortgages shall not be taken for donations of less than one hundred dollars."

6. The Committee on By-Laws recommend the following statement as an interpretation of the law:

As stated in By-Law 7 of the Constitution for Conference Societies, the District Secretary can hold meetings for the purpose of creating sentiment in favor of the work. No district meeting nor other meeting below the grade of a Conference Society meeting is a law-making body; and the latter is a lawmaking body only within the limits prescribed by the Constitution of the General Board.

MRS. R. W. MACDONELL, *Chairman*;

MRS. JOHN D. HAMMOND, *Secretary*.

### RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas our kind Heavenly Father has, by his protection and guidance, safely led us to a close of another year and given us great prosperity and increase; therefore be it

*Resolved*: 1. That we render to Him first of all our love and obedience, and promise to search more earnestly His Word, which is a light unto our feet and a lamp unto our path, and the entering in of which giveth light.

2. That as Christian women we realize the importance of a quiet walk and holy conversation as befits children of Him who hath said we should be a holy people separated from the world.

3. That we cordially thank those earnest Christian workers who have made this delightful stay in Atlanta to be a joy in our hearts forever.

4. To our hostesses whose loving-kindness and liberal hospitality is akin to Mary's box of precious ointment, the fragrance of which has come down the centuries as loving service to Him whose we are and whom we serve.

5. To the women of the various Churches—viz., Trinity and College Park, First Church and St. Luke, Grace Church and Inman Park, St. Mark and Park Street, St. Paul, St. John, Walker Street and Paine Memorial—who have so delightfully ministered at the noon hour to the necessities of the physical nature.

6. To Bishop E. R. Hendrix, Dr. Lambuth, and Mr. David Lambuth, Dr. Dowman, the presiding elder, Dr. Bradley, pastor of this Church, and to all other ministers of the gospel who have encouraged us by their presence and words of wisdom and cheer.

7. To the choir for inspiring music, to the pages for faithful service, to the decorating committee, and to all who have ministered to our pleasure.

8. To Miss Maria Gibson, whose gracious influence and instruction has been active in giving us the five young women deaconesses who are starting out as pioneers in this work.

9. To Miss Mabel Howell, whose daily Bible-readings have fed our minds and hearts.

10. To the editors of the Nashville *Christian Advocate*, the *Wesleyan Christian Advocate*, and the New Orleans *Picaqune*, who have sent press reporters to our meeting.

11. To Miss Marvin Davis, the author of the programme.

12. To the daily papers, the railroad officials, and to every one who has in any way contributed to the comfort, convenience, happiness, and success of this meeting.

MRS. A. A. GIBSON, *Chairman*;

MRS. FRANCES A. LYONS,

MRS. M. N. MOORMAN.

**CHARTER OF INCORPORATION OF THE WOMAN'S  
HOME MISSION SOCIETY.**

ARTICLE I. The name of the corporation shall be "The Woman's Home Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South," and it may have succession and continue to be a corporation for fifty years from the approval of this charter.

ART. II. It is created for the purpose of uniting the efforts of Christian women and children in procuring and maintaining homes or parsonages for the use of the itinerant preachers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and for establishing and maintaining schools, missions, hospitals, homes for the friendless, and other like charities and agencies for the propagation of the gospel of Jesus Christ and the elevation of mankind.

ART. III. The Society shall be under the supervision and control of a Board of Managers to be known as "The Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South," in which Board shall be vested the corporate powers herein conferred. It shall consist of a President, two Vice Presidents, a General Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a General Treasurer, and such representatives from the subordinate Conference or local branches of the Society as the by-laws may provide, all of whom shall be women and any of whom may be married women. Said officers and managers shall be chosen at such times and places, in such manner, perform such duties, and hold office for such terms, as the by-laws may prescribe. In addition to said Board, there shall be, subject to its control, such subordinate Conference and local Societies as the Board may authorize by its by-laws.

ART. IV. The Society shall have authority to raise money for its purposes in any lawful way, and may raise and administer a permanent loan and endowment fund, which shall be safely invested or loaned, and only the income therefrom may be expended in carrying forward the work of the Society. It shall also be lawful for said Society to accept contributions to its funds subject to life annuities, which the Society may contract to pay; and the loan and endowment funds of the Society shall be held in trust to secure the payment of such annuities.

ART. V. The corporation shall have the powers enumerated in, and conferred by, Section 856 of the Annotated Code of Mississippi of 1893. It shall have the right to acquire by purchase, gift, grant, devise or bequest, and hold, sell, convey, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of every kind of property, real, personal, or mixed, provided it shall not hold real and personal estate exceeding two hundred and fifty thousand dollars in value.

ART. VI. The Society shall have the right, through its Board of Managers, to make all necessary by-laws for the government of said Board and of the subordinate Conference and local societies. The persons herein



named as incorporators having made known the fact that they have already met and organized by adopting by-laws and electing officers and managers, therefore upon the approval of this charter, said organization so effected and by-laws so adopted shall become and continue as the organization and by-laws of this corporation, in so far as the by-laws are consistent herewith, to the same purpose and effect, but no further, as though formed and adopted at a meeting after the approval of this charter. The Society shall be subject to the provisions of the Book of Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and to the control of the General Conference of said Church, and no by-laws contrary to the laws of said Church shall be valid.

ART. VII. The meetings of the Woman's Board of Home Missions for the transaction of corporate business may be held anywhere in the United States. It shall prescribe by its by-laws what number of its officers and managers shall be necessary to constitute a quorum.

ART. VIII. The names of the incorporators, who shall constitute the officers and managers of the Board until their successors shall have been elected, are as follows: Miss Belle H. Bennett, of Kentucky, President; Mrs. J. D. Hammond, of Tennessee, First Vice President; Mrs. F. B. Carroll, of Texas, Second Vice President; Mrs. R. K. Hargrove, of Tennessee, General Secretary; Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, of Tennessee, General Treasurer; Miss Emily Allen, of Georgia, Recording Secretary; and the following representatives of the several Conference Societies, to wit: Mrs. C. H. Cope and Mrs. Robert Somerville, of Mississippi; Mrs. C. L. Chilton and Mrs. J. H. Reville, of Alabama; Miss Gertrude Durey, Mrs. W. H. Pemberton, and Mrs. S. H. Babcock, of Arkansas; Mrs. C. H. Buchanan and Mrs. M. N. Moorman, of Virginia; Mrs. Fannie McGhee, of Oregon; Mrs. J. H. Ledbetter, of Colorado; Miss Margaret E. Winnefred, of Washington; Mrs. George Call, Mrs. Bertha Mueller, Mrs. H. A. Evans, Mrs. F. N. Hey, Mrs. T. L. Lallance, Mrs. O. T. Hotchkiss, and Mrs. J. L. Cunningham, of Texas; Mrs. E. K. Griffith, of Florida; Mrs. A. A. Gibson, Mrs. Ross Witherspoon, and Mrs. James Atkins, of Tennessee; Mrs. Anna S. Dunlap, of Illinois; Mrs. C. M. Coppedge, of Indian Territory; Miss Kate Petry, Mrs. L. M. Clark, and Mrs. Mordecai Williams, of Kentucky; Mrs. L. L. Clayton and Mrs. Mary B. Williams, of California; Mrs. F. E. Russ, of Louisiana; Mrs. M. S. Palmer, Mrs. L. P. Norfleet, and Mrs. F. H. Ottoby, of Missouri; Mrs. S. B. Tabor, of Montana; Mrs. Ida T. Wilkins and Mrs. T. F. Marr, of North Carolina; Mrs. F. P. Clark and Mrs. Washington Dessau, of Georgia; Mrs. W. L. Waite, of South Carolina; and Mrs. F. White, of Kansas.

## INSTRUCTIONS IN REGARD TO FUNDS.

THE money can be classified under five heads: I. The Regular Fund; II. Special Donations; III. Loan and Endowment Funds; IV. City Mission Money; V. Local Funds.

I. **The Regular Fund** is used for the support of the connectional work, such as mission schools, parsonages, and rescue work, and includes all money collected, as:

1. Dues of adult, young people, and juvenile members.
2. Life memberships and honorary life members and patrons.
3. Baby roll dues.
4. Mite box collections.
5. Week of Prayer offerings.
6. Donations to which no special direction is given.

II. **Special Donations** are those directed to some particular object, either within or outside the Conference, connected with the work of the Home Mission Society.

III. **Loan and Endowment Funds.**

1. Parsonage loan funds, whether named or unnamed.
2. Educational Endowment Fund.
3. City Mission Endowment Fund.

All money collected or contributed under these three headings (the Regular Fund, Special Fund, Loan and Endowment Funds) must be sent by the auxiliary treasurer to the Conference Treasurer, and by her to the General Treasurer, and a statement of the amount for each accompany the draft, as provided for in the record books. Care should be taken not to duplicate. For instance: If the mite box collection or Week of Prayer offering is used to make a life member, it should be reported only for the latter. All moneys collected during the Week of Prayer are devoted to the current expenses of the general work. Life members may be made from this sum, and mite box collections may be used to augment it. No sum from this Week of Prayer collection can be used to make Preachers' Wives' Loan Funds, Educational Endowment Funds, or for local enterprises. Money should be not be sent by auxiliaries to the field—that is, in response to any person applying for special aid—but through the Conference Treasurer to the General Treasurer, from whence it will go as directed, and credit be given. Special donations remitted to the Conference Treasurer or General Treasurer must be accompanied by the name and wish of the donor. *This is very important if credit is desired.*

IV. **City Mission Money.** In those cities where there is a Board of City Missions, the auxiliaries supporting it assess themselves a certain amount, which is paid monthly to the treasurer of the city board. This treasurer sends a voucher (or receipt) to the Conference Treas-

urer for all the money thus received, who in turn forwards a copy of the same to the General Treasurer.

V. **Local Funds.** Under this head is included *all* money raised for *any* purpose *locally*—viz., for the local parsonage, the church, or the poor. This money is held by the treasurer of the local committee, and is expended by her, a *report only* of the amount being sent to the Conference Treasurer, who in turn reports it to the General Treasurer.

#### LOAN AND ENDOWMENT FUNDS.

**The Preachers' Wives' Loan Fund** is constituted by donations of five dollars each to make individuals "patrons" of this fund. Names of patrons will be recorded and published in the Annual Report the year they are received. Money thus raised is used for loans to parsonages.

**The Memorial Loan Fund.**—This name is given to a fund constituted by a contribution of \$20 for each name sent. The \$20 may be paid at once, or in installments as desired. Names recorded on this roll represent the loving remembrance of departed ones by parents, children, relatives, or friends, who, in this way, erect to their memories a lasting monument of good deeds. Those not able to constitute Named Loan Funds are by this fund afforded an opportunity to honor their dead. Names of children may be entered on this roll for five dollars. Money thus collected augments the sum from which loans are made to parsonages.

**Named Loan Funds.**—The sum of one thousand dollars and upward, donated by one or more persons, may, by direction of the contributors, constitute a separate loan fund, and be named by them. No part of the amounts secured and set apart as constituting the Loan Fund is ever donated for any purpose, or used for current expenses, but is preserved without diminution a perpetual fund, held and reserved wholly for temporary loans. Parsonage loan funds are administered by the General Board of Church Extension, subject to appropriation by the Board of the Woman's Home Mission Society.

**Education Endowment Fund and City Mission Endowment Fund** have been created. These two last funds are not loan funds, but vested funds, the interest of which will be used for the objects indicated. Patrons to these funds can be made by the payment of five dollars.

All money intended for these funds must be sent to the General Treasurer, either direct or through the Conference Treasurers. Names of patrons for Preachers' Wives' Loan Fund and those enrolled on the Memorial Fund Roll and Educational Endowment Fund should accompany the money.

**Mite Boxes** are furnished at ten cents per dozen to all wishing to use them for the benefit of this Society on application to Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, 346 Public Square, Nashville, Tenn.

**Boxes of Supplies.**—Transportation should be prepaid on all supplies, and the amount and to whom sent reported to the Conference Secretary, requesting her to forward same to Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, Superintendent, Church Street, Nashville, Tenn.

**Baby Roll.**—The name of any child five years old or under may be placed on the Baby Roll by the payment of twenty-five cents. A card for the name of the baby will be sent to be filled out and returned, that it may be recorded on the Baby Roll. A tiny mite box will be sent to receive the baby's pennies, which must be remitted quarterly to the Conference Treasurer, to be sent by her to the General Treasurer. These mite box collections constitute the dues from the Baby Roll. When a child is six years old his or her name must be entered upon the roll of the juvenile society, or on the Florine McEachern Brigade.

#### **INSTRUCTIONS TO SUPERINTENDENTS OF BABY ROLL.**

The auxiliary Third Vice President shall have in charge the Baby Roll. She shall collect the enrollment fee of twenty-five cents per member, and give quarterly to the auxiliary Treasurer the number of names enrolled during the quarter and the amount of fees to correspond. She shall at the same time send list of names and addresses to the third Vice President of the Conference Society, who superintends the Baby Roll. She shall keep a correct roll of baby members, secure the continued use of the baby mite boxes, and turn the moneys collected monthly in them over to the auxiliary Treasurer.

When the number of names, and enrollment fees to correspond, have been sent to the Conference Treasurer by the auxiliary Treasurer, then the Conference Treasurer shall forward to the General Treasurer the total *number* of baby members made in the Conference during the quarter (not the *names*), with amount of membership fees to correspond. She shall at the same time write the General Secretary to forward to the Conference Third Vice President a number of baby certificates corresponding with fees sent. (For instance, if she has two dollars and fifty cents, she will order ten certificates.)

When she receives mite boxes she also receives baby cards, which are to be sent to the Third Vice Presidents of auxiliaries to be filled out and returned to her, and in turn by her to the General Secretary for enrollment. As names are constantly being added to the Baby Roll, the General Secretary must be informed quarterly.

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

#### **INSTRUCTIONS FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE FLORINE McEACHERN MITE BOX BRIGADE.**

The Auxiliary Third Vice President shall also have in charge the Florine McEachern Mite Box Brigade. She shall secure the use of these mite boxes by all children who have outgrown the Baby Roll, and also endeavor to enlist other children over five years of age in this Brigade. A social meeting of the Brigade must be held quarterly, when the money from the mite boxes shall be collected. The money must be sent to the General Treasurer through the regular channels for the Florine McEachern Hospital Fund.

## *CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS, AND MISCELLANY.*

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### **CONSTITUTION OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.**

**ARTICLE I.** This organization shall be known as the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

**ART. II.** The object of this Society is to enlist and organize Christian women and children in securing homes for itinerant preachers, in providing religious instruction for the neglected and destitute, and in otherwise aiding the cause of Christ.

**ART. III.** This society shall be under the supervision and direction of women, known as the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and consisting of a President, two Vice Presidents, a General Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a General Treasurer, and a Corresponding Secretary, or alternate, of each Conference Society.

**ART. IV.** The general officers of said Board shall be elected quadrennially by the Board at the session next succeeding each General Conference. The Corresponding Secretaries and their alternates shall be elected by the Conference Societies as their laws may provide. Superintendents of departments shall be elected annually by the Board, which shall also define their duties.

**ART. V.** The funds of the Society shall be derived from membership dues, special contributions at meetings appointed in the interest of the society, mite boxes, donations, devises, bequests, or by other means approved by the Board; and the creation of Loan Funds.

**ART. VI.** The Board shall have authority to raise and administer two Loan Funds, one for parsonage building, and another for Home Mission work. These shall be held separate from the funds raised for general distribution, and shall be used only in loans on adequate security, to be determined by the Board of Church Extension. The administration of the Loan Fund for parsonages shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Church Extension.

**ART. VII.** It shall be lawful for said Board to accept contributions to its funds from any persons capable of making the same, subject to annuities, payable to the order of person or persons making such donations; but all amounts so received shall be loaned by said Board, on adequate security or securities, and the aggregate amount of annuities that the Board shall assume to pay shall never be allowed to exceed one-half of the annual interest received on the loans made by said Board.

**ART. VIII.** The funds appropriated by this Board to parsonages shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Church Extension, and shall be administered by the same.

ART. IX. All property (whether real, personal, or otherwise) shall be held in the name of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, a corporation organized under the laws of Mississippi.

ART. X. All dues, special contributions, and other moneys collected by or for the use of the general work of the Woman's Home Mission Society shall be sent to the General Treasurer to be expended by the direction of the Board. Fifty per cent of the dues sent in by each Conference Society, less the amount paid out for Conference expenses, shall be held subject to the order of the proper officers of said Conference, for aiding parsonages within the bounds of the same, but any such funds unappropriated by said Conference at the close of each fiscal year shall be subject to the order of the General Board, and shall be used by said Board to aid the work in more needy Conferences.

ART. XI. The Board shall meet annually, to review and forecast the work, examine reports, estimate resources, appropriate receipts, project work for the year, decide the fields to be occupied and the provisions for each, select the missionaries, the teachers, and other agents to be employed for executing each part of the work, and devise the ways and means for accomplishing the same. It shall have power to make by-laws for the Society, and to provide constitution and by-laws for the Conference and auxiliary societies.

ART. XII. Fifteen members of the Board shall constitute a quorum to transact business at an annual meeting, and five members at a monthly or called meeting.

ART. XIII. The duty of the General Secretary shall be to correspond with missionaries and teachers and other employees of the Society, and with the Conference Secretaries; to furnish Conference Societies with all the needful information; also to secure from them such details of their work as will be necessary to make quarterly and annual reports to the Boards and acquaint herself with the condition, needs, and opportunities of the mission fields, and publish the same for the information of the membership. She shall sign all orders on the General Treasurer, and attend to the legal business of the Society. She shall report annually such details as should be incorporated in the reports of the Board of Church Extension, of Missions, and of Education.

ART. XIV. The General Treasurer shall keep a regular account of the receipts and disbursements of the Society, furnish quarterly and annual reports to be published with those of the General Secretary, pay such bills as the Board may approve, and make such disposition of the funds in her hands as the Board may direct. At the close of the year the accounts shall be audited by one or more competent persons selected for that purpose.

ART. XV. When a vacancy among the general officers or superintendents of departments shall occur in the interim of the annual meetings, the Board shall fill such vacancies until the next annual meeting.

ART. XVI. The office of deaconess is hereby created in connection with the Woman's Home Mission Society. The Woman's Home Mission Board shall prescribe a course of training for candidates for deaconess work, and shall pass upon the applications of those persons recommended by Quarterly Conference for appointment to a training school, and shall have power to reject a candidate at any time, during or at the end of a course of training, if she be found unsuited to the work. The Board, or the Executive Committee thereof, shall, upon application, recommend deaconesses to mission boards, preachers in charge, societies, or other Church agencies wishing to employ them. When a deaconess is thus employed, she shall make reports to the Quarterly Conference of the charge in which she labors, and be, so far as is practicable, under the direction of the preacher in charge. When removing from the bounds of one pastoral charge to another, she shall carry a certificate of official standing. She shall also make annual reports to the Woman's Board of Home Missions. Her certificate must be renewed annually.

ART. XVII. A candidate for deaconess work must be at least twenty-three years of age, a single woman or a widow. She must be a member of the M. E. Church, South, in good standing, and must have shown a fitness for this work by active service in some line of Christian work. She must have a good English education, and a certificate of good health from a reputable physician. Her application for admission to the training school must be indorsed by the Quarterly Conference and the preacher in charge of the Church of which she is a member. She must pass a satisfactory examination before the proper committee of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, both as to her educational and religious qualifications, before she can be placed in the training school. She must give two years of probationary service and study the course prescribed by the Board, after which she must have the recommendation of the superintendent of the school. In exceptional cases, when other requirements are met and the course in the training school is not deemed necessary, she may be nominated by the preacher in charge, and elected to the office of deaconess by the Quarterly Conference, without attending the training school. The duties of the deaconess are to minister to the poor, care for the sick, provide for the orphan, comfort the sorrowing, seek the wandering and sinful, and do any religious or teaching work to which she may be assigned by the preacher in charge employing her in the home or foreign field, and, relinquishing all other pursuits, devote herself to these or other forms of Christian work to which she may be found adapted. No vows shall be required of any deaconess; nevertheless it is expected that those who seek admission to the Training School, or who apply for a certificate from the Quarterly Conference, will have considered carefully the steps they are taking, and, feeling themselves called of God to do this work,

will enter upon it with the purpose of devoting themselves wholly to it. A deaconess shall, however, be at liberty to retire from the work after three months' notice to the Woman's Home Mission Board, and will be subject to a revoking of her certificate and dismissal if found unsuited to the work. While engaged in active service she shall be entitled to such support as the Woman's Home Mission Board shall stipulate; and if, after a long term of service, she shall be disqualified by sickness or old age, she shall be cared for in a deaconess home hereinafter provided for. A deaconess not employed by any of the above Church agencies shall be under the direct control of the Woman's Home Mission Board. A report of the work of each deaconess, with a certificate of character and standing, shall be sent annually to the Woman's Home Mission Board by the agency employing her, together with her personal report.

ART. XVIII. *Deaconess Institutions.*—The Woman's Home Mission Board is authorized to provide a home where unemployed deaconesses may temporarily reside and be instructed, and where the aged or sick may be permanently cared for, and such other institutions as will not be in conflict with other provisions of Section IV., Chapter XI., of the Discipline of 1898.

#### BY-LAWS TO GENERAL CONSTITUTION.

1. The President shall preside at the meetings and actively endeavor to advance the interests of the Society. She shall countersign all drafts on the treasury.

2. The Vice Presidents in their order shall perform all the duties of the President in her absence, and such other duties as may be assigned them in the Board.

3. The Recording Secretary shall give notice of all the annual meetings of the Board, and shall keep the minutes of all meetings in book form.

4. The General Treasurer shall send notice to the Conference Treasurer whenever money is sent to the Board of Church Extension from the 50 per cent dues of that society.

5. Special donations must be appropriated as the donors direct. Donations made for connectional work must be sent through the Conference Treasurer to the General Treasurer.

6. The traveling expenses of the general officers to and from all the meetings of the Board and of the superintendents of departments and editors to and from the annual meetings of the Board shall be paid from the general treasury.

7. Whenever the interests of the work demand it, the President or the General Secretary may call a meeting of the Board to provide for emergencies in the interim of the annual meeting.

8. No new work shall be undertaken until it has been presented to the Board at its annual meeting, and been accepted by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

9. The connectional work shall be divided into two classes, A and B.



Class A shall include the institutions deeded to the Board and under its full control. Class B shall include those local enterprises which are accepted by the General Board and become connected with it by passing their funds through the hands of the General Treasurer.

10. A **standing committee of three shall be appointed by the President, whose duty it shall be to audit the accounts of the general officers and Superintendents of the Society and report to the Board at its annual meetings.**

11. No principal of any institution shall buy land, contract for a building, purchase furniture, or otherwise incur indebtedness without a written order from the Superintendent, and no Superintendent shall assume a debt for her department except at a personal liability.

12. The Board shall from time to time, as may be necessary, create special departments of work and appoint superintendents to take charge of the same.

13. The President and the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society within the bounds of which the annual meeting of the Board is to be held, after consulting with the President and the General Secretary, shall fix the date of the meeting and make necessary arrangements therefor. If for any cause it should become necessary to change the place of meeting, it may be done by the officers of the Board.

14. The programmes for the annual meetings of the Board shall be made by the President and the General Secretary in consultation with the President and the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society within the bounds of which the meeting is held.

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

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

#### STANDING COMMITTEES.

Standing Committees shall be as follows:

A Committee on Education;

A Committee on City Missions;

A Committee on Literature and Press Work;

A Committee on Control of Deaconess Work;

An Auditing Committee.

1. Standing Committees shall be nominated and elected by ballot at the annual meetings of the Board, with *ex officio* members as hereinafter provided.

2. In case of vacancies occurring *ad interim* the remaining members of the committee shall conduct the work until the regular annual meeting of the Board.

3. A majority of each committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Each committee shall elect its own chairman and secretary.

## COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

1. This committee shall consist of the President and the General Secretary of the Board as *ex officio* members, and one other member, said member to be a member of the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

2. It shall be the duty of this committee to superintend the educational work of the Society, and to report upon the same to the Board in annual session.

3. To this committee shall be referred all applications of missionary teachers; all the propositions for the opening of new schools or the enlargement of those already existing; the quarterly reports of superintendents, principals, and teachers; all estimates for the needs of the school for the ensuing year.

4. The committee shall recommend in annual session the number of teachers necessary for each institution, and the amounts to be appropriated for the maintenance of each school. The principal of each school shall submit the credentials of the faculty to the committee for indorsement and appointment. If an emergency arises such as will require an increase in the appropriation to prevent injury to a school, the matter shall be referred to the Board at a called meeting.

5. It shall be the duty of this committee, as a body or individually, to visit, if possible, the schools under their supervision and make themselves acquainted with their internal management.

## COMMITTEE ON CITY MISSIONS.

1. This committee shall consist of the President and General Secretary as *ex officio* members, and three other members, who may be members of the Board or may be chosen from the membership of the Society at large.

2. It shall be the duty of this committee to take such oversight of this department as will insure the proper location of mission houses or homes, the class of work to be done in them, the judicious expenditure of funds to encourage or restrain expansion, to aid in devising ways and means for raising funds.

3. It shall be the duty of this committee to investigate the conditions and needs of cities where there are no City Boards of Missions; and where conditions are encouraging, the same should be reported to the Board in annual session or called meeting; and if approved, the committee shall do all in its power to aid in the organization of a City Board and the establishment of a mission on a safe basis.

4. This committee shall confer with and cooperate with City Mission Boards. To it shall be referred all propositions from cities or auxiliaries desiring to take up organized city mission work; all reports of City Boards, including an itemized statement of money received and expended; all reports from city missionaries; all applications for or from missionary workers, or for a change in work or workers assigned. Previous to annual meetings this committee shall

consult individuals, societies, and Boards supporting missionaries, and missionaries themselves, as to the assignment of work for the ensuing year. The committee shall assign work to all missionaries in the employ of the Board, subject to the approval of the Board in annual or called meetings.

#### COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE AND PRESS WORK.

1. This committee shall consist of the President and General Secretary of the Board, the Editor of *Our Homes*, the Editor of Leaflets, the Superintendent of Press Work, and two other members elected by the Board.

2. This committee shall devise and foster plans for the spread of information in regard to the Society and its work in Church papers and secular press.

3. It shall arrange reading courses on home mission work and Bible study for adult and young people's societies, and shall endeavor to secure the adoption of such courses by auxiliaries and individuals.

4. It shall as far as possible secure the admission of books on home missions in the Sunday school and Epworth League and public libraries.

#### COMMITTEE FOR DEACONESS WORK.

1. The officers of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, the Principal of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, and two additional members from the Society at large, quadrennially elected by the Board, shall constitute a Committee of Control of Deaconess Work. Three members shall constitute a quorum.

2. This committee shall receive and act upon all applications from those who desire to become deaconesses; also all applications to employ deaconesses. It shall receive quarterly reports from all deaconesses and deaconess institutions maintained or controlled by the Woman's Home Mission Society, and keep on file a full statement of the condition and work of these institutions, and endeavor to maintain helpful relations between the several institutions and between them and the Training School. It shall arrange for any transfers of deaconesses that may be desirable, and shall decide upon all questions of administration and differences.

3. When the deaconess shall have finished her probationary course of training, the Committee of Control shall present her to the Woman's Board of Home Missions in annual session for final acceptance and consecration. She shall then receive a certificate, duly signed by the President and General Secretary of the Woman's Board of Home Missions and one of the bishops of the M. E. Church, South. This certificate shall be her credentials as a regularly authorized deaconess of the M. E. Church, South, and must be annually renewed. If she should retire or be found unsuited to the work, her certificate must be surrendered to the Committee of Control, and she thereby

ceases to be a deaconess. When the Committee of Control deems it advisable to have one or more deaconesses consecrated in the interim of the annual meetings, it shall arrange for the time and place for that service.

4. Any one receiving training at the cost of the Woman's Home Mission Society shall refund the money if she voluntarily retires from its employ before the expiration of four years.

5. No one shall be recognized as a deaconess of the M. E. Church, South, who does not comply with the disciplinary requirements and does not hold a certificate from the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

6. When the preacher in charge and the Quarterly Conference present a candidate that they deem an exception to the general rule requiring a course in a training school, the Committee of Control shall examine the candidate, and, if satisfied that all the requirements are met, shall refer her back to the Quarterly Conference for election, and she shall be consecrated at the next annual meeting of the W. B. M., or at such time and place as the Committee of Control shall direct, and shall be granted by that Board a certificate as a regular deaconess, subject to the rules governing the same.

7. No salaries shall be paid, the work of the deaconess being done for the love of Christ and in his name. Deaconesses shall receive an allowance of ten dollars a month, with board, traveling expenses, and car fare; but any who so desire may pay their own board and expenses, either wholly or in part. Deaconesses shall be allowed one month's vacation annually, during which time the allowance shall be continued.

8. No promise of life support, when disqualified by sickness or old age, shall be made to those who enter upon the work after the age of forty years, or to those who shall have given less than ten years of efficient, consecutive service as deaconess, the ten years not to include the two years of training.

9. When the deaconess is on duty a simple uniform shall be worn, consisting of a black dress, a black bonnet, with white ties and white turn-over collar and cuffs. Plain white waists may be worn in warm weather.

10. Wherever there are two or more deaconesses at work in the same city, if practicable, they shall live in a deaconess home, said home to be under the control of the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

11. No institutions shall be recognized as deaconess homes of the M. E. Church, South, except those that are authorized by the Woman's Board of Home Missions. All such property shall be held in the name of the Society.

12. Pastors, Mission Boards, or other agencies employing deaconesses shall obligate themselves to provide for their maintenance as specified in By-Law 7. When deaconesses are employed by foreign mission boards, said Boards, may, at their discretion, increase the allowance. When a deaconess thus employed resides in a deaconess

home, the money necessary for her maintenance must be paid to the home, from which she will receive the same as others. When there is no deaconess home in the place where she is employed, the money shall be paid directly to her.

13. The nurse deaconess shall receive the same care and allowance as others. When employed in nursing persons able to pay for her services, the money must be paid to the deaconess home or hospital with which she is connected. If not connected with such institutions, the money shall be sent by her to the general treasury and held subject to the needs of the deaconess work.

14. All deaconesses shall be required to pursue a continuous course of study and reading prescribed by the Committee of Control.

15. One day of the week shall be a day of rest for the deaconess, and time shall also be given for the reading and study so necessary to keep her work at the highest point of efficiency.

16. Cities and towns in which deaconess homes are located shall maintain the home by private subscriptions and donations or public collections, and shall do all that is possible to awaken interest in the home and the workers. All moneys expended for the maintenance of these homes shall be reported by voucher through the regular channel, said homes to be given twenty-five per cent on this amount from the general treasury. The deaconesses of a home may elect annually one of their number as a delegate to the meetings of the Woman's Home Mission Society in the district and Conference in which it is located.

17. The rules for self-government of all the deaconess homes must be submitted to the Committee of Control and receive its approval before they go into effect. The rules of the several homes shall be, as nearly as possible, uniform.

18. The superintendents of deaconess homes shall report the names and work of the deaconesses in their charge to the Committee of Control quarterly (1st of June, September, December, and March), with an itemized statement of all moneys received and expended, and shall also make an annual report at the close of the fiscal year. They shall, when deemed advisable by the Committee of Control, attend the Annual and District Conferences where the homes are located, to secure the interest and coöperation of the brethren.

19. The Committee of Control shall, at the annual sessions of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, make a full report of the deaconess work, which, after acceptance, shall be incorporated in the printed minutes of the Board.

#### AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The Auditing Committee shall consist of two persons, who may be members of the Board or of the Society at large, or members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in good standing.

This section shall take the place of any and all other by-laws relating to standing committees, and all such are hereby rescinded.

#### COMMITTEES FOR ANNUAL MEETING.

The following committee shall be appointed by the President of the Board at the opening business session of annual meetings, and shall be discharged upon the completion of their work previous to the adjournment of the Board.

Unless otherwise provided, the number of members in these committees shall be left to the discretion of the President.

Reports of these committees must be presented in writing, and copies of the same must be placed in the hands of the Recording Secretary before the final adjournment of the Board.

#### PLATFORM COURTESIES.

This committee shall consist of three members, whose duty it shall be to make known to the President all persons who should be introduced to the Board.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

This committee shall submit for action of the Board the formal resolutions usually adopted by such bodies.

#### MEMORIALS.

To this committee shall be referred all memorials of whatever character that come to the Board.

#### PARSONAGES.

To this committee shall be referred all applications for donations and loans to parsonages.

#### APPROPRIATIONS.

All questions of finance shall be referred to this committee, including estimates from standing committees. The committee shall report for the decision of the Board the amounts to be appropriated for all the different objects comprising the work of the Board, all amounts of salaries or office expenses, and all other questions involving expenditure of money. The Treasurer of the Board shall be a member of this committee *ex officio*.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS.

FOR BUSINESS SESSIONS OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

1. Roll call.
2. Report of General Treasurer.
3. Report of General Secretary.
4. Report of Superintendents.
5. Announcement of standing committees.
6. Presentation of papers to be referred to committees.

FOR REGULAR DAILY SESSIONS.

1. Roll call.
2. Reading of minutes.
3. Reports from standing committees.
4. Reports from special committees.
5. Miscellaneous business.

RULES OF ORDER.

- (a) Each session shall open and close with devotional exercises.
- (b) All resolutions shall be presented in writing.
- (c) Ladies shall rise when addressing the Chair.
- (d) No member shall leave the room without permission of the Chair.
- (e) All reports of committees and such other papers as are to be incorporated in the minutes of the annual session shall be carefully copied as last read and approved by the body before being placed in the hands of the Secretary.

CONSTITUTION OF CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

ARTICLE 1. In each Annual Conference there shall be organized a Conference Society, auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Home Missions, which shall have charge of the work of the Society within the Conference, hold annual meetings, appropriate money to pay incidental expenses, and determine amounts to be appropriated within its bounds.

ART. 2. The society shall consist of one or more delegates from each auxiliary and the following officers: a President, three Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and a District Secretary from each presiding elder's district. The officers shall constitute an Executive Committee.

ART. 3. The President, the three Vice Presidents, the Corresponding Secretary, the Recording Secretary, and the Treasurer shall be elected by ballot. The District Secretaries shall be nominated by a committee composed of the President, the Corresponding Secretary, and the Treasurer, and shall be elected by acclamation.

ART. 4. Three members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum to transact business at a called meeting. One member of this quorum must be either the President or the Corresponding Secretary.

ART. 5. The Conference Society shall use the dues for procuring parsonages and paying incidental expenses. Any auxiliary or auxiliaries within its bounds shall not project or accept work or respond to special calls for aid without the approval of the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

ART. 6. The Conference Society shall devise a plan for raising an expense fund. No Conference Society shall elect or appoint as its representative at the Annual Board meeting any person not a member of said Conference Society.

BY-LAWS TO CONSTITUTION OF CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society, actively advance its interests, and countersign all drafts on the treasury.
2. The Vice Presidents shall, in their order, perform the duties of the

President in her absence, and the Second Vice President shall be the Superintendent of the Department of Tithing, to cooperate with the General Superintendent of Tithing, and the Third Vice President shall superintend the Baby Roll.

3. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Conference Society and of the Executive Committee in a suitable book.

4. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Society and supply the auxiliaries with information and with literature by sending it direct to the Presidents of auxiliaries or to the District Secretaries, as the Conference Society may direct. She shall endeavor to organize auxiliaries in every charge of the Conference, and forward a detailed report of each organization by name to the General Secretary and to the Treasurer of the Conference Society. She shall send quarterly reports to the General Secretary by the 15th of March, June, September, and December; also an annual report in March, giving statistics in full. She shall make to the Conference Society such reports as that body may require. She shall also make for incorporation in the minutes of the Annual Conference the necessary report to the Conference Board of Church Extension in regard to appropriations made to parsonages in the Conference. She shall give due notice of all meetings of the Conference Society and of executive meetings. She shall draw all orders on the treasury.

5. The Treasurer shall receive all funds of the Society, keep a book account with each auxiliary, and submit the same annually to an auditor appointed by the Society. She shall write quarterly to the Treasurer of each auxiliary giving special attention to new auxiliaries. She shall remit to the General Treasurer by the 15th of March, June, September, and December all dues, that the General Treasurer may hold in reserve, subject to the order of the Conference officers, the fifty per cent due each Conference Society. She shall also send quarterly to the General Treasurer all special donations for connectional work, contributions to Loan Funds, offerings of Week of Prayer, and moneys for life memberships, stating carefully the purposes of the same, the names of donors and of life members.

(The Conference Treasurer shall send to the General Treasurer total *number* of baby members (not the names) made in Conference during the quarter, with amount of membership fees to correspond. She shall, at the same time, ask the General Secretary to forward to Conference Third Vice President a number of baby certificates corresponding with fees sent. For instance, if she has two dollars and fifty cents, she shall order ten certificates.)

6. The Conference Society may elect Superintendents to cooperate with the Superintendents of the Board. They shall send quarterly reports of their work to the General Superintendent of their department by the 15th of March, June, September, and December.

7. The District Secretary shall organize auxiliaries and use every available means to promote the advancement of the Woman's Home Mission Society in her district. She, or a representative appointed by her, shall



present a report of the work at the District Conference. She shall hold an annual meeting in the district composed of delegates from the auxiliaries, and shall encourage each auxiliary to hold annually an all-day meeting, and once a quarter a public meeting, thus creating sentiment in favor of the work. She shall ask each pastor in her district to preach a sermon on Home Missions once a year in each Church, and ask for a free-will offering. If the Conference Society so direct, the District Secretary shall conduct the correspondence with the auxiliaries in her district. Literature and information must be sent direct to the Presidents of Auxiliaries. She shall send a quarterly report to the Conference Corresponding Secretary. It shall be her duty to do all in her power to obtain subscribers to the official organ of the Society, *Our Homes*. She shall send her book annually to the Conference meeting to be approved.

8. The Conference Society may make such by-laws as the work demands, provided they do not conflict with those made by the Board.

9. If, during the year, an office becomes vacant, the Executive Committee shall fill the vacancy.

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

### AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Any number of women may become an auxiliary to the Woman's Home Mission Society, by electing a President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and by the payment of the regular dues—viz., ten cents monthly per member.

#### CONSTITUTION FOR AUXILIARIES.

ARTICLE 1. This society shall be called the Woman's Home Mission Society of the —, Auxiliary to — Conference Society of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the M. E. Church, South.

ART. 2. The object of this society shall be to raise funds for procuring parsonages where they are most needed, and to encourage women and children to active and earnest effort to advance the cause of Christ in our own land.

ART. 3. Any one paying regularly ten cents per month may become a member of the society; and any one paying \$25 in one year may become a life member, and shall receive a certificate for the same, which may release the holder from further payment of dues.

ART. 4. The officers of this society shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall together constitute an Executive Committee of the society.

ART. 5. The meetings of this society shall be held monthly, or oftener if the interests of the society require it. The February meeting shall be the annual meeting, when the officers shall be elected for the following year; a report of the work of the year shall be read and a copy of the same be given to the pastor.

## BY-LAWS FOR AUXILIARIES.

1. The President shall preside at the meetings and superintend the work of the society, laying special emphasis upon the study of the reading course by the auxiliary.

2. The Vice Presidents shall in their order assume the duties of the President in her absence, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned them.

3. The First Vice President shall have in charge the local interests of the auxiliary, and shall, *ex officio*, be the chairman of the committee for local parsonage and benevolent work.

4. The Second Vice President shall coöperate with the Conference Superintendent of Systematic and Proportionate Giving in supplying the auxiliary with information upon this subject, and seeking to bring the members to this method of giving. She shall try to secure individual and auxiliary use of the mite boxes.

5. The Third Vice President shall have in charge the Baby Roll and Life Membership Certificates. She shall collect the enrollment fee of twenty-five cents per member, and give quarterly to the auxiliary Treasurer the number of names enrolled during the quarter and the amount of fees to correspond. She shall at the same time send list of names and addresses to the Conference Third Vice President. She shall keep a correct roll of baby members, secure the continued use of the baby mite boxes, and turn the moneys collected monthly in them over to the auxiliary Treasurer. It shall also be her duty to interest, enlist, and organize the children and young people.

6. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the regular and called meetings, see that the congregation is notified of the time of the meeting, both from the pulpit and through the Sabbath school, and send her book annually to the district meeting to be approved.

7. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the society, and send to the Conference Secretary or to the District Secretary, as the Conference Society may direct, full reports before the first day of March, June, September, and December. She shall also send to these officers the name and address of the auxiliary President. She shall send her book annually to the district meeting to be approved.

8. The Treasurer shall collect membership dues, securing at least ten cents a month per member, keep a book account of the funds of the society, and remit to the Conference Treasurer before the first of March, June, September, and December. She shall send her book annually to the district meeting to be audited. She shall send quarterly to the Conference Treasurer the number of names placed on Baby Roll, with amount of enrollment fees to correspond.

9. It shall be the duty of the Vice Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers to make a written report to the monthly business meetings of their local auxiliaries.

10. The society shall elect an agent for *Our Homes*.

11. There shall be a Local Committee to coöperate with the First Vice President as chairman in looking after the parsonage and the benevolent work of the Church. This committee shall be elected quarterly, semiannu-

ally, or annually, as the auxiliary may prefer. It shall have its own Treasurer for local funds, which may be raised in any way the auxiliary deems best. Such by-laws may be adopted governing the work as the local needs may require, provided they do not conflict with the by-laws of the general work.

12. There shall be a Visiting Committee appointed monthly, whose duty it shall be to visit from house to house, to distribute reading matter sent out by the society, and other Church literature, enlist members for the society, and induce persons to attend church and Sabbath school. A full report shall be made at each meeting of the society. It shall be the duty of the Visiting Committee to report to the pastor the names of strangers and all cases of sickness and destitution that they may find. The members of the committee on their rounds should also endeavor by the reading of God's Word to comfort, strengthen, or bring to Christ those whom they may visit. The Visiting Committee may be subdivided into smaller committees to visit specific places. A committee on temperance and other committees may be appointed as the needs may require.

13. All the members are requested to pray for the work of the society at the hour of retiring and when they shall lie awake at night, praying especially for the members of the Baby Roll. Those who are shut in by age and ill health should be asked to bring the work and the workers daily before God.

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

### **YOUNG PEOPLE'S AND JUVENILE SOCIETIES.**

#### CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This society shall be called the Young People's or Juvenile Home Mission Society of —, Auxiliary to the — Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

ART. 2. The object of this society shall be to interest the young people and children of the Church in missionary and temperance work among the ignorant and degraded in our own country, to secure their help in carrying it forward, and to cultivate piety and systematic giving.

ART. 3. Every young person or child paying regularly five cents a month dues may become a member of this society.

ART. 4. Any one may become a life member of the society by the payment of \$10.

ART. 5. The officers of this society shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall constitute an Executive Committee to plan the work of the society.

ART. 6. Meetings of the society shall be held monthly or oftener. The annual meeting shall be held in February, when annual reports shall be read and officers elected for the coming year.

#### BY-LAWS.

1. The President shall preside at the meetings of the society, and in every way seek to promote its interests.

2. The Vice Presidents shall, in their order, preside in the absence of the President, and perform such special duties as may be given them by the society.

3. The Recording Secretary shall keep in a book a true record of the proceedings of the society, provide her pastor with notices of the meetings, and annually send her books to the district meeting for approval.

4. The Corresponding Secretary shall carry on the correspondence of the society, send reports of the work of the society once a quarter (before the 1st of June, September, December, and March) to the Conference Corresponding Secretary and District Secretary, and send to these officers the name and address of the auxiliary President. She shall send her book annually to the district meeting for approval.

5. The Treasurer shall collect membership dues, securing at least five cents a month per member; keep a book account; send funds once a quarter (before the 1st of June, September, December, and March) to the Conference Treasurer. She shall send her book annually to the district meeting to be audited.

6. An agent for *Our Homes* shall be elected, whose duty it shall be to solicit subscriptions to the paper.

7. The juvenile society may elect a Lady Manager to direct its interests. She shall guide its affairs in harmony with the work of the Woman's Home Mission Society.

8. The membership of the auxiliary shall be divided into bands of helpers, definite duties being assigned to them at each meeting.

#### BY-LAWS GOVERNING THE PARSONAGE DEPARTMENT.

The following rules are hereby prescribed for carrying out such of the provisions of the Constitution of this Society as relate to parsonages:

##### CONCERNING LOANS.

RULE 1. All loans in aid of parsonages shall be made by the General Board of Church Extension, subject to the same rules and conditions prescribed by it for loans in aid of church building. Said Board shall have authority to take bonds and mortgages payable to itself for all loans; to collect principal and interest of same when due, by suit or otherwise; and to pay annuities on Parsonage Annuity Certificates out of interest received by it, rendering an annual report of all its acts performed under these rules in behalf of this Society, and remitting annually to the General Treasurer of this Board all interest collected on parsonage loan funds, less annuities paid.

##### CONCERNING FUNDS FOR DONATION BY THE WOMAN'S BOARD.

RULE 2. (1) All money specially contributed to be used for donations in the parsonage work; (2) all donations refunded upon mortgages taken under Rule 7; (3) such amount of dues received by the General Treasurer and subject to appropriations under Article X. of the Constitution as shall be determined upon by this Board from year to year at its annual meetings; and (4) all unappropriated balances remaining to the credit of the several Conference Societies on the 1st day of April of each year shall together constitute a fund for donations to aid in building parsonages, and shall be disposed of in grants for that purpose by the Woman's Board of Home Missions. The Board may, in its discretion, grant such donations at its annual

meetings in anticipation of its receipts for the ensuing year; but in no event shall the aggregate grants thus made in advance exceed in amount the total amount received under the third item of this rule during the preceding year.

#### CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF THE GENERAL TREASURER.

**RULE 3.** The General Treasurer shall, at the end of every quarter, or oftener as she may see fit, remit to the Board of Church Extension all moneys coming to her hands under Rule 2, or for the loan funds; and no moneys received for the use of the parsonage department shall be used for any other purpose.

#### CONCERNING THE APPROVAL AND GRADING OF APPLICATIONS TO THE WOMAN'S BOARD FOR DONATIONS.

**RULE 4.** Every application for donation hereafter presented for consideration at the annual meetings of this Board must first receive the approval of the Conference Woman's Home Mission Society; of the Conference Board of Church Extension of the Conference from which it comes, and such approval must be given at a regular meeting of said Board or its Executive Committee when held in the month of March for the consideration of applications for aid to the General Board of Church Extension. Said Conference Boards or Committees are hereby requested to consider all parsonage applications from their respective Conferences, and to forward such as they may approve so as to reach the General Secretary of the Home Mission Society by April 1st of each year. Each application so approved should have the signature of the President, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer of the Conference Society, and the action of the Conference Board written thereon, certified by the President and Secretary, and all the applications from a given Conference should be, by the Conference Board, graded and marked in the order of their relative importance. This rule shall not apply as to grading and time of approval in cases of unforeseen calamity occurring too late for compliance with its provisions. The General Secretary is hereby directed not to put on the calendar any application not in conformity with this rule.

#### CONCERNING EMERGENCY APPLICATIONS TO THE WOMAN'S BOARD.

**RULE 5.** The Woman's Board of Home Missions will not consider applications for donations at other than annual meetings except in cases of pressing emergency, of which it shall be the sole judge. Every such emergency application must be approved by the Conference Board of Church Extension or the bishop in charge of the Conference from which it may come.

#### DONATIONS BY WOMAN'S BOARD SUBJECT TO REVISION BY GENERAL BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

**RULE 6.** All donations granted to parsonages by this Board shall be subject to approval of the General Board of Church Extension, as provided in Article VIII. of the Constitution; and no notice of any grant shall be given the parties interested until such approval shall have been given. The Board of Church Extension shall have the power to change the amounts granted and to offer loans instead of donations, when considered judicious,

provided the aggregate amounts granted by the Woman's Board shall not be increased.

#### CONCERNING TITLES AND REFUNDING MORTGAGES.

**RULE 7.** All donations granted to parsonages by the Woman's Board of Home Missions, or by the Conference Societies, shall be subjected to the same conditions as to titles, debts, insurance, and refunding mortgages as are imposed in like cases by the rules of the Board of Church Extension: *provided*, that mortgages shall not be taken for donations of less than one hundred dollars; and that in cases of peculiar difficulty and hardship, any of the provisions of this rule may be modified in favor of the grantees, with the concurrent consent, in writing, of the General Secretary of the Woman's Board, the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, and, if the grant be made by a Conference Society, of the Corresponding Secretary of such Society.

#### CONCERNING DONATIONS BY CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

**RULE 8.** Each Conference Society shall, at its annual meeting, carefully examine all applications for donations to parsonages, and grant such as are worthy, to an amount not exceeding the sum at their disposal, or which they may reasonably expect will be at their disposal by the 31st day of March following, under Article X. of the Constitution, or from any other source; all such grants to be made subject to the provisions of Rule 7. In case of great emergency, the Woman's Executive Board of the Conference Society shall have the power to make an appropriation in the interim. No application shall be considered unless signed by the trustees and approved in writing by the presiding elder, the pastor, and the Quarterly Conference of the charge. The Corresponding Secretary of each Conference Society shall forward to the General Secretary the applications so granted, with the amount granted each indorsed thereon. The General Secretary shall, after making a list of the same in a book to be kept for that purpose, forward them to the Board of Church Extension, which shall, when supplied with the necessary funds, pay over the same to the parties entitled thereto, upon compliance with the requirements of Rule 7.

#### APPLICATIONS TO BE WRITTEN UPON AUTHORIZED BLANKS.

**RULE 9.** All applications for aid to either the Woman's Board of Home Missions or to Conference Societies must be written upon blanks prepared by the General Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary of each Conference Society shall be provided with a supply, at the expense of her society, for gratuitous distribution in the bounds of the Conference.

#### BY-LAWS GOVERNING CITY MISSION WORK.

In all our cities and towns where two or more auxiliaries of the Woman's Home Mission Society exist, whether in one or several Churches, they may unite for the promotion of city missions, under the title of a "Board of City Missions." But there shall not be in any city more than one such Board.

1. There shall be a Board of City Missions consisting of three or more members from each coöperating auxiliary society, to be chosen by said auxiliaries at the first regular meeting in January of each year. The preachers in charge of the Churches in which the auxiliaries are located and the presiding elder of the district may be advisory members.

2. The Board shall elect at its first meeting in February of each year a President, two Vice Presidents, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

3. The Board shall hold at least one regular meeting each month. It shall be authorized, with the approval of the executive officers of the Woman's Board, to choose and employ missionaries and fix their salaries.

4. It shall employ as missionaries only those whose testimonials have been considered and approved by the executive officers of the Woman's Board.

5. A monthly report shall be made to each auxiliary by its representatives.

6. An annual report of the work shall be made to the District Conference.

7. The Board shall apportion to each auxiliary the amount necessary to be paid by it for salaries of those employed.

8. The Board shall urge the auxiliaries to secure funds by private subscription and other suitable methods for support of the work, to collect promptly and pay to the Treasurer of the Board.

9. The Board shall also report annually its work to its Conference Society and to the Woman's Board through the General Secretary.

10. Where only one Methodist Church exists in a town, or where local conditions make the organization of a second auxiliary and the formation of a City Mission Board impracticable, city mission work may be made connectional under the following conditions: The auxiliary, if supporting two or more definite institutions, such as a sewing school, a kindergarten, or any other city mission work authorized as such by this Board, may make application to the Committee on City Missions to be organized as carrying on institutional work; and when approved by that committee they may report their work through their Conference officers to the general officers, sending vouchers for the money collected as is done by the City Mission Boards, and shall then receive an appropriation from the general treasury, as do the City Boards.

#### DUTIES OF HOME MISSIONARIES.

1. House-to-house visitation, reading of the Bible and prayer with families, Bible readings, holding prayer meetings, mother's meetings, organizing and superintending industrial schools, etc.

2. They shall report monthly to the Board of City Missions, and quarterly to the General Secretary, giving a full account of their labors during the past month or quarter.

3. They shall work with the presiding elder and the Board with special reference to the establishment of such permanent preaching places and Sunday schools as may be projected by Quarterly Conference or local Church Extension Boards.

REQUIREMENTS OF HOME MISSION CANDIDATES EMPLOYED BY THE WOMAN'S BOARD.

I. Persons who offer themselves for employment by the society should give satisfactory answers to the following questions:

1. Do you feel that you are moved by the love of souls and the providence of God to take upon you the work of a home missionary?
2. Have you an experimental knowledge of salvation through the atonement of Jesus Christ our Lord?
3. Do you believe in the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, as set forth in Part I., Chapter I., of the Discipline?
4. When and where were you born?
5. What are your domestic relations and obligations?
6. Have you a thorough English education?
7. In what schools have you taught, and how long?
8. Have you a knowledge of music, either vocal or instrumental?
9. Can you cut and fit dresses, and teach sewing?
10. Are you able to give instructions in housekeeping, including cooking?
11. Have you had experience in the care of the sick?
12. Are you willing to be transferred from one position to another if in the judgment of the Board such a change is deemed advisable?

II. 1. The candidates should furnish satisfactory testimonials to the following facts: (1) Membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; (2) Christian zeal for the salvation of souls; (3) good health; (4) educational fitness; (5) ability to give instruction in the common domestic industries; (6) aptness to teach.

2. Each candidate is requested to write a letter giving a brief sketch of her life and her call to the work, which, with her photograph, is to be sent with her testimonials.

3. The testimonials of a missionary candidate should be considered and passed by her Conference Society before they are brought before the Board.

COURSE OF STUDY FOR CANDIDATES.

CITY MISSION WORK.

1. The Bible in reference to doctrines generally; and special study of the Acts and the Epistles, their analysis and designs.
2. The life of Christ as portrayed in the Gospels.
3. Wesley's Doctrinal Standards, Sermons I.-XII.
4. Book of Discipline, Chapters I., IV., VI., XI.
5. McTyeire's "Catechism on Church Government."
6. McTyeire's "History of Methodism."
7. "Notes on Nursing," by Florence Nightingale.

Books of Reference:

- Young's "Christ of History."  
 "The Methodist Armor," Hudson.  
 "Pyle on the Gospels."  
 "How to Bring Men to Christ," Torrey.



## MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS.

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

## SCHOLARSHIPS.

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

## OUR HOMES.

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

## LEAFLETS.

Mrs. John D. Hammond, Editor, Nashville, Tenn. Leaflets can be obtained from the Conference Corresponding Secretaries or from the General Secretary, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Nashville, Tenn.

## READING COURSE.

## FIRST YEAR.

*Bible Study*.—"Harmony of the Gospels." Burton & Stevenson. Price, 75 cents. "Life of Christ." Stalker. Price, 65 cents. Help recommended: Torrey's "How to Study the Bible." Price, 50 cents.

*Home Mission Study*.—Annual Report, OUR HOMES. "Deaconesses in Europe and Their Lessons for America." Jane Bancroft Robinson. Price, 90 cents. "Friendly Visiting among the Poor." Mary E. Richmond. Price, 85 cents.

## SECOND YEAR.

*Bible Study*.—Acts, Epistles, and Revelation, with the use of helps in Teacher's Bible. "Life of Paul." Stalker. Price, 55 cents. Help recommended: Torrey's "How to Bring Men to Christ." Price, 50 cents.

*Home Mission Study*.—Annual Report, OUR HOMES. "Child Labor." Willoughby & DeGraffenried. Price, 75 cents. "Jesus Christ and the Social Question." Peabody. Price, \$1.25.

These books can be obtained at the above prices if ordered from Bigham & Smith, special rates having been given on some of them.

## READING COURSE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

*First Year*.—"Life and Work of Lucinda B. Helm." By Arabel W. Alexander. \$1. "The Workers in the East." By W. A. Wyckoff. \$1.25.

*Second Year*.—"Out of Mulberry Street." By Jacob Riis. \$1. "The Workers in the West." By W. A. Wyckoff. \$1.50.

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

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS RECOMMENDED FOR REFERENCE  
AND USE IN SOCIETIES.

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

*Woman's Home Missions*, Delaware, Ohio.

*Tidings*, 2411 Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

"The Poor in Great Cities: Their Problems, and What Is Doing to Solve Them." Essays by various writers.

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

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

"Our Brother in Black." By Bishop Haygood.

"In Darkest England." By Gen. Booth.

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

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

"Punishment and Reformation." By F. H. Wines.

"The Social Teachings of Jesus." By Shailer Mathews.

"The Study of Child Nature." By Elizabeth Harrison.

"Tramping with Tramps." By Josiah Flynt.

"Social Settlements." By Henderson.

"Factory People and Their Employers." By Shuey.

TITLE TO PROPERTY.

The title to all property, real, personal, or otherwise, should be taken and held in the name of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, a corporation organized under the laws of Mississippi.

FORM OF DEVISE AND BEQUEST.

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

*Note.*—Prompt notice of bequests and devises should be given Mrs. R. W MacDonell, General Secretary, Nashville, Tenn.

## WHAT A DEACONESS IS, AND WHAT SHE IS NOT.

### WHAT IS A DEACONESS?

1. She is a consecrated Christian woman.
2. She is so circumstanced that she can give her *whole time* to the service of God.
3. She is a *trained* worker, and therefore a better worker than one who has had no preparation for it.
4. She is *authorized* and *appointed* by the Church, which gives her the right to do some things she could not otherwise do.
5. Recognizing the difficulty of securing money for missionary work, she *asks for no salary*, only that her necessities be provided for when she has no means for self-support.
6. She is *at liberty to retire* from the work at any time if she wishes to marry, or family duties call her, or if for any reason she may desire to do so.
7. She wears an ordinary, simply made dress of a *uniform color* with those in the same office, with some distinctive mark of that office, possibly white strings to her bonnet. She thus secures economy, good taste, introduction, and protection when needed.
8. She *lives in a Deaconess Home*, when there are a sufficient number of deaconesses in one community, for the sake of economy, convenience, and congenial companionship—an arrangement much more desirable than a cheap boarding house.
9. As a pastor's assistant she becomes a *leader for the women* of that congregation in Church work. Instead of hindering them or doing the work they should do, they learn from her how to work more effectively, and are led out into lines of service they had not entered until she, as a skilled worker, pioneered the way.
10. She may be connected as a deaconess with her own home Church, live in her father's house, and be supported by him, if he so desire, just as in the past, only she will now do better work.

### WHAT A DEACONESS IS NOT.

1. She is *not a preacher*.
2. She is not *ordained*, therefore she is not a female deacon.
3. She is not "*a Protestant nun*" (does not "ape Romanism"), as she takes no vow of celibacy or of any other kind.
4. She does *not wear "the habit of a nun."* The distinctive mark in her dress is no nearer the habit of a nun than the "clerical cut" coat worn by some preachers is like a priest's cassock.
5. She is *not "a Church beggar,"* haunting the stores and public places, her time being given to direct Christlike service to the sick, the poor, and the sinful.
6. The Deaconess Home is *not like "a nunnery,"* "expensive houses with brick or stone walls around the yard," nor has it "a Mother Superior." Usually it is a frame cottage where several womanly women live a simple home life, with possibly one of more mature years and experience to advise and guide the less experienced and manage the affairs of the house.

### WHAT IS THE WORK OF THE DEACONESS?

A deaconess ministers to the poor, cares for the sick, provides for the orphan, comforts the sorrowing, seeks the wandering, saves the sinning; a work so important and delicate that it would "fill an angel's hands," a work that many Christian women long to do yet shrink from because they feel its responsibility and their lack of preparation for it. Untrammelled, prepared by study and experience, a recognized worker, she goes with heroic courage and fortitude in and out among all classes and conditions of the great city's population, gathering into her arms the deserted waif, leading from the street the wayward girl, watching by the bedside of the dying, teaching in the kindergarten, leading a cottage prayer meeting, teaching a mission Sunday school, conducting a mothers' meeting, training an industrial school—according to their "several ability," each one doing what her hand finds to do as "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed," being "thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

MARY HELM.

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