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## ANNUAL SESSIONS OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

Date.	Place.	Date.	Place.
1879.....	Louisville, Ky.	1895.....	Meridian, Miss.
1880.....	Nashville, Tenn.	1896.....	Washington, D. C.
1881.....	St. Louis, Mo.	1897.....	Birmingham, Ala.
1882.....	Nashville, Tenn.	1898.....	Greensboro, N. C.
1883.....	Lynchburg, Va.	1899.....	Nashville, Tenn.
1884.....	Kansas City, Mo.	1900.....	Paris, Tex.
1885.....	Knoxville, Tenn.	1901.....	Asheville, N. C.
1886.....	Augusta, Ga.	1902.....	Charleston, S. C.
1887.....	Catlettsburg, Ky.	1903.....	Memphis, Tenn.
1888.....	Nashville, Tenn.	1904.....	Jacksonville, Fla.
1889.....	Little Rock, Ark.	1905.....	Muskogee, Okla.
1890.....	St. Louis, Mo.	1906.....	Opelika, Ala.
1891.....	Fort Worth, Tex.	1907.....	Richmond, Va.
1892.....	Lexington, Ky.	1908.....	New Orleans, La.
1893.....	Kansas City, Mo.	1909.....	Chattanooga, Tenn.
1894.....	Atlanta, Ga.	1910.....	Clarksville, Tenn.

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1915—Little Rock, Ark.	1924—Tampa, Fla.
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1917—New Orleans, La.	1926—Raleigh, N. C.
1918—Knoxville, Tenn.	1927—Shreveport, La.
1919—Memphis, Tenn.	

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WE are Called to Share the Best We Have." "Mutuality in Giving and Receiving." These were the mottoes stretched within the First Methodist Church, of Shreveport, La., where the Woman's Missionary Council held its Seventeenth Annual Session. The designer thus expressed missions—the effort to interpret the message of our risen Christ to the unbeliever, which has been the life and inspiration of American Methodism for more than a hundred years. The mottoes meant this to all who read them, but to the visitors they said also: "This is Shreveport's message to the guests whom she wishes to honor." Shreveport gave its very best. Real Southern hospitality prevailed; but is not Shreveport in Louisiana, the very South of the South? Of course, gracious courtesy, the heart of which is loving thoughtfulness, was apparent at every turn. The hearts of the women were won, they know now Shreveport is "the city you can't resist," "where every prospect pleases," and will gratefully keep their little bells ringing for Shreveport.

The temptation to deal in superlatives is almost irresistible, for this meeting was really the "most" in many different ways. To begin with, the attendance was the largest in the history of the Council, all but three Conferences—Denver, Pacific, and Northwest—were represented, and every officer and a delegate from each auxiliary of the Louisiana Conference, as well as visitors from many other Conferences, were in regular attendance. There were more foreign missionaries present than ever before, also the usual large quota from the ranks of the deaconesses and home missionaries; and the largest number of candidates ever presented for consecration.

Conspicuous in this honorable group were two veterans who from intimate personal knowledge could compare conditions in the mission fields to-day with those of a period when missionary work was not so popular, Mrs. Julia A. Gaither, upon whom the emeritus relation was conferred in 1926, and Miss Virginia M. Atkinson who, after forty-three years of service in China, received that honor this year. Still vigorous and effective, Miss Atkinson looks forward to another full term of service.

This great host and the friends in Shreveport came together on the afternoon preceding the meeting at a delightful fellowship luncheon, where greetings were received and introductions made; while in the breaking of bread, after a grace for the presence of the Lord, the bonds of sisterhood were more closely knit.

To the words of a missionary there is ever attached a great interest,



and the messages they brought this year concerning their particular work, or giving the interpretation of the new day that had come to their respective fields, were inspiring and provocative of new thoughts in regard to our relation to the work. Especially was that true when they stressed the increasing strength of the nationalistic spirit in foreign lands, and with it the growing desire of the Christians of those lands for an indigenous Church. This call comes from both Oriental and Latin-American lands.

The spirit of the meeting attested the preparation in prayer that had been made weeks in advance. There was a consciousness of the presence and power of God.

The heart of the meeting was to be found in the daily noon Quiet Hour, when with scholarly vigor and contagious enthusiasm Dr. Edmund D. Soper interpreted the general theme, "The Bible and the Missionary Enterprise," in six divisions. These were constructive lessons which threw a new light on familiar passages and opened the way to a more thorough method of Bible study. To Dr. Soper a debt of gratitude will be cherished for the help he gave.

The note of internationalism was struck the first evening in Bishop Beauchamp's address on the "Present World Situation." It rang out again the following morning in the President's Bible lesson with its plea for international-mindedness, and ever and again throughout the meeting. It came with emphasis in the daily Bible lessons.

Nationalism in our own land, of which Dr. J. E. McAfee spoke in his address on "World Missions from the Home Base," was strictly altruistic with a spiritual goal, but his was the ideal which we have yet to attain. More optimistic was Dr. Thomas Jesse Jones in "American Coöperation for Africa," when he, too, touched the theme of international altruism. His beautiful tribute to Bishop Lambuth and Miss Belle Bennett was appreciated. The following is just one thought from his address: "The service of missionaries is one of the most definite and real contributions to international welfare. Though missions are primarily concerned in religion, their influences include the full round of human life."

Bishop Sam R. Hay delivered an appreciated evangelistic message on Sunday morning and conducted the consecration service on Monday evening.

Our General Secretary, Dr. W. G. Cram, delivered his message on the "Personal Side of Missionary Service" Sunday evening, and in his report Friday morning proved himself a life member of the Woman's Missionary Society for nearly twenty-seven years.

The reports of the officers traced progress in the work achieved in spite of tornadoes, floods, and war.

Among the most interesting items of legislation at this session we find that at their request all home workers shall henceforth be known as deaconesses and shall be allowed to wear the uniform at their discretion. The regular uniform was modified and a pin was designated as the insignia of office.

A change of policy was worked out whereby under stated conditions

certain home mission projects may be assigned as specials within their own Conferences. This is a radical change which can but prove stimulating.

The new dormitory for medical students at the Margaret Williamson hospital, Shanghai, China, is to be called Mabel K. Howell Hall.

The call for increased offerings for the Relief and Retirement Fund should bring forth a liberal response, and it will if each woman will but consider how little she has done for this Fund and that fifty years of missionary endeavor means that many workers have grown older.

The Week of Prayer offering for 1927 is directed in the home field to the Valley Institute at Pharr, Tex., a school on the border primarily for Mexican girls. In the foreign field it is directed to a building at the Woman's Christian Business Institute at Kobe, Japan.

Of very great interest is the proposed merger of the *Young Christian Worker* with the *Junior Epworthian* in order to more effectively serve the junior age group in the Church. An even longer stride in the interest of this same group of young folks is seen in the constitution adopted for the Epworth Juniors, which provides for the joint training of children from nine to twelve years by the Woman's Missionary Council and the Epworth League Board.

A request was made of the Trustees of Scarritt Collge to set apart a room in the Memorial Building as a room of remembrance forever. On the ninety stones of this room will be inscribed as the years go by the names of men and women of our Church considered worthy of such commemoration because of constructive and distinguished service. The floor of this room shall be reserved for metal tablets bearing the names of those associated with the founding of Scarritt Bible and Training School and Scarritt College. A memorial tablet bearing Miss Bennett's name and the Book of Remembrance of the Woman's Missionary Society will be placed and forever kept in this room.

This year found the Council in a delightfully unique situation. Looking backward it rejoiced with full and thankful heart over the fullness of the completion of the Belle Bennett Memorial Campaign. This had come to its close with marked enthusiasm, blessing the women in their efforts and achieving the goal set—the beautiful building at Scarritt College and the endowment for the teaching of the Bible, memorials to the long-loved leader, foremost woman in the missionary history of our Church. Looking forward, it faced eagerly and with confidence the celebration of a jubilee, the fiftieth anniversary of organized woman's missionary activity in the Southern Methodist Church. This celebration will begin with the meeting of 1928 and close with that of 1929. The five goals for the activities of that year will be a higher spiritual standard, an appreciation of our inheritance, the extension of the organization, the reevaluation of the task, the thank offering.

This is the task for which we will begin to strive before the new year comes that we may better share the best we have and come to a fuller realization of Christian internationalism.

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### WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION.

THE Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, met for the first public meeting of its seventeenth annual session in the First Methodist Church, Shreveport, La., at eight o'clock Wednesday evening, March 9, 1927, Mrs. F. F. Stephens, President, presiding.

Hymn "The Church's One Foundation," was sung. Dr. W. W. Holmes, presiding elder of the Shreveport District, read the Scripture lesson and led in prayer.

Bishop W. B. Beauchamp was then introduced by Mrs. Stephens and delivered an address on the "Present World Situation." He called attention to the adjustments necessary in the program of the Church and stated some of the difficulties faced by the Church; first, it cannot command the wealth of the world to meet the need of the kingdom; second, it cannot meet this need until preacher and teacher have a larger, wider vision; third, man's conversion must be complete.

The choir of First Church sang as a voluntary "Sing Aloud unto God." The hymn, "Christ for the World," was sung and the session was dismissed with the benediction pronounced by the bishop.

### THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

The first business session was called to order by the President at nine o'clock Thursday morning. Hymn, "O God, Our Help in Ages Past," was sung, and the Apostles' Creed was recited in unison. This was followed by the Bible lesson, in which Mrs. Stephens based a message upon Luke 14: 12-13 and Luke 7: 2-10, which carried both national and international significance. Prayers were offered by Miss Mary De Bardeleben for the foreign missionaries and those whom they serve; by Mrs. H. B. Carré for those in our midst to whom we would minister, and for the home missionaries and deaconesses; and by Mrs. Hume R. Steele, who gave thanks for the spirit of brotherhood which alone can save the world and sought the controlling power of the Holy Spirit. This worship period closed with a message in song, "O Rest in the Lord," sung by Miss Yandell Boatner.

The delegates were seated and the roll was called by the Secretary. Ninety-seven members responded, and thirty-eight Conferences were represented. Mrs. T. E. Welch, alternate from the Arizona Conference, was seated the following day, and D. Otilha Chaves, President of the South Brazil Conference, was seated Monday morning. On the last day of the meeting the following were seated: In the absence of Mrs. J. M. Gross, of the Florida Conference, Mrs. A. F. Baines; and in the absence of Mrs. W. P. McDermott, of the Little Rock Conference, Mrs. S. W. C. Smith. The total enrollment of ninety-nine was as follows:



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President, Mrs. F. F. Stephens.  
 Vice President, Mrs. J. W. Perry.  
 Treasurer, Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton.  
 Recording Secretary, Mrs. Fitzgerald S. Parker.  
 Organization Secretary, Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb.  
 Candidate Secretary, Mrs. H. R. Steele.  
 Literature Secretary, Miss Estelle Haskin.  
 Superintendent of Young People's Work, Miss Julia Lake Stevens.  
 Superintendent of Children's Work, Miss Althea Jones.  
 Superintendent of Social Service, Mrs. W. A. Newell.

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Mrs. Luke G. Johnson,	Mrs. J. C. Handy,
Miss Daisy Davies,	Mrs. R. L. Hobdy,
Mrs. W. F. Tillett,	Mrs. H. L. McCleskey,
Mrs. E. B. Chappell,	Mrs. Henry S. Owen.

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Central Texas.....	Mrs. J. H. Stewart.....	Mrs. W. B. Landrum.
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China.....		
Denver.....		
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Mexico.....		
Mississippi.....	Mrs. L. W. Alford.....	Mrs. T. B. Cottrell.
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North Alabama.....	Mrs. W. F. Price.....	Mrs. I. Morris.
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North Carolina.....	Mrs. A. M. Gates.....	Mrs. Harvey Boney.
North Georgia.....	Mrs. M. E. Tilley*.....	Mrs. R. J. Atkinson.

Conference.	President.	Secretary.
North Mississippi...	Mrs. T. M. Clark.....	Mrs. R. P. Neblett.
North Texas.....	Mrs. S. M. Black.....	Mrs. J. S. Terry.
Northwest.....		
Northwest Texas...	Mrs. Nat G. Rollins.....	Mrs. J. Frank Potts.
Pacific.....		
St. Louis.....	Mrs. E. B. Watson.....	Mrs. E. A. Kitchell.
South Brazil.....	D. Otilia Chaves.....	Miss Louise Best.*
South Carolina.....	Mrs. W. I. Herbert.....	Mrs. R. L. Kirkwood.
South Georgia.....	Mrs. W. B. Stubbs*.....	Mrs. E. P. Peabody.
Southwest Missouri.	Mrs. Fred A. Lamb.....	Mrs. F. H. Naylor.
Tennessee.....	Mrs. A. B. Smith.....	Mrs. George Morgan.
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West Texas.....	Mrs. T. A. Brown.....	Mrs. Henry George.
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Mrs. C. W. Nichols,	Mrs. Nat G. Rollins,	Mrs. J. W. Mills,
Mrs. Lee Britt,	Mrs. R. E. L. Morgan,	Mrs. D. N. Bourne.

The Sessions Committees were announced by the Secretary as follows:  
*Jubilee Committee on Home Field and Social Service.*—Mrs. J. W. Downs and Mrs. W. A. Newell (conveners), Mrs. J. W. Mills, Mrs. R. L. Hobdy, Mrs. W. F. Tillett, Mrs. C. W. Nichols, Mrs. Fred A. Lamb, Mrs. Lee Britt, Mrs. T. A. Bennington, Mrs. L. W. Alford, Mrs. J. C. Rawlings,

\*Alternate.



Mrs. J. M. Gross, Mrs. H. A. Dunham, Mrs. W. M. Alexander, Mrs. E. F. Ellis, Mrs. J. S. Terry, Mrs. E. B. Watson, Mrs. T. A. Brown, Mrs. Charles N. Clark, Mrs. W. P. McDermott, Mrs. K. C. Childers.

*Committee on Foreign Fields.*—Miss Esther Case (convener), Mrs. F. F. Stephens, Mrs. Luke Johnson, Miss Mabel K. Howell, Miss Daisy Davies, Mrs. E. P. Peabody, Mrs. R. F. Jones, Mrs. T. J. Copeland, Mrs. S. R. Edington, Mrs. L. A. Tynes, Mrs. T. B. Cottrell, Mrs. A. M. Gates, Mrs. R. J. Atkinson, Mrs. R. E. L. Morgan, Mrs. W. I. Herbert, Mrs. R. E. Stackhouse, Mrs. J. A. Mercer, Miss Virginia Atkinson, Miss Maggie J. Rogers, Miss Louise Best, D. Otilia Chaves.

*Jubilee Committee on Home Promotion.*—Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb (convener), Mrs. Nat Rollins, Mrs. I. D. Fulton, Mrs. J. W. Perry, Mrs. A. B. Smith, Mrs. H. S. Owen, Mrs. E. J. Harper, Mrs. T. H. Tyson, Mrs. W. B. Landrum, Mrs. M. E. Mackey, Mrs. D. B. Carré, Mrs. G. C. Carver, Mrs. I. Morris, Mrs. R. P. Neblett, Mrs. R. L. Kirkwood, Mrs. W. B. Stubbs.

*Jubilee Committee.—Young People, Students, Children.*—Mrs. J. C. Handy, Miss Althea Jones, Mrs. F. S. Parker, Miss Julia Lake Stevens, Mrs. H. R. Steele, Miss Emma V. Pepler, Mrs. D. N. Bourne, Mrs. J. H. Stewart, Mrs. E. A. Kitchell, Mrs. C. M. Sinclair, Mrs. E. R. Steele, Mrs. Walter Taylor, Mrs. Preston Hatcher, Mrs. S. M. Black, Mrs. F. H. Naylor, Mrs. John Steele, Mrs. Henry George, Miss Julia Durham, Miss Berta Ellison, Mrs. C. R. Waters, Mrs. M. E. Tilley.

*Jubilee Committee on Literature.*—Miss Estelle Haskin (convener), Mrs. H. L. McCleskey, Mrs. L. G. Emberson, Miss M. L. Gibson, Mrs. C. C. Weaver, Mrs. C. E. Castle, Mrs. T. C. Banks, Mrs. Ernest Henson, Mrs. C. F. Niebergall, Mrs. W. F. Price, Mrs. Harvey Boney, Mrs. T. M. Clark, Mrs. George Morgan, Miss Margaret Young, Mrs. E. W. Berry, Mrs. E. B. Chappell, Mrs. E. B. Dye.

*Committee on Prayer.*—Mrs. E. B. Chappell, Mrs. J. W. Mills, Mrs. W. B. Stubbs, Mrs. A. B. Smith, Mrs. J. M. Gross

*Committee on Publicity.*—Miss Estelle Haskin, Mrs. C. W. Turpin.

*Committee to Supply Vacancies on Standing Committees.*—Mrs. Fitzgerald S. Parker, Mrs. E. B. Chappell, Mrs. Nat G. Rollins.

*Committee on Resolutions.*—Mrs. R. L. Hobdy, Mrs. Henry S. Owen, Mrs. Luke Johnson, Mrs. T. H. Tyson, Mrs. Lee Britt.

*Public Worship.*—Mrs. J. W. Perry, Mrs. H. R. Steele, Mrs. J. C. Handy.

*Committee on Courtesies.*—Miss Daisy Davies, Mrs. C. F. Niebergall, Mrs. Robert. E. Goodrich, Mrs. George Sexton.

*Committee on Consecration.*—Miss Daisy Davies, Miss Mary Ora Durham, Miss Mabel Howell.

The following Assistant Secretaries, nominated by the Secretary, were elected: Mrs. Nat G. Rollins, Mrs. E. B. Chappell, Mrs. B. Frank Potts.

The Calendar Rules were read by the Calendar Clerk.

The Vice President took the chair while Mrs. F. F. Stephens read her Annual Message, touching upon the success of the Bennett Memorial Campaign and paying tribute to those who had brought it to pass. She

spoke of the changes in the Board of Missions, of plans for correlation in the Junior Work, of the Jubilee celebration to be planned for, and the new policy desired in Home Mission work.

This report was placed on record and all recommendations contained therein were referred to the proper committees. (See message, page 44.)

The report of the Executive Committee was presented by the Secretary and placed on record. (See report, page 50.)

The Vice President stated that her report would be embodied in a report of the Belle Bennett Memorial Campaign.

In her most interesting report, the Treasurer, Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton, stated that in 1926 there had been an increase in dues, pledges, and Week of Prayer offerings, but a decrease in life members, independent specials, and gifts for Retirement and Relief. That the outstanding accomplishment of the year was the completion of the Bennett Memorial Campaign, the gifts for which had amounted to \$639,584.55, and of this amount \$388,355.99 was received in 1926. "Wonderful as were the financial results of this campaign, the spiritual gain has been even greater. From nearly every Conference comes a statement of growth in membership, a larger vision, and a determination to go forward in all phases of the work."

This report was placed on record. (See report, page 81.)

Mrs. J. W. Downs, Administrative Secretary of Home Work, in making her report said that the home mission problem will not be solved until the last boy and girl in the United States has come under the care of some Church or religious group.

This report was placed on record. (See report, page 59).

Hymn, "My Faith Looks up to Thee," was sung.

Miss Esther Case, Administrative Secretary in charge of Foreign Fields, made her report, speaking briefly of outstanding interests in each of these eight fields. Her report was placed on record. (See report, page 65.)

Dr. W. G. Cram, General Secretary of the Board of Missions and life member of the Woman's Missionary Society for twenty-odd years, when introduced presented a report of great interest, which was placed on record. (See report, page 79.)

The following ministers, Conference members, and local women who are untiring in their efforts for the comfort and success of the Council session were introduced: Dr. W. G. Cram; Dr. Robert Goodrich, pastor host; Dr. W. W. Holmes, presiding elder; Bishop W. B. Beauchamp; Dr. Edmund D. Soper, Duke University; Brother Caldwell, superannuate Southwest Missouri Conference; Mrs. G. S. Hester, Oklahoma; Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter, general chairman local committees; Mrs. J. C. Allen; Mrs. Miller; Mrs. Abel Bliss, Chairman Church Arrangements; Mrs. W. F. French; Miss Rust, Noel Memorial Auxiliary; Mrs. Newsome; Mrs. Robert E. Goodrich; Mrs. George Sexton; Mrs. W. W. Holmes; Mrs. Chambers, First Church, Baton Rouge; Mrs. H. N. Brown, Conference Superintendent Rural Work; Miss Jen Moore, Chairman of Pages; Rev. R. E. Delaney; Rev. Mr. Boykin; Rev. Mr. Pope; Mr. Howell; Rev. R. M. Brown; Dr. J. L. Cuninggim, President of Scarritt College.

The hymn, "O, Worship the King," prepared the way for the noon Bible lesson led by Rev. Edmund D. Soper, D.D., of Duke University, Durham, N. C., who had chosen as the general topic for the week's series, "The Bible and the Missionary Enterprise." In the lesson for the day, "International Outlook of the Prophets," he threw new light upon the vision of these men who beat against the narrowness and exclusiveness of their day in their realization that God, the Judge of the whole earth, is also the God of love by whom all men shall benefit alike. The quiet hour closed with prayer by which the morning session was dismissed.

#### THURSDAY EVENING.

The Thursday evening session opened with a message by the choir, "Rejoice, Be Glad, and Sing." The Vice President, Mrs. J. W. Perry, was in the chair. Hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers," was sung, and Dr. Robert E. Goodrich, pastor of First Church, led the opening devotional service, which consisted of a Bible lesson, Romans 10: 1-15, and prayer. The choir sang as a second anthem, "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken." Hymn, "Publish Glad Tidings," was sung. Mrs. Perry then introduced Dr. Joseph E. McAfee, Director of Social Service in the Community Church, New York City, who delivered the address of the evening on "World Missions from the Home Base." He said: "The human life is one. The supreme business of humanity is to bring this humanity into the brotherhood of faith, hope, and love. That it is a universal human business, a divine business, to do that we must pray over this business, and to accomplish our task we need to learn the nature and proper use of certain tools—money, philanthropy, which is charity, and religion."

Again the choir brought a glad message in "How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling, O Lord of Hosts." Hymn, "Our Father's God, to Thee We Raise," was sung, and the evening session was dismissed with the benediction, pronounced by Dr. Goodrich.

#### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION.

The worship period of the second morning's session, led by Mrs. J. W. Perry, Vice President, consisted of the hymn, "More Love to Thee," and a message on love, from a retreat "Toward Power and Service" for the International Week of Prayer, prepared by the Federation of Women's Boards of Foreign Missions of North America and the Council of Women for Home Missions, prayer, and the hymn, "O Love That Will not Let Me Go."

The minutes of Wednesday evening, Thursday morning, and Thursday evening's sessions were read and approved as read.

Messages of greetings were read from Dr. J. W. Perry, Secretary of Home Missions; Mrs. F. H. E. Ross, loved and honored Council Treasurer, who served the Council for fifteen years; and from Mrs. LeGrand Everett, of Rockingham, N. C., one of the hostesses of the 1926 annual meeting of the Council.

Mrs. T. E. Welch, Superintendent of Social Service of the Arizona



Conference, was recognized and seated as alternate for the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. James Crutchfield.

The following reports of committees were placed on the Calendar: Reports Nos. 1, 2, and 3 from Standing Committee on Estimates; Report No. 1, Committee on Deaconess and City Mission Work; Report No. 1 of Committee on Constitution and By-Laws; and Reports Nos. 1 and 2 of the Special Committee on Bennett Memorial.

Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, Secretary of Organization, made her report for the year. This report is the summing up of the work in Conferences and auxiliaries, and is always of very special interest. It included a record of 6,439 adult auxiliaries, with 190,697 members, a total gain of 128 auxiliaries and 5,140 members. The Conferences making the greatest gain in organization are: Florida, Louisiana, Kentucky, Arizona. In members: Florida, Holston, and North Georgia.

The work in the Department of Missionary Education and Bible Study had gone steadily forward, and that in the Department of Supplies had brought comfort and cheer to parsonages and institutions amounting to 5,441 donations valued at \$124,789. This report was placed on record. (See report, page 93.)

Miss Julia Lake Stevens, Superintendent of Young People's Work, made her report. She noted an increase in number of societies; North Mississippi, Virginia, Baltimore, Western North Carolina, and Florida had led in this respect, while the last named led in the highest net gain—35%. The Young People had carried forward their mission and Bible study classes, had a part in the ministry of the Supply Department, and turned into the Council treasury a total of \$66,730. This report was placed on record. (See report, page 109.)

The report of the Children's Work was made by the Superintendent of that Department, Miss Althea Jones. She related the steps taken looking to the correlation of the Junior Missionary Societies and the Junior Epworth Leagues as authorized by the action of the General Conference, May, 1926. In spite of some confusion and difficulties, the children had done a good part, had brought gifts into the treasury amounting to \$67,686, had had their study classes, and had a part in the Week of Prayer. The report closed with a plea for the children and was placed on record. (See report, page 113.)

Hymn, "Come Ye That Love the Lord," was sung.

The work among candidates and students was reported by Mrs. Hume R. Steele, Secretary entrusted with this task. She spoke of the unlimited opportunity for service in the Department, of the high spirit of the Young People who wish to follow the gleam, of their earnest desire to share the best they have, and their belief that the will of God for them will be revealed to them. This report was placed on record. (See page 105.)

Miss Estelle Haskin, Secretary in charge of Literature, made her report, telling of the plans for making and distributing literature, and of the suggestion to combine the *Young Christian Worker* and the *Junior Ep-*

worthian in a larger magazine, which may better serve the childhood of the Church. This report was placed on record. (See report, page 99.)

Mrs. Chappell, editor of the *Missionary Voice*, made her report. She stated that subscriptions to the paper had increased, but not to the goal of 10,000 requested for 1926. She called upon the women to do this this year and to take as their goal for the quadrennium 100,000. Her report was placed on record. (See report, page 103.)

Mrs. W. A. Newell, in her report as Superintendent of Social Service, spoke of the development of the women in social service and in interracial work, and outlined methods for promoting public welfare work. She said: "We are weak on the ethical side of economics." She made a plea for penetrating the isolation of the underprivileged, and closed her report with a ringing call "to examine the magazines for sale on news stands and at local drug stores, and to remove the filth that muddies the minds of our young people." The report was placed on record. (See report, page 116.)

The following were introduced: Dr. Thomas Jesse Jones, Dr. Joseph E. McAfee, Mr. Hogsett, Dr. Stodts, and the women members of the Board of Missions. Then the noble band, missionaries, deaconesses, and candidates:

*Foreign Missionaries.*—Korea—Miss Mamie D. Myers, Miss Alice Furry, Miss Alice McMakin; Brazil—Miss Nancy Holt, Miss Viola Matthews, Miss Lucy Belle Morgan, Miss Louise Best, Miss Helen Johnson, Miss Emma Christine; Africa—Mrs. Etta Lee Woolsey Shaedel; China—Miss Mildred B. Bomar, Miss Virginia M. Atkinson, Miss Kate Hackney, Miss Sue Stanford, Miss Lillian Knobles, Miss Mary D. Overall, Miss Clara Steger, Mrs. Julia Gaither, Miss Maggie Rogers, Miss Nettie Peacock, Miss Lela Bliler; Japan—Miss Ida M. Worth; Mexico—Miss Sarah Warne, Miss Lillie Fox, Miss Ellie B. Tydings; Cuba—Miss Francis B. Moling.

*Home Missionaries and Deaconesses.*—Miss Bessie Miller, Miss Burt Winter, Miss Bessie Allen, Miss Ida Stevens, Miss Ethel Jackson, Miss Dorothy Crim, Miss Mary Ora Durham, Miss Mamie Chandler, Miss Myrta Davis, Miss Connie Fagan, Miss Alice McLarty, Miss Margaret Young, Miss Berta Ellison, Miss Helen Gardner, Miss Bessie Bunn, Mrs. Grace Driver, Miss Elah Cannon, Mrs. J. C. Field, Miss Florence Whiteside, Miss Florence Blackwell, Miss Dora Hoover, Miss Susie Mitchell, Miss Maude Fail, Mrs. Eugenia Young, Miss Grace Gatewood, Miss Susie Teel, Miss Dorothea Reed, Mrs. Selden Bryan, Miss Bess Sargent, Mrs. Laura White, Miss Sykes, Dr. J. M. Skinner, Mr. K. C. East.

*Candidates to be consecrated at this service.* (See list Monday evening, Consecration Service.)

*Mothers of Candidates.*—Mrs. Field, District Secretary North Georgia Conference; Mrs. Harmon, North Alabama Conference; Mrs. Dyer, North Arkansas Conference.

Announcements were made and the Quiet Hour entered upon. Dr. Soper turned the thoughts of the body to the "World View of Our Lord." He said that when we discuss any view held by our Lord we are on holy



ground, also on debatable ground. In developing this subject he said the best method of meeting the problems sure to arise is to steep oneself in the Gospels, to dream, pray, mull over, live with the Gospels and interpret all difficult things in the light of the spirit of the Gospels. The summit of the New Testament is to be found in John's Gospel. This Gospel brings one closer to Jesus than any other.

This helpful hour closed with prayer, and the morning session was dismissed.

#### FRIDAY EVENING SESSION.

The Friday evening session opened with the singing of the hymn, "For All Who Dwell Below the Skies," after which the anthem, "O Worship the Lord," was sung by the choir.

Dr. George Sexton, president of Centenary College, read as a Scripture lesson Phillipians 2: 5-18, and led in prayer.

Dr. Thomas Jesse Jones, Educational Director, Phelps-Stokes Foundation, New York, was introduced by Mrs. F. F. Stephens and delivered an address on "American Coöperation for Africa."

In speaking of the peculiarly rich heritage of the womanhood of Southern Methodism he paid appreciative tribute to Miss Belle Bennett and Bishop W. R. Lambuth. Still further outlining the heritage of the Southern people, he developed the fact of increased responsibility on our part for the negro. He said the great storehouse of wealth in this country, and the the people of Africa responding to us, as few people will, is a call for a divine consecration and a divine democracy.

The evening service closed with the hymn, "Praise the Saviour, All Ye Nations," followed by the benediction.

#### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION.

Saturday morning's session was called to order by the President at nine o'clock. The opening devotional service, led by Mrs. T. J. Copeland, President of the Baltimore Conference, consisted of the hymn, "Rock of Ages," Scripture lessons, John 14: 1 with comments, and Revelations 21: 4, hymn, "The Unclouded Day," and prayer.

The minutes of Friday morning and evening's sessions were read and approved as read.

The following telegram was read from Mrs. P. L. Holt, for many years a beloved and capable leader in the Louisiana Conference:

Mrs. F. F. Stephens, Shreveport, La.

"Loving greetings to you and Council friends. Part of me is out here where the West begins, but most of me is down there where the bayou touches the road and where this Council session begins to touch every part of dear old Louisiana. God bless this meeting. BERTHA HOLT."

A memorial from the Scarritt College Committee was presented and referred to a special committee on Scarritt; and the following reports were placed on the Calendar: The Sessions Committee on Social Service, the

report of the Standing Committee on Jubilee, and the report of the Special Committee on the *Young Christian Worker*.

Motions prevailed that the Secretary be instructed to send messages to Mrs. F. H. E. Ross, Mrs. P. L. Holt, Mrs. LeGrand Everett, Mrs. L. P. Smith, Mrs. W. J. Piggott, and Dr. J. W. Perry.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Estimates, containing recommendations to the Council, was taken from the Calendar, read, and considered by items.

The request for the indorsement of a ten per cent increase in the basis of appropriation provoked an interesting discussion and was adopted.

The report as a whole was then adopted as read. (See report, page 135.)

It was moved and seconded that the Chair appoint the Committee on Salaries ordered in the last item of this report. The motion prevailed.

Mrs. Perry was called to the chair. The hymn, "Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve," was sung, while the honored speakers for the next period were called to the platform to deliver their messages on a "New Interpretation of Foreign Missions."

Mrs. Perry introduced Bishop Sam R. Hay, who had just arrived in the city.

Miss Case introduced Miss Virginia Atkinson, missionary in China since 1884. Miss Atkinson called especial attention to the fact that the new day in China finds a changed status for the women, a modern educational system, a growth in the nationalistic spirit, and changes in the Christian Church with a strong desire for an indigenous Church.

Miss Ida M. Worth, missionary in Japan since 1895, was next introduced by Miss Case. Miss Worth described Japan as progressive, aggressive, adapting, never adopting, patriotic, self-confident, ambitious, ever seeking the better, etc. She said the cities had acquired the aspects of modern cities with overflowing population, while the rural sections are becoming depleted as their people hasten to the industrial life of the cities. Missionaries are needed there, and to the earnest worker the door of opportunity is still open and a welcome is waiting.

Miss Mamie D. Myers, missionary in Korea twenty years, was the third to be introduced. In Korea, also, changes are coming rapidly, and there is an advanced movement among the women.

The President resumed the chair.

The next item to be considered was estimates for the work, and missionaries were called to speak as each field was taken up.

The basis of appropriation for the Home Field was read by the Calendar Clerk; the total for Sue Bennett Memorial School, London, Ky., was announced, and Mr. K. C. East, president of the school, was introduced. He spoke of conditions and progress at Sue Bennett; three students graduated from here will enter Scarritt College in the autumn to prepare for service in the Home Field.

Mrs. W. F. French, of Shreveport, chairman of Committee on Homes, who served as president of Sue Bennett for one year, was introduced. Mrs.

H. A. Durham, Corresponding Secretary of Western North Carolina Conference, spoke of Brevard Institute, Brevard, N. C.

On motion, the estimate for Brevard Institute was amended by the addition of an item of \$1,500 for repairs. A total appropriation for Mountain Work of \$46,750, which includes a new item of \$6,000 for Rural Work, was approved as amended.

The basis of appropriation for Foreign Work was read. Estimates for missionaries in China, \$62,850, and general expenses in that field, \$20,514, were approved. Those for Shanghai District, \$5,770, were read.

Miss Mildred B. Bomar, woman secretary and treasurer in China, who has been in China since 1892, spoke of work in China, especially in Shanghai, where she says the missionaries are thoroughly in sympathy with the new movement. Miss Case called attention to the fact that McTyeire School in Shanghai is almost self-supporting, receiving from the Council only \$1,300.

Miss Nettie Peacock, Hays-Wilkins School, Sungkiang, told of the consecrated spirit of the girls in this school.

Miss Sue Stanford, from Virginia School, Huchow, spoke of the changed attitude of the Chinese toward the missionaries and of her assurance that at the time she left China missionaries were welcome.

Miss Margaret Rogers, Miss Lela Bliler, Miss Clara Steger, Miss Mary D. Overall, and Miss Kate Hackney spoke for the districts they have been serving, and the following estimates were passed without objection: Sunki-ang, \$5,252; Taichang, \$2,895; Huchow, \$6,735; Nanking, \$3,072.

Miss Julia Gaither, emeritus missionary, in speaking of her work, said she loved missionary work so much that she could spend a hundred years in its service; that it is most satisfying. She bade the women not to be discouraged about the war in China, for God reigns. She closed with the plea that none should forget to pray, to pray much for China.

Further consideration of the business in hand was postponed until the next business session.

The officers of the Louisiana Conference who, with a representative from each auxiliary of the Conference, were attending the Council meeting, were called to the front and introduced as follows: Vice President, Mrs. V. H. Spinks; Recording Secretary, Mrs. George S. Brown; Treasurer, Mrs. C. C. Carver; Superintendent of Young People, Mrs. J. H. Cain; Superintendent of Children, Mrs. H. G. Owen; Superintendent of Publicity W. T. Cunningham; Superintendent of Mission and Bible Study, Mrs. O. A. Lloyd; Superintendent of Social Service, Mrs. Joe Wynn; Superintendent of Rural Work, Mrs. H. N. Brown; and District Secretaries—Lake Charles District, Mrs. L. F. Dees; Minden District, Mrs. C. W. Kelly; Monroe District, Mrs. J. W. Worthington; New Orleans District, Mrs. Annie Swan; Ruston District, Mrs. Carolyn Dawson; Shreveport District, Mrs. J. W. Peyton.

The report of the Committee on Public Worship, read by the chairman, Mrs. J. C. Handy, contained the following assignments for the Sunday services:



*First Church.*—Sunday School Assembly, Miss Kate Hackney; Junior Sunday school, Miss Althea Jones.

*Noel Memorial.*—Morning, Dr. W. G. Cram; evening, Miss Nettie Peacock. Sunday school, Miss Virginia Atkinson.

*Mangham Memorial.*—Morning, Miss Mabel K. Howell; evening, Miss May Ora Dunham.

*Texas Avenue.*—Morning, Miss Ida Worth; evening, Miss Bessie Allen.

*Bossier Church.*—Morning, Miss Louise Best; evening, Miss Dorothy Crim.

*Claiborne Church.*—Morning, Miss Frances Moling; evening, Miss Florence Blackwell.

*Cedar Church.*—Morning, Miss Maggie Rogers; evening, Miss Berta Ellison.

A telegram of greeting from the city missions of Birmingham and Bessemer Districts was read by the Secretary.

Announcements were made and the Quiet Hour ushered in with the singing of one stanza of the hymn, "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind." Dr. Soper's topic this day was "The Early Church Becoming Missionary." He described the bonds which shackled the Church and traced the steps in the process of breaking away until in preaching the gospel it had broken away from Judaism and become a Gentile Church. The message closed with prayer, and the body was dismissed for an afternoon of recreation.

#### SUNDAY MORNING.

The Sunday morning service opened with the Processional by the choir, followed by the hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy." The Apostles' Creed was recited in unison, and prayer was offered by the presiding elder, Dr. W. W. Holmes. "Gloria," from Mozart's Twelfth Mass, was sung by the choir. The second Psalm was read responsively, and the "Gloria Patri" was sung.

Bishop Hay led in singing "Happy Day," then read the morning lesson from Matthew 5, taking as his text the fourteenth, fifteenth, and sixteenth verses. He stated as the two underlying principles of the kingdom man's relation to his Heavenly Father, and man's relation to his fellow man; then stressed the fact that personal salvation is not an end in itself, but a means to an end, which is the salvation of the world.

At the close of the sermon the service for the consecration of the deaconesses was entered upon. In this the ritual prepared for that service was followed. The candidates—Miss Mary Lou Bond, Southwest Missouri Conference; Miss Dolores Ruth Diaz, West Texas Conference; Miss Maggie Marshall, Virginia Conference; Miss Lottie Ora Hooper, Louisiana Conference; Miss Alaska Terry, Holston Conference—were presented by Mrs. Stephens for the work and office of deaconess. While they stood before the chancel rail Bishop Hay offered the prayer and read the charge contained in the ritual, admitting each to the office of a deaconess in the Church of God. The service closed with the hymn, "O Master, Let Me

Walk with Thee," and the congregation was dismissed with the benediction.

#### SUNDAY EVENING.

The Processional by the choir announced the opening of the Sunday evening service. The hymn, "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling," was sung. The choir sang as an anthem "The Lord Is My Shepherd." Miss Daisy Davies then read the evening Bible lesson, 2 Corinthians 4, and led in prayer.

After the offertory, sung by the choir, Bishop Hay introduced Dr. W. G. Cram, General Secretary of the Board of Missions, who delivered an address on "The Personal Side of Missionary Service," based on 2 Corinthians 4: 18, which verse, he said, contains the vision of the missionary. The service closed with the hymn, "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak," followed by the benediction.

#### MONDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Monday morning session opened with a period of worship led by Mrs. Lee Britt, President of the Virginia Conference. This consisted of the hymn, "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling," a Bible lesson from John 3, prayer, and the hymn, "O, Master, Let Me Walk with Thee."

The minutes of the sessions Saturday morning, Sunday morning, and Sunday evening were read and approved as read.

The motion prevailed that the Secretary be instructed to send messages to the City Missions of Birmingham and Bessemer, from whom greetings were received on Saturday morning; to Mrs. W. B. Higginbotham, Honorary Life Member of the Council; Mrs. J. N. McEachern, President of the North Georgia Conference; Mrs. P. L. Cobb, former Council Superintendent of Young People; and to Mrs. R. W. MacDonell and Mrs. J. H. McCoy, former Administrative Secretaries for Home Work.

A pause was made in the morning's work to gratefully receive and express appreciation for a beautiful basket of flowers sent from the Woman's Auxiliary of the First Presbyterian Church, Shreveport.

The following reports were placed on the Calendar: Report of the Sessions Committee on Home Fields; Report of Joint Committee on Social Service and Home Fields; Committee on Education and Promotion; Committee on Jubilee; Committee on Foreign Fields, Nos. 1, 2, and 3; Sessions Committee on Young People; Jubilee Committee on Students, Young People, and Children; Special Committee on Coöperation with Welfare Organizations; Sessions Committee on Children's Work; Committee on Jubilee at Home Base; Sessions Committee on Home Cultivation, No. 1.

The following Committee on Salaries, ordered Saturday morning, was announced by the Chair: Mrs. T. J. Copeland, Mrs. W. A. Newell, Mrs. E. R. Steele, Mrs. E. B. Watson, Mrs. C. W. Nichols, Mrs. Luke G. Johnson, Miss Daisy Davies.

On motion the election of five members at large and of the members of



the Executive Committee from the women members of the Board of Missions was made the order of the day immediately following the order of business Tuesday morning.

The President announced that Dr. Ora Miner, of Southern Methodist University, who was to have spoken during the morning on "The New Phases of the Home Mission Task," was ill and would be unable to be present.

Calendar work was resumed.

The total for the Soochow District, \$16,795, was approved. While considering Union Work in China, especial reference was made to the return from China of a doctor and a nurse, and of those who are ready to take their places in the Margaret Williamson Hospital, Shanghai. Miss Case also spoke of the Bible Teachers' Training School and Ginling College, in Nanking, and to the new item of \$250 for membership in the China Christian Educational Association. The sum of \$17,224 for Union Work, and a grand total for China of \$149,386 were approved.

Dr. James M. Skinner, Superintendent of Holding Institute, Laredo, Tex., spoke of the insistent needs there, and of the new building erected in 1926, fully worth \$100,000. Now five hundred children may be cared for, as far as school room is concerned. He said that each year a decidedly Catholic student is converted. Graduates from Laredo Seminary are scattered over the whole republic of Mexico, where they are respected, influential citizens. The school, he said, is a blessing to Mexico and Texas.

Mrs. Downs spoke for the Valley Institute, a school for girls at Pharr, Tex. The grand total for Mexican Work in Texas, \$36,522, was then approved.

The appropriations for Japan—salaries for missionaries, \$25,965; travel for missionaries, \$4,950; personal helpers, \$2,748; personal taxes, \$625; medical allowance, \$1,075; outfits, \$500; and for general expenses, \$1,030—were approved.

Miss Ida Worth, in speaking for the work in Japan, said that she feared her one cry would be the need, especially of the evangelistic arm of the work.

The totals for the Kobe District, \$26,213, and for the Matsuyama District, \$6,158, were approved.

Miss Case spoke of the need for kindergartens in the Matsuyama District.

When the total for the Hiroshima District, \$35,472, was read, attention was called to the large influence of the Hiroshima Girls' School. This appropriation and that of the grand total for Japan, \$104,740, were approved.

Deaconess Berta Ellison, of St. Mark's Hall, New Orleans, and Deaconess Ella Hooper, of MacDonell School, Houma, La., spoke of their work.

The grand total for the Gulf Coast Work and the Cuban Work, \$38,012.-50, was approved.

The estimates for Korean Work were considered. The amounts for

missionaries, salaries, travel, etc., a total of \$38,792, and general expense, \$1,050, were approved.

Miss Mamie Myers spoke of the work in Korea, especially of the Evangelistic Center, which she stated had become an Institutional Church. The total for the Seoul District, \$22,002, was approved, also \$4,760 for the Chulwon District, where the work is small.

Miss Alice McMakin, of the Music Department of Holston Institute, Songdo, spoke of the work in the Songdo District.

The following totals were approved: For the Songdo District, \$25,645; Wonsan District, \$22,140; and for the Choonchun District, \$13,375.

Miss Alice Furry, R.N., spoke of the medical work in Korea, with especial reference to that in Choonchun, where the hospital has been closed this year.

The grand total for the Korea Mission, \$127,924, was approved.

At this time rest and refreshment were enjoyed in the singing of the hymn, "Break Thou the Bread of Life," and in receiving a message in song from Mrs. H. Viser, daughter of the Council hostess, Mrs. J. C. Allen, who sang "In Thee, O Lord, Do I Put My Trust."

The delegation from China was granted a few moments of special privilege, and Miss Virginia Atkinson and Miss Maggie Rogers came to the platform. Miss Atkinson read the following report from Miss Tsur, Field Secretary in China:

#### "CHINA WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

"Our society began in the year 1917. At that time we had four branches only. Because it was a new thing so many troubles followed. But God blessed and helped us.

"At the time of the first annual conference we have one thousand people, forty branches, and \$541.04 in collections. God helped us go forward, and in its ninth year we had established, we had ninety-one branches, three thousand people, and \$1,868 in collections. At first our collections were sent to Yunnan and Africa to help them in the missionary. In the sixth year a new thing broke out that was to begin our work in Manchuria, but we still have parts in Yunnan and Africa.

"Next, we hope our Woman's Missionary Society could send a lady to Manchuria. Thank God not only gave us money also he prepared a lady for us to go there, that was Miss Tai Zong Yi.

"We are as happy as a mother borned a first baby. We confident God will bless us in this work.

"This year we have the tenth anniversary gift, because our society was borned ten years old. We will have a special meeting in Sunkiang. We prepared eighty small money boxes and hundred big boxes. The mean of these boxes was to add the people have most love toward God and willing to give our money to Christ. These money we collect was the gift of this tenth anniversary. We did not force them to take the boxes, that was one

who was willing to have it, then take one and drop the pennies in it. We hope we have \$3,000 in number. Thank God we have gave out six hundred boxes.

"I am going to write out the collections of each year. The first year (1) was \$541.04; (2) \$1,134.37; (3) \$1,170.34; (4) \$1,498.14; (5) \$1,759.36; (6) \$1,779.96; (7) \$1,982.05; (8) \$968.28; (9) \$1,868.24; (10) \$3,000. We have already told you we hope the thousand this year. This was our briefly history of our missionary.

TSEU SUNG WA."

This report was received with such enthusiastic appreciation that the Secretary was instructed to place it verbatim in the minutes of the morning session.

Miss Atkinson then presented a scroll bearing the inscription: "Meet for the Master's Use." Pictures of the officers and delegates of the China Conference Woman's Missionary Society, taken on the hill at Changsu, were presented, also a most interesting original chart prepared by Miss Tseu. This chart indicated districts, auxiliaries, departments of work, and their connection with the "Power House." Memorial and life membership certificates used in the China Woman's Missionary Society were exhibited. Miss Maggie Rogers then added some interesting facts to this report, and the Council President most graciously acknowledged gifts and reports and requested the delegates from the China Missionary Conference to carry back to the society a message of sincere appreciation from the Council.

The Council requested that the editor of the *Missionary Voice* plan to print in the magazine the chart prepared by Miss Tseu, with the explanation made by Miss Virginia Atkinson.

Estimates for Negro Work were read.

The Vice President was requested to take the chair.

Deaconess Margaret Young, Head Resident, Bethlehem Center, Nashville, Tenn., was introduced to speak briefly of this large work, which is also a training center for Negro Christian workers.

Mrs. J. W. Downs, who represented the Bethlehem House in Augusta, Ga., told the story of the sacrificial gift (a diamond ring) made by Deaconess Frances Howard, Head Resident of the Bethlehem House, in her great desire to meet the needs of this work. To this Mrs. Luke Johnson and Mrs. R. J. Atkinson, of the North Georgia Conference, added their plea for help for this work. (A resolution concerning this gift was offered at the final session of the Council. See page 41.)

Moved by the generous sacrificial act of Miss Howard, a collection was called for by Miss Davies that the ring might be purchased by the Council and returned to Miss Howard. The plates were passed and an offering of \$262 was received.

The total for Negro Work, \$24,320.70, was approved.

Mrs. Luke Johnson rose to state that a note had been received from a Council delegate offering \$50 for the Augusta Bethlehem House. For this gift and the collection taken a few minutes before she expressed thanks.



The following persons were introduced: The members at large of the Council—Miss M. L. Gibson, Mrs. Luke G. Johnson, Miss Daisy Davies, Mrs. W. F. Tillett, Mrs. E. B. Chappell, Miss Mabel Howell, Mrs. J. C. Handy, Mrs. R. L. Hobdy, Mrs. H. L. McClesky, Mrs. Henry S. Owen; Dr. H. H. Sherman, of the Board of Education; D. Otilha Chaves, President of the South Brazil Conference, who had arrived during the morning and taken her seat in the body; Mrs. C. W. Turpin, Secretary of the Secular Press Bureau; Miss Mary Werlein, of New Orleans; and Mrs. Renfro, City Missionary in Shreveport for seventeen years. In response to the request that officers of other Conferences in attendance stand, a goodly number arose.

A telegram of invitation for the 1928 meeting of the Council was read by the Secretary from the Secretary and Treasurer of the Tennessee Conference, Mrs. J. P. Harvill and Mrs. W. C. Pollard.

The hymn, "Saviour, More Than Life to Me," was sung, and Dr. Soper turned the thoughts of all to the Bible message on "Paul's Missionary Activities." He said that Luke's story in Acts is to show how Christianity reached Rome and that Paul is his hero. He then outlined the conditions of Paul's world, the spiritual manifestations and leadings that came to him, and stressed the need of the present-day Christian for such leading, and also the certainty of his receiving it. Dr. Soper led in prayer, and the morning session was dismissed.

#### MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Monday afternoon session opened with a worship service led by Mrs. T. M. Clark, President of the North Mississippi Conference. This consisted of the hymn, "The Rock of Refuge," the reading of the ninety-first Psalm, prayer, the first and third stanzas of the hymn, "Every Day, Every Hour," and closed with a message in song, "Be Still and Know That I Am God," sung by Mrs. Anderson, of Shreveport.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved as read.

Miss Davies announced the amount of the offering taken in the morning as \$262 exclusive of the pledge of \$50.

The motion prevailed that the money be turned over to the Treasurer of the Council to be held for the Bethlehem House, Augusta, Ga., and that the ring, for the purchase of which the offering was made, be returned to the donor, Miss Frances Howard.

Consideration of estimates was resumed. Miss Esther Case represented the Siberia Mission. The following totals were approved: For the Russian Department, \$10,245; for the Korean Department, \$2,420, making a total for Siberia of \$12,665.

The Work for Miners was represented by Mrs. J. W. Downs, and a total for this work of \$9,200 approved.

The following estimates for Brazil were approved and the missionaries from that field were invited to come to the platform: Missionaries' salaries, \$30,514; language study, \$1,253; medical allowance, \$1,220; outfits for

two new missionaries, \$500; travel, \$4,550; total for missionaries \$38,037 and for the office of field treasurer, \$250.

Miss Nancy Holt was the first to speak for this field.

Collegio Isabella Hendrix was represented by Miss Emma Christine, principal, Miss Helen Johnson, of the Domestic Science Department, and Miss Lucy Belle Morgan. Isabella Hendrix claims the distinction of having the first missionary from a Methodist school in Brazil in D. Odette Pitta, whose husband, Sr. Pascoal Pitta, is a missionary to Portugal from the Presbyterian Church in Brazil.

The total for the Brazil Conference, \$2,730, was approved.

Miss Case told of the signal honor bestowed on the school at Piracicaba, in the Central Brazil Conference. This school was founded by Miss Martha Watts, our first missionary to Brazil, and has served as a model for the public schools. It has received government recognition as the Gymnasia of Piracicaba, and as a mark of this honor is entitled the prefix "O," or "The"—O Piracicabano.

Miss Viola Matthews, from Collegio Methodista, Rebeirao Preto, was introduced. The total for the Central Brazil Conference, \$5,100, was then approved.

When the total for South Brazil had been approved, Miss Esther Case stated that an even greater honor had come to the work of the Council in this Conference. Here, in Porto Alegre, unsought by the Mission, the government had recognized Collegio Americano as the preparatory school for the professional schools, thereby making this school Gymnasia Americano.

Miss Louise Best told of her happy years spent in helping to found Collegio Centenario in Santa Maria.

Donna Otilha Chaves, until this year President of the South Brazil Conference, brought greetings to the Council from her Conference, first in English, then in her mother tongue, with Miss Holt as interpreter.

A grand total of \$50,901 for Brazil was approved.

An appropriation of \$900 for a Nursery Matron's salary in the Cotton Mill Work in Columbus, Ga., was approved.

Mrs. Charles Shadell, *nee* Etta Lee Woolsey, of the Congo Mission, told of pagan conditions that prevail in such hideousness in that region and of the great need of reinforcements among the workers.

The following appropriations for the Congo Mission were approved: Missionaries, \$13,651; Wembo Nyama, \$850; Tunda, \$2,500. Total for Africa, \$17,001.

Mrs. E. P. Peabody, of the South Georgia Conference, represented Vashti School, Thomasville, Ga. She based her testimony of approval of conditions in the school upon a first-hand acquaintance with a pupil of the school who had been with her in her home.

A total appropriation for Vashti of \$13,500 was approved.

A total appropriation for missionaries in Cuba, \$16,490; for Cienfuegos, \$5,022; Havana, \$1,699; Matansas, \$6,826; and a total for the Cuba Mission, \$30,037, were approved.

Miss Frances B. Molling brought loving greetings from the Cuba Woman's Missionary Society and spoke of the work at Cienfuegos, where the missionaries are making valiant efforts to do full and effective work in spite of their limited equipment.

An appropriation of \$9,000 for Bible teachers in State schools was approved.

A total of \$14,440 for Delinquent Girls was approved.

Deaconess Elizabeth Cox, of the Virginia K. Johnson School, Dallas, Tex., in speaking of this work said that through the coöperation of Southern Methodist University, the education of advanced pupils in the school is being cared for. She spoke hopefully and sympathetically of the girls who come to the Home and expressed appreciation for the help received through the Supply Department of the Council.

Announcements were made, and the afternoon session was dismissed with the benediction pronounced by Dr. W. G. Cram.

#### MONDAY EVENING SESSION.

The Monday evening session was devoted to honoring an emeritus missionary and to the consecration of the candidates for missionary service. The service opened with the Processional, "Lead On, O King Eternal," sung by candidates, missionaries, home and foreign, and deaconesses as they entered the church.

The hymn, "Jesus Shall Reign," was sung, after which the choir sang the anthem, "Babylon, Wave."

Miss Mabel Howell read a lesson from John 12, with comments thereon, and led in prayer.

The next message from the choir was a violin solo.

The President introduced to the congregation Mrs. Julia Gaither, who has served in China since 1892, and in her absence had last year received the honor of emeritus missionary.

Mrs. E. B. Chappell, with expressions of appreciation for forty-three years of efficient, consecrated service in China, presented to Miss Virginia M. Atkinson the certificate entitling her to all the privileges of the emeritus relation. In receiving this honorable distinction, Miss Atkinson told of the love which had constrained her, and expressed the hope that she might be privileged to report to the Council another period of service in China.

The President called the roll of the fields. As each field was called the group of candidates ready for consecration and about to receive commission for service in that field arose. One spoke for the group, setting forth the power of the irresistible call to serve their Master in serving their fellow men; each time came back in reply a message of welcome and encouragement from those tested and tried, the older, experienced missionaries.

The following represented their respective groups: Candidate for Korea, Miss Margaret Billingsley; missionaries from Korea, Miss Alice Furry; candidates for Africa, Miss Helen Mae Ferrier; missionaries from Africa,



Mrs. Etta Lee Woolsey Shaedell; candidates for Brazil, Miss Clyde Varn; missionaries from Brazil, Miss Nancy Holt; candidates for Cuba, Miss Marie Crone; missionaries from Cuba, Miss Frances Moling; candidates for Mexico, Miss Lenore Rees; missionaries from Mexico, Miss Ellie Tydings; candidates for missionary work in the United States, Miss Ola Lee Barnett; missionaries from this field, Deaconess Berta Ellison.

After the singing of the hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers," the President of the Council presented to Bishop Sam R. Hay for consecration the following candidates: Miss Octavia Clegg, Western North Carolina Conference, under appointment to China; Miss Nellie A. Dyer, North Arkansas Conference, under appointment to China; Miss Margaret Billingsley, Arizona Conference, under appointment to Korea; Miss Leah Hartley, North Georgia Conference, under appointment to Korea; Miss Ruth Field, North Georgia Conference, under appointment to Japan; Miss Lois Cooper,\* Mississippi Conference, under appointment to Japan; Miss Rosa Eleese McNeil, Mississippi Conference, under appointment to Congo Belge; Miss Helen Mae Ferrier, Virginia Conference, under appointment to Congo Belge; Miss Annie Parker, North Alabama Conference, under appointment to Congo Belge; Miss Mary Elizabeth Moore, Virginia Conference, under appointment to Congo Belge; Miss Mary Allie Cobb, Upper South Carolina Conference, under appointment to Brazil; Miss Clyde Varn, South Carolina Conference, under appointment to Brazil; Miss Ruth L. Bartholomew, Virginia Conference, under appointment to Brazil; Miss Ethel Williamson, South Carolina Conference, under appointment to Cuba; Miss Marie Ella Crone, Northwest Texas Conference, under appointment to Cuba; Miss Julia Lorena Reid, Louisiana Conference, under appointment to Cuba; Miss Lenore Rees, West Texas Conference, under appointment to Mexico. Under appointment to the United States: Miss Mabel Hagood Anderson, Virginia Conference; Miss Ola Lee Barnett, Southwest Missouri Conference; Miss Lela Page, Tennessee Conference; Miss Whortley Moorman, Virginia Conference; Miss Grace Thacher, Arizona Conference; Miss Alberta Wilson, South Georgia Conference; Miss Annie Lee Reid, West Texas Conference.

Following the printed ritual the scripture message was read responsively. The bishop led in prayer for the candidates and read the address to them, to which they responded, accepting the vows.

The congregation and candidates joined in silent prayer which closed with the hymn, "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart." After the invocation of the Holy Spirit the bishop commissioned each candidate to take the gospel of Jesus Christ into all the world. In response the candidates sang, "O, Jesus, I Have Promised," to which the congregation replied in the words of the hymn, "O, Zion Haste." The service closed with the benediction pronounced by the bishop.

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\*Miss Lois Cooper was absent because of illness.

## TUESDAY MORNING SESSION.

The opening devotional service Tuesday morning was led by Mrs. D. Beach Carré, Corresponding Secretary of the Louisiana Conference. This consisted of a scripture lesson from Matthew 26, prayer, and the hymn, "I Need Thee Every Hour."

The minutes of the sessions Monday afternoon and evening were read and approved as read.

The following papers were sent to the Calendar: Report of the Committee to Fill Vacancies on Standing Committees; Report No. 2 of the Committee on Cultivation; Report No. 2 of the Jubilee Committee; Report No. 2 of the Committee on Home Fields.

The following message was read by the Secretary:

"Meridian, Miss., March 14, 1927.

"The Woman's Missionary Council.

"Greetings. I appreciate your successful and expanding service to the Church.

WALDO MOORE."

The time having arrived for the order of the day, preparation was made for the election of five of the ten members at large and the three members of the Executive Committee from the women members of the Board of Missions. The quadrennial election, held in Raleigh, N. C., March, 1926, for lack of a quorum, was to this extent incomplete, and the Executive Committee had filled the vacancies *ad interim*, the elections to hold until the following annual meeting.

The following tellers were appointed: Miss Emma V. Peppler, Mrs. L. A. Tynes, Mrs. J. M. Gross, Miss Althea Jones.

The motion prevailed that votes for the five women be cast at one time.

The ballot was cast and the tellers retired.

While the vote was being collected two messages just received were read by the Secretary. The first was a cable code message, the first of its kind to be received by the Woman's Missionary Council:

"F K E I H O."

"Woman's Missionary Council Shreveport.

"Greetings, Siberia-Korean Mission."

The second was from Mrs. Harwell Willson, former Corresponding Secretary of the North Alabama Conference.

"Woman's Missionary Council.

"Loving greetings from the Land of Flowers. I thank God for every remembrance of you. All week I have followed your work with love and prayer. In sending Mrs. Morris, my successor, to you, North Alabama gave of her best. Dear love to each one.

MRS. HARWELL WILLSON."

The report of the Commission on Woman's Place of Service in the Church was read by Mrs. J. C. Handy, chairman. This report was historical and required no action. Therefore without discussion it was placed on record. (See report, page 154.)

The consideration of estimates was resumed. The following from Mexico were read: Totals for missionaries, \$40,638; for evangelistic workers, \$6,300; for student and women's work, \$1,225. Miss Case called especial attention to the work being done for the blind in Mexico by Miss Norwood Wynn, Director of Student and Woman's Work. The above appropriations were approved.

Estimates for the Chihuahua District, \$6,736, were read. Miss Lillie Fox spoke for this district, and the amount was approved.

Miss Ellie Tydings spoke of work in Durango and in Parral. An appropriation of \$13,150 was voted for Durango District.

Miss Sarah E. Warne, Head Resident of Centro Christiano, Monterrey, spoke of that work. She asked for a name, saying that the government had removed the one they had because of its implication that religious instruction was given there. A total of \$20,022 for Monterrey District and the grand total for the Mexico Mission of \$88,071 were approved.

The total for the Pacific Coast Work, \$2,821, was approved.

The report of the tellers was made, and the following having each received a majority were declared elected to membership in the Council as members at large: Miss Mabel Howell, Mrs. J. C. Handy, Mrs. R. L. Hobdy, Mrs. H. L. McClesky, Mrs. Henry S. Owen.

The message in song, "My Soul Is Athirst for God," sung by Mrs. McKeen, of Shreveport, was appreciated at this time.

Miss Mary De Bardeleben was given an opportunity to tell of her work as Bible teacher in the Oklahoma State University where the five thousandth student has recently been registered. Her work is by no means restricted to Bible teaching, for, in coöperation with other agencies, she teaches the following groups: Y. W. C. A., S. W. Region, College Work, Girl Reserves, Cosmopolitan Club, and the McFarlin Sunday School Class.

The total for miscellaneous items in the Home Work, \$14,995, was approved.

The appropriations for Scarritt from Home Department, \$23,000, and from the Foreign Department, \$20,500, were adopted.

The estimates, for City Mission Work \$11,187 were adopted.

Further consideration of the estimates was postponed until the report of the Committee on Salaries could come before the body.

"A New Interpretation for Latin-American Fields" was given by Miss Frances B. Moling for Cuba; Miss Lillie F. Fox, Mexico; Miss Emma Christine, Brazil.

Miss Frances Moling told of the changed status and opportunities for women in Cuba. There educational opportunities are advancing and the products of modern science are as much appreciated as here. The Church, once content to receive its entire support, now recognizes that its progress and development depends upon self-support.

The report of the tellers was made of the ballots cast for the three members of the Executive Committee from the women members of the Board. Only one, Mrs. Nat Rollins, had received a majority. She was



declared elected, and a second ballot for the remaining two Executive Committee members was cast.

Miss Lillie Fox said of Mexico that in education there has been a marvelous change. Most of the teachers in our schools have been trained in Roberts College. Missionaries are at the head of our hospitals, and there girls from Roberts College are receiving nurse training. Their Sunday school teachers and Epworth League leaders are their own Mexican people, and there are many in the group of student volunteers. In our schools, kindergarten and primary, we can no longer name the name of Christ, but we still have the freedom of sending a strong Christian woman into into the homes.

The tellers reported that on the last ballot taken Mrs. J. W. Mills had been elected to membership on the Executive Committee.

A third ballot was taken.

Miss Emma Christine gave a message from Brazil. She said that the old saying that Brazil is the land of wait-a-while is no longer applicable. Desire for self-determination in the Church is strong. This is indicative of the trend of the times, and the nationalizing of the Church is a question of time. The Church desires a Brazillian bishop or a resident bishop from North America, preferably the former. There was a large response to the first missionary conference at Juiz de Fora, held immediately following the Montevideo Conference in 1925. At the missionary conference held in Juiz de Fora in 1926 there were thirty-six missionary volunteers. In the Woman's Missionary Work in the Brazil Conference the Brazillian women have assumed the direction of the work from the beginning.

The report of the tellers was made. Mrs. Lee Britt had received a majority and was declared elected to membership on the Executive Committee.

A beautiful message in song, "There to Dwell with Him Forever," was given by Mrs. Hornsby.

The women elected during this session—Miss Mabel K. Howell, Mrs. J. C. Handy, Mrs. R. L. Hobdy, Mrs. H. L. McClesky, Mrs. Henry S. Owen, members at large; Mrs. Nat G. Rollins, Mrs. J. W. Mills, and Mrs. Lee Britt, members of the Executive Committee from the Board of Missions—were asked to stand before the chancel rail, and while all members of the body stood, Mrs. Luke Johnson led in a prayer of thanksgiving and of petition for God's blessing upon these members. The prayer closed with our Lord's Prayer.

The item for Inter-Board Work from the Committee on Estimates, Foreign Work, \$3,274, was approved.

The report of the Standing Committee on Deaconess and City Mission Work was taken from the Calendar, read by the clerk, considered by items, and adopted as read. (See report, page 138.)

Announcements were made.

The hymn, "Jesus, the Very Name of Thee," was sung in preparation for the noon message from Dr. Soper, whose topic for this day was "The Principles of Paul." Paul, the Christian whose teachings were ever Christo

centric—a complete transformation of all his values made him a new creature, with a new ideal of brotherhood, the core of which is love. From him in Ephesians 2: 2-22 we have received the Magna Charta of the internationalism of Christianity. The Quiet Hour closed with the benediction pronounced by Dr. Soper, and the morning session stood adjourned.

#### TUESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Tuesday afternoon session was called to order by the Vice President, Mrs. J. W. Perry.

The opening worship service was led by Mrs. Ina D. Fulton, Treasurer. This consisted of the hymn, "Jesus Shall Reign," a scripture lesson from John 5, which Mrs. Fulton applied to the gifts of the women of the Church. After prayer, led by Mrs. Fulton, and the hymn, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," the service concluded with the taking of the Conference pledges for the year. The total amount of this was \$1,045,379.02.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved as read.

The report of the Committee on Salaries was placed on the Calendar.

The report of the Standing Committee on Constitution and By-Laws was read by the Calendar Clerk and considered by items.

The motion to amend Article 2 of the constitution for Primary Division by striking out the word "anyone" and inserting the words "any child between the ages of six and nine" was lost.

A substitute for Article 2 of the Constitution for the Epworth Juniors was offered by Miss Jones and seconded by a member of the committee.

Amendments to the substitute offered by Miss Jones and seconded by Mrs. J. H. Stewart were lost.

The substitute was then adopted as first read, as follows:

"The Society shall be under the authority of the pastor and the Woman's Missionary Auxiliary (which is under the Woman's Missionary Council), and auxiliary to the Epworth League Board.

"The Senior Epworth League, through its Council, shall nominate the Junior Superintendent to the pastor for confirmation, and a nominee of the Woman's Missionary Auxiliary shall become the Associate Superintendent."

The hour having come for the selecting of the next place of meeting, further consideration of the report on Constitution and By-Laws was postponed until the next morning.

The President resumed the chair and put the question: "Where shall the 1928 meeting of the Council be held?"

This is a momentous question in which an eager interest never wanes.

The Tennessee Conference delegates came forward to invite the Council to meet in Nashville. Members from Nashville and others interested in in seconding the invitation followed in such numbers that the whole body seemed to move. Such was the enthusiasm of acceptance of the anticipated invitation that the invitation was unanimously accepted before it was ever put to the vote.

Announcements were made. The benediction was pronounced and the body adjourned to meet in Executive Session.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION.

Pursuant to the adjournment of the afternoon session Tuesday, March 15, at four o'clock, the Council met in Executive Session in the Sunday school room of First Church, the President in the chair.

On motion the calendar rule was suspended that the report of the Special Committee on Salaries might be taken from the Calendar out of order and considered at this session.

The report was read by the Calendar Clerk and adopted as read. (See report, page 136.)

Under the same suspension of the rule the motion prevailed that Report No. 3 of the Committee on Bennett Memorial concerning the tower of the Memorial Building and an appropriation for the same be considered at this time.

The paper was read by the Calendar Clerk and discussed.

During the discussion of the probable cost of the tower attention was called to the fact that the original motion of the Council at the opening of the Bennett Memorial Campaign was that the surplus raised in the campaign be used as an endowment for the teaching of the Bible at Scarritt College.

It was then moved and seconded that the matter of setting aside \$100,000 of the surplus of the Bennett Memorial Fund for the teaching of the Bible at Scarritt College be referred to the small committee raised a short while before. The motion prevailed.

The motion was made that the balance remaining of the Bennett Memorial Fund, after completing the buildings, meeting all necessary expenses, and setting aside the \$100,000 for the endowment fund be used to complete the tower. This provoked more discussion and called forth the following substitute, which was adopted: "That the whole matter be referred to the Executive Committee with power to act."

On motion the Executive Session adjourned.

#### TUESDAY EVENING SESSION.

Tuesday evening's session opened with the Processional sung by the choir. This was followed by the hymn, "Christ for the World We Sing." The Bible lesson was read and prayer offered by Mrs. C. M. Sinclair, President of the Kentucky Conference. The anthem, "My Soul Is Athirst for Thee," appropriately completed the opening devotional period.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was read by Mrs. T. H. Tyson, Corresponding Secretary of the Alabama Conference and was adopted by a rising vote.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

"One year ago at the meeting in Raleigh, Shreveport gave promise of a welcome most cordial and Southern in its invitation. We have lived these



intervening months in joyous anticipation, and now that we have come to 'the land of the poet's song,' in the land where the shimmering bayou touches the winding road, where the yellow jasmine lifts its chalice cup, where the fleur-de-lis flaunts its flags of purple and white, and the bridal wreath waves its snowy sprays; where live gallant men and lovely women with hearts of gold, we say, as did the royal guest on the occasion of a certain visit many hundred years ago: 'The half has not been told.' 'The world stands out on either side, no wider than the heart is wide.' Our hearts are as wide as the earth, as deep as the sky, no limit in width, no sounding in depth, expanded to hold love and appreciation commensurate with what you have done for us.

"Especially do we extend thanks—

"To our hosts, the presiding elder of Shreveport District, Rev. W. W. Holmes, and the pastor, Dr. R. E. Goodrich, for their many courtesies and their presence at all meetings, and to the ministers of the Conference, who have shown interest by their presence.

"To Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter, the efficient general chairman, and her capable corps of committees for their untiring efforts to make us comfortable and happy and surround us with an atmosphere of beauty.

"To Mr. A. E. Fowler, Director of Music; Mr. F. S. Mendenhall, organist; the choir, and all those who brought messages in the God-given gift of song; to Miss Jen Moore, chairman, and her corps of pages who served so graciously and untiringly; to the First Church ushers who, by faithful attendance, have facilitated the evening meetings.

"To Mr. Smith, manager of the Washington Hotel, for providing for the Council the cordial welcome and hospitality of a real home; and to the Youree Hotel for its part in contributing to our comfort and pleasure.

"To our distinguished guests, Bishop W. B. Beauchamp, Bishop Sam R. Hay, Dr. J. E. McAfee, Dr. Thomas Jesse Jones, Dr. W. G. Cram, Dr. J. L. Cuninggim, Dr. George Sexton, for inspirational messages.

"To the messengers of glad tidings, our missionaries, home workers, and Scarritt girls, who are ever a source of encouragement and inspiration.

"To Dean Edmund D. Soper, for the Bible hours, each one a gem to treasure in memory's coronet.

"To the Shreveport press for its generous space and accurate accounts of the meeting, and to Mrs. C. W. Turpin, our Church Publicity Agent; to the Chamber of Commerce and the Shreveport Street Railway Company, for pausing in their busy activities to show an interest in our welfare; to the Department of Public Safety, which has given particular attention to the crowded streets during the Council meeting; and to the postmaster of the city who, with his splendid helpers at the church, has distributed the Council mail with dispatch and ease.

"To Mrs. S. F. Neibergall and Mrs. W. F. French for their words of welcome; and to those who made possible the delightfully appointed fellowship luncheon; to those who opened their homes to the Council and its visitors and shared their cars for transportation and for the drive on Saturday afternoon, ending in a lovely tea extended by the "Gleaners"

at the Country Club; to the district and auxiliary members for delicious and refreshing noon-day luncheons, pleasing programs, and souvenirs, indicative of historical, geographical, and industrial interest.

"To each and every one who has contributed in any way to our comfort and happiness.

" 'No work day is so full of cares that there are not moments left for memories.' We are bound to you with cords of love and appreciation. In the days that follow, days resplendent with the sun of fresh memories, we will speak one to the other of you and what you have done, and in the years of the future, 'We will sit in the twilight and think it over.'

MRS. R. L. HOBODY, *Chairman*;

MRS. T. H. TYSON, *Secretary*."

Dr. J. L. Cuninggim, President of Scarritt College, presented his report in which he traced the beginning and development to date of the Greater Scarritt, and closed with the statement of his assurance of God's leading in this work. (See report, page 128.)

The choir made a second appreciated contribution in a bass solo, "The Pulse of Eternity."

Scarritt College was again considered under the general topic, "Our College," by Miss Juanita Brown, who, in speaking for the student body, stated that attending Scarritt is a spiritual experience. That Scarritt had brought to her through the classroom and in association with the students the realization of many dreams.

Miss Julia Reed spoke of the family life at Scarritt College and its rich experiences. She said that attending Scarritt means forming the rarest of friendships.

Deaconess Margaret Young, representing the alumnae, spoke of "Our *Alma Mater*," holding aloft the ideals of Scarritt Bible and Training School now enriched and amplified in Scarritt College.

The story of the Completion of Our Love Gift, the Bennett Memorial, was told by Mrs. J. W. Perry and Miss Daisy Davies. The former told of the genesis of the Memorial and the development of interest as it spread throughout the Church. Among the unique elements in the campaign she stated (1) that its cost is little more than two per cent of the total amount raised; (2) there were few large gifts; (3) the campaign closed on time; (4) there was no shrinkage. The amount actually raised exceeded the goal set at the beginning. Miss Daisy Davies said she knew more on this subject than anyone else. Had she not had first-hand contacts with the campaign for more than twelve months as she went to and fro over the earth using the "Council's *Voice*" in the intensive cultivation of the campaign. (See these reports and that of the Bennett Prayer League, pages 124, 126, 127.)

Actually voicing the thanks of the Council in the happy completion of this campaign the choir sang the joyous anthem, "Glory Forever," and the session was dismissed with the benediction.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION.

The last morning's session was opened with a devotional service led by Mrs. J. H. Stewart, President of the Central Texas Conference. This consisted of the hymn, "Sweet Hour of Prayer," a Scripture lesson with comments, and the hymn, "O for a Closer Walk with God."

The minutes of Tuesday afternoon and evening sessions were read and approved as read.

Mrs. R. E. Stackhouse moved a reconsideration of the substitute adopted Tuesday afternoon for Article 2 of the Constitution for Epworth Juniors, in order that the question of "relations" might be perfectly understood. This was seconded and the motion prevailed.

It was moved by Mrs. Stackhouse that the substitute be amended so that the last statement of the first paragraph shall read "auxiliary to the Epworth League Board and to the Woman's Missionary Council."

An amendment to the amendment was offered changing the words "under" in parenthesis to the word "auxiliary." This motion was lost.

The amendment was lost, and the substitute was again adopted as first presented.

On motion the first item in the report (amendment to By-Law 7) was reconsidered, amended by the addition of the words "The Superintendent of Children's Department shall be chairman of this Standing Committee," and adopted as amended.

On motion Item 3 under Article 4 of Constitution of the Epworth Junior Society was amended by striking out the words "it is expected" and "will make" and inserting the words "shall make."

It was moved and seconded to amend Item 4 of Article 6 by striking out the words "to causes approved."

The motion prevailed.

On motion Article 8 (revenue) was amended by striking out the final sentence, "each member is expected to contribute monthly to missions."

It was moved and seconded that the marks of parenthesis in Article 13 (supervision) be stricken out. The motion prevailed, and on motion the Article was further amended by changing the word "collaborate" to "coöperate."

The report of the committee on Constitution and By-Laws was adopted as amended. (See report, page 146.)

The By-Laws for Children's Work were read and considered.

By-Law 1 was amended by striking out the word "he." By-Law 4 was amended by striking out the word "he" and inserting the words "the Treasurer" and by inserting after the word "remit" the words "monthly and quarterly." These By-Laws were then adopted as amended. (See report, page 152.)

The following motion, offered by Mrs. Luke Johnson and seconded by Mrs. Lee Britt, was adopted as read:

"That the members appointed by the Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Council on the Joint Committee with the Epworth League



Board, be continued for the purpose of acting as a harmonizing committee on presenting the paper as adopted by the Council to the Epworth League Board or its committee in an effort to secure its coöperation in the plans adopted."

At the request of Mrs. T. C. Banks, President of the Florida Conference, Mrs. A. F. Baines, duly qualified alternate, was seated in the place of Mrs. J. M. Gross, who had left the city.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on the Bennett Memorial concerning the Hall of Remembrance, was read by the Calendar Clerk and considered by items.

Item 1 was amended by striking out the word "hall" and inserting the word "room" and thereafter throughout the report the word "hall" was stricken out and the word "room" inserted.

The following substitute for the first paragraph of Item 6 of the report was adopted:

"6. That the Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Council be empowered to act as the senate. (a) For the selection of the first names (not exceeding ten) to be entered during the Jubilee Year.

(b) For the addition of any other tablets on Founders' Floor which they deem best to enter during Jubilee Year.

MABEL K. HOWELL,  
MRS. LUKE JOHNSON."

The report was then adopted as amended. (See report, page 156.)

At the request of Mrs. E. R. Steele, of the Little Rock Conference, Mrs. S. W. C. Smith, regularly accredited delegate, was seated in the place of Mrs. W. P. McDermott, who had been called from the city.

Report No. 2 of the Belle Bennett Memorial Committee was read and considered seriatim.

Paragraph (a) in Item 1 was amended by the addition of the words "on the same conditions that have obtained," and the report was adopted as amended. (See report, page 157.)

Recommendations from the Committee on Social Service were taken from the Calendar, read, considered seriatim, and Item 2 was amended by the insertion of the words "and community service" after the words "Social Legislation."

Item 1 under the Interracial heading was amended by the addition of the words "under plans provided by the Woman's Missionary Council."

The recommendations were then adopted as amended. (See recommendations, page 146.)

The report of the Joint Committee on Junior Work, concerning the *Young Christian Worker*, was read and adopted as read. (See report, page 145.)

The motion prevailed that the report of the Committee on Registration be heard at this time. Especial thanks was due this committee which had served throughout the meeting in an effort to register every person who attended the meeting. The report, as follows, was received with appreciation:

“REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REGISTRATION.

Number of delegates, including representatives from the Louisiana auxiliaries.....	299
Number of visitors.....	342
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Total number registered.....	641

The report of the Committee on Jubilee was read by the Calendar Clerk. The sections on Principles and on Goals were adopted (see page 159), and the remainder of the report considered by items.

It was moved that the words “small” and “of five” shall be inserted in Item 3, which called for Committee on Finance.

Amendments were offered to Item 2 under the definition of pioneers, but failed to satisfy the questions raised. On motion this article was referred to a committee of three to be appointed at once to consider at noon the points raised in the discussion.

The following committee was appointed: Miss Mabel Howell, Mrs. Luke Johnson, Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb.

The following note from the janitors of the Church, received during the morning, was read by the Secretary and, on the vote of the body, inserted in the minutes:

“To the President, Officers, and Members of the Woman’s Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

“We take this method of thanking you for the contribution given us for the services rendered during your sessions. It was our purpose from the beginning to do everything possible to have the building in order for your convenience.

“Trusting you may come back to Shreveport soon, and again thanking you, we hope to remain,

“Yours in his name.

EVELINE,  
ROBERT,  
LEWIS,  
CLARENCE.”

At this time a message in song, “Come Ye Blessed,” was given by Mrs. Wilkerson.

In obedience to the order of the day the Council stood adjourned for a little while that the annual meetings might be held of its predecessors in organized Woman’s Work in the Church, the Woman’s Board of Foreign Missions and the Woman’s Board of Home Missions.

For legal reasons it is necessary to thus preserve these bodies which, in 1910, were united to form the Woman’s Missionary Council.

The Forty-Ninth Annual Meeting of the Woman’s Board of Foreign Missions was called to order by the President, Mrs. F. F. Stephens. The roll was called and reports were received from the Corresponding Secretary, the Associate Secretary, the Recording Secretary, and the Treasurer. The Associate Secretary reported especially concerning the sale of property in Anadarko, Okla.

On motion the Board adjourned *sine die*.

The Twenty-Ninth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions was opened with the singing of the hymn, "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing."

The roll was called.

Mrs. J. W. Downs, General Secretary, made her report, which included the report of action taken in the sale of land in De Land, Fla.

The Treasurer submitted her report.

The Recording Secretary reported for the Executive Committee.

On motion Mrs. W. F. Tillett was elected to fill the vacancy of Assistant Secretary of the Board.

The annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions adjourned.

The Woman's Missionary Council was again called to order. The order of business was resumed.

The report of the Committee on the Home Fields was read by the Calendar Clerk, considered by items, and the paper was adopted as read. (See report, page 137.)

Report No. 1 of the Jubilee Committee on Social Service and Home Missions was read by the Calendar Clerk, and adopted as read. (See report, page 164.)

Report No. 2 of the Jubilee Committee on Social Service and Home Missions was read by the Calendar Clerk and adopted as read. (See report, page 164.)

Report No. 1 of the Jubilee Committee on Foreign Fields was read by the Calendar Clerk, considered by items, and adopted as read. (See report, page 162.)

It was moved and seconded that the Calendar Rules be suspended in order that the report of the Committee of Scarritt College might be placed on the Calendar.

The motion prevailed and the report of Scarritt College was presented.

Mrs. Bertha Haddad Judy, chairman of the Syrian Woman's Circle in the Adult Missionary Society of First Church, and Mrs. Ross, of Alabama, daughter of Mrs. E. C. Dowdell, a pioneer member of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, were introduced by Mrs. J. C. Allen, President of First Church auxiliary.

The hymn, "I Need Thee Every Hour," was sung.

With expressions of appreciation the President voiced the gratitude of the Council to Dr. Edmund D. Soper for coming to this meeting of the Council and for the illuminating messages he had given.

Dr. Soper's topic for this day, the culmination of the series, was "The Great Commission in the Modern World." These words (Matt. 28: 19-20), he said, define the task, authenticate the enterprise, and gives the promise of success. Only through sacrificial love is the commission received by individuals, and only through love will the final victory be won by the Church. The Quiet Hour closed with prayer, with which the morning session was dismissed.



## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

This last afternoon session was called to order by the President, at 1:50 P.M.

The devotional service, led by Mrs. C. C. Weaver, President of the Western North Carolina Conference, consisted of the hymn, "A Charge to Keep I Have," a Scripture lesson from Exodus 33, and the hymn, "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult."

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved as read.

The following resolution, read by Mrs. Luke Johnson, was passed as read:

"Resolved 1. That the Woman's Missionary Council, in annual session assembled, record its sympathetic appreciation of the sacrificial gift of a diamond ring made by Deaconess Frances Howard as an initial gift toward providing more adequate buildings for the Bethlehem Center, Augusta, Ga.

"2. That we further record our appreciation of the spontaneous gift of \$312 made on the floor of the Council for the purpose of redeeming the ring.

MRS. J. W. DOWNS,

MRS. LUKE JOHNSON."

The following resolution, signed by the members of sixteen Conferences that had reached the quota of five dollars per capita in the Bennett Memorial Campaign, read by Mrs. R. L. Kirkwood, was passed as read as follows:

## "RESOLUTION.

"Whereas the Kentucky Conference, which is Miss Bennett's home Conference, was the first to reach the quota of \$5 per capita on the Bennett Memorial and paid this amount some months in advance of any other Conference, be it

"Resolved, That the name of the Kentucky Conference be placed first on the Memorial Tablet.

Alabama, Mrs. E. W. Berry and Mrs. T. H. Tyson.

Florida, Mrs. T. C. Banks and Mrs. J. M. Gross.

Louisiana, Mrs. D. B. Carré.

Louisville, Mrs. E. B. Dye and Mrs. J. C. Rawlings.

Mississippi, Mrs. L. W. Alford and Mrs. T. B. Cottrell.

North Carolina, Mrs. Harvey Boney and Mrs. A. M. Gates.

North Georgia, Mrs. M. E. Tilly and Mrs. R. J. Atkinson.

North Texas, Mrs. John S. Terry and Mrs. S. M. Black.

Northwest Texas, Mrs. Nat G. Rollins and Mrs. J. Frank Potts.

South Carolina, Mrs. R. L. Kirkwood and Mrs. W. I. Herbert.

South Georgia, Mrs. W. B. Stubbs and Mrs. E. P. Peabody.

Tennessee, Mrs. A. B. Smith and Mrs. G. A. Morgan.

Texas, Mrs. J. W. Mills and Mrs. J. N. Steele.

Western North Carolina, Mrs. C. C. Weaver and Mrs. H. A. Dunham.

Western Virginia, Mrs. C. N. Clark and Mrs. T. A. Bennington.

Worker's Conference, Berta Ellison and Margaret Young."

Report of the Committee of Endowment of Scarritt and the recommitted item of the Jubilee Committee were placed on the Calendar.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Foreign Fields was read and adopted as read. (See report, page 163.)

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Foreign Fields, concerning retired missionaries, and increase in the Retirement Fund, and the Week of Prayer offering was read and adopted as read. (See report, page 137.)

The report of the Committee on Young People's Work was read, considered by items, and adopted as read. (See report, page 141.)

On motion the rule was suspended in order that a report not yet ready for distribution might be placed on the Calendar. The report was presented to be listed.

The report of the Special Committee on Coöperation with Welfare Organizations was read. The motion prevailed that the report be amended so as to provide for the appointment by the President of the Committee ordered in the report, and this was adopted as amended. (See report, page 157.)

The report of the Committee on Children's Work of the Committee on Education and Promotion was read, considered by items, and adopted as read. (See report, page 142.)

The report of Committee on Promotion at Home Base was read, considered by items, and adopted as read. (See report, page 165.)

The report of the Committee on Home Cultivation was read, considered seriatim, amended by striking out Item 7 and by inserting the dates of the schools of missions, and adopted as amended. (See report, page 139.)

It was moved and seconded that the Council Program Committee for the 1928 annual meeting be appointed at this session.

The motion prevailed.

The motion then prevailed that a suggestion of the use of the first afternoon be referred to the Program Committee.

It was then moved and seconded that we shall not hold the regular Workers' Conference at the 1928 meeting, but leave that time free for committee meetings. This motion prevailed.

The report of the Committee on Laws was read and received for record. (See report, page 152.)

The Program Committee for the 1928 meeting was appointed as follows: Mrs. F. S. Parker, Mrs. E. B. Chappell, Mrs. A. B. Smith, Miss Mabel K. Howell, Mrs. George Morgan, Mrs. J. N. McEachern, Mrs. J. W. Perry.

The report of the Special Committee on Leadership Training was considered by items and adopted as read. (See report, page 153.)

Report of Jubilee Committee on World Facts, History, and Literature was taken from the Calendar, considered by items, and adopted as read. (See report, page 163.)

Report of the Committee to Nominate Members to Fill Vacancies on Standing Committees was read and adopted as read. (See report, page 152.)

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Home Cultivation concerning

missionary education was read and adopted as read. (See report, page 140.)

Report No. 1, Home Fields Committee, was read and adopted as read. (See report, page 137.)

Report No. 2. Standing Committee on Jubilee on the Foreign Field, was read and adopted as read. (See report, page 162.)

The final items of the report of the Committee on Estimates were read and adopted as follows: Home Department, Administration, \$16,014.34, Education and Promotion, \$34,662.61, and the grand total of \$314,067.34.

For the Foreign Department, Administration, \$19,327; Education and Promotion, \$33,012, a grand total of \$685,813.

Mrs. Fulton, Treasurer, announced as the total of the pledges made by the Conferences on Tuesday for the year, \$1,045,379.02.

The report of the Committee on Scarritt College was adopted as read (See report, page 154.)

The report of the committee of three on the recommitted item concerning pioneer missionary societies, of Report No. 1 of the Committee on Jubilee was read and adopted as read. (See report, page 161.)

Calendar Rule 7 was suspended that certain reports placed on the Calendar that day might be taken off.

Report of the Special Committee on Endowment of Scarritt College for Christian Workers was read and adopted by a rising vote.

Report of Jubilee Committee for Students, Young People, and Children's Work was read and adopted as read. (See report, page 166.)

It was moved that the report of the Committee on Endowment of Scarritt College be reconsidered. The motion prevailed.

It was moved and seconded that the report be amended, first, by the insertion of the following, as Item 1 of the first recommendation: That \$100,000 of this surplus be set aside for an endowment for the teaching of the Bible in Scarritt College; second, that the original item become (2) under 1 and be amended by changing the word "surplus" in the second line to "amounts." The motion prevailed and the report was adopted as amended. (See report, page 158.)

The following committees ordered during the session were named by the Chair:

*Committee on Welfare Conventions.*—Mrs. E. B. Chappell, Miss Mabel Howell, Mrs. W. F. Tillet, Mrs. F. S. Parker, Mrs. W. J. Piggott.

*Committee on Junior Handbook.*—Miss Althea Jones, Miss Estelle Haskin, Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton.

*Committee on Jubilee Finance.*—Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton, Mrs. F. F. Stephens, Mrs. Luke Johnson, Mrs. A. B. Smith, Mrs. J. W. Perry.

The minutes of the afternoon's session were read and approved.

The Council joined in singing the hymn, "Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing." The benediction was pronounced and the Seventeenth Annual Session of the Council stood adjourned.

MRS. F. F. STEPHENS, *President*;

MRS. FITZGERALD S. PARKER, *Recording Secretary*.



PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL MESSAGE TO THE WOMAN'S  
MISSIONARY COUNCIL, 1927.

## THE BENNETT MEMORIAL.

Bishop Hendrix used to have an address on "The Companionship of a Purpose." Ever since its meeting in Mobile, Ala., in April of 1923, the Woman's Missionary Council has known in a very especial way what it means to have the companionship of a purpose, for it was at that time that the Council resolved to establish a memorial to Miss Belle H. Bennett. The purpose has held without wavering for four years, and to-day it is fully realized. The story of the achievement will be told at another time during this meeting. The fund was collected as a "Special" in the Christian Education Movement of the Church and has been one of the conspicuous successes of that movement.

In the history of the Council there has been no better example of wholesome unanimity of effort. The result is a triumph in teamwork. Many women working together have done a large thing. From the beginning the project was founded on prayer, and the Bennett Prayer League, under the leadership of Mrs. R. W. McDonell and Miss Maria Layng Gibson, ceased not to make continuous supplication for guidance and blessing on all the activities of the campaign and for the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in every meeting in the interests of the Memorial. The money began to come into the treasury as soon as the plan was made public, and it has all been handled by two women, Mrs. F. H. E. Ross and Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton, who have given this service. Each acted as special treasurer entirely without remuneration, keeping the accounts of payments, investing funds as they came in, making detailed and difficult reports on Conference accounts, and performing their task with joy and enthusiasm. Throughout the last year of the movement a committee of Nashville women, headed by Mrs. J. W. Perry, conducted the campaign and spared neither time nor effort in its consummation. Miss Daisy Davies went into the Conferences and stimulated the women by precept and example, giving to many a society the push that sent it victorious over the top. Miss Estelle Haskin has been untiring in the publicity department, and Miss Emily Olmstead, her efficient helper, has also handled all the details of the expense fund.

It is a considerable achievement to make good working plans; it is more to carry them out. Too much credit cannot be given the chairmen of the Conference Memorial Committees who have done an incredible amount of work, in season and out of season, at their desks, visiting auxiliaries, traveling to district and group meetings, studying records, and giving the information which brought in the contributions. There were few large gifts. The total amount is the aggregate of thousands of small donations.

An objective of five dollars per member was set before the Conferences at the beginning. Some adopted the goal at once, some had other financial projects demanding so much of them that they could not assume this additional responsibility. Eighteen Conference societies have reached that goal and will have their names on the Memorial Tablet, which will con-

stitute one wall of the Memorial Room in the Bennett Administration Building at Scarritt College. Given in the order of the largeness of the per capita gift, these Conference societies are: Northwest, South Carolina, Louisiana, Holston, Alabama, Western Virginia, Kentucky, Western North Carolina, North Georgia, Northwest Texas, South Georgia, Florida, and Mississippi. The above societies have given more than five dollars per member. Five others have just reached the goal. They are: Louisville, North Carolina, North Texas, Tennessee, and Texas. The organization known as the Conference of Deaconesses and Home Missionaries contributed largely enough to win second place on the per capita list of successful societies.

The direct objective of the Memorial project was dual. It contemplated the erection of a building and the endowment of the Department of Bible at Scarritt College. The reaching of this dual objective was far from being the only accomplishment of the movement. A great blessing has come upon the womanhood of the Church. They have learned that they can do a great thing and do it in a limited time. They have demonstrated the value of concentration of effort. They have developed an *esprit de corps*, where one spirit has animated a collection of individuals until a great aim has been accomplished. Because of this effort many a Conference society has to-day a degree of self-confidence never reached before. The building and the endowment will stand as perpetual monuments to Miss Bennett; the Book of Remembrance and the Memorial Tablet will commemorate many a woman and many a society who have done nobly; and the intangible unseen, spiritual values developed through these four years will enrich forever the entire Church.

#### QUADRENNIAL CHANGES.

The changes which came with the General Conference and the beginning of a new quadrennium have already been called to your attention by correspondence and through the Church press. An amended constitution for the Board of Missions, providing for a General Secretary and for but one Secretary in each of the Foreign and Home Departments of Woman's Work, a woman Secretary of Promotion and Education, and such assistant secretaries as the Board shall determine upon by a two-thirds vote at any regular meeting has gone into force. The Board again has in its composition one member from each Annual Conference of the United States, thirteen of whom are women. Of this number four women have been members of previous Boards, nine are serving their first term.

In accordance with the vote of the Council in its last session, two superintendents of the work of young people and of children have been chosen to take full-time places. Their technical position is that of superintendents in the Council and assistant secretaries of the Board.

A report of a General Conference Special Committee on the Reorganization of Boards contained some recommendations which affected the work of the Council. While these provisions are recommendations and not laws,

they have been considered most seriously by the boards involved, and the Council has made every effort to conform to them. In order to prevent overlapping in the cultivation of candidates for life service four boards were asked to provide jointly for a Bureau of Life Service. You are asked to acquiesce in this arrangement at this session by voting the necessary pro rata share of expense in such a bureau, as provided by an item in the report of the Committee on Estimates. It was further recommended that the Board representatives visiting the educational institutions of the Church be limited to two: one a man chosen by the Board of Education, the other a woman chosen by the Woman's Missionary Council. In compliance, your Executive Committee, at a called session in June, chose the proper officer to act as college visitor.

The responsibility for the organization and conduct of Pastors' Schools was transferred from the Board of Missions to the Board of Education, these schools to be promoted in coöperation with other agencies now in the field. This provision affects the Council only as it touches a new plan for courses in Council leadership training. If the Council wishes to grant certificates for training courses and wishes further that its students take as electives certain of the courses offered by the Board of Education, it becomes one of the other agencies with which the Board of Education is asked to coöperate.

Considerable publicity has already been given to the recommendation "that the Epworth League Board shall turn over to the Woman's Missionary Council the missionary cultivation of children of junior age, and that in all places where there now exist a Junior Epworth League and a Junior Missionary Society, the Junior Missionary Society becomes automatically the missionary department of the Junior Epworth League." "Further, that there shall not be organized either of these organizations in communities where the other now exists, unless they shall be able to consolidate their work as above indicated. All contributions of the Junior Epworth League for missions shall be under the control of the Woman's Missionary Council." The leaders of both organizations have shown a willingness to concur in these recommendations, and committees have worked very hard to make the necessary adjustments, and to go even farther in planning for the best education of the children. The coöperative plans are now before you.

In accordance with authority granted by action of this body, your Executive Committee met in June to prepare the necessary amendments to the by-laws due to changes made by the General Conference. Since these by-laws will guide the Council for the quadrennium, your most careful scrutiny of them is asked.

#### LEADERSHIP TRAINING.

The work at the home base, guiding and planning the activities of the missionary societies, has always been volunteer service. It has been performed by women who had other vocations and who made this work the extra Christian service inspired by love for the Master and warm sympathy



for the need of less privileged women and children. Conference officers, district secretaries, and auxiliary workers have done what they could, usually without specific training for their offices and depending upon written instructions from the central office or the word of experience from their predecessors to guide them. That many have felt the necessity for better preparation is well known. The growth of the short course training school in the Church affords an example the Council may well follow. Your Executive Committee took such a plan under consideration and has, through a special committee, framed a course in leadership training for workers in woman's missionary societies. The course of study leads to a certificate, and the woman who takes it successfully will be prepared for leadership in the missionary organization.

#### STATUS OF WOMEN.

More organizations than ours are pondering the place of woman in the progress and economy of the Church. When thinking women everywhere see Church governing bodies (not only in our own denomination, but in others) making sweeping changes in the plans and management of women's organizations, sometimes after little or no consultation with the women themselves, they wonder. Usually they fall quietly in with the new plans, mindful only of the work and never of themselves. But they wonder, nevertheless. The Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America has appointed a commission to study the status of woman in the Church. This commission is in the Department of Research and Education, has its own office and working force, and is now in its second year of study. The International Missionary Council has had a similar committee studying the status of woman in the Churches on the mission field. Its preliminary report is now available. Falling into line with this modern trend, the Woman's Missionary Council has appointed a group of seven women to study the status of woman in our own denomination at home and abroad in order to discover and define her place of largest usefulness in the work of the kingdom. The appointed group has begun its survey of existing conditions on a broad basis. Successive General Conferences have granted to the women the privilege of holding such positions as steward, member of Quarterly, District, Annual, and General Conferences, etc. It is well known that women are performing the duties of such positions. The commission is trying to ascertain the extent to which they are now filling such elective and appointive places as are open to them. The cordial and unceasing cooperation of every member of the Council is urged so that the study of the commission may be really comprehensive and satisfactory.

#### TWO NEW PLANS.

For many years there has been from time to time urgent appeals from Conference societies to be permitted to undertake special items of home mission work within their own boundaries. Because of the demands and obligations of the whole home mission enterprise, which has taken all the funds and the workers available, these appeals have had to be postponed.

The time seems now to have arrived when a new policy in home mission specials may be inaugurated. The Council Committee on Estimates has formulated such a plan and presents it for your consideration and action. Heretofore city missions have been Council enterprises assigned to the auxiliaries of certain cities as specials. The new plan provides for an enlargement of the application of that principle under certain specified restrictions. It is designed to meet the immediate needs of several Conferences having acute home mission problems and will doubtless find wider employment, if you see fit to adopt it, as the years bring new demands.

An acute situation has arisen in financing the work of the Foreign Department. It may be a passing difficulty which will solve itself another year, but it forms a crisis at present. It is a law of the Council that the appropriations for any one year shall not exceed the income of the previous year. The basis of appropriation for each year includes the regular funds plus special gifts to the Foreign Department. This year many special gifts have gone to the particular object being urged during the year, with a consequent reduction in foreign specials. On the other hand, the sending out of a large number of new missionaries, together with the addition of salaries in Japan due to assuming the support of the Hiroshima School for Girls, has increased necessary foreign expenses approximately fifty thousand dollars. The basis of appropriation fails to meet the foreign budget by that amount. Your Committee on Estimates has prepared an emergency measure to which your most careful and prayerful attention is called. It asks that a ten per cent increase on the Conference pledge be added to the basis of appropriation for this one year only. In this connection a word of reminder may not be amiss in regard to educating new foreign missionaries. Part of the basis of the entire structure of foreign work is that each Conference society shall support the missionary it has recruited and trained. A considerable number of Conference societies have obeyed this rule to the letter, and all honor is due them. There is a warm welcome for the new missionaries, but their support must be assured before they may be assigned to fields.

#### A YEAR OF JUBILEE.

On Wednesday, May 22, 1878, the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, then in session in Atlanta, Ga., acted favorably upon a memorial providing that the women of the Church be authorized to work for missions under a distinct charter and for specified purposes. That memorial was sponsored by two groups of women: one in Nashville, Tenn., under the leadership of Mrs. D. H. McGavock, the other in Baltimore, Md., headed by Mrs. Juliana Hayes. Dr. D. C. Kelley, then Assistant Secretary of the Board of Missions, and son of Mrs. M. L. Kelley who, in Bethlehem, Tenn., organized the first missionary society in the Church, was influential in presenting the memorial in committee, and it came to the General Conference in Report No. 4, of the Committee on Missions. Its adoption was by the unanimous vote of the Conference.

At ten o'clock the next day, in First Church, Atlanta, the women met

for organization, fifty-four being enrolled as members. The College of Bishops appointed the officers: Mrs. Juliana Hayes, President; Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Corresponding Secretary; and the wives of the eight bishops as eight Vice Presidents. Twenty-three women living in different sections of the South, who were expected to secure members and organize auxiliaries, were named as managers.

Mrs. F. A. Butler begins her history of this organization by the quotation:

"In this movement there is life and food  
For the future years."

And so it proved. Quietly, persistently, effectively, the work begun that morning of spring has gone on until fifty years have now passed.

Because of its profound gratitude for God's leading and blessings during the half century, and with great joy in the privileges and achievements of the years, the Council, at its meeting in Tulsa, Okla., in March, 1925, authorized a Year of Jubilee. The year will begin with the Council meeting of 1928 and close with that of 1929.

Careful thought has led the women to the conclusion that the celebration shall be so planned as to fit into the regular program of the year's work. In a general way all the gatherings of women during the year, in district, Conference, and Council, will be Jubilee meetings. New auxiliaries which may be organized will be known as Jubilee auxiliaries; new members will be listed as Jubilee members. Facts and statistics showing the beginning and progress of the organization are to be collected throughout the Church at home and on the mission fields and presented in the literature and programs of the year.

It is hoped that the Jubilee will be international and interracial, so that every group of Southern Methodist women throughout the world may have participation. In the mission fields and among the foreign-born groups in America it should furnish an opportunity for facing an adequate program for Christian women.

The united thinking of the various committees has resulted in formulating five objectives toward the realization of which the activities of the year will be directed. The first of these is a *higher spiritual standard*. The conviction grows and deepens that this may be the time of a great spiritual awakening. Emphasis is to be placed on the spiritual aspects of the Jubilee and an effort made to quicken sacrificial living.

*An appreciation of our inheritance* is one of the goals of the year. It is fitting that a survey be taken of the work of the organization. The memory, the achievements, the spirit of the women whose lives have made the history of the societies should have fitting honor. Historical records for the information of present and future generations must be provided, and there should be an expression of joy because of the wonderful inheritance that has come to the women of the Church.

There is reason for gratitude that the missionary society has found its place and work in so many of the charges throughout the Conferences.



The aim now should be *the extension of the organization* along two lines: The formation of new auxiliaries until there is one in every Church and the enlistment of all the women instead of the fifty per cent who are now enrolled.

The fourth objective is a most vital one, which may be expressed as *the reëvaluation of the task*. It has been pointed out that the world to-day is a vastly different world from that in which the women first formulated their task and began their work fifty years ago. They have tried to keep abreast of the changes during the decade, but is it now time to change both methods and contacts? Only careful study can tell. The Church has grown and developed along lines not in the thinking of a half century ago. Trained leadership is available as never before. Money power and woman power have multiplied. One of the greatest Jubilee tasks is to reëvaluate the situation so as to find the plan of God for this organization in the future.

Last of the goals is *the thank offering*. In love and gratitude for the pioneers, for what they have wrought, for the spiritual values of organized, united Christian womanhood, let there be during one week of the year a great thank offering to be used in developing the program which emerges from the year of Jubilee.

MRS. F. F. STEPHENS.

#### CONDENSED REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL, 1926-27

April 28, 1926.

This meeting was held during the annual meeting of the Board of Missions preceding the twentieth session of the General Conference. Nine members in addition to the Secretaries were present.

1. The nomination of Miss Julia Lake Stevens as Student Secretary was approved.

2. Concerning the property of the Scarritt Bible and Training School in Kansas City, the motion prevailed that if the property was not sold by June 15, 1926, it be placed in the hands of another agent than Mr. J. C. Gant.

3. The motion prevailed that arrangements be made to hold a consecration service during the Scarritt College commencement for the two members of the senior class, Miss Myra Orman and Mrs. Virginia Hall, who were ill in Raleigh, N. C., at the time of the annual consecration service.

June 23, 24, 1926.

This called session of the Executive Committee met to make the necessary adjustments occasioned by changes in the constitution of the Board of Missions authorized by the General Conference at its meeting in Memphis, Tenn., in May. Most notable among the changes ordered was a reduction in the number of secretaries of the Board—namely, there shall be "two Secretaries for Foreign Work (one of whom shall be a woman)," "two Secretaries for Home Work (one of whom shall be a woman)," "two for Education and Promotion Work (one of whom shall be a woman)," "and such assistants as it shall deter-

mine," etc. (See Discipline for 1926, Par. 463.) At the meeting of the Board of Missions, June 15, 1926, the Secretaries and their assistants had been elected. Those for the Woman's Section were as follows: Administrative Secretary for Foreign Work, Miss Esther Case; Administrative Secretary for Home Work, Mrs. J. W. Downs; Treasurer, Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton; Secretary for Education and Promotion Work Department, Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb; Assistants in the Education and Promotion Department, Miss Mabel Howell, Miss Estelle Haskin, and Mrs. H. R. Steele. Scarritt College desired Miss Howell as a member of its faculty. She resigned her position in the Education and Promotion Department of the Board of Missions and accepted the Chair of Foreign Missions at Scarritt College.

All members of the Executive Committee were present at this meeting of the committee, also Dr. W. G. Cram, General Secretary of the Board of Missions, Mrs. P. L. Cobb, retiring Superintendent of Young People's Work, Miss Mabel Howell, and Mrs. A. B. Smith.

1. The first duty of the committee was to fill vacancies among members at large of the Council and the three members of the Executive Committee from the Woman's Section of the Board of Missions. These elections had not been completed at the annual meeting of the Council in Raleigh, N. C. The following were elected to serve until the 1927 annual meeting of the Council: Members at large of the Council—Miss Mabel Howell, Mrs. J. C. Handy, Mrs. R. L. Hobdy, Mrs. H. L. McClesky, and Mrs. Henry S. Owen; members of the Executive Committee from the Woman's Section of the Board of Missions—Mrs. W. J. Piggott, Mrs. J. W. Mills, and Mrs. Nat G. Rollins.

2. The motion was unanimously carried that the action of the Board of Missions in continuing the salaries of those officers not reelected until their Conferences meet, be observed in the case of Miss Howell until she assumes her position as professor of Foreign Missions at Scarritt College.

3. Informal reports were received from the officers and the chairmen of several committees, following which the Committee on General Conference Legislation was dismissed with thanks for its untiring labors.

4. Dr. W. G. Cram stated that if the Superintendents of the Council come into the work related to the Promotion Department, they must come as Assistant Secretaries of that department of the Board.

5. Concerning Young People's and Children's Work, the following resolution was passed:

*"Be it resolved, That the Board of Missions be requested to elect the Superintendents of Young People's and Children's Work of the Woman's Missionary Council Assistant Secretaries under the Organization Secretary of the Department of Education and Promotion."*

6. Miss Julia Lake Stevens was elected Superintendent of Young People's Work and Miss Althea Jones Superintendent of Children's Work.

7. Concerning cooperative work with the Epworth League in the Junior societies and their periodical, the following recommendations were made:

"We recognize in the action of the General Conference concerning

Junior work a larger opportunity for the adult missionary society to develop the missionary education of the children of the Church, since provision is made for work through the Junior League as well as the Junior Missionary Societies; we therefore recommend

“(a) That the Superintendents of Children be instructed to take steps to correlate the work according to this provision wherever the Junior Missionary Society and the Junior League are already organized in the same congregation.

“(b) That in Churches where there is a Junior League and the Junior Missionary Society is not organized, the Adult Missionary Society shall make provision for the conduct of the missionary department of the Junior League by the election of a Superintendent of Children's Work.

“(c) That a committee be appointed composed of three from the Woman's Council and three from the Epworth League Board, whose duty it shall be to formulate and publish joint programs which shall provide for the education and activities of both organizations, these programs to be made to suit the use of both the Junior League and the Junior Missionary Society.

“(d) That this same committee shall be instructed to consider the advisability of merging the *Young Christian Worker* and the *Epworthian* into a magazine suitable for the use of both Junior Leagues and Junior Missionary Societies; this plan to be presented to the Woman's Missionary Council at its next annual session.”

Representing the Council on the joint committee ordered above, the following were appointed: Miss Estelle Haskin, Miss Althea Jones, and Mrs. Ina D. Fulton.

8. Concerning a college visitor, the recommendation was adopted that in accordance with the provision of the General Conference for college visitation as found in the report of the Committee of Fifteen on Reorganization of Boards, the Assistant Secretary in charge of Candidate Work in the Department of Education and Promotion, Board of Missions, Woman's Section, shall be “College Visitor” as therein provided.

9. It was then ordered that the reappointment of Miss Lillian Lehnhoff, who had been appointed Student Secretary at the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Council, be referred to the Committee on Deaconess and City Mission Work.

10. Concerning the *Missionary Voice*, which under the present constitution of the Board of Missions is placed in the Department of Education and Promotion and will be in the section of Literature, the following recommendations were approved:

“(a) That the policy of the *Voice*, that has proved so successful in the past, should in the main be continued and that steps be taken to make the magazine greater and more efficient.

“(b) That Mrs. Chappell shall continue as editor of the Woman's Section and that the magazine shall carry her name.

“(c) That the general policy of the magazine and the business details shall be matters of conference with the department staff and editors.”



11. The motion prevailed that the Executive Committee request the Construction Committee for the Bennett Memorial Building to take steps seeking to have the art glass window, the "Scarritt Angel," in the Scarritt Bible and Training School building, Kansas City, placed in the Bennett Memorial Building.

12. In response to the request that the Council be represented at the Interracial Conference of Church Women to be held at Eagles Mere, Pa., September 23, 24 next, Mrs. W. A. Newell and Mrs. Luke G. Johnson were appointed to attend at Council expense; Mrs. J. W. Downs was appointed alternate. It was ordered that any other persons up to the number of ten be privileged to attend this meeting at personal expense, the same to notify Mrs. Newell.

13. The following resolution requesting a quadrennial commission of women was passed:

"Whereas the Federal Council of Churches in America has a commission to study status of women in the Church at home and the International Missionary Council has a similar committee studying status of women in the Churches on the mission fields,

*"Be it resolved,* That a quadrennial commission of seven women shall be appointed to study the status of women in the work of our own Church at home and abroad in order to discover and define their place of largest usefulness in the work of the kingdom."

14. The motion prevailed that an out-of-town member of the Council attending a committee in Nashville shall pay her own hotel bill and include the amount in her expense account as submitted to the treasurer.

15. Authority was given to the Secretary of Home Work and the Treasurer to make adjustments in remuneration and expense of Interracial and Social Service Work.

16. Dr. W. G. Cram requested the privilege of appointing a group from the Council to assist the Board Committee on the Commission on Education and named the following women: Mrs. F. F. Stephens, Miss Mabel Howell, Mrs. Luke Johnson, Miss Daisy Davies, and Mrs. W. A. Newell.

17. The following resolution was passed as read:

"Whereas, through the action of the General Conference, the missionary education and training of children previously carried on by the Epworth League has been entrusted to the Woman's Missionary Council; and whereas this action was recommended by the Epworth League Board, we, the Executive Committee of the Council, do hereby express appreciation to the Epworth League Board for the enlarged opportunities thus given and assure the Board of our cooperation in the religious training of the childhood of the Church."

18. Mrs. Stephens warmly expressed the appreciation of the Executive Committee for the work done in the Council by Mrs. P. L. Cobb as Superintendent of Young People's Work and also for the service so freely given by Mrs. Cobb during the months since the Council meeting.

To this Mrs. Cobb graciously replied.

19. Adjustments in line with the new constitution of the Board of

Missions were made in the Standing Committee on Deaconess and City Missions Work, which was appointed as follows: Miss M. L. Gibson, Mrs. D. B. Carré, Mrs. J. M. Gross, Mrs. J. W. Downs, Mrs. Lee Britt, Mrs. Nat Rollins, Mrs. C. W. Nichols, Mrs. W. J. Piggott, Mrs. Fred Lamb.

Vacancies on other standing committees were filled as follows: On the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws—Mrs. Luke Johnson; Committee on Scarritt College for Christian Workers—Mrs. F. F. Stephens, Miss Esther Case, Mrs. J. N. McEachern, Mrs. H. R. Steele, Miss Mabel Howell, Mrs. R. L. Hobdy, Miss Daisy Davies, Mrs. Luke Johnson, Mrs. W. A. Newell, Mrs. R. L. Kirkwood, Miss M. L. Gibson, Mrs. H. L. Remmel, Mrs. Henry S. Owen; Committee on Literature—Mrs. C. C. Weaver; Committee on Candidates—Miss Esther Case, Mrs. J. W. Downs, Miss Daisy Davies, Mrs. T. A. Brown, Mrs. C. W. Sinclair, Mrs. Walter Taylor, Mrs. H. R. Steele; Committee on Council Program—Mrs. E. B. Chappell, Mrs. F. S. Parker, Mrs. A. B. Smith, Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, Mrs. Ina D. Fulton, Mrs. E. B. Watson, Miss Mabel Howell.

20. Readjustments of the Jubilee Committee were made and the vacancies supplied. The committees under the Jubilee Committee are as follows:

(a) Students, Young People, and Children's Jubilee—Jones, Steele, Parker, Handy, Stevens.

(b) Social Service and for Home Mission Conference—Downs, Tillett, Mills, Newell, Hobdy.

(c) Foreign Conference—Case, Howell, Davies, Stephens, Johnson.

(d) Promotion at Home—Lipscomb, Perry, Rollins, Fulton, Owen.

(e) History, World Facts, Literature—Haskin, Chappell, Gibson, Piggott, McCleskey.

21. The motion prevailed that the Executive Committee indorse the plan of "Doll Messengers of Friendship" sponsored by the Japanese Friendship Committee and give publicity to the movement through the Junior Department.

22. The By-Laws of the Woman's Missionary Council were amended by the Executive Committee, in harmony with the new constitution of the Board of Missions. (See By-Laws in last pages of Annual Report).

#### MID-YEAR MEETING, November 3-5, 1926.

At this meeting all women Secretaries and members of the Executive Committee were present, also Mrs. R. L. Kirkwood, of the South Carolina Conference. Reports were heard from all Secretaries and officers. Discussions touching all phases of the work resulted in the following action:

1. The motion prevailed that \$250 from the unused appropriation for Summer Conferences for 1926 be allowed for promoting the Missionary Education Movement Conference at Blue Ridge, N. C., with special emphasis on Young People's work.

2. The motion prevailed that Miss Stevens be granted the opportunity to try out her experiment for a quarterly bulletin for the young people, the same to be prepared by the young people in the Conferences, and that

the Secretaries be empowered to assist her with the finances from the contingent fund if necessary.

3. The report of the Superintendent of Children's Work dealt especially with plans of coöperation of the Junior Missionary Society and the Epworth League in accord with the action of the General Conference regarding these organizations.

The plan for reorganization stated in four questions had been submitted by the President by correspondence to the entire Council for their votes. A majority of those voting cast affirmative votes, and the total result is herewith given:

(a) In the light of new General Conference legislation and action of the Executive Committee, do you vote to change the name of Junior Missionary Society, composed of nine-, ten-, eleven-, and twelve-year-old children to "Epworth Junior Society"?

Voting aye, 44; no, 11; indecisive, 17.

(b) Do you authorize the chartering of these new Epworth Junior Societies auxiliary to Epworth League Board and Woman's Missionary Council?

Voting aye, 44; no, 10; indecisive, 17.

(c) Will you authorize adoption of motto "Love and Service" and the badge a Maltese cross with letters "Epworth Juniors" on opposite sides of the cross and the motto encircling the Calvary cross in the center?

Voting aye, 45; no, 10; indecisive, 17.

(d) Will you vote to name the primary missionary society of six-, seven-, and eight-year-olds "The Pansies"?

Voting aye, 42; no, 15; indecisive, 15.

4. A committee was appointed to study the matter of leadership training at Summer Assemblies and Regional Conferences to report to the Executive Committee at its meeting immediately before the 1927 meeting of the Woman's Missionary Council, this committee to consider all the possibilities of coöperation with all the General Boards of the Church that are conducting Leadership Training Schools at these Conferences and Assemblies. The committee was appointed as follows: Mrs. W. A. Newell, Miss Mabel K. Howell, Miss Daisy Davies, Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, Mrs. J. W. Downs.

5. In reply to a letter from Mrs. J. M. Gross, Corresponding Secretary, Florida Conference, stating the stress under which that Conference labored because of the recent storm havoc throughout its territory and containing four requests, the following recommendations were adopted:

(1) That a message of sincere sympathy with the Conference in its storm catastrophe and of admiration for the heroic spirit in which the disaster was met be sent to Mrs. Gross.

(2) That the Florida Superintendent of Supplies have access to neighboring Conferences to secure supplies for ministers and their families.

(3) That the Conference be allowed to use its surplus money as requested, to meet its quota on the Bennett Memorial.

(4) That since adjustment has already been made in the Treasurer's



office permitting Conferences to count the Carry-On Fund for the salaries of Centenary missionaries on the Council pledge, the Florida women are entitled to this pledge and no permission is necessary at this time.

(5) That in relation to the Conference Missions Special, the Conference should correspond with the office of the Administrative Secretary of Home Missions.

6. Attention was called to the death of Mrs. J. D. Hamilton, September 7, 1926, long time a manager of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and, until her death, an honorary life member of the Council. Mrs. Hamilton was the daughter of Bishop McTyeire and the wife of J. D. Hamilton, so long treasurer of the Board of Missions. The Secretary was instructed to send to Mrs. Hamilton's sisters, Mrs. J. J. Tigert and Mrs. Janie McTyeire Baskerville, letters of sympathy and appreciation of Mrs. Hamilton.

7. Mrs. Henry Owen related the history of the Scarritt Bible and Training School burial lot in Elmwood Cemetery, Kansas City, and turned over to the Executive Committee the deed for the lot and a letter from the Elmwood Cemetery Society to the lot owners.

Mrs. F. F. Stephens delivered to the committee a copy of the minutes of the Executive Committee of the Board of Managers of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, September 18, 1925, concerning the transfer to the Woman's Missionary Council of this lot. The motion then prevailed that these papers, deed, letter, and minutes be placed in the hands of the Treasurer for safe keeping.

8. Concerning Scarritt Bible and Training School property, Mrs. H. S. Owen stated that all papers relating to this property, the abstract of the sale of the residence property, and the insurance policies on that house, had been placed by her in safety deposit.

9. The motion prevailed that authority be granted to advance the cost of advertising the Training School property, Kansas City, and the expense of the caretaker of the building on condition that all expenses connected with the sale of the property and maintenance shall be deducted from the proceeds of the sale before the money is turned over to the Scarritt College Board.

10. On motion the Treasurer was then instructed to retain monies as the deferred payments on the residence property in Kansas City are received until the bills for the Training School property expenses are paid.

11. On motion the care of these Kansas City matters were left in the hands of Mrs. Henry S. Owen. A vote of appreciation was given Mrs. Owen for her painstaking care touching all Council interests in Kansas City.

12. The 1927 annual meeting was discussed. The Washington Hotel was selected as headquarters for the Council members and the Youree Hotel as headquarters for visitors. The Secretary was instructed to reserve a block of seventy-five rooms for Council members at the Washington Hotel and to provide the hotel with a list of those eligible to use them. The report of the Council Program Committee was amended and suggestions offered for the completing of details.

13. Oriental jewels received by the Council during the 1926 meeting in Raleigh, N. C., were placed in the hands of the Treasurer for safekeeping.

14. A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions was held. The following were present: Mrs. F. F. Stephens, President; Mrs. J. W. Perry, Vice President; Mrs. E. B. Chappell, Second Vice President; Miss Mabel Howell, Corresponding Secretary; Miss Esther Case, Associate Secretary; Mrs. F. S. Parker, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton, Treasurer.

Because of the change in her relation to the Woman's Missionary Council, Miss Mabel Howell offered her resignation as Corresponding Secretary of the Board. The resignation was accepted with appreciation of the service she had rendered.

Miss Esther Case, Associate Secretary, was elected Corresponding Secretary to succeed Miss Howell. Miss Howell was then elected Associate Secretary to succeed Miss Case.

Miss Howell reported that the lots at Anadarko, Okla., are still being sold and that many lots remain to be sold. The Superintendent of Indian Work, Rev. Mr. Templeton, has urged that the property being held for Indian work be made available by opening an institution for evangelistic work among the Indians.

15. Concerning requests from missionaries and others in Brazil touching *Bemtevi* and Bennett College, the following recommendations were approved:

(a) That Miss Case be authorized to approach the proper committee of the Federation of Woman's Boards of North America with reference to the possibility of making the *Bemtevi* a union paper for Portuguese-speaking children.

(b) That the Executive Committee of the Council recommend to the Board of Missions that it take under favorable consideration the request that has come from missionaries in Brazil and from others that Bennett College be made a union college to be supported by woman's boards and departments of boards having work in Brazil, thus becoming the first college for women in Latin-American fields.

16. The motion prevailed that the Council send representatives to the Conference on the Cause and Cure of War under the auspices of the Federation of Women's Foreign Boards of North America to be held in Washington, December 5-10. There was no limit to representation, and the following persons were nominated as delegates: Mrs. F. F. Stephens, Mrs. W. A. Newell, Mrs. T. J. Copeland, Miss Emma V. Peppler, Mrs. Lee Britt, Mrs. Luke Johnson, Mrs. J. W. Perry, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Mrs. E. B. Chappell, and Miss Estelle Haskin. It was further ordered that any member of this Executive Committee wishing to attend this meeting be privileged to do so, provided she notify the Secretary and apply for the proper credentials.

17. Authority was granted the Social Service Department to offer two prizes of twenty-five and fifty dollars for themes on interracial subjects, and a committee of three was ordered to select the topic of these themes.

March 9, 1927.

1. Concerning a petition from the Brazil Conference the following resolution was passed:

Whereas the request contained in the petition from the Executive Committee of the cabinet of the Brazil Woman's Missionary Society, contains a request for financial help for a home mission enterprise, and whereas it is not the policy of the Council to give such aid to the Conferences, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Executive Committee assure the officers of the Brazil Conference Woman's Missionary Society of its great interest and sympathy in their enterprise, though it cannot grant their petition

2. The following recommendations were adopted:

(1) Inasmuch as the manuscript of the life of Miss Bennett written by Mrs. R. W. McDonell is now ready for the printer and the cost of printing has been investigated, we recommend to the Belle Bennett Memorial Committee that two thousand copies of the life of Miss Bennett, with plates, be printed, and that the price be set at \$1.50.

(2) That this book be used as a Mission Study Book.

3. On motion the recommendation from the Belle Bennett Memorial Committee concerning the inscription on the corner stone of the Memorial Building was referred back to the Bennett Memorial Committee.

MRS. FITZGERALD S. PARKER, *Recording Secretary.*



## REPORTS.

### HOME WORK.

MRS. J. W. DOWNS, SECRETARY

The close of the first year of the quadrennium is most encouraging. The enthusiasm which every one feels over the splendid success of the Bennett Memorial and over the fact that regular collections were so slightly effected by the emphasis placed on the Bennett Memorial collection gave us a feeling of safety about the future of our missionary contributions that is most encouraging.

#### WORKERS.

One hundred and thirty-one deaconesses and missionaries received appointment for 1926; nine who had asked for leave of absence for the year were able to return to work. There were thirty trained women employed, who served as supplies, making a total of one hundred and seventy women assigned to our Home Mission field who gave full-time service for the year.

#### SCHOOLS.

We have eight boarding schools located as follows: Sue Bennett, London, Ky.; Brevard Institute, Brevard, N. C.; Holding Institute, Laredo, Tex.; MacDonell French Mission School, Houma, La.; Vashti School, Thomasville, Ga.; Valley Institute, Pharr, Tex.; Virginia Johnson Home and School, Dallas, Tex.; Paine College, Augusta, Ga.; three Day Schools—viz., Key West, Fla., El Paso, Tex., and Magdalena, Mexico. There are 110 trained men and women teachers on the faculties of these schools, with 3,200 pupils enrolled. The work in each of these schools is of the highest type, and each school is conducted so that the coming of the kingdom will be hastened.

#### BIBLE CHAIRS IN STATE SCHOOLS.

The interest manifested in the study of the Bible and Religious Education in universities and colleges is gratifying to us, for the reason that we are assured of better training along this line for the leadership which comes from these institutions. Some interesting facts are disclosed in regard to the requirements of colleges. Columbia University requires Bible as an examination unit for entrance; Harvard University requires a knowledge of the Bible on the part of all English majors; the faculty requirement for the B.A. degree at Mount Holyoke includes one year's work in which seven courses must be chosen out of a possible group of eight—one of which is Bible. Two hundred and seventy-five Dartmouth students elected Bible last year. Forty per cent of the students in Randolph-Macon College are taking Bible this year. The Board of Education of our Church is making a

financial contribution for the maintenance of Religious Education Departments and student work at twenty-seven universities and State teachers' college centers. The Woman's Work is maintaining four Bible teachers; the Board of Education coöperates in the support of one to which we contribute, and we coöperate with the Board of Education in maintaining one more, which makes a total of seven Bible teachers for which we are responsible. Each of these teachers make a large contribution to the organized Church work in these centers through Sunday school classes, conferences, young people and adult missionary organizations, personal contact with students, and in many other ways.

#### CITY MISSION BOARDS.

Thirty-two City Mission Boards have been operating during the year. Many of our trained workers are appointed to these organizations as leaders. An increasingly large group of volunteer workers are being enlisted in service under their leadership. They conduct scores of Daily Vacation Bible Schools and Week-Day Schools of Religion, in which hundreds of children are enrolled, greatly increasing the religious training of children and young people in the missionary districts. The work under these boards for 1926 was encouraging. Only one new building has been reported for City Boards; that was in Dallas, Tex.

#### RURAL BOARDS.

Five Rural Boards of Missions have been conducting work in North Arkansas, North Mississippi, North Georgia, and the Coal Fields of West Virginia. While they have made splendid progress and one of the workers reports seventy-five Missionary Societies organized and numerous Sunday schools and Epworth Leagues strengthened and various other work projected, we are just at the beginning of this program, which should be far-reaching and in which we are most vitally interested.

#### BETHLEHEM HOUSES.

Four Bethlehem Houses have been serving the negro communities in which they are located—viz., Nashville, Tenn., Chattanooga, Tenn., Augusta, Ga., Birmingham, Ala. In addition to the Community Service, Bethlehem Center, Nashville, is training four young women for Christian social service and also serves as a practice center for Fisk University and Scarritt College. We are looking forward to the strengthening of the Training Department of Bethlehem Center and also toward a connecting relationship for the negro girls and women trained there, so we may be able to use them in our needy negro centers both city and rural.

#### PASTORS' ASSISTANTS.

Sixteen Deaconesses and Home Missionaries were appointed to Churches to work with pastors. We are anxious to be of large service in this field, helping to make adequate the Church program, hoping to help our Methodist people to a greater sphere of service, trying to make our Churches

not only Christian organizations for their members, but real seeking, saving institutions for those who do not know Christ.

#### SPOFFORD RECEIVING HOME.

Our one institution where we receive children of broken families and in this way try to rehabilitate homes as well as to care for their children, is still rendering a far-reaching and much-needed service. The local Board is thinking of a new location where they may build on the cottage plan and be more nearly on the home basis.

#### COÖPERATIVE HOMES.

The conservation of religious training and the Christian nurture of young business women has been the service rendered by our six Coöperative Homes—viz., Mary Elizabeth Inn, San Francisco, Calif.; Coöperative Home, Houston, Tex.; Rebecca Sparks Inn, Waco, Tex.; Eva Comer Home, Birmingham, Ala.; Belle Bennett Inn, Richmond, Va.; Wesley Hall Inn, Lexington, Ky. Many more of these institutions could be of great service in saving girls from delinquency.

#### DORMITORIES AT STATE INSTITUTIONS.

Each of the women's dormitories at State institutions, with the exception of Oklahoma, has been full with a long waiting list. They have rendered helpful service to our own Methodist girls and to many girls of other denominations. From these institutions will come a large number of our strong leaders of the future.

#### NEW BUILDINGS.

The gymnasium at Sue Bennett School was completed soon after school opened in the fall. This building was erected and the equipment purchased with the Week of Prayer Offering for 1925. Equipment has been bought and placed in the new building at Paine Annex, a cottage built for the women workers for Paine and the Head of the Augusta Bethlehem House. At Vashti an Industrial Arts building was erected and the classes moved into it, relieving a much-congested condition and making better conditions in the school department. The much-needed Administration Building at Holding Institute has been completed and the equipment has been placed. Other changes in building at Holding have been made, which has added greatly to the comfort of the institution and gives the needed room and laboratory for additional affiliation units with the State Educational Department.

#### NEW BOARDS.

New Boards have been organized at Albany and Decatur, Ala., Austin, Tex., and Paducah, Ky. In each instance this means increased activities in Home Mission Work with needy groups.

#### NEW WORK.

For the first time since the opening of the Centenary Campaign in 1919 the Home Section of your work is recommending estimates for new work.



Unless we are able to meet the opportunities that are presented by 1928, many of them will be lost. We are recommending the salary and appointment of a Day Nursery Matron or a Home Visitor to our Cotton Mill Church in Columbus, Ga.; the salary and appointment of a young woman to our University Church in Tucson, Ariz., whose duty it will be to devote herself to the women students of the State University in connection with our Church; the appointment of workers and an appropriation for Rural Work in the Mountains of Virginia in the Holston Conference, one of the largest and neediest of the mountain districts in our Church; the appointment of workers and an appropriation for Settlement work in the Community Center in the Mexican District of El Paso, Tex.; 50,000 Mexicans live in this city alone.

#### SURVEYS.

Following your recommendation that at least quadrennial surveys be made of the fields in which we conduct work, I am glad to report that Tampa, Fla., has made a survey of the Latin District, in which our Wolff Settlement is located. One of the most interesting features disclosed by this survey is that 15,000 young people between the ages of one and twenty-four years live in this district. A survey has been made of Key West, Fla., with a view to strengthening our work at that point by supplying an adequate and appropriate program for work to be begun another year.

#### MEETINGS ATTENDED.

The Secretary attended the El Paso Conference for Spanish-speaking people and was interested in the spirit of coöperation between the different denominations doing work in that part of the country. Many far-reaching recommendations were made, and the representatives of each Board went away feeling that they would bend their energies toward helping to the uttermost in the Christian program with these people who have come in such great numbers to the United States. The Council of Women for Home Missions and the Home Mission Council met in Philadelphia. The program for this meeting was almost entirely a rural program, and much valuable and interesting information was given; especially by the working out in the rural sections of the Church programs along interdenominational lines. Speakers from districts in which these plans have been tried presented the work as they had seen it in the different sections of the country.

#### CENTENARY STATEMENT.

The Council in annual session in 1923, after considering the effect of failure to meet the Centenary obligation in the Home Department, Woman's Work, voted: "To maintain the principle of the standard year in that Department until such time as Centenary obligations are met." The Centenary askings for this Department totaled \$1,245,000. There had been paid on this asking up to the beginning of 1924 \$751,599, leaving a balance due of \$493,401. Since that time there has been paid on these askings the following amounts:

Scarritt College.....	\$100,000 00
Paine Annex.....	82,218 00
Dormitories.....	18,000 00
St. Joseph Wesley House.....	25,000 00
Sue Bennett School.....	5,000 00
Making a total of.....	<u>\$230,218 00</u>

This leaves a balance due at the beginning of 1927 of \$263,183.00, toward which the following appropriations have been granted:

Louisville, Ky.....	\$15,000 00
Oriental Work, Korean Church, San Francisco....	10,000 00
MacDonell School, Houma, La.....	9,000 00
Back Bay Work, Biloxi, Miss.....	2,213 00
Making a total of.....	<u>\$36,213 00</u>

The above amount has been appropriated from Centenary money and from Centenary appropriation regular funds. If we are able to pay the amounts appropriated this year, it will still leave a balance due to satisfy the Centenary askings of \$226,970. If the Council recommends to cancel the \$12,000 asked for scholarships, it will make the amount then due \$214,970.

If our income is not diminished for the next two years we should be able to make good the promise to pay the Centenary askings in this Department.

#### REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD.

The General Conference of 1926 made a number of changes in the constitution of the Board of Missions—viz.: Organization of the Board into three Departments with a Woman's Section in each, with two Secretaries in each Department, one for the General and one for the Woman's Work. The Deaconess work was placed in the Department of Home Missions, Woman's Section. The By-Laws provide a Subcommittee on Deaconess work composed of the following members—viz., Mrs. Lee Britt, Mrs. W. J. Piggott, Mrs. C. W. Nichols, Mrs. Fred Lamb, Mrs. Nat Rollins, the Secretary of the Department, and the General Secretary of the Board. This Committee is the Committee to recommend appointments to the Board. Each of the five women on the committee is a Conference officer and member of the Council. This law changes the reading of appointments from the Council to the Board. It is timely, much as we regret it, for dissatisfaction has been expressed at the length of time that lapsed between the announcement of the appointments and the time of going to the new work. Another change was the provision for a General Secretary, for which none of the women felt an urgent need. The election of Dr. W. G. Cram to the office of General Secretary we believe *was providential*, he has been sympathetic, understanding, and coöperative, manifesting an equal interest in the work of the General Department and Woman's Work. I think I am expressing the unanimous opinion of the women Secretaries and the Treasurer in this statement.

## DEACONESSSES AND MISSIONARIES TO BE CONSECRATED.

The twelve splendid young women to be consecrated for Home Mission Work are as follows:

*Deaconesses.*—Mary Lou Bond, Southwest Missouri Conference; Dolores Ruth Diaz, West Texas Conference; Maggie Marshall, Virginia Conference; Lottie Ora Hooper, Louisiana Conference; Alaska Terry, Holston Conference.

*Home Missionaries.*—Mabel Hagood Anderson, Virginia Conference; Ola Lee Barnett, Southwest Missouri Conference; Lela Page, Tennessee Conference; Wortley Moorman, Virginia Conference; Grace Thatcher, Arizona Conference; Alberta Wilson, South Georgia Conference; Annie Lee Reil, West Texas Conference; Lena M. Noll, Missouri Conference.

No finer group of women has gone out than this one, and that is saying much, for some of the very best the country offers have given their lives in Home Mission service. I am most happy that two members of this class are young Mexican women, both of whom have been tried as well as trained. Can you not see in the future these splendid young women from all the nations of the earth who are accepted and sent out to teach about the one who is Master of us all? "Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball, . . . crown him Lord of all."

## HOME MISSIONS FOR THE FUTURE.

With more than twenty million boys and girls who have no religious training in either Protestant, Catholic, or Jewish Church, our effort cannot be decreased; yet there is a shifting of emphasis from the institution to the family and the individual, which includes a study of all the conditions which surround disadvantaged people, that have contributed to their lack of religion and lack of support, with a view to finding the reasons and remedying them as early as is practicable. With a firm belief that the largest service we can render will be by directing wherever practicable our energy and training toward making adequate Church programs for the community; and realizing the needs of the rural districts, we are recommending that emphasis be given to the Rural Program for the rest of this quadrennium and that our slogan be: "Every family under the care of some Church and every boy and girl receiving religious instruction through some person or persons so that the largest development of Christian citizenship be made possible and the coming of the kingdom of our Lord may be hastened in the United States of America and the world."



## FOREIGN WORK.

ESTHER CASE, SECRETARY

For eight years the foreign work has been reported by two Secretaries. This year it devolves upon me to make the whole report. Because I have been asked frequently how one Secretary can do the work, I realize that a statement from me is due the members of the Council.

When the General Conference, held in Memphis, Tenn., last May, adopted a new constitution for the Board of Missions, it became necessary to reorganize the Board and to readjust the work. The changes that affected the foreign work were: (1) The departmental organization of the Board as follows: Foreign Work; Home Work; Education and Promotion Work, each of these three departments having a standing committee composed of both men and women. In the previous quadrennium, the departments were: General Foreign Work; General Home Work; and Woman's Work, the latter having a standing committee composed of the women members of the Board. (2) The provision for a General Secretary. (3) The provision for two Secretaries in each department, a man and a woman. For eight years there were four Secretaries in each department of the Board.

The work of readjustment, to conform to the new legislation, began immediately following the meeting of the Board held in Nashville, Tenn., on June 15, 1926.

On the personal side, this was not an easy task. For eight years Miss Mabel K. Howell and I had labored together as Administrative Secretaries of the Woman's Work in Foreign Fields. We understood each other and depended on each other for help and advice in my work for the Latin-American fields and in her work for the Oriental fields. Together we had worked to make the necessary changes to conform to legislation passed in the General Conferences of 1918 and 1922. I felt keenly the loss of this association with Miss Howell, and I continue to miss her. It was necessary for me to study and make research concerning the Oriental fields in order to become familiar with conditions there and with the details of the work. The volume of correspondence was greatly increased. Added to this was the confusion of moving into new offices and of changing clerical help in the heated season of the year. In those first days I was almost overwhelmed by the enormity of the task.

Great as the responsibility was, I could not continue to contemplate it as a whole. Each day brought its special demands. Miss Howell stayed in the office a month to wind up her part of the work and turn it over to me, and I have felt free to call on her for advice and information at any time. If it had not been for her help, the task would have been far more difficult.

Dr. W. G. Cram, our General Secretary, has been all that could be de-

sired in his attitude toward the whole of the Board's work. He has been impartial in giving of his time and strength to the work of the different departments of the Board. He understands our woman's work and is thoroughly in sympathy with it, and this made easier the burden of administration.

I have been glad to coöperate with the bishops in charge of the fields. Their visits have been a great blessing wherever they have gone. Many of the missionaries have expressed this in their letters and also their regret that the episcopal visits have been brief this year. Bishop Cannon has held the three Annual Conferences in Brazil and will soon make his second visit to the Congo Mission. Bishop and Mrs. Ainsworth have returned from the Orient, Bishop Candler is holding the Cuba Conference (in February), and the missionaries and Mexican workers are waiting eagerly for Bishop Beauchamp's visit to Mexico following this Council meeting.

I cannot express too strongly my appreciation of the coöperation I have received from the missionaries in all the fields. I think I have the unanimous assurance that they are supporting me with their prayers. Nearly all of the missionaries in the Oriental fields have expressed their sorrow over losing Miss Howell as Secretary, and at the same time they have told me that they are glad to have me, since they cannot have her, and that is just how I had hoped they would feel about it. Assurances of prayers and loving interest have come from many members of the Council and other women throughout the Church. These have strengthened me to carry on that part of our great missionary work which has been committed to me.

The correspondence has been heavy, but, except when it has been necessary to be absent from Nashville in the interest of the work, I have been able to keep abreast of it with the help of two office secretaries. The transfer of items of clerical work, involving finances, to the Treasurer's office has relieved the Secretary of the necessity of looking after a good many details. As the office secretaries have become more familiar with the work, there has been relief in other respects and will be still more as we become better adjusted, so that what seemed at first to be impossible has now become possible. Much time has been spent in committees and conferences. A few urgent demands have required my absence from Nashville. In December it was necessary for me to make a hurried trip to Mexico City. The longest absence was in January of this year, when I attended a number of interdenominational conferences and committees in Atlantic City and New York as representative of the Board of Missions.

#### CHINA MISSION.

"The present situation in China," says Dr. A. L. Warnshuis, Coöperating Secretary of the Committee of Reference and Counsel of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, "is a call to prayer. China is in the midst of a vast upheaval, not only political, social, and economic, but also spiritual in character. The spirit of Christ is most urgently needed for guidance and for strengthening." This same conviction breathes

through letters which have been coming from our missionaries in China. Dr. Frederick Lynch, Educational Secretary of the World Alliance for International Friendship through the Churches, says that the most significant events of the present time are taking place in China. A mighty people, numbering one-quarter of the population of the world, have become a unit in their national consciousness and in their desire to free themselves from the limitations imposed by outside powers and to become sovereign within their own borders. To appraise truly this momentous issue is most important. It is surely one of those great uprisings of humanity which mark the perpetual struggle toward human freedom. Beneath all the chaos and disruption, the yearning of the people of China is clearly seen. The record of the Western powers in their dealings with this people has been stained with many actions whose only authority has been a display of force for material gain.

There is difference of opinion among the missionaries regarding the situation and the possible results to China and to our work there. I think I am safe in saying that a majority of our missionaries are entirely sympathetic with the Chinese people in their struggle to free themselves from the power of unequal treaties and foreign domination. Although the normal order of things is upset by the revolution, they see beneath the threatened chaos the promise of a better day for China and a larger opportunity for her people. Some have expressed gratitude to our government for the conciliatory attitude it has maintained and the hope that our government may take no part in defending the foreign concessions. Many missionaries have expressed the desire to remain at their posts even in the face of danger. There is indication that the strain of the situation is having its physical effect on some of them, but not one has even hinted at a desire to come home before regular furloughs are due because of the political situation or the temporary interruption of work. Miss Pearl Wiemers came home on the advice of the Medical Committee in China for health reasons and because the political situation made it necessary for her to leave Kuling, where she had been in a tuberculosis sanitarium for treatment. She arrived in San Francisco on February 7. Special consideration was given her by the new Methodist Hospital and Sanatorium in Tucson, Ariz., and we hope her recovery may be rapid under such favorable circumstances as these. When the revolutionary forces advanced from the south into the territory where we have institutions, it became necessary to suspend temporarily the work in Huchow and Changchow while these cities were occupied by troops. Afterwards the work was resumed, but the disturbed political condition made it necessary to close Virginia School a week before Christmas. Although information has not been received in detail from all the stations, the indications are that the work was carried on successfully until the regular China New Year vacation in February. The missionaries have expressed their expectation that conditions might permit all the schools to reopen following the vacation.

As the situation became critical, messages were cabled instructing the missionaries to take necessary measures for their protection, without regard to



expense. From our central offices in Shanghai we have received communications at intervals announcing the safety of our workers and bringing the assurance that we will be kept informed regarding the situation. This information has been transmitted to the families of the missionaries and has been given out to the Church papers and the secular press. The principles of the Canton government are socialistic, containing elements of Bolshevism. There is an anti-Christian element which militates against Christian missions. Probably this attitude is due to the fact that Christianity was introduced by foreigners, against whom there is a strong prejudice. This element in the revolution is making the situation of the Chinese Christians very difficult, and it may require that some of them make the supreme sacrifice if they remain true to their Christian profession.

The policy of registering mission schools under the regulations issued by the Canton government is receiving the serious consideration of missionaries engaged in educational work and of the East China Christian Education Association. In case the southern revolutionary army should gain control of the country and we should be forced to conform to these regulations, the administration of our institutions would be completely changed. The regulations provide for Chinese principals and Chinese boards of directors, though foreigners may act with the boards of directors in the capacity of advisers. It is our hope that negotiations may result in measures to maintain the Christian character of our educational institutions if they are required to register.

Miss Ella Hanawalt, our representative on the faculty of Ginling College, says that more students than ever before were enrolled in Ginling and that this is true in many other Christian schools. The revolutionary conditions in other sections of China have served to increase the enrollment in Union Bible Teachers' Training School in Nanking. These two union training centers, in which we cooperate with other boards in leadership training, are making a great contribution to China at this critical time in her history by sending out young women of strong Christian character prepared to give the message of Christ to others and to strengthen the faith of the Christians among whom they work.

There have been more girls enrolled in Laura Haygood Normal School than ever before. The faculty has been greatly strengthened by the addition of trained Chinese educators, by the transfer of Miss Leila Tuttle to the school, and the return of Misses Troy and Alsop after furlough and study at home. In November Laura Haygood celebrated its twenty-fifth birthday. It has the honor of being the first school opened in Soochow for the education of girls. McTyeire School continued its work as usual until the normal time for the holiday at China New Year, although a number of schools in Shanghai closed early for the holidays. Virginia School has had a good enrollment, particularly in the junior middle school, where the course is now entirely in Chinese with English given only as a subject. No news has come to indicate that the other boarding schools and the great network of day schools have suffered interruption in their work. Dr. Hattie Love wrote on January 25 that Changchow was peaceful and

quiet and that the soldiers who had passed through Changchow had been a "peaceful, friendly lot."

The reports of the three Institutional Churches—Moore Memorial in Shanghai, Trinity in Changchow, and Kong Hong in Soochow—tell of success in their organized work and also of the harvest of large numbers who have been baptized, confessed Christ, and been received into the Church at each of these points. A fine spirit of harmony has prevailed between the missionaries and the Chinese workers. The work at I-Zaung Ka in Huchow has been greatly handicapped because no missionary has been available. The missionaries and Bible women engaged in day school and outstation work have had success in their work, although at times it has been difficult for them to itinerate because of disturbed conditions.

Reservation had been made for Miss Frances Burkhead to sail for China on January 29 to resume her responsibility at the Moka Garden Embroidery Mission in Soochow. On the eve of sailing, it seemed advisable to telegraph her to cancel her reservation and wait for further instructions. Three new missionaries are recommended for China to sail in the summer of 1927, provided the situation will permit.

News letters from the Margaret Williamson Hospital in Shanghai have told of continual opportunities for service. The dormitory for which we furnished the money is nearing completion. The missionaries are waiting with joy and eagerness its completion so they may be a united family under one roof.

#### KOREA MISSION.

It has been a good year in the Korea Mission. The enrollment in the schools has exceeded that reported for 1925, and the tuition fees and receipts from other native sources amounted to \$23,219.62, which is an increase of \$4,638.17 over last year.

We began our coöperation in Ewha College when Bishop Ainsworth appointed Miss Clara Howard to the kindergarten department last fall. Miss Josephine Dameron, who is a student in Scarritt College, has been accepted as a contract worker for Korea, and by special request of the college authorities she is to be our second representative and is to have charge of the voice department.

The work has gone well in the three high schools—Holston, in Songdo; Carolina, in Seoul; and Lucy Cuninggim, in Wonsan. These are our higher institutions. They have all conformed their courses to the government requirement. Miss Oliver is happy over the special gift of \$10,000 for Lucy Cuninggim's new roof and other repairs made possible by the gift of the North Carolina Woman's Missionary Society. No provision has been made yet for financing a chapel and a gymnasium at either Lucy Cuninggim or Carolina Schools.

From thirty-five to forty young women have been enrolled in the Woman's Bible Training School in Seoul. Miss Tinsley writes that they are splendid, consecrated young women who are anxious to find their place in Christian service in Korea. The "bakery" continues to be a great

success. It furnishes valuable training for the girls by teaching them to prepare food and enables them to earn a part of their expenses while studying. The missionaries are rejoicing in a strong faculty of Koreans who are coöperating with them in this important work.

The evangelistic work has been carried on by missionaries and Bible women who have been fruitful in their labors. There is great need for an increased number of missionaries for this line of service. The evangelistic centers in the cities of Seoul, Songdo, Wonsan, and Choonchun have ministered to more than two thousand people. The Methodist Episcopal Board of Missions has reimbursed our treasury for its share in the original property investment for the Center in Seoul. This has come at a most opportune time, and the Presbyterians expect to reimburse us soon for their one-third share. Reports have come of services, Bible Training schools, supervision work in churches and keulpangs, all of which afford lines of Christian service which meet with a ready response in Korea.

Eight pupil nurses have worked with Miss Hauser and the three graduate Korean nurses in the Wonsan Christian Hospital. One of the graduates of the Nurse-Training Department passed the government examination and won recognition, which was quite an honor to the hospital. Eighteen nurses have been in training in Ivey Hospital in Songdo. Miss Lowder and Miss Rosser are our representatives there. An effort is being made to raise the standard in the Nurse-Training Department and to bring up the entrance requirements. As a result of the evangelistic work in the hospital and dispensary, two hundred and thirteen new believers have been reported.

#### JAPAN MISSION.

The Council at its meeting in Raleigh in 1926, extended its work in Japan by appropriating \$30,000 to the Hiroshima Girls' School, which came to us from the General Work on January 1 of this year. The school celebrated its fortieth anniversary in October, 1926. Rev. S. A. Stewart is the principal of the school, which includes kindergarten, primary, and high schools, and a college department in English and music. In a recent letter, Mrs. Stewart has gracefully reminded me that they with their two children, Lillian Bridges, who is in Duke University, Durham, N. C., and James Lanus, who is in Canadian Academy, Kobe, are the only missionary family in foreign fields for which we are responsible. The other missionaries who have come over to the Council through this transfer are: Miss Ida Shannon, Miss Katherine Shannon, Miss Katherine Johnson, Miss Catherine Stevens, and Miss Manie Towson. Because of the financial situation, it was not possible for the General Work to transfer to us with the school the \$40,000 it had set aside for endowment. If it is to maintain its college rank, it will be necessary for us to provide the endowment which is required by the Japanese government for registered colleges.

Miss Charlie Holland was elected treasurer for Woman's Work under the new by-laws of the Board of Missions. Previously, Mr. J. S. Oxford had served as treasurer for the whole Japan Mission. Miss Holland is



carrying on the treasurer's work in addition to the principalship of Palmore Woman's English Institute, a commercial school in Kobe, which has an enrollment of two hundred and four pupils.

The Lambuth Training School for Christian Workers in Osaka has had during the year seventy-seven students. Mr. Akazawa, the principal, reports that twenty of these students were in the Biblical Department and fifty-seven in the Kindergarten Teacher-Training Department. Miss Annie Belle Williams has been most successful as supervisor of evangelistic work in Osaka. She is taking advantage of the contacts Lambuth School has in the city and is doing extension work in the factories, reaching about two hundred and fifty young women each week. Miss Williams supervises the students of the Biblical Department in their field work. In five factories there are opportunities for regular meetings each week and in five others monthly or bimonthly meetings are held. Four kindergartens are carried on under the direction of the Teacher-Training Department of the school. Twenty-three kindergartens in the Kobe, Matsuyama, and Hiroshima Districts are supervised, some by our own missionaries and others by missionaries under the General Work or by their wives.

The Social Evangelistic Centers at Kure and Oita have prospered. At Airin Kwan in Oita the work has made steady progress with increased enrollment in the kindergarten, English classes, Bible classes, and other activities. Two Bible women work in connection with the Center. The new building for the Social Evangelistic Center in Kure is a joy to the missionaries, but they are embarrassed because they do not have enough workers and funds to meet all the needs the community calls for. The name of the new Center is Zanrinkan, which means "house of neighborly goodness."

#### SIBERIA MISSION.

On August 25, a cablegram was received announcing the death of Miss Lillian Wahl that day in Dairen, where she had gone for her summer vacation. Her life was quickly cut off by a malignant type of meningitis. According to the requirements of the Japanese law, her body was cremated and the ashes were taken to Harbin. Miss Constance Rumbough will bring them to her family when she comes home on furlough next year. Miss Wahl's death was a great blow to the work in Harbin. Miss Sallie Brown was on her way to the field and did not learn the sad news until she reached Korea. Although some members of the Mission advised against opening the Jane Brown Evangelistic Center in Harbin last fall because of Miss Rumbough's heavy work, the original plans were carried out. The following is Miss Rumbough's report of the official opening of the Center:

"On January 14, which was Russian New Year's Day, we had what we called our official opening of the Center. Mr. Erwin made the address and Miss Browne explained about the Woman's Work of our Church. Two Russian women made talks, and there was music. After the program we served tea. The Center was very Christmasy with its evergreens

and decorations, and the dormitory was lovely in its pink and white. Mrs. Brown's portrait came just in time to be shown at the opening."

Miss Rumbough and Miss Browne are pleading for permission and funds to open an orphanage in Harbin for Russian children who lost their parents in the revolution. They are of the opinion that there is no finer way in which the women of our Church in America could serve Russia than by caring for these children.

Mr. J. S. Ryang, Superintendent of the Korean Department of the Siberia Mission, is requesting the appointment of two missionaries to work in Kando. He included in his estimates \$7,000 to purchase land at Rong Jung and build and furnish a missionary residence. Mr. Ryang bases his plea on the fact that Siberia and Manchuria are a battle field where there is a conflict between the idealism of Jesus Christ and the materialism of Karl Marx. He urges the mother Church, and the Woman's Missionary Council in particular, to meet the need of the Korean women in Manchuria and Siberia who are migrating from Korea by sending missionaries to give them the gospel. There are fourteen Korean Bible women in the Siberia Mission, seven working in the Siberia District and seven in the Kando District.

#### BRAZIL MISSION.

The greater part of the work in Brazil is educational and is conducted in six boarding schools, two in each of the three Annual Conferences, and in six day schools; five of the day schools, which are located in the city and district of Rio de Janeiro, are under the supervision of Miss Layona Glenn. Miss Glenn is also treasurer for our work in the Brazil and Central Brazil Conferences. The other day school is in the Institutional Church in Porto Alegre and is supervised by Miss Mary Sue Brown, who is the principal of Collegio Americano and the treasurer for the South Brazil Conference. The educational statistics show a very large increase in the total enrollment. In spite of the unfavorable economic conditions, the total of native receipts in the schools was \$92,746.73, which is \$17,500 more than was reported for 1925. This is an index of the confidence the Brazilian people have placed in our missionaries and their appreciation of the value of our schools.

Bennett College, in the Brazil Conference, O Piracicabano in the Central Brazil Conference, and Collegio Centenario in the South Brazil Conference, have strengthened their teaching corps and have enjoyed increased patronage, bringing enlarged opportunities through the teacher-training departments.

An unsolicited expression of appreciation of Bennett College has come from Dr. Percy Alvin Martin, Professor of History in Stanford University in California. Dr. Martin visited South America in 1913 and again last year. During his second visit he devoted special attention to the changes in the social and educational domain which had taken place during the interval of his visits. In a letter to Dr. H. C. Tucker, he expressed his appreciation of the value of the work which is being done in Bennett

College and made definite recommendations regarding its development into a college in order to seize the opportunity to train for service in many phases of national life an increasing number of intelligent young women who are eager to prepare themselves for definite service. There is no institution in Brazil where women may secure the equivalent of our four-year college course. A quotation from Dr. Martin's letter follows:

"As I studied this problem during my sojourn at Rio, I came to the conclusion that one of the most effective ways of meeting this demand for a higher institution of learning would be to expand one of the existing girls' schools by the addition of a regular college course. Of the various schools which might be suited to assume this added responsibility, Bennett College, in my judgment, stands first. The situation of Bennett in the capital city of the republic, its beautiful location, its spacious grounds, the high standard of its scholarship, and the dignity and respect it enjoys in the best circles of Brazilian life, would seem to be valid reasons for such a choice. It was my privilege to pay several visits to Bennett, and you will recall how impressed I was with the fine character of the work being carried on and the competency of the teaching staff.

"An institution of the type I have in mind, corresponding in the main to one of our best women's colleges in the United States and offering curricula in which training for social service would be especially stressed, could, in my opinion, admirably serve as the culmination or apex of an educational structure of which Bennett College, with its stimulating environment and excellent high school course, might constitute the basis. If this plan were brought to fruition there would presumably be need of further buildings, more extensive equipment, and the appointment of an additional number of adequately prepared teachers. While I may only hazard an opinion in these matters, it would seem to me that in the organization of such a higher institution of learning for women the co-operation of Women's Boards or committees of other denominations would be exceedingly desirable. The school which I have in mind would be Christian in character but should, as far as possible or practicable, be undenominational."

In a petition signed by Dr. H. C. Tucker, Dr. Erasmo Braga, Miss Mary Alice Lamar, and Rev. Charles A. Long, they make the definite recommendation that steps be taken to secure the coöperation of other boards of missions in order to raise Collegio Bennett as a union institution to the grade of a college, and they indorse the request made by Miss Eliza Perkinson at the Council meeting in Raleigh for \$100,000 for a new dormitory.

Official recognition has been given O Piracicabano in Piracicaba, and Collegio Americano in Porto Alegre, by the Department of Education of the nation. Soon after Miss Watts went to Brazil in 1881, she opened Collegio Piracicabano, which was the first one of our schools to be established. An influential Brazilian gentleman, D. Prudente Moraes, placed his children in the school, and by his friendship he encouraged Miss Watts in her work. Afterwards, when he became the first president of



the Brazilian republic, he took the school in Piracicaba as a model on which to establish a public school system in his country. When it became known that the educational department of Brazil was about to designate a school in Piracicaba as the official gymnasium, or preparatory school to the professional schools, Miss Lily A. Stradley made application for the Piracicabano and through the influence of friends high in the Brazilian government, one of whom is the son of D. Prudente Moraes, the petition was granted. When this became known, a storm of opposition arose from Roman Catholic schools and private institutions in Piracicaba. In view of this opposition, we are looking forward eagerly for word that the official documents have actually been received from Rio de Janeiro.

Unexpected recognition of the same nature has been given to Collegio Americano in Porto Alegre. Friends of the school made the recommendation to the educational authorities in Rio de Janeiro without the knowledge of Miss Mary Sue Brown, the principal. We should rejoice in the enlarged opportunity this recognition of the school's worth gives in the preparation of young women for entrance into the higher professional schools of law, medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, etc. Before the opening of the new school year, Miss Brown wrote that twenty-four students had enrolled for preparatory courses.

In December our workers in Santa Maria passed through the ordeal of a battle of two days' duration, fought between national troops and a regiment of state guards which revolted. Collegio Centenario was in the direct line of fire. The missionaries, teachers, and boarding students went to the basement of the school for safety, and neighboring families took refuge there also. Bullets shrieked overhead, some pierced the walls of the second story of the building, and a cannon ball left its impress on the retaining wall of the grounds. Miss Louise Best wrote of the calmness and courage manifested by the students throughout the nerve-racking experience. The classes were resumed immediately after the firing ceased.

For health reasons, it became necessary for Miss Nancy R. Holt, who was engaged in evangelistic work in People's Central Institute, in Rio de Janeiro, to come home early in the fall of 1926. Her health has improved, and she has been studying in further preparation for her work in Brazil.

The children's paper, *Bemtevi*, is a joy forever. It was a keen disappointment when Miss Ruth Kellogg, who had been appointed to assist Miss Epps in the literary work, was obliged to resign and come home for family reasons. It will be necessary to make some provision for carrying on this important line of work when Miss Epps comes home on furlough at the end of this year. The *Bemtevi* is still carrying a deficit, but the income from the increased number and price of subscriptions is constantly bringing it nearer to self-support. The Committee on Coöperation in Latin America gave expression to its estimate of the value of the magazine when it indorsed it as a union magazine for children in Brazil in case the coöperation of other boards should be secured.

Besides Miss Holt's work in Rio de Janeiro, our definite evangelistic

program has been carried out by four Bible women in Sao Paulo, four Bible women in Rio de Janeiro, and one each in Bello Horizonte, Porto Alegre, and Passo Fundo. There are also two Bible women in Caxias.

#### CUBA MISSION.

During the past year our missionaries have had to pass through unusual and trying experiences. The present economic situation has caused unrest and financial stringency, which have affected the enrollment in the three schools. In October a severe storm swept over the island, which damaged property and stripped the campuses of our institutions of the vegetation which had added to their beauty and charm. Fortunately, none of our people lost their lives nor suffered serious injury, although the storm took heavy toll of life in some places. Irene Toland School and Quinta Tosca Centro in Matanzas suffered most. The third circumstance which caused our workers concern during the summer vacation and at the time of opening the schools, was the necessity of fulfilling the requirements of the national Department of Education in the matter of registering the schools, adjusting curriculums to the government courses, and the furnishing of acceptable diplomas or certificates of teacher-training courses on the part of all the teachers. These requirements were met in each case, and Colegio Buenavista in Havana, Colegio Irene Toland in Matanzas, and Colegio Eliza Bowman in Cienfuegos were given the necessary recognition and official authorization. These regulations indicate the growing spirit of nationalism in Cuba. The provision which is now causing us the greatest concern is that foreigners must have had five years of residence in the country before they can qualify to serve as principals. This concern is caused by the lack of well-prepared Cuban teachers to occupy these positions and by the small number of missionaries in Cuba who can meet the residence requirements. During the absence of Miss Frances Moling on furlough, Miss Annie Churchill has had a successful year as principal of Colegio Eliza Bowman. Miss Junia Jones has carried the work on successfully at Colegio Buenavista. Because of the need, Miss Clara Chalmers has remained as principal of Colegio Irene Toland for one year beyond her regular furlough time. Some arrangements will have to be made to care for the school next year while she is at home.

Miss Laura Lee is our evangelistic worker in Cienfuegos. She has worked in connection with Eliza Bowman School and the congregation of our Church.

The new Centro at Quinta Tosca opened its doors on September 22. Miss Bertha Tucker had worked through the summer to prepare and remodel the building and get the grounds into proper condition. There were more than three hundred people present at the opening. The enthusiasm of the people of Matanzas over the work of this new institution has been great. Miss Tucker wrote that the whole of Matanzas is stirred over the Centro. She says Matanzas seems to think the Centro is a jewel which belongs to the city, and that she has never, even in the Orient, seen anything like the general appreciation of the "new something" which all

accepted for the good of all. From the beginning about one hundred children took advantage of the daily playground hour; large numbers were enrolled in clubs for mothers and for boys and girls; and an afternoon Sunday school has been well attended.

Just as the house and grounds had been put into complete order and fully organized work had been going forward to the satisfaction of everybody for one month, a tornado struck the building and unroofed it. The servant's house was also unroofed. The floods descended, damaging furniture and equipment and washing the stucco off the outside walls of the buildings. Many of the rare and handsome trees on the grounds were uprooted, and the vegetation that was left was completely stripped of foliage. By drawing on the contingent fund, general repairs were made and the work was quickly resumed.

#### MEXICO MISSION.

Throughout the year the daily press of our country has given prominence to the situation in Mexico. It has reported many disturbances and prophesied revolutions which were said to be imminent. There has been unrest at various places in the republic, but up to this time it has not seriously threatened the present government of Mexico nor disturbed our work. The most serious phase of the Mexican political situation is the strained diplomatic relations between that country and our own due to the enforcement of the provisions of the Mexican constitution with regard to property rights and mineral rights. The situation has been intensified by the enforcement of the laws which require the nationalization of Church property, prohibit all but native Mexicans from exercising the ministry, and forbid religious corporations, "known as Churches," from conducting primary schools and benevolent institutions, construed in some quarters as religious persecution. Another complication has been the part the governments of Mexico and the United States have taken in the affairs in Nicaragua. At times a break with Mexico has seemed possible. Therefore we have cause for rejoicing that our Senate has put itself upon record in favor of arbitration of our difficulties with Mexico.

Our bishops, our Board of Missions, and our missionaries have cooperated with the Mexican government by authorizing and putting into effect changes in the work and in its administration to conform to the requirements of the law. The ordained missionaries, with the single exception of Rev. L. B. Newberry, who is serving in a lay capacity as the manager of our Press, have been given appointments elsewhere and have come out of Mexico. In our schools, the Bible classes and chapel exercises have been suspended because of the law which prohibits religious teaching in primary schools, and the Social Evangelistic Centers have conformed to the law either by giving up their kindergartens or by changing the name of the institution to one which does not have religious significance. While we greatly regret some of these changes, it is my conviction that it is better to make them than to withdraw from Mexico, and there is oppor-



tunity for religious teaching in classes held in the churches and in voluntary classes outside of regular school hours.

When steps were taken to put into force the land laws last December, urgent requests were made by missionaries for representatives of the Board of Missions to go to Mexico to advise with them in this important matter. In answer to this appeal, Dr. O. E. Goddard and I went to Mexico City early in December. After conference with missionaries, representatives of other Boards of Missions, and Mr. Andres Osuna, who is acting in the capacity of adviser to the Board of Missions, we brought definite recommendations to the Executive Committee of the Board. These recommendations were: To turn over the Church property acquired since 1917 to the nation; to form a foundation, if necessary, to hold our other property in Mexico, and to administer our institutions through local boards of trustees or such other agents as may be necessary to meet the requirements of the law; and to appoint a committee to make investigation regarding the ownership of Church property purchased prior to 1917, and other matters relating to the Board's property in Mexico. Later in the month, Bishop Beauchamp, Dr. Cram, and Mr. P. D. Madden, chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board, interviewed officials in Washington, D. C., and held a conference on the Mexican border with some of the missionaries. They made similar recommendations, which were adopted by the Executive Committee.

The withdrawal of the ordained missionaries from Mexico relieved greatly the friction due to agitation on the part of the nationalist element in the Church. Mexican pastors and presiding elders are now functioning everywhere.

The Council missionaries, in their annual meeting last December, recommended that the Board of Missions appoint a committee, composed of missionaries and Mexicans, to formulate a plan whereby the transfer of our institutions to the Mexicans may be made at some future time.

Miss Lelia Roberts, who became an emeritus missionary while she was on furlough last year, was appointed principal of Roberts College for this year. She is again at the head of the institution she has so ably directed for forty years. Miss Virginia E. Booth, who is the head of the Bible Training Department of Roberts College, was compelled to give up her work early in January for health reasons. By a division of labor, the faculty is carrying Miss Booth's work, and it is hoped that she will be able to resume it next fall.

The enrollment has decreased in some of the schools, but, notwithstanding the stringent financial situation, the native support of the schools has greatly increased. Miss Emma L. Eldridge, principal of Colegio Palmora in Chihuahua, and Miss Myrtle Pollard, principal of MacDonell Institute in Durango, have remained a year after their furloughs were due to guide the institutions through the delicate period of adjustment to the new school laws. Miss Eva Massey has succeeded Miss Ellie B. Tydings as principal of Colegio Progreso in Parral. Miss Dora L. Ingram has had a successful year in the school in Monterrey.

The enrollment in the various departments of the three social evangelistic centers in Chihuahua, Durango, and Monterrey has been good. However, the effects of the Roman Catholic boycott, which followed the enforcement of the new constitutional laws, has been felt in the falling off of attendance.

A definite policy for the medical work in the whole field is needed. Mrs. E. H. Lang, the superintendent of the Hospital Americano in Torreon, is handicapped because one of the American doctors who practiced in the hospital has moved away. The resignation of Dr. Ray has thrown upon Miss Edna Potthoff the direction of Sanatorio Palmore in Chihuahua. Bishop Beauchamp has appointed Miss Pearl Hall to Chihuahua to assist Miss Potthoff. This weakens the staff in Hospital Monterrey. Miss Ellen B. Cloud is left with the entire responsibility of the clinic at Centro Cristiano in Chihuahua due to the resignation of Dr. Ray.

Miss Norwood E. Wynn is our evangelistic missionary, having charge of the Student Volunteer work. Miss Wynn is developing a new line of service in a class for blind children with the assistance of a young Mexican woman who is giving her services voluntarily.

#### CONGO MISSION.

I have never known more enthusiastic missionaries than Miss Mary Flora Foreman and Miss Dora Jane Armstrong, our nurses in the Congo-Belge. In former years, I wept over the letters of missionaries in Africa because of their isolation and the hard physical conditions they were enduring, as revealed in their letters. I have rejoiced over the enthusiasm expressed in the letters which have come this year. This enthusiasm on their part has not been dimmed by sickness, even, and they have both had spells of illness during part of the year. Miss Armstrong has not confined her work to the hospital in Wembo Nyama. She has organized groups of boy and girl Scouts, and for a time she served as supervisor, or principal, of the school. In the hospital, she has conducted a class in nurse training, a day nursery and baby clinic, and mothers' clubs, and has given demonstrations in the proper feeding and care of babies. She has cultivated a garden in connection with the hospital and has raised a crop of cotton for hospital purposes. This varied program made demands on her which were too great for her strength. However, recent letters indicate that she has completely recovered. At Tunda, Miss Foreman is developing similar lines of work in connection with the hospital in that station. At various times during the year, Miss Armstrong, Miss Foreman and Dr. Dovell have answered emergency calls from other stations to minister to sick missionaries or the members of their families. It will be a great relief to the three medical missionaries on the field when Dr. W. B. Lewis returns in the early spring.

Miss Elizabeth Bass, who was consecrated as a missionary nurse to the Congo last year, has changed her plans and will not go out under the Council. Miss Helen Farrier and Miss Mary Elizabeth Moore are the new nurses. Miss Rosa McNeil and Miss Annie Estella Parker are to go

as educational and evangelistic workers. Miss Myrtie Bryant has been in Belgium since last September studying French. She will sail for the Congo this spring in company with Dr. and Mrs. Lewis. Dr. Janet Miller, who was a missionary to China as a member of the staff of Margaret Williamson Hospital in Shanghai, resigned from the Union Medical work and is now in Belgium. Dr. Miller expects to visit the Congo Mission at her personal expense, and will be a member of the next party to go to the field.

No Council missionary has been available to superintend the Girls' Home in Wembo Nyama. Mrs. Davis has served as superintendent for a large part of the year, and for a time this was one of the responsibilities to Miss Dora Jane Armstrong. It is the hope of the missionaries that a Girls' Home may be established in Tunda by some of the new missionaries.

### GENERAL SECRETARY.

W. G. CRAM.

Since June 11, 1900, I have been a life member of the Woman's Missionary Society. The occasion by which I was inducted into this relationship, that has been a badge of honor through intervening years of missionary service of various kinds, was to me unique and thrilling, colorful and historic. Just six days before, on June 5, after a long, serious, and pleading courtship on my part, I had married the Corresponding Secretary of the Kentucky Conference Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. After two brief days of honeymoon the Corresponding Secretary left the side of the young and unsophisticated preacher for the annual meeting of the Conference Society. After filling my Sunday appointment, I also hastily found my way to the place where the conference was being held. As I took my seat in the conference room, the President, "Miss Belle," as we lovingly called her in Kentucky, later known as Dr. Belle H. Bennett, barring none the outstanding missionary leader of Southern Methodism of this generation, arose and said: "Brother Willard has just come in, ladies. He is now one of us. Let us make him a life member. I will give five dollars. Come on, ladies, now how about the balance?" In a very short time my name was ordered enrolled as a "member for life."

Since that time through a period of twenty-seven intervening years I have observed that the women of the Church have been serious about the business of missions. It has been with them a matter of heart service and soul conviction.

And now, since May of 1926, I have a different relationship to the missionary enterprise of the Church, and I find that my "life membership" of twenty-seven years' duration with its fellowships and contacts with leaders of the woman's missionary movement stands me well in hand.

The General Conference at Memphis changed somewhat the constitution of the Board of Missions. In my opinion it greatly enhanced and empowered the relationship of the women of our Church to the missionary operations of the Board of Missions.



The changes in the constitution provided for a General Secretary. He is under constitutional obligation and requirement to promote and administer without partiality every phase of missions, whether in the general work or woman's work.

The changes also provided for a Woman Secretary in each Department of the Board of Missions with equal authority, rights, and privileges with the Secretary of the General Work.

It further provides that all administrative functions are performed by the Board, its Executive Committee, and its Secretaries, men and women.

On the Board and on the Executive Committee and on the staff of Secretaries the women are represented and have a voice and vote in every measure, whatever its origin.

The by-laws further provided that all missionaries, home or foreign, men or women, shall be accepted and appointed to service by the Board of Missions. This makes the Board, and not its committees, directly responsible for all its missionary agents.

I simply call attention to these main points in order to say that I feel that the Woman's Missionary Council has a right to hear a few words of report from me as General Secretary because this office touches the work the Woman's Council promotes.

I desire, therefore, first to say by way of report, that the readjustments of the new organization have been effected with the minimum of lost motion. I would not say that there have been no difficulties and no problems, but I must in all candor say that I have been surprised at the results in efficiency and service so soon realized. The women secretaries and the treasurer of the Board of Missions who represent the women of the Church, the Woman's Missionary Societies, and the Woman's Council are the equal of any group of administrators I know anything about.

Second, I express the ardent hope that you will bear with us, the Secretaries, in our administrative problems and aid us in every way in our purpose to carry out the will of the General Conference in its legislation regarding the missionary work of the Church.

Further, I desire to conclude by reporting that during the past six months of administrative contact with the Woman's Missionary Work of our Church I have come to the definite conviction that it is the finest piece of missionary organization on the American continent.

# TREASURER.

MRS. INA DAVIS FULTON.

## RECEIPTS BY DEPARTMENTS.

Conference.	Adult.	Young People.	Junior Divison.	Baby Divison.	Total.
Alabama.....	\$ 29,871 72	\$ 1,240 95	\$ 1,456 88	\$ 430 45	\$ 33,000 00
Arizona.....	1,480 93	11 37	48 65	1 94	1,542 89
Baltimore.....	30,150 42	5,054 68	2,428 67	366 23	38,000 00
Brazil.....	10 99				10 99
Central Texas.....	25,017 47	603 51	578 38	165 64	26,365 00
China Mission.....	99 36				99 36
Cuba.....	12 72				12 72
Denver.....	651 61	14 24	9 90	2 75	678 50
East Oklahoma.....	13,313 62	336 25	514 19	174 78	14,338 84
Florida.....	31,233 79	1,600 00	708 01	455 97	33,997 77
Holston.....	32,788 31	4,883 85	1,924 38	568 06	40,164 60
Illinois.....	951 12	1 35	7 66	31 83	991 96
Kentucky.....	18,020 81	2,528 67	870 70	130 02	21,550 00
Little Rock.....	23,400 00	1,500 00	887 40	112 60	25,900 00
Los Angeles.....	4,106 37		31 07		4,137 44
Louisiana.....	29,509 89	905 04	812 80	116 68	31,344 41
Louisville.....	21,493 72	2,029 65	936 44	182 46	24,642 27
Memphis.....	30,887 61	2,962 49	2,485 76	404 39	36,740 25
Mexico.....	64 25				64 25
Mississippi.....	20,896 89	436 97	1,026 14	135 00	22,495 00
Missouri.....	10,988 61	584 42	385 88	66 09	12,025 00
New Mexico.....	5,954 85	295 75	210 74	39 26	6,500 60
North Alabama.....	37,984 33	1,282 84	1,506 58	224 32	40,998 07
North Arkansas.....	19,424 10	736 58	561 66	76 17	20,798 51
North Carolina.....	40,092 57	1,792 20	4,201 29	701 48	46,787 54
North Georgia.....	45,540 04	3,999 96	5,263 96	1,236 04	56,040 00
North Mississippi.....	25,616 27	1,115 27	1,910 85	232 32	28,874 71
North Texas.....	30,034 16	996 90	579 14	385 69	31,995 89
Northwest.....	1,523 72	5 60	31 24	3 75	1,564 31
Northwest Texas.....	19,152 12	552 42	545 69	99 79	20,350 02
Pacific.....	3,518 38	60 50	50 55	8 69	3,638 12
South Carolina.....	23,154 89	797 64	1,151 52	140 93	25,244 48
South Georgia.....	56,592 32	398 66	1,921 00	648 12	59,560 10
Southwest Missouri.....	11,560 05	476 13	619 91	35 91	12,692 00
St Louis.....	9,995 75	769 00	239 45	10 80	11,015 00
Tennessee.....	25,500 00	2,000 00	1,538 42	461 58	29,500 00
Texas.....	29,999 00	400 76	825 45	374 79	31,600 00
Upper South Carolina.....	28,508 44	1,499 99	1,736 34	263 82	32,008 59
Virginia.....	47,513 45	5,556 71	1,924 08	336 75	55,330 99
West Oklahoma.....	9,361 23	442 75	263 94	110 42	10,178 34
West Texas.....	23,754 69	619 13	1,018 03	234 35	25,626 20
Western North Carolina.....	47,717 01	3,823 01	3,185 07	314 93	55,040 02
Western Virginia.....	11,676 38	1,594 13	649 28	88 51	14,008 30
Total.....	\$879,123 26	\$53,909 37	\$45,047 10	\$9,373 31	\$987,453 04
Total for 1925.....	863,096 66	55,314 38	47,257 07	9,364 79	975,032 90
Increase.....	\$ 16,027 10			\$ 8 52	\$ 12,420 14
Deficit.....		\$1,405 01	\$2,209 97		

## RECEIPTS FOR 1926.

Conference.	Foreign.	Home.	Scarritt.	Total.	Bennett Memorial.
Alabama.....	\$ 19,620 76	\$ 12,785 64	\$ 593 60	\$ 33,000 00	\$ 21,657 05
Arizona.....	864 47	474 00	206 42	1,542 89	100 00
Baltimore.....	22,914 74	14,563 25	522 01	38,000 00	6,564 28
Brazil.....	10,99			10 99	
Central Texas.....	16,576 48	9,184 27	604 25	26,365 00	10,238 00
China Mission.....	99 36			99 36	
Cuba Mission.....	7 63	5 09		12 72	
Denver.....	414 36	252 14	12 00	678 50	188 49
East Oklahoma.....	8,623 29	5,296 30	419 25	14,338 84	2,399 16
Florida.....	20,966 28	12,693 09	338 40	33,997 77	17,100 00
Holston.....	23,468 25	15,513 97	1,182 38	40,164 60	24,292 45
Illinois.....	592 53	399 43		991 96	34 73
Kentucky.....	12,716 13	8,400 22	433 65	21,550 00	6,469 97
Little Rock.....	15,583 48	10,095 79	220 73	25,900 00	2,172 10
Los Angeles.....	2,696 09	1,429 35	12 00	4,137 44	595 40
Louisiana.....	17,669 10	13,198 46	476 85	31,344 41	16,178 95
Louisville.....	15,018 68	9,583 29	40 30	24,642 27	8,051 70
Memphis.....	23,035 63	13,114 42	590 20	36,740 25	2,484 08
Mexico.....	64 25			64 25	
Mississippi.....	13,033 69	8,372 42	1,088 89	22,495 00	12,462 84
Missouri.....	6,871 37	4,436 18	717 45	12,025 00	10,309 94
New Mexico.....	3,910 86	2,435 74	154 00	6,500 60	858 35
North Alabama.....	25,367 30	14,847 42	783 35	40,998 07	15,101 49
North Arkansas.....	12,353 96	7,892 17	552 38	20,798 51	3,970 93
North Carolina.....	28,539 04	16,960 99	1,287 51	46,787 54	18,710 32
North Georgia.....	33,152 70	21,728 48	1,158 82	56,040 00	33,536 62
North Mississippi.....	17,713 01	10,811 30	350 40	28,874 71	11,171 29
North Texas.....	19,050 30	12,795 59	150 00	31,995 89	12,860 43
Northwest.....	933 23	627 08	4 00	1,564 31	3,043 15
Northwest Texas.....	12,374 59	7,505 03	470 40	20,350 02	14,676 51
Pacific.....	2,125 20	909 13	603 79	3,638 12	906 45
South Carolina.....	14,744 69	8,899 79	1,600 00	25,244 48	14,282 35
(Transfer)					435 50
South Georgia.....	33,972 86	24,190 40	1,396 84	59,560 10	28,761 36
Southwest Missouri.....	8,033 21	3,988 79	670 00	12,692 00	3,587 07
St. Louis.....	6,455 39	4,140 53	419 08	11,015 00	3,644 38
Tennessee.....	17,601 80	11,396 88	501 32	29,500 00	17,311 49
Texas.....	18,425 21	12,874 79	300 00	31,600 00	16,672 21
Upper South Carolina.....	19,043 71	11,924 88	1,040 00	32,008 59	7,245 51
Virginia.....	34,472 73	18,966 42	1,891 84	55,330 99	6,712 73
West Oklahoma.....	6,087 20	3,723 44	367 70	10,178 34	1,348 91
West Texas.....	16,061 14	9,332 01	233 05	25,626 20	3,742 50
Western North Carolina.....	33,206 11	21,089 85	744 06	55,040 02	19,003 03
Western Virginia.....	8,113 17	5,458 88	436 25	14,008 30	5,247 13
Total from Conferences.....	\$592,582 97	\$372,296 90	\$22,573 17	\$ 987,453 04	\$383,693 35
Other sources.....	39,007 80	42,160 74	1,851 75	83,020 29	4,033 64
Deacons & H. M. Conf.....					630 00
School funds.....		49,855 86		49,855 86	
Total.....	\$631,590 77	\$464,313 50	\$24,424 92	\$1,120,329 19	\$388,356 99



## DIVISION OF RECEIPTS.

Life Member .....	\$	3,324	39
Bible Women .....		36,692	09
Brevard Laundry Fund .....		953	75
Day schools .....		3,672	73
Dues .....		410,730	81
Holding building fund .....		11,871	04
Interest .....		27,302	80
Insurance collected—Virginia K. Johnson Home .....		1,000	00
Insurance—St. Mark's .....		500	00
Lon A. Hotchkiss Fund .....		1,028	89
Missionary Voice Fund .....		7,500	00
Mirianne Moore Steele Education Fund .....		20	00
Pledge .....		410,357	71
Retirement .....		15,552	68
Rent .....		425	00
Refunds .....		12,895	99
Special gifts .....		16,948	58
Scholarships .....		28,414	30
Sale of Anadarko property .....		1,361	73
Special for new missionaries .....		1,081	65
Specialized Training .....		365	00
Sales Literature .....		9,837	95
School funds (Home) .....		33,540	61
Scarritt .....		24,424	92
Vashti Building Fund and Special Gifts .....		4,325	00
Week of Prayer (balance, 1925) .....		892	50
Week of Prayer (balance, 1926) .....		54,077	98
Young Christian Worker .....		1,231	09

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\$1,120,329 19

*Centenary:*

Foreign .....	\$	39,184	18
Home .....		18,986	89—\$ 58,171 07

*Christian Education Fund:*

Home schools .....	\$	6,074	69
Scarritt .....		4,399	80— 10,474 49

*Bennett Memorial:*

From Conferences .....	\$383,693	35	
Deaconess Home Mission Conference .....		630	00
Gifts and Interest .....	4,033	64— 388,356 99	458,002 55

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Total receipts from all sources .....

\$1,577,331 74

Funds collected: Home .....	\$	81,775	00
Bennett Memorial certificates .....		177,450	00— 259,225 00

Total deposits .....	\$1,836,556	74
Bank balance, close of 1925 .....		380,049 83

Disbursements in 1926 .....	\$2,216,606	57
		1,275,537 82

Investments in 1926 .....	\$	941,068	75
		192,086	75

Advancements on 1927 .....	\$	748,982	00
		168,982	58

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Balance, February 1, 1927 .....

\$ 579,999 42

Balance accounted for as follows:

Foreign cash.....	\$125,876 55
Home cash.....	194,404 02
Home education.....	13,315 46
Bennett Memorial.....	177,990 95
United.....	40 31
Foreign Centenary.....	41,694 51
Home Centenary.....	18,658 92
Scarritt, regular.....	7,778 13
Scarritt, Christian Education.....	240 57

\$ 579,999 42

## DISBURSEMENTS FOR 1926—27.

## FOREIGN WORK.

	Total, 1926.	Amt. Adv. for 1927.
Annuities.....	\$ 2,066 55	
Bishops' travel.....	3,975 62	
Contingent.....	18,414 51	\$ 140 84
Inter-Board expense.....	3,150 00	
Investments: Bills receivable.	8,000 00	
Certificates of deposit....	6,658 00	
Retirement (missionaries)...	4,297 50	1,462 50
Scarritt College Library from Bell H. Bennett Bequest..	1,000 00	
Scarritt College: Eliza Gatlin Bequest.....	300 00	
Scarritt College appropri- ations.....	15,375 00	5,125 00
Special for new missionaries.	2,212 11	
Specialized training.....	1,543 05	445 50
Sallie Hendrix Bequest: Scar- ritt scholarships.....	719 90—	\$ 67,712 24
Brazil: Maintenance, salaries, scholarships, and miscel- laneous.....	38,545 94	12,160 32
China: Maintenance, sala- ries, scholarships, and miscellaneous.....	124,822 28	31,939 65
Woman's Union Medical Work.....	12,371 25	3,906 00
Centenary: Refund to Mc- Tyeire for finishing attic	7,500 00—	144,693 53
Congo: Maintenance, sala- ries, and miscellaneous.....	4,333 37	936 04
Cuba: Maintenance, salaries, and miscellaneous.....	15,583 39	6,049 42
Japan: Maintenance, sala- ries, and miscellaneous.....	44,199 64	21,992 25
Korea: Maintenance, sala- ries, and miscellaneous..	112,324 90	34,459 89
Carolina Institute from Week of Prayer.....	6,900 00	
Carolina Institute, heating plant, Week of Prayer..	4,438 88	
Centenary: Evangelistic Center.....	587 00—	124,250 78

	Total 1926.	Amt. Adv. for 1927.
Manchuria: Maintenance, salaries, and miscellaneous.....	\$ 6,416 47	\$ 2,952 52
Mexico: Maintenance, sala- ries, and miscellaneous....	\$ 62,411 41	21,344 58
Martha Owen Memorial Library (gift from Mrs. J. S. Hart by D. N. Owen).....	500 00—	62,911 41
Miscellaneous.....	118 00	
Total Foreign Work.....	\$508,764 77	\$ 142,914 51
Advanced in 1925 on 1926 work.....	87,893 34	

## DISBURSEMENTS FOR 1926-27.

## HOME WORK.

	Total, 1926.	Amt. Adv. for 1927
Annuities.....	\$ 831 50	
Brown and Dyson Bequests for dormitory at William and Mary College at re- quest of donors.....	8,371 74	
Contingent.....	6,219 63	\$ 140 83
Investments: Bills receivable	38,250 00	
Certificates of deposit....	953 75	
Retirement (Home workers).	4,607 47	336 66
Scarritt College for library: Bell H. Bennett Bequest..	1,000 00	
Scholarships.....	11,490 92	
Scarritt appropriations....	15,375 00	5,125 00
Terry, Tex., Special.....	450 00	
Repairs on Jo Johnson Prop- erty.....	6 00—	\$ 87,556 01
Bible teachers.....	7,044 30	820 77
City Mission and Conference enterprise.....	\$9,045 00	
Birmingham City Mission.	550 00	50 00
Fort Worth City Mission.	916 63	83 33
Pacific, San Francisco....	366 63—	10,878 26
Cuban Work: Ruth Har- grove.....	\$3,091 29	265 00
Rosa Valdez Settlement...	4,586 43	285 00
Wolff Settlement and Ur- ban Bird Clinic.....	5,158 50—	12,836 22
Macon Door of Hope.....	16 85	
Virginia Johnson Home: Maintenance.....	11,574 56	1,793 30
Vashti Industrial School: Maintenance.....	\$22,614 67	1,249 98
Centenary: New building.	5,084 25—	27,698 92
Gulf Coast Work: Biloxi....	\$ 4,029 59	351 25
Galveston.....	2,200 00	200 00
Houma.....	9,097 00	741 66
New Orleans.....	6,327 19—	21,654 28
		467 16



	Total 1926.	Amt. Adv. for 1927.
Mexican Work: Holding In- stitute.....	\$18,922 79	\$ 1,145 83
Homer Toberman.....	4,119 21	34 08
Mexican Day Schools....	1,769 24	386 66
San Antonio Wesley House	2,679 79	262 91
Valley Institute.....	3,584 75—	375 00
	\$100,192 02	
Work with Miners: Harts- horne.....	\$ 916 63	83 33
Picher.....	600 00	75 00
Phoenix.....	825 00	75 00
Thurber.....	916 63	83 33
West Virginia Coal Fields.	4,725 00—	425 00
	7,983 26	
Sue Bennett School: Mainte- nance.....	\$34,082 93	1,291 66
Week of Prayer.....	21,189 89	
Centenary: Building.....	1,488 00—	
	56,760 82	
Brevard Institute: Mainte- nance.....	20,555 02	1,333 33
Negro Work:		
Bethlehem House, Augusta	\$ 3,144 00	258 00
Bethlehem Center, Nash- ville.....	7,303 40	626 50
Paine Annex: Maintenance	7,852 94	746 21
Centenary: Building....	25,258 92	
Bethlehem Center, Nash- ville Week of Prayer...	1,148 06	
Interracial Commission...	2,000 00—	
	46,707 32	
Wesley House, St. Joseph, Mo., Centenary.....	25,000 00	
Pacific Coast Work: San Francisco Wesley House.....	7,339 05	100 00
Deaconess Expense and Travel.....	3,187 03	150 00
Foreign language study.....	12 00	
Furloughs.....	1,650 00	450 00
Inter-Board Work.....	345 00	
Interdenominational Work.....	350 00	
MacDonell Lectureship.....	2,500 00	
Miscellaneous.....	664 20	
Christian Educaion: Bre- vard.....	\$ 427 56	
Sue Bennett.....	1,053 95—	
	1,481 51	
Total Home Work.....	\$453,986 63	\$ 20,215 11
Advances in 1925 for 1926 Work.....	20,118 11	
UNITED FUND.		
Scarritt College for Christian Workers: Regular funds.	\$ 16,646 79	
Christian Education.....	4,159 23—	\$ 20,806 02
Bennett Memorial Invest- ments.....	\$138,250 00	
Payments on new building and Campaign expenses	251,856 56—	\$390,106 56
From United Fund, tax on Junaluska.....	16 25	
Total United Fund.....	\$410,928 83	
Advances in 1925 for 1926 Work.....	50,000 00	

## ADMINISTRATION.

Salaries: Secretaries and Treasurer.....	\$ 10,250 00	\$ 750 00
Clerical Help: Office expense and travel....	8,267 11	851 14
Board meetings.....	3,392 00	100 00
Regional Conference.....	632 91	
Rent.....	3,585 21	
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Total Administration.....	\$26,127 23	\$1,701 14
Advances in 1925 for 1926 Work.....	2,094 74	

## EDUCATION AND PROMOTION SECTION.

President of Council: Office expense and travel.....	\$ 1,125 00	\$ 375 00
Vice President: Office expense and travel....	150 00	
Recording Secretary: Office expense and travel.....	150 00	
Superintendent: Social Service.....	2,000 00	550 00
Superintendents—Young People, Juniors: Office expense and travel.....	5,337 68	565 58
Secretaries: Salaries.....	8,250 00	750 00
Clerical help: Office expense and travel....	7,638 86	671 56
Student Secretaries: Salaries and travel....	1,600 00	
Young People's Secretary.....	125 00	
Pastors' meetings.....	535 00	
Executive and special committee meetings..	2,058 38	249 91
Literature Committee.....	34 05	
Council meeting.....	7,200 70	
Literature (including annual reports, mailing, etc.).....	25,740 49	978 77
Schools of Missions.....	1,141 40	
<i>Young Christian Worker</i> .....	1,157 36	11 00
Deaconess and missionary travel.....	400 00	
Rent.....	3,173 19	
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Total Education and Promotion.....	\$ 67,817 11	\$4,151 82
Advances in 1925 for 1926 Work.....	2,479 33	

## SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS\* 1926.

Foreign Work.....	\$508,764 77	
Home Work.....	453,986 63	
United Funds (Bennett Memorial and Scarritt).....	410,928 83	
Administration.....	26,127 23	
Education and Promotion.....	67,817 11	\$1,467,624 57

## SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS ADVANCED FOR 1927.

Foreign Work.....	\$142,914 51	
Home Work.....	20,215 11	
Administration.....	1,701 14	
Education and Promotion.....	4,151 82	168,982 58
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Total Disbursements.....	\$1,636,607 15	

## STATEMENT OF ANNUITIES, DECEMBER 31, 1925.

## FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

	ORIGINAL VALUE.	INTEREST INCREASE.	INTEREST DECREASE.	BOOK VALUE.
Mrs. S. E. Allen.....	\$ 500 00	\$ 19 99		\$ 519 99
Mrs. Belinda Barcroft....	500 00	97 70		597 70
Mrs. Nencie Bevan.....	4,000 00		238 38	3,761 62
Miss Elizabeth Billingsly..	500 00		19 80	480 20
Miss Mary E. Borden.....	2,000 00		120 00	1,880 00
Mrs. Mary Fulton Carter..	1,000 00		51 91	948 09
Rev. J. J. Dickey.....	4,500 00		638 10	3,861 90
Miss Amelia Elerding.....	4,000 00		167 56	3,832 44
Mrs. Lillian R. Everett....	3,000 00		44 79	2,955 21
Miss Sally Fulton.....	1,000 00		127 24	872 76
Mrs. S. S. Harris.....	500 00		22 84	477 16
Miss Ella D. Haut.....	500 00		12 96	487 04
Miss Annie Lewis.....	500 00	31 72		531 72
Mrs. M. P. Livenberger..	100 00		1 28	98 72
Mrs. Mary O. McCord.....	1,000 00	45 27		1,045 27
Mrs. Anna S. Nunnally....	1,000 00		34 65	965 35
Mrs. Sarah F. Reynolds....	682 92			682 92
Mrs. J. J. Rogers.....	1,000 00			1,000 00
Miss Jessie Schriver.....	3,000 00		142 17	2,857 83
Miss Lizzie Wells.....	100 00		2 78	97 22
Miss May L. Wightman..	3,000 00		8 87	2,991 13
Mrs. S. A. Wolf.....	500 00		35 01	464 99
Total.....	\$32,882 92	\$194 68	\$1,668 32	\$31,409 26

## HOME DEPARTMENT.

Mrs. S. E. Allen.....	\$ 500 00	\$ 33 59	\$ 466 41
Mrs. Nencie Bevan.....	3,500 00	\$ 23 28	3,523 28
Miss Elizabeth Billingsly..	500 00	23 46	476 54
Miss Mary E. Borden.....	2,000 00	127 34	1,872 66
Mrs. H. E. Connor.....	300 00	7 25	292 75
Miss Sally S. Fulton.....	1,000 00	130 97	869 03
Miss Annie Lewis.....	500 00	25 30	525 30
Mrs. Mary O. McCord....	1,000 00	51 21	1,051 21
Mrs. J. S. Osborn.....	600 00	21 31	578 69
Miss Jessie Schriver.....	2,000 00	127 32	1,872 68
Misses Henley.....	125 00	38	124 62
Mrs. L. P. Smith.....	500 00	1 89	498 11
Mrs. S. A. Wolf.....	500 00	40 11	459 89
Total.....	\$13,025 00	\$ 99 79	\$ 12,611 17

## SUMMARY:

Foreign.....	\$31,409 26
Home.....	12,611 17—\$44,020 43

## STATEMENT OF BEQUESTS, DECEMBER 31, 1926.

## FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

Miss Ellen Alfter.....	\$ 219 31
Miss Belle H. Bennett.....	4,000 00
Rev. John R. Brooks.....	3,000 00
Mrs. Sallie Deering.....	1,000 00
Mrs. Eliza Gatlin.....	1,500 00
Mrs. Julia J. Hayes.....	2,375 00
Mrs. Sallie J. Hendricks..	8,250 00
Mrs. Fannie Holt.....	250 00
Mrs. Clara C. Ross.....	10,000 00
Mrs. Eliza O. Scott.....	1,200 00
Mrs. Caroline Stonestreet Thomas..	500 00
Mrs. Ada E. Umberger.....	1,400 00
Mrs. Kate E. Zimmerman..	500 00
Total.....	\$34,194 31



## HOME DEPARTMENT.

Miss Ellen Alfter and Miss Margaret Lacey.....	\$ 863 28
Miss Belle H. Bennett.....	4,000 00
Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Carlisle.....	2,600 00
Mrs. T. T. Hillman.....	10,000 00
Mrs. Clara C. Ross.....	3,000 00
Homer Toberman.....	20,000 00
Mrs. Kate E. Zimmerman.....	500 00
Total.....	\$40,963 28

## SUMMARY.

Foreign.....	\$34,194 31
Home.....	40,963 28—\$75,157 59

STATEMENT OF PERMANENT ENDOWMENTS,  
DECEMBER 31, 1926.

## FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

Lon Hotchkiss Scholarship (Scarritt College).....	\$ 4,200 00
Mrs. Mary J. Snider Fund (China Medical Work).....	1,000 00
Virginia Conference Scholarship.....	700 00
Total.....	\$ 5,900 00

## HOME DEPARTMENT.

Spencer Scholarship (Brevard Institute).....	3,200 00
Education and City Mission Fund.....	10,000 00
South Georgia Conference Scholarship (Scarritt College).....	3,000 00
McKenzie Scholarship (Scarritt College).....	5,000 00
McEachern Fund.....	22,550 00
Total.....	\$43,750 00

## SUMMARY.

Foreign.....	5,900 00
Home.....	43,750 00—\$49,650 00

## PROPERTY ACCOUNT.

## FOREIGN.

Brazil.....	\$ 861,308 00
China.....	1,022 250 00
Congo.....	8,233 00
Cuba.....	347,600 00
Japan.....	227,960 00
Korea.....	304,825 00
Mexico.....	645,000 00
Total.....	\$3,417,176 00

## HOME.

Bethlehem House, Augusta, Ga.....	7,550 00
Bethlehem Center, Nashville, Tenn.....	60,000 00
Brevard Institute, Brevard, N. C.....	246,000 00
Dinuba, Calif.....	7,000 00
Door of Hope, Macon, Ga.....	9,000 00
Holding Institute, Laredo, Tex.....	279,116 00
Homer Toberman Clinic and Settlement, Los Angeles....	150,000 00
Japanese Work, Oakland, Calif.....	5,000 00
Keener Cottage, Seashore Camp Ground, Miss.....	4,000 00
MacDonell Wesley Community House, Houma, La.....	50,500 00

Mary Elizabeth Inn, San Francisco, Calif.....	\$ 200,000 00
Mary Helm Hall, Alameda, Calif.....	20,000 00
Methodist Dormitory, Denton, Tex.....	65,000 00
Methodist Dormitory, Norman, Okla.....	125,000 00
Methodist Dormitory, Austin, Tex.....	150,000 00
Methodist Dormitory, Columbia, Mo.....	150,000 00
Lots in Florida (near De Land).....	6,000 00
Paine Annex, Augusta, Ga.....	158,901 00
Rosa Valdes Settlement, Tampa, Fla.....	35,000 00
Ruth Hargrove Settlement, Key West, Fla.....	8,250 00
Scarritt Bible and Training School, Kansas City, Mo.....	85,300 00
St. Mark's Hall, New Orleans, La.....	151,900 00
Sue Bennett Memorial School, London, Ky.....	271,190 00
Tucker Cottage, Nashville, Tenn.....	3,000 00
Vashti Industrial School, Thomasville, Ga.....	195,084 00
Virginia K. Johnson Home, Dallas, Tex.....	125,000 00
Wesley Community House, Biloxi, Miss.....	12,000 00
Wesley Community House, San Francisco, Calif.....	80,000 00
Wesley Community House, St. Joseph, Mo.....	25,000 00
Wesley Community House, West Virginia Coal Fields.....	22,500 00
Wolf Settlement, Ybor City, Tampa, Fla.....	15,000 00
Total.....	\$2,722,291 00

## RECEIPTS SINCE ORGANIZATION.

	Foreign Work.	Home Work.	City Missions.
1878-79.....	\$ 4,014 27		
1879-80.....	13,775 97		
1880-81.....	19,362 10		
1881-82.....	25,609 44		
1882-83.....	29,647 31		
1883-84.....	38,873 52		
1884-85.....	52,652 12		
1885-86.....	51,588 76		
1886-87.....	50,092 63	\$ 261 55	
1887-88.....	69,729 65	3,837 51	
1888-89.....	68,165 34	4,258 40	
1889-90.....	75,476 54	2,954 88	
1890-91.....	85,969 44	3,046 83	
1891-92.....	66,448 59	3,727 51	
1892-93.....	71,199 12	4,628 20	
1893-94.....	66,377 90	4,995 37	
1894-95.....	63,951 98	8,457 87	
1895-96.....	74,403 16	17,553 79	
1896-97.....	82,880 47	15,346 11	
1897-98.....	86,418 76	18,896 43	
1898-99.....	83,587 07	31,566 82	
1899-1900.....	94,638 55	33,914 04	\$ 5,400 92
Twentieth-century offering.....	2,426 39		
1900-01.....	82,674 22	48,249 17	6,237 76
Twentieth-century offering.....	36,135 45		Voucher.
1901-02.....	104,017 97	46,197 27	4,186 12
1902-03.....	112,458 78	51,799 56	6,105 50
1903-04.....	132,143 37	59,414 98	11,110 23
1904-05.....	146,151 51	74,574 31	19,585 64
1905-06.....	155,951 10	79,975 74	21,587 57
1906-07.....	174,597 82	100,996 65	22,985 27
1907-08.....	226,192 88	118,044 64	29,864 98
1908-09.....	235,440 97	127,093 97	40,724 53
Sale of property.....	23,737 31		

	Foreign Work.	Home Work.	City Missions.
1909-10 .....	\$254,554 75	\$139,799 19	\$42,770 68
Sale of property....	10,007 71		
1910-11 .....	274,355 17	151,209 39	54,303 06
Sale of property....	5,797 90		
1911.....	244,952 44	141,587 41	46,851 33
1912.....	292,206 14	181,461 42	59,677 45
Sale of property....	1,617 81		
1913.....	282,684 75	198,277 11	69,596 19
1914.....	277,569 09	186,747 68	81,160 91
1915.....	292,629 61	199,384 26	76,584 95
1916.....	318,395 94	212,314 75	69,540 54
1917.....	350,545 95	225,581 62	76,687 12
1918.....	410,277 42	264,205 25	81,418 77
1919.....	481,114 52	386,052 13	88,906 92
1920.....	556,342 56	400,292 31	98,420 67
1921.....	544,738 16	402,749 68	135,500 76
1922.....	529,547 08	397,029 80	105,448 00
1923.....	544,225 66	412,762 28	64,093 66
1924.....	562,656 01	451,654 16	59,258 89
1925.....	629,672 80	455,857 57	.....
1926.....	631,590 77	464,313 50	.....
Centenary, 1920.....	498,511 35	174,583 12	.....
Centenary, 1921.....	479,490 31	164,501 94	.....
Centenary, 1922.....	152,311 70	27,594 34	.....
Centenary, 1923.....	285,678 84	106,430 29	.....
Centenary, 1924.....	78,683 48	3,152 25	.....
Centenary, 1925.....	81,348 26	24,471 26	.....
Centenary, 1926.....	39,184 18	18,986 81	.....
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	\$11,817,485 82	\$6,650,771 12	\$1,378,008 42

## SCARRITT FUNDS.

Balance on hand from 1915.....	\$	2,025 40
Amount received in 1916.....		7,028 12
1917.....		7,256 53
1918.....		6,206 98
1919.....		12,992 45
1920.....		16,791 38
1921.....		27,095 55
1922.....		25,228 50
1923.....		22,078 42
1924.....		32,757 15
1924 Centenary.....		331 32
1925.....		22,284 16
1926.....		24,424 92
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	\$	206,500 88

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CAMPAIGN FUNDS.

1921: Home schools.....	\$	6,101 82
1922: Home schools.....		12,102 80
1923: Home schools.....		9,131 95
1924: Home schools.....		7,512 20
1925: Home schools.....		7,720 81
1926: Home schools.....		6,074 69
1921: Scarritt.....		2,806 00
1922: Scarritt.....		9,279 90
1923: Scarritt.....		7,096 45
1924: Scarritt.....		6,527 26
1925: Scarritt.....		4,596 04
1926: Scarritt.....		4,399 80
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	\$	83,349 72



## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL.

## BENNETT MEMORIAL FUNDS.

1923: Bennett Memorial.....	\$	46,325 07
1924: Bennett Memorial.....		80,228 92
1925: Bennett Memorial.....		124,673 57
1926: Bennett Memorial.....		388,356 99
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	\$	689,584 55
Great grand total cash.....	\$	19,397,692 09

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND PROMOTION ORGANIZATION

MRS. B. W. LIPSCOMB, SECRETARY

IN the good providence of our God we have labored together through another year and at this auspicious time come to give an account of our stewardship. This report is made with mingled feelings—joy in achievements, sorrow for failures, but withal deep gratitude for the privileges of service and a sense of the divine leadership and human companionship as we served.

### ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP.

The year's record indicates advance for this department. There are 6,439 adult auxiliaries with 190,697 members. This is a gain of 128 auxiliaries and 5,140 members. The total membership, including young people and junior's, is 10,758 auxiliaries and 289,014 members. The Conferences making the greatest gains in organizations are: Florida, 45; Louisiana, 18; Kentucky, 15; Arizona, 14, and in members, Florida, 2,541; Holston, 1,027; North Georgia, 979. I am persuaded that the gain in organizations has been made by unremitting efforts in that area of the Church's life where the lines are hard to hold and have been offset by many losses in the same area. It is interesting to study the losses and gains in auxiliaries in a number of Conferences. One Conference organized 14 new auxiliaries and had no net gain. In order to show a net gain of 3, 14 auxiliaries were organized in another Conference. Florida organized 45 and showed a net gain of 45.

It is necessary that we lay wise plans for salvaging the missionary interest that is dissipated when these organizations collapse. An adaption of the Gibson membership may save the situation.

### AS TOLD BY THE TREASURER.

The financial achievements of the year are noteworthy. The collections from the Conferences are \$12, 420.14 in advance of 1925. There is cause for much gratification in this fact, since this gain was made while a great special enterprise was most successfully accomplished. In this gain 26 Conferences participated. Florida leads with \$6,012.58 (21%); Western North Carolina, \$4,676.27; West Texas, \$2,140.26; Memphis, \$2,408.35; Louisiana, \$1,823.28; Virginia, \$1,785.85. The pledge made at Council last year lacked less than \$4,000 of being entirely redeemed; 26 Conferences met the pledge in full or overpaid it. Other Conferences had a very small deficit. It is doubtful whether in the history of any department of our Church the regular income has ever grown while such pressure was put on a special not included in the regular income. We cannot contemplate it without consciousness of a great supporting body and a deep feeling of security for our regular work. We rejoice in it as the natural fruitage

of the unremitting educational and inspirational policy of this body, and we pledge ourselves anew to the support of the policy.

MISSIONARY EDUCATION AND BIBLE STUDY.

The work of this department has gone steadily forward, and great interest and efficiency have been manifested by those leading in Conferences and auxiliaries. The reports indicate that a better standard of work is being reached by the classes although there is room for great advance here. Especially is improvement to be noted in regard to frequency of class sessions whereby the courses are finished in briefer periods.

The following figures are gathered from reports of Conference Superintendents:

Total number of Mission Study classes reported by Conference Superintendents, 8,200, an increase of 442 over 1925.

Adult . . . . .	5,359
Young People . . . . .	1,248
Juniors . . . . .	1,593

Total number enrolled in these classes, 165,997.

Conferences leading in Mission Study as reported by Superintendents: North Alabama, North Georgia, Holston.

Total number of classes reported by enrollment cards: 3,648 (Mission and Bible Study), increase of 320 over 1925.

Conferences leading in Mission Study as reported by enrollment cards: North Mississippi, Holston, Western North Carolina.

Leading books for the year: "Prayer and Missions," "New Days in Latin America," and "Moslem Women."

Total number of Bible Study classes reported by Conference Superintendents: 4,896, an increase of 72 over 1925.

Adult . . . . .	3,948
Young People . . . . .	671
Juniors . . . . .	277

Conferences leading in Bible Study as reported by Superintendents: North Georgia, Holston, North Alabama.

Conferences leading in Bible Study as reported by enrollment cards, North Mississippi, Holston, North Texas.

SCHOOLS OF MISSIONS.

The Summer Schools of Missions at Junaluska and Sequoyah were held jointly with those of the Sunday School Board. This affiliation has been most gratifying as to spirit and results and should become a permanent phase of the educational efforts of our Boards. Interdenominational Schools of Missions for women have been held at St. Petersburg, Fla.; Baltimore, Md.; New Orleans, La.; Dallas, Tex.; Houston, Tex.; Los Angeles, Mills College, and Mount Herman, Calif., in which Methodist women have had leading parts.



## NEW MISSION STUDY COURSES.

The subject for study for 1927-28 is "The Essentially Missionary Character of Christianity." After a series of books on particular fields and problems of home and foreign missions offered separately through these agencies, it is felt that some basic courses are required which will give a fresh interpretation of Christianity itself as a missionary religion and which view conditions and needs throughout the whole world to-day from a standpoint of one great mission transcending all distinctions between "home" and "foreign." It is hoped that these books will form permanent units in the expanding curriculum of missionary education.

Plans are being made to translate the Woman's book, "A Straight Way to To-Morrow," issued by the Central Committee, into the languages of the Orient and Latin America so that it may be used by the women of those lands. It seems that Mission Study is being inaugurated around the world. Recommendations regarding the courses will come from the Committee. In my written report of last year, I made special mention of Miss Estelle Haskin's splendid contribution to the Missionary Education Movement through her book, "Building the Americas." Miss Haskin has done another service for Missionary Education Movement since the last Council meeting by supervising the preparation of a project study of the Negro for children. The movement is most appreciative of Miss Haskin's work, and we as an organization have just reason to be very proud of it.

## DISTRICT AND ZONE MEETINGS.

The plans for zone organizations laid at the last Council meeting have gone forward in a gratifying way. A leaflet of suggestions was prepared immediately after Council. The great majority of the district secretaries have inaugurated these plans where at all possible and many successful meetings have been held. The responsibility for making programs has been left to the individual zone leaders, and they have been encouraged to send these programs to my office that they might serve as suggestions to other leaders.

Reports as to the number of zone meetings held came from only 9 Conferences; 216 meetings were reported. Reports from the Louisiana Conference show that 773 auxiliary members and 174 guests attended 75 meetings.

Special meeting for instruction of newly elected officers has come to be a feature of the year in several districts. The suggestion has been passed on to the whole body of district secretaries and is receiving a cordial adoption. This should be an item of the policy of every district. In city districts this kind of meeting is easy to put on. In rural districts the first round of zone meetings for the year can be devoted to such a program.

## TRAVEL AND OFFICE.

For two months and more my personal attention to work was interrupted by order of the doctor. I am sure that this fact was not apparent to the Conference women and that in no wise the work suffered, for with the most

beautiful consideration my Secretary sisters assumed the responsibility of it and carried it forward most efficiently. I am due a great debt of gratitude to them and to my office secretary, Miss Lucy Russell.

Throughout the year the usual correspondence has been conducted from the office in response to requests for help or where suggestions regarding new plans have been needed. Much time has been given to participation in Conference meetings and Summer Schools of Missions.

The personal contacts of these meetings bring great joy and blessing and deepen confidence in and gratitude for the Conference and auxiliary leaders. Some one will come forward some day with a worthy tribute to the missionary women. This secretary envies that gifted one, but can only pay the tribute in "God bless you."

#### BOARD OF MISSIONS.

The reorganization of the Board of Missions under the legislation enacted by the last General Conference made all departments of the Woman's Work parallel with the departments of the General Work, and this office has become the official representative of the Board of Missions for the educational and promotional work of the women. With this change has come increased responsibility, which we who are associated in the department have striven to meet in the way that would be creditable and satisfactory to the great body of women whose interests are served by this department of the Board of Missions. We can bear united testimony of the unflinching and sincere interest of our General Secretary, Dr. Cram, in every detail of the Woman's Work and to his zeal to conserve under the new organization the privileges and prestige of the Woman's Work.

#### SUPPLIES.

This line of our work had multiplied its achievements during 1926 and substantial help given the institutions and workers under the direction of the Council

The Tennessee Conference deserves special mention for a generous Thanksgiving shower for Scarritt College.

The North Texas Conference leads in donations and the North Georgia Conference in value of supplies.

Little opportunity for close contact with the women who conduct this work is afforded, owing to the fact that they report only once each year, but I would take this opportunity for broadcasting to them a message of sincerest appreciation for their efficient, loving service.

REPORT OF SUPPLIES BY CONFERENCES FOR 1926.

CONFERENCES	Donations to In-stitutions.	Donations to Preachers.	Total Number of Donations.	Value of Dona-tions.
Alabama.....	199	9	208	\$ 4,688 82
Arizona.....	3	4	7	143 34
Baltimore.....	318	39	357	5,871 04
Central Texas.....	266	8	274	8,738 00
Denver.....				
East Oklahoma.....	6	20	26	562 00
Florida.....	109	109	218	5,270 69
Holston.....	47	8	55	959 00
Illinois.....				
Kentucky.....	31	13	44	1,218 30
Little Rock.....	6	44	50	2,630 85
Los Angeles.....				1,542 45
Louisiana.....	599		599	7,705 55
Louisville.....	40	106	146	5,281 25
Memphis.....	260	7	267	7,334 33
Mississippi.....	185		185	3,686 49
Missouri.....	101		101	2,205 05
New Mexico.....	4	4	8	218 75
North Alabama.....	105	53	158	3,674 54
North Arkansas.....	79	27	106	1,322 85
North Carolina.....	18	11	29	617 50
North Georgia.....	320	18	338	11,204 42
North Mississippi.....	34	20	54	1,038 00
North Texas.....	819	15	834	9,678 99
Northwest.....			4	64 70
Northwest Texas.....	95	10	105	2,651 46
Pacific.....	5		5	55 35
St. Louis.....	66	37	103	4,108 36
South Carolina.....	65	27	92	1,348 43
South Georgia.....	88	22	110	2,388 65
Southwest Missouri.....	128	6	134	4,469 70
Tennessee.....	179	27	206	3,806 10
Texas.....	135	22	157	2,372 61
Upper South Carolina.....	80	58	138	2,071 31
Virginia.....	77	7	84	9,449 43
Western North Carolina.....	79	24	103	2,778 16
West Oklahoma.....	40	9	49	1,650 15
West Texas.....	59	1	60	1,468 76
Western Virginia.....	18	9	27	513 75
Total.....	4,663	774	5,441	\$124,789 13



STATISTICS FROM CONFERENCES FOR 1926.

CONFERENCES.	Adult Auxiliaries.	Adult Members.	Young People's Auxiliaries.	Young People's Members.	Junior Divisiona.	Junior Members.	Baby Division.	Baby Members.	Auxiliaries Ob-serving Week of Prayer.	Auxiliaries on Roll of Honor.
Alabama.....	235	5,442	71	1,081	109	2,140	106	2,098	204	92
Arizona.....	35	502	2	25	7	150	3	42	15	1
Baltimore.....	203	6,017	119	2,530	120	2,893	98	1,335	298	103
Central Texas.....	221	6,226	34	407	74	2,975	30	524	114	16
Denver.....	7	228	2	6	1	23	1	10	4	.....
East Oklahoma.....	148	4,011	16	264	28	575	30	483	117	39
Florida.....	246	10,265	61	861	64	999	55	576	135	62
Holston.....	188	8,302	90	2,159	87	2,848	58	1,545	226	121
Illinois.....	28	896	.....	.....	16	126	10	17	.....	.....
Kentucky.....	112	3,260	52	1,083	46	1,205	31	155	103	38
Little Rock.....	126	3,830	35	549	40	871	24	316	83	17
Los Angeles.....	20	814	.....	.....	4	115	1	4	12	1
Louisiana.....	176	5,223	21	250	35	870	27	195	119	55
Louisville.....	216	5,092	68	1,168	60	1,408	46	633	179	62
Memphis.....	209	6,882	81	1,423	107	2,510	117	2,035	196	112
Mississippi.....	196	4,348	20	430	66	729	23	268	105	26
Missouri.....	120	3,209	34	395	37	821	38	285	101	45
New Mexico.....	57	1,186	14	250	16	301	9	123	35	9
North Alabama.....	228	6,470	53	678	89	2,240	71	955	146	.....
North Arkansas.....	155	4,223	20	366	47	1,041	29	284	109	28
North Carolina.....	282	7,870	73	1,156	150	4,433	78	1,279	245	56
North Georgia.....	416	13,460	91	1,900	292	8,078	274	9,824	318	61
North Mississippi.....	203	5,347	80	1,689	110	4,611	56	1,306	159	114
North Texas.....	172	5,191	29	560	35	948	34	1,023	91	14
Northwest.....	24	486	.....	.....	2	57	1	24	14	.....
Northwest Texas.....	170	3,631	15	293	31	1,281	28	644	70	34
Pacific.....	42	994	4	49	11	384	5	65	28	1
St. Louis.....	93	2,700	24	528	23	520	10	162	65	26
South Carolina.....	172	5,364	62	933	50	1,001	30	382	125	.....
South Georgia.....	256	7,437	41	83	142	3,634	115	2,032	140	.....
Southwest Missouri.....	104	3,305	20	559	36	995	25	312	82	10
Tennessee.....	197	5,559	64	1,107	98	1,991	114	2,317	177	94
Texas.....	207	5,156	39	899	59	1,191	61	1,213	167	74
Upper South Carolina.....	215	5,898	49	706	91	2,114	68	1,014	174	63
Virginia.....	371	13,729	193	4,809	154	3,880	136	1,510	317	116
Western North Carolina.....	224	7,769	93	2,016	107	3,172	86	1,266	127	53
West Oklahoma.....	112	3,522	36	334	23	730	11	122	61	15
West Texas.....	171	4,863	23	360	57	1,125	37	645	125	26
Western Virginia.....	82	2,490	34	809	32	692	26	316	76	49
Total.....	6,439	190,697	1,763	32,640	2,556	65,677	2,002	37,805	4,862	1,647

## LITERATURE AND PUBLICITY.

SARA ESTELLE HASKIN, SECRETARY

The period covered by this report marks the close of one quadrennium and the beginning of another involving the adjustments which always hinder the regular routine of work. The Literature Committee was not able to hold its meeting until after the middle of June, nearly a month later than usual, and then under the most difficult circumstances—one being that the Secretary in charge had not been able to outline lines of thinking for the 1927 programs. The needs of the department were considered by the committee and the general plans outlined for the year. The work was further perfected through correspondence and consultation with different members of the committee.

### PROGRAM MATERIAL.

The Yearbook for 1927 continues to carry a number of discussion programs on general missionary topics of special interest in the present world situation. They carry in addition three programs dealing entirely with our work and two that are distinctly social service. The Yearbook is a peace issue, carrying pictures of the Peace Palace and Edwin Markham's poem, "The Christ of the Andes." There are a number of other special features in the way of Service Leadership and Information Tests which constitute an innovation.

The Young People's Yearbook carries programs on the 1927 specials, Hiroshima Girls' School and St. Mark's Hall. These programs present missionary topics on these two institutions and also devotional discussion periods for getting acquainted with Jesus. These devotional periods are calculated to provoke original thinking, and space is given in the book for "My Own Estimate of Jesus." Other special features of this book are: Worship Services, Suggestions for Japanese Ceremonials, and Christmas Gifts for St. Mark's, also Information and Fellowship Tests and Hints for Personal and Group Service.

We were most fortunate in having the services of Miss Julia Stevens, who has had a term of service in Hiroshima Girls' School, for the preparation of the program material suggested in the Yearbook. Leaflets bearing on these programs were written by her and are proving interesting and acceptable to the constituency.

Many difficulties were encountered in executing plans for the children's material for 1927. The General Conference legislation concerning juniors eliminated the large group of children of primary age from the joint society, consequently a yearbook for the children's work was wholly impractical. The only way out of the difficulty seemed to be to eliminate the yearbook for the present and prepare two sets of Helps for Leaders,

one for Junior Leaders and one for Primary Leaders. Picture sheets are being prepared to accompany each of these.

#### ADDITIONAL LITERATURE.

The beginning of a new quadrennium has made necessary a revision and a reprint of much of the organization material. The entire set of programs for new societies is being revised and reprinted. As time will permit and occasion arises, we are adding leaflets to the regular stock and keeping on hand certain pamphlets and leaflets from other mission boards and other organizations. There is a constant demand for a larger stock than we are able to produce because of lack of sufficient office force and sufficient funds.

#### PUBLICITY.

The *Missionary Bulletin* has been furnished the Auxiliary Publicity Superintendents as usual. In addition, notices and items have been occasionally furnished the Woman's Pages in the Conference organs and numerous letters written the Conference Superintendents of Publicity in response to inquiries concerning plans and methods. The greatest demand of this part of the work is for posters, which we have never been financially able to supply.

#### FINANCES.

We give below a statement of the receipts of the department for 1926 and a classified statement of expenditures:

#### *Financial Statement.*

##### RECEIPTS.

Appropriation.....	\$17,260 00	
Sales.....	10,542 62	—\$27,802 62

##### EXPENDITURES.

Council Minutes.....	\$ 3,556 58	
Organization material (including leaflets, report books, certificates, mite boxes, etc.).....	3,482 31	
Program material for adults, young people, juniors, and primaries.....	4,882 02	
Yearbooks.....	2,913 10	
Week of Prayer.....	1,159 56	
Missionary Bulletins.....	1,037 21	
Council Bulletin.....	527 05	
Pageants and plays.....	213 86	
Reports and programs for Council.....	374 89	
Miscellaneous (including books bought and sold)\$	1,611 06	
Service Department.....	6,750 00	—\$26,507 64
Balance.....		\$ 1,294 98



## SALES ITEMS.

Record Books . . . . .	\$ 2,307 79
Yearbooks . . . . .	3,374 01
Miscellaneous . . . . .	707 91
Council Minutes . . . . .	229 54
Council Bulletin . . . . .	396 40
Plays, pageants, and pins . . . . .	707 72
Mission study books . . . . .	1,246 80
Mrs. Cobb's story . . . . .	7 50
Intimate Glimpses . . . . .	29 38
Studies in Prophecy . . . . .	107 74
Conference sales . . . . .	663 17
Supplies to Lamar & Whitmore . . . . .	769 66
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Total receipts . . . . .	\$10,542 62

## SERVICE DEPARTMENT.

Until the beginning of the present administration of the Board the work of the Literature Depository has been carried on independently, paying for such help as was needed by the Service Department of the General Work. The plan of having all work for the entire Board conducted under one management has been inaugurated with Mrs. A. B. Smith in charge. A larger share of the work is for the Woman's Section, therefore the plan agreed upon was that we should carry two-thirds of the pay roll and one-half of the rent and operating expenses. The work of the Service Department includes: Wrapping, addressing, and mailing packages of literature to the auxiliaries, Churches, and pastors; the business management of the *Young Christian Worker*; collecting and delivery of the daily mail of the Secretaries; multigraphing and mailing letters for Secretaries; dispensing office supplies to the Secretaries; supplying porter service to the Board, and innumerable other aids to the extensive work of this organization.

## YOUNG CHRISTIAN WORKER.

The first time for several years the *Young Christian Worker* has paid its own expenses, with the exception of the editorial service. The receipts and expenditures were as follows:

Receipts from subscriptions . . . . .	\$3,750 40
Expenditures: Salary of business manager . . . . .	\$ 490 00
Printing, mailing, advertising . . . . .	3,186 66— 3,676 66
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	\$ 73 74

This magazine is involved, as is the other literature for children, in the changes taking place in the junior work. There is quite an urgent demand for a magazine published jointly by the Woman's Work and the Epworth League Board. Such a plan involves some problems, as the Epworth League publishes their program material in the *Epworthian*; this they must continue to do. Necessarily, then, a coöperative magazine must be made

larger than either the *Epworthian* or the *Young Christian Worker*, if it is to carry the much-desired reading matter for the children. Such a magazine could not be furnished at the present subscription rates. But even at a higher price it is thought by many that a combined magazine will be a much wiser plan, since in a joint organization either the publication of the League or the Council would be certainly headed for financial failure. This whole matter will be presented for your consideration at this meeting. We are sure you will give it your best thought, keeping before us the real educational values for the children.

#### BENNETT MEMORIAL LITERATURE.

According to the action taken at the beginning of the Memorial Campaign, all literature for its promotion has passed through the regular channel. During the past year leaflets have been presented by the subcommittee of the Memorial for publication.

#### INTERDENOMINATIONAL MISSION STUDY COMMITTEE.

During the past year the Secretary in charge of literature has continued to serve on the Joint Committee responsible for the publication of Home Mission Study Books, which is composed of representatives from the Council of Women for Home Missions and the Missionary Education Movement. She has worked on Subcommittee No. 3, which is a committee on children's literature, working in coöperation with a committee from the Missionary Education Movement. This committee, "twice joint," has in charge the production of all study books for children, both home and foreign; thus the missionary enterprise may be presented as one single task. It has been impossible to be present at these meetings more than once during the past year, because of the expense involved and for lack of time, but we have kept in touch with the work and we trust have been able to render some service. We were asked to superintend the production of a project on Negro achievements for Juniors. In line with this request, a committee was organized composed of Miss Louise Young, of Scarritt College, Miss Mary Pitts, of the Peabody Demonstration School, Miss Rebecca Caudill, of the Sunday School Board Editorial Staff, Miss Freddie Henry, who was at that time on our editorial staff, and myself. The project has been a coöperative piece of work. Material was selected and the lessons taught to a group of children from the Junior Department of the Belmont Church Sunday School in order that their reactions might help in the production of the text. The manuscript is now in the hands of the Committee of the Missionary Education Movement in New York. We were induced to undertake this task because the committee advised that unless the course could be worked out in the South it would not be produced. We hope that this book on Negro achievements may contribute some real part to the future better race relations. One other piece of work rendered the interdenominational cause was in preparing a set of the Helps for Leaders published in connection with the home mission text, "Our Templed Hills."

## MISSIONARY VOICE

MRS. E. B. CHAPPELL, EDITOR

Reviewing the twelve months since the last report of the *Missionary Voice* was made to the Woman's Missionary Council becomes a pleasing task, in that the work of the offices of the editors and business manager has been done with the smallest amount of friction and irregularity and with the continued support and coöperation of auxiliaries and Conferences. It seems a good time to take stock of our assets, a little like counting our blessings. We will start with

## GOOD WILL.

"There is no substitute for good will in international affairs" is a statement that applies also to all business affairs. The *Missionary Voice* rejoices in the large share of good will it possesses through the generosity and fine loyalty of its patrons and strives constantly to be worthy of such esteem.

We cannot go far in any business without

## A STRONG CONSTITUENCY.

This the *Missionary Voice* ranks as perhaps its best asset. Throughout the bounds of the Church are thousands of women who have assumed the responsibility of their missionary paper along with other missionary obligations and are back of it to the extent of their influence, their good words, and their loyal support in all possible ways.

Yet another asset is the backing of

## THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

This means a tremendous advantage. With its resources in men and women, its property interests in America and in foreign fields, its financial standing, its place among the other boards of the Church and among the mission boards of other Churches, mentioning only material resources, the Board of Missions constitutes a power which any publication might covet.

Among its most valued assets the *Missionary Voice* counts the band of

## HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARIES AND DEACONESSES.

They are those who carry the banner of the cross in the near and far places and who find in their missionary organ a strong ally in the work they have undertaken and make valuable contribution to its progress.

Numbering first, and ranking highest, among the assets enjoyed by the *Missionary Voice* are its more than

## FIVE THOUSAND AUXILIARY AGENTS.

They work in season and out of season. There's no time of the year, nor of the month, nor of the week that does not find members of this company plying their trade. They magnify their office to build up the



circulation of the paper in their own auxiliaries and to promote its interests in every possible way in their local Churches.

The last-named asset is not the last nor least in importance—

#### A CAUSE TO PROMOTE,

the possibilities of which are bounded only by the extent to which the love of God is shed abroad in the hearts of his children, making of them brothers to all men the world round.

Liabilities are not so agreeable a part of our business transactions to discuss, but candor compels the statement that there has not been the increase in subscribers that was asked and confidently expected. Twelve months ago your woman editor said: "Let's make a new gain during the coming year of 10,000." Instead, the circulation has only held its own. The same interest now manifested by the almost 50,000 subscribers, were they increased to twice that number, would be increased in a ratio out of proportion to the numbers. The influence of your missionary journal received into 100,000 homes would mean the permeation of Southern Methodism with missionary knowledge; the results a Church that is missionary in spirit and aim.

#### IDEALS.

Women of the missionary societies are engaged among other things in the dissemination of Christian literature. Only skilled men and women should be employed who are in touch with world currents and are impelled to their tasks by a passion for the planting and growing of the kingdom which Jesus established, such as moved the pioneers of the cross in all ages of the world. They are to be factors in the making and developing of a world program, the central figure of which is Jesus Christ. They should be heralds of the gospel and are faithful to their mission only as they clothe it in its most alluring garb, in all its drawing power, with Jesus Christ uplifted. Such an ideal at once inspires and staggers one who attempts to print pages so fraught with life. *The assurance of a sympathetic reading does much to stimulate and encourage.*

#### COÖPERATION THE KEYNOTE.

It is true that coöperation is to-day, as never before, the keynote of success in business organizations. In the business of missions no real or permanent success is built up without a coöperation extending from local Church to headquarters and acting and reacting to all the demands of the times and circumstances. I am prepared to state that in no branch of the business of missions must there be greater dependence on the spirit of coöperation than in the carrying to a successful issue the publication of a missionary journal. In our own particular case it has built up and to-day maintains the present missionary organ. The *Missionary Voice* Agent, if she is awake to her opportunity in the auxiliary, creates in her group not only a desire to know the facts of world missions, but also to work together with those men and women who are carrying on that part

of the world program which falls to the share of the Methodist Church, South. She counts her task unfinished while one member of her auxiliary or her Church is without the stimulation of the *Missionary Voice*. Thus she coöperates with Conference and Council officers. Thus as one who promotes the dissemination of missionary principles she is allied with the redemptive forces of life. Thus she stands as an evangel of the good news when she seeks to bring to every home that published word, the missionary paper.

During the year 1926 there was distributed among the three departments of the Board the sum of \$15,000, the accrued profits of the *Missionary Voice* for the past three years. A healthy balance remained for the development and conduct of the paper and has been used to bring to you the product of the past year.

The emphasis for the coming year must be laid on new subscribers. The paper must reach a larger proportion of the Church membership. Will you place all the emphasis possible on this obligation as you lead out in your Conferences during the remainder of the year 1927?

#### AGAIN WE ASK FOR AN INCREASE OF 10,000 SUBSCRIBERS.

We must go above the 50,000 mark, and we can with combined effort. Help to make the *Missionary Voice* fulfill its mission of evangelism and to begin to take a larger place in making the Church missionary!

#### CANDIDATE AND STUDENT WORK.

MRS. H. R. STEELE, SECRETARY.

Another year of service in the Candidate Section of the Woman's Missionary Council and the Board of Missions has strengthened the love for the work and interest in the young people of this college generation.

Your Secretary dealt with prospective and enrolled student volunteers and candidates for home missionary work.

There are fewer volunteers for definite fields of service and a larger number wishing to be enrolled for life service the field to be determined later.

It is an interesting fact that fewer volunteers have been enrolled in the Student Volunteer Movement than is necessary to keep the missionary force on the fields on its present levels.

Many young people are thinking very earnestly about the Christian life and how they may serve their day and generation. They are in quest of life's meaning and seeking the resources of Jesus for a modern world, but there is a growing reluctance to sign the declaration card and far more reserve in saying what their service shall be in the years to come.

The problem of helping the after-college volunteer to keep her missionary purpose is one which offers a field for study. Many young women are detained for family reasons, many because of debt, many lose their desire to give their life in unselfish service.

Out-of-college volunteers have organized in several Conferences and

are earnest in their desire to serve the Church and the missionary cause while detained in the home field. We believe that detained volunteers may be a large factor in making the Church missionary. From this group candidates for Scarritt College are recruited.

#### WORK AMONG STUDENTS.

Since the General Conference of 1926, college visitation has been limited to the Candidate Secretary. As the work in the office demands two weeks in each month, and the time when it is practicable to go into a college is limited, the number of institutions visited in a year will be greatly reduced. In 1925 and 1926 the two Student Secretaries, giving full time to the work, visited one hundred and four colleges; this year the Candidate Secretary plans to visit twenty-five. The representative of the Board of Education, who is jointly responsible with the representative of the Woman's Missionary Council for college visitation, will probably visit twenty-five or thirty. An effort will be made by these two representatives to visit each institution in the territory once in the quadrennium and to keep in touch with students by correspondence.

The whole realm of life service—every opportunity the Church offers in religious education, in the ministry, in missionary service at home and abroad, in the ministry of teaching, in business, in the professions, and in every walk of life—is presented to students.

Students are very responsive; many come for interviews, not all as volunteers; many come to talk over personal problems. The opportunities for student work in colleges and universities are really unlimited. Your secretary is more than ever convinced that no part of our work is more important than keeping in touch with students of our denomination during college years.

We do not know what our young people are being taught in college; it is most important to show them that the Church has a program for making the world Christian and that there are opportunities for service under the Church which will challenge the best they have to give.

Student cultivation is carried on by literature, personal letters, and visitation, also by attendance upon student conferences.

Literature is mailed quarterly for use in the World Fellowship Committee of the Christian Association and upon request for special programs. Personal letters are written to young women whose names are reported by the Student Volunteer Movement, by Life Service Superintendents, and by pastors and other interested persons in the Church.

It is gratifying that visits to colleges have been largely in answer to invitations from the students. This fact puts student work upon a better basis and insures a preparation for the visit which makes possible a better use of the time spent in the college.

Your Secretary is glad to report a better provision for relating students to the Church in college communities. In one State college with an enrollment of seventeen hundred students, there are five student secretaries placed there by as many denominations, and a Y. W. C. A. secretary.



The students are in the Sunday schools and young people's societies of the several Churches and attend the Church services in large numbers. Other instances may be given, but space prohibits. We can only say that the Church in many places is awake to the opportunity and responsibility. Committees are organized to see that the best teachers are available for classes of students; students are invited into homes, are given picnics, and are made to feel that the Church has a program for her young people. This is a forward step; too long students were largely without the influence of the Church during the plastic years of college life.

#### SUMMER CONFERENCES.

Your Secretary attended the Southern Y. W. C. A. Student Conference at Blue Ridge, N. C., in June, 1926. A denominational rally was held at which more than one hundred and fifty students were present. Many students came for interviews with the Secretary.

Your Secretary attended a Young People's Assembly held in connection with the Pastors' School at Corvallis, Oregon. One hundred and twenty-five young people were in attendance, several of them having come more than nine hundred miles. Your Secretary taught the course, "Making a Missionary Church."

Your Secretary attended the Missionary Education Conference at Blue Ridge, N. C., June 24-July 4, 1926, and the School of Missions at Lake Junaluska, July 15-August 1, 1926, and taught two classes in each conference.

#### NATIONAL STUDENT CONFERENCE.

Your Secretary attended the National Student Conference held at Milwaukee, Wis., December 28, 1926-January 1, 1927. Two thousand five hundred students, representing thirty-two nations, coming from all sections of America and many foreign countries, assembled to study life's meaning and to find the resources of Jesus for a modern world. Every point of view was presented in the platform addresses, and experts in each field were available to the students.

There was a strong missionary note in the conference. It was said that just as the objective of students in the last generation was to evangelize the non-Christian world, the objective of this generation of students must be to evangelize a nominally Christian world.

#### STUDENT VOLUNTEER UNION CONFERENCES.

Representatives of the Board and Woman's Missionary Council visited the Georgia, South Carolina, Texas, Alabama, Arkansas, and Virginia Conference meetings. The literature of the Board was mailed to all Conferences held in our territory.

#### CANDIDATES ACCEPTED BY THE CANDIDATES COMMITTEE.

Thirty-four young women were accepted by the Candidates Committee during the year 1926 and were recommended to the Council for consecration and to the Board of Missions for appointment. Seven con-

tract teachers were accepted and recommended to the Board for appointment. Thirty-six young women were accepted by the committee and recommended to the Conferences for scholarships at Scarritt College; two young women were detained for family reasons and did not enter Scarritt; three young women were recommended as indorsed workers.

Pearl McCain, having finished two years of successful teaching at Sue Bennett School, London, Ky., was recommended to the Board for appointment to China. Mary Elizabeth Moore, having finished her nurse-training course in Philadelphia Medical College, was recommended to the Board for appointment to Congo Belge. Miss Lois Cooper, of the Mississippi Conference, having given three years of successful service as a teacher in China, was accepted as a missionary and recommended to the Board for appointment to Japan.

The following young women are hereby presented to the Council for consecration at this meeting:

Deaconesses.	Conference.	
Mary Lou Bond	Southwest Missouri	
Dolores Ruth Diaz	West Texas	
Maggie Marshall	Virginia	
Lottie Ora Hooper	Louisiana	
Alaska Terry	Holston	
Home Missionaries.		
Mabel Hagood Anderson	Virginia	
Ola Lee Barnett	Southwest Missouri	
Lela Page	Tennessee	
Wortley Moorman	Virginia	
Grace Thatcher	Arizona	
Alberta Wilson	South Georgia	
Annie Lee Reil	West Texas	
Foreign Missionaries.	Conference.	Field.
Octavia Clegg	Western North Carolina	China
Nellie A. Dyer	North Arkansas	China
Margaret Billingsley	Arizona	Korea
Leah Hartley	North Georgia	Korea
Ruth Field	North Georgia	Japan
Lois Cooper	Mississippi	Japan
Rosa Eleese McNeil	Mississippi	Congo Belge
Helen Mae Farrier	Virginia	Congo Belge
Annie E. Parker	North Alabama	Congo Belge
Mary Elizabeth Moore	Virginia	Congo Belge
Mary Allie Cobb	Upper South Carolina	Brazil
Clyde Varn	South Carolina	Brazil
Ruth L. Bartholomew	Virginia	Brazil
Julia Lorena Reid	Louisiana	Cuba
Ethel Williamson	South Carolina	Cuba
Marie Ella Crone	Northwest Texas	Cuba
Lenore Rees	West Texas	Mexico

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK

JULIA LAKE STEVENS, SUPERINTENDENT

"I can do all things through Jesus Christ which strengtheneth me." It was these words of Paul's that came to my mind last June when I was asked to become the Council Superintendent of Young People's Work of our Church. I realized the greatness of the task that was offered me—its tremendous responsibility, its demand of the highest and best that I was capable of giving if it were to be developed in the magnificent way that it should be. In my heart was a passionate love for missionary work which had come to me as a result of my three years of service in the Hiroshima Girls' School in Japan. It was impossible for me to return to Japan at this time, and it seemed as if God had opened up for me this field of missionary service here at home. I prayed over it earnestly, and Paul's words rang in my heart as I went to send my telegram of acceptance to the Secretary of the Board.

How kind every one was to me during those first trying but interesting months! The beautiful messages that came to me from my Superintendents, Conference Presidents, and friends filled my heart with love and gratitude for the warm welcome which they extended to me as I entered into this great missionary family of theirs. Mrs. Cobb, my beloved predecessor, was untiring in her efforts to make the adjustments easy for me, and I shall always be grateful to her for her valuable assistance.

The nine months have passed quickly, and each day has brought renewed joy and happiness in my work. I set up my office the last two weeks of June and then started out to visit summer conferences. I was able before the 1st of September to visit three summer conferences, attend seven district meetings, and attend the mission schools at Mount Sequoyah and Lake Junaluska. Since June, I have met twelve of my Young People's Superintendents and have visited in nine Conferences.

The personal touches that I have had with my Superintendents have meant much to me, and words fail to express my deep appreciation for their increasing loyalty, their untiring efforts, their devotion to this privileged task of ours. They continually face difficulties in their work, and it is not always easy for them to carry on; but they do, and their efforts are being blessed.

I have worked in conjunction with Miss Haskin in helping to prepare the Young People's literature. The Record and Report Books for Young People have been revised, and through the coöperation of the Council officers and the Conference Superintendents of Young People we have edited a Young People's *Bulletin* which we hope will serve a great purpose.

I am happy over the results of the year's work. When the Superintendents found after General Conference that our work was to continue along the same general lines, they entered heartily into the summer's program, and they have successfully promoted the work along every line.

Many Superintendents are training the Young People to assist them in promoting their work, which is resulting in a stronger group consciousness



and in the Young People assuming more responsibility. An efficient leader to-day is not one who can do things herself, but one who can get others to do. The Young People love responsibility, and the wide-awake society is the one where all of the members are doing things under the wise supervision of the leader.

Our work fails in many Conferences because of the lack of leadership. We need more consecrated, trained leaders to direct the Young People in their work. If our missionary women do not answer this call and respond to this great need it will be impossible for us to promote the work as it should be. We earnestly request the prayers and loyal coöperation of every missionary woman of our Church in our efforts to make Christ more real to these Young People who are so precious and in whose lives are such great potentialities.

#### STATISTICS—ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP.

Number of societies.....	1,764
Number of new societies.....	305
Number of Societies advanced, absorbed by League, dropped.....	306
Total number of members.....	32,640
Number of new members.....	6,750

There is a slight increase in the number of societies for this year. An effort is being made to clear our rolls of all societies that are not functioning. We feel that it is better to drop these from our rolls and reorganize rather than to carry them for years as inactive material. Most of the new societies are steadily growing, and many of them attained the honor roll. There were 1,383 societies to attain the honor roll. Conferences which led in the organization of new societies were: North Mississippi, 30; Virginia, 28; Baltimore, 18; Western North Carolina, 17; Florida, 17. Florida holds the record of having the highest net gain (35%) in societies. There were 306 societies which were either advanced to the Adult Societies, absorbed by the League, or dropped from the roll. Many societies continue to fail to report. This has been overcome in some Conferences by the Superintendents holding special "Report Meetings," where the Young People are taught how to make correct reports and are shown the necessity of sending prompt reports. It is hoped that the local Superintendents will make every effort to keep the societies active and wide awake so that there will be no necessity of dropping a single society from our roll.

The total number of members as reported to me is 32,640. The number of new members reported is 6,750. The Conferences reporting the largest gains: Virginia, 850; Western North Carolina, 782; Holston, 643; Louisville, 440; Memphis, 414; Florida, 353; North Alabama, 345.

The Conferences having the largest membership, *in toto*, were: Virginia, 4,809; Baltimore, 2,530; Holston, 2,159; Western North Carolina, 2,016; North Georgia, 1,900; North Mississippi, 1,689.

## MISSION AND BIBLE STUDY CLASSES.

Number of Mission Study Classes.....	1,383
Number of members.....	21,876
Number of Bible Study Classes.....	919
Number of members (partial).....	7,889

The Conferences reporting the largest number of Mission Study Classes as reported by the Superintendents were: Holston, 153; Baltimore, 130; Virginia, 128; Alabama, 79; Memphis, 70; Central Texas, 62; Tennessee, 64; Western North Carolina, 60; Florida, 57; Texas, 52.

The books most used for the year were: *Our Templed Hills*, *Moslem Women*, *Young Islam on Trek*, *Looking Ahead with Latin America*.

The Conferences leading in Bible Study Classes were: Holston, 104; Virginia, 92; Baltimore, 82; Central Texas, 74.

The leading books were: *Life as a Stewardship*, *Studies in Prophecy*, *How We Got Our Bible*.

## SUMMER CONFERENCES AND DISTRICT MEETINGS.

Summer Conferences.....	10
Average attendance.....	85
Special District Meetings for Young People.....	113
Other Meetings held in interest of Young People's Work (partial).....	200

The following summer conferences were held with an average attendance of 85: Central Texas, Kentucky, Little Rock Louisville, North Alabama, North Arkansas, Northwest Texas, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia.

Many Young People's Superintendents are holding their district meetings separate from the Adult meetings. This has proved most worth while, and it is urged in every Conference where it is practicable.

The work grows through the personal touches of the Superintendents with their young people. Every minute of time invested in their lives is richly repaid by their loyal coöperation and increased enthusiasm.

## FINANCES.

Amount sent to Council Treasurer.....	\$53,909 37
Value of supplies reported.....	6,983 83
Local work reported.....	12,111 22
Amount sent Conference Treasurers as reported by Superintendents.....	54,275 51
Amount paid on the Belle Bennett Memorial...	5,837 79

The Young People sent to the Council Treasurer \$53,909.37. They missed paying their pledge of \$54,033.87 by \$124.50. Sixteen Conferences met their pledge in full. One Conference missed its pledge by four cents, and one by one cent, and one by three dollars and ten cents. Special

mention should be given to the Florida Conference, whose pledge was overpaid by \$100. The Young People of Florida have done an outstanding piece of work this year in spite of the disaster which came to them.

We are gratified that the Young People raised this year on the Bennett Memorial \$5,837.79. Of this amount the Holston Young People raised \$2,113.89.

The *grand total* for the year is:

Amount sent to Council Treasurer . . . . .	\$53,909 37
Value of supplies reported . . . . .	6,983 83
Amount paid on the Belle Bennett Memorial . .	5,837 79
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	\$66,730 99

This is approximately \$2.04 per capita offering from the Young People. The Conferences leading in finances for the year are: Holston, \$7,662.34; Virginia, \$6,884.71; Baltimore, \$6,272.55; Western North Carolina, \$5,368.73; North Georgia, \$5,148.53; Memphis, \$3,490.54.

I do not feel that the above report does justice to the work of the Young People for 1926. Their year's work cannot be estimated in figures alone. The things that count most are "those little nameless, unremembered acts of kindness and of love" which shine so brightly in their lives. They have completed a wonderful year's work, they have caught from their leaders a greater vision of their task, they are leading out on a new trek with Christ preëminent in their lives, and with a determination to give his life, which is the abundant life, to those who still know him not.

#### 1926 STATISTICS TABULATED.

Societies . . . . .	1,764
New societies . . . . .	305
Total members . . . . .	32,640
New members enrolled . . . . .	6,750
Having access to the Voice . . . . .	3,520
Societies observing Week of Prayer . . . . .	794
Societies on Roll of Honor . . . . .	406
Mission study classes . . . . .	1,388
Number in classes . . . . .	21,876
Bible study classes . . . . .	919
Presenting social service studies (partial) . . . . .	901
Boxes of supplies (partial) . . . . .	640
Value (partial) . . . . .	\$ 7,173 83
Amount reported on local work (partial) . . . . .	\$12,332 02
Amount sent Conference Treasurers . . . . .	\$54,275 51
Amount on Belle Bennett Memorial . . . . .	\$ 5,837 79
Amount on Week of Prayer (partial) . . . . .	\$ 539 01
Amount sent to Council Treasurer . . . . .	\$53,909 37



## CHILDREN'S WORK

MISS ALTHEA JONES, SUPERINTENDENT

## STATISTICAL REPORT.

	1925	1926
Baby Divisions.....	2,163	2,002
Baby Divisions, members.....	40,894	37,805
Baby Divisions, finance.....	\$ 9,365 39	\$ 9,373 31
Junior Divisions.....	2,709	2,556
Junior Divisions, members.....	76,127	65,677
Junior Divisions, finance.....	\$47,256 59	\$45,037 10
Junior Divisions, new study classes.....	1,670	1,294
Junior Divisions, new study members.....	39,121	31,942
Junior Divisions, Social Service.....	1,709	1,968
Junior Divisions, Week of Prayer.....	1,205	1,051
Junior Divisions, Honor Roll.....	608	509
Junior Divisions, <i>Young Christian Worker</i> .....	9,000	.....
Grand total organizations.....	4,872	4,558
Grand total members.....	117,011	103,482
Finance: Council.....	\$56,621 96	\$54,410 41
Belle Bennett Memorial.....	603 09	1,554 40
City Mission Board.....	670 26	375 11
Supplies.....	2,496 13	2,703 17
Local work.....	6,817 49	6,643 07
	\$67,208 93	\$65,686 16

41%, or 16 Conferences, failed to meet budget pledged.

21 Conferences made an increase in Junior members.

16 Conferences made an increase in Junior organization and finance and Baby members.

15 Conferences made an increase in Baby Divisions.

14 Conferences made an increase in New Study Classes and Baby finance.

13 Conferences made an increase in Social Service.

10 Conferences made an increase in Week of Prayer.

9 Conferences made an increase in Honor Roll.

Of the following ten items, net increase in Baby Divisions, Members and Finance, Junior Divisions, Members, Finance, New Study, Social Service, Week of Prayer, and Honor Roll, 8 was the largest number attained by any Conference, and that was little Arizona. Central Texas, North Texas, Northwest Texas and Virginia made a net increase in 7 of these items.

The thirty-nine Conferences made 144 points, an average of about 3 points to a Conference, or 37%.

## BABY DIVISION.

Largest Number of	First.	Second.
New organizations . . . . .	Alabama	Western North Carolina
Organizations . . . . .	North Georgia	Virginia
New members . . . . .	North Georgia	Western North Carolian
Total number of members . . .	North Georgia	Tennessee

## JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.

Largest Number of	First.	Second.
New Organizations . . . . .	Mississippi	North Alabama
Organizations . . . . .	North Georgia	Virginia
New members . . . . .	Central Texas	Western North Carolina
Total number of members . . .	North Georgia	North Mississippi
Number of Mission Study		
Class members . . . . .	North Georgia	North Alabama
New Mission Study Classes . .	Central Texas	Northwest Texas
Number having Social Service		
Committees . . . . .	North Georgia	North Alabama
Auxiliaries observing Week		
of Prayer . . . . .	North Georgia	Baltimore
Auxiliaries on Honor Roll . . .	North Georgia	Western North Carolina

The first six months of 1926 were busy ones for this officer, she was setting her house in order and preparing to pass the responsibility and direction of the Children's Work to another. In June, there came a message from the President of the Council and General Secretary of the Board of Missions requesting that she permit her name to be placed in nomination for Superintendent of Children's Work. This was a surprise. She had written the committee that she was not a candidate to succeed herself for health reasons. In the meantime, her physicians had given every hope of complete recovery from the serious throat trouble from which she had been suffering. After eight years of labor, this special line of missionary work has become very dear to this Secretary, so she is glad to again be permitted to serve as your Superintendent of Children's Work.

The first duty as your new-old Superintendent of Children's Work was to act as a member of a committee of three to confer with a like number from the Epworth League Board to "formulate and publish joint programs which shall provide for the education and activities of both organizations." The necessity of such a committee was created by the action of the recent General Conference concerning the Junior Epworth League and the Junior Missionary Society.

A great deal of study and time has been devoted to the performance of this task, which is still unfinished. At the proper time a new constitution for this department will be submitted for you to consider, and we hope it will be adopted. A new constitution becomes necessary because of the changes brought about through the General Conference ruling concerning the Junior Missionary Societies and the Junior Epworth League.

This action of the General Conference has caused a great deal of confusion among the leaders. Much of this has been unavoidable. You can readily see that a great deal of time and study and careful consideration is necessary to make the proper adjustments so as to best serve the needs of the children and preserve all of the best of the two old organizations for the new. Because of this confusion and unavoidable delay the figures for the Children's Department are much smaller than for 1925. This Secretary is optimistic, and believes that we will come out of this experience with a new vision of the value and needs of the childhood of our Church and because of this be able to better serve them.

#### ITINERATION.

The month of October was largely devoted to itineration in the Memphis Conference. This Secretary attended all of their eight district meetings, two a week, for the whole month. The opportunity of meeting the splendid women of this great Conference was a pleasure, and I trust it was of value to the department of Children's Work.

#### CONFERENCE SUPERINTENDENTS.

There were very few changes in Conference Superintendents of Children's Work the past year, which has helped the work very much. This Secretary has kept in very close touch with all Conference Superintendents and has given them every possible assistance. At this trying time special effort has been made to steady them in their work. This Secretary has held personal interviews with twenty-three Superintendents up to the time of making this report and hopes to be able to meet with the others real soon, excepting those in the far West, and hopes that it will not be very long before she can meet with them. The women have been loyal and have done their best, but they have been handicapped because they have not had definite plans and authorization for the promotion of the work.

Although the Juniors are the only ones supposed to be effected by this new legislation, the work of the whole department has felt the confusion and uncertainty.

This department is different from that of any other under the Council, in that there are four separate lines of activity to be promoted—*i. e.*, the organization and cultivation of Primary and Baby Divisions, Mothers' Meetings, and Epworth Juniors. To carry out all lines it is necessary for the local Superintendent to enlist the active coöperation of many women, and this calls for a high quality of leadership and organizing ability. Work with the children is the most important and requires the greatest skill in its execution, so let us plead for the selection of your very best women for Conference and local Superintendents of Children's Work; also let us urge their attendance on leadership training schools. O'Shea says: "All progressive countries are showing that they regard the careful investigation of the nature and the needs of childhood and youth and the dissemination of knowledge relating to education and child welfare as of supreme importance."



We have been signally ignorant till lately of the diversified natures of children, even now these facts are known to few and the great problem to-day is to get the Church to understand these facts and apply them to the care of the young.

H. H. Goddard, of Ohio State University, says, regarding the training of children: "There is much yet to learn, but we already know enough if we put it into practice to transform civilization in a generation or two."

One great hindrance in putting this knowledge into practice in our missionary societies is the reluctance of the membership to give themselves to this glorious service, their unwillingness to study and strive to learn of the needs of the child and to give of their time to meet these needs.

### BUREAU OF SOCIAL SERVICE

MRS. W. A. NEWELL, SUPERINTENDENT.

The work of the Bureau of Social Service falls into three divisions: The work done by the auxiliaries and Conference societies under the general direction of the Bureau; the work done by the Council Superintendent in connection with other boards of our Church; and the work done with other religious and welfare agencies. This report will deal with these three phases of work in reverse order.

#### COÖPERATION WITH OTHER SOCIAL AGENCIES.

The Superintendent has held memberships in the National Child Labor Committee, the American Association for Labor Legislation, the Woman's Trade Union League of America, the American Social Hygiene Association, the World Alliance for International Friendship through the Churches, the Commissions of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America (those for International Justice and Good Will, Race Relations, and Social Service), Survey Associates, and the General Commission on Interracial Coöperation.

This array seems formidable, but through them we are identified, as a body of Christian women with great national and racial and international relations of life. We also receive from experts in each field reports of progress and reliable facts as to conditions and needs, and, lastly, we have been able to pass on to the women in the auxiliaries such information as has enabled them to add their voices to worthy appeals for reform. This makes of our whole organization a channel through which messages may pass and a summons for help when the people should think and speak. Or, to use another figure, the Bureau of Social Service is like a transforming plant in which the current of social energy, developed in these various associations may be stepped down to be adapted and used in our own stations as dynamic in bringing love and wisdom of the Christ into our common life.

We cannot in our Council be specialists in the various fields of social work, but we can learn from them and appreciate and use the knowledge they are constantly attaining of the rapidly changing social order.

An illustration of this is found in the events that followed Mrs. Henry W. Peabody's address on law enforcement at the last Council meeting. Your response to the Woman's National Committee of One Hundred for Law Enforcement that won high commendation from Mrs. Peabody. Letters by the hundreds from women back home were rushed to the Senate Judiciary Committee. The women who pledged the aid of Conference societies evidently did a major piece of work. The Superintendent of Social Service for the Upper South Carolina Conference appeared as spokesman for her State delegation. Mrs. T. J. Copeland went as representative for the Council. The Standing Committee on Social Service voted a small contribution to the Committee of One Hundred. Their leaflets and posters were sent out to the Conference Superintendents.

National prohibition is largely the result of a half century of woman's agitation for temperance. It is my faith and hope that women's agitation will eventually lead to the abolishment of child labor through State legislation if not through Federal amendment. Let us continue as an organized body of Christian women to educate our constituency in the need of children and adolescents for the "abundant life," impossible in the cramping of mind and body in the monotony of machine production and the hazards of life and limb in dangerous processes. The pitiful continued story of loss and maiming of young persons under eighteen years is one you would not like to hear or tell, but it must be told.

Eight and one-half million women, mothers and future mothers of the coming generation, are at work in stores, laundries, restaurants, canneries, and in a great variety of manufacturing industries, many in our Southern States. We need to know the facts concerning the condition of their toil, and when conditions are known to be harmful, where hours are overlong, pay insufficient, or surroundings unsanitary we must spread the knowledge before we can ask for better State laws. Our part is to educate our own people. In the Council we have but touched this task.

Our relation to the General Commission on Interracial Coöperation continues to give us access to this source of help in our efforts toward interracial justice and good will. The releases issued by the Commission have been sent to the Conference Superintendents that they may use them in their local and Church press and in other forms of publicity. Their leaflet literature has been placed freely at our disposal, and I would urge a larger use of it by auxiliary interracial committees. The advice of Dr. Alexander and his staff has been sought on many occasions and found invaluable. We know that through their efforts leading newspapers are publishing negro news notes connoting racial progress rather than news of crimes and misdemeanors; that college boys and girls are seriously studying racial conditions in their regular courses. For all these reasons we may congratulate ourselves on our opportunity to coöperate with this commission. Especially may we record our appreciation of the honor accorded Dr. Alexander in being given the Harmon Award for distinguished service in promoting interracial good will and our pleasure in knowing that our Council President was judge in this award. Your Superintendent is serv-

ing on a woman's committee of this commission for planning additional leaflets to be used in common by all denominations.

The Council was invited to send its delegates to the Church Woman's International Conference at Eaglesmere, Pa. Miss Estelle Haskin and Mrs. Newell attended and participated in the discussions. The findings of this conference have been distributed to each Conference Superintendent of Social Service for her use in articles and meetings. My report as delegate was published in an article in the *Missionary Voice* for January. Some of the practical suggestions of these findings should be put into action by the local interracial committees.

Membership in the Commission on the Church and Social Service has demanded some time and work on subcommittees. We hope the study now in progress on marriage and the home will give all the Churches help in working for more stable attitudes toward family life. This commission has given invaluable contacts to your Superintendent and has furnished advice on methods and policies in social work for Church members.

The National Child Labor Committee has given freely in the services of its field secretary and in furnishing literature and posters for free distribution through the Conference Superintendents, and for use in meetings and articles. I wish every auxiliary superintendent might be a member of this committee and so receive the monthly illustrated publication, the *American Child*, to be placed on the bulletin board.

#### COÖPERATION WITH CHURCH BOARDS.

We participated again last summer at Mount Sequoyah and Lake Junaluska in the conferences of the General Board of Temperance and Social Service. The programs were good. Fourteen women were present at Mount Sequoyah, representing nine Conferences. Twenty-one women attended at Lake Junaluska, representing twelve Conferences. The discussion groups on methods were lively and profitable. A large audience from the town of Fayetteville that gathered to hear the address given by your Superintendent on race relations was one of the surprises, as was also an invitation to speak at the University of Arkansas on the same subject, which followed the address. This is mentioned solely because they indicated a pronounced change in public attitude.

The commission held its meeting at Lake Junaluska. The Eastern Regional Conference, under Mrs. Downs, met in the Mission Building immediately on the close of the Social Service Conference, and your Superintendent and several of the Conference Superintendents attended the first day's session.

Your Superintendent was elected a member of the General Conference Commission on Christian Education and attended its meeting at Lake Junaluska when organization was effected. She was glad to be appointed to the Committee on the Local Church. This committee met in September at Nashville and came to some conclusions on guiding principles on Christian education in the local Church which were submitted to the commission meeting held in Memphis, February 8-11, 1927, and were adopted. An-



other meeting is appointed for July 7-10. The outlook seems bright for the creation of a unified, graded, child-centered plan of Christian education.

#### WORK IN THE CONFERENCE AND AUXILIARIES.

Last year your Social Service Committee recommended the appointment of a Conference Social Service Committee with the hope that it might aid the Superintendent in Conference-wide and State-wide projects, and that where there was a Woman's State Legislative Council, this committee might be the coöperating unit from the Conference society. Several Conference societies have appointed these committees. Noteworthy plans are yet to be developed in most of them. The North Carolina Conference society is now a member of the State Legislative Council, and through her delegates is forwarding legislation for an eight-hour-day for persons under sixteen, the adoption of a training school for delinquent colored girls, and a farm colony for women prisoners. The Western North Carolina Conference society will submit the question of joining a membership in the State Conference for social work for its Conference Superintendent. The Superintendents for the North Georgia Conference and the South Georgia Conference societies have been members of the State Advisory Commission for Public Welfare for some time, and recently we lost our South Georgia Superintendent that she might take an active place upon the Welfare Board. Her predecessor, Mrs. Arrington, graduated to the chairmanship of the Police Commission of her city. We are loath to lose these trained women, but glad to see them occupying places of influence in leading our members to see in citizenship a Christian duty of the highest order. Conference activities in this line have been using their organized influence for prohibition, law enforcement, suppression of gambling, for better child labor laws in Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, and Missouri.

South Georgia has made a departure which we commend to other Conference societies in appointing an assistant or director in each district whose duty it will be to aid her in presenting social service at group, zone, and district meetings. This key woman is supplied with the necessary leaflets, literature, and instruction. This should give clearness and definiteness to the auxiliary activities and aid them in developing their own plans as well as in carrying out Council and Conference recommendations.

#### INTERRACIAL WORK.

A great deal of work is reported under this head, which is working for rather than *with* colored women and children. This runs all the way from a simple relief work and giving books and magazines to helping in their missionary societies, and Sunday schools (which has always been done) to real interracial work. Under the latter classification I would name helping the colored people of the community through their own organization; coöperating with them in securing better schools; fostering parent-teacher associations; Colored "Y's"; enlarging and securing playgrounds; enlarging and securing libraries and reading rooms; securing and assisting in school clinics, in baby clinics. State funds for these agencies have been

supplemented. Through the agency of the social service committees domestic science has been put into public schools; tuberculosis clinic organized; day nurseries promoted and established. One or two do case work among the colored for family welfare societies, and in this connection help solve individual problems of sickness and delinquency; many report securing good literature for high schools, holding joint missionary meetings with colored societies, organizing community clubs, and working with home demonstration agents. One secured opportunity for display at a county fair. One helped colored missionary societies federate for social service. Several helped secure conditions in streets and schools by appealing to boards and councils.

One significant fact stands out: Only three Conferences have reported no interracial work, and these have no negroes; of these, two do work with Mexicans and a little with Orientals.

Another encouraging indication is that the great amount of work reported, while not formally interracial, is bulking larger in volume, and the statement occurs often, "Our people are changing in their attitude toward this work," and "we are growing more sympathetic to the needs."

Day nurseries are reported; but all too few. I believe we shall grow faster in this work if *every auxiliary, where there are numbers of negroes, will set itself a definite task.* Survey the whole situation. Find out how many mothers leave little children at home all day or after school. Discuss the situation with the leading negro women, and secure the coöperation of negro organizations in opening a safe shelter for these children under a colored woman trained in sanitation. Three weeks ago a two-year-old child was burned to death in a locked room in our town, one of three, the others, aged one and five years. A similar death occurred in Alabama about the same time. Shall we members of a class and race who benefit by the service of colored mothers not assume our share of this responsibility? I leave this to the consideration of the Social Service Committee.

Health work, better schools, and proper recreational opportunities are the great needs everywhere, and reports show awareness to a degree. We need less complacency and more initiative, keener sensitiveness to human need. Mrs. Henderson, of the commission, is doing a great work in arousing the women of the Interracial State Committees to the inadequacy of the schools in many States and the need of a more just division of school funds. I am glad to get reports of approval and coöperation from the Conference Superintendents in these States. Let us redouble our efforts. Let every committee visit its local colored school.

Examination and licensing of midwives is required by law in many States. Let every committee find out whether her State is one of these and how the law is kept.

Many of us watched with sinking hearts the rise, month by month, of the crime of lynching to the disheartening total of thirty for 1926. Did any occur where Christians could have prevented? The encouraging answer is that Christians did prevent lynchings in Asheville, N. C., and the court convicted mob leaders with heavy sentences.

In general, we may conclude that rapid progress will wait upon the formation of community interracial committees. I believe our Methodist auxiliaries must take the initiative in this. It is your task. You have had the light and leading. Your instructions are clear. The ground is cleared, and planting time has come. I leave this for the consideration of the committee.

#### CIVIC AND LEGISLATIVE WORK.

Some account has been given of this under another heading. Much is being done in coöperation with other organizations and a surprising amount done locally by the auxiliary on its own initiative. Greater use should be made of the suggestions in the "Social Service Handbook for Adult Societies." We hear that social service is vague. It is not vague, but it is hard. The quarterly leaflets, working plans, give definite investigations to be made and suggest definite activities, but it is easier to read a leaflet, present a program than to get out of the accepted routine and undertake a job that means work. Nor is it necessary to confine work to the order of the working plan. There are abundant opportunities in every Church for service unmet.

#### SOCIAL SERVICE AS A PHASE OF MISSIONS.

We cannot hope for unimpeded progress in foreign missions until we try in earnest to correct wrong social conditions at home. Our movies, our attitude to child labor expressed in State legislation, our lax standards of social conduct, the failure of the family as indicated in broken homes—all these are internationally exploited to the discredit of Christian civilization in foreign mission lands we are told. For these reasons we cannot tolerate passivity and complacency in the Churches, and for these reasons we must assume an aggressive and constructive attitude toward social and civic movements for social welfare. Perhaps the check that missions have suffered in China and Mexico may serve a good purpose in showing the Christian Church wherein it has failed to Christianize its own social life.

Often the lack of little money prevents the auxiliary from initiating a social movement that when demonstrated would be assumed by other bodies. Superintendents must learn to secure funds for demonstration and experiment from interested individuals of means, from the Church social service committee, and from the auxiliary local work treasury.

With initiative and proper financing new lines of home missions will be developed. Who will begin to fully utilize magnificent Church school buildings for night schools, social clubs, reading rooms, scouts, clinics, country women's rest rooms, and, above all, kindergartens for the pre-school child? Who will organize social hygiene and home-making classes for young men and women? What auxiliaries will systematically examine the magazines for sale on local news stands and cause to be removed the filth that muddies the minds of adolescents? A splendid service is being rendered by the Parent-Teacher Department of the General Sunday School Board under Mrs. Court. I hope you will further the establishment of mothers' clubs under her direction.



Much work is being done with Mexicans in the Southwest. Growing immigration from Mexico is opening new fields of work in other Conferences. North Mississippi has a whole new situation on her hands in the Delta-Mexican and Negro. Americanization classes, mothers' clubs, community clubs are needed. The same is true of Arkansas. Fortunately, both these have rural workers, but they need volunteer help. We need an intensive study of these situations, and a technique for expressing the love of Christ to those who speak another tongue.

Wesley and Bethlehem Houses need volunteers who will place themselves under the direction of the trained resident workers. Our Social Service Superintendents should seek these opportunities and bring cultivated young women and men into this service.

These are some of the tasks we must perform if we would be worthy of sustaining missions in the far lands.

Our new Standing Committee on Social Service met at Lake Junaluska early in July. The secretary will make her report. Much is hoped for from the counsel of this committee.

Your Superintendent has attended the usual and some unusual committee meetings, attended General Conference with the General Conference Legislation Committee. Through the efforts of this committee some changes have been written into the Discipline. The Conference Superintendent is now *ex officio* a member of the Annual Conference Board of Temperance and Social Service as you will note in the report of that committee. In addition to the activities already indicated, she has served on an Annual Conference Board of Social Service, attended two Annual Conference societies, and written the quarterly working plans on recreation, and the two programs on recreation and child labor, also articles for the *Missionary Voice*.

STATISTICAL REPORT, BUREAU OF SOCIAL SERVICE.

CONFERENCE.	Adult Auxiliaries Reporting.	Y. P. Auxiliaries Reporting.	Children's Auxiliaries Reporting.	Legislative Work.	Interracial Work.	Colored Community Clubs.	Immigrant Work.	Federations.
Alabama.....	100	23	26	56	76	12	8	60
Arizona.....	14	..	2	1	..	..	3	1
Baltimore.....	91	60	35	12	18	..	5	..
Central Texas.....	63	12	12	6	6	4	5	5
Denver.....	7	2	2	3	1	1	..	..
East Oklahoma.....	57	12	15	5	8	3	3	1
Florida.....	131	10	6	20	10	3	3	2
Holston.....	69	50	33	2	9	3	1	1
Illinois.....	21	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Kentucky.....	74	41	19	5	7	..	1	3
Little Rock.....	48	20	22	12	14	6	3	..
Los Angeles.....	8	..	1	5	3	..	2	..
Louisiana.....	61	11	14	32	20	8	1	2
Louisville.....	88	35	27	13	9	..	..	1
Memphis.....	94	56	56	16	8	..	..	1
Mississippi.....	120	12	19	5	9	3	2	3
Missouri.....	57	20	9	6	2	2	3	2
New Mexico.....	32	4	5	1	4	1	..	..
North Alabama.....	123	39	40	23	27	12	2	5
North Arkansas.....	86	18	25	25	12	7	5	10
North Carolina.....	86	14	26	15	8	1	..	2
North Georgia.....	144	43	57	36	30	5	6	3
North Mississippi.....	110	28	38	10	4	..	..	10
North Texas.....	100	25	14	20	22	8	11	20
Northwest.....	14	..	2	..	..	..	..	3
Northwest Texas.....	90	10	30	40	80	3	20	4
Pacific.....	27	2	1	1	1	3	..	..
South Carolina.....	74	19	24	2	6	1	..	..
South Georgia.....	197	24	70	75	60	..	..	2
Southwest Missouri.....	55	16	18	15	7	2	4	2
St. Louis.....	85	11	18	23	3	..	2	1
Tennessee.....	63	18	20	..	2	2	..	1
Texas.....	186	9	20	20	20	10	25	4
Upper South Carolina.....	75	21	31	24	37	7	10	1
Virginia.....	123	76	77	18	29	2	33	3
Western North Carolina.....	92	54	61	12	13	..	..	..
West Oklahoma.....	26	30	6	10	8	..	2	2
West Texas.....	93	10	15	35	25	10	35	17
Western Virginia.....	55	29	26	6	1	..	2	..
Total.....	2,939	879	922	613	599	114	196	171

## THE BELLE H. BENNETT MEMORIAL.

MRS. J. W. PERRY, CAMPAIGN MANAGER.

When the Council met in Mobile, Ala., in 1923, one desire seemed uppermost in the hearts of the women, and that was to plan for the erection of a memorial that would in some degree express their appreciation and devotion to her who had been their honored and beloved leader for more than thirty years and who had been called to the home above only a few months before.

No more fitting selection could have been made as a memorial to Miss Bennett than the erection of the central building of Scarritt College and the endowment of the Bible Department.

A committee, of which Mrs. F. F. Stephens was chairman and Miss Estelle Haskin secretary, was formed to carry forward the enterprise.

It was decided that three years should be allowed for raising the funds, and that every woman in the missionary society and many others who loved and honored Miss Bennett were to be given the privilege of sharing in an offering which was to be a love gift.

An amount equal to five dollars per capita for the adult membership of the Woman's Missionary Society was fixed as the goal. In recognition of the Conferences attaining this goal their names are to be inscribed on a tablet in the Bennett Memorial Building.

As a permanent record of the auxiliaries reaching the five dollars per capita offering a Book of Remembrance was provided for, in which their names are to be inscribed. Provision was also made in the Book of Remembrance for enrolling the names of loved ones in whose honor or memory gifts of \$100 were made.

The Conferences each chose a campaign chairman and intrusted to her the promotion of the movement. These women have labored unceasingly and have counted no service too dear to promote the plans outlined by the Bennett Memorial Committee. The members of the Conference Executive Committees have kept in close touch with the chairman and have given her sympathetic and hearty support. In many instances they have shared with her to the limit the responsibility and the labor necessary for the execution of the enterprise.

A Prayer League was formed early in the campaign, and the ministry of intercession on the part of the shut-ins and those unable to give active service has been one of the vital factors in the success of the campaign. Mrs. R. W. MacDonald was for a time director of the Prayer League, and when it became necessary for her to give it up, Miss M. L. Gibson was elected as her successor, both of whom rendered an invaluable service. Miss Estelle Haskin and those associated with her have made a large contribution to the enterprise through the preparation and distribution of suitable and inspiring literature. The *Bulletin* has been used constantly to carry fresh and interesting information concerning the progress of the movement.

Mrs. Chappell has kept the readers of the *Voice* thoroughly conversant



with the plans and has been generous in the space given to the Bennett Memorial.

With loyalty and zeal the women in the Conferences have labored unceasingly, and the activities of these three years would make an interesting and thrilling story. No enterprise undertaken by the Council has evidenced more unselfish service or more heroic giving. As time passed it became apparent that for the closing year of the campaign more intensive cultivation would be necessary. A subcommittee on promotion was formed to carry forward this program of cultivation, and I was asked to direct the work. Miss Davies was requested to devote her entire time to the work for the year. She graciously consented to do so and has given herself without reserve to the task. Through heat and cold, by day and by night, she has gone at the request of the Conference women, rendering a service which can be rewarded only by the Father, who knows the cost and counts the sacrifice. This is true also of large numbers of the Conference officers, the district secretaries, and the auxiliary women who have counted no effort upon their part too dear to lay at his feet.

The subcommittee on promotion was active throughout the year and spared no time and effort in working out plans and in giving careful consideration to every detail of the campaign. It would have been impossible to have carried forward the enterprise without such service.

When the records were closed, it was found that eighteen Conferences had reached the goal. They are as follows: Alabama, Florida, Holston, Kentucky, Louisiana, Louisville, Mississippi, North Carolina, North Georgia, North Texas, Northwest, Northwest Texas, South Carolina, South Georgia, Tennessee, Texas, Western North Carolina, and Western Virginia. In addition to these, the Deaconess and Home Mission Conference reached their quota also and will have a place on the Memorial Tablet.

From the beginning there were some Conferences that felt it would not be possible to assume so large an amount and keep faith with other obligations which they had assumed. Some, therefore, fixed a definite goal for themselves and with just as deep devotion they have striven unceasingly to reach their goal.

Through the combined effort of all we rejoice together in an offering of more than \$639,000. This large amount of extra money was handled by the Council and Conference treasurers with no expense to the campaign, these women sharing with others in a voluntary service, the amount of which it would be difficult to compute.

The campaign was unique in many particulars. The cost of its promotion was less than two and one-half per cent of the amount raised. This was made possible by the volunteer service of the women from the Council down to the auxiliaries.

There were very few large gifts. The bulk of it came in gifts of \$100 and less.

There is no shrinkage to be taken into account, no subscriptions are to

be collected, every pledge has been met, and the money is in the bank drawing interest.

The campaign closed on time and gathered interest and enthusiasm as it proceeded.

While this large special offering has been made, the regular work of the society was not allowed to suffer. It is true the increase in regular collections was not so large as it otherwise would have been, yet there was an advance of \$12,000 over the preceding year.

The Bennett Memorial will stand as a tribute to one who poured out her life in loving service to the cause of the kingdom of God throughout the world and who was the leader of the women of Southern Methodism in all the great movements in which they have been engaged. It will stand, too, as a testimony to coming generations of the love and loyalty and self-sacrifice of thousands of women throughout the Church who believe that the command to go teach all nations means preparation for teaching, preparation which can only be obtained through institutions dedicated to such a purpose, where Christ is made preëminent in all things.

### BELLE H. BENNETT MEMORIAL CAMPAIGN.

DAISY DAVIES, FIELD SECRETARY.

During 1926 it was my privilege to travel in the interest of the Belle Bennett Memorial Building.

The year was a busy one. I traveled over thirty thousand miles. Various places in every district of twelve Conferences were visited and many centers in six others.

Interest and enthusiasm increased as the campaign drew to a close. All but two of the twelve Conferences in which intensive work was done reached their goal.

With thankful hearts we all rejoiced in the wonderful results of the four years' work, having exceeded our goal by many thousand dollars.

The success of the movement was due to the devoted work of the women of the Conferences. The officers of the Conferences and women in the local Churches were untiring in their efforts.

Real sacrificial giving on the part of many will make sacred the campaign.

It is a joy to think that the building represents the love gifts of thousands of individuals and not the wealth of a few.

Almost every stone will signify a gift of love and faith.

I would not be true to myself if I did not record here my gratitude for the magnificent loyalty and devotion of the women in our missionary organization. Whenever a call is made and plans outlined, with courage and faith the women begin to work at the task assigned.

I must express my appreciation of Mrs. J. W. Perry and the campaign committee at Nashville. They made every effort in planning for my success in the itinerations and in their intercession for the realization of our aim.

Life will be richer and my faith stronger because of my association and work with the host of women in the Churches which I visited.

Beautiful stories of sacrificial gifts invested in the King's business will enrich the memory of the year's work and will encourage a larger faith in God and those who belong to his kingdom.

### THE BENNETT PRAYER LEAGUE.

MARIA LAYNG GIBSON, LEADER.

"Ye that are Jehovah's remembrancers take ye no rest and give him no rest till he establish and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth." (Isa. 62: 6.)

This text headed the message that brought the Belle H. Bennett Prayer League before the womanhood of the Church. The goal set was to make the Memorial Building in honor of Miss Bennett a great contribution to Scarritt College and a praise in the earth, and God, whom she served with such loyal devotion, heard and answered the prayers offered to him. The pioneer work of organization and introduction was committed to Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, and well did she do the work intrusted to her skilled hands. For two and a half years Mrs. MacDonell fostered the plan and matured the organization, and when she resigned her position her report showed that seven hundred and eighty-three names were enrolled in the Belle H. Bennett Prayer League.

The League was instituted for the purpose of enlisting women whose physical limitations prevented active work in the campaign for funds. Invalids, shut-ins, deaf, blind, and infirm, and those who are inactive because of age or remoteness from an auxiliary were called to become members and enlist as the "Lord's Remembrancers." But after organization, Conference societies began to plan for prayer leagues, and under efficient leadership those leagues added much to the membership and the efficiency.

In 1926 the resignation of Mrs. MacDonell as leader made a change necessary, and Miss Maria Layng Gibson was chosen as leader until the Belle H. Bennett Memorial Campaign would be closed in December, 1926.

The Belle H. Bennett Committee decided to have a letter written by the leader every month, and this was done. The first letter was mailed in May, 1926, and the last in February, 1927, to give the glad news that Christian womanhood had achieved a signal victory as over \$600,000 had been sent as a willing offering into the treasury of the Woman's Missioinary Society as the result of the campaign.

When the membership roll was sent by Mrs. MacDonell to her successor it contained nearly a thousand names, and the first letter was sent to all, but many letters were returned unclaimed and many others were never heard from. The membership enrolled now is 776. Of this number Florida Conference has 110 members, Tennessee has 125, and Southwest Missouri has 445, making the total number in these three Conferences 680. About 213 letters have been returned from the post office unclaimed, and 10 have been returned marked "deceased." Mrs. Witherspoon, leader



in the Southwest Missouri Conference, writes that she has now 575 members enrolled. When her 130 names are added the membership will be 906.

The expenses of the Prayer League have been met by the Belle H. Bennett Committee. The money expended has been for stationery, stamps, postage, and rubber stamp. The mailing and addressing of envelopes has been done by Miss Lena Freeman and her corps of assistants in the office of the *Missionary Voice*. Theirs has been a joyous giving that merits and wins our loving appreciation. Mrs. Prince, assistant to Mrs. Chappell, also gave help by writing letters to shut-ins for the leader, who received many letters that she felt constrained to answer. They were mainly from retired workers and invalids.

The work of the Bennett Prayer League has been well begun and has had a great part in winning the wonderful achievement that was aimed at and so gloriously won. The dynamic force that has brought about such results will, it is hoped, continue under the Home Base and be used to awaken people who have not as yet grasped the possibilities of the Jubilee Year, so that the spiritual, intellectual, and material resources of the womanhood of the entire Church may be enriched by the power of God through prayer.

#### SCARRITT COLLEGE FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS.

J. L. CUNINGGIM, PRESIDENT.

In presenting to you the report of Scarritt College for 1926, I wish to give expression to my gratitude to God for his blessings that have so richly attended our way and my appreciation to the hosts of women that have been so abundant in labor for their beloved institution.

#### GROWTH OF THE INSTITUTION.

Two important additions have been made to the faculty during the year by the election of Mr. S. M. Duvall to the chair of Religious Education and Miss Mabel K. Howell to the chair of Foreign Missions. By these additions the faculty has been greatly strengthened and the scope of work offered considerably enlarged. The growth of the student body for the present year has been most gratifying, both in the number of students enrolled and in the larger per cent of graduate students. Two years ago our graduate students numbered twenty-nine, last year thirty-four, and this year forty-four, showing a steadily changing emphasis in the type of students attending Scarritt College. There is probably no college in our Church that has so large a per cent of graduate students as is to be found at Scarritt.

#### RELATION TO THE CHURCH.

The General Conference in session last May adopted by an almost unanimous vote the following resolution:

"Resolved: 1. That Scarritt College for Christian Workers be and hereby is accepted as an institution of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

"2. That the following persons be and hereby are elected by the General

Conference as trustees of Scarritt College, the term of office in each case to terminate at the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees in the year named:

"1927.—Miss Esther Case, Mrs. J. H. McCoy, Mrs. L. P. Smith, Mr. John R. Pepper, Dr. R. L. Russell, Dr. E. H. Rawlings, Mr. John W. Barton.

"1928.—Mrs. J. N. McEachern, Mrs. F. F. Stephens, Mrs. H. R. Steele, Mr. T. S. Southgate, Mr. Percy D. Maddin, Bishop W. B. Beauchamp.

"1929.—Miss Mabel K. Howell, Mrs. R. L. Hobdy, Miss Daisy Davies, Bishop H. M. Du Bose, Mrs. H. L. Rimmel, Mr. Walter Keith, Sr.

"1930.—Mrs. J. W. Downs, Mrs. Luke G. Johnson, Bishop E. D. Mouzon, Mrs. Henry S. Owen, Mrs. Atilla Cox, Mr. Dempsey Weaver.

"1931.—Mrs. W. A. Newell, Mrs. R. L. Kirkwood, Mrs. Lee Britt, Mrs. R. H. Lacey, Mr. J. J. Gray, Jr., Dr. J. W. Perry.

"1932.—Mr. C. A. Craig, Rev. Charles W. Scarritt, Mrs. Nat G. Rollins, Dr. W. W. Pinson, Miss M. L. Gibson, Mrs. H. P. Murrey.

"3. That following the first term the regular term of office for trustees be fixed at six years, that the Board of Trustees be authorized to make nominations to fill all vacancies in said Board, and that the Board of Missions be appointed as the representative of the General Conference, *ad interim*, with authority to confirm or reject said nominations; provided, however, that the General Conference, or the Board of Missions as its representative, may nominate and elect, as trustees others than those nominated by the Board of Trustees."

By this action of the General Conference, the organization of Scarritt College for Christian Workers as an institution of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was completed. Thus the legal ownership and control of the institution rests in the General Conference of our Church rather than in the Woman's Missionary Council, as was the case with the Scarritt Bible and Training School in Kansas City, or in the Board of Missions as is the case with the other property being used for the woman's missionary work.

#### THE LOYALTY OF THE WOMEN.

It is worthy of mention in this connection that it was the wish of the Woman's Council that the institution should be organized in this way so as to render a larger service to the Church as a whole. While generously turning over the institution to the General Conference, the missionary women of the Church have demonstrated their loyalty to the institution as well as their love for Miss Bennett by bringing to a successful conclusion the Belle H. Bennett Memorial Fund. This remarkable achievement has not only provided the beautiful Bennett Memorial Building for the uses of the College, but it has made possible a good beginning on the much-needed endowment fund.

In appreciation of what the women have so wonderfully accomplished, the Board of Trustees of Scarritt College at its recent meeting adopted the following resolution:

"We would acknowledge the unexampled financial achievement of the Woman's Missionary Council in securing the Building and Endowment Fund for Scarritt College. The united loyalty and the unconquerable devotion of the women of the Church in this great undertaking are beyond all praise, and we congratulate them both on the achievement and on the example they have thus set before the entire body of the Church."

As important as is the financial assistance that has been thus given to Scarritt College, of greater significance even is the heroic devotion of the missionary women throughout the connection. From the beginning of the Training School in 1892 Scarritt has been the special object of their loving loyalty, and the recent campaign has brought the institution closer to them than ever before. While Scarritt College is now related to the entire Church, it still remains in a peculiar way the women's institution and the heart of the woman's missionary work.

#### SPECIAL DONATIONS, ANNUITIES, ETC.

During the year the College has been the recipient of several special tokens of love from interested friends.

The largest single contribution to the Bennett Memorial, a special donation of \$10,000, has been made by Mrs. George Gaulbert, of Louisville, Ky., who has directed that the gift should be over and above the \$500,000 given by the Woman's Council and has specified that it shall be used toward the completion of the tower.

At the meeting of the Board a year ago a form for an annuity bond was presented by our attorney and adopted. Rev. and Mrs. L. P. Smith, of Dallas, Tex., have very generously turned over to the College \$5,000 and have received the first one of these bonds.

In keeping with the Scarritt policy, the faculty and students of Scarritt College made a Christmas gift to Christ in connection with a beautiful service on Christmas morning. A few of our graduates who participated in the service last year sent their gifts this year that they might have a part in the Christmas offering. The total amount of the offering was \$621, of which \$200 was donated to Fisk University as a token of our good will and appreciation. The remainder, \$421, has been donated to the furnishings of the students' reception room in the Bennett Memorial Building.

The class of 1923, which entered Scarritt the year that the present incumbent became president, has very graciously requested to be allowed to furnish the president's new office, which thing we are most forward to grant.

The Scarritt Alumnae Association, at its meeting last June, took action looking to the raising of \$50,000 toward a fund for a woman's dormitory to honor our beloved Principal Emeritus. A committee was appointed to formulate plans for the carrying forward of the enterprise.

You will be interested to know further that information has come to me of three friends who have included in their wills bequests for Scarritt College. I do not know the amounts of these bequests and am not at



liberty to name the benefactors, but I am reporting the general fact to you as an indication of the growing interest in Scarritt College on the part of the Church.

#### PROGRESS OF THE BUILDING PROGRAM.

During the year work has gone forward on the dining hall-kitchen unit, and the building is now almost ready for occupancy. This unit includes a beautiful dining hall, a kitchen large enough to serve an additional dining hall that may be needed in the future, and a heating plant with sufficient capacity, by adding other boilers, to care for the entire future growth of the school. The present estimated cost of the dormitory is approximately \$105,000. To meet this expense we have had as sources of revenue the Nashville campaign subscriptions, amounting to \$67,250, and the Scarritt askings in the Christian Education Campaign of \$150,000. From the former source we have received above expenses \$53,628.42, and from the latter \$25,806.88, to which amount we have added \$4,000 received several years ago from the Rucker bequest, making a total sum available for the dining hall-kitchen unit of \$83,435.30. No doubt the Nashville campaign fund and the Christian Education Fund will yet yield several thousand dollars, but probably not enough to care for the deficit on this building, amounting to about \$25,000.

The contract for the north and central units of the Belle H. Bennett Memorial Building was authorized by the Executive Committee on May 2, 1925, and the corner stone was laid January 26, 1926. The cost of these two units, which have been under construction throughout the year, including such furnishings as will be purchased now, will amount, according to the present estimate, to \$321,080.52. The cost of the chapel, not including the organ, will be approximately \$172,898.62. This amount, added to the cost of the north and central units, amounts to \$493,479.14. The contribution of the Woman's Council will cover these expenditures and leave a balance of approximately \$6,520. The cost of the tower, without the chimes, will be, according to the present estimate, \$43,145.72. Crediting to this amount the balance from the Woman's Council of \$6,520 and the Gaulbert gift of \$10,000, there remains a balance of approximately \$26,625 to be raised in order to complete the tower without indebtedness.

The Bennett Memorial Building has been generally admired as the most beautiful school building in the Southland, and many visitors have been even more lavish in their appreciation. It is a building in every way worthy of the sainted woman in whose honor it has been built and of the high purpose to which it is to be dedicated. The building should be completed within twelve months and ready for dedication early in 1928. It would be most appropriate for it to be dedicated during the Jubilee Year of the Woman's Missionary Society, and I could wish that we might make its dedication an occasion of great educational and spiritual significance for the entire Church. To this end, on behalf of the trustees and faculty of Scarritt College, I wish to request the Woman's Missionary Council to make arrangements for a suitable dedicatory program as a part of their Jubilee celebration.

## ADMINISTRATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS.

For several years there has been increasing difficulty in connection with the present method of administering the scholarships provided by the Conference societies. More and more the young women—frequently the best-trained young women—dislike to accept the Conference scholarships because they do not wish to bind themselves, particularly in regard to marriage. Because of this fact there is a growing number of splendid young women, in my judgment, who are being kept from the special training, but who with such training might be saved to Christian work. There is again a growing number who, in spite of the present regulations, do as a matter of fact become engaged and are embarrassed and distressed because of the obligations assumed.

In view of these facts which, in the light of the growing independence of the finest young people to-day, are likely to become more serious each year, I raise the question whether it would not be wise to change the provisions regarding the giving of scholarships. Would it not be well to adopt a somewhat less rigid policy, giving the scholarships, after careful investigation as to health, training, and character, to worthy young women who wish to prepare for missionary service, with the condition that should they not offer themselves for missionary service under the Woman's Department, they be required to give an interest-bearing note for the amount of the scholarship to the Treasurer of the Council or of the College as you may desire? Such a policy, I believe, would make a stronger appeal to the finer type of young women, would result in a better attitude on their part, would perhaps save some young women to missionary work who are now being lost, and would enable you in turn to give assistance to larger numbers by the gradual building up of a Scholarship Fund.

## GREATER SCARRITT PROGRAM.

Since the movement for a Greater Scarritt was first begun we have known that in order to make it possible, it would be necessary to increase very materially our financial resources. But because of the necessity of completing the organization of the school as an institution of the Church, and because of the campaign for the Bennett Memorial Fund, it has not been practicable heretofore to consider the matter. Now that these things have been accomplished, and in view of the very urgent need for increased funds to place the institution on a solid foundation, the Board of Trustees has approved of a forward program for the purpose of placing the distinctive character of the institution before the Church and of raising at least \$2,000,000.

The following schedule includes the needs that should be met during the next few years. All of the items are not equally urgent, but there is nothing listed that is not important. Many things, very desirable, have been omitted, because they are less essential than others.

1. General endowment to care for at least ten chairs or departments.....\$1,000,000

## 2. Additional physical equipment as follows:

Additional real estate.....	\$100,000	
A dormitory costing approximately.....	150,000	
Recreational building costing approximately... ..	150,000	
Miscellaneous equipment.....	100,000—	\$ 500,000

## 3. Special endowments:

For extension work.....	\$100,000	
For laboratory centers and practical field work.	100,000	
For library, lectureships, etc.....	100,000	
For student help.....	200,000—	500,000

Total.....\$2,000,000

It is not our purpose to organize a financial campaign such as those recently put on in the Church, but to carry forward a program of cultivation designed to acquaint the Church with the distinctive emphases and the large possibilities of the institution. Our belief is that there are many individuals and groups of people throughout the connection who will want to contribute to the realization of the things for which Scarritt stands. The details of the program are being worked out as rapidly as practicable, and I bespeak the hearty coöperation of the Council and of the hosts of missionary women throughout the Church in carrying this program to a successful conclusion.

## DEVELOPING THE CHARACTER FOR THE INSTITUTION.

But increased financial resources are but means to an end. The real task that confronts us is the development of an institution which in its educational and religious character shall be peculiarly and preëminently adapted to the training of Christian workers. It is only with this purpose that larger resources can be asked or expected.

Scarritt College, though it is the successor of the Scarritt Bible and Training School in Kansas City, is not now a training school, but is organized to do high-grade college work; it differs from a typical college in that it gives larger place to those subjects that not only satisfy the demands of culture, but also furnish a suitable preparation for religious service; it differs from a university in that it emphasizes broad training and personal preparation rather than highly specialized training and investigation; it differs from a school of theology in that it is thinking primarily not in terms of ministerial training, but in terms of lay workers, men and women. Scarritt College has as its aim to do for social and religious workers of various types what a high-grade teachers' college endeavors to do for teachers. Addressing itself to a special type of field service, it seeks to supply the Church with well-trained workers for Christian service at home and abroad.

Such an undertaking involves numerous educational problems that have not yet been adequately solved. For example, how shall we classify



and define the types of workers for which training is to be provided? What are the learnings and skills that these workers should acquire? What departments or chairs are needed for this purpose? What should be the standards and conditions of admission? What degrees, diplomas, and certificates should be granted, and what should be the requirements for same? How can the laboratory work in the field be properly related to the courses of study so as to constitute one educational process? A good beginning has been made in answering some of the questions, but very much yet remains to be done in developing the educational character of the institution.

The development of the religious life of the institution must likewise receive large attention. Scarritt College exists for the training of Christian workers, and the word *Christian* must be defined in adequate terms. We are confronted with numerous more or less conflicting emphases in the religious thinking of our day—here conservatives, there progressives; some preaching a gospel for the individual, others proclaiming a social gospel; champions of the revival looking askance at the educational process, advocates of the educational process seeing little good in the revival; one man standing for an ethical life, another a mystical experience; some emphasizing supernatural evidences, others magnifying scientific processes. Under these conditions we need such an adequate conception of the Christian life as will include that which is sane in all the emphases. Nothing is more important than that Scarritt, as a center for the training of Christian workers, should define "Christian" in terms of Jesus himself, and seek to realize his experience with God, his personal holiness, his social idealism, and his passion for service.

Upon the faculty and students of Scarritt College rests the responsibility, first of all, for the development of the character of the institution; but it is a task in which the coöperation of the constituency is needed. This is an undertaking that cannot be accomplished in a day; it will require patience, faith, sympathetic understanding, and prayer for divine guidance. Those who are most immediately engaged in this enterprise must have not only your financial backing, but your whole-hearted moral and spiritual coöperation if Scarritt College is to realize its goal as a center of intellectual and spiritual power for the Church.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS.

### COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES.

1. Having carefully considered the basis of appropriations and the estimates for the Foreign Department and having made every effort to bring the appropriations within the basis, but finding it impossible to do so without serious embarrassment to the work, your committee recommend that a ten per cent increase on the Conference pledge be included in the basis of appropriations.

2. Since the demand is small for the appropriations for the scholarships for the study of foreign languages provided for in the Centenary askings in the Home Department, Woman's Work, and since these demands can be provided for in the annual appropriations,

Your committee recommend that the payment of the \$12,000 for these scholarships from the Centenary fund be cancelled.

3. Whereas it will be necessary to provide funds in advance to finance the promotion of the Jubilee, we recommend that the necessary amount be borrowed and that it be paid back from the Jubilee offering.

4. Believing that the responsibility for evangelizing the unreached of a local community will stimulate a deeper interest in and a larger support for the program of the Church and be the means of enlisting a greater number of women in missionary societies,

Your committee recommend that after a thorough survey of a given community, which survey must be approved by the Council in annual session, a home mission project may be assigned to a Conference, a district, or an auxiliary upon the following conditions:

(1) The Special must be a project for which the Woman's Work is responsible.

(2) The Special must be accepted for a definite period of time—*i. e.*, five years as a minimum.

(3) In order to finance the Special the necessary fund must be an addition to the regular Conference budget and must pass through the Council treasury.

(4) The Special must be under the direction of regularly appointed workers of the Board.

We further recommend:

(1) That only City Mission and Rural Work be assigned as Home Mission Specials during the quadrennium.

(2) These Specials be subject to the same financial division as other regular funds.

5. Whereas the Board of Missions in session on June 15, 1926, recommended that the salaries of the secretaries and assistants in departments of Woman's Work be continued the same as at present until the Board

receives recommendations in the estimates for 1927 from the Woman's Missionary Council,

Your committee, therefore, recommend that a committee be appointed to consider such salaries and make recommendations as to the amount at which these salaries shall be fixed.

MRS. F. F. STEPHENS, *Chairman*;  
MRS. J. W. PERRY, *Secretary*.

### SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SALARIES.

1. Whereas the Committee has considered the vast amount of voluntary and loving service rendered by the great majority of the Council women; and we realize that the success of our great enterprise depends on the perpetuation of the sacrificial spirit of the Master; and

2. Whereas the salaries of the field workers, both home and foreign, are of necessity small; and

3. Whereas the work of the Administrative Officers has been increased by the recent reduction of our force,

Therefore we recommend that the salaries of the Administrative Officers—viz., Secretary of Foreign Work, Secretary of Home Work, Secretary of Organization, and the Treasurer be made \$3,600 each. That the salaries of the two Associate Secretaries of the Department of Organization—Secretary of Literature and Candidate Secretary—be made \$3,300 each; and the salaries of the Superintendents of Young People and Children's Work remain as fixed by the Executive Committee at \$2,400 each.

MRS. T. J. COPELAND, *Chairman*;  
MRS. E. R. STEEL, *Secretary*.

### APPROPRIATIONS FOR HOME FIELDS.

#### BASIS FOR APPROPRIATION FOR 1928.

Dues, \$164,292.27; pledge, \$164,143.03; life members, \$1,329.76; interest, \$7,529.56; scholarships, \$14,670.60; sale of literature, \$5,000; gifts, \$3,866.64; credit balances, \$17,518.23; total basis, \$378,350.09.

#### APPROPRIATIONS.

Mountain Work, \$45,250; Mexican Work, \$36,522; Gulf Coast Work, \$24,172; Cuban Work, \$13,841; Negro Work, \$24,321; Work with Miners, \$9,200; Cotton Mill Work (new), \$900; Dependent Girls, \$13,500; Bible Teachers, \$9,000; Delinquent Girls, \$14,440; Pacific Coast Work, \$4,921; Miscellaneous, \$14,995; Scarritt College for Christian Workers, \$23,000; City and Mission Conference appropriations, \$11,187; Administration, \$16,014.34; Home Share—Education and Promotion Department: Organization, \$2,950; Candidates, \$3,150; Life Service, \$334; Literature, \$3,890; Service Department, \$3,735; Publications, \$5,347; Young People's Work, \$2,460; Children's Work, \$2,270; Social Service, \$2,325; Travel and office expense of Council officers, \$950; Meetings and Conferences, \$4,125; Schools of Missions, \$1,350; General expense, Junaluska Building, \$103; Rents, \$1,674; Contingent, \$18,041; total appropriations, \$314,067.34.



plus balance to be applied to Centenary, \$64,282.75. Grand total, \$378,350.09.

### APPROPRIATIONS FOR FOREIGN FIELDS.

#### BASIS OF APPROPRIATION FOR 1928.

Dues, pledges, and life members, \$494,647.85; Bible women, scholarships, and day schools, \$53,742.18; Interest, \$9,260.12; Specials, \$11,014.-58; Missionary Voice refund, \$3,750; Retirement (emeritus missionaries), \$6,300; literature sales, \$5,000; balances in field treasuries, \$21,614; Methodist Episcopal refund for Seoul, Korea, Evangelistic Center, \$29,000; to be taken care of by increase in maintenance funds, \$51,484.27. Total basis of appropriation, \$685,813.

#### APPROPRIATIONS.

China Mission, \$149,386; Japan Mission, \$104,740; Korea Mission, \$127,964; Siberia Mission, \$12,665; Brazil Mission, \$50,901; Congo Mission, \$17,001; Cuba Mission, \$30,037; Mexico Mission, \$88,071; Scarritt College for Christian Workers, \$20,500; Inter-Board Work, \$3,274; Administration, \$19,327; Foreign Share—Education and Promotion: Organization, \$2,950; Candidates, \$3,150; Life Service, \$333; Literature, \$3,890; Service Department, \$3,735; Publications, \$5,347; Young People's Work, \$2,460; Children's Work, \$2,270; Social Service, \$675; Travel and office expense Council officers, \$950; Meetings and Conferences, \$4,125; Schools of Missions, \$1,350; General Expense, Junaluska Building, \$103; Rents, \$1,674; Contingent, \$28,935. Total, \$685,813.

### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN FIELDS.

#### REPORT NO. 3.

Your Committee on Foreign Work recommends:

1. (a) That we memorialize the Board of Missions to consider the need of our retired missionaries, and, if possible, increase their allowance.

(b) That the offering to the relief and retirement funds be increased and that publicity be given to the need of this fund through our literature and in all annual, district, and zone meetings.

2. That the Relief and Retirement Fund be authorized as an object for special gifts from auxiliaries and individuals.

3. That the Week of Prayer offering for 1927 be used for a building at Woman's Christian Business Institute at Kobe, Japan.

MRS. T. J. COPELAND, *Chairman*;

MRS. R. J. ATKINSON, *Secretary*.

### COMMITTEE ON HOME FIELD.

#### REPORT NO. 1.

Your Committee recommends:

1. That the section concerning Indorsed Workers in the Home Mission Manual, page 11, be stricken out.

2. That a paragraph be inserted concerning Employed Workers.
3. That a constitution for the use of Conference and District Mission Boards be prepared.
4. That the Week of Prayer offering for 1927 be directed to Valley Institute, Pharr, Tex.
5. That the request of the presiding elder and two pastors of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church of Winston-Salem, N. C., for the establishment of a Bethlehem House in that city be referred to a committee for study and recommendations.
6. That Mrs. J. W. Downs, Mrs. W. A. Newell, and Mrs. C. C. Weaver shall constitute this Committee, and shall report to the Committee on Home Field at the next annual session of the Council.
7. That we accept the property at Biloxi, Miss., known as the Moore Community House, which property is offered free from debt, with the understanding that suitable work shall be conducted in the community, using the house and equipment, making the necessary changes, enlarging and improving the house as the needs may require.

#### REPORT NO. 2.

Your Committee recommends:

1. That for financial reasons the offer to turn over to the Council the Harry Industrial School, at Synor, S. C., be declined.
2. That the North Georgia Conference be allowed to contribute to the building of a Bethlehem House at Augusta, Ga., provided that all their obligations have been met, including a ten per cent increase in funds.

MRS. LEE BRITT, *Chairman*;

MRS. JOHN S. TERRY, *Secretary*.

#### COMMITTEE ON DEACONESS AND CITY MISSION WORK.

The Conference of Deaconesses and Home Missionaries, in session in Raleigh, N. C., in 1926, voted thirty-five to four that all home workers be known as deaconesses, and that they be allowed to wear the uniform at their discretion.

The Council indicated its willingness to grant these requests, and the working out of all details was left to the Executive Committee, who referred the matter to the Standing Committee on Deaconess and City Mission Work.

After careful consideration, your Committee recommends:

1. That all home workers be consecrated as deaconesses.
2. That the consecration of deaconesses and missionaries shall take place at the same service.

#### CONCERNING THE UNIFORM.

Your Committee recommends:

1. That the uniform for the consecration of the deaconess shall be a simple white dress.
2. That the regular uniform shall be a simple black or white dress with

white tailored collars and cuffs. That a tailored hat, either black or white, shall be used.

3. That those deaconesses who have been consecrated and prefer to wear the uniform to which they are accustomed shall be permitted to so so.

4. That each deaconess be given a gold pin at her consecration, and that she shall wear this at all times as the insignia of office.

5. That Mrs. J. W. Downs, Miss Maria L. Gibson, and Miss May Ora Durham be appointed a committee to select a design for the pin.

6. That before a final decision is reached, the design shall be submitted to the Committee.

MISS M. L. GIBSON, *Chairman*;

MRS. LEE BRITT, *Secretary*.

## COMMITTEE ON HOME CULTIVATION.

### REPORT No. 1.

The year past saw the successful completion of a special enterprise; the year ahead contains another project. The present year, with no extra task, furnishes the opportunity to bring every department of the Missionary Society up to that high standard for which the past year was a preparation and which the next year demands if its project is successful. Therefore this year should be a period of intensive cultivation in every department of the organization through its regular channels. To this end we recommend:

1. That there be a rededication of the leadership and the entire membership of the organization to renewed prayer and effort for the kingdom.

2. That the year's program be one of intensive education.

(1) The programs for the regular monthly meetings and Week of Prayer are carefully prepared by those in charge of literature. They should be presented in every auxiliary with the same care that they may carry their message to every woman who attends these meetings.

(2) The number of mission study classes should be increased until there is one in every auxiliary, and every class should be brought to the highest standard of efficiency. Council recognition will be given through the Conference Superintendents of Study for the classes reaching the following standards:

(a) From four to six class sessions taken within six weeks.

(b) Text from books recommended for current year.

(c) Leader trained by experiences as a teacher; special college work in pedagogy, or by courses taken in leadership schools.

(d) Outside preparation by students and participation in class work.

(3) We are justly proud of the *Missionary Voice* and recognize the splendid part the missionary women have had in making its success. We recommend that every effort be made for 10,000 increased circulation during the present year.

(4) There should be abundant opportunity for training the leadership in Conferences and auxiliaries. We recommend that this training be provided through—

(a) Institutes conducted by District Secretaries of city districts for the officers of the auxiliaries in the district.



- (b) First zone meetings of the year for town and rural districts.
  - (c) Standard Sunday school training schools.
  - (d) Schools of Missions at Junaluska and Mount Sequoyah.
  - (e) Leadership training courses held in connection with pastors' schools.
- Dates for these schools: Oklahoma City, May 30-June 11; Florida, Lakeland, August 29-September 9; Mount Sequoyah, July 5-19; Emory, Va., August 16-30; Lake Junaluska, July 20-August 3.

3. That there be an increased emphasis on the efforts—

(1) To enlist the entire woman membership of the Church for membership in the Woman's Missionary Society either as regular or as Gibson members.

(2) To strengthen the weak organizations by sympathetic personal contacts on the part of the strong ones, thereby saving them to the organization.

(3) To organize and foster new societies in every possible congregation.

4. That the financial goal for the year be a ten per cent increase over the collections of last year.

5. The General Conference has given a new responsibility and opportunity to the Woman's Missionary Societies in committing to them the missionary cultivation of the childhood of the Church. The adaption of the present organizations to this requirement will take time and pains and should be undertaken with understanding and tact. Those in charge of children's work will need the active coöperation of the entire leadership and membership of the adult organizations. Therefore we urge that everywhere our women assume the responsibility of this charge and diligently undertake the task of making the new order a success in every Conference and local congregation.

6. The Young People's Work presents a problem, not from lack of interest in the young people themselves, but by reason of the lack of a sense of responsibility for leadership and support on the part of adults. We feel that it is appropriate for this committee to appeal to the adult constituency for the coöperation in the plans of this department which its leaderships ask and which our young people have a right to expect.

#### REPORT NO. 2.

##### *Missionary Education.*

We, your Committee on Home Cultivation, recommend the following courses of study for 1927-28:

1. For Adults and Young People: "The Adventure of the Church," by Samuel McCrear Cavern; "New Paths for Old Purposes," by Margaret E. Burton; "A Straight Way toward To-Morrow," by Mary S. Platt; "The Story of Missions," by Edwin E. White; "The Cost of a New World," by McClennan.

*For Intermediates.*—"Frontiersmen of the Faith," by Edwin E. White; "Young Japan," by Mabel Gardner Kerschner.

*For Juniors.*—"The Upward Climb," edited by Sara Estelle Haskin (a

Negro Project Course); "Please Stand By," by Margaret Applegarth; "Our Japanese Friends," by Ruth Isabel Seabury.

*For Primary Groups.*—"Kin Chan and the Crab," by Gerthae Converse and Mabel Garrett Wagner. (A Project Course on Japan.) "The World in a Barn," by Gertrude C. Warner. (A reading book.)

2. We also recommend the following Leader's Handbook Series: "The Missionary Education of Beginners," by Jesse Eleanor Moore; "The Missionary Education of Juniors," by J. Gertrude Hutton. (New and revised edition.)

3. The Committee nominates the following as Council representatives on local and Conference interdenominational schools of missions: Baltimore, Mrs. T. J. Copeland; Dallas, Mrs. J. W. Stewart, Mrs. S. M. Black, Mrs. L. M. Hogsett; Houston, Mrs. J. W. Mills; Los Angeles, Mrs. Q. J. Rowley; New Orleans, Mrs. D. B. Carré; Mount Herman and Mills College, Mrs. A. T. O'Rear; St. Petersburg, Mrs. J. A. Larsen.

MRS. A. B. SMITH, *Chairman*;

MRS. H. S. OWEN, *Secretary*.

## COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND PROMOTION.

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

1. Notwithstanding the fact that there are agencies other than the Woman's Missionary Society established to cultivate the young people of our Church for missions, we are convinced that there are vast numbers of our young people who are receiving no cultivation and that there is in every community a group with which an organized Young People's Missionary Society can do effective work. We therefore recommend that a survey of each local Church be made with a view of finding out the number of young people who are receiving no missionary training and that an effort be made to organize a Young People's Missionary Society.

2. We further recommend:

(1) That an adaptation of the circle plan being used by the adult auxiliaries be made for the Young People's organization in order to do effective work with the different age groups.

(2) That district meetings for young people be held separate from the adult district meetings in every Conference where it is practicable; and that a young person be elected to assist the District Secretary in the promotion of the Young People's Work in her district.

(3) That the Foreign and Home Specials be assigned the young people for a quadrennium, and that the Hiroshima Girls' School be the Foreign Special and Rural Work the Home Special.

(4) That the Young People's pledge from each Conference to the Council be made on the recommendation of the Young People's Superintendent of that Conference.

(5) That the Young People's pledge be at least ten per cent increase over the amount raised the previous year.

(6) That the Young People be entirely responsible for meeting their pledge without assistance from the adult members.

(7) That the young people in the local societies offer their assistance to the Superintendent of Children in helping to promote her work with children.

(8) That we approve the "Little Sister" plan by which societies help to organize and to foster new societies and to receive recognition for these at annual meeting.

3. In order that the Young People may be developed in initiative, we recommend:

(1) That the young people of each Conference set for themselves goals, and that they engage in such activities as will enable them to attain these goals.

(2) That we strive to raise the type of work in a larger per cent of our Young People's auxiliaries to that required for the Honor Roll, thus preventing the great losses through weak organizations.

(3) That each Conference Young People's Superintendent prepare a "Calendar of Events" showing the activities that the Young People are to engage in each month or season in order to reach the Conference goals.

(4) That we ask the Literature Committee to prepare graded literature for the Young People's Department.

(5) That the Council Superintendent of the Young People's Department issue a list of books or a suggested reading course in leadership training for the help of the Conference Superintendents and others interested in Young People's Work.

(6) That we ask the Conference Superintendent of Study to promote Mission and Bible Study in the Young People's Department with the same earnestness and vigor as in the Adult Department, and that care be taken that Young People are provided for in all schools of missions and coöperative opportunities in the local Church.

MRS. WALTER TAYLOR, *Chairman*;

EMMA V. PEPPLER, *Secretary*.

## COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND PROMOTION.

### CHILDREN'S WORK.

Norman Duncan has so well said: "Who so loves a child, loves not himself but God, whose delights a child labors with God in his worship of the world of hearts; whose helps a child brings the kingdom of God."

We recommend that:

1. The slogan of the leaders of the Children's Department for this quadrennium be this quotation from Benjamin Kidd: "Give us the young, and we will create a new mind and a new earth in a single generation."

2. Superintendent of Children's Department:

(1) Grade the children into Baby, Primary, and Junior groups.

(2) Endeavor to secure a leader for each age group.

3. (1) That the Superintendent of the Children's Department and leaders constitute the Standing Committee on Children's Work. This committee shall meet quarterly to plan and discuss the work of the Department.



(2) That the Superintendent of the Children's Department shall report all the work to her department at the business meetings of the auxiliary and shall send a written report quarterly to the Conference Superintendent of Children's Work.

4. That the leader of each group be urged to:

(1) Make the main objective the growth of the individual child in becoming missionary minded, rather than the imparting of knowledge.

(2) Study the nature and needs of the particular age intrusted to her care.

(a) As aids in this study, we urge attendance on Training Schools—Cokesbury, Standard, Leadership, Mission.

(b) Study the best methods of secular education carefully and adopt as much as is practicable.

(3) Seek to make the very closest possible contacts with the parents of the children of her group by

(a) Visiting in the homes.

(b) Programs prepared especially for parents.

(c) Directing group study of the child.

(d) Giving public demonstrations of work being done with the children and extending special invitation to parents to be present.

5. Whereas financial response upon the part of the child is not the main objective, still it has its legitimate place in the program of education; therefore we further recommend:

(1) That the children be definitely taught the financial needs of our missionary work and be given an opportunity to give regularly and systematically to the cause of missions.

(2) That each group, even the Baby Division, should make a definite pledge each year. The amount of this pledge should be stated in the first quarter's report to the Treasurer, District Secretary, and Conference Superintendent of Children's Work.

6. We recommend that the Superintendent of Children' Work endeavor to enlist the Young People's Missionary Society in her program of cultivation and secure leaders from their membership.

7. That each Conference set as its goal for 1927 a ten per cent increase in organization, finances, and members in the Children's Department.

8. That each adult auxiliary elect a Superintendent of Children's Work even though there is no organized Children's Work in the charge.

9. Whereas we are definitely instructed by the General Conference to take over the missionary education of all Junior Epworth Leagues and to merge the Junior Epworth League and Junior Missionary Society wherever they are both organized in the same Church; and therefore there is no necessity to delay for further authorization, we recommend:

(1) That the Council appoint a committee of three with power to act with a like number from the Epworth League Board to prepare a handbook, requirements for Standard of Excellence, etc., for Epworth Junior Societies.

(2) That this legislation of the General Conference shall be promoted through the organization of an Epworth Junior Society wherever possible.

(3) That wherever there is only a Junior Epworth League, the Superintendent of Children's Department direct the missionary activities of that organization.

10. Whereas there has been pronounced objection in some places to the name "Pansy" for the Primary Missionary Societies, we recommend:

(1) That this action of the Council be rescinded.

(2) (a) That this group be named the "Primary Division."

(b) That wherever desirable, the Primary Division may choose another name, but in reporting its work, to avoid confusion, it must be reported by the name of Primary Division.

11. We recommend the following Standard of Excellence of Children's Department:

(1) *Baby Division:*

Leader appointed and active . . . . .	5	} 25
Quarterly meeting of babies . . . . .	5	
Quarterly mite box opening . . . . .	5	
Annual enrollment exercises and net increase in members . . .	5	
Mothers' Meetings (four or more) . . . . .	5	

(2) *Primary Division:*

Leader appointed and active . . . . .	5	} 25
Monthly meetings and programs used . . . . .	5	
Annual enrollment exercises and net increase in members . . .	5	
Mite box opening each quarter . . . . .	5	
Mothers' Meetings (four or more) . . . . .	5	

(3) *Epworth Junior Society:*

Leader appointed and cooperating with Epworth League Superintendent . . . . .	5	} 30
Daily vacation school of missions . . . . .	5	
Monthly missionary program . . . . .	5	
Monthly missionary offering . . . . .	5	
Week of Prayer observed . . . . .	5	
Mothers' Meetings (four of more) . . . . .	5	

(4) *Superintendent of Children's Department:*

Monthly report to Adult Auxiliary of the work of the whole department . . . . .	5	} 20
Quarterly report to Conference Superintendent of Children's Work . . . . .	5	
Quarterly report to Treasurer and pledges paid in full . . . . .	5	
Promotion exercises for each division . . . . .	5	

The Children's Department, making eighty points or more, is entitled to a place on the Roll of Honor.

12. That the Specials for 1928 for Primary and Junior Societies shall be: For the Home, Holding Institute; Foreign, some part of the Council work in Japan.

13. We recommend the following new books:

For Leaders of Juniors: "The Missionary Education of Juniors," by

Gertrude Hutton (a new revised edition). For Leaders of Baby Divisions: "The Missionary Education of Beginners," by Jesse Eleanor Moore. For all leaders and Mothers' Meetings: "A Straight Way toward To-Morrow," by Mary Scharffler Platt.

MRS. E. R. STEEL, *Chairman*;

MRS. HENRY GEORGE, *Secretary*.

#### JOINT COMMITTEE ON JUNIOR WORK CONCERNING YOUNG CHRISTIAN WORKER.

It is very apparent that the plan for the reorganization of the Junior Work as outlined at General Conference will seriously interfere with the publication of two papers for the junior age group. If the *Young Christian Worker* and the *Junior Epworthian* continue to be published separately, it will result in the undercutting of one or both of these magazines. It will soon become impossible to secure any large number of subscriptions for two papers within the same organization.

The Joint Committee, composed of three members of the Woman's Missionary Council and three from the Epworth League Board, therefore recommend the following:

1. That the *Young Christian Worker* and the *Junior Epworthian* be merged, and a joint magazine published which will serve all the children of the Church. This merger shall take place as soon as possible after the meeting of the Epworth League Board in May.

2. That the Publishing House be asked to become responsible for the publication of the joint magazine under the following specifications—viz., the Publishing House shall bear all expense of publication except that of editorial service; the magazine shall be a thirty-two page monthly, the present size of the *Young Christian Worker*; fifteen pages to be printed in ten point and fifteen pages in eight point; the cover to be of different stock from the body of the paper, and the illustrations to average in number and size those now carried in the *Young Christian Worker*; the price to be sixty cents a year in clubs of six; seventy-five cents to a single address. The new publication will be used to complete the subscription of those people already subscribers to either the *Young Christian Worker* or the *Junior Epworthian*. The *Young Christian Worker* will, therefore, pay the Publishing House the necessary amount for unexpired subscriptions.

3. The first half of this joint magazine shall be devoted to stories and other matters suited to the Junior age group. The second half will be devoted to program material and leaders' helps.

4. The Secretary in charge of the literature of the Board of Missions, Woman's Work, and the Junior Secretary of the Epworth League Board shall be jointly responsible for the editorship of this joint magazine.

5. This magazine shall be issued under the name *Juniors*.

ESTELLE HASKIN,

KATHARINE CAMPBELL.



## COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICE.

1. Your Committee recommends the appointment of a key woman in each district to assist the Conference Superintendent in presenting Social Service at district, group, or zone meetings, nomination to be made by the Conference Superintendent of Social Service and approved by the Executive Committee.

2. We recommend that for the continuance of our work along all lines of social legislation and community service steps to be taken to form interdenominational federations in towns and cities.

3. We commend to those federations the study of community needs for day-nursery care for the children of working mothers.

4. We recommend that auxiliary superintendents and committees buy and read such magazines on sale at local news stands as are under suspicion of being detrimental to youth, and that they seek to have them removed by appealing, first, to the dealer and, second, to the proper authorities.

## INTERRACIAL.

1. In order to provide proper care for Negro children and to relieve the mothers from anxiety during their hours of labor in domestic and other service we recommend that the Social Service Committee, in consultation with a few leaders of the Negro race, take steps to establish day nurseries, to be supported coöperatively by both groups under plans provided by the Woman's Missionary Council.

2. We recommend that auxiliary superintendents visit local Negro public schools; that they note all conditions, equipment, number of pupils to the teacher, training of teacher as evidenced by her work, playgrounds, etc., and where conditions are unsatisfactory, they inquire of the county or city superintendent concerning the apportionment of school funds per capita to white and colored schools.

MRS. W. P. McDERMOTT, *Chairman*;  
MRS. TROY E. WELCH, *Secretary*.

## COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

*By-Laws for Adult Auxiliaries*, page 344, Sixteenth Annual Report.

Amend By-Law 7 by striking out the paragraph and substituting the following:

(a) The Superintendent of the Children's Department shall develop and direct the work of the children. She shall nominate to the adult auxiliary two women who, with herself, shall form the Children's Committee, one member of which shall supervise the work of each of the divisions—namely, Baby, Primary, and Epworth Junior. The Superintendent of Children's Department shall be chairman of this Standing Committee.

(b) The Superintendent of the Children's Department shall report all the activities of each division in her monthly and quarterly reports to the adult auxiliary and shall send a written report quarterly to the Conference

Superintendent of Children's Work. She shall turn over all moneys, properly designated, from each division to the treasurer of the adult auxiliary. These funds shall be included in her quarterly report to the Conference treasurer as the offerings from the Children's Department.

The Committee recommends concurrence.

*Constitution of Young People's Auxiliaries*, page 345, Sixteenth Annual Report.

Amend Article 3 by striking out the word "fourteen," and substituting "thirteen," so that the first sentence of the Article shall read: "Any young person thirteen years old and over may become a member of the auxiliary by giving regularly prayer, service, and a stated offering monthly or quarterly."

The Committee recommends concurrence.

*Constitution and By-Laws for Children's Auxiliaries*, pages 346, 347, and 348, Sixteenth Annual Report.

Strike out the entire section headed "Children's Auxiliaries," and substitute the following new Constitution and By-Laws for Children's Work:

### Children's Department.

#### CONSTITUTION.

1. This department shall be called the Children's Department of the Adult Missionary Society of . . . . . Church, auxiliary to . . . . . Conference Society of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

2. The object of this department is to hasten the coming of the kingdom of God throughout the world by giving the children of the Church missionary education, training them for Christian service, and by cultivating in them habits of liberal and systematic giving and of daily Bible study and prayer.

3. The Children's Department shall consist of a Baby Division, a Primary Division, and the Epworth Junior Society, which shall be under the direction of the Superintendent of the Children's Department of the Woman's Missionary Society. (The responsibility for directing the Epworth Junior Society shall be shared with the Superintendent from the Epworth League.)

The Committee recommends concurrence.

#### Baby Division.

1. (a) Any child under six years of age is eligible to membership in the Baby Division. There shall be an annual fee of twenty-five cents, and mite boxes shall be furnished for additional voluntary offerings.

(b) Each member of the Baby Division shall be given a certificate of membership upon its first enrollment; at subsequent annual enrollments a star shall be placed upon the certificate.

2. Any child may become a life member of the Baby Division of the Children's Department by the payment of five dollars, provided the money

paid for that specific purpose. It shall not be included in the pledge or in any special assumed by individuals or that has been assigned to the Baby Division of the Children's Department.

3. Names of children may be placed on the Memorial Roll by the gift of ten dollars.

4. Quarterly meetings for the Baby Division shall be arranged by the Leader of the Baby Division in consultation with the Superintendent of the Children's Department of the Adult Missionary Society; at these meetings an inspirational program shall be presented and the mite boxes opened.

5. Members of the Baby Division at the age of six years shall be promoted to the Primary Division.

The Committee recommends concurrence.

#### Primary Division.

1. Any child between the ages of six and nine years may become a member of the Primary Division of the Children's Department by giving regularly prayer, service, and an annual enrollment fee of twenty-five cents. Mite boxes furnished for voluntary offerings shall be opened quarterly, and the contents with all other offerings shall be turned over to the Superintendent of the Children's Department of the Adult Auxiliary.

2. Anyone may become a life member of the Primary Division of the Children's Department by the payment of ten dollars, provided the money be paid for that specific purpose. It shall not be included in the pledge or in any special assumed by individuals or that has been assigned to the Primary Division of the Children's Department.

3. Names of children may be placed on the Memorial Roll by the gift of ten dollars.

4. The officers of the Primary Division shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer. These officers shall be elected annually.

5. There shall be such committees as are necessary to carry on the work of the Division.

6. The Primary Division shall meet at least once a month to transact necessary business and to follow the lines of study and activity provided by the Woman's Missionary Council. At the close of the quarter, the Primary enrollment fees, mite box offerings, and any other moneys shall be turned over to the Superintendent of the Children's Department, designating that those moneys are from the Primary Division. The first regular monthly meeting of the year shall be devoted to making plans and financial pledges for the new year's work. At this time also the enrolling of members and the paying of the fee for the new year shall take place.

7. Members of the Primary Division at the age of nine years shall be promoted to the Epworth Junior Society.

The Committee recommends concurrence.



**Epworth Junior Society.**

CONSTITUTION PRESENTED BY JOINT COMMITTEE AND AMENDED.

*Article 1. Name.*

This organization shall be known as the . . . . . Epworth Junior Society of the . . . . . Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of . . . . . pastoral charge of the . . . . . Annual Conference.

*Article 2. Relations and Organization.*

This Society shall be under the authority of the pastor and the Woman's Missionary Auxiliary (which is under the Woman's Missionary Council), and auxiliary to the Epworth League Board.

The Senior Epworth League, through its Council, shall nominate the Junior Superintendent to the pastor for confirmation, and a nominee of the Woman's Missionary Auxiliary shall become the Associate Superintendent.

*Article 3. Object.*

The objects of this Society shall be to advance the growth of its members in Christian character and faith, to prepare them for full membership in the Church, to train their social and mental capacities in harmony with the teachings of the Church, to instruct them in the work our Church is doing, and to provide them with the opportunity of participating in this work of spreading the gospel story through prayer, study, service, and gifts. It shall further assist the pastor in the instruction of the children of his charge.

*Article 4. Members.*

1. The membership shall be composed of boys and girls from nine to twelve years of age, inclusive. They shall become members after subscribing to the constitution of the Society.

2. The pastor, superintendent, and Associate Superintendent shall be advisory members.

3. Every member shall make a monthly offering to missions and will contribute to all other financial needs of the Society.

*Article 5. Officers.*

1. The officers of the Epworth Junior Society shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, an Agent of Periodicals, and the chairmen of the four Departments.

2. The President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be nominated by a nominating committee appointed by the Superintendents and elected by ballot at the regular business meeting in October. The four department chairmen and the Agent of Periodicals shall be appointed by the Superintendent and Associate Superintendent. The officers shall assume the duties of their respective offices immediately following their election and installation.

*Article 6. Departments.*

The work of the Society shall be carried on under the general plan of the four departments—namely: Worship, Service, Recreation and Study, and Missions. Each department shall be in charge of a chairman and committee. At its first meeting the Epworth Junior Council shall appoint each member of the Society to serve on one of the departmental committees. During the months of June and July intensive missionary training shall be carried on through the weekly meetings and through a vacation missionary school. During the months of August and September the regular weekly meetings shall be held on all Sundays or other days of the week that may be chosen, and special programs of a general kind may be promoted.

1. *Department of Worship.*—(a) This department shall conduct weekly devotional meetings (except the one meeting each month which shall be in charge of the Department of Missions, and shall endeavor in other ways to cultivate the spirit of worship.

(b) This department shall give special attention to the music of the Society. The best hymns of the Methodist Hymnal shall be taught, and good music furnished for all meetings.

(c) Part of the hour of the weekly meeting shall be used for the work of the Bible and Church Study Course and the Mission Study Course.

2. *Department of Service.*—(a) This department shall engage in practical work of such sorts as may be deemed expedient by the Associate Superintendent, such as providing flowers for the church and sick, visiting and aiding the sick and needy, and soliciting the attendance of children at Church and Sunday school, and shall endeavor to help the pastor in every way possible.

(b) It shall be a part of the work of this department to forward the cause of temperance and good government by means of special programs and meetings for instruction.

(c) The course of study for this department shall be provided by the Woman's Missionary Council.

3. *Department of Recreation and Study.*—(a) The work of this department shall be carried on following the weekly devotional meetings (except those in charge of the Fourth Department), and where expedient by special meetings. The Study Course in the Bible, Church History and Doctrine, and the benevolences shall be used wherever practicable.

(b) This department shall furnish wholesome entertainment and shall plan for the development of the social life of the Juniors.

(c) An earnest effort should be made to encourage habits of reading good books.

4. *Department of Missionary Work.*—(a) This department shall carry out a missionary program once a month and shall provide for mission study.

(b) This department shall further secure pledges and collect money for missions which shall be directed by the Woman's Missionary Council. It shall in other ways aid in the missionary work of the Church under the direction of the pastor and Associate Superintendent.

(c) The work of the department shall be under the direction of the Associate Superintendent.

(d) The course of study for the department and the objects of missionary giving shall be approved by the Woman's Missionary Council.

*Article 7. Epworth Junior Council.*

The officers, the pastor, Superintendent, Associate Superintendent, and any Assistant Superintendents shall constitute the Council of the Epworth Junior Society and shall meet monthly for consultation on the interests of the Society, and to plan for the business meetings and for general work.

*Article 8. Revenue.*

The revenue of the Society shall be derived from pledges and freewill offerings of the members.

*Article 9. By-Laws.*

The Society may enact such additional by-laws as it shall require in accordance with this constitution, provided they are first approved by the Epworth Junior Council.

*Article 10. Changes.*

Changes in this constitution may be made only by the Woman's Missionary Council and the Epworth League Board in consultation.

*Article 11. Rule.*

As the boy Jesus grew in wisdom and in body and in the approval of God and man, so it is my purpose to grow. I will endeavor to learn the will of Jesus and do it.

*Article 12. Grading.*

Whenever the number of members of the Epworth Juniors is large enough to make it desirable, the Society shall be divided into groups, in which the children shall be graded according to age. Each group shall be in charge of an Assistant Superintendent, who shall give direction to the work of the Bible and Church Study Course and Mission Courses.

*Article 13. Supervision.*

1. The Superintendent and the Associate Superintendent shall be responsible for the program of work and shall coöperate for the larger interests of the society.

2. The Assistant Superintendent shall assist in planning the Society activities and have oversight of the work of the different departments, and shall also have charge of the study classes in the Bible and Church Study Course. The Mission Study Course shall be under the direction of the Associate Superintendent.

The Committee recommends concurrence.



## BY-LAWS.

1. The President shall preside at all business meetings, and, with the help of the Superintendents, shall see that the committees do the work planned.

2. The Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President.

3. The Secretary shall keep the membership roll, the minutes of the business meetings and other records of the Society, and shall correspond with the Central Office of the Epworth League and the Conference Superintendent of Children's Work of the Woman's Missionary Society.

4. The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds, and by order of the Society he shall pay out the budget funds. The Treasurer shall remit monthly or quarterly to the Superintendent of the Children's Department of the local auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Society all the missionary offerings.

5. The Agent of Periodicals shall solicit subscriptions, look after renewals, and otherwise give aid to the circulation of literature and shall act as librarian of the Society.

6. Chairmen of departments shall have charge of the activities of their respective departments. Each shall be assisted by a committee of at least three Juniors.

7. A monthly business meeting shall be held, at which time the children shall be trained in elementary rules of order.

MRS. C. W. NICHOLS, *Chairman*;

EMMA V. PEPPLER, *Secretary*.

## COMMITTEE ON LAWS.

We, the Committee on Laws, submit the following report:

The Committee has worked during the year on a card indexed history of the laws, policies, and actions of this body, and has made progress. It is the purpose of the Committee that by the end of this quadrennium the actions taken by this body shall be listed in form convenient for quick reference.

The Committee submits the following recommendations:

1. That a file of the Council Minutes be formed by quadrenniums, and so kept as quadrenniums pass for the use of the Laws Committee.

2. That this body observe the distinction between the items of law and points of information or inspiration in papers sent to Calendar for action, items for legislative action only being placed in committee reports.

The Committee reports concerning the Calendar for this session that it is clear.

MRS. J. H. STEWART, *Chairman*;

MRS. J. C. HANDY, *Secretary*;

MRS. HARVEY BONEY.

## COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE MEMBERS TO FILL VACANCIES ON STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. Since Mrs. W. P. McDermott, who is the successor to Mrs. H. L.

Remmell in the Little Rock Conference, is peculiarly fitted to fill this vacancy on the Social Service Committee that she be appointed on this committee.

2. That the new members of the Board of Trustees of Scarritt College elected by that Board, Mrs. Walter Taylor, in the place of Miss Mabel Howell, resigned, and Mrs. D. Beach Carré, in the place of Mrs. H. L. Remmell, deceased, be recorded on the Committee on Scarritt College for Christian Workers.

MRS. F. S. PARKER, *Chairman*;  
MRS. NAT G. ROLLINS, *Secretary*;  
MRS. E. B. CHAPPELL.

### SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON LEADERSHIP TRAINING.

A committee was appointed by the Executive Committee in mid-year meeting to study the matter of leadership training in summer assemblies. This committee was instructed to consider all the possibilities of coöperation with the General Boards of the Church that are conducting leadership training schools.

Your Committee submits the following recommendations:

1. That during the summer of 1927 leadership training be given at Junaluska and Mount Sequoyah, and in connection with the pastors' schools at Oklahoma City, Emory, Va., Lakeland, Fla., at the Arizona Assembly, and at Paine College.

2. That twelve courses successfully completed lead to a diploma. Four of these courses shall be electives chosen from the following subjects given in the Pastors' Schools:

- (1) Present Rural Conditions and Problems.
- (2) Social Teachings of the Prophets.
- (3) Missionary Message of the Bible.
- (4) International Aspects of Christianity.
- (5) Story-Telling in Religious Education.

Also (1) Current Mission Study Books for Adults.

(2) Current Mission Study Books for Young People.

The eight required courses are:

- (1) Organization and Methods for Adult Missionary Societies.
- (2) Social Organization (meaning elementary sociology).
- (3) Racial Studies.
- (4) City Missions.
- (5) Organization and Methods of Young People's Work as under the Woman's Missionary Council.
- (6) Missionary Education of Adolescents.
- (7) Organization and program of Children's Work under the Woman's Missionary Council.
- (8) The Missionary Education of Children (Beginners, Primary, Juniors).

3. That a syllabus shall be prepared on each of the following subjects for the use of teachers:

- (1) Organization and Methods for the Woman's Missionary Council.

(2) Organization and Methods of Young People's Work under the Woman's Missionary Council.

(3) Organization and program of work for children under the Woman's Missionary Council.

(4) Social Organization.

4. That the expense of conducting these schools be met from funds appropriated for summer conferences and pastors' schools and from the appropriation for social service and interracial work.

5. That the officers in charge of organization and of social service be a permanent committee to work out the details for the leadership training for 1927, and to make recommendations for future policies.

MRS. W. A. NEWELL, *Chairman*;

MRS. B. W. LIPSCOMB, *Secretary*.

#### COMMISSION ON WOMAN'S PLACE OF SERVICE IN THE CHURCH.

At a special called meeting of the Executive Committee of the Council, June 23, 1926, at Nashville, the following resolution was adopted.

Whereas the Federal Council of Churches in America has a commission to study the status of woman in the Church at home, and the International Missionary Council has a similar committee studying status of women in the Churches on the mission fields,

*Resolved*, that a quadrennial commission of seven women shall be appointed to study the status of women in the work of our own Church at home and abroad in order to discover and define their place of largest usefulness in the work of the kingdom.

The following commission was appointed: Miss Daisy Davies, Mrs. W. A. Newell, Miss Mabel Howell, Mrs. J. C. Handy, Mrs. H. L. McClesky, Mrs. Harvey Boney, Mrs. Walter Taylor.

The commission met in Nashville, November 4, 1926, for organization and assignment of tasks to the members preparatory to the first meeting of the commission. The first regular meeting was held in Nashville, January 25, 1927.

The first finding of the commission is that the literature on the subject, "The Place of Women in the Service of the Church," is meager. The study of the "Status of Women on Foreign Mission Fields" is just off the press and until recently there has been little research in reference to the status of women in the home Church. The literature is irrelevant to our task, since treatises on "Woman and the Church" deal largely with early questions now settled, or, if of recent date, they treat of particular phases peculiar to a specific country or denomination. A. Maude Royden's "The Church and Woman" is the nearest approach to our task and its bibliography the most complete yet found.

Many questions were raised and discussed at this meeting, but because of the newness of the research, no conclusions were reached. A question discussed with interest was the uncompleted questionnaire sent out by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America on the "Relation of



Women to the Church." In order, therefore, that a beginning might be made in accumulation of data a preliminary questionnaire was prepared to be sent to the women of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, relating to "Women in Appointive and Elective Positions" in our Church.

The questionnaire has been well received by the Corresponding Secretaries of the Conferences and sent by them to the District Secretaries. There are two hundred and eighty-three districts in the thirty-eight Conferences. One hundred and fifty-one of these have responded. As soon as the returns are complete, it is the plan of the commission to publish the findings in the *Advocates* of the Church.

Special study will be made this year of the following questions: The status of women in other denominations, the place of women in the ministry and evangelism, types of skills open to women working in the Church, the legal status of women in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and a bibliography from current magazines.

With the hope that we may make a real contribution to the Christianization of woman's position in the Church, and that the women of the Church will find a high interest in the work of this commission, we respectfully submit this introduction to our task.

MRS. J. C. HANDY, *Chairman*;

MRS. W. A. NEWELL, *Secretary*.

#### SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON COÖPERATION WITH WELFARE ORGANIZATIONS.

Since from time to time the Woman's Missionary Council is called upon to send delegates to important national organizations for the promotion of righteousness in various phases of our common life, we recommend that such invitations be referred to a small committee of the Executive Committee to be appointed by the President which shall consider each request upon its merits, and shall make recommendations to the Executive Committee as to the extent of coöperation.

MRS. W. A. NEWELL, *Chairman*;

MRS. J. W. PERRY, *Secretary*.

#### COMMITTEE ON SCARRITT COLLEGE.

Your Committee on Scarritt College had before it the report of the President of the College and desires to record its gratification because of the continued and signal success which attends the institution.

The termination of the campaign for funds for the erection of the Belle Bennett Memorial Building and the approaching completion of the building itself is noted with special thanksgiving. We believe that not only the Woman's Missionary Council, but the entire Church has cause for rejoicing in the establishing of Greater Scarritt in its marvelous program for the training of the lay leadership of the Church in all forms of Christian service.

We desire further to record our gratification that the General Conference, in accepting the ownership and control of the institution in its last

quadrennial session, has made possible a Church-wide interest and support which is essential to the largest development of its great program.

We therefore recommend:

1. (a) That the Board of Missions in assuming its new relationship in its coming session be requested to lead the Church organizations in fostering this institution.

(b) That the Board be requested to assume some financial obligation for the conduct of the College.

2. That the Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Council be requested to make the necessary preparation for the dedication of the Belle Bennett Memorial Building during the annual session of the Council to be held in Nashville, Tenn., in March, 1928.

MRS. R. L. HOBODY, *Chairman*;

MRS. LUKE JOHNSON, *Secretary*.

### BENNETT MEMORIAL COMMITTEE, CONCERNING ROOM OF REMEMBRANCE.

#### REPORT NO. 1.

We recommend that the Woman's Missionary Council be requested to pass the following enabling act:

1. That the Woman's Missionary Council, in annual session assembled in Shreveport, La., March 9-16, 1927, hereby request the Board of Trustees of Scarritt College to set apart room (location and dimensions to be inserted later) for a Room of Remembrance forever, and that the available ninety stones in this room be used as a permanent place for inscribing names, with the date of birth and death of those men and women of our Church, at home and abroad, who are considered worthy of such commemoration because of constructive and distinguished Christian service.

2. (a) That the floor of the Room shall be reserved for metal tablets bearing the names of those associated with the founding of Scarritt Bible and Training School and of Scarritt College.

(b) That a tablet bearing the name of Belle Harris Bennett, with a suitable inscription, be inserted as soon as possible.

3. That the Memorial Tablet and the Book of Remembrance of the Woman's Missionary Society be placed and forever kept in this Room.

4. That the border spaces, consisting of three long and two short lengths around the top of the room, be held for suitable inscription or inscriptions.

5. That the Board of Trustees of Scarritt College be requested to organize itself into a final and determining body for the care of the Room and the selection of names to be entered, the same to be known as the Senate of Scarritt College Room of Remembrance, and that this Senate conduct the business of the Memorial along the general lines herein outlined as follows:

(a) The Senate shall be responsible for the entire project of the Room of Remembrance in matters of securing and administering funds for the upkeep and maintenance of the Room, for the invitations for submission of names, for the selection of names to be entered, for the inscriptions, and

for all formalities and ceremonies connected with the unveiling of the stones and the announcement of the names to the Church.

(b) It shall further protect the selection of names to be entered in the Room by naming electors to consist of one member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, from within the boundary of every Annual Conference of the whole Church.

(c) The Senate shall make rules and regulations for the procedure of the electors. The electors shall submit their votes to the Senate by correspondence.

(d) The Senate shall invite persons or groups of persons throughout the Church to nominate names for quadrennial entry in the Room. These nominations shall be submitted to the electors, who shall, in accordance with their rules, transmit their votes to the Senate, which shall have final determination in the selection of the names from the list returned by the electors.

*Provided* that no name shall be considered by the Senate which has not had as many as five votes of the electors; and

*Provided* further that not more than four names may be chosen at each quadrennial election; and

*Provided* further that no name be considered at any time of any person who has not been dead at least ten years.

6. That the Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Council shall be empowered to act as the Senate for (a) the selection of the first names, (not exceeding ten) to be entered during the Jubilee Year.

(b) For the addition of any other tablets on Founder's Floor which they deem best to enter during Jubilee Year.

(c) The annual conferences of the Woman's Missionary Society shall have the privilege of making nominations to the Executive Committee.

7. The Committee further recommends that the Committee composed of Miss Mabel K. Howell, Mrs. Luke Johnson, and Miss Daisy Davies be continued for the purpose of presenting the above matters to the Board of Trustees of Scarritt College and securing the necessary action of that body to insure adherence to the desired plans of the women of the Church who have made the Memorial Building possible.

#### REPORT NO. 2.

The Bennett Memorial Committee recommends:

1. (a) That the Honor Roll in the Bennett Book of Remembrance be kept open to receive the names of individuals on the same conditions that have obtained.

(b) That the gifts received from this source continue to be used for the Bennett Memorial Endowment Fund.

2. The Committee further recommends that the Bennett Memorial Committee be discharged and all matters referring to the Bennett Memorial be referred to the Executive Committee for decision.

MRS. F. F. STEPHENS, *Chairman*;  
MISS ESTELLE HASKIN, *Secretary*.



**SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ENDOWMENT OF SCARRITT COLLEGE.**

Whereas there will be a surplus in the Belle H. Bennett Memorial Fund after finishing the Memorial Buildings and paying the necessary expenses; and whereas in April, 1924, at Tampa, Fla., it was voted by the Woman's Missionary Council to place this surplus as an endowment for the teaching of the Bible in Scarritt College for Christian Workers; therefore be it

*Resolved:* 1. That \$100,000 of this surplus be set aside for an endowment for the teaching of the Bible in Scarritt College.

2. That the Woman's Missionary Council hereby authorizes its Executive Committee to deliver such amounts to the Board of Trustees of Scarritt College for Christian Workers, to be held by said Board as an endowment for the teaching of the Bible in said College as long as said College shall exist; and upon the condition that no part of the principal shall ever be expended, but shall at all times be safely invested, and that only the interest on said fund shall be expended for the purpose of this endowment.

That we request the said Board of Trustees to place said trust funds in the American National Bank, Nashville, Tenn.

MRS. INA DAVIS FULTON, *Chairman*;  
MRS. H. R. STEELE, *Secretary*.

## REPORTS OF JUBILEE COMMITTEES.

### COMMITTEE ON JUBILEE CELEBRATION.

#### REPORT No 1.

On May 23, 1878, the Woman's Missionary Society, the first organization of woman's work in the Church, was authorized, and in the good providence of God we are now approaching the fiftieth anniversary of this organization.

This fact was presented by our Council President in her message at the meeting in Tulsa, Okla., in 1925, and the initial steps were taken toward the celebration by the appointment of a Jubilee Steering Committee. Since that time this Committee has given much time and thought toward outlining plans for a celebration that would fittingly honor the women whose vision and devotion brought the organization into being and provide a policy and program of work which would be in keeping with the opportunities and needs of our own day. This Committee submits for your consideration:

1. The principles on which the celebration is launched.

(1) That the celebration shall be constructive. While we fittingly honor our heroic leaders and exhibit the fruits of their venture of faith, we shall shape a great constructive program for Southern Methodist Woman's world task and insure a future worthy of the past and of our present opportunity.

(2) That the celebration be Church wide, so that our entire constituency, from our bishops to the humblest member of the smallest Church, shall have a part in it.

(3) That it be international and interracial, so as to be participated in by every group of Southern Methodist women throughout the world. In our mission fields and among the foreign groups in America it should furnish an opportunity for facing tasks as Christian women. Leaders among our women should be fraternal visitors to meetings in other lands.

(4) That in every possible way we give prominence in the celebration to the pioneer leaders, missionaries, charter members of the missionary societies, and first Conferences and auxiliaries. Honor rolls of pioneers shall be made in every Conference and auxiliary. Facts and statistics showing the beginning and progress of the organization shall be collected throughout the Church and mission fields and presented in the literature and programs.

(5) That the celebration be so planned as to fit into the regular program of the year's work. Beginning with a Jubilee Council Meeting (1928) let Jubilee Conferences, district meetings, rallies, group meetings, parlor meetings and luncheons in cities, towns, villages, and rural Churches be throughout the connection with nationals, missionaries, and officials of the

Conference and Council as speakers. Special programs shall be prepared for students, young people, and children. That two noteworthy Home Mission and Social Conferences be held. These may take the place of the regular Regional Conferences.

(6) That the financial goal shall be a great Jubilee Thank Offering. The regular Week of Prayer shall be made a special season of prayer and thanksgiving and ingathering of the offering.

2. The goals toward which the celebration is directed. (Principles and Goals.)

(1) *A Higher Spiritual Standard.*

In the minds of all the women who have studied the Jubilee the conviction has grown and deepened that the greatest objective of the year should be a great spiritual awakening which will come (a) through a deeper realization of the presence and power of the divine in the individual life; (b) through efforts to establish more firmly the principles of Christian living in our contacts with our fellow man; (c) and through a quickening to sacrificial living.

(2) *An appreciation of our inheritance.*

It is our thought that since a half century of our history now lies behind us, it is fitting that we (a) honor the memory, the spirit, the deeds, of the women whose lives have gone into this history; (b) prepare permanent historical records for the information of present and future generations; (c) provide facilities for expressing our joy because of the wonderful inheritance that has come to the womanhood of the Church.

(3) *The extension of the organization.*

While grateful that the Woman's Missionary Society has found its place and work in so many of the charges throughout the territory of the Church, let the aim now be to project the organization along improved lines until (a) it shall be established in every Church in the connection; and until (b) every unenlisted woman shall become enlisted, enlightened, and interested in the evangelization of the world.

(4) *The reevaluation of our task.*

All past values and achievements should be made sources of inspiration for the future. Since women to-day have greater opportunities for education and world contacts than they ever had before and therefore should have a clearer world vision, since the world itself is a wholly different world from that in which we began our work and first formulated our task fifty years ago; since the Church of which we are a part has grown and developed in all lands; since trained leadership is available as never before; one of our treatest Jubilee objectives should be to reevaluate our task in order to find through the leadership of God's spirit *his plan for us in the future.*

(5) *A Thank Offering.*

The financial goal should be a great Jubilee thank offering. By this means the women of the Church will be given opportunity to express their love and gratitude for the achievements of the pioneers and for the spiritual values they have received through study of these deeds. This



offering is to be used to express the will of God in developing the tasks now faced.

3. The Committee also brings the following items:

(1) The expenses of the Jubilee shall be met from the Jubilee offering.  
 (2) After the expenses of the celebration are met the offering shall be divided equally between the Home and Foreign Departments.

(5) A small Jubilee Subcommittee of five on finance shall be named to whom all estimated expenses shall be submitted before any plan is undertaken.

(4) The plans for the celebration in the Conferences shall be launched at the Annual Meetings of 1927 and completed by the Council meeting of 1928.

4. In order to have a uniform understanding, the following definitions of pioneer is given:

(1) *Pioneers*, those women who rendered some outstanding service in thought or action which brought into existence the organization and launched the woman's missionary enterprise in the Church or Conferences.

(2) *Pioneer Missionary Societies.*

*may* I. *Auxiliares before and after Board Authorization.*

1. A Foreign Missionary Society organized *before* the authorization of a connectional board by the General Conference of 1878. *may*

2. A Foreign Missionary Society organized within a year after the General Conference of 1878. — 1879.

3. A Home Mission Society organized *before* the authorization of a connectional board in 1886. 1893

4. A ~~Home Mission Society~~ organized within one year *after* the connectional organization in 1886. 1892

II. *Auxiliares before and after Conference Authorization.*

1. A Home or Foreign Missionary Society organized before the authorization of its respective Conference Society. *organize*

2. A Home or Foreign Missionary Society organized within one year after the organization of its respective Conference Society.

III. *Auxiliares before Council Authorization.*

1. An Auxiliary which united its home and foreign work before the authorization for united societies under the Woman's Missionary Council by the General Conference of 1910. *may*

(2) *Pioneer Members:* Charter members of pioneer missionary societies.

(3) *Pioneer Conferences:* Those Conferences who were represented in the first connectional board meetings, foreign and home.

(4) *Pioneer Missionaries:* (a) The first five missionaries in each field.

(b) The first missionaries on each field who pioneered in any given line of work, as medical missions.

(c) The missionaries who pioneered in a given type of service, as deaconesses.

## REPORT No. 2.

We recommend that the responsibility for executing the detail plans for the Jubilee as laid down by the Council or Commission be placed with the heads of the various departments and lines of work, who shall act in close coördination.

MRS. F. F. STEPHENS, *Chairman*;

MRS. W. B. LIPSCOMB.

## JUBILEE COMMITTEE ON THE FOREIGN FIELD.

## REPORT No. 1.

Your Committee on the Jubilee on the Foreign Field, together with the missionaries present, have considered all phases of the Jubilee celebration as it may be related to our organization around the world.

Believing that the women of the entire Church are eager to join together everywhere in "looking backward, thinking forward in this day of opportunity," and earnestly desiring that every woman in our Church in all the world shall share in the joy and join in the service of this day; and being fully conscious of the difficulty of outlining detailed plans which would fit and be satisfactory to our work and workers everywhere; and realizing the great pleasure and benefit which has come to us in the visits and addresses of women who have come to us from other races and lands;

Your Committee recommends:

1. That the general Goals, Methods, and Organization plans adopted for the Jubilee Celebration be transmitted to all fields as a suggestive basis for the celebration of the Jubilee Year of the Woman's Missionary Society around the world.

2. (1) That each mission field adapt the general plans to meet its special need.

(2) That missionary societies and missionaries be requested to feature the Jubilee objectives during the Jubilee Year.

(3) That care be exercised in the creation of the Jubilee Committees that all lines and departments of work be represented.

(4) That some person or committee in each field be delegated to serve as a medium of communication with the Council Jubilee Committee.

(5) That educational institutions, hospitals, and social evangelistic centers join in emphasizing the Jubilee objectives through special programs and activities.

(6) That a sum not to exceed \$7,500 be made available for the purpose of carrying out this program in the various fields and that the General Jubilee Committee be authorized to determine the amount for each field.

(7) That each field be authorized to direct its own thank offering.

(8) That there be an exchange of fraternal messengers between the Council and each field.

## REPORT No. 2.

Your Committee recommends:

1. (a) That the money received from the Jubilee Thank Offering for the

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Foreign Work be used for higher education for the purpose of training leaders for the new day.

(b) That named Jubilee Specials be allowed within the scope of item (a).

2. That the new dormitory for medical students at the Margaret Williamson Hospital, Shanghai, China, be called Mabel K. Howell Hall.

3. Having learned that there is a possibility that the President of the Council may be traveling in Belgium during the coming summer we recommend:

(a) That in that event Mrs. Stephens be requested to act as fraternal messenger to our missionary societies in Belgium.

(b) That in the event she and the bishop in charge deem it advisable for her to visit the woman's work in Czechoslovakia and Poland also, that the expenses of such additional travel be paid from Jubilee expense fund.

MRS. T. J. COPELAND, *Chairman*;

MRS. R. J. ATKINSON, *Secretary*.

#### JUBILEE COMMITTEE ON WORLD FACTS, HISTORY, AND LITERATURE.

Concerning World Facts, History, and Literature, the following was adopted:

1. *Pre-Jubilee Publicity*.—That beginning with the 1927 Council meeting preparatory promotional work for the Jubilee be carried on through the *Voice*, the *Bulletin*, and a few well-chosen leaflets emphasizing the spiritual preparation for the Jubilee.

2. Articles on the Jubilee shall be sent each quarter from Literature Headquarters to the various Church organs for publication. Two leaflets of informational and inspirational nature shall be prepared for the distribution to auxiliary members.

3. *Monthly Jubilee Programs*.—That the yearbooks and monthly leaflets for 1928 shall present material appropriate for the Jubilee celebration, including world missionary achievements and objectives.

4. *Dramatizations*.—That two dramatizations be prepared setting forth the Jubilee; one suitable for Council, Conference, and large city programs and the other adapted to district, group, and auxiliary meetings.

5. *Posters*.—That at least two attractive posters be prepared for sale to auxiliaries; one in January, 1928, and the other to follow at such time as the Committee on Literature deems most suitable.

6. *Handbook*.—That a Jubilee Handbook be prepared for distribution in Conferences.

7. *The Jubilee Bookshelf*.—That there shall be a Jubilee Bookshelf including the following:

(a) A book which shall be appropriate for mission study classes, containing a history of our achievements during the past fifty years in the Conferences at home and on the mission fields; also spiritual objectives for the future.

(b) The biography of Miss Bennett, now being written by Mrs. R. W. MacDonell.



(c) The history of Scarritt Bible and Training School, now being written by Miss Gibson.

(d) A "Who's Who in Woman's Missionary Work," to include the missionaries at home and abroad and pioneers in our organization.

(e) Devotional Book adapted to use of Jubilee Year. *not elected*

8. *Week of Prayer Literature*.—That we seek to make this special literature a medium through which the spiritual climax in the Jubilee Year may be reached.

9. That as a Jubilee project, literature shall be published suitable for auxiliary members in this work among negro women's missionary societies.

10. That Jubilee Thank Offering envelopes shall be prepared for use by auxiliaries.

11. *Retreats for Prayer and Meditation*.—That suitable literature be prepared for conducting retreats on prayer and meditation.

MRS. L. G. EMBERSON, *Chairman*;

MRS. H. L. MCCLESKY, *Secretary*.

### JUBILEE COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICE AND HOME MISSIONS.

#### REPORT No. 1.

In order that the programs of the Jubilee may be uniformly carried out, your Committee recommends:

1. That the Jubilee programs shall be put on in all Home Mission institutions.

2. That foreign groups be asked to attend these meetings and be invited to take part in the programs.

3. That deaconesses and home workers be used as speakers.

4. That in preparation for this service to be rendered by the deaconesses and home workers, they shall be brought together for three days prior to the next annual session of the Council for prayer and Bible study.

5. In order to establish permanent contacts with the women of the colored Methodist Churches that two conferences be held during 1928 with these women; one of these conferences shall be held in the Eastern section, another in the Western section.

6. For the purpose of further developing unified aims and policies for Christian Social Service, your Committee recommends that the Conference Social Service Superintendents be brought together at the time of the Regional Conferences of City and Rural Boards of Missions; and that experts in Christian Social Service be used as speakers.

#### REPORT No. 2.

#### *Thank Offering.*

Your Committee recommends that:

1. The portion of the Jubilee Thank Offering to be used for Home Missions shall be used as an endowment fund for specialized training for home workers.

2. That under this provision named specials may be assigned auxiliaries or individuals.

MRS. LEE BRITT, *Chairman*;

MRS. JOHN S. TERRY, *Secretary*.

### JUBILEE COMMITTEE ON PROMOTION AT HOME BASE

Your Committee on Promotion at the Home Base had before it the goals of the Jubilee Steering Committee. For the attainment of these goals the following recommendations are submitted:

#### *Goal I. A Higher Spiritual Standard.*

1. That special emphasis be placed on the deepening of the prayer life of the Church by a call to private and family prayer and that a Jubilee Prayer League be formed.

2. That the keynote of every program be the spiritual motive of the missionary enterprise, and that through a study of the spiritual experiences and the heroic devotion of the pioneer women in meeting the responsibilities of their day the womanhood of the Church may be inspired to a renewed consecration to the tasks which challenge the Christian world to-day.

3. That special effort be made by personal work to develop the spiritually undeveloped women of the society and to enlist those who have not been enlisted in personal allegiance to Christ and his program.

4. There shall be a Devotional Bible Study and opportunities be provided for holding Retreats for prayer and meditation.

5. That the Week of Prayer be set apart for a special evangelistic effort and that the preceding month be a period of preparation for this effort.

#### *Goal II. An Appreciation of Our Inheritance.*

1. That a historian or historical committee be appointed in each Conference for the preparation of Conference history, and that lists of pioneer auxiliaries, members, and foreign and home missionaries be secured, same to be published in the minutes of the Conference. Similar lists shall be collected for the districts and auxiliaries.

2. That the Conference minutes of 1928 be made a Jubilee number, and that uniform cover designs be used.

3. That in the 1928 Council Minutes there be published a Distinguished Service Scroll, and that any Conference which has a woman who has rendered an outstanding, distinctive piece of constructive work in the early days of missionary endeavor may submit the names with a descriptive paragraph of such service for enrollment on the Distinguished Service Scroll of the Council.

#### *Goal III. The Extension of the Organization.*

1. That Conference meetings of 1928 follow the Council meeting of that year, and that district meetings be held as soon after Conference as possible.

2. That the Executive Committee of the Conference and Auxiliary shall constitute the Conference and Auxiliary Jubilee Committees, respectively.

3. That the Conference Jubilee Committee hold its initial committee meeting at the 1927 annual meeting and through the message of the President official announcement be made of the coming Jubilee celebration.

4. That the District Secretary may create a district Jubilee Committee according to the needs of her district.

5. That teams of speakers, composed of home and foreign missionaries nationals, Council and Conference officers be assigned for visits to Conference and district meetings and that special meetings be arranged in the Conferences.

6. (a) That Jubilee standards be made for auxiliaries and appropriate recognition be given for reaching these standards.

(b) That all auxiliaries organized and members enlisted during the year shall be called "Jubilee Auxiliaries and Members" and be given appropriate recognition.

*Goal IV. The Reëvaluation of Our Task.*

1. That the Jubilee be a time for careful study of Council, Conference, and Auxiliary plans and policies for the purpose of discovering ways and means by which to improve and develop the work of the organization.

2. That a Reëvaluation Commission be appointed in the Council and in each Conference to make such studies.

3. That the Jubilee Commission prepare guides for study and discussion as an aid to the Commissions in their work.

4. That the results of these studies be made the basis for further plans and policies.

*Goal V. A Thank Offering.*

That the Week of Prayer be made a season of thanksgiving, at which time there shall be the ingathering of the Great Jubilee Thank Offering.

MRS. A. B. SMITH, *Chairman*;

MRS. H. S. OWEN, *Secretary*.

**JUBILEE COMMITTEE FOR STUDENTS, YOUNG PEOPLE, AND CHILDREN'S WORK.**

In view of the importance of preserving for students, young people, and children their priceless missionary heritage, we recommend that the objectives of the Jubilee be included in the program for these groups.

**STUDENT GROUP.**

We recommend:

*I. Historical.*

1. That in the accumulation of the historical material for Conferences attention be given to tracing the development of the Student Movement from its beginning to the present time, including the provision of the local Church for students in college communities and the list of students who have become missionaries at home and abroad.

2. That the Conference Historian secure from students stories told them



by their mothers of early days in missionary work and stories of pioneer missionaries.

*II. Spiritual.*

That students be urged to observe special season of meditation and prayer that they may realize the power of God in their life through the daily study of his Word and through fellowship in prayer.

*III. Extension.*

That Jubilee meetings be held in the colleges, and that nationals and missionaries be used in college visitation and in student conferences.

*IV. Thank Offering.*

That students be urged to express their appreciation of their missionary heritage by making a thank offering to carry forward the program of the Church.

*V. Reëvaluation of Task.*

That student groups be given an opportunity to study the work of the Church as at present organized in the Board, in home mission centers, and, if possible, in nearby fields, that they may have an opportunity to evaluate the work, and that we may see the work through the eyes of youth.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUP.

We recommend:

*I. Historical.*

1. That in the accumulation of the historical material for the Conference Special, attention be given to tracing the development of the Young People's Work from the beginning to the present time.

2. That the Conference Historian gather from the young people material of the pioneer history of the work within each Conference. It is suggested that this material be in story form, setting forth the stories that the young people have heard from their mothers.

3. That a list be made by the Conference Historian of all of the home and foreign missionaries who belonged to the Young People's Missionary Society between the ages of thirteen and twenty-two.

*II. Spiritual.*

1. That this be made a special time of bringing to the young people a realization of the power of God in one's life and of the beautiful fellowship with him that come through daily Bible reading, prayer, and service.

2. That opportunities be provided for holding Retreats for prayer and meditation.

*III. Extension.*

1. That during the period of the Jubilee a special effort be made to enlist in our missionary program every young person in our Church between the ages of thirteen and twenty-five.

2. That nationals, home, and foreign missionaries be sent to the district meetings or rallies for young people to bring to the young people an

enlarged vision of the missionary opportunities which are open to them to-day.

3. That in 1928 district meetings or rallies for young people be held in every Conference after the Council meeting.

4. That all Young People's Societies organized during the year be called Jubilee Societies.

5. That new members enlisted during the year be called Jubilee members.

#### *IV. Thank Offering.*

That this be made a time of real thank offering for the young people in gratitude for the rich missionary heritage which is theirs, for the spiritual blessing which has enriched their lives, and for the wonderful privilege of sharing Christ with young people the world over.

#### *V. Reëvaluation of Task.*

That in view of changing world conditions socially, economically, and politically, and because of the large number of young people who are seemingly indifferent to our Church program as it stands to-day, we deem it urgent to make this a time of reëvaluating our task in order to make the Christian life more dynamic in the lives of our own young people and of the youth the world over.

#### CHILDREN'S GROUP.

We recommend:

##### *I. Historical.*

1. That the childhood stories of missionary heroes, stories of the beginnings of local organizations, and a list of the adults who were made life members in childhood be compiled with other data that the Historian gathers.

2. That the work be stimulated through exhibits of materials and incentives used in previous days.

##### *II. Spiritual.*

1. That leaders of children strive during this Jubilee period to deepen their own spiritual lives.

2. That special efforts be made to enlist all children in a personal allegiance to Christ and his program.

3. That they endeavor to participate in Retreats for prayer and meditation.

##### *III. Extension.*

1. That the Children's Department enter into the Jubilee program of extension.

2. That a special person be appointed on each team of Jubilee speakers whose task it shall be to present the Children's Work.

3. That all Children's auxiliaries organized during the year be called Jubilee Auxiliaries.

4. That all securing fifty per cent net increase in membership, or having

100 per cent of the children of the Church in the Children's Department, shall be given appropriate recognition.

5. That new members enlisted during the year be called Jubilee members.

*IV. Thank Offering.*

That through the Jubilee cultivation, the children be given an opportunity of making love offerings.

*V. Reëvaluation of Task.*

That the leaders of children study the child, his nature, and his moods, and bring to this task of the missionary education of children the very best methods available.

MRS. J. C. HANDY, *Chairman*;  
MRS. D. N. BOURNE, *Secretary*.

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**WORKERS' CONFERENCE, MEMORIAL SERVICE, HOLY COMMUNION.**

Preceding the formal meetings of the 1927 annual meeting, the Woman's Missionary Council met in the Worker's Conference, Wednesday afternoon, March 9, at 2:30 o'clock, Mrs. F. F. Stephens, President in the chair.

The Workers' Conference, for many years used by the Conference members of the Council as a forum for the discussion of the day's work in the organization, was this time devoted to setting up the Jubilee Celebration. The celebration which should victoriously recognize the rounding out of fifty years of organized missionary effort among the women of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

The opening devotional was led by Mrs. R. L. Hobdy, Union Springs, Ala. She read a lesson from Hebrews 1, and emphasized the message by reading a letter from Mrs. E. C. Dowdell, of Auburn, Ala., written to Bishop J. O. Andrew in 1861.

Brief addresses followed with a Church-wide view of the movement. Miss Mabel Howell, of Nashville, Tenn., answered the question, "Why We Celebrate a Jubilee," and Mrs. F. F. Stephens, Council President, gave a resumé of "Plans to Date." What the Jubilee can mean to the Conference was discussed under three topics: "Historically," by Mrs. Nat G. Rollins, of Abilene, Tex.; "Financially," by Mrs. R. L. Kirkwood, of Bennettsville, S. C.; and "Spiritually," by Mrs. A. B. Smith, of Nashville, Tenn.

The underlying note throughout was "spiritual," for following Mrs. Hobdy's devotional message on faith, Miss Howell stressed the spiritual values inherited from the past and looked forward to those of the future, while the first aim set forth by Mrs. Stephens was higher spiritual values.

At the close of the Jubilee Conference the Council entered upon the Memorial Service, directed by Miss Maria L. Gibson, of Nashville, Tenn., in loving memory of members and workers who since the 1926 annual meeting had passed to the home of the blessed.

A solo, "Good Morning, Up There," and the hymn, "For All the Saints



Who from Their Labors Rest," were sung. Miss Gibson triumphantly sounded the note of eternal life and read the memorial roll:

MRS. J. D. HAMILTON.

Manager Woman's Board of Missions, 1894-1902; Honorary Life Manager of Woman's Board of Foreign Missions and Woman's Missionary Council, 1902-26.

MISS LILLIAN WAHL.

Missionary to Siberia-Manchuria, 1923-26.

MISS MARY PESCUO.

Missionary to Brazil, 1898-1915; retired missionary, 1915-26.

MISS HATTIE CARSON.

Missionary to Mexico and Cuba, 1895-1914; retired missionary, 1914-26.

MRS. H. L. REMMEL.

Corresponding Secretary, Little Rock Conference, 1924-26.

MRS. O. H. SWEITZER.

President Illinois Conference, 1922-26.

MISS ANNIE VICK.

Indorsed worker, 1925-27.

Prayer was offered by Miss Gibson, and Mrs. W. M. Alexander, of Fayette, Mo., read a beautiful message on immortality from J. Patterson Smyth's "On the Rim of the World." A second special musical selection, sung by Mrs. W. V. Wilkerson, closed this service, which was followed by the celebration of the Holy Communion, conducted by Bishop W. B. Beauchamp. Bishop Beauchamp was assisted by the presiding elder of the Shreveport District, Dr. W. W. Holmes, and the pastors of the city.



#### MEMOIRS.

MRS. J. D. HAMILTON.

Mrs. Mary Gayle McTyeire Hamilton passed through death into life on September 7, 1926.

With her going another link slipped from between the old order and the new, the consecrated and heroic band forming the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions and those representing the new day in the Woman's Missionary Council.

Born into the work in a Methodist parsonage, a daughter of the Rev. H. N. McTyeire, afterwards bishop, and later as the wife of Mr. Joseph D. Hamilton, Treasurer of the Board of Missions, Mrs. Hamilton was ever allied with those who were working for missions.

Inheritance, environment, and unselfishness developed a character fitted for service, and when opportunity offered she accepted a call to membership in the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions on June 15, 1894. Here she served until 1902, when she was made an Honorary Life member. Eight years later, the Woman's Boards having been united in the Woman's Missionary Council, her name was lovingly carried forward as an Honorary Life Member of the Council. In this relation she has been best known, loved, and honored by those now privileged to share in the work

Words of her sister, Mrs. Janie McT. Bakerville, descriptive of her character we make our own:

"In her mental and moral make-up she was a personality of rare symmetry. Of large and generous nature, her charitable disposition was one of her chief charms. She never indulged in hurtful gossip, commended the good she knew, and her judgment was seldom at fault. In religion, as in her daily life, she was sincere, but unostentatious. Brought up in the atmosphere of a Methodist home, she felt its influence and was Methodist in every fiber, with deep devotion to the Church in which she had been reared."

Dr. W. W. Pinson says of her:

"Denied children of her own, she was mother to all she could reach. She was a physician of souls, in whose touch there was healing."

Her last years were those of invalidism, through which she shone in "a ministry of suffering." Her fortitude and Christian courage never failed, neither did her spirit of cheerfulness and thoughtfulness for others. When her journey was all but over she comforted her loved ones with the words: "I am going home; I am in my Father's care." L. P. P.

#### MISS HATTIE GERE CARSON.

Miss Hattie Gere Carson was born in Baltimore, but moved to Savannah when she was quite small, and there her parents, C. G. Carson and Sarah Gere Carson, were pillars of strength in the Wesley Monumental Church, and there she received her inspiration and training for the mission field.

She served for four years as a missionary in Mexico. At the conclusion of the Spanish-American War, she went to Cuba to open a school for girls, reaching Santiago de Cuba before the Spanish troops had been withdrawn. After spending a year in Santiago, she went to Havana, the capital city, where she established the Eliza Bowman School. At the earnest solicitation of missionaries and others, it was decided to transfer the Eliza Bowman School to Cienfuegos. Miss Carson had the privilege of seeing the newly constructed republic turned over for the first time to the Cubans themselves, and saw and felt that thrilling spectacle when in the presence of many thousands of people the Stars and Stripes were lowered and the flag of Cuba hoisted for the first time over the fortresses and public buildings. The influence of her life and work in the Church and school in Cienfuegos have been felt throughout the entire island, and there are

literally thousands of homes where her name is pronounced with love and reverence. Two of her dearest associates in her work in Cienfuegos were Miss Marcia Marvin, daughter of the sainted Bishop Marvin, and Miss Ethel Ellis, daughter of Rev. Henry J. Ellis, of the North Georgia Conference. Miss Carson, being somewhat depleted in health and strength and not feeling equal to the continued strain of directorship, asked permission of the Board of Missions to make her home with Rev. and Mrs. B. O. Hill and accept work as a teacher in Pinson College in Camaguey. Here she endeared herself to all classes, and she loved the boys and girls as if they were her own children. Her strength began to fail noticeably in 1925, and she continued steadily to grow worse, but she refused to give up her work as long as it was possible for her to conduct a class. In July, 1926, Mrs. Hill accompanied her to her sister's home in Savannah, Ga., hoping that a change in climate would benefit her. But she only continued to grow worse. She yearned for the warmth of the tropics, so Mrs. Hill took her back to Camaguey in an invalid's chair. She suffered intensely for months, but her last days were full of repose, and when the death angel came on January 13 she slipped quietly away with him.

Her body lies in the soil of her beloved Cuba, where she spent the best years of her life laboring for the upbuilding of the kingdom of God in the minds and hearts of the younger generations of the brave young republic. That we think is fitting, but we think rather of her wonderful, bright spirit yonder among the great company, the spirits of the just made perfect, in the many mansions of her Father's house. Her memory and her influence are with us still and shall remain with us always. Mrs. W. B. S.

#### MISS MARY PESCOD.

Miss Mary Pescud was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pescud, of Baltimore, Md., where she was born. In her early youth she moved with her mother to Raleigh, N. C., and made it her home. She became identified with Edenton Street Church and was an active member in the Church and Sunday school up to the time of her death, with the exception of her absence in the foreign field, where she served her Master joyously and faithfully for nearly twenty years. Graduating at Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn., where she received her degree, Miss Pescud later went to Scarritt Bible and Training School, then located in Kansas City, Mo., to prepare for work as a Bible teacher. After completing her course at Scarritt, she was accepted for work in Brazil in 1898, where she was appointed to Collegio Mineiro.

For nearly twenty years Miss Pescud remained on duty in the field, coming home only twice during that long period on furlough. Impaired health finally forced her to return to North Carolina in 1915. During the World War she was in New York City acting as interpreter and translator of Portuguese and Spanish for the United States government.

"Miss Mary" was a woman of great talents and varied gifts. She honored her Heavenly Father in her life, and just a few months before



she died the missionary women of Edenton Street honored her by placing her name in the Book of Remembrance of the Belle Bennett Memorial Building in Scarritt College. She served as Sunday school teacher, as mission study leader, as President of the Mary Pescud Missionary Society, named in her honor, as Conference treasurer, and as worker in the foreign field.

On Sunday morning, November 28, 1926, as the sweet chimes of Edenton Street Church, Raleigh, rang out the call to Sunday school, the saintly soul of "Miss Mary" passed to the great beyond. For nearly seventy years she had answered the "call to prayer" and worship during the Sunday school hour, so it was fitting that her spirit, so gentle and Christlike, should respond to the last call on the holy Sabbath day. As the end drew near, she said many times: "I am not afraid; I have not been for years. It is all right either way, and if it is God's will that I do not recover from the operation, I am ready to go home. It is like going into another room in which are many loved ones I shall be glad to see." E. C.

#### MISS LILLIAN ELIZABETH WAHL.

Miss Lillian Elizabeth Wahl was born in Paris, Ark., October 23, 1896, into a Christian home. At the age of thirteen she joined the Church and ever afterwards was active in Church work. After graduating from the Paris High School, Miss Wahl entered the Arkansas Teachers' College, from which she graduated in 1918. After the death of her mother, she took her mother's place in the home, giving a mother's love to the younger children. She taught for a while in her home town, after which she was engaged in home demonstration work. In 1921, she graduated from the Scarritt Bible and Training School and was accepted by the Board of Missions as a foreign missionary. She was detained for a short time for health reasons. In the summer of 1923, she sailed for Harbin, Manchuria, as one of the two pioneer missionaries in Woman's Work in the new Russian Mission in Harbin.

On August 25, a cable message was received bringing the sad news of her death on August 24, of spinal meningitis in a hospital in Dairen, where she was spending her vacation. Her body was cremated in obedience to Japanese law, and her ashes were taken to Harbin by our missionaries to be brought home later at the request of her family.

Miss Wahl's work as a missionary was unusually fine. She had acquired the Russian language and was able to use it in teaching and in her contacts with the people. Her enthusiasm and joy in her work was evident, and her work was particularly fine with a group of young women in a summer camp last July. Our work has sustained an irreparable loss, which we recall as we express our gratitude for Miss Wahl's consecrated life and the part which she had in laying the foundation of our work in Harbin. E. C.

#### MRS. O. H. SWEITZER.

Mrs. Ethel Lockard Sweitzer was President of the Illinois Conference Missionary Society from 1922 to the time of her death, November, 22, 1926.

Only once was she present at an annual session of the Council. That brief association left the impression of a pleasing personality and a consecrated spirit. Those who heard her at that time will remember her testimony of "the vision of Christ and his power that would enable" her Conference to go forward. This she said when she spoke of the great loss of life and property suffered by her Church in a destructive storm.

Mrs. Sweitzer contributed to the success of the work of her husband, the Rev. O. H. Sweitzer, by her winning personality and qualifications for leadership. In the pastoral charge of her husband she was greatly admired and beloved. Her great desire to turn others to righteousness is evidenced in her request that an altar call be made at her funeral. This was done, and it is said that saint and sinner mingled their tears by the side of her casket and that some will date the beginning of a new life from that day.

L. P. P.

MRS. H. L. REMMEL.

Just as the Christmas festivities were dawning on December 24, 1926, Mrs. Harmon L. Rimmel slipped away into the great beyond to spend the King's birthday with him.

She came to us twelve years ago from the Presbyterian Church, where she had served as a Bible teacher in a mission school and later as a field secretary for the Woman's Board of Missions. She was an efficient teacher in many summer assemblies. She had a well-trained mind and a thoroughly disciplined soul and threw herself almost immediately into the work and teaching of her new communion. "None knew her but to love her, none named her but to praise."

Three years ago she was chosen Corresponding Secretary of the Little Rock Conference, after having served two years as Conference Superintendent of Social Service. She came first to the Council meeting in Tulsa, Okla., with Mrs. C. F. Elza, who preceded her to the heavenly home only a little more than a year ago. She was at once recognized as a woman of vision and culture. She was President of the Board of Control of the Woman's Building on Mount Sequoyah and a Trustee of Scarritt College. She gave time and energy and money freely to the work of the kingdom, and she loved every humble soul who loved her Lord.

Efficient and faithful as she was in her Church, Mrs. Rimmel was her best in her home. A devoted wife and mother, a beautiful home maker, and the Council women of the Southwest will always remember the few brief hours of fellowship and council in her lovely cottage on Mount Sequoyah.

One of her few requests during the last days of her suffering was that they would sing "There's Sunshine in My Soul To-Day" at her funeral. The request was granted, and while the Little Rock Conference and the Woman's Missionary Council have lost a valiant leader, heaven has gained a gem.

K. T. S.

# REPORTS FROM THE HOME FIELD.

## IMMIGRANT PORT WORK.

### Galveston, Tex.—Immigrant Work.

REV. J. E. REIFSCHNEIDER, PORT MISSIONARY.

This has been a year of varied experiences, especially in my work among the deportees who entered the United States without inspection and who are detained in the Galveston county jail pending their deportation. The activities of the past year have been very much the same as last year, as my report shows.

Limited immigration on the percentage basis and the present system of more rigidly examining immigrants abroad to see if they may qualify for entering the United States before granting them consular visas has proved a success wherever it has been given a thorough trial. In the report of the Commissioner General of Immigration for 1925-26, the Commissioner states that of all applicants who had secured proper visas abroad, only two-tenths of one per cent were rejected upon arrival in the United States. This should be sufficient evidence to show that the present immigration law is and has proved a blessing to thousands of aliens who formerly spent their last dollar for steamship tickets and then were refused admission on arrival at our ports. The past year I made 231 visits to the county jail where the deportees are in detention on various missions; looking after the sick—taking them to the United States Public Health Service, to the dentist, hospital, purchasing clothing, delivering money, etc.

In April, 1926, I was appointed by the United States government treasurer and custodian of alien personal property at this port. During the past year I deposited \$22,054.55 in the bank for safekeeping pending their deportation. I also placed more than \$10,000 in the United States safe. This money was delivered to us by United States Immigrant Inspectors who brought aliens from other districts, most of said aliens being placed on outgoing vessels the following day.

My statistical report for 1926 is as follows: Visitors at office, 409; called at office by appointment, 316; calls for work and help wanted (mostly deportees), 355; work found (mostly deportees), 242; visits to the police station, 18; visits to the county jail, 231; investigations, 158; called in on special cases, 105; visits to foreign consuls for passports, etc., 108; secured passports for deportees, etc., 112; visits and calls to United Charities, 52; assisted in getting naturalization papers, 28; phone calls, information, etc., 244; letters, documents read and translated, 226; interpreter in United States hearings, etc., 105; visits to law office with aliens, etc., 27; assisted stranded aliens, etc., 41; juvenile cases, 7; visits and calls to the Y. W. C. A., 27; visits to the sick (mostly deportees), 102; marriages, 4; baptized, 3; alien funds placed in the bank, \$22,054.55.

A note of thanks is due the Woman's Missionary Societies of Galveston and Houston, Tex., who sent several boxes of clothing for the needy deportees. The United States Immigration Service official, consuls for foreign countries, representatives of railway and steamship interests, also our local missionary societies, have coöperated most cordially at all times with us. This closes my eighteenth year at this port.



## CUBAN WORK.

## Tampa, Fla.—Wolff Settlement.

MISS ADELINE PEEPLES, HEAD RESIDENT; MISS CARRIE A. PORTER, GIRLS' CLUB WORKER; MRS. CARRIE L. BOND, DISTRICT NURSE; MISS MARTHA LEWIS, KINDERGARTNER; MRS. LOLA VILLAR, MATRON OF DAY NURSERY.

Miss Peeples reports:

After the holidays it was difficult to get back to normalcy. Factories were slow in opening, also much sickness, and everything seemed behind; but as the people went back to work, children returned to the nursery and kindergarten and the boys and girls to the clubs. We soon found ourselves as busy as ever. On account of illness early in the year, we had to give up Mrs. Balmaceda, the nursery matron, who had been at Wolff Settlement for six years. However, we were fortunate in securing Mrs. Villar, an intelligent, Christian woman, to fill the place. The nursery sometimes has four or five babies and from twenty to thirty-five other children enrolled in the month. Our City Mission Board has had a fresh coat of paint put on the rooms, and now it is a joy to look in on the little tots in their much more sanitary as well as attractive quarters.

During the year 1926, the Y. M. C. A. of Tampa decided to open work in this part of the city, placing a Y. M. C. A. man from Havana, Cuba, as secretary of Boys' Work in Ybor City, which is known to be the most needy mission field that one can picture. The work has grown rapidly since last fall, and now we have quite an interesting Boys' Work at Wolff Settlement. With the present equipment, it is almost impossible to take care of more boys' clubs than we now have. We have organized a Boy Scout Troop with eight members and are looking forward to a good class of Scouts.

San Marcos has two good Missionary Societies, the Adult numbering 38 and the Junior 33. The Sunday school and Epworth League have both grown in numbers this year and have an important place in the Church calendar. Our Epworth League put on a wonderful pageant at Christmas, the giving of substance, service, and self, which was very beautiful and I trust some really worth-while seeds were sown from which to garner an abundant harvest. "White Gifts for the King" helped to gladden needy ones in the community.

Committees for the different departments of work have been faithful and generous in providing entertainment, also transportation when necessary for hikes and picnics. Several of the Churches too have helped to make Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas joyful occasions for our people. Christmas especially was a time of good cheer to many families who were out of work, indeed needy and perhaps despondent, so many gifts, useful and beautiful, with abundant provisions for a happy Christmas. A blessing has already come to those who gave and to those who received.

A general community survey has been planned for Ybor City, one and one-half miles square, by the Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A., Baptists, Presbyterians, and Methodists, the Protestant agencies working in this community. We look for good results from an intelligent, conscientious, prayerful survey, and face the year 1927 with joy, believing that God is leading his hosts onward.

Miss Porter reports:

Progress among our girls is seen in many ways, most noticeably in that their horizon is being enlarged and they are becoming interested beyond Ybor City. At present there are four girls away at school and a greater number in high school than ever before. This past summer our Epworth League had in attendance at assembly as delegates three girls, each taking credits. One of the members of the Wolff Settlement Girl Reserves was a

delegate to the Girl Reserves summer conference of the Southern District, held at Rockbrook Camp, Brevard, N. C. Another innovation, the Industrial and Business Girls' Club, has joined the Federation of Girls' Clubs at the Y. W. C. A. and attend the monthly suppers.

When one considers that only two or three years back these things would have been impossible, it shows that not only the girls are moving forward, but the parents, by consenting for their daughters to participate in this movement, are being touched somewhat. The heaven is at work.

Mrs. Bond reports:

After being out of the work for about a year, I came back in September and was assigned work at Wolf Settlement as District Nurse among the Latin people. The clinic was done away with, but the need of having a nurse to go into the homes among the sick to do nursing and instructive work was thought the right thing to do; so I'm back at my old job and feel thoroughly at home. We needed a room in which to keep supplies, so the local Board fixed up a little room that is connected with the church, in which I keep what I need in my work and where the folks may come to ask advice and help in sickness. If they are not able to afford a doctor, I see that they get medical attention. Several of the best physicians here have kindly told me to bring such cases to their offices.

I am also working in the Italian Church, helping in League and Sunday school work, visiting, and playing at services.

There is a nice Mothers' Club, of which I am justly proud. It has ninety-six members, and it grows weekly. They are very much interested in visiting the sick and rounding up the absentees, and I feel we are doing some real good here. We had our usual jolly party for them at Christmas, and O what a good time they had! Our school observed White Christmas, at which we had a pretty little program, after which the children, dressed in white, marched up by classes to music and laid their gifts, prettily wrapped in white paper, at the foot of a white illuminated cross.

We are trying to teach them that it is "more blessed to give than to receive." We had enough from our offering to make eight nice baskets, which were sent to the poor of the neighborhood.

I am happy in my work and hope and pray to do some work really worth while for my Master this coming year.

Miss Lewis reports:

This year the affairs of Wolf Settlement have come to a crisis. We have reached the point where we must either expand or become a laughingstock for those whom we would serve. People are coming to us in greater numbers than ever before. Every available space and every ounce of strength are called upon, and yet all we have and all we can do are as a drop in the bucket compared to their need and our great opportunity.

This winter has been unusually cold, and we have been compelled to crowd the kindergarten in with the nursery babies around a small wood heater. For two years the kindergarten has had no room of its own. We use the gymnasium and have to carry chairs and equipment back and forth from the main building, with no place to display children's work or to call our own. I am grateful for a small playground six blocks away, where we can go for an hour a day when the weather is fine, as it usually is in Florida.

In spite of discomforts our children love to come, and we have had a very regular attendance. I have enjoyed my visiting in the homes as well as my large class of beginners in Sunday school. This class is made up mostly of children who have come in through the kindergarten and nursery of the Settlement.

An old clothing department has been crowded into a small dressing room at the back of the gymnasium, where kindergarten blocks and toys are also

kept. Yet many needy ones have been helped and remember with gratitude this rough crowded space.

My prayer is that God may use us more and more as the days go by and in his own good time and way give us the equipment we are so in need of.

#### West Tampa, Fla.—Rosa Valdez Settlement.

MRS. NELLIE O'BEIRNE, HEAD RESIDENT; MISS GOLDA L. RUNKLE, CLUB WORKER; MISS ANNIE R. LEWIS, KINDERGARTNER.

Mrs. O'Beirne reports:

"I was a stranger" in America "and ye took me in" could be said of Rosa Valdez Settlement through the years as its doors have been open to the Latin people who come to Florida, so like their own sunny climes, but never has it ministered to so many as during the past year. The Nursery, Kindergarten, Milk Station, Playground, Sewing School, Girl Scouts, Choral Club, Mothers' Club continue their work of education, recreation, Americanization, and inspiration, but through our coöperation we have been able to increase the number helped at least twofold. The large Boys' Club in our buildings, sponsored and financed by the Rotary Club of this city, is growing in numbers and usefulness. The juvenile judge says that while West Tampa produced more juvenile delinquency than any other section of the city before the club opened a year ago, now there are fewer than from any other part of the city. It is very gratifying to see the improvement that comes from day to day. "Not charity but a chance" is what they need. A visitor has been added to our staff this year by the City Board, Mrs. Virginia Garcia. Her work is telling in better attendance at clubs and Sunday school as well as many new members brought in. She has charge of the Mothers' Club, and teaches them in their own tongue. Her presence releases me for other work, so I have organized an Intermediate League which is the joy of my heart. Miss Runkle sponsors the Senior League, Mrs. Ozeguera the Missionary Society, Miss Lewis the Cradle Roll, while all of us teach in the Sunday school, belong to the Missionary Society, and help in the Church work. Seldom is there a group of workers who supplement each other, and among whom there is such perfect understanding and coöperation, as the present group at Rosa Valdez. It has been a wonderful year. We have had almost a thousand in our organized social activities—983. This is not counting those who come to the playground or those we touch in our Church work and visitation. We have close coöperation with every agency working among our group for community betterment.

Miss Runkle reports:

Through Mrs. Garcia's visiting this year I have been able to keep in closer touch with my girls than before. During my first years here we could not have any club meetings on a rainy day. Now we are often surprised at the number who come through a downpour. The goal for the Girls' Work is the Sunday school, Intermediate League, Senior League, and Church. Ninety per cent of the Sunday school are first touched in some way by the Settlement. There are more of our boys and girls in junior high school this year than ever before. Several years ago the junior high certificate meant their education was finished, except in very few cases. This is not so now, and in spite of opposition and hardships they set out for a senior high diploma; and, more than this, several have gone on to college, others are planning to go, and some have been persuaded to go back after being out for some time. But most of all we rejoice in the fact that through the influence of the Settlement we have four boys and three girls at Brevard Institute, N. C., and one more girl to go this month.

The Y. W. C. A. Club is clothing a little orphan child. Through Girl Scouts, civic consciousness is being developed among our Latin girls.



The Choral Club made it possible for us to put on a better Christmas program this year both at the Settlement and the church.

Miss Lewis reports:

When the first morning greetings had been exchanged with the group of Cuban children who met me in the Rosa Valdez Kindergarten and neither the children nor I understood one word the other, I said that my task for the year seemed impossible.

Unaccustomed to speaking through an interpreter, even though that service was so graciously supplied by Mrs. O'Beirne and Mrs. Garcia, I felt as helpless on this untried path as the little "four-year-olds" just venturing out into a new, strange world. But these little children, so trustful, confiding, and eager have led the way as they learned English and I a few words of Spanish. It was only a short time until, with the aid of many pictures, even a story became a possibility.

Interpreting gesture and tone when not understanding words, responding to the lessons of song and story though the medium through which it is passed to them is a foreign tongue, they have reminded me often of a greater day when every man heard in his own tongue and understood.

My sewing school class of nine-year-old girls is just as interesting. These two age groups form the nucleus of the Primary and Beginner Departments of the Sunday school which I direct. The assistance of two Latin girls who play the piano, teach, and interpret, make possible the use of the graded literature, and other features of the approved Sunday school methods.

#### Key West, Fla.—Ruth Hargrove Settlement and School.

DEACONESS LAURA HARRIS, HEAD RESIDENT; MISS LOTTIE GREEN, MISS OLA GILBERT.

Miss Harris Reports:

The record of another year has been entered in the great Book of Life. The mistakes which have been made, and no doubt they are many, are beyond recall or correction. Due credit has been given for every effort honestly put forth, and whatever of good has been accomplished will receive the Master's "well done."

I suppose very few of us are ever satisfied with the efforts we put forth, or the results obtained, and the thought will come that we might have done more and better work.

That there are many discouraging things about the work here, we cannot deny. But we are also made to realize that some good is being done. It is very gratifying that more people are taking an interest in the Church services, and the number attending them is perhaps double that of last year, and several new members have been received.

The progress made in the Junior Epworth League of El Salvador Church is very encouraging. Miss Green feels that with continued effort and development it will, in the course of time, make a fine Senior League.

Our Sunday school attendance is up to the average. The new pastor at El Salvador has made two classrooms, so that we now have three, which are a very great help, and he is arranging for more. Those who have ever tried to teach a Sunday school class without a classroom know what these improvements mean to us.

The Senior Epworth League at La Trinidad seems to be doing good work, and quite a number of young men have recently been brought into it. That Church also has a Junior League.

Each Church had the usual Christmas program, both of which were good. Also the treat for the children of candy, apples, and oranges.

Perhaps one of the best things that is being done is getting the boys and girls interested in reading; but we are sorely in need of books, as they

had exhausted our small library; so we had a rummage sale the first of December, and with a part of the money thus made bought quite a number of good books, which were hailed with delight. With the rest of the money we hope to have a bookcase made, for we have not room enough in our old ones for the books we had before we bought the new ones.

Miss Green reports:

As the year comes to a close, I am thankful that I have been permitted to serve in this field; and it is with renewed inspiration and ambition that I look forward to the new year.

My work is varied and interesting. As a teacher, I am in close contact with the children, and through them the homes. This year I have the little folks in school. It is quite a problem, with my limited knowledge of Spanish and their bit of English, to teach them.

The Superintendent of the City Schools consented to let the nurses visit the mission school. The children are being weighed every month, and the undernourished ones are given milk each day at the lunch hour. As far as possible, the physical defects will be remedied.

In the Sunday school, Leagues, and Club, I work with the older boys and girls. There are fifteen adolescent girls in the Sunday school class—five of them came into the Church last Easter.

The club is made up of boys from nine to fifteen years of age. The first part of the club hour is spent in a devotional and business meeting; the latter in games. At present there is much interest in basket ball. Thirty-six books have been ordered for the Club Library.

There is no phase of this work that gives more joy than the Leagues. The Leaguers are enthusiastic and willing to work. On Sunday afternoons they often go to a hospital and sing for the patients. At Christmas, they put on a pageant.

The longer I stay here the more I realize the possibilities. The Church has a wonderful opportunity to interpret the Christ and his religion to the Cuban people.

Miss Gilbert reports:

I came to Key West the first of September to work with the Cuban people.

I teach a few children who are in the first, second, third, and fourth grades.

As to the Church work, we have a very good Sunday school. I teach a class of young ladies and boys. There are sixteen in my class. I have very good Junior and Senior Leagues. I try to have as much social time with my young people and pupils as I can. I play tennis with them, take them out in groups, and have socials with them. In this way I feel that I have been able to really help some of them to live closer to God. I love my work here very much in every way, and if it can be God's plan I will be happy to continue to work here.

## ITALIAN AND FRENCH WORK.

### Kansas City, Mo.—Institutional Church.

DEACONESS FLORENCE BLACKWELL, HEAD RESIDENT; DEACONESS DOROTHY DODD, ITALIAN WORKER; DEACONESS LILA MAY CAMPBELL, CHILDREN'S WORK; MISS ANNE COUCOULES, BOYS' WORK; MISS HELEN MILLER, BABY WELFARE WORK; MRS JEANETTE CAVANAUGH, SECRETARY.

Miss Blackwell reports:

The work of the year just past has brought much joy to the workers, the seed has been sown in the hearts and minds of our boys and girls, little

children, and fathers and mothers, and we leave it in the hands of God to bring the increase. Each worker in her department has tried to put her best into the work.

In the Daily Vacation Bible School and Saturday Afternoon Bible School more boys and girls have made perfect records in Bible memory work than ever before; each of these received a Bible. Also more received rewards for perfect attendance.

The music department is doing splendid work under Miss Bradley and Miss Ogden; two recitals have been given during the year. We expect to add a violin teacher to the department soon.

The Settlement department has turned the young people's work over to the Epworth League, and Miss Coucoules, who came to us in June, has done splendid work in the Boys' Department, which she will report. A total of twenty-six thousand and eleven attendance on all activities for the year is reported. This is a conservative estimate.

#### Miss Dodd reports the Italian Work:

Our Italian Mothers' Club has sewed for Mercy Hospital, and at Christmas the club sent baskets of food and fruit for the poor families. At Thanksgiving we had our second annual Italian Mothers' Club banquet for the mothers and their husbands. The men and women both look forward to this meeting as one of the outstanding social events of the year for promoting friendship and fellowship. Mrs. Cameron has given these women the very best in their program meetings, and as a result these women have certainly grown in their thinking and loving and living.

At the opening New Year's meeting the mothers, at the suggestion of one of the members, had a testimony meeting. Each one told of the blessings the club had been to them during these years they had come. Some of them have come ever since the club was started thirteen years ago. Some said what the prayers in the club had meant, others said they loved to come because every one was so kind to them. One mother said: "I go to three clubs, but I love this one the very best."

The Girl Reserves sent a box Christmas to the Indian children in the mission schools in Arizona. These girls went for the third summer to Camp Washita, the Y. W. C. A. Camp. The girls always look forward to this camp.

It is a joy to realize that four of these girls will graduate from high school this June. Three of our Board members, with four of our Italian mothers, started one of our girls to high school last September. Mrs. Elliott Jones and Mrs. Eastman are sending another girl. Another girl was able to go two and a half years because of our Board women.

It is this same group of girls that make up one Sunday school class, and this is the group we love best.

As we look back over the past year we just thank our Heavenly Father for letting us work with him among the people we love, and so we close the year's work with an uplook of thanksgiving and praise for answered prayer and victories won. And as long as we keep looking unto Jesus we know "prospects are as bright as the promises of God," and we can say with St. Paul: "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us."

#### Miss Campbell reports the Children's Work:

We have tried harder this year in the children's department to bring about a closer relationship between the nursery mothers, their school-teachers, and the charity organization workers in our district. Being away at work each day, the mothers and teachers do not come in contact with each other, and by means of an annual get-together dinner here at the church they become better acquainted with each other.

A three months' old baby was brought to our clinic which had weighed



at birth ten pounds, and in spite of careful care had lost steadily from week to week until it only weighed six pounds. By careful watching the doctors discovered a growth in the baby's stomach and by means of prayer and a skilled surgeon the growth was removed and now at nine months old the baby has gained from one and a half to two pounds each month since the operation.

Miss Coucoules reports the Boys' Work:

All of our boys' work is based on the fourfold development idea as expressed in Luke 2: 52, and is, above all, Christian in its objective.

We now have four clubs: The Be Square Club, for boys six to nine years; the Good Citizens' Club, nine to eleven years; the Pioneers' Club, eleven to fifteen years; and the Boy Scouts, twelve to eighteen years.

The last two clubs are part of a national organization, the first two are more or less original clubs which grew out of the needs of a special class of boys whom it is our privilege to work with.

Each club meets once a week and is composed of boys of several nationalities.

Realizing that our boys of to-day are our men of to-morrow and that soon great responsibilities will be theirs, we are doing everything possible to give them those things which will develop in them the qualities that are necessary to meet the responsibilities of life in a Christlike way.

The basis, therefore, of our whole program is a series of optional tests in the physical, mental, devotional, service thus encouraging him to participate in activities and obtain credits on all four sides of his life, developing as Jesus did in "wisdom, stature, and in favor with God and man."

We also have three basket ball teams, all doing fine work, besides our regular gymnasium work.

#### Birmingham, Ala.—Ensley Community House.

DOROTHY L. CRIM, HEAD RESIDENT; CORA BELL HOLLINGSWORTH, KINDERGARTNER; EUNICE O'BRYANT, BOYS' WORKER; ELIZABETH WOOTEN, HOME ECONOMICS OR GIRLS' WORKER. FIVE PART-TIME WORKERS, INCLUDING J. M. FERGUSON, PHYSICAL DIRECTOR.

Miss Crim reports:

As we look over the record and think of the work of the past year, there are several things that stand out quite prominently. The efficient service of many of the volunteer workers is quite marked. The great success of many special days at the House when the neighborhood at large entered in and was a part. The great interest of our Board, even though we are one of the beneficiaries of the Community Chest, the Board contributing the same amount as they did before, and the interest of the women seems even more genuine. The large amount of personal service that has been done, such as securing a nurse or doctor, taking an individual to the hospital, obtaining relief, helping to adjust a child in school, the giving of advice on almost every subject, placing of children in Sunday school, seeking to encourage and inspire those who were downhearted, and endeavoring to lift up the Christ that he may draw them to him.

This year, especially the latter part, has been a very testing time for the Community House with the Trinity Community House, a Catholic institution so near, and with the Sisters coming in their car for the children every morning. It has been exceedingly encouraging and inspiring to find so many standing firm by this House, some even to the extent of being turned out of the Roman Catholic Church.

The women of our Mothers' Club have put far more in their club in way of planning and contributing and have entered far better into the devotionals at the club hour. One former President, upon moving away, or-

ganized a Missionary Society. This Society will be on the honor roll this year. In this club sixty-seven members are enrolled.

Teachers from Birmingham-Southern are instructors in our Night School, which is for men and young men. Two bands for men have met at the House.

The young men are under a physical director. They have won many match games in football and basket ball.

Again this summer the Park and Recreational Board gave us a playground supervisor. This enabled our boys and girls to enter into the Leagues of the city.

The Baby Clinic, with its two pediatricians and two city nurses, is well attended and great results have been accomplished. The Pre-Natal Clinic has rendered some important and helpful service. In the Vaccination Clinic, vaccination for smallpox, serum for diphtheria and typhoid fever are given by the city.

There was in the Daily Vacation School an enrollment of only ninety-four, a child coming a week to be enrolled, but the faithful attendance gave us second highest per cent of attendance of fourteen schools of the city. We felt much headway was made in teaching the Bible.

The week-day school started in September is meeting a felt need in our program. We feel that the Bible is being better known and loved by our children.

Workers of the House teach in the Sunday school of the Italian Methodist Church, which Church grew out of the Community House. Representatives from the House are present at each service, morning and evening.

Miss Hollingsworth reports:

In our kindergarten we have fifty children, some foreign born, some of foreign parentage, and some of American birth. Here we live for three hours each day, respecting the individuality of each child and endeavoring to educate the head, the heart, and the hand that they may learn in the pre-school age to think, to love, and to create.

Miss O'Bryant reports:

We have an enrollment of about sixty, with five divisions, in the clubs for little boys. Besides a program with each group, we have handwork with the younger boys while with the older boys there is woodwork.

The Boy Scouts, under an excellent Scout Master, has been a means of developing the large number of boys who have faithfully attended.

We have a Girl Scout Troop, and some of the girls are very much interested and are doing excellent work.

Miss Wooten reports:

Last year enrollment in sewing school with its eight divisions was one hundred and ninety-seven, and an excellent and well-planned course was followed.

For the Little Housekeepers, as well as the older ones, there were practical lessons that came daily in a well-cared-for home.

The aim of the cooking school is to create a love for doing everyday things well. We strive to make in the homes more wholesome food and better planned meals.

### **Houma, La.—French Work, MacDonell Wesley Community House and School.**

DEACONESS ELLA K. HOOPER, HEAD RESIDENT; MISS LILLIE SCHACK.

Miss Hooper reports:

Last year we quoted, not lightly, but happily, the promise: "All things work together for good to them that love God." The "all things" during

the year just closed includes some great disasters and difficult trials in the French work, but we are just as sure of God's guidance and care for us as in the more joyous years that have gone before. The hurricane that swept this section in August, the failure of many of the sources of income that followed, the breaking up of the old sugar plantation system, the financial crisis that came upon the heels of the other troubles, and the wide prevalence of sickness and sorrow throughout the section, in addition to other and more personal difficulties, have combined to make the year 1926 a peculiarly difficult one; but we have been sustained and strengthened by God's presence and enabled by his grace and wisdom to go forward with the work. The work itself, like the great oaks on the school campus, though battered and shaken by the storms, has strengthened its roots, proved itself a refuge to the people in times of trouble, and is now ready to reach out to new and greater tasks of loving service.

Miss Schack's report:

This is my first year of work under the Council, and the few months that I have been here have been a real joy to me even though they were months of adjustment to a new work. Half of my time is taken up with school work. I teach the first, second, and third grades in the morning, and during the industrial period in the afternoon I have charge of a group of small boys. This phase of the work is done out doors and consists of any type of work from making moss mattresses to putting up bird houses.

I have charge of the house cleaning in the Wesley House and Hope Cottage. In these two homes there are eighteen girls. Tuesdays and Fridays I have charge of the out-door recreation for the girls. Besides trying to help the girls enjoy this period I am giving the larger ones a course in community recreation so that when they return to their homes they may assist in the social work of the rural Churches and help lift the children to a plane of living that is more than mere experience.

#### New Orleans, La.—St. Mark's Settlement.

DEACONESS BERTA ELLISON, HEAD RESIDENT; DEACONESS BESS SARGENT,  
MISS ANNIE ROGERS.

Miss Ellison reports:

The past year has been one of changes, one of adjustments, such as come once in a while to every institution. Figures say losses have been sustained in some departments, while in others gain is registered. But even so, on the whole progress has been made.

St. Mark's was admitted to New Orleans's Community Chest last January as one of the character-building agencies of the city. In common with other agencies of the Chest local publicity has been given that could not have been done otherwise. A window display on Canal Street, for instance, showing something of our work, and also participation in a big parade just previous to the annual financial drive. Better business methods have been introduced to meet the demand for monthly financial reports. Through conference with other organizations of like aims and purposes mutual good will and understanding have been established. In a sense the atmosphere has been clarified, the scope and sphere of our work better defined, so that plans for future development stand clear cut before us. This has not come as suggestions from the Chest, but has developed in my own mind through contacts made there. Some one has characterized the New Orleans's Community Chest as having a *heart* as well as a head. Be it said to its credit it does not meddle with the internal affairs of its member agencies.

One interesting sign of development the past year is progress toward self-support in certain departments—namely, the clinic and swimming pool especially, without working injury to their clientele. Extra revenue for the pool was brought in mainly from outside groups, people who were



willing and able to pay full price for privileges enjoyed. The clinic turns none away, fee or no fee, but a persistent effort is made to collect a stated amount from those able to pay it. That which costs nothing is valued, ordinarily, at the same price.

The Sunday school is my own peculiar joy. As superintendent I have watched its growth and development for months past with a mingled feeling of pride and gratitude. Our enrollment has gone over the 200 mark. Teachers are being developed in the school. We are now rated as a Progressive School of the "C" type. Twenty-six pupils united with the Church during a revival season at Easter time. Our pastor is keenly alive to the situation, thoroughly appreciative and sympathetic, diligent, and helpful in many ways. It is a joy to serve at St. Mark's.

Deaconess Bess Sargent reports:

My preparation for missionary service was indeed a delight. It brought a peace and satisfaction that is only surpassed by the *actual service* at one's post of duty.

My work for the most part is with the young people. We have a splendid crowd of young men and young women in our Young People's Bible Class and Senior League.

Each Sunday evening at six o'clock supper is served to our Leaguers. Following this happy social time together comes the devotional meeting. Some of our Leaguers offer prayer and make splendid talks. All are willing to take their turn in leading and are glad to share in responsibilities. We are taking up "The Story of Missions" in our Mission Study Course.

The following are some of the places where we have held services, either of a devotional or strictly musical nature: "Maison Hospitaliere" (House of Hospitality), Bethany Home for the Aged, Tuberculosis Ward of Charity Hospital, and in a private home for Mr. Landrieu, who is an invalid.

The Leaguers fixed a Christmas box for the Bonner Home for Aged Men. They also joined the crowd of carolers at St. Mark's early Christmas morning. In the French Quarter we wended our way through the long, dark passages which led to the court and there we sang "Holy Night." One man who heard the music as it burst forth on the quiet stillness of the morning air decided that he thought it was heavenly music and dropped on his knees beside his bed. These different experiences lead us to say: "O, the joy of Christian service!"

Just a word about our Girls' Athletic Club. It is composed of young business women. We *spend* quite a bit of our time and *expend* quite a bit of energy playing basket ball. Parties and an occasional banquet are enjoyed. Then we gather in an informal way frequently "to play and sing," to toast marshmallows, or to make fudge. Last but not least we read and discuss good books together. Several weeks ago we made approximately twenty-eight dollars on a play. It was hard to realize that it was the first appearance for some of the girls. The whole thing came off in a splendid manner, and every one declared it a success.

I am grateful for a place in which to serve, and I trust I shall be able to render a worth-while service in the days to come.

Miss Rogers reports:

Since space is limited, I will speak especially of two of my clubs which seem to have improved the most in the past year.

The spirit and behavior in our game room is much better than last year. This club is for boys from eleven to fifteen. Most of them are "street boys," coming from homes where they are not disciplined or taught fair play. We have caroms, checkers, ping-pong, puzzles, etc., which are interesting to boys who have nothing of the kind at home. When our checker tournament was in progress, Miss Ellison saw a group of boys

huddled together on the street. She thought that of course the usual game of "craps" was going on. But when she got nearer she discovered that the "gang" was watching two of its number play checkers.

My Camp Fire has grown from eleven to twenty members, which is the largest number allowed in a Camp Fire group. Many of the new girls are of a finer type than we usually find in this community. Five of them are high school girls. They have helped to raise the standard of the club. The spirit is better than ever before. The program which we have this year is one thing that has attracted the new girls. On Tuesday at 5:30 we go into the gymnasium for a half hour of baseball or basket ball. At six we have a light supper together. The girls like to help fix supper. The dish washing, which comes later, is not so popular. After supper we have our Camp Fire meeting. When I see the unlimited possibilities in this group, I pray that I may be a real friend to each girl, such a friend that I may show the way to the Christ, the best Friend of all.

Our Junior Church and prayer meeting are still very much alive. It is encouraging to see that we are holding the Intermediate boys and girls. They make up more than half of our Junior congregation.

As I see St. Mark's to day, the future seems very bright. I believe the work here will grow rapidly, if only enough prayer, faith, and hard work are put into it.

#### Terry, Tex.—Japanese and French Colony.

MISS VIRGINIA HICKS, MISS MAYBETH SYKES.

Miss Hicks reports:

The work of Terry Mission has gained a great deal in strength, stability, and grace this year. Last year our attendance at all services was good at times and bad at times, but during this year it is good all the time. We learned God depends on us, and met the demand. We had a regular attendance at Sunday school of 65, with an offering of over 10 cents per member. There were 7 additions to the Church, making a membership of 58. The Church was painted at a cost of \$125, and this was paid for by the Sunday school.

Annual Conference met in Orange last fall and a great many preachers and laymen visited our work and for the first time really realized what we are striving to do. It was an inspiration to us to be able to present the mission on its own ground.

The Epworth League has a membership of 27 with perfect attendance. Their missionary pledge of \$20 has been paid, and their \$1 per member for the support of a field secretary was the first sent in from the entire Texas Conference. They have bought a wheel chair for the children's ward at the Methodist Hospital, Houston, at a cost of \$50. When Stewardship and Fellow Workers' Covenants were presented, every one present signed the pledges.

This year we had several lovely gifts. Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Mills, of Houston, gave us a beautiful Bible for the pulpit. The American Bible Society gave us fifteen Bibles for the children. One man gave us a dozen palms and had shell put on the driveway. Several societies sent us boxes of supplies, and we had \$76 in money given.

The Bible School continues to advance. This fall we had a spelling match between two of them, spelling the books of the Bible. After spelling for an hour, we stopped, with not a single word misspelled, they are that thorough in all the Bible work they do. When the schools had their exhibits last spring, the handwork done by Bible school children got more ribbons than all other schools combined. We gave twenty programs during the year and have several to give in the near future.

God has been good to us, and we are humbly grateful.

Miss Sykes reports:

In September I came to Terry and entered for the first time the field of definite Christian service. My special work has been with the kindergartners and the music pupils, and I have found it most interesting.

The kindergarten has an average attendance of twelve. This group is made up of Japanese, French, and Mexicans. The two paramount problems in dealing with these children are helping them to learn the English language and bringing the three groups together as one under the great love and fatherhood of God. I feel that progress has been made with reference to both of these problems.

There are fourteen pupils in the music class, and the work and interest of each pupil has been very gratifying.

A glee club has just been organized made up of eleven of the older girls. It is their first attempt to do any two-part singing. We select our songs from the Hymnal and study something of the life of each song writer and the incident that prompted the writing of the song.

I feel that God has been guiding us in these activities and pray that he may continue to guide and bless us during the coming year.

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### MEXICAN WORK.

Dallas, Tex.—Wesley Chapel.

MISS ANNIE PRICE, MISS LULA BELL, MISS J. BESS M'LAIN.

Miss Price reports:

More than ever am I encouraged to "have faith in God." At this time last year, when it seemed that work at this place was more than two workers could bear up under and when lack of equipment and an inadequate workshop made it all the more intolerable, in my report, I was led to say that we hoped by the end of the year to have the third worker and a building adequate to the work. To-day we have both.

We moved into our new quarters January 21, 1927, with our living quarters nicely furnished and with the promise of some equipment.

With a large field ready for service, with an enthusiastic and capable pastor, and two faithful coworkers we shall expect rapid strides in our work.

Our Church and Sunday school are growing rapidly in numbers, and we trust in spirituality. We are expecting to enlarge our church building this year.

We pay \$60 a month toward our pastor's salary and the expenses of the Church also.

People come by large numbers. Last year there was admitted at our doors 2,443 persons.

My special work, other than office, is clinics. Four splendid doctors give volunteer service, and a number of dentists take their turn at aiding us along their line. The number of patients coming to our clinic last year totaled 889.

While there will be numerous obstacles to be met this year as always, yet we trust it will be the best in the history of our work here.

Again am I wont to use the Scarritt motto: "Attempt great things, expect great things."

Miss Bell reports:

Work has been impaired in our kindergarten as in other activities because of limited space; however we have not lacked in numbers. No special effort has to be put forth to get the children here, for they come without solicitation. My work is to feed them after they are here.



Associated with me in the kindergarten is a young high school girl (Mexican), very capable and talented in music. She is pianist for all the activities of our Church here.

Now with a great large room, pretty and new, with space enough for all the equipment that I may have, I am sure this will prove a most wonderful year.

An attractive feature of the kindergarten work is the orchestra. We have numerous calls to visit Churches and Sunday schools. The children look very pretty all dressed up in their band suits. Last year we had the opportunity of playing for the State Federation of Women's Clubs at the Y. W. C. A. At each noon hour some foreign country was featured. Ours compared favorably.

Besides my kindergarten work, I assisted with the clinics a number of times, drove the car, and took my turn at the other work.

Because of our splendid new building we now feel like redoubling our efforts at this place.

Miss McLain reports:

I came to the Mexican Mission, my first appointment under the Council, September 1, 1926.

Because our old building had been torn away in anticipation of erecting another, and we had such limited space in our temporary quarters, it was thought advisable not to organize all the club work until the new building should be completed; consequently only the Bible School was begun. This opened with eleven children present; now the enrollment is four times as much with new ones entering at practically every meeting. Heretofore we have had only girls; now we are planning to include boys and expand our program of instruction.

We are now organizing a choral club for young people, and are fortunate in having as directors two of the best-known teachers in their fields in Dallas. Also, it is our purpose, now that we have moved into our lovely new home (this week), to begin other activities—Girl Reserves, athletics, etc., as they can be arranged for, and are hoping to have our work well organized and running smoothly before much more time has elapsed.

Up to the present, my time has been given to Bible School, visiting in the homes, assisting in Good Will sales on Friday afternoons, and for a while in clinics, house duty, which is no small part of our work, as the people come in large numbers for help in both business and personal matters, hospital visiting (we have sixteen patients in the Tuberculosis Hospital); English class three nights a week, the remaining time, with the exception of Saturday, is devoted to the Church services.

It has been my privilege to secure the tuition of one of our girls at Holding Institute, our Church school at Laredo, Tex., and part of that of a ministerial student at Wesleyan Institute, San Antonio; also to interest others in our work who have promised definite financial aid.

My four months of service here have been very, very happy ones, and instead of "*giving* my life in service" as we are wont to say, I feel, truly, that I am "*finding*" it.

#### Los Angeles, Calif.—Homer Toberman Mission.

DEACONESS JOSEPHINE BERGLUND, HEAD RESIDENT; DEACONESS LEXIE VIVIAN, CHILDREN'S WORKER; MISS MURIEL BELL, R.N.; MISS O'LULA HANNA, CLUB DIRECTOR; REV. EDILMIRO ESPINOZA, PASTOR; JOSUE CASILLAS, PLAYGROUND DIRECTOR.

Miss Berglund reports:

Perhaps the most forward step in the work this year has been the building of three church buildings in three suburban sections where we have for

several years been holding Sunday schools. The Mexican people seem appreciative, and in each place the attendance is increasing and a spirit of self-dependence is developing. The outlook is very hopeful.

One of our Mexican scholarship boys has been very ably directing the work on the playground. Besides the outdoor work, which we have here, all the year around, four boys' clubs and a gym class have met regularly with a weekly attendance of seventy. Tumbling mats are new for us this year and the boys have thoroughly enjoyed them. Five hundred free baths are reported.

Over six hundred people are reported placed through the employment bureau this year.

Our women are becoming interested in a woman's club, which we hope will develop into a civic club. The teen-age girls are enjoying making lamp shades, etc., in a crafts class.

Twenty-five hundred people have enjoyed the entertainments given through the year.

As relief work \$75 in cash, \$500 in food, and 1,200 garments have been given. Two thousand garments have been sold at a nominal price.

Miss Vivian reports:

"An angel paused in his onward flight  
With a seed of love, of truth, and light  
And cried: 'O where shall this seed be sown,  
That it yield most fruit when fully grown?'  
The Saviour heard, and he said as he smiled:  
'Plant it for me in the heart of a child.'"

Through the Week-Day Bible School, the story hours, the library, the game hours, the boys' and girls' clubs, the Sunday school class, and the Junior League, the lives of more than two hundred boys and girls have been touched. In each little heart seeds of love and kindness have been sown, and to many have been brought the teachings of Jesus, who was once a little child. A worker with children is rewarded by both visible results and the knowledge that seed sown in the tender heart of a little child will in due time bear fruit.

Miss Bell reports:

After the Christmas holidays the clinic opened January 4, having two days of dental work and one of eye, ear, nose, and throat work each week. In February the eye, ear, nose, and throat work was discontinued, then in March we opened another day of dental work, and during April, May, and June we had four days each week with an average of fifteen patients daily.

This work has been a real joy to me because I know that our services have helped so many who were very needy and unable to pay the average dentist's price. All together we treated 1,617 patients, 800 new ones. Brother Diaz, our pastor, came to the clinic two days each week and preached to the patients while they waited for their turn to see the doctor, and one doctor said it was the best anesthesia he knew of to quiet the fears of pain they expected to be tortured with when it came their time to sit in the chair. Many were drawn to the Church. Our greatest pleasure came from visiting in the homes.

Throughout the year I taught two Sunday school classes and helped in the Epworth League and Church. The last four months I have had added to my duties the Week-Day Bible School and Sewing School, having 42 girls on roll. With the help of another worker and three or four volunteer workers, we finished 45 garments before Christmas.

Miss Hanna reports:

My first year as a home missionary has been very pleasant in many ways, and the days, weeks, and months have been seemingly passed by very

swiftly. There has been no lack of the "spice of life" in my experiences as I have supplied here and there wherever needed.

My Church work has been very interesting—Church treasurer, Sunday school secretary, and also teacher of a girls' class in a branch Sunday school on Sunday afternoon.

I taught an English class three nights a week to Mexican men and women interested in learning it. The women were also interested in millinery, so I assisted in teaching a millinery class throughout the year. Week-Day Sewing School and Daily Vacation Bible School have both been in my schedule. Conducting the Bible hour in each, and enjoying greatly the privilege of planting a verse or good thought in the little minds with the earnest desire that it would some day come to have a very vital meaning and reality in their lives.

I am very grateful for this place of service.

### Houston, Tex.—Mexican Work.

MRS. BERTHA M. FELDEN, MISS SUE HERRICK.

Mrs. Felden reports:

The year just closed has been better in many respects than the one before. Our Daily Vacation Bible School was new last summer, and the children were very much interested. Many of the thirty-four enrolled came from Catholic homes, and they would not think of coming to Sunday school. Our Boys' Club shows an increase over last year, and we have very efficient volunteer helpers from the Y. M. C. A. Three boys attended the Y. camp last summer and made good records.

The Girl Reserve Club has not increased in numbers because of the sixth grade of our nearby school being sent to junior high, and it left fewer Mexican girls over twelve years of age.

The Kindergarten Mothers' Club, under the leadership of Miss Herrick, and the Dorcas Society, of which I am president, hold their meetings together, but we have two secretaries and the funds are kept separate. Much of the program material is taken from the *Antrocha Misionera*, published in Chihuahua, Mexico. Several returned missionaries from Mexico and the Mexican consul have been invited to speak to them in their own language. The sewing class shows more interest and is larger this year.

This fall the Glee Club of twenty-eight young people was organized and they are doing very good work, for they love to sing, and many have good voices. Miss Mildred Sage, who is teacher of music in one of our city schools, is director.

With our Epworth League reorganized we hope to interest these young people who are not already in the Church.

Miss Sue Herrick reports:

"The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places." Upon arriving in Houston last September I found a most delightful City Mission Board to work with; also found a large freshly painted, well-equipped kindergarten room. I found through the effort of my Board four splendid volunteer helpers; and I found Mexican parents who were most ambitious for their children to learn English, so they must attend kindergarten regularly and cooperate with their teachers. What more could a kindergartner ask for?

The children are doing splendid handwork; this is very often a result of their imagination. They are learning English fast through their songs, games, and conversation. I find the Mexican children on the whole are bright and musical.

We have an enrollment of forty, with an average attendance, for the four months, of thirty-five.

Sometimes through the love of the children I have discovered that I



have now the hearts of the parents, and this gives the opportunity of helping them to a better life.

Aside from my kindergarten work and visiting in the homes, I have a class in the Primary Department of the Mexican Sunday school; this gives me a continued hold on our children who have been promoted from the kindergarten to the public schools.

#### San Antonio, Tex.—Wesley Community House.

MISS SUSIE MITCHELL, HEAD RESIDENT; MISS EULAH M'COY, MISS ELMA MORGAN, MISS HELEN REEVES.

Miss Mitchell reports:

The first of August I was very happy to return to Texas and especially to work with Mexicans in San Antonio.

Two workers were added this year, Miss Reeves as children's worker and Miss Thrall as housekeeper.

We have two new organizations, Kitchen Garden and Week-Day Bible School. The latter was so new we thought it would not be wise to attempt more than two grades, Primary and Junior, with two classes in each. We have all enjoyed the work and feel it is proving very worth while. Just before Christmas the Primaries enjoyed so much making pretty gifts for their parents.

We are delighted over the improvements that are being made. The Board bought the adjoining lot on the east and had the new building moved over, and turned around to front on Colima and the playground moved to the rear, which gives us a splendid court between the two buildings, where most of our meetings will be held during the warm weather, and the contract has just been given for a wonderful new fence.

By spring we hope to have the front sodded with grass and a cement walk.

Christmas the Woman's Federated Clubs gave us four nice new tables for the nursery dining room and we are enameling the little chairs in ivory to match.

We have put the Graded Literature in the Primary and Junior Department of our afternoon Sunday school and are using English literature in all the classes except the Beginner and Mothers' Bible Class.

Miss McCoy reports:

Surely "the lines have fallen to us in pleasant places," for we have just the kind of work we want, just where we want it, with just the helper we want for the children's work in the person of Miss Helen Reeves.

Our hobby, if indeed we have a hobby, is religious education, and with the kindergarten, the Week-Day School of Religion, and a class of Junior boys in the Sunday school we have many opportunities for teaching the Word. The promise of the Father is that his Word shall not return unto him void.

We have limited the enrollment in the kindergarten to fifty, for we feel that in a community such as ours, intensive work is more important than extensive. Results have justified this position.

The attendance has been very regular, and in most of our pupils there has been marked mental and moral development.

Of the special days observed, mention should be made of Easter, May Day, Mothers' Day, and Christmas.

'Twas our first May Day program, and a very beautiful one. Some of the children were dressed to represent flowers, some butterflies, and some birds. They had previously elected their little queen, who was beautiful in her royal robe of satin with pearls. After she had ascended the throne with much pomp and pride, we had a Maypole dance.

The children gave beautiful religious programs at Easter, Mothers'

Day, and Christmas time, when they had a Christmas tree, and West-moorland College girls again furnished toys and treats.

We have a kindergarten orchestra which has become very popular and is frequently invited to take part on special programs in American Sunday schools, Epworth Leagues, missionary meetings, Social Welfare Workers' meetings, etc.

Miss Morgan reports:

Our Mothers' Club has ministered to the sick and needy. They observed White Christmas. From time to time they have had health lectures and socials. Through the Bible study, interest has been so created as to cause a number, who have never had Bibles, to want them in their homes. Many have been sold.

Our Girl Reserves took part in the Gift Bringers' Pageant at the Y. W. C. A. again this year, with the other Girl Reserve Clubs of the city, taking gifts for the Indian children. During the community chest drive seven of our girls helped as interpreters.

Within a few blocks of us, a sewing school has been opened by the Catholic Sisters, hence our number is smaller than usual, but the girls are doing good work.

Through our Mexican Sunday School Basket Ball League, we have been able to enroll a large number of boys in our Sunday school. It is a great joy and privilege to teach these twenty boys from fourteen to nineteen years of age, who come from Catholic homes and to whom the simplest Bible stories are new and interesting.

Miss Reeves reports:

I assist Miss McCoy in the kindergarten and thoroughly enjoy the work. I have a little kitchen garden class, and the children are rapidly becoming "model" housekeepers. I also teach classes of girls in the Week-Day School of Religion and in the afternoon Sunday school, and it is most encouraging to note how readily the girls learn the Bible lessons.

I really love the work here and the people and sincerely hope the "powers that be" will see fit to let me serve here the coming year. However, I am ready to go or stay, as I want to be where I may best serve our Master.

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## WORK AMONG MINERS.

### Kimball, W. Va.—Coal Fields.

MISS MAUDE BUCK.

Although we have no community center in which to hold our activities, we feel very grateful for the little school on the mountain side in which to carry on our work. In view of this outstanding need we have tried to make the schoolhouse a community center and have, in a limited way, attempted to formulate a program that would fit the needs of the people living in these two mining camps.

Clubs have been organized among the boys and girls, in which they have manifested keen interest and enthusiasm. A Mothers' Club, too, has been begun.

The Sunday school is an interesting phase of the work. The attendance has doubled within the last few months, and the various classes are interested in the memory work outlined for them.

The response of the children and young people is indeed hopeful and encouraging, for here, as everywhere else, the hope of the future lies in reaching the children and youth and training them in the ideals and principles of Christian citizenship. The mid-week service and Sunday evening service have been well attended.

That the gospel of Jesus is a universal gospel with its spirit of brotherhood was clearly portrayed in the Christmas pageant in which children and young people of the many nationalities participated, exemplifying in a striking and impressive manner the message of the first Christmas morning, "good tidings of great joy," "and good will to all men."

Indeed, this is a mission territory with its vast opportunity of evident need. The Polish, Hungarian, Italian, Spanish, Russian, Greek, American, and other nationalities are represented, thus presenting a serious responsibility and a definite challenge to our Church.

The same Christ who commissioned us to go into the uttermost parts of the world making disciples of all men also invested within us the responsibility of witnessing for him in Jerusalem, Judea, and Samaria.

The task is great, but we cannot fail, for we can accomplish great things "through Him who strengtheneth us."

I am glad to add that the Case Company is sympathetic with the work and its superintendent gives splendid coöperation and support.

### War, W. Va.—Coal Fields.

MISS KATE FAUVER, MISS BESS EATON.

Miss Fauver reports:

War, a could-be beautiful little town, situated in the heart of the mountains in McDowell County, W. Va., is an up-to-date place in many respects, but the Church is pushed into the background instead of being foremost and most influential. The doctrines that have been preached are many, but the way of truth and of righteousness has been wanting. But there is a fighting chance and a glorious outlook when we keep our faces turned toward the Master of all great things.

There are two Protestant church buildings here and one Catholic. We have a very comfortable small auditorium in the Community House, where our Church services are held. This auditorium seats one hundred people. I have never seen it crowded, but hope to before another year rolls around.

The pastor preaches here every Sunday evening at 7:30. We are gratified with the improvement in attendance at these services. Since our Church roll has been revised our Church membership is forty. People who do not have a Church here of their own denomination are very kind in helping us to meet the financial obligation. In fact, we could not support a preacher if these good people did not help.

Epworth League at 6:30 each Sunday evening is an organization we are proud of. It was just organized in October with thirty charter members.

Sunday school is held here each Sunday morning at ten o'clock. Our present enrollment is one hundred and five. We have a splendid young man for our superintendent, a good and faithful assistant superintendent, eight teachers, and eight assistants, or substitute teachers. The first Tuesday of each month we have our Sunday School Workers' Council, which is well attended.

Our Wednesday evening prayer meeting and Bible study is conducted by the pastor.

I must not fail to mention our seven-piece orchestra, led by our community piano and violin teacher, which helps in the Church service.

Every school morning our kindergarten class meets. We have an enrollment of seventeen now and almost a hundred per cent attendance. Up through December our attendance was not good, owing to mumps and whooping cough.

The sewing class meets on Saturday afternoon from two to four o'clock. The girls enjoy this very much and do good work. One mother was dis-



appointed that her little eight-year-old girl could not cut and fit a dress after taking lessons a month.

We have an afternoon Sunday school in one of our nearby coal camps, which meets in the one-room schoolhouse. There we have an enrollment of sixty and a good attendance. We have three classes and two regular teachers. We have some volunteer helpers from the Epworth League.

Our Woman's Missionary Society has a membership of seventeen, and almost all are members of the Mission Study Class, which was recently organized. At our last meeting we had eleven present and a live discussion of our topic on "Leadership."

The prayer of my heart is that the intelligent people of this town may have a vision of what they can really do through the Church in this community, to help beautify, glorify, and sanctify life.

Then the house-to-house visiting, which is always an important feature of the work, is a real joy and a real sorrow—joy because of the wee bit of sunshine that we can carry in the Master's name and sorrow because of the tragedy of the home life found among the poorer classes. Filth, greed, and ungodliness stare one in the face. There is no home life.

There are Girl and Boy Scout organizations in the camp led by local people. We were glad to find these organizations working.

Our Christmas week was full and joyous. Preparation was made for three entertainments—three Christmas trees and one pageant. These programs were well rendered and well attended.

The distribution of clothes, the lending of books, receiving callers who asked for help of various kinds, sick people waited upon—these and various other seeming trifles are used as a means to an end.

We don't like to work with old clothes, sometimes soiled, neither do we like to listen to the many complaints of half-sick people, but we tolerate these things knowing that perhaps these are channels of reaching individuals that otherwise might not be touched.

These three months in the Coal Fields have meant a great deal to us, and we are ready for another year's work to think and to plan "to do and to dare" in the name of the great Architect who is able to take a life and rebuild it and who has the power to rebuild a community that is willing to serve instead of being served.

Miss Eaton reports:

In any worth-while work discouragements and disappointments are sure to come. By that test I know that my work for the past five months has been worth while. So I thank God for the joy of service and rely upon his promise: "My Word shall not return unto me void."

When I look into the happy smiling faces of the forty children in the Beginner-Primary Department on Sunday morning I am lifted to the seventh heaven, and all earthly cares are forgotten except that there are not enough chairs to go around.

Sunday afternoon brings another happy hour with a class of Juniors who are learning to read their Bibles for themselves. It is a joy to help them store their minds with memory texts which I pray God will help them when tempted by experiences which must necessarily lie out ahead of each one of them.

House-to-house visiting brings us in touch with the mother (often the only means of reaching her) and gives us a sympathetic understanding of home conditions. This is a wonderful help in dealing with the children in Sunday school and kindergarten work.

It is our earnest desire to be able in the near future to touch in some definite way more of the nearby communities and to be able to do more personal work.

**Hemphill, W. Va.—Coal Fields.**

MISS HYDA HEARD, MISS CATHERINE PARHAM.

Miss Parham reports:

Through the Daily Vacation Bible School an added number of our foreign children have been drawn into the Sunday school, Junior Epworth League, and Sewing Class. We feel that this annual school is one of the best recruiting stations as well as educational and spiritual forces that we have. Another valuable asset to this work is a library that has been established at Capels. The adults, young people, and children enjoy it exceedingly, and I believe that it is meeting a distinct need in a place where there is so little that is worth while to put into the leisure hours. We have about two hundred books, and approximately three hundred persons have read these books since the library was opened three months ago.

We also have an interesting group of Girl Reserves, to whom we believe the more abundant life is becoming a reality. This year has brought many things for which I am truly thankful, among which is the fact that some of our young people have made a definite stand for the Master. I trust that with the present growing interest in the Senior League work still other young people will be led to give "all for Christ," during the coming year.

Miss Heard reports:

On the threshold of another year we feel we are on the verge of better conditions in our camp, and an enlarged and more effective work.

This fall we had the first revival in our Church for a number of years, and it proved to be a great blessing to our community, touching the lives of both our young and older people.

Besides the Sunday school and Epworth League, we have two organizations for our women—one for the young people and one for the Junior girls.

Our Girl Reserve Club has been a real joy. Here there are a number of girls that we cannot reach in the other phases of our activities. The co-operation of the principal and teachers of our school has facilitated the work.

Through these channels and the Daily Vacation Bible School we largely touch the young life of the community.

We are thankful for these contacts and feel they are great privileges and responsibilities and trust in His strength we may be equal to every opportunity that comes to us for the advancement of his cause.

**Filbert, W. Va.—Coal Fields.**

MISS AGNES STEWART.

As we turn a backward glance at the work of the past year it seems the most successful year of the four spent in the coal fields.

The Sunday school is larger, doing better work, with more efficient teaching force than ever before. We also have more foreign children in Sunday school than we have had since I have been in this field.

However, we have one great drawback, that is lack of room; we are almost crowded out but we are now raising money to build a basement to our church, we have over \$300 and have \$200 more promised, so we feel sure of our basement.

The Epworth League is doing a fine work now too. They are furnishing a public program every Sunday evening, which takes the place of the preaching service, since we have no resident pastor.

The club work has been much better attended this year. My Girl

Scouts have doubled in membership and enthusiasm, and there has been a better attendance in the kindergarten play and Bible memory work.

With the good work of our pastor, Rev. L. E. Hoppe, and the co-operation of the community at large, we have grown more deeply spiritual as well as in numbers.

God's power is wonderful, but we have only begun to touch our resources.

May we let God have his way with us, and we know much greater things will be wrought in the future.

#### Iaeger, W. Va.—Coal Fields.

MISS SARAH KEE.

A great deal of joy and much discouragement throughout the year has added enough variety to make the year's work intensely interesting.

The Iaeger Methodist Church, two nearby coal camps, and a lumber mill camp offer a large field for missionary service; much work that needs to be done cannot be touched. The work of the Church is growing along all lines. I assist with the Junior and Senior Epworth Leagues, the Woman's Missionary Society, and the prayer meetings. In the Sunday school I have charge of the Home Department and teach an Intermediate class of girls. My Intermediate girls are my most loyal helpers with the Home Department work. Last May, during our revival, I had a wonderful opportunity to help with special prayer groups and personal work. Three girls in my Sunday school class gave their hearts to Christ, also a number of Epworth Leaguers, and one mother from our Home Department renewed her vows to Jesus Christ. We were unable to have Daily Vacation Bible School as I had planned. However, during summer months I gave a story hour for boys and girls, which included memory work from the Scriptures and hymns. The group enjoyed a few games after each story hour. With the young people I had Bible and hymn study. In October we organized a Junior Church for the boys and girls. The idea appealed to me as one way we might help our boys and girls grow up in the Church from the earliest years. They have shown real appreciation for my experimental efforts. As yet I have been unable to secure anyone to assist with this except an organist. Our pastor coöperates in this work by giving a special sermon once a quarter to our Junior congregation in the Church auditorium with his congregation. Groups range from forty-five to twenty on coldest Sundays, and I expect great good from the experiment.

During the month of May I organized a Mothers' Club in one of the coal camps. The response has been very slow, though I can see some results. The children have no place to play in these camps. I found a fairly level spot across the railroad from the camp where we had weekly recreational periods during the summer months.

The Missionary Society at the lumber camp was my very first new organization. It is just a bit over a year old and has been a great inspiration to me all year. They are clothing a small boy at Holston Orphanage, Greeneville, Tenn., giving of their best in the most beautiful spirit. This group forms their only social outlet, and they appreciate it to the utmost, showing great loyalty in return to all missionary interests.

One of the public school teachers arranged with me to have charge of the Camp Fire Girls in vacation time. I enjoyed the work much indeed and found that it gave new contacts with the girls in our own Church and in the Baptist too.

The school-teachers are splendid about helping with the Sunday school and Church work. However, we were unable to arrange Bible classes giving credit for the work. I was much disappointed about this plan.

The work as a whole has offered great opportunities, and I am thankful for the privilege of serving the Master at Iaeger, W. Va.



**Roderfield, W. Va.—Coal field.**

DEACONESS CORNELIA GODBEY.

“Thou crownest the year with thy goodness!” Truly the past year has been for me one of the busiest, happiest, and, I trust, one of the most fruitful years I have had, and I am continually praising God for his goodness in sending me to the West Virginia Coal Fields.

My territory covers one village and eight mining camps, although I have done nothing more than help in a revival meeting in the largest camp five miles distant.

My work as pastor's assistant has been varied, and it has been my privilege to visit in the homes, minister to the sick and comfort those in trouble. I have also helped to organize and carry on a Woman's Missionary Society and an Epworth League, and have assisted in the recreational and social life of the young people.

I have also helped the pastor in two revival meetings, in which many were brought to Christ and a large number came into the Church. Yet we have but touched the surface of the great need here, and I am praying that God may give us greater victories in the days to come.

**Thurber, Tex.—Wesley House.**

LOIS TINSLEY, DEACONESS.

After two years of silence, I am truly glad to greet my fellow workers through these pages and am very thankful to once more have a place in my Master's vineyard.

Miss Drago left the Wesley House the first of February. From then until the last of April the mission Sunday school was conducted by a young Mexican woman. The songs, scriptural reading, prayer, and lesson were all in Spanish.

Not knowing one word of Spanish when I came in May, it was necessary to gradually transpose the service, except the Primary Lesson, into English. A young woman from the downtown Church has been very faithful in playing the piano and teaching one of the classes. All enjoy the singing so much. Although there has been an almost entirely different group each quarter, three little children have hardly missed a Sunday during the past eight months. There have been one hundred and fifty different ones in attendance during the year. As each group would move, a few new Catholic children would be induced to come, until now the last ones have been to at least one Protestant service.

The Church that was organized the year before held splendid services twice a month with an attendance of from forty to seventy-five children, young people, and adults until September, when both pastor and members moved.

During the summer months basket ball was quite a joy to both boys and girls. The former, after an hour on the court, would come to the house for quieter games and to look at picture books. The girls had picnic, watermelon cuttings, and home-made fudge.

Owing to a general exodus to the cotton patch, the only social activity that continued during the fall was a club with the Italian boys.

A sewing school was opened in December. This is very interesting and rather difficult, as there are three different ages, and yet all need to be taught the names of the different articles and the first principles of sewing. Then, too, there are Polish, Italians, and Mexicans in attendance, and the three nationalities do not mix much better than water and oil.

The most of my time has been spent in handling old clothes. It never gets too hot, cold, rainy, muddy, or windy for the women to come to the sales. They seem to enjoy having a place where they can meet together and talk as much as they do buying clothes.

I have been in their homes some, but have done less visiting than ever before. There has been scarcely any sickness, and the people come to the Wesley House so much it leaves me very little opportunity for visiting them.

The American Church came so near completely failing the latter part of the summer I put a good deal of time and effort on their Sunday school and Woman's Missionary Society. Both are in splendid working order now.

Young People's and Junior Missionary Societies from different parts of the Conference furnished confectionary and gifts for the children and their mothers' Christmas.

I am standing on the never-failing promises of God, and find that when we meet the condition he always does his part.

### Hartshorne, Okla.—Brooks Institute.

DEACONESS MATTIE M. CUNNINGHAM.

About the most interesting feature of the work here for the last several years has been the giving of English lessons to foreign mothers. Indeed, it has seemed slow and tedious, but when letters come from those who have studied and moved away there is gratifying evidence of success we had not known and appreciation expressed that repays for all tedious hours.

The Sewing School enrollment and attendance has been more largely American than in previous years.

Work among the Mexicans at No. 10 has not been without special interest since it was begun in the spring of 1926. The story hour merged with Sunday school for a few months and when that was closed for the winter the request came for a Bible class in one of the homes. Some very precious times have marked our experience in this class.

Provision was made for 183 at the two Christmas trees and programs I had in charge. 'Twas pleasing to hear parents who could not attend express their regret for they said: "We know how nice it is every year, and we like to have our children learn the pieces you give them."

Forty children are reading the Gospels, upon reading these and reporting they receive the New Testament. From this I hope even in years to come these may be ripening fruit in the lives of these children.

### Picher, Okla.—Settlement Work.

MISS RUBY DANIEL.

My work at Picher has been of a varied nature during the six months I have been here. It has consisted chiefly of visitation, conducting playground and story hour, entertaining children at the Wesley House (a two-room cottage) with games, stories, cooking, and housekeeping classes, working with various Church organizations, and assisting the pastor in whatever way possible. Our most important work is the Sunday school, and we have seen it increase in attendance from twenty in July to one hundred in December. We have the Epworth Junior Society organized and doing good work. The Senior Epworth League is beginning in a small way, but soon we expect to have a department, or departments, for all ages. In this way we hope to get parents interested in the work of the young people and children and to see a greater interest in Church and an increase in attendance. I feel that our work here is progressing but very slowly, and that it is almost entirely a mission. Our Missionary Society has a membership of about eight, who are working well materially, though the work is chiefly local. Our greatest need seems to be a broader and deeper spiritual understanding, and a feeling of responsibility on the part of our Church membership.

## POLYGOT WORK.

Fort Worth, Tex.—Wesley Community House

RENA J. MURPHY, HEAD RESIDENT; JUANITA HILL, EDNA EVANS.

Miss Murphy reports:

Our work has not grown in numbers this year, but in many ways has been very encouraging. We have throughout the year, placed great stress upon education and public school attendance. Four years ago we did not have a child from this community in high school. This year we have nine, and one is making her high school work in three years and preparing to enter college next fall. Four of this number we have had to supply with necessities in order for them to remain in school. We perhaps have not reached as many different people this year, but have done more intensive work with a smaller group, and we feel it has been worth while and in the end more far-reaching.

Our young people are developing into leaders, and our little Church is being enriched by their services. It has been my privilege to teach a Bible class in our Life Service Band of four members, and God has surely blessed the teaching of his Word.

The Vacation Church School did splendid work for three weeks. The faithfulness of our volunteer teachers was a constant marvel to us. At the close of the school we had a demonstration of work done and also of the work done by the different clubs during the year. It was given on the lawn and enjoyed by many of our friends and families of the children.

The different committees made Easter time a happy season for the children. Our boys enjoyed a three-day camp in August at Mr. Holland's lake at Weatherford, Tex. Many came home wearing medals for reaching a certain standard.

Christmas was indeed a joyous time. A joint party for boys' and girls' departments, was given. Our volunteer workers transformed the gymnasium into a beautiful garden with smilax, flowers, and a tree. A splendid program was arranged by committees from both departments. A radio, which had been obtained through the efforts of Mrs. C. P. Schenck, Boys' Department chairman, was presented to the boys and girls. Each child received a gift.

In many, many ways God has richly blessed our ministrations to those round about us, and we have learned he can bless a very humble service to his name's honor and glory, and we are encouraged to "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Miss Hill reports:

I came here as Girls' Worker in September. This is my first experience in a Wesley House, so everything seems so new and different from my work in the Coal Fields.

I have about sixty girls of six nationalities in my clubs. All seem interested and are doing real good work. I enjoy my work with these girls very much.

My Girl Reserve Group is a fine group to work with and all seem to be very much interested.

I also have a real live class of Junior boys in Sunday school.

The club work, visiting, helping with the many duties in the Wesley House, and taking our sick people to the doctors and to the clinic take about all of my time.

Miss Evans reports:

Our kindergarten has done good work the past year. Eight were promoted to the first grade, public school in September, and four more were promoted at mid-term the first of February. That leaves us with quite a large number of little ones four and five years old. But it is wonderful



how some of these little ones learn the songs and games, although it is harder for them than for the six-year-old children.

We have a Kindergarten Committee of ladies from the City Mission Board, and the committee helps us with many interesting things for the children in the way of parties, birthday cakes, etc. We had such a nice Christmas tree and party for them Christmas. We also had a nice Valentine party for the children and mothers Valentine day. We always have a nice Easter egg hunt on Easter. One of the ladies bakes a birthday cake and brings it, and each child having a birthday in that month blows out the candles, and each child has a slice of cake with his milk. We give them milk and Graham crackers each day. They are very happy when the day for the birthday cake comes around.

I also had the Kitchen Garden Class the first four months of the year, and we had a very interesting class of little girls. They learn so many useful things about housekeeping.

We had a public program at the close of the class for the mothers and friends, the children demonstrating what they had learned during the term. Every one seemed highly pleased with their work.

As Superintendent of the Primary Department of the Sunday school I want to say we have a nice group of children. Our enrollment during the year is about 56; the average attendance about 40. We have regular promotion service the first of each October, promoting those who are ready for promotion to the Junior Department.

#### St. Joseph, Mo.—Wesley Community House.

MISS ELLA K. BOWDEN, HEAD RESIDENT; MISS LUCY BELL, CLUB WORKER.

Miss Bowden reports:

Since coming to St. Joe in July, I have found the work all-absorbing. There is great joy and happiness in service here. The people of the Middle West are big hearted, open minded with a fine spirit for service. With only a half dozen Southern Methodist Churches in the city, the City Mission Board has during the past sixteen years built up a fine, substantial work which, according to old settlers, has been one of the biggest factors for good in the moral and religious life of the South Side. This generous spirit characterizes the entire Missouri Conference. They continually shower us with good things. During the month of November and December we received more than fifty barrels and ninety boxes with fruit and clothing.

In August the Swift Stock Yard Companies donated a splendid yard fence for the Day Nursery playground.

We have recently had our apartment walls beautifully decorated. Different classes and Missionary Societies of Frances Street Church are beautifying the apartment with lovely window draperies, bedspreads, pillows, pictures, etc. Everything is done for our comfort and happiness, and we are indeed happy in our work, and daily thank our Father for the congenial household and for this glorious opportunity for service.

The coöperative spirit found here in outside organizations is fine. The Junior League maintains a free clinic and milk station here in our building. The Y. M. C. A. Secretary for the South Side has his office with us. He, of course, has charge of Boys' Work with the exception of the Boy Scout organization. Another club furnished three splendid music teachers. We have 42 pupils enrolled at 25 cents the lesson. Our Saturday Morning Sewing School is well organized under the splendid leadership of one of our Board members, with ten volunteer teachers. The night school is small, but fine work is being done by seven volunteer teachers. Some of the teachers are young ladies and are students in Junior College preparing for teachers' certificates. This affords them good practice and more—a great experience—that of being a friend to the foreigners.

They love it and are very faithful. We have enrolled Italian, German, and Mexican. We are having a series of six-o'clock suppers prepared by the students. The Italians have prepared their "spegette" supper, and next week the Germans are to give the entire school, including teachers, a German supper.

The Dramatic Club has given a very successful play in our high school auditorium. It is my purpose to have these young people give religious dramas and plays of high moral character.

The Mothers' Club has an enrollment of forty-five members. They are wide awake and enthusiastic. They had a bazaar and Mexican supper in December. The St. Joseph Story-Tellers, a well-established society, has a Story-Teller's Circle in our Mothers' Club and twice a month we have the study and practice in the art of story-telling. We have a monthly noonday luncheon. A pretty custom is that of choosing "buddies" for whom they are to do some kind deed each week. At the end of the month the identity of their "buddy" is disclosed. They love this. It affords opportunity for service and enlarges the circle of friends. In the summer the Mothers' Club used a nearby public park in which they gave a wonderful summer lawn fete with the American Legion Band playing a two-hour concert. More than a thousand people were present. Cake and ice cream were sold. The club has recently purchased a \$209 radio (given to us at cost) for the Wesley House. We use it in connection with the Friday evening Bible class, at which time the Sunday school lesson is broadcast. It also furnished music for our Saturday night picture shows, also for the Saturday Morning Sewing School.

We count our work a success only as far as it results in lives given to Him in service.

Miss Bell reports:

More and more do I realize the wonderful privilege and great responsibility in working with young girls. God is indeed good to me. In my clubs there have been problems, but God has wonderfully blessed them.

I have three clubs—The Kitchen Garden Club, the Health and Happiness Club, and the Girl Reserves.

As I go about the community I see and hear the results from the lessons we have, of both the practical and religious phases of this work. The children are living it and my heart is glad.

I organized a new club this year for girls of ten and eleven years of age, called the Health and Happiness Club. I felt that the girls of this age needed something that they were not receiving. In this club we have lessons in Bible study and memory work, in patriotism, in play, and handwork. The girls made scrapbooks for the kindergarten and for a Sunday school department and also dressed dolls at Christmas time. We are trying in our club to learn to serve others and thus serve Christ. In this club we have a love of honors, those tending toward health and happiness. The girls love every part of the club work.

With the Girl Reserves it is more difficult. I am praying and striving that I may help them to make the ideals and principles of Jesus Christ a vital part of their lives. So many of these girls do not know Christ, and there are so many things that they have pulling the other way. I do so want to help them to find him and know him as their Saviour and Friend.

Last summer ten of these Girl Reserves and I went to the Y. W. Camp for one week. It was wonderful for my girls—the out of doors that some hardly knew and the association with so many other girls in play, work, and devotional life was new and good for them.

The task is so great, but God is greater. I pray for his guidance and help as I work with these precious girls, who are our women of to-morrow. They are even more, they are our girls of to-day.

O, I thank God for the opportunity of loving and serving him and I pray that I may not fail my girls, the people, nor him.

Miss Foley reports:

The kindergarten enrollment and attendance has been fine through the year—enrollment 44, average attendance 34. Six nationalities are represented—American, Rumanian, Polish, Armenian, Jewish, and Hungarian. In October the children put on a pageant, "The Spirit of Christianity," for the Woman's Missionary Conference at Gooding Methodist Church, and in November we had a Thanksgiving party, which was enjoyed very much by the children and their mothers. We had a very happy Christmas. This year, a beautiful tree, a visit from Santa, and a gift for each child. I enjoy the work very much, and from the reports of the mothers they are pleased with the progress of their children.

#### Biloxi, Miss.—Wesley Community House.

DEACONESS ELIZABETH TAYLOR, HEAD RESIDENT; MRS. J. C. FIELD, MISS PRISCILLA FREELAND.

Miss Taylor reports:

The supreme thought in my mind as I attempt to write the report of the year just closed is voiced in the words of the Psalmist: "Jehovah hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." Great things not in visible results that may be tabulated, but in a quickened faith, a deeper knowledge of the love and power, and the consciousness of his abiding presence, the continued health of the workers, and a very evident gain in the love and confidence of the people we serve.

As the year began with three workers instead of four, it was not practical to carry on the work as formerly with a girls' department and boys' department under separate workers.

No change, however, was necessary in the Day Nursery, Miss Freeland is still our "Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe." When the canneries have "plenty" of oysters and shrimp, a visit to her department will certainly bring to mind the above Mother Goose classic. Each little one at home and happy in the environment we are able to place around them.

The Mothers' Club meets bimonthly, and is mainly recreational. The members' scant knowledge of English and our inability to speak "Cajan" French prohibits the Bible study, other than a short devotional, one longs to give.

A weekly Bible class for women has been organized and led by Mrs. Field, which fills an outstanding need.

The sewing school and embroidery club are doing excellent work under the able leadership of Mrs. Field. Our constant aim is to make their work constructive, a training of mind and heart as their fingers are trained in lines of usefulness.

The Camp Fire groups have been maintained with respective enrollment of nineteen and nine. Recently through the good offices of the President of the Woman's Club, the larger and older group, has become a federated auxiliary of the Woman's Club, and are known as the "Little Women of the Wesley House."

Two other clubs for younger girls and three boys clubs have kept "heart and hands full" and busy, but the privilege of service has been a joy, while the boys and girls have been given some practical lessons from the Bible and in citizenship.

A successful Daily Vacation Bible School was conducted. The pastor, Rev. H. L. Daniels, gave valuable assistance. The story hour period was filled by able volunteer helpers.

The Camp Fire Girls, with Misses Kuntz and Ellis, enjoyed a camping trip, the last week in June that has stood out in the minds of the girls as the great event of the year.

The Christmas season, always a happy time for the children, was made so this year by the liberality of our friends—the Ethel Lewis Auxiliary,



the Primary Department of the Main Street Sunday School, Biloxi, and Galloway Memorial Sunday School, Jackson, the Young People's Missionary Society of Bay St. Louis, and the Business Girls' Sunday school class in Gulfport.

**Biloxi, Miss.—The Moore Community House.**

MISS SALLIE ELLIS.

Two years ago Brother Moore did a big thing for God when he built a church and community house in the French Settlement on Back Bay.

Miss Kuntz, of the Wesley House, had given part of her time to this work while in Biloxi, so it was not hard for me. When I was appointed here I was very happy, but when I came and found practically nothing here I was not so happy. The building was unfinished and no furniture at all in it. Little by little, just what we have needed, has come, and come at the right time.

We have a large Sewing School and five clubs. Each one has as many in it as we can take. God has been with us and blessed us. It's a real joy to be here. Our nursery is small, but the children are all attractive and love to come to us.

We have a good Sunday school with 65 on the roll. I do not think I have ever seen people more appreciative than these.

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**RURAL WORK.**

**Helena District, North Arkansas Conference.**

MISS MINNIE LEE EIDSON.

The varied program of Rural Work divides one's time among many activities. During the seven months spent in the district this year the rural worker attended seven conferences. In two of these (Young People's conferences) she assisted as a member of the faculty.

Her regular work was to assist the pastor on a circuit of five Churches, where she organized a Woman's Missionary Society, a League, and a Sunday school, and helped to strengthen those already organized. Officers of these rural groups were taken to annual, district, and group meetings to familiarize them with the work.

Recreation programs were held from time to time in the various communities and were found to be very helpful.

Many opportunities were presented for various kinds of ministry in the homes, and as far as she was able the rural worker used these opportunities.

The last three months of the year she has spent in school in Nashville, trying to fit herself to do better work as a rural missionary.

**Helena District, North Arkansas Conference.**

MRS. VIRGINIA HALL.

In the short time that I have been the rural worker for Helena District, Ark., I have come to feel that mine was about the nicest appointment made last year. The field is needy, the opportunity for real work for the Master is great and I am sure that much can be accomplished here.

I have only been at work a little more than three months and have been moved twice in that time. I am now located at Cherry Valley, one place on a seven-point circuit. So you see the field is large and keeps one quite busy. The work in this section is truly pioneer work, yet we are beginning to see some results.

The really definite things accomplished are not so many, but an increasing interest is being shown and will grow I feel sure. The rainy season

has made the roads impassable in many places for even a good Ford and driver and this ties up the work of the more remote places.

One Ladies' Aid Society has been reorganized into a very enthusiastic Missionary Society, another Ladies' Aid Society has asked me to visit them and help them reorganize, and we are to organize here this week. We would have been able to report two had not a funeral prevented our organization last week. We have one Junior Missionary Society that is three weeks old, and it has a bunch of fine youngsters in it. One Epworth League has been revived in this circuit, and I have gone to another circuit and helped organize two Leagues.

With the help of the good people in Wynne we were able to give a box containing clothes, food, candy, fruit, and toys to fifteen families Christmas, and this was indeed a happy time. One Wynne man has given me money enough to start a medicine fund, for many of the people are not able to buy medicine, let alone have a doctor. Arrangements have been made with our Tri-State Hospital in Memphis, to care for anyone we send for treatment or operations, and we are to have one-day clinics at two different places, where we hope to care for many who are badly in need of medical care.

This is only a beginning. Some of the things we hope to do must be very gradual. But it is such encouraging work and the people are so responsive and make me feel that they are happy to have me visit them that I feel that this fact alone is worth much. It is my first experience in a cotton country, and the tenant system is quite new to me. I do not like the system, but I do like the tenants, and I pray that by the end of the year we will have worked out many plans that will bring happiness into the starved lives of the women and children of this section.

#### Jonesboro District, North Arkansas Conference.

MISS BESSIE BUNN.

The first interesting event of the new year 1926 was the Young People's Convention at Memphis.

Returning from that I was stationed at a new place, Freeman, Ark.

Teaching in the night school twice a week for six weeks was among my first duties. Freeman was so busy teaching and studying that other things had to check up for a while.

A League was organized for the young people of our Church and much interest taken in their social and devotional meetings.

The Sunday school and Missionary Society claimed much of my time and interest.

Special programs were given Easter Sunday and Mothers' Day.

In April, Freeman entertained the District Conference of the Church in a very creditable way in spite of the fact that our pastor was sick and out of town for three weeks prior to this Conference.

Being stationed so close to Memphis, I had the rare privilege of attending the General Conference. Interest in the rural work was steadily growing, zone meetings were planned in addition to the regular group meetings, and I attended the first two.

At the group meeting held at Wilson, May 20, which was of interest and well attended, my year's work in that district was brought to a close.

#### Jonesboro District, North Arkansas Conference.

MISS VIRGINIA JOHNSON.

The rural work of Jonesboro District is indeed a challenging field of service.

What makes the need so great is the fact that there are large areas of new territory, having been reclaimed from water by ditching, where

there is a deplorable lack of Churches and other uplifting influences. Many of the communities are almost inaccessible in winter on account of the extremely bad roads. However, measures are being taken toward good roads in several of the outlying sections.

I have had my headquarters at Keiser, a little town of about 500, in Mississippi County, near three outlying sections, where our denomination had started work when I came, the first week in August. I have principally worked in Keiser and the three communities referred to (which are now a part of the Keiser Circuit) although I have done some work in two other communities. Owing to bad roads, shifting population, and many other opposing conditions, it is impossible to make the progress one would desire in an effort to build up Christian work. I have had to depend on getting out to the rural sections the best way I could, since the roads are so bad, so it really is very difficult getting around only in dry weather when one can drive a Ford. The gumbo mud (for which this part of the country is famous) is both sticky and slippery. I have ridden in wagons, horseback, "mule back," and have hiked, and have had my first experience riding on a wagon loaded with cotton.

We hope to have a new church in each of the three sections which are now a great part of the Keiser Circuit. As it is now, two schoolhouses are used and a vacant shack.

I have done a great deal of visiting in the homes, as that is practically the only way to reach some of the people who live in such out-of-way places. In some homes I have found an utter lack of literature of any kind, so I have been very glad to distribute literature, such as Sunday school papers, quarterlies, magazines, etc. Also I have given out Bibles and Testaments in homes where there was a need. The different Missionary Societies have generally furnished me with needed supplies for my work in the way of literature, Bibles, Testaments, lamps, first-aid kit, sheets, pillow slips, toothbrushes, soap, toys, etc. In cases of need, in sickness, I have been able to render assistance by furnishing extra sheets and pillow slips and other needed articles.

Christmas, more than a hundred children from poor homes were made happy by the toys sent from the Missionary Societies at Wilson and Osceola.

I will not list the organization work I have done, as I shall give that in my statistical report.

It is a real joy to labor with the splendid groups of Christian women who compose our Jonesboro District Woman's work. May our Father's blessing be upon our united efforts.

### Shuford Circuit—North Mississippi Conference.

MISS BESSIE MILLER.

There is so much to be done in this vast field for service that what one does seems almost nothing compared to that left undone. Coming in contact with communities having no organization for the religious training of the young people and children of the community and no program whatever for a wholesome social life makes one realize the greatness of the task with which we are confronted.

In spite of nicely laid plans quite frequently becoming mired up (clay roads, you see) we have, I feel, had a very good year on Shuford Circuit. I am right proud of the work done by some of our adult missionary societies. Their financial report showed quite an increase, although the most of the funds raised went for local work in the way of church painting, pastor's salary, buying a piano, and so on. We were very fortunate to have Mrs. W. B. Lewis, a returned missionary from Africa, speak to us at a circuit society meeting.

We have some very enthusiastic Juniors, a group of whom, with the



pastor's wife and myself as chaperons, enjoyed a few days of camp life during the summer. Two of our number had a part on the District Conference program.

I have made a good many trips over the district attending zone meetings, conferences, and trying to organize or stir up dead organizations.

My faith in rural possibilities is still strong, and I believe that visions will some day become realities.

### North Georgia Conference, Rural Work.

MISS BERT WINTER.

Just after leaving Scarritt in June, we began the campaign work for new societies in the rural Churches for North Georgia Conference. Four months were given to this and the holding of group and zone meetings in the interest of the Belle Bennett Fund. A week was spent in each of the ten districts, the District Secretary in each district traveling with the Rural Worker in the "Missionary Ford" reaching about twenty Churches per week. Although some of this territory had been fairly well covered in two previous summer campaigns, these were wonderful weeks, and the following results tell their story.

Seventy-five new societies organized some with three and four members each, about forty-five reported to Conference treasurer, fifty societies nurtured, and the standard made higher, adding study classes and Junior Societies. Seventy-five reached through group meetings and the Belle Bennett quota paid.

Total of two hundred Churches reached in the interest of the Woman's Missionary Societies.

### RURAL PASTOR'S ASSISTANT

In October the work of Rural Pastor's Assistant to charges with seven and eight country churches was begun. Three months in Clayton Charge, mountain territory, Gainesville District, and two months in the Franklin Charge, Lagrange District, plains and hills of North Georgia Conference. This work consisted mostly of visitation, assisting in revivals, organization, Daily Vacation Bible Schools, recreation supervision, teaching of teacher training classes for the Sunday school, Bible story hours, etc.

The eager response and joy of the people over a bit of help to rebuild the work in their beloved home Church and develop its leadership reminds one of the joy of the people over the return of Nehemiah to help rebuild the walls of their beloved Jerusalem. The small statistics in this report do not tell the story, you'd have to come and see, but as one discouraged leader expressed it, "it just puts new pep everywhere in Church and community since we now have some one to show us how to do the work."

### NEGRO WORK.

#### Nashville, Tenn.—Bethlehem Center.

DEACONESS MARGARET YOUNG, HEAD RESIDENT; MISS MYRA ORMAND,  
MISS THELMA HARRISON, MR. HOLLOWAY.

Miss Young reports:

It is impossible to give an adequate report of any work if only four months have been spent in that work. Especially is this true of Bethlehem Center. But such splendid work had been done at the Center and the foundation was so well laid that we had a right to expect normal growth of the existing clubs and demand for a few new features.

One of the new organizations took the form of Community Night. At these meetings we had the opportunity to tell the grownups of the com-

munity those ideals we were anxious to instill in the lives of the children. In this way we had their coöperation to a certain extent. Another new feature was the study-game room. Four nights in the week the Center was opened to children from the schools in order that they might get their home work, under the supervision of a competent teacher. At the close of the study hour the children played games for an hour. This has been a very successful enterprise. We have been told by teachers and pupils that it has improved the school work of the children.

Much credit for the success of our work this year is due to the help given us by the twelve Scarritt girls.

As I said in the beginning four months is too short a time to get an idea of the effect of one's work in the community. But I do know that the Christ is more real to me and that I understand better than ever before the great appeal of the "woman at the well" for the Master.

Miss Ormond reports:

The Girls' Work at the Bethlehem Center, after having disbanded for about six weeks, was reorganized in October, 1926. It includes two Girl Scout troops, two Little Homemakers' classes, and one Sewing School. Our enrollment in the different clubs for the fall quarter was ninety-five girls.

Our Wednesday Girl Scout troop made clothes for a little baby in November and seemed to get a real joy out of it.

This is my first opportunity of working with Negro girls, and I find them very interesting. They are typical girls and are eager for a normal girl's life. In planning the programs for the different club meetings, we try to keep in mind the needs of our girls and of our community.

Being new in the work, I know that I have made many blunders in the past three months, but I feel that I know my girls better and that the new program for 1927 will be much more constructive.

Miss Harrison reports:

The work for the fall quarter began September 1. The first two weeks were spent in visiting the old kindergarten children and for prospective new ones. Sixty-two visits were made at that time.

A small order for supplies from Milton Bradley Company was put in, and the kindergarten was begun Monday afternoon at one o'clock on September 13, with eleven children. The number increased each day, and by the next Monday there was an enrollment of twenty, and later an enrollment of thirty. During the latter part of September and half of November the average attendance was between twenty and twenty-two, after that the attendance fell off down to an average of fourteen or fifteen. Some days there were as few as eight or ten. This was due to sickness and bad weather. However, as Christmas time approached we had almost the whole enrollment for a few days.

On a whole, this year the children seem to be cleaner and better cared for than those of last year. They have been liberal with their pennies, and we have collected \$2.41 in the kindergarten bank. With this money we have bought some victrola records and given two parties.

There have been several excursions for the children this year. Several to Fisk's campus, as that is the nearest place that resembles a park that colored children are allowed to enjoy, and one to the colored fair.

In November the entire kindergarten was inoculated against diphtheria by the public health department here.

The fall quarter was ended December 22, with a Christmas tree program and presents for all.

The Mothers' Club has done splendid work this fall, even better than that of last year. We have met every first and third Friday afternoon. The meetings have been both enjoyable and profitable to the mothers.

The main feature of the fall was a successful bazaar that was put on at the Center by them with the fancy work that was made in the club, and also refreshment booths. Twenty-five dollars were cleared. With this money, and the money from another interesting project, the Mothers' Club has paid all of the arrears on the kindergarten milk fund and are up to date with their obligations. We are pleased with the work of the fall and are looking forward to continued success in the spring.

The home visits that were made in connection with the kindergarten and Mothers' Club in the fall were 215 in number.

Mr. Holloway reports:

The Boys' Program is fourfold—physical, educational, social, and religious. The physical education comes directly under the supervision of the Boys' worker in the Bethlehem Center gymnasium, where there are facilities for recreation as well as physical education. Especial emphasis is laid on physical cleanliness and clean living. From time to time, reports are made by the members of the clubs on their activities so that a check may be kept on their educational, social, and religious development. Educational credits are given for progress in school, attendance of lectures, recitals, etc., or for reading under the indorsement of the Boys' worker or the librarian of the public library. Social credits are given for contributions to the betterment of society, such as doing chores for some old person who may be enfeebled and too poor to hire help, or assisting the Boys' worker to direct a group of smaller boys. Religious credits are given for attendance at religious meetings. The weekly motion picture provides entertainment for all groups.

#### Chattanooga, Tenn.—Bethlehem House.

MRS. MATTIE ROWE MOORE, READ RESIDENT.

The Daily Vacation Bible School was one of the outstanding features of the Bethlehem House during the past year. The school ran four weeks during the summer with one salaried worker and seven volunteer helpers. The Superintendent of the Bethlehem House and President of the City Board of Missions are entitled to much credit through the capable and faithful volunteer service secured. The enrollment was eighty-five, with an average attendance of seventy-five. The school opened at nine o'clock each morning with singing, habit talks, Bible lessons. The boys had manual training; the girls, hooked rugs, lamp-shade making, beaded necklace, plain sewing, and fancy work; the smaller children, paper folding and weaving. The school closed with an exhibit of the work accomplished and a program, "The Plea of the Nations," provided by the pupils. The articles made were entered at the Interstate Fair and hooked rugs awarded first and third prizes; manual training, first and two-thirds; lamp shades, first and third; drawn-thread handkerchief, second. These prizes pleased the children greatly.

The kindergarten and Mothers' Club continue to be perhaps the most popular phase of our work. It opened in the basement of Phillips' Temple C. M. E. Church, September 18, 1926, with an enrollment of thirty-five little children between the ages of three and six years. At the present, the enrollment is sixty-eight. The mothers are highly appreciative of the services rendered both to themselves and their children in this way. It has proved to be the best means of reaching the families in our neighborhood in a vital and effective way. We are looking forward to other activities being added to the work—a Boy Scout Troop, cooking classes, and a well-equipped playground on the back of the lot, which will add much to the children's pleasure.

We are on the threshold of a new day at the Bethlehem House. We have just moved into the new building with living quarters, made possible



through the generosity of Miss Mary R. Caldwell, Superintendent of Bethlehem House work since its organization, with plenty of room for every activity necessary to make a complete community center.

Too much cannot be said of the work of the City Board of Missions, and of Miss Mary Caldwell in particular, who has given personal supervision and much thoughtful attention to this particular work. She has also donated a splendid victrola and other pieces of furniture. Also Superintendent Whitehead of Goodwill Industries donated three pieces of furniture. The Jones Wesley Class, of which Mrs. Paul Jones is teacher, donated a splendid piano.

Through the work we have been able to add a Beginner Department to our Sunday school, which would have been impossible without the Bethlehem work. I enjoy teaching this class of little folk very much. We have also rendered valuable service in Epworth League and every department of the Church during the year.

The Cradle Roll, Beginner, and Primary Departments of Centenary Sunday School made it possible to serve over two hundred children at Christmas time. Miss Hutton's Bible Class of City High School donated eighty gifts with Bibles, Testaments, and Gospels of John. Forty-seven needy people were served from baskets donated by Band No. 6, of Centenary Missionary Society. The Christmas tree was donated by Professor Roberson of City High School. The children were given three parties which they enjoyed very much.

In every phase of our work we are attempting to give our people something worth while within itself, but our ultimate aim in all things is to help them to know Christ as their Saviour.

#### Augusta, Ga.—Bethlehem House.

DEACONESS FRANCES HOWARD, HEAD RESIDENT.

I became identified with the Bethlehem House about six months ago, my first appointment in this type of work. I am very fond of these people, and my work with them is a real joy.

Our summer program consisted of a Vacation Bible School covering a period of five weeks with an enrollment of 150 children with an average attendance of 55. The daily program consisted of Bible stories, memory work, music appreciation, and handwork. The school closed with a splendid program, and the exhibit of handwork was creditable indeed.

In September our kindergarten and first grade opened with an enrollment of 110 in both departments. In connection with these two activities we have the Week-Day School of Religion which we emphasize daily. We also have this religious instruction once each week at which time we reach all other ages including twelve years of age. Altogether we are reaching 150 children with this religious instruction and feel very much encouraged in this work.

In the sewing and cooking classes we have an enrollment of 75, while this may seem a small number we could not take care of a larger enrollment, as we are handicapped in our work by not having sufficient equipment and the need of volunteer teachers.

Two boys' clubs were maintained for part of the year with an enrollment of 44, the attendance was good, and much interest was manifested. This feature of the work could not be continued on account of not having a worker, but I trust this situation will not last very much longer.

The teen-age girls were organized into the Girl Reserve with a very good attendance.

The latter part of the year the night school had an enrollment of nineteen.

The Friendship Club is an organization that reaches the women of the community. This club has made and is still making a splendid show-

ing, having an enrollment of 48 and an average attendance of 27. Last spring the members gave a picnic to the old people of the community, which was well attended, and the Paine College band added a great deal to the occasion. Through the relief department of this club ten Christmas baskets were sent to the needy poor of our community. Their own Christmas celebration consisted of a supper which they planned and served to thirty-five of their members. This club is self-supporting, for all of which I am very proud.

I trust that with the new year and as I become more familiar with the work and know the people better I will be much better prepared to render a greater service to this people.

### Birmingham, Ala.—Bethlehem House.

SUPERINTENDENT, MRS J. R. WHITE; DAY NURSERY MATRON, CARRIE LOMAX; KINDERGARTNER AND CLUB WORKER, ELIZABETH HOWELL; MANUAL TRAINING CLASS, L. S. WHITE.

The year has been one of great joy in service. The spirit of the City Mission Board in operating this work has been beautiful. This is the Lord's work and we feel that our efforts shall be blessed. In interest, coöperation, and sympathy there has been a decided growth in the Bethlehem House work.

Our institution is meeting a great need in the social life of the community. Our response to the crying need of the Negro race for help is the Bethlehem House. God has opened our task before us. Our call is to the other sheep of his fold, and it comes from the very heart of God.

Our goal is to bring these little children and their parents to know God, "whom to know is life eternal," and to give the Negro boys and girls a chance for development in the Christian life.

Our activities for the year have been: Day Nursery, Kindergarten, Industrial Classes, Boys' and Girls' Clubs, Story-Hour Clubs, Supervised Playgrounds, Community Club (fathers and mothers).

There is to be organized soon a Big Brothers' Club growing out of the interest of the colored people for this work.

Our Daily Vacation Bible School was a very great success. We conducted it for four weeks in midsummer with an enrollment of seventy-nine. At the closing exercises a very creditable exhibit of handwork was shown. Ice cream was served.

Entering the Community Chest has meant much to us, giving our work recognition that was needed in the city.

Carrie Lomax, Day Nursery Matron, reports:

The day nursery has on its roll forty-two children, representing 35 homes. Children would be left without proper care and protection while their mothers earned the necessary bread if it were not for the Bethlehem House. Here they receive wholesome food, milk, and everything necessary for their comfort and development.

A visiting nurse and free medical attention make health conditions good.

Nothing could be more gratifying than work with the little ones, training them for the kingdom of God. Trying to waken in their hearts love for our Father, and reverence for his name, so that outside influences will not cause their feet to stray into forbidden paths. Christmas was a joyous time in the home. The tree was beautiful. There were gifts for all and a generous supply of fruits and candies. The gifts were provided by friends of the colored Churches and two friends who are Bible teachers among the colored people.

The need is great and I long to do my best in this part of the Master's vineyard.

Elizabeth Howell reports:

Looking back over the few months that I have been here I can say that it is a wonderful privilege to be a worker in this Community Center.

The kindergarten is doing splendid work, with an enrollment of forty. Both parents and children are interested. All holidays have been celebrated with appropriate exercises. It is very inspiring to watch the happy faces of the children as they sing and repeat their Bible verses. Our visitors are often surprised at their knowledge of Bible verses. Five of our kindergarten children were asked to sing on a program given at a luncheon at the First Methodist Church for missionary societies. Their hearts were filled with joy and gladness, as they "gave of their best" in appreciation for what had been done for them. The pathos in their little voices brought tears to the eyes of many. Truly this is a worth-while work for the Master. Our kindergarten and clubrooms have recently been made fresh and clean by new paper on the walls and coverings of linoleum for the floors that were bare. Three beautiful new rockers have been provided for the home by friends of colored clubs. Two others were given by our City Mission Board. New shades and curtains also adorn some of our windows. A new piano adds very much to the success of our worship period and holiday celebrations.

The work in our clubs has been very gratifying; much interest is being manifested by the girls in the sewing classes. As they work with their hands they are memorizing the Ten Commandments.

The girls in the cooking class have been doing splendid work this year. Their hearts are made to rejoice when they are permitted to serve the good things they have prepared in class to their own fathers and mothers at the meeting of the community club.

Our Manual Training Class has not been all that we hoped for, however we are beginning the new year with bright prospects. Character development, clean speaking, and clean living is stressed in their program of work. This is a vast field of opportunity.

Through many North Alabama Missionary Societies we have been generously supplied with food for the nursery pantry, boxes of clothing for the needy, household linens, and occasionally baskets of fruit.

Our hearts are filled with gratitude for this expression of coöperation and loyalty. We return thanks to our Heavenly Father, for all his goodness to us. In the coming year may we live more and more the true spirit of love and compassion for the "least ones" of earth.

#### Dallas, Tex.—Wesley Community House.

MISS ALICE M'LARTY, NEGRO WORK.

We feel that the figures given in statistical report do not represent our work, for there is much accomplished that cannot be expressed.

We have been so happy to establish personal contacts, which is being done by coöperating with Southern Methodist University, Y. W. C. A., City Park Board, Red Cross, Civic Federation, and other agencies.

With the help of our Master we are trying to serve as a channel through which worth-while things will come.

#### COTTON MILL WORK.

Mobile, Ala.—Dumas Institutional Church.

DEACONESS DORA HOOVER.

The past year has been one of progress and growth. A gracious revival of ten days' duration resulted in the accession of thirty-two new members and an increased attendance at Church services. Two of these new members came from our Mothers' Club, brought their husbands in with them, and twenty-three came from the Sunday school.



A newly organized choir is helping to build up the Church services and the Sunday school. Both the Junior Missionary Society and the League are keeping up their regular activities. The Junior Missionary Society has rendered several good programs during the year. The Girl Reserves is still kept up under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A. This is their second year.

The Council of Jewish Women of Mobile furnish us with teachers for three sewing classes, which helps us very much, since we have difficulty in securing a sufficient number of teachers. Our enrollment in the sewing school during the past year was eighty-two.

On the first Wednesday in each month we have a baby clinic conducted by a baby specialist and our welfare nurse. The babies are weighed, measured, and examined; then instruction is given the mothers regarding the proper care of their children.

One of our Jewish friends has a music class consisting of eight of our little girls. Since we have had the addition of a third piano, it gives them more time for practice.

By the help of some of our friends, we have been enabled to place one of our Sunday school boys in Coley-Blackshear Vocational School, where he is making a good record.

Recently we have had some interesting children's books added to our library. Also a great number of good magazines have been given for distribution.

Our poor were bountifully provided for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The Lord has been gracious to us, for which we are thankful. We are looking hopefully forward for a good year.

#### Danville, Va.—Wesley Community House.

MISS SARAH LOWDER, MISS RUTH HEFLIN, MISS MARGARET WITT.

Miss Lowder reports:

No longer is it necessary to say what a vital part the Wesley Community House is playing in the community life. The lives of those who have been trained under its supervision from early infancy are testimonials enough, to say nothing of the changed conditions in the community as a whole. The people are very loyal and appreciative of the work done, and many of our young people and children are working faithfully in the Churches of the community.

For two months this past summer the House was closed for repairs and renovation of the interior. We are indebted to the Riverside and Dan River Cotton Mills for the wonderful transformation which took place.

The Mission Church near us, known as Sledd Memorial, was completed at a cost of \$40,000 this past summer. It is adapted to meet many of the community's needs, so it will be a great help to us in the work we are trying to do. In the Church work, I am superintendent of the adult department, teacher of the Woman's Bible Class, and superintendent of the Junior Missionary Society.

The Week-Day School of Religious Education has been a new feature of work this year. The school is open to all children of the community with the object of instilling vital moral and Christian principles into them under the direction of capable teachers.

The City Health Department secured a spray for street shower baths for the use of our children during the latter part of the summer, and soon afterwards the Recreation Department gave us a free educational movie once each week on the playground until cool weather prevented this.

We have a splendid Scout Troop for boys and a good leader, but our greatest need continues to be with boys and young men, as leadership for them is hard to find.

With a consciousness of the great task before us, but with faith in the

Giver of all good gifts, we enter the new year with the hope of strengthening his kingdom in our midst.

Miss Heflin reports:

I was somewhat surprised when I learned that I was to be in Virginia this year, but have enjoyed my work here very much. When I first arrived I was just a little disappointed and felt that I had been sent where I was not especially needed as the housing conditions, outwardly, seemed to be normal; a \$40,000 church was nearing completion and there was an excellent corps of trained local workers there.

Only a few days did the feeling of uselessness last. Gradually the needs of the community opened before me, and by the time clubs began I realized I had a task before me.

Because of the lack of volunteer teachers and sinus trouble I have not been able to accomplish all I had hoped to, but have been rather busy teaching three cooking classes, sponsoring a Girl Reserve and a Blue Triangle Club, managing and teaching in the Sewing School, superintending and teaching in the Junior Department of the Sunday school, working in two missionary societies and an Epworth League. I also give one lecture each month on "The Social Message of Jesus" at the Y. W. C. A., and try to keep my girls interested in school. We have been instrumental in getting one orphan girl in Vashti and several in the local schools. They take great pride reporting their "E" each month, and I try to encourage them to go forward in all their work.

Surely God realized how much his little ones needed love, encouragement, and sympathy when he sent me here, and I hope that by his help I may be able to cause them to recognize in Jesus Christ the friendship and love they need.

Miss Witt reports:

The first of September, I began my work in the kindergarten at Wesley House. It being my first experience in kindergarten work, naturally I felt I must apply all my methods at once that I had been taught while taking my course in this work. After seeing the type of homes, which the children come from, I began to realize a gradual adoption of those methods would be better.

As these past four months have sped by so rapidly, I find the children so interesting and receptive that it has been one of the greatest joys of my life to work with them.

Christmas was such a happy time for these little folks. After a program by them, Santa came in and brought a gift for each child and a hobby-horse for all the kindergarten children.

Our attendance has been good, and we are beginning to serve milk to the children furnished by our Mothers' Club and the City Mission Board.

I serve as superintendent in the Beginner Department of the Sunday school, sing in the Church choir, teach in the sewing school, assist with the Week-Day School of Religion, act as secretary of the Mothers' Club, and also one of the Missionary Circles.

#### Dallas, Tex.—Wesley Community House.

DEACONESS ELAH CANNON, DEACONESS EVA JOE PHILLIPS.

Have you ever been hunting on a frosty fall evening when the dogs jumped a rabbit and chased him, when the rabbit would suddenly hide in a clump of bushes and wait for the dogs to pass him up unnoticed, or did they tree an opossum as he sat calmly in the top of a persimmon tree and watched the dogs prance and snort and bark helplessly on the ground beneath? Well, that is what we have done at Wesley House during the past year as I look back over the work. We have hid in the secret places

and waited in the treetops of service with God while the forces of doubt and discouragement have run a fruitless chase.

During the past year the same staff of workers, in the face of all difficulty, have steadily marked time carrying on a well-planned program in three departments of activity—the Settlement Clubs and Classes, the Goodwill Industries, and the Church Work. The settlement activities include Daily Vacation Bible School, Saturday Morning Bible School, Boys' and Girls' Clubs, Mothers' Club, cooking classes, parties, outings, entertainments, and friendly visiting. We have held 589 such meetings with an attendance of 3,045 people from the neighborhood. These contacts have not only been numerous but definite for Christ, as we have grasped every opportunity of teaching the Bible in memory verses, songs, prayers, and stories of Christ and his love and saving power, whether indoors in a club meeting, entertaining or sewing, cooking or woodwork class or whether in God's great out of doors on hikes and picnics, where one gets so close to God and nature and the soul of the child. Many children have confessed Christ through these influences which led them into the Church meetings, Sunday school, League, and prayer services.

The only new feature of our work is the cooking classes, six each week—42 meetings with an attendance of 278. "They say the way to a man's heart is through his stomach," and the same rule holds good with boys and girls. After much thinking, planning, scheming, wondering when, where, and how we were to have the "said thing" that would win children's hearts, it was the home of Lizzie—the garage. We made an agreement with her when she wanted to retire we would remain, and when we retired she would remain. So all went to work making Lizzie's home more comfortable for our occupancy. With a splendid cooking school committee, and an efficient Board to back us the sufficient equipment was secured, caps and aprons were made and given by the Oak Lawn Missionary Society, tea towels made ready by the Girls' Clubs, and we fell to work. We opened in February and continued the classes until June. After making our grades the Board saw fit to promote us to a nice room in the church, where we opened in October. The mothers and girls make up five classes, while we have a class of boys which is most interesting. The boys and girls tell us they like to clean up the kitchen at Wesley House, but they do not like to clean it up at home. These classes are held after school in the afternoon, and each class is opened with prayer. Many mothers are here solving their problems in making cakes, corn bread, pies, n'everything. You may ask do they like to come? They come running in the yard with their tongues hanging out. I find this one of the best ways to attract and hold children. To those who read this report, if you haven't a cooking school, try it.

Then it was, after not having a cooking school on Saturday, we decided we were used to going to a meeting, so a Saturday Morning Bible School was opened. We are working under many handicaps, but continue to carry on. We found that the garage was transferrable, so we turned it into a workshop for junior boys, while the cooking room is used for a workshop for primary boys. The junior and primary girls are busy making quilts and other interesting things. One Italian Catholic family's children attend Bible school and cooking and Sunday school. The father said: "My children likee to come Bible school, have good timie and laughie." "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not."

If we should choose the field of greatest joy and helpfulness to both worker and people it would be the friendly visiting. It is in the home where it is quiet, and one is free to talk and pray and persuade in a definite, personal way that one can get closest to folk and meet their problems. We have made 2,236 such visits to the sick and distressed and perishing souls. By way of illustration, I will just tell you a definite story of one of our visits that you may see how God can work when he has some one will-



ing to go. It was a few days before I was to leave on my vacation that the thought came to me, that I must see three mothers before I go, and talk with them about being Christians. I went early one morning. One of the mothers I was thinking of most, a very wicked woman, made and drank booze, cursed, and did anything in the category. Her children were not interested in anything that was good. She was under a peace bond and never thought of going to Church, and all neighbors had turned their backs on her as a bad character. As I tapped on her door this morning she met me with a smile. After chatting a few minutes about everything in general I told her that I had come because Christ wanted her to be a Christian. She was very much impressed with these words. After reading and quoting a few passages from the Bible, she called me by name and said: "I have something I want to tell you. A few nights ago I dreamed that the world had come to an end and I was not a Christian. I was very much disturbed, and a white dove flew in at my door to bring a message from Christ, and you are the dove that is interested in my soul this morning." In her front room as we prayed together her mother came in from a distant part of the city and fell on her knees for prayer. Before leaving she promised she would come to the revival that was then going on in our Church. That night as I walked in the auditorium she was here. The pastor preached a fine sermon to parents and made his call, and she was converted. It took lots of courage on her part to take such a stand among the people who knew her sinful life, but, to make a long story short, she has been coming to Sunday school, to church, and to Missionary Society, and is trying to live above that sinful life. We are taking her in town with us to a Sunday school meeting and to supper where she will meet many other Sunday school workers, and are trying to stand by her and help her to really be good. "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me."

Many other lives have been touched in this way, and others have been befriended with food and clothing, ice and medicine, when there was real suffering and no money to relieve it.

Through our Goodwill Industries many needy ones have had the privilege of buying sufficient clothing for work and school at a price within their reach and to a great saving in their small budget. We have sold to 8,459 people 17,716 garments, given 865 days of labor to handicapped laboring people. We have taken in \$4,203.67; paid out for labor, \$1,204.43; for rent, \$745; for salaries, \$1,220; for equipment, \$452.18, for running expense and findings, \$484.54; making a total expenditure of \$4,111.13. The gospel is brought to all the people we touch by devotional reading and prayer at the opening of the workrooms and salesrooms each day.

In our Church work we worship with a well-organized program of regular Church services, a well-graded Sunday school and Leagues which become the field of activity for those becoming Christians.

We are looking to God for leadership in all of these activities for the coming year and hope to add a Community Bible class to meet once each week. In this we hope to touch the people with definite Bible study and spiritual help. We hope also to head up our Goodwill Industries with a full-time superintendent, who will make possible a greater service to the whole city of Dallas. The white dove—the Spirit of Jesus—has gone with us all the way and will go because

"I live for those who love me,  
 For those who know me true:  
 For the heaven that smiles above me,  
 And awaits my spirit too,  
 For the cause that lacks assistance,  
 For the wrongs that need resistance,  
 For the future in the distance,  
 For all the good that I can do,  
 For men, women, and children too."

**Knoxville, Tenn.—Wesley Community House.**

DEACONESS MARY NICHOLS, HEAD RESIDENT; MISS SOPHIE KUNTZ.

When I reached Knoxville the first of September I found Miss Kuntz keeping "open house" as she expressed it. She had attended to having the walls cleaned, so I found the house all fresh and clean.

The work was somewhat disorganized on account of the summer vacation. We were not able to open any of our clubs and classes until October. Most of the month of September was spent in visiting and getting acquainted with our new territory.

With the aid of volunteer workers we are able to have the following activities: Week-Day Bible School, Young Men's Athletic Club, Young Boys' Manual Training Class, Younger Boys' Saturday Morning Club, Young Women's Sewing Club, Saturday Morning Sewing Class, Girl Reserves, Day Nursery, and Junior Missionary Society.

Through our Week-Day Bible School we feel we are doing our most constructive piece of work. In the two departments, Primary and Junior, we have enrolled seventy-two children. We have been very fortunate in having nine splendid volunteer teachers to help us carry on the school.

In the Saturday Morning Sewing School we are enrolling the girls between the ages of six and fifteen. With the aid of volunteer teachers we are gradually teaching the children to make their own clothes as well as pretty things for the home.

On November 18, we were saddened by the death of our nursery matron, Mrs. Ida Baldwin. We felt that the Wesley House had suffered an irreparable loss. After several weeks we were able to secure some one else to take her place. Day after day we can see the mental, spiritual, and physical development of these children. Some of them have been in the nursery four or five years. Since they are with us almost more than with their own mothers, we feel the responsibility of their training very keenly.

We strive in all of our clubs and classes with the men, women, and children to make a real feeding ground for the Church so closely affiliated with our work. If we do not lead the people to the Church in the end, we feel that our work has been a failure.

The church has recently been painted and repaired, and already membership of both the Church and Sunday school has begun to increase. There seems to be a brighter future in store for this Church, for surely God will bless the labors of the earnest, loyal pastor who labors so faithfully for the Church and Wesley House.

Miss Kuntz reports:

Never having been in a cotton mill community before, I hardly knew what to do with myself when I found myself at this particular spot in the Lord's harvest field. But it did not take long for the true condition of affairs to reveal itself and prove the urgent need of workers. Poverty, ignorance, and sin are here, but in many cases these are balanced by the fine qualities that become evident after the worker learns the people.

My work has been particularly with the boys. With them I have attempted to do some form of manual training in their clubs. From the very first they have shown an intense enthusiasm for the work and a great pride when a finished piece of work was taken home. Another part of my work is with the Junior Department of the Week-Day Bible School. A corps of competent volunteer workers has made it possible for the children to really study the Bible. I feel that here the children are learning how to handle this Book that should mean so much in their lives.

This work, added to the regular Church activities, is my part in trying to bring about the kingdom in the hearts of the people here.

**Nashville, Tenn.—Centenary Institute.**

MISS ROSALIE RIGGIN, MISS BIRDIE REYNOLDS.

Miss Riggins reports:

It has been a real joy to work in the Woman's Department at Centenary Methodist Institute.

I have found that the girls here, as the girls everywhere, need the friendship of those older and wiser than they. It has been my privilege to guide the recreation and the thinking of one hundred and seventeen girls, and my prayer is that God might speak through me to their hearts.

The Girl Reserves have done two pieces of special service this fall which has meant much to them. The dressing of the doll for the Japanese Doll Festival took their thoughts to the girlhood of Japan and their needs. The Christmas party given to the children of the Protestant Orphanage took their thoughts to the little unfortunates at home.

We are hoping when a girl has finished the four-year course in Domestic Science which we offer that she will be able to make a lovely home with little expense.

We are grateful for these opportunities of touching young lives, and just pray we may help them grow into worth-while characters.

Miss Reynolds reports:

Every day of my work at Centenary Methodist Institute has been a pleasure for me. I thought at one time that I would have to go to some foreign country in order to do something great for my Lord, but I feel now that I have found a great task close at hand. To some it may seem that kindergarten work is nothing but play. I see in it an opportunity to lay the foundation of good character and to instill in the mind of the little child ideas which will help him in right living.

I have forty-three enrolled in my kindergarten and have had good attendance. My only regret is that I can't have twice that number, for they are here in the community and need what the kindergarten can offer them.

True, it is a delight to serve the Lord in working with little children.

**Meridian, Miss.—Wesley Community House.**

DEACONESS ANNIE L. TRAWICK; MISS BESSIE BUNN.

Miss Trawick reports:

I have greatly enjoyed this four month's service in Meridian; I felt at home the first day when I drove to the door and saw the familiar sign, "Wesley Community House."

I thank God for these wonderful Wesley Houses, these loyal, efficient Boards with whom I have labored twenty-one years.

How I love to visit my people!

To me, there is no phase of City Mission work more important than the visitation in the homes. It is here we touch the home life in a most vital way. It is here the mothers are eager to discuss the home problems. One little mother recently said to me: "There is no one who can sympathize with us like the Wesley House ladies." In the quiet of the home we often have an opportunity to witness for Him "who came to seek and save the lost."

Miss Bunn is doing a most beautiful work for the young life of our community through the clubs and classes. Our clubrooms are so comfortable and attractive with new draperies, new chairs, and pretty ornaments, that the crowds like to linger and enjoy the cozy home atmosphere.

I wish you could visit our Mothers' Club (a band of thirty-six women) some Tuesday afternoon and note the interest written on their faces. We will begin the round-table discussions this spring, child welfare being the topic for discussion from time to time.



We have the monthly socials for the different groups. Last week a banquet for the mothers, with beautiful carnations adorning the table, place cards, a turkey menu, etc.; the unique program was carried out mostly in song.

We enter into the new year confident of His presence and guidance in this great work that he has intrusted to us.

Miss Bunn reports:

The young people, boys and girls, in this community enjoy clubs; therefore it isn't hard to keep up the regular attendance when it is at all possible for them to come.

The different activities are: Girl Reserves, Young Ladies' Club, sewing, embroidery, two cooking classes, three Boys' Clubs.

Giving three points for neatness, quietness, and sitting up nicely, the embroidery and sewing classes have brought about fine results in the class period. The teachers are overjoyed with their quiet, orderly classes and the children never tire of hearing who wins the three points.

Memory work, songs, and drills form an interesting part of each group. The superintendents of different clubs take much interest in bringing out interesting programs for the different groups.

Christmas parties, a Christmas program, and a beautiful tree made the closing of the year's work a joyous time for all. As the curtain of the old year falls the last scene is a watch party for the Leagues where "mirth and music fill the air" until the time for the last devotional hour, which is spent in song, meditation, and prayer.

#### Spartanburg, S. C.—Wesley Community House.

MISS AGNES J. STACKHOUSE, HEAD RESIDENT; MISS PEARLE EDWARDS, MRS. HUIET CALDWELL, MISS VERTIE ANDERSON.

Miss Edwards reports:

At the end of my first six months here in God's work I can truly say that I have learned in a deeper and more real way the true meaning of service. I deem it a great privilege to be one of a large staff of workers that has as its ultimate goal the winning of souls for Christ and the training of Christian character. This is the thing that is uppermost in our minds and hearts as we seek to serve in our community. It is a great thing to live and work with young people, endeavoring to have a part in the shaping of their ideals. Though some of our fondest hopes we have thus far failed to realize, and some of our brightest visions we find but visions still, perhaps we can see the spark, and with a greater determination and a deeper faith we may kindle the flame.

My time is filled with varied forms of service. Though my work is practically with all ages of girls, the work that lies nearest my heart and takes most of my thought is that of the teen-age girl. We have two troops of Girl Scouts, consisting of twenty-four wide-awake, energetic girls, eager for adventure, service, and play. They call themselves the "True Tried Troop." With the troop are three patrols—Bluebird, Pinecore, and Rattlesnake. They have their own songs, yells, legends, etc., but the greatest thing we try to do is to impress upon them what it means to be a true Scout and to live up to the high ideals set forth in the Scout laws. During Christmas we gave two Scout plays: "A Pot of Red Geraniums," illustrating the true Christian spirit; and "When the Four Winds Met," a series of episodes depicting Christians in various foreign countries.

The sewing school and story hour with the younger children are two groups which I enjoy very much. Principles of trust, love, thankfulness, obedience are given them through illustrations, stories, and Bible verses.

Sunday is a very busy day, a day so full of opportunity and so rich in

blessings. I know of nothing that gives me more happiness than the twenty-three enthusiastic, joyous, Intermediate Leaguers whom it is my privilege to lead. Then, too, as I think of my Sunday school class of senior girls, there is a longing such as I have never experienced before to really give them something worth while and to lift them to a higher plane.

What a privilege it is to be a coworker with God in this great work of his! Whatever small service I may have rendered has been wonderfully repaid by him whose I am and whom I am trying to serve.

These have been months of joy, of opportunity, of service, and though we have not accomplished all that we desired, we feel that it is ours to sow and God's to give the increase. May we all rise to the challenge which Christ gives to us in these words: "Peace be unto you; as the Father hath sent me, so I send you."

### Orangeburg, S. C.—Wesley Community House.

DEACONESS GERTRUDE GRIZZARD, MISS ATHALIA BAKER.

Miss Grizzard reports:

Again at the close of the year 1926, we can gratefully say God has been very gracious unto us and has crowned our efforts abundantly.

We have stressed the Bible work with the adults as well as the children, and to many of our people it is a new book.

Our Sunday school has again increased in attendance until we are without space to teach properly. One of the classes is compelled to go to one or our neighbor's homes for the lesson each Sunday.

One of our young women has completed three year's work in music in one year and plays the piano for all services in the little Church, of which she is a member. We are proud of her.

A young man with his wife and children, in whom we have been interested a long while, is planning and preparing to enter a Bible School in April, and we are very happy for the privilege of helping in this work too.

One of our young women of beautiful Christian character was sent to Sue Bennett Memorial School last September. Her going was made possible through the efforts of the Missionary Societies of the Orangeburg District and other friends here in the city. This young woman is doing fine work in the school, and we believe God can use her for his glory. She is carrying a heavy course, and the teachers are doing their best for her. She needs your prayers.

We placed another young woman in school who tried to end her life but is now trying to live the Christian life.

Our choral class and friends helped make possible a beautiful Christmas program called, "The Babe Divine." A beautiful feature of this program was the antiphonal singing. The church was beautifully decorated in a snow scene, the tree being in the center of the platform. It was covered with make-believe snow and icicles. Great silver stars shone from sides of the little church and a beautiful star hung from the top of the tree. The windows were draped with make-believe ice and snow. From the stars on the sides shone lights, making the effect very beautiful indeed.

Miss Baker reports:

The past year has been a busy, happy one in Santee Mill Village.

I feel that my efforts in the children's work are bearing fruit, and recently my heart was made glad by others telling me of the results too. The parents are so very grateful for what the kindergarten is meaning to their children.

As superintendent of the Beginner and Primary Department of our Sunday school, I am able to keep in touch with these little ones every day in the week. My! how many blessings have been mine in this work.

In May we organized a Junior Missionary Society with twenty members, we now have an enrollment of forty-two. This shows the interest of the members as well as of the superintendent.

Christmas we had our tree and parties as usual, the exceptions being the splendid programs given at each.

Again at the close of another year I feel there is no joy like that which is ours in "striving together for the faith of the gospel."

#### Charlotte, N. C.—Duncan Memorial Church.

DEACONESS FANNIE BAME.

My report for 1926 includes only five months of actual service, seven months of the year I was ill.

The Board of City Missions made a decided step forward in the early part of 1926 when a cottage was rented for our work. This cottage is just across the street from the church and is used freely by different organizations for religious, educational, and social activities. I feel that this is indeed a Community Center. The children and young people and also the older people of the community along with the members of the Board of City Missions have taken a great deal of interest in trying to make things attractive around the Community House. The people of the community are making use of the collection of good books and magazines we have in our reading room.

We did not reach quite so many children through the clubs and classes in 1926 as we did during the preceding year, but the work that was done was of a little higher grade.

The children in the Junior League did splendid work. As usual a number of them received certificates from the Epworth League Board for Bible and Church study work. The work with this group has been very encouraging.

We are looking forward to having the best year we have ever had in the history of our Church. Through the leadership of our splendid new pastor and the coöperation of the people, God can do great things for this community.

I am looking forward with a great deal of joy to taking up again the work I love so much. Even though the past year has been a very trying one, I have much to be thankful for.

#### Spindale, N. C.—Spindale Methodist Church.

DEACONESS EVELYN WADDELL, PASTOR'S ASSISTANT.

At the beginning of the year 1926 we were very busy with plans for the opening of Spindale Community House, which occurred the last of January.

Spindale House was erected by the president of the mills as a memorial to his parents and given to the town for a recreational center. Although my appointment was pastor's assistant, I was given charge of the Community House, and much good was accomplished during the year in providing entertainment for the people.

In the Church I had a Sunday school class of teen-age girls, and was superintendent of the Junior League; also president of the Woman's Missionary Society.

The work in which I found most pleasure this year, was the Junior League and visiting. It was a real blessing to work with those Leaguers. They were so interested and enthusiastic about the work, and I am sure there was no more spiritual influence in the Church than this group of girls and boys.

In my visiting and nursing I have been able to see results that were most gratifying, spiritually and physically. While the work has not been all



that I had hoped for, I do know that much good has been accomplished that will last through the ages, and I thank God for another year in his service.

**North Charlotte, N. C.—Spencer Memorial M. E. Church, South.**

MISS HENRIETTA LOGAN, MISSION WORKER AND PASTOR'S ASSISTANT.

The past year has proved to be the silver lining of the cloud which surrounded our work during the previous year, due to the depression in the cotton market, which caused our mills to be closed, many of our people had to move elsewhere because of lack of work. Our work was handicapped further by the continued illness of our pastor for nearly two years.

Hopeless as the situation appeared for our Church and community, the cloud has been turned inside out; the mill reopened, new families have come, and we have received into Church membership, since January 1926, 72 new members, 58 by certificate and 14 by vows.

A few weeks before last Annual Conference our Church lacked nearly \$1,000 of having its assessment paid. Special prayer meetings were held for prayer for this need, and when Conference time arrived, our pastor was able to go with a clean slate, the necessary amount having been contributed by the members themselves.

We praise God and trust him more fully because of these experiences.

Our organization work, consisting of three Epworth Leagues, a Missionary Society, organized adult Sunday school classes, week-day industrial and Bible classes, and choral and health club work with women and girls, goes forward in an encouraging way, and we lean upon God's promises in Romans 8: 28, that "all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

**Montgomery, Ala.—Settlement House.**

DEACONESS CONSTANCE PALMORE, WORKER.

As I sit thinking over the work of the past year I find that our Heavenly Father has been especially good to this worker, for her health has been better than it has ever been. The Lord has indeed blessed the worker and the work. Our little Church is growing gradually. Several fine young men have come into the Church whom we have made stewards, and they are faithful and anxious to learn. The Sunday school, too, of which the worker has to be superintendent, is very well organized for a small school of less than a hundred. The Beginner-Primary Department is separate, with two fine young women from the Woman's College and one of our own girls in charge. Two other splendid girls from the college are teaching in other departments. Instead of having contests we offer simple little rewards for regular attendance, so the growth has been steady.

The schedule of the week-day classes is as follows:

Tuesday afternoon belongs to the Girl Reserves. The girls' work secretary from the Y. W. C. A. helps with this group of girls. They have just been organized about two months.

On Wednesday a cooking class of ten girls meets twice a month and the Epworth League Juniors the other Wednesdays. The Junior Missionary Society is just a year old, but it has done splendid work. The children are all present at most of the meetings and are always anxious to take part on the program. They gave a little missionary play during the fall and got their pledge. We have divided now into the Epworth Juniors and the Primaries.

On Thursday the little boys meet three times a month and the Primary Missionary Society once. The little boys have named themselves the

"Christian Heroes." It is a big name for little fellows, but they like it, so I let it go. I am telling them Bible hero stories.

Friday is sewing school day, and the little girls are very faithful. They make very simple garments for themselves just as soon as they learn the simple stitches. I let them sew the long seams on the machine. In that way they do not get so tired of one garment. A half hour just before sewing is spent in week-day religious education.

Saturday belongs to the mothers. We have mothers' club, when we take up some kind of study either Bible or something that will help them to be better home makers. This is usually followed by a sale of second-hand clothing.

During the year we have had a number of good entertainments where an admission was charged. We have also had several pageants on Sunday when we had special offerings for missions or the orphanage. We have had a number of parties for the different groups that come to the settlement. It is becoming a real community center to the children for they love to come and stay till they have to be sent home.

Of course there have been discouragements, but on a whole it has been a good year, and I am thankful to my Heavenly Father that I have had the opportunity of working among these people.

#### OTHER ENGLISH-SPEAKING INDUSTRIAL CENTERS.

Baltimore, Md.—Wilkins Avenue M. E. Church, South.

DEACONESS WILHELMINA WAHLROOS.

I read somewhere that the attitude of Jesus toward human personality can be briefly described as always seeing people in terms of their possibilities. He always looked at men and women in terms of what they might become. This thought has helped me much in my work.

I look at the little children in the homes, neglected and growing up in many cases to do as they please. The parents do not care if they play in the streets instead of attending the Sunday school. So we visit and work for the children. We get them into our classes and clubs, where they are being trained to become helpful and useful members of our Church and community.

Visiting, which forms a large part of our work, is mingled with both sadness and joy. Frequently we hear tales of distress and want, arising from various causes, such as sickness and lack of work; many requests come to us for help during the winter months for warm clothing, shoes, medicine, and food. Our friends in the Conference have been most sympathetic and generous so that with their coöperation we have been more than able to meet all the demands.

The shut-ins and the sick are so grateful to be remembered and to have a message in word or song. To see their faces light up and to hear a grateful "thank you sister, come again soon," more than repays.

As superintendent of the Junior Missionary Society, as teacher of the Ladies' Bible class as well as superintendent of the Home Department have kept me very busy but very happy in the work.

The social side of our work has not been overlooked. We have our clubs for girls and boys. Our social items are outings, all of which are highly appreciated. We try to make provision for the legitimate needs of the whole man. God has been with us and blessed us during the past year.

There are wandering steps that a word may win,  
To the narrow way from the paths of sin,  
There are bleeding hearts that pine alone  
For a healing balm of a kindly tone.

**Richmond, Va.—Methodist Institute.**

DEACONESS JANE WILKINSON.

The community in which our work in Richmond has been located and is now located has changed very much and we have felt very keenly that Richmond Methodism should establish city mission work in another section of the city where the field would be larger and not taken care of to the extent that it now is by other institutions in our present locality.

My work has been with the women and girls of Trinity Institutional Church. A good foundation already having been laid, we have a splendid Woman's Club and it has been a pleasure to work with them. With a vision of and a desire to do service they are going forward. In working with the girls I have found the Scout work especially interesting. Is there not some satisfaction in presenting to girls, especially those underprivileged ones, some of the higher ideals of life and watching them to some extent grow into these ideals!

I am always thankful to God for a place of service and pray always that I may truly represent him.

**Albany-Decatur Welfare Work.**

FALLA RIDHARDSON.

After a year of rest it was good to get back into the great harvest field in June 1926.

When I came to Albany-Decatur I found two Community Houses, one in each of the twin cities, under the supervision of the Albany-Decatur Welfare Board and sponsored by the Federated Missionary Societies of all Protestant denominations here. All ministers, laymen, and missionary societies cooperate in this work.

Our purpose is to win the unsaved and to build Christian citizenship. Our program includes home visitation, relief work, domestic science, mothers' club, boys' club, socials, picnics, prayer meetings, and Sunday school.

In August our Sunday school had a summer Christmas tree. Each child brought a gift. They gave a little missionary pageant forming a living Christmas tree. They sang:

“Bringing gifts to Jesus, bringing gifts are we,  
For the little children far across the sea.”

and “Jesus Loves the Little Children of the World.”

The gifts were sent to a Presbyterian Missionary in Korea, and were used for their Christmas tree in the Mission school.

On Sunday before Christmas our children brought white gifts for the King in the form of a silver offering. This was sent to the American Bible Society to help place a million Bibles in China.

The Kiwanis Club and the Welfare Board gave a joint Christmas tree for more than two hundred children. This furnished all the Christmas cheer most of them had.

One hundred and fifty Gospels and Psalms have been given to the children, and they are hiding His Word in their hearts that they may not sin against him.

Many of the children have given their hearts to the Master, and one little thirteen-year-old girl wants to be a missionary.

The blessed promise, “Lo, I am with you alway,” has inspired and encouraged us in this great work for and with the Master, who said: “I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.”



**Chattanooga, Tenn.—Wesley Community Center.**

Miss Edith Leighty reports:

I left Columbia, S. C., at the close of the Daily Vacation Bible School and, after two months at home, arrived in Chattanooga, October 1.

The adjustment period has seemed a little longer than it should have been, but we were both new in this field and arrived late in the season. The community is scattered and there are at least three distinct classes—I might almost say castes.

The Kiwanis Club maintains a free milk station, through which eighty-five bottles of milk have been given to the underweight children daily. Our clinic, which is held every Thursday morning and which ministers in part to every section of the city, has been well attended.

The Children's Department has moved along nicely and is growing all the time. We have a splendid kindergarten, taught by Mrs. Marvin Goodman, who is employed locally, and she has the love and confidence of the mothers as well as the little ones.

The work which lies nearest to my heart, the Young People's Work, has not been thoroughly organized, but the close of the year finds the first steps taken toward a small beginning in this very important department.

The Church relations have been pleasant, and it has been my privilege to teach a class of Intermediate girls, sponsor the Intermediate League, and conduct the Fourth Department in the Senior League.

Deaconess Lillian Parker reports:

The first of October I came to Chattanooga. It took me some little bit to change from the idleness of months to real work. It is a great privilege and joy to be working again.

My time has been spent in getting acquainted and organizing the club activities that fell to me. Most of my time the last month was given to Christmas. First, I investigated homes and made out lists of families for the Churches and the Social Service Bureau, who wanted names for Christmas baskets. Before and during the holidays we gave a number of Christmas parties and dinners.

I assist in the sewing school. I have had a coping saw class for the younger boys till the Scout Master volunteered to take that group. We have a large Scout Troop under an able leader. The story hour for the small girls is quite a delightful event each week. My great problem is the Mothers' Club.

In connection with our Church next door, I teach a class of women in the Sunday school, superintend the Epworth Junior Society, and take an active part in the Woman's Missionary Society.

**Atlanta, Ga.—City Mission Work.**

DEACONESS BESSIE ALLEN.

Some one has said: "The test of love is obedience." So when the Woman's Missionary Council said for one to report for duty in Atlanta, Ga., to undertake the difficult task of reorganizing a Wesley Community House and selecting a new community in which to operate it, I obediently accepted the responsibility, depending on Him who said: "Lo, I am with you always."

I reached Atlanta the first of May and was cordially welcomed by Mrs. S. F. Boykin, Vice President, and later by the ladies of the City Board.

I spent the first three months in getting acquainted with and presenting the work to the auxiliaries, Churches, and District Conferences. At the same time I was, with the assistance of an efficient committee, studying different communities, their needs, etc.

The first of August we secured a house and located our work in the first ward, in Southeast Atlanta. It is an industrial community of varied interests. Three packing houses, two laundries, shirt factory, a number of automobile shops, and a number of other small industries, etc. Our city map tells us there are 25,000 in this the largest ward in the city; these are Jews, some foreigners, Negroes, and Americans. We will work with the Americans, as they are the largest constituency, and will include foreigners and Jews as we can. We have in this community all types of citizens—industrious, shiftless, well-to-do, desperately poor, educated, ignorant, Christian, sinful, law-abiding, lawless—a most inviting and needy field for Wesley House activities.

The month of August was spent in cleaning, furnishing, and equipping our house.

In September we began our active community service and have had contacts with about one hundred families.

Have a good sewing school, with enrollment of 41 and growing. A Friday evening community social well attended, numbering from 17 to 50; Friendly visiting, relief, and Church work, together with executive and house work have kept one worker very busy. Have had successful Halloween, Thanksgiving, and Christmas parties, with about 200 in attendance.

We have a splendid, sympathetic city Board willing to cooperate, furnish equipment, and meet our every need.

Our Volunteer Workers number only six, but as we continue to organize I am sure the number will increase until the need is met.

Miss Flora Herndon, of Texas, came to me December 19 to be my assistant and is already busy.

Our outlook is bright. God has been good to us; to him be the praise.

### San Francisco, Calif.—Wesley Hall.

BERTHA COX, DEACONESS.

It makes our hearts rejoice when we realize that God's promise to Joshua, "I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee," is to us too. We try to be strong and of good courage as we try, in his name, to fight giants and conquer walled cities in the great West.

We are on one of the busiest streets in one of the busiest cities in America trying to lift up Christ to a nonchurch-going, irreligious community. Surely ours is a great responsibility and a great privilege! Our people need little pecuniary aid, but they need a knowledge of Jesus Christ and his power to save.

Mr. J. I. Huff, the pastor, has faithfully stood in the pulpit and preached Christ and him crucified to a faithful few, while thousands of San Francisco's people were in the theaters, on the beach, and in the parks. There has been a growth, a very slow growth however; and now Mr. H. W. Jamieson has come to us from Louisiana to take up the work as pastor.

There is a growth in the Sunday school that encourages us. Recently we had 106 present, the largest attendance in the history of the Church.

Miss Grace Arnold, our Church visitor, has visited many in their homes. She has touched homes that have no Church connections, homes of strangers, shut-ins, the poor, and the sick. Her aim always is to lead them to know our Heavenly Father in a rich, full way.

Mr. George Schastey has charge of the boys' department. He has several organized groups for boys of all ages. They have great times in the gymnasium and on outings. With all of his meetings he has Bible study and prayer, striving always to lead them to Christ. He hopes to impress the boys with great truths that they may carry back to their homes.

The girls' department is under the direction of the deaconess. She, too, has organized groups for all ages. She has gymnasium classes, sewing

school, Brownies, and Scouts. With all there is a devotional period. The deaconess tries to visit all the homes represented in this department. She believes that touching the lives in the homes and presenting Christ to them is the important work here.

A music teacher from Berkeley comes over one day each week and gives piano lessons to several of our boys and girls.

We had a Daily Vacation Bible School this summer. Three Churches combined their efforts, and the school was held in our building. There were 107 enrolled—48 boys and 59 girls.

We have trusted our Lord, tried to give our best, and are willing to leave results with him. We pray that we may be worthy to be collaborators with our Master in this sinful city. We attempt nothing in our own strength, but look to our Heavenly Father for leadership.

#### Louisville, Ky.—Wesley Community House.

ELLEN D. GAINNEY, HEAD RESIDENT; LULA M. KAGEY, GIRLS' WORKER; BESS RHODES, BOYS' WORKER; PAULINE ALLEN, RESIDENT VOLUNTEER.

Wesley House has just closed a good year. Interest has been keen' attendance larger by 2,818 than in 1925, and the increase in enrollment was 421 over last year. The development in many individuals has been such as to give great encouragement to the workers.

The woman's work has gone on along much the same lines as formerly. They are a fine, loyal band of women. One new undertaking for them was the giving of a play. Some of them showed real dramatic ability, and the play was a huge success. This group of women never fails to respond when called upon to help. They have recently pledged \$40 to our building fund.

The Daily Vacation Bible School, held for five weeks with a daily average of 68, was a splendid demonstration of week-day religious education.

Eighty-five people had the privilege of a summer outing through Wesley House.

While we have no playground worker and no organized playground work, our small yard was used daily all the summer and fall for such games as could be played in limited space.

The Public Health Baby Clinic has been unusually well attended this year. The colored mothers especially have taken keen interest in it and have responded to the efforts in their behalf.

The house has tried in every way to cooperate with the Church and has been instrumental in getting a number of boys and girls into League and Sunday school work. At least eight have joined the Church as a direct result of their contact with Wesley House.

#### Miss Rhodes reports:

The work of the Boys' Department for the past year has given the boys social, spiritual, and intellectual development as well as recreation, for our chief aim is to build character.

The different activities of the Boys' Department are athletic clubs, Pioneer and Friendly Indian clubs and woodwork classes.

Two athletic teams are playing in the City and the Intersetlement Leagues, and one team has joined the Church League, playing under the Church name.

We are glad to state that each of the athletic clubs has pledged to the Wesley House gymnasium fund, the total amount of their pledges is \$50.

The programs of the Friendly Indian and Pioneer Clubs are reaching the boys of the community. We already see results of the year's work. The boys themselves now learn and tell the Bible character stories in club. Their habits are improving, and more are attending Church and Sunday



school than have done so for the past four years. There is nothing that can reach the younger boys quite like the woodwork classes. This year we have organized three such groups.

The boys have enjoyed many special treats and good times. The most important of these were an Easter egg party given by a group from one of the Churches of the city, the annual Wesley House picnic which took place in May, a dinner served by the Melrose Athletic Club for the benefit of their basket ball team, the Father-and-Son Banquet, which was given during Boys' Week, a Halloween party, and a never-to-be-forgotten visit to the beautiful country home of a board member, then the annual Christmas party.

Due to our large number of boys and the interest they have shown in clubs and classes, the Boys' Worker is gratified with the year's work.

Miss Kagey reports:

The work is in fine shape. The enrollment in October, for the fall work, was unusually large, quite a number have enrolled since, and the attendance has kept up well. This, we think, is an evidence that they are getting the things that interest them. Of course numbers are not, by any means, the only thing to be considered. Our supreme effort is that of Christian character building. We are trying to do this through the things that are of most interest to girls.

We have classes organized for girls from six years of age up. One of our most interesting classes is the kitchengarden for little girls six to nine years of age. We are doing what we can to give these little ones a good start in life. They first have a devotional program consisting of stories, Bible verses, and songs, then a lesson in simple housekeeping with their doll family. They are learning to make beds, set and serve the table, wash dishes, sweep, dust, etc. One of the happiest days they have had this year was when they had a real, sure-enough breakfast, and they set the table, served, and washed the dishes all by themselves. Of course, in connection with this lesson they were given some training in table manners.

The Homemakers' class is for girls from nine to twelve and is similar to the class just described except it is more advanced.

Nothing can take the place of the club in the life of the teen-age girl. We have both Junior and Senior Girl Reserve clubs. Both are doing good work in their efforts to build for the future through a threefold program of mental, physical, and spiritual development.

We have a two-year course in cooking. This class was so popular that we have had to divide the first-year class and make two classes.

The girls of the informal dramatic class have delightful times playing games and acting out simple stories. They have given several programs outside of their own class and have written and acted out a play of their own.

Half-hour music lessons are given at a cost of twenty-five cents per lesson. Practice periods are arranged here for those who do not have a piano at home.

Our largest group is the sewing school, with an enrollment of 85. We have a five-year course, four years in hand sewing and one year on the sewing machine. No child is allowed to register for sewing until she is at least eight years old. In this department we are greatly indebted to our faithful volunteer workers, who come and help us each week.

In addition to our work in clubs and classes, we try to have a personal contact in the homes, know their problems and their needs, and, as far as possible, render the most efficient service possible. A concrete example of this may be of interest. During the summer children were being selected to go to the country for an outing. Little nine-year-old Bessie was an undernourished, frail child. She was selected, and a physical examination

was required. Almost daily trips for two weeks to the public health nurse were necessary to get her in shape to go. She had no clothes to take her trip; so a complete outfit was made by workers at the Wesley House from sewing school scraps. Bessie was so devoid of animation that she showed no outward expression of appreciation when her nine-piece outfit was given her. Not even a smile was shown, but a month later, when she returned from the country, she was a different child. She came back with roses in her cheeks and a smile on her lips, so delighted that she wanted to return to the country after a visit home. Now she is going to Sunday school and is in our kitchengarden class and spends her time getting into mischief when the teacher's back is turned.

#### Murfreesboro, Tenn.—Wesley Community House.

MISS MAGGIE M. COX.

Our good Heavenly Father has richly blessed us during the past year. We feel that our work has increased in interest and in power for good. We are greatly delighted with some new equipment for our beautiful playground.

The attendance upon our clubs and classes is good. Our Sunday school and prayer meeting are flourishing. Dr. John F. Baggett, our new pastor, has agreed to preach for us once a month. We have about twenty volunteer workers, who are faithful and efficient. We are praying for great things, and expecting great things. We are entering upon the new year's work with faith and courage.

#### Oklahoma City, Okla.—Wesley Community House.

MISS DOROTHEA M. REID, HEAD RESIDENT; MISS ETHEL WELLS.

It is very easy to obey St. Paul's command, "Be ye thankful" (Col. 3:15), for our gracious Heavenly Father has bestowed many blessings upon our work at Wesley Community House in Oklahoma City during the past year.

A group of encouraging Board members help to make our work a pleasure.

A responsive though somewhat transient population offers an opportunity for various forms of service. We are pleased with the spirit of sharing that is developing in our community. Wesley Community House is just three years old, but we feel that our work has had a healthy growth. The average attendance in our Sunday school in December, 1925, was 134, in December, 1926, it was 147. Other activities show a corresponding growth. Out of the 255 families reached, 85 have moved during the year. Many of these have expressed sorrow at leaving our community. Others tell us they would like to move, but will not because of the good influence Wesley House has upon their families.

In addition to the support of the ministers and people of our own Methodist Church, we have had hearty coöperation from sister denominations and the Board of Education. Thirty-nine volunteers have contributed much to the success of the work we are trying to do for our Lord and Master.

Miss Wells reports:

Work at Wesley House, Oklahoma City, is a real joy. The people of our community are responsive and appreciative. Our City Mission Board and the Methodist people of our city are devoted and loyal to the work. One thing that is gratifying to us is the interest and help that the people of the other denominations give to Wesley House.

Through our visiting, our Sunday school, and various week-day activities, we are endeavoring to help our young people and children to build Christian character and to make the way happier for our adults.

God is good in permitting us to see some results of our labors and of the efforts of the good workers who have gone before us.

#### Nashville, Tenn.—Wesley House.

DEACONESS MARGARET RAGLAND, HEAD RESIDENT; MISS LORA LONG, CLUB WORKER; MISS LAWLER CLENDENIN, KINDERGARTNER; MISS MAY COBURN, KINDERGARTNER, LUCY HOLT MOORE CENTER; DEACONESS MAMIE ROBINSON, SUPERINTENDENT WESLEY HOUSE ANNEX.

##### Deaconess Margaret Ragland reports:

During the past year Wesley House, with three centers of work, has been a social force and power for ministry in His name in South Nashville.

In addition to the many activities already organized and effective in the various departments, two new features of work have been undertaken—noonday meetings in two departments of a hosiery mill, and an Industrial Club for young women which meets at the Lucy Holt Moore Center.

The Lucy Holt Moore Scholarship Fund was made possible by the sale of Mrs. Moore's diamonds left us last year by her husband. The beneficiary this year is a fine, earnest young girl who is training at Peabody Teachers' College.

Our clinic, under the Public Health Department, has maintained a well-baby clinic with a baby specialist in attendance once each week and a public health nurse giving full-time service, assisting in the clinic and visiting in the district daily. In September our clinic was the center for a city-wide Better Baby Week, when children of pre-school age were weighed, measured, and graded by the public health nurses. In the heroic campaign of the Health Department against diphtheria, hundreds of children came to our clinic for inoculation with toxin-antitoxin.

For the enlarged and effective work of Wesley House thanks are due to the City Mission Board, the many faithful volunteer helpers, and to the very capable Scarritt students who are assigned to Wesley House for their Community Service Work.

##### Miss Long reports:

In looking back through the past year, we feel gratified at the work our boys and girls have done in the clubs and classes.

The boys' work is under the direction of Mr. Grayson, a student of Southern Y. M. C. A. College. We have three clubs for the boys, and on Monday nights there is a picture show for all the club boys. The annual banquets given at the Y. M. C. A. and Wesley House, and the summer camp are the most outstanding events of the year to them. Our boys have done some fine work in their basket ball games with other settlements.

The Girl Reserves is one of our most popular clubs. This fall we dressed a "Japanese Friendship Doll." The Girl Reserves of the city held a farewell reception for the dolls at the Y. W. C. A. Each club presented her doll to Miss Kiyo Mukoyama, of Japan, who is attending Scarritt College. She made a pretty "Thank you" speech in the name of the girls of Japan.

One of the nicest things we have had this year was the Girls' Summer Camp. In four trips we took thirty-five girls. Many of them had never camped before, and it was a great experience for them.

With the help of some of the Scarritt students we have been holding weekly noonday meetings in a large hosiery mill in our district. There are between three and four hundred women and girls employed here. They are very responsive and seem to appreciate our coming. From this group, and girls from other factories, we have organized an Industrial Girls' Club. We are having a series of "Charm Talks": How to be charming in appearance, in manner, in speech, in the home, in spirit, etc. At each meeting we spend some time in playing games, and the girls enter heartily into



everything. We are trying to make this club meet a threefold need of the girls—physical, mental, and spiritual.

We feel that the Lord is blessing us in our work, and this has been a blessed year in his service.

Miss Clendenin reports:

The year 1926 has been a busy, happy one for Wesley House Kindergarten. We have had a large enrollment and splendid attendance throughout the year.

Among the many things the children were interested in was our orchestra, the instruments being blocks, bells, horns, harps, and drums. On none of these could a tune be played, but they kept good time with the piano, and the leader, a boy of six, wielded his baton like a professional. We felt quite honored when asked to play for the Board, the Tennessee Conference, several Churches, and schools. The children love music, and it is no trouble to teach them to sing. We are trying to give them the best and to cultivate their taste for the best in every way.

During the year our fine committee has given us several picnics and car rides.

We closed kindergarten in May with an operetta, "The Quest of the Pink Parasol," in which thirty-six children took part.

Our story hour enrollment and attendance have been good. Once a month the children assist in telling stories.

The Sunday school and Junior League at Filmore Street Church are increasing in number and interest.

Miss Coburn reports:

The Lucy Moore Kindergarten has had the highest enrollment in its history the past year.

Early in the year the children decided to buy a "mule" to care for during the year. Every day they fed him their nickels and pennies. At the end of the year his "feed" amounted to \$103.68.

We needed a new piano very badly, and all agreed that our money should go to help buy one. The City Mission Board thought \$50 was enough for the children to give, so they bought us a beautiful new Estey piano. Such happy children as they were when the new piano was brought in. Some were disappointed, however, that all our nickels and pennies were not brought out and given to the men who brought it. They felt that they had "done it all."

Nineteen graduates, in caps and gowns, received their diplomas in June. This is the largest graduating class we have ever had.

The story hour has grown in attendance this year, the enrollment reaching 135. These children are from six to twelve years of age.

Santa Claus visited the kindergarten at Christmas time and brought each girl a baby doll and each boy a scooter. It would be hard to find a happier crowd than these children were at that time.

In thinking over the year's work we can truly say: "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

Miss Robinson reports:

This has been a very happy year in our Annex work, and we are indeed thankful to our Father for his many blessings, especially for the physical strength to make 2,367 visits in the homes and in the interest of this work. These visits were a great help in keeping up the attendance at the five clubs, the weekly cottage prayer meetings, and the Sunday school. Hundreds of religious tracts were distributed, and many were the talks and prayers with the unsaved in their homes.

Early in the spring we began making preparations for a great tent revival. The City Mission Board and various Churches supported us with their prayers and money. Rev. O. B. Johnson, one of the local pastors,

who had buried two drunkards in our community, thus seeing the need of a revival, gave earnest messages each evening for two weeks. The spacious tent was erected in the center of the campus of the old Vanderbilt Medical School. Two prayer meetings were held each afternoon in the various homes, in charge of our Annex Sunday school superintendent and the Wesley House workers. God greatly rewarded our labors in the salvation and reclamation of about thirty souls. One of these was a woman who had sunk to the lowest depths. We kept in close touch with her, placed her in a good Christian home, but sin had left its awful scar, a terrible internal cancer. She bore her suffering like a true soldier, but finally paid the last debt. Her brother forgave her past and did all he could for her; her aged mother rejoices that her child was prepared through this revival.

August saw a new worker added to the Wesley House corps in the form of a Ford touring car, fondly called "Henrietta." She helps, not only in the visiting and taking patients to the hospital, but daily takes one of the workers to her work and carries about fifteen children from the Annex district to and from the Wesley House Kindergarten.

Besides the regular work of the Annex, the closing days of the year found us busy with the flood relief. Many of our families were forced to leave their homes on account of the water, so we spent Christmas Day finding them so they might have their baskets given by the Big Brothers. There was not a day's rest during the weeks following. The Charities Commission made a center for South Nashville at the Annex, and hundreds were reached with food, coal, clothing, bedding, etc.

### Memphis, Tenn.—Wesley Institute.

DEACONESS CONNIE B. FAGAN.

I am closing my fourth year in Memphis, and I have enjoyed the work here very much.

The Adult Missionary Society has had a very successful year. A banquet was given to the members and their husbands, which was a very happy occasion in their lives.

Many boys and girls have attended their clubs enjoying games and hand-work. They also visit the library once a week.

The kindergarten this year has had its largest enrollment, and the attendance has been good.

The Day Nursery is helpful to the mothers. Many children improved in health with the care they received.

The Daily Vacation Bible School was held during June with a large enrollment.

Many babies, children, and adults have been treated in the clinics.

The superintendent and pastor have charge of the Sunday school and Church services. Attendance is very good and interest increasing.

### St. Louis, Mo.—Kingdom House.

DEACONESS ANNIE ALFORD, HEAD RESIDENT; DEACONESS CRYSTAL HARRISON, GIRLS' DIRECTOR; MR. H. L. ROBISON, BOYS' DIRECTOR; MISS NORA E. SISK, R.N.; MRS. JEAN NAUMAN, DAY NURSERY MATRON; MRS. GORRELL CLINGER, SECRETARY.

Miss Alford reports:

We at Kingdom House are very happy that we have had another year to work together with Christ for the bringing in of his kingdom.

As we look back over 1926 we realize there have been some failures, and our hearts sadden; but we rejoice at the steady progress we have noted along most all lines.

The Woman's Missionary Society has had some definite gains. All financial obligations have been met, including the Belle Bennett Me-

morial. Our women met every week during the summer months except one, when they were guests of the City Mission Board and St. Louis Women's Conference in the Missionary Building at Arcadia, Mo.—an outing they will never forget.

The Mothers' Club has been an inspiration to the mothers of the community who look forward to it from one meeting to another. They are taking the book of Mark for their Bible study for the winter.

The salesroom each Saturday brings together many mothers in a common need. With the unusual business depression in the city, the need for help has been greatly increased.

Much of my time is spent visiting in the homes, which I thoroughly enjoy. We came in touch with many new families just before and during the holidays, and each Sunday since have had new pupils in Sunday school from them.

The Christmas holidays were full of thrills for our people; not only the "getting" but the "giving" spirit was manifested for those in greater need.

Our Sunday school is doing splendid work, and we are praying that out of this group of two hundred and more boys and girls shall come consecrated men and women to work for the Master.

We rejoice that the Missouri Conference this year received into its connection as pastor and leader, a young man who had his first impulse and inspiration for Christian service at Kingdom House many years ago. A young woman is graduating in college and will enter Scarritt next fall for deaconess training who was loved and prayed into the kingdom by the deaconesses who gave loving service here in other years.

Our Day Nursery is always filled and overflowing with bright-faced children whose mothers toil in the manufacturing plants near by.

The playground is an interesting place with hundreds of the children of the community who have no other place to play except the alleys and busy streets. Here they have modern playground equipment and a director. During the low temperature of the past winter our grounds were like a solid sea of ice where, after school hours, scores of boys and girls came with their sleds and skates to enjoy the thrills of ice skating.

More than two hundred boys have been enrolled in the various educational and athletic clubs. The Boys' Director has done very efficient work in bringing them in contact with the best Christian men in special meetings, on hikes, and especially in a ten-day camp on the Meremac River, where they had swimming, stunts, nature study, and Bible study. A group of the older boys were given a trip to the Older Boys' Conference at Bowling Green, Mo., where new hopes were inspired and new resolutions made, which we trust will bear fruit in years to come.

Miss Harrison reports:

In many ways my second year of service has been even happier than my first. After five months' illness, I returned to Kingdom House the last of August, renewed in strength and eager to get into the work again.

As I looked out over the playground, I saw many familiar faces, but mingled with them were others, then strange to me, but who seemed very much at home around Kingdom House, and as I looked at them, the challenge came to me: "This is your opportunity. What will be the results?"

Weeks and months have passed, and those girls who were strange to me have now become close friends.

Through the sewing and cooking classes, we are trying to train the girls to be real home makers. The classes are full and overflowing. Many have been turned away because of lack of teachers to take care of them. A devotional program is held at the opening of each class, and the children themselves are learning to pray in public and to take part in the services in various ways. Our one aim is to bring all, both Protestant and Catholic, to know and worship Jesus Christ.



A Community School of Music has been organized by means of which it is possible for twenty-five girls to take piano lessons at small cost to them. Some of the girls do regular work at the settlement on Saturdays to pay for their lessons.

A few girls are taking private piano lessons from Mrs. Murray, who has been one of our faithful volunteers for many years and who is always willing to give her services wherever needed.

It has been a real joy to me to watch the changes that have come into the lives of the Girl Reserves through the fourfold plan of development.

Such a marked change has come into the life of one girl that a few weeks ago her teachers in the public school asked her what had made the change. Her answer was: "The Girl Reserves at Kingdom House."

I ask: "Is it worth while to be a leader of girls?"

As I pass on to other fields of labor, I have faith to believe that in years to come I shall hear of these girls as making their marks in the world.

Let us put our trust in Him for whatever the future holds, knowing that

"Our times are in his hand  
Who saith: 'A whole I planned,  
Youth shows but half; trust God:  
See all, nor be afraid.'"

Miss Sisk reports:

During the year our clinic has grown and many persons have been helped to better health conditions.

An eye clinic has been added whereby children with impaired vision are enabled to secure properly fitted glasses or treatment.

Parents are becoming better educated about the prevention of diphtheria; fifty children were given the toxin-antitoxin with splendid results.

A special weight clinic is in progress, and a capable pediatrician, by giving his time generously, has built up a good baby clinic, the mothers becoming deeply interested in watching the ounces gained each week, learning the value of food, and the proper care of their babies.

Three general clinics are held each week increasing the sessions to a total of two hundred and seventy during the year with three thousand and forty-eight persons treated and advised.

The nurse doing the follow-up work of the Day Nursery applicants, comes in closer contact with the mothers, investigates the sanitary conditions of the home, and verifies the mother's statement of need of nursery care, also supervises the nursery mothers' supper and entertainment once each month. Interest is growing along this line, the mothers seem to enjoy the relaxation and social contact after a hard day's work in the factories, together with the knowledge that there will be no meal to prepare for themselves and little ones on reaching home.

When our nursery can receive no more children, we give the physical examination, and send the applicants to another nursery with a health certificate from the doctor, in this coöperating with day nurseries having no clinics.

Arrangements were made for seventy persons in this neighborhood to receive hospital care and fifty-six persons to receive special treatment in private offices free of charge.

As Cradle Roll Superintendent of the Sunday school, I have enrolled sixty-five babies; distributed during Christmas dolls and articles of clothing to each baby, besides thirty other babies who were not on the Cradle Roll.

My class of twelve-year-old Juniors are doing good work in their hand-books.

## Roanoke, Va.—Norwich Community House.

MISS JOHNSIE HOBSON.

Upon entering Norwich (a basin almost hidden among the hills) and seeing the many young people on the streets, I was gripped by the realization that God had brought me into a field truly "white unto harvest," because it was to be my privilege, plus other duties, to help these boys and girls with their problems.

During the summer while making a survey and getting acquainted, I met very few young people (at work in mill). I have had to make their acquaintance at odd times, and the work among them has been slow. The work here is only five years old and attention has been concentrated upon children's work (we see gratifying results of these efforts in this line of our predecessors). So far we have organized only one club for young people. It is correctly named "Willing Workers," for these eleven girls are so interested it is hard to get them to leave when "quitting" time comes. We are hoping soon to double this enrollment, also to begin other work, maybe an Epworth League, for our young people.

The sewing school of girls from eight to fifteen years is doing very good work. Interest runs high. Recently the first-year class has had to be divided because of its growth.

The ten girls taking cooking are doing such follow-up work (trying recipes at home) that several applicants have been turned away recently. If interest continues we shall soon organize another class.

Since Christmas we have had story hour Friday nights. Only boys have attended, and we do not know how long we will be able to hold them, as we have no place for active games (great handicap to the work) in winter, but are looking forward to the baseball diamond and tennis court a little later.

Our mothers enjoy very much their club activities and Bible study.

We are fortunate indeed in our part-time paid kindergartner. Excellent work is being done with the little folk. And how does all this go on in a one-worker field? It is because of our "Faithful Dozen" volunteer workers. To them is due most of the credit for the progress made during these months. We are truly indebted to them, for we could not carry on but for their splendid spirit and untiring efforts.

The whole way has not been flooded with sunshine, the shadows have played their part also. When we see so many things unfair and tragic which should not be, other things which could be but are not, and even others which we would like to promote but cannot, naturally our heart aches. But, regardless of disappointments and failures, we have been abundantly blessed and can truthfully say it is good for us that he brought us here. We trust that during the remainder of our stay here we may be, if possible, even more diligent in our Father's business with and for his people.

## CO-OPERATIVE HOMES.

## San Francisco, Calif.—Mary Elizabeth Inn.

DEACONESS ETHEL JACKSON, HEAD RESIDENT; DEACONESS GLENN MOORE.

Miss Jackson reports:

Every earnest-hearted woman has asked herself as she reviews her work: "Is the thing I am doing really worth while?" "Am I making my time and my talents count for the greatest possible good in this task the Church has assigned me?"

I come to this interview with myself each year when the annual records are made up. My heart answers: "Let me try yet another year. I would not willingly lay it down for any other task."

In spite of the failure to accomplish all that was in my heart at the beginning of the year I cannot admit it a failure, because we have not failed until we quit trying, so here in the beginning of 1927 I am all eager to practice the old maxim, "Try, try again."

It is a great privilege to be living and working daily with vital, throbbing, responsive young life in any city, but especially so out here in this extreme western metropolis.

Everything, from climate with ready positions and lucrative wage, lures our youth westward. They are here often only a few months from Scotland and Ireland, from Russia and Hawaii, from the Middle West, and on over the Atlantic coast, many of them without kith or kin, and ours is the opportunity.

The personnel changes often, but the spirit abides.

More than two hundred and twenty-five have called the "Inn" their home this past year. Several who have lived out the five years have moved to apartments. More than one hundred and fifty have been new girls.

I marvel that this family of one hundred and seven, gathered from the North and South, the East and West, ranging in ages from eighteen to thirty-five live in such beautiful harmony and fellowship. There is always some one ready to cheer the discouraged one; others looking out for positions for those out of work, and yet others recommending night classes at business schools.

If one is sick, many are eager to serve her. Just a few evenings ago I went at ten o'clock to say "good night" to a sick girl and found a wee Scotch lassie ahead of me with a cup of hot chocolate and no end of Scotch wit, doing her bit to chase away any gloom.

There has been a wave of constant moving about, and always these changes bring their attendant problems.

There is always a waiting list, but not always desirable applicants. Many are Jews and Catholics, these we refer to their own clubs. Rarely a day passes that some one is not seeking admittance to our club, and some days five and six.

Our recreational department has not measured up to its highest privilege, yet the social life has not been wholly neglected.

"Forest Inn," our holiday house in Marin County, continues to be a joy and blessing. The few rainy months have prevented frequent trips, but now that the hillsides are fragrant with the golden, downy accasia blooms, the tall ferns and sweet bays are at their best, we will be wending our way often to this restful abode.

Our special days have been good days. Thanksgiving, with its formal splendor is always the outstanding day.

The whole week preceding Christmas was a blessed time; special emphasis on vesper services, together with the singing of Christmas hymns, prepared our hearts for the real spirit of the season.

Tuesdays continue to be set aside as our special guest evenings, at which time some Protestant minister brings the message. Every effort is made to foster the spiritual life of the girls; church attendance is urged. Good books and religious periodicals are placed in the library and often referred to, also a splendid set of the *Encyclopedia Britannica*, purchased early in the year, gives opportunity for a broader intelligence.

There have been many encouraging notes through the year to gladden my heart. For several winters we have felt the need of steam heat in the bedrooms. That task, although complicated and tedious, lasting for some weeks, is now complete, adding much to our comfort.

The past year also brought us an added blessing when Miss Elizabeth Olmstead joined our forces for righteousness; with her former experience she will be a help in making a Christian home of wholesome happiness for our young women.

Before report time comes again we will be rejoicing in a sister institu-



tion in Berkeley, as the contract has been let for the long-coveted college dormitory for girls at the University of California. Epworth Hall will house about seventy-five young ladies, while Wesley Hall, only a block away, will house fifty young men.

Both are gifts of our dear Mrs. Glide, who believes the home environment counts in the development of Christian character in the youth of our day.

I am praying that God may help us to be wise, just, and loving in all the details of our work that his kingdom may come in the hearts of those whom we touch from day to day.

Miss Moore reports:

For two and one-half years the Inn has been both my home and my work, and I cannot say in which capacity I have enjoyed it the most.

There are so many things of interest which take place in such a large family, and yet often they are of most interest within the family. And so, many of the most worth-while happenings are never recorded in reports. Some are too intimate, even too sacred. Their record is made elsewhere, and we would have it so.

When a part of one's time is given to figures, it often appears that that may be the most important part, because figures show in reports. But Christian workers know it is not the truth, and how happy I am to find that while almost half my work at the Inn is the same as that which most of the girls have in the everyday business world, yet more than half is one of the most wonderful opportunities for Christian service that I have ever known. Every day I truly thank God, not for calling me, for he calls *all* alike to do his will, but rather for the fact that I heard and answered yes. That a great Church was willing to train me and to employ me and at last to give me the opportunity of my life for definite service. It is not all easy and pleasant, nor always fruitful, it seems. But he is the Master.

With hundreds of busy business girls coming and going it is our privilege to keep this place, which has every appearance of a hotel, from being a hotel, and to convert it into a home, anew with the arrival of each new girl and to strive to make her feel the presence of the Head of our house.

As we begin a new year it is my prayer that God may definitely direct to the Inn those whom we would be most able to help and, having brought them, make us equal to their needs. If by his grace, through this coming year I could truly meet the opportunities which my appointment holds, I would count it my greatest joy in service.

#### Birmingham, Ala.—Eva Comer Co-operative Home.

MRS. HELEN P. WOODWARD.

I feel that we have had a most successful year and that much good has been accomplished.

I am devoted to my girls and they are lovely to me. It is really a most happy home, and every effort is made to eliminate all semblance to an institution and make it a real home for the girl away from home. And the lovely congeniality would charm you. I remarked to a crowd of the girls that it rejoiced me so to see them get along so like sisters, and one girl said: "Sisters fuss sometimes, and we never do, so we get along better than sisters."

#### Houston, Tex.—Young Women's Co-operative Home.

FLORENCE WHITESIDE, HEAD RESIDENT; MRS. EUGENIA YOUNG, SOCIAL SECRETARY.

Miss Whiteside reports:

"Except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it."

Ever keeping this truth in mind, we have tried to make the year 1926 one of building.

There have been material improvements. Better lighting has been provided, the roof has been repaired, walls and floors have been refinished, sanitary drinking fountains, and a new refrigerator connected with frigidaire have been installed, and a room set aside and equipped as a hospital room.

A scholarship fund has been provided by which one of our girls is being maintained in Sue Bennett Memorial. She had lived in the home for three years, working in a factory and trying to save money for her education. She is doing good work there and is a Life Service Volunteer.

The outstanding feature of the year was the regulation requiring physical examinations for residence in the Home. Through this requirement we have not only raised the physical and moral standards, but have made some discoveries as to physical conditions.

There has been cooperation with the Social Service Bureau and the Housing Department of the Y. W. C. A. in placing girls.

An enlarged service to our girls is expected through the Big Sister movement begun before the Christmas season. Each girl was adopted by one of our Church women, who remembered her with a Christmas gift and plans to follow up this personal touch by a helpful friendship.

We have had a total enrollment of one hundred and sixty-five girls, many of whom were with us for a very short time. But throughout the year there has been a nucleus of stable girls who have had a real part in our home life. The spirit of good will culminated in our Christmas celebration, when a blind girl in the home was the happy recipient of the white gift fund contributed by her sisters here, and the Glee Club of Mexican young people shared our tree and took part on the program.

Every day has its opportunities. The girls are responsive to the daily devotionals in the dining room and have conducted some splendid programs in the assembly room.

In the varying experiences of the year we have had a "heap o' livin' which has made our house a home."

Mrs. Young reports:

With the opening of 1926 all other activities had to give place to a flu epidemic of thirty-one cases, at which time a practical nurse had to be employed to take care of girls and relieve workers.

During the hot summer days there were many trips to our examining physician's office with girls carrying out the new requirement for residence. As fall approached I had several cases of illness to nurse. Our hospital room on the first floor proved its value as a conservator of energy. I do enjoy preparing trays for sick girls as well as nursing them, for I have the joy of being a real "friend in need" and getting a close contact with our girls. They are so appreciative.

In September I was given the work of dietitian as my part of the routine duties of the household. In material work I enjoy this next to nursing, as I know the importance of a properly balanced diet for all in the home.

Our basket ball team of 1925-26 grew in strength as the season continued. In the Intermediate Girls' League under the City Department of Recreation we won second place and also the name of showing the best spirit in the League. A team is hard to maintain, due the many changes. We have only two of last season's team on the present team. Better spirit is shown this year. Willingness to practice is the mark of distinction.

A Glee Club has been organized also under the City Department of Recreation. The first public appearance of this group was on the program of the Community Christmas Tree in the City Hall Park. About twenty girls take part in this activity and are receiving splendid instruction.

During the year several parties, hikes, and outings were enjoyed.

Quarterly birthday dinners were given for girls and workers. In the summer a play afforded much amusement and gave the girls participating practice in dramatics. Halloween came with the usual good time of meeting ghosts, fortune teller, and contesting for honors in feats of different kinds. Our Thanksgiving dinner was one of the most enjoyable affairs of the year. Girls were asked to invite their boy friends or other guests. Some of our married daughters and their husbands came too, so we made a large and happy family. Many toasts and happy expressions were given during the dinner hour.

On account of the improved standards due to the physical examination requirement, this year has brought much more satisfaction to me in giving my services than last year. Spirituality has had a better chance to prevail.

### Waco, Tex.—Rebecca Sparks Inn.

DEACONESS V. MAUDE FAIL, HEAD RESIDENT.

Since coming to the Rebecca Sparks Inn in September my work has been a real joy.

I found a beautiful, harmonious spirit existing among the inmates in the home.

The religious life is good, every girl attends Church and Sunday school, each one leads in prayers in the dining room when called upon and takes her turn in leading vespers. Some are Sunday school teachers, others are officials in young people's organizations. One, after being a resident of the Inn for two years, sailed in October for China, where she will serve under her own Board.

Many types of employment are represented: School and kindergarten teachers, Church secretary, bookkeepers, stenographers, salesladies, students, telephone operators, and factory operators. It is very gratifying to be able to report that despite the low price of cotton, we have had no unemployed girls in the home this winter.

The Woman's Missionary Societies of Waco, Central Texas, and Northwest Texas Conferences have kept our pantry and linen closets well stocked with canned fruits and household linens. This enables us to render better service to the girls.

The health record is so good, that it has been necessary to call in a physician only once since I have been here.

The social life of the girls has not been forgotten. We have had speakers, made candy, etc.; on home nights, and parties have been given to which the girls have invited their friends.

The Christmas season was a joyous time for us. After the Christmas story from St. Luke had been given by our little converted Jewess, Santa Claus officiated at a well-filled Christmas tree. Nor did we forget the less fortunate. In the Community Chest Drive, which was made the week before Christmas, our institution was one of the first in the city to report a one-hundred-per-cent donation. And as in past years, we provided toys, food and clothing for a family of six.

We are a very happy household and can say we thank God for his presence and look forward with courage and hope to the future.

I work in the Missionary Society and teach a Sunday school class of sixty-five women.

I am grateful for the privilege of living, loving, and serving Him in this part of the vineyard.

### Lexington, Ky.—Wesley Hall.

MARIA M. ELLIOTT, HEAD RESIDENT.

The old year, freighted with its opportunities, tasks, blessings, has passed. Some failures it brought, some unused opportunities passed. With sor-



row for the latter, but with thanksgiving for the former and for the things accomplished we are facing the new year with hope and joy.

It is a high privilege to make a home for so many fine young women, out in the world of business. Coming as so many of them do, from sheltered country or small-town homes, thrilled with the new freedom they sense in the modern world of girls, they see only the glamor, the bright lights, the whirl of things. They seldom see the dangers. Happy the hand that is permitted to hold theirs in this crucial time of adjustment so their feet may be kept from slipping!

Monthly play parties have been inaugurated just among the girls, who themselves furnish the entertainment, and they have decided to have a literary program each time, suitable to the month. Our annual Halloween parties are always enjoyable, and the Christmas tree celebration is always a happy wind-up of the year's activities before they go home for the holidays. Golden Rule Sunday was observed, and the amount saved at the dinner was augmented by personal offerings from the girls into quite a nice sum for the Near East Relief.

The average number of weddings has taken place, the household's health has been exceptionally good, the year has been crowned with his goodness, and so

"We dare to go forth with a purpose true  
To the unknown task of the year that's new.  
To add on gifts to the world's good cheer  
So to have and to give a glad new year!"

#### Kansas City, Mo.—Spofford Home.

MISS DAISY RITTER, MISS MYRTA DAVIS.

After an absence of sixteen months, I returned to Spofford Home, on June 2, of last year. Mr. C. W. Scarritt had offered us the use of his summer home in Green Mountain Falls, Colo., for the season, and in order to make the most of our opportunity, we planned to leave soon after school was out. Some of our helpful Kansas City friends secured railroad accommodations free of charge, and arranged for our trip in every way. On June 14, three days after the closing of school, at nine o'clock in the morning, our forty-five children, with several workers, boarded the westbound train. It was the first time that some of them had been on the train, and many of them had never seen a mountain. There were many new sights and experiences along the way, but none of them were enjoyed as much as the actual arriving in the Rockies. The feelings of all were expressed by one of the smallest boys when he remarked, a few days later, after he had climbed to the top of a high mountain: "We must be near heaven, now."

It would take too long to tell of the days spent living in the open, hiking over the mountains, wading in the clear streams, picnicking by springs of crystal water, building Indian houses, riding stick horses, and enjoying many other privileges of which our city children knew almost nothing. No coaxing of appetites was needed there, and when night came, everyone was ready to go to bed to sleep as they had never slept in the heat of the city. There were some long trips, too, and other entertainments given by our friends in Colorado, and as is usual with summer outings, the time was all too short, even though we did not return until the latter part of August. The children would hardly have been recognized as the ones who left for Colorado earlier in the summer. Upon their arrival in Kansas City, they were hailed as "Indians," "cowboys," and "huskies." While the majority of them had not added much flesh on account of the climbing, walking, and running which they did, since they returned they have all developed to a remarkable degree. There

has been much sickness in Kansas City this fall and winter, but we have had practically none, and we attribute it to the building up of the children's resistance which was one of the many results of our happy vacation. As for the spiritual and mental development, we believe there is no better food for this than Mother Nature, and we have had this proved to us again and again this winter.

The more homelike and natural life which our outing enabled us to have, brought home to us with even greater force than we had felt before the realization of our inadequate equipment at Spofford Home. Each year the knowledge is forced upon us that our location here is a poor one, that the building is becoming old and expensive, that our equipment is not modern, and that we need more room. The time has come when it is only fair to the children for us to move to a location where we can give them more freedom, better equipment, and many other additional privileges which will help us to care for them in a more modern and natural way. The Board of Directors has decided to sell the present building, buy a larger plot of ground, out from the heart of the city, and build several cottages according to the latest plans of authorities on the subject of child welfare. We are looking forward with great anticipation to the time when it will be possible for us to move into these new quarters and when we can feel that we have all the necessary equipment for doing work with our children which will be really constructive.

### Greenville, Tenn.—Holston Orphanage.

MISS BELLE R. HENNEN.

After a leave of absence for eight months, spent with my mother on the Canal Zone, it was a great joy to start to work in my home State. I very much regretted to leave the work at War, W. Va. The need was very great, but I was not physically able to meet it.

I returned to the orphanage November 25, 1925, and was so cordially received and welcomed by the superintendent and his wife and all the other workers that I felt as if I had come home.

To try to "mother" from twenty-five to twenty-eight little boys from eighteen months to seven years of age is a very great responsibility, but O the joy of such service when we realize we are helping to build character and to mold the lives of future men.

Under the leadership of our present superintendent, whom we believe is "a man sent of God" to this work, our home has made progress along many lines and our enrollment now is one hundred and eighty-eight, with a splendid corps of Christian workers all greatly interested in the task committed to them. We have a splendid chaplain and he and his good wife have the care of the older boys and their hall. They have only been with us a few months, but our boys have greatly improved in neatness, manners, and general behavior. We all feel that they were sent to this work in answer to prayer.

Our Junior Missionary Society, known in the Holston Conference as the "Tithing Society," has a membership of eighty-five. Last year they received a "Certificate of Efficiency" in Bible and Mission Study, and the president of the Society was made a life member.

Our children have very little money, and it seems remarkable that they paid forty-five dollars "Week of Prayer" offering and paid fifteen dollars dues. The balance of the dues were paid by friends in a city near here. I wish I might tell you much more about their work.

Miss Daisy Davies visited Greenville on May 29, 1926, and was our guest for dinner and we all enjoyed having her. The Juniors went to hear her address at the church that afternoon, and through her effort enough money was subscribed to place "Holston Orphanage Juniors" in the Bennett Book of Remembrance.

Our children are generally a very healthy crowd, as often we do not need to call the doctor for a month or longer. We have had a number of cases of whooping cough, measles, and chicken pox, but no serious cases and no complications.

I had a very delightful vacation, spending ten days at Lake Junaluska, during the School of Missions, then made a little visit to "Scarritt" friends at Brevard Institute, and spent the remainder of the time with home folks and friends in West Virginia.

As I look back over the year I realize that there are many things that I might have done, and I trust I may be able to do much more during the year we are now entering, and hope that I may be permitted to stay here to help take care of these who are surely some of "His little ones."

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## REPORT OF THE CHURCH DEACONESES AND PASTORS' ASSISTANTS.

### St. Louis, Mo.—Centenary Church.

DEACONESESS MABEL KENNEDY, GAYE HOKE, WILLIA DUNCAN.

Miss Kennedy reports:

Centenary Church is going forward in every department of our work. Under the efficient leadership of Dr. C. W. Tadlock and the competent working staff we have reached our goal of 500 new members through our program of evangelism. The chorus is a great inspiration and aids greatly. We have 75 voices in the chorus.

The Wednesday night service which begins with a dinner at six o'clock, varies in its program and now has included the school of Missions and Bible Study for the whole Church.

The Missionary Auxiliaries are working enthusiastically toward the world-wide program. The Sunday school is promoting all the objectives of the Church. The Epworth League now has five groups—the Junior, Intermediate, Senior, Young People, and Adults—all meeting separately. We feel that this will be a big forward step and have the same broadening effect the missionary circles have had throughout the Church.

I have made 1,890 visits to members and nonmembers. Have acted as counsellor to many groups, directed much social service work, and have been very happy and busy working toward the great objective of the Church of Christ. The Master is still encouraging us and still is saying: "Fear not little flock, it is the Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom." To this end I want to invest my all.

Miss Hoke reports:

Again the time has come to cast reminiscent glances back over the past year of service. The year 1926 has held many things in store for me, some surprises, some disappointments, some failures, and some successes. My program has been unusually varied and very full. For part of the year my specific work was with Juniors. In addition I taught my Adult Bible class, visited for the Church at large, and worked in an indirect way with all adult and Young People's groups. After my vacation the Intermediate work was added to my field. We did much work in grading and standardizing this department. At the end of the year we completely reorganized our programs and I was made the Young People's worker of our Church. This means all activities, for young people,—social, recreational, religious, and educational. In addition I continue to teach, direct, and visit my adult Bible class of over 250 members and sponsor an adult Missionary Circle under the direction of the Adult Worker; also teach a group of Junior children under the direction of our children's worker, and continue my regular Church visiting.



During the year I have made 709 visits to Church members and prospects, 118 to sick, 38 to institutions, and 17 to places of business. During the year 49 persons have been won to Christ and his Church by me. I have located 100 prospective members, and secured about forty new scholars. I have attended 21 funerals and conducted 10. I have placed 5 children in homes and removed 1; have secured hospital care for 5 persons. Much has been done for the poor and needy. Through my Bible class alone food and clothing to the value of \$821.72 was given out. One hundred and fifty dollars was given on a piano in order that children might have an opportunity to learn to play; a Home Department of 30 members has been maintained, and a number of cottage meetings held with shut-ins.

I find this my ninth year of service in Centenary Church full of interesting and challenging things, with an inexhaustable field of far more possibilities and opportunities than I am able to reach. I trust God will give me grace, wisdom, and strength for yet another year.

Miss Duncan reports:

The past year has been very fruitful. God has blessed our efforts. Our field and its needs have been revealed to me more clearly in the past year. I rejoice in every victory and welcome every circumstance which enables me to see my task more clearly.

As a worker in Centenary Church great opportunities are mine. Through the splendid machinery of our organization and with the blessings of God upon our labors, we are expecting to realize greater results in the year 1927.

### Chattanooga, Tenn.—Centenary Church.

DEACONESS HELEN O. GIBSON.

I will tell of my work as it relates to the Church proper—the pastor—the Sunday school, and the Woman's Missionary Society. The deaconess has charge of the relief fund of the Church. She visits the sick, shut-ins, and those in distress. She visits old members by districts, recently she covered the membership on Lookout Mountain and St. Elmo, and is now working in West Chattanooga. She visits new members and endeavors to assimilate them into the work of the Church.

She spends one morning each week gathering news and writing articles for the *Centenary News*, a weekly paper published by the Church. Another morning is spent in mailing copies of the *News* to shut-ins, the sick, and those temporarily out of the city.

The deaconess assists the pastor with the altar work each Sunday, securing names and addresses of new members. She assists with baptisms and sees that all names and addresses are accurately recorded in the office. She assists in preparing the elements for the communion and in serving the sacrament on Sunday morning. Helps with special supplementary features in the Sunday night service.

The deaconess supervises the worship program of the Sunday school, attends all executive meetings and workers' councils. She constantly has the interests of the school in mind in her visiting.

In the Woman's Missionary Society, she superintends the department of local work. This includes the social life of the women. A reception to new members is given each quarter. The deaconess supervised a Harvest Day Pageant, in which 107 persons had a part.

The Christmas giving of the entire Church was under her supervision. One thousand persons from the various organizations of the Church had a part and gave to one thousand of the city's needy. Although a strenuous job, it has been a great joy to serve the people of Centenary Church, to cooperate with the pastor and the other workers. The staff of workers meet each morning at the church altar for a prayer and for guidance.

**Houston, Tex.—First Methodist Church.**

MISS HELEN GARDNER, CHURCH DEACONESS.

The past year was divided between two appointments. After five years of service, I left Charlottesville, Va., July 15. The last six months of my stay there were indeed a joy, in that I saw some of the fruits of my labor of five years. I feel that the Lord blessed me and made it possible for me to make a worth-while contribution to the furtherance of his kingdom at that place.

I came to my new field September 1. In the four months that I have been here I have spent most of my time getting acquainted with the city and the people and in learning just what my work is in the program of a large city Church. I have a great deal of Church visiting to do, the type of the visiting being that of seeing new members, the sick, and strangers. We have quite a number of new people join the Church each Sunday, and my plan is to see them in their homes before the week is out and also to endeavor to line them up with the various activities of the Church. I have been given, as my work in the Sunday school, a large class of young business women. We are studying Rall's "Life of Jesus." The opportunities for service with these young women, and the association with them, is a privilege and a joy. I have been made director of a recreational program for the young people of the Church, which features an open-house party twice each month. I have lined up with the various organizations, such as the Missionary Societies and the Epworth League, and have found my place with them. Altogether I have found a field brimming over with opportunities for service. I am praying that the Master will bless and use me for the advancement of his kingdom as it pertains to First Church, Houston, Tex.

**Baltimore, Md.—Wilkins Avenue Methodist Church, South.**

DEACONESS EMMA WALL, PASTOR'S ASSISTANT.

My first year in definite service for Christ is rapidly drawing to a close. The beginning! Of what? I wonder. Perhaps because I have tried to work with the Christ, it may have been the beginning of a new day for some one, new in the sense of a soul reconsecrated to him.

God has blessed me and helped me so much in the trying times when I have had to sing:

"Keep sweet, keep sweet,  
That is the only way;  
That is the way to win the day  
You must just keep sweet."

And I know that this year has given me a greater sympathy and understanding of people than I've ever known before, and so I love them, whether I meet them in our clubs for boys and girls, in the missionary societies, in Sunday school work, in the Leagues, or in the homes where I visit.

I realize more and more that it is only through the giving of myself, consecrated completely to the Master's service, that he can give back to me the joy of teaching others the Jesus-way of life. And so I pray

Take myself, I want to be  
Ever, only, all for Thee!

Only for Jesus! Lord, keep it forever  
Sealed on my hert and engraved on my life;  
Pulse of all gladness, and nerve of endeavor.  
Secret of rest, and the strength of my strife."

**Baltimore, Md.—Frederick Avenue Church.**

DEACONESS JENNIE C. CONGLETON.

I am grateful for another year's service for the Master.

I feel that Frederick Avenue Church has taken a great step forward this year. There have come to the front those who have not heretofore taken any active part in the work of the Church; those who feel their inability to do anything within their own strength, but are trusting God to give them wisdom, and use them in his own way.

At the White Gift Service this year, opportunity was given for signing for some specific service in the Church. From this came assistants for children's work, members of choir, Sunday school teachers, and others.

The missionary spirit has grown, and I feel will continue to grow. I had the privilege of teaching the Mission Study class for the Missionary Society.

The children's work has gone forward nicely, and my heart is made glad by the lovely, consistent, Christian lives of many of these precious children. How anxious they are to serve Jesus! How changed the lives of many of us older ones might be if we would "become even as these little ones" in our love for Jesus.

It is a joy to occasionally come into contact with missionary women and young people of our other Churches in the city. Also it has been a pleasure to represent our denomination on the Executive Committee of the Young Woman's Auxiliary to the Woman's Interdenominational Union of Baltimore. The association with this splendid group of young women has indeed been worth while.

**Phoenix, Ariz.—Central Methodist Church.**

DEACONESS MINNIE WEBB, PASTOR'S ASSISTANT.

"Get Western" is a slogan that is being adopted in our city just now. It not only has its place in business firms and corporations and on cattle ranches, but it has its place in the field of Christian work as well. One has to live in our Western work to realize how all important it is to be "Western." This past year I have learned much, and there is much more to be learned. We are virgin soil and in the very beginnings of things, yes, great things.

Central has paid off the major portion of her indebtedness and in so doing has been able to paint and tint her auditorium, which is one of the most beautiful in the city.

Our missionary society organized the fourth circle this past year and has planned to organize the fifth soon. Our society met in full all of her connectional pledges and raised her cash budget of \$1,000. Every department is featuring connectional work. The society gave a beautiful and substantial gift to their deaconess at Christmas time in the form of a \$20 gold piece. Our Bible study in the circles has been quite satisfactory and beneficial. We are just completing "What We Believe," by Dr. Parker.

Brother Gray, our much-loved pastor, has reorganized our Epworth League Chapters and made room for the organization of an Intermediate League. We are looking forward to a greater spiritual awakening in these groups.

Our School of Missions has just closed, and our next piece of work is to put on the Missionary Institute and launch ourselves in a great Church revival. Our Daily Vacation Bible School was a great success. We drew children from five denominations. Some were Mormons.

My assigned duties are superintendent of the Intermediate League, teacher of the Bible study in the missionary circles, superintendent of the high school department in Sunday school, and teacher of one of the



high school classes. Then I meet and council with any department of the Church that needs me. A small portion of my time is spent in the office and in visitation.

It has been my good pleasure to be a member of the faculty at the Summer Assembly, and to assist in organizing the zone work. We have had two most excellent meetings. In our District Missionary Institute work our presiding elder placed me on one of the teams for the set-up meetings. Our people are responding in a most gratifying manner.

God is working in a marvelous way with his faithful few in this great and growing country. Daniel Boone did not have anything on the Southern Methodists of Arizona. It is great to be a pioneer, especially when one is blazing the trail for Christian work and movements.

#### Fort Worth, Tex.—First Methodist Church.

DEACONESS IDA M. STEVENS.

Looking over my last year's report, from this same Church, I feel like adding: "I've been keeping on." A downtown Church in a big city is one of the most interesting, fascinating, and delightful places in which to work.

Every day is crowded with opportunities, and plans worked out which seem like dreams come true.

My main work is visiting, the sick and shut-ins, strangers and new members, new Sunday school folk, and doing relief work; to find new people and get them interested and fitted into Sunday school, Epworth League, and Woman's Missionary Societies; promote a friendly feeling, and help put First Church on record as the most homelike Church in town; to be a big sister to homesick young folk, to cheer and encourage the despondent, and point at all times to Him who "is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we ask or think.

Our pastor is one of the very finest leaders I have ever known. It is a joy to work with him and the splendid men and women of this great Church.

#### Memphis, Tenn.—First M. E. Church, South.

MRS. GRACE M. DRIVER, PASTOR'S ASSISTANT.

Because the Master said to me, "Come ye apart and rest a while," several months of the past year were spent in retirement for my health's sake.

Coming back into active service after that period I found fields white waiting for me. Engaging in the round of activities of a busy down-town city Church leaves no time for idleness.

Much attention has been given to the needs of the poor. They have been clothed, fed, warmed, and visited in distress and sickness, and many have been reached for the Sunday school and Church.

Serving as superintendent of social service in the Woman's Missionary Society as well as in the Church has kept me in close touch with women of the Church, and I have been gratified at the abundance of service given by them.

A Sunday school class of fifty young high school and college girls has been a great joy to me again during the past year.

#### Jackson, Miss.—Galloway Memorial Church.

DEACONESS MAMIE J. CHANDLER.

There is a peculiar joy in serving a Church with such wonderful opportunities as Galloway Memorial. The membership numbers nearly two thousand, and the Church is well organized and equipped in all departments. There are over fourteen hundred in the Sunday school, and the attendance at the weekly devotional meetings of the Epworth League

is from seventy-five to one hundred. A plan of coöperation has been worked out between the Young People's Department of the Sunday school and the Epworth League to prevent overlapping. The young people from these two departments are teaching in the Sunday school, singing in the young people's chorus, and serving in other places in the Church, and are showing in their lives the results of the training received. The Church is ministering in a large way to the students of Millsaps and Belhaven Colleges. Much of my attention is given to the young people, and it is indeed a joy to work and play with them. The Junior Church also comes under my supervision, and this department is growing in interest and enthusiasm. Our Woman's Missionary work is well organized with thirteen circles in the adult society, includes a circle for business girls to which I am now giving special attention, a young people's, and a junior auxiliary.

Besides all these departments of work, there is the visiting among the members, the sick in homes and hospitals, the business women, and strangers. I find a sincere appreciation of the service of the Church as expressed in the visits of the deaconess, and this contact is a great blessing to me personally. Then there are the calls which come for service in zone missionary meetings, Epworth League, Conference various district meetings, all of which furnish large opportunities.

In January, we held a two weeks' evangelistic meeting in our Church. Preparation was made beforehand in the organization of committees and enlisting our workers for personal service. Dr. Arthur P. Moore, of First Church, Birmingham, did the preaching, and Mr. James V. Reid, of Fort Worth, led the singing. This was a gracious time when many were converted and scores of our members entered into a richer, fuller Christian experience. A survey was made before and during the meeting to ascertain our own membership and those to whom Galloway Memorial should minister. The follow-up work of this survey is bringing many into the Church.

As I look back upon the work of the year, it is with deep thankfulness that the Lord has given me a place of service with him, and though the largeness of the task almost overwhelms me at times, I have a very real consciousness of his leadership and find comfort in the word: "Be strong and work; for I am with you, saith the Lord of hosts." My constant prayer is that I may be an instrument through whom he may work his will.

#### Johnson City, Tenn.—Munsey Memorial Church.

DEACONESS PATTIE L. ALLEN.

The program of work falling to my hands at Munsey Memorial Church during the past year has been full of variety. My statistical report shows a number of things which have engaged my time, but it is impossible to count by numbers the experiences of the year nor the joys which have come to me through my relation to the various activities. An earnest effort is made to keep in touch with every organization of the Church, and in the children's, young people's, and women's work act as helper and adviser.

Our Church entertained Holston Annual Conference in October. The two adult and one young people's missionary societies have done especially good work this year and are all on the Honor Roll for the first time.

Church publicity, reportorial work, revising records, supply teaching of Sunday school classes, giving Bible and Mission Study books, preparing special programs with children and young people, together with making more than two thousand visits to the shut-ins, the sick, the bereaved, the new and prospective members have made up my daily rounds of ministry in His name. May it all be to his glory, is my prayer.

## EDUCATIONAL WORK.

## Sue Bennett Memorial School, London, Ky.

KENNETH C. EAST, PRESIDENT.

The school year of 1925-26 has been another year of progress for Sue Bennett Memorial School. Of the seven departments, including the summer session, there were substantial increases in enrollment in all but two. In the college department our enrollment over doubled, and a like increase took place in the normal school department.

A number of improvements have been made since our last report. We now have our gymnasium for which we had waited so long. This is a very attractive brick building, centrally located on the campus. We are truly thankful to the Council for making it possible for us to have this building. Necessary grading has been done on the campus, and about three thousand square feet of concrete walk have been laid. Books have been added to our library and new equipment to our laboratories. New furniture has been placed in the parlor of the Girls' Hall.

For the present school year we have with us the following Council workers: Deaconess Emma Burton, Miss Emily Dorsey, Miss Pearl McCain, Miss Edith Ader. These helpers have meant much to us in our work this year. They will give an account of their work in special reports.

As usual, special emphasis has been laid on the social and religious phases of school life. We have a large student volunteer band, some members of which will complete our junior college work this school year and will enter Scarritt another year.

Miss Emma Burton reports:

When we come to sum up the year's work in a brief statement, it seems an impossible task.

My work here is so different from that done by most of our Council workers that I am at a loss to know what and how to report.

No material change has been made in the regular routine of office work. There is little to say except that I keep the books, help with the correspondence, and sell the school supplies. This does not sound like very much when put into a report, but the days were often not long enough for all to be done that should have been.

I live in the girls' hall and try to be a real friend to the students. I teach a Sunday school class and try to help with the local Church work as much as time will permit. I go with another worker to the county jail every Sunday afternoon for a service with the prisoners. They are unusually attentive and many of them have asked for prayer, while others have openly declared their desire to live a different life.

Many times during the past year I have been driven to the great Source of all power for strength and guidance. I am glad the Master did not say, "Be thou successful," but, "Be thou faithful." That, with all my power, I have endeavored to be. I have tried to live up to my motto: "Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as unto the Lord."

Miss Edith Ader reports:

This has been my first year of work under the Missionary Council. It has meant much to me. I have desired to give much, but I have gained more than I have given. My earnest desire at the beginning of the year was to make my days at Sue Bennett count for Jesus Christ in a very real kind of way. This desire has been uppermost in my heart throughout the whole year. I realize that many days have been failures in this respect, but the desire to make my daily association with the boys and girls here bring to them some new aspiration, some new goal, grows stronger as day by day I learn to love them more. Classroom work, which consists of four



English classes and one Bible Class; work with our fine group of Life Service Volunteers, Epworth League work, and the support and interest I strive to give to all the activities of the local Church—these things make my days very busy and very happy ones.

From our Life Service Band we will send three girls to Scarritt College this coming year. We hope that this number will be increased from year to year. We have at Sue Bennett, I sincerely believe, fine material for Christian leadership. It is my prayer that I may more fully meet the opportunities and responsibilities that I find here.

Miss Pearle McCain reports:

The months that I have spent in Sue Bennett Memorial School have been happy ones for me. I am grateful for the privilege of working in a place where "the field is white unto the harvest." Through the work of the classroom and the association with the students in their various activities, I am seeking to help them get a vision of life and a personal knowledge of our Father which will enable them to live victorious and useful lives.

The Life Service Band, with which it is my privilege to work, is composed of some of our most capable boys and girls. Three of our number plan to enter Scarritt College next fall.

The work on the campus, together with the Missionary Societies, Epworth League, my Sunday school class of college girls and other phases of Church work keep me busy and happy.

#### Brevard, N. C.—Brevard Institute.

O. H. ORR, SUPERINTENDENT.

We are in the midst of another happy and successful school year. We have a good enrollment. When school opened in September, we had to turn away several students that we could not accommodate for lack of room; therefore, we are more thankful than ever that Brevard Institute is this year the recipient of the Week of Prayer offerings, which we expect to use in preparing more room.

Again I respectfully and urgently call your attention to our need of a gymnasium.

The Missionary Auxiliaries have been unusually good to us this year. They have sent us a large number of packages and small checks. The smallest gift was three handkerchiefs and the largest was a fifty-dollar check and several woolen blankets. The three handkerchiefs were given to an orphan girl who is working her way through school. If the donor could have seen the beam of joy and gratitude it brought to the face of the girl when she received the gift, I feel that she would be greatly encouraged and enthused in giving, especially to those who, though deprived of many opportunities, are hungering and striving for a bigger and a better life.

We have with us this year five Council workers, each of whom is doing splendid work in her respective department. The list is as follows: Miss Esther Boggs, bookkeeper; Miss Frances Denton, teacher of Latin; Miss Lillie Hendricks, teacher of mathematics; Miss Emma Miller, supervisor of girls; Miss Iva Mae Pierce, teacher of English. In addition to the specially assigned duties, each of these teachers is doing some voluntary work which is a great contribution to the student body.

The Life Service Band, the Epworth League, and the Sunday school is each thoroughly organized and is doing well. The Life Service Band is supervised by one of the teachers and meets each Sunday afternoon. It is carrying out a system of well-developed programs that not only aid the spiritual life of the band itself, but is being felt by the student body in general. The Epworth League fosters the social life of the school, holds

two mid-week prayer meetings, a general session each Sunday evening, conducts Morning Watch six mornings of the week, and is raising enough money to send two of its members to the Summer Conference at Junaluska. Our Sunday school, in addition to buying all its literature, has contributed to several miscellaneous calls, made its regular fifth Sunday contribution to the Children's Home, completed its pledge of \$400 to the Christian Education Movement, and has made a liberal contribution and pledge to some urgent needs of the local Church. These religious organizations, both in a financial and spiritual way, are trying to carry out the idea: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Miss Denton reports:

Teaching a precise system of grammar, leading in the hunt for ideas and emotions not unlike those we have entertained or shall entertain some day, visiting at the camp of Cæsar while stirring engagements are taking place, or at the villa of Cicero with the privilege of peering over his shoulder at his letters to his friend about his beloved daughter or his political difficulties, that is how teaching Latin to about fifty responsive girls and boys has seemed to me.

But eighth English with its chance to know Shakespeare's Brutus, who gradually subjugated the "practical" Cassius and triumphantly offered, as ample reward for a life, "My heart hath joy that yet in all my life, I found no man but he was true to me," is full of delight too. We are not always reading classics, we are sometimes arguing which is the most satisfactory fuel, kerosene, natural gas, coal, or electricity, or telling the relative advantages of different vocations.

My class in the prophets is learning, I hope, that it is not fair to compare a reformer living in especially troublous conditions, like Jeremiah, with one who is outwardly more fortunate, like Isaiah. Yet we cannot help admiring the latter's freedom from race prejudice.

### Laredo, Tex.—Holding Institute.

JAMES M. SKINNER, SUPERINTENDENT.

#### INTRODUCTION.

While the year in the main has been the same as preceding ones, still it has had a few experiences that were different. Looking back over the years, distinct advances may be seen in the plant and its equipment—the teaching body, the students, and the output. The backward view is encouraging, since it suggests a brighter, better future.

#### TEACHERS.

The teaching force has been quite as capable, as that of other years, and, in the main, has been faithful to the duties in hand. A fairly good spirit has been manifest. After several years with us, Miss Denton was sent to another field, where I know she will do good work. Misses Glendinning and Lehnhoff were sent to us, and so the work goes on. In September and October, the teachers worked under very discouraging conditions while waiting for the completion of the Administration Building.

#### ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.

For many years, my report has carried a statement concerning the crying need for room. Such a statement will never again be mentioned by this scribe. The larger Faith Hall, erected this year, furnishes all the room necessary for comfortable and convenient work. It is a splendid building.

#### THE LIBRARY.

The classification and indexing of the library put its several hundreds of books within the easy reach of all the students, who take advantage of the opportunity for reading.

## AFFILIATION.

The Institute now has a credit of twenty and a half units. For admission to the university, fifteen units are required. We now have a sufficient margin, and not many more will be applied for, on account of the size of the high school department.

## MATTERS RELIGIOUS.

The incense of prayer ascends daily, and the coals upon the altar glow with a zeal born of God. Due care is taken in chapel talks, preaching service, Sunday school, Epworth League, and Bible study, that the trumpet give no uncertain sound. Our revival services are always of a high order, and many souls come to the Light. The first service in the new auditorium was one of dedication, setting it apart for religious work.

## ORPHANAGE.

I cannot refrain from mentioning this matter again, and pressing upon you the great need for such an institution. So far as I know, there is not a Protestant orphanage in Texas into which Mexican children are admitted. A few of very fair complexion are admitted, because of their resemblance to Anglo-Saxons, but the dark Indian type of child is unceremoniously turned away. Catholics have been wise to the situation, and the opportunity in young life. I trust you can see your way clear to enter this very promising field.

## COUNCIL WORKERS.

Within the year, we have had Misses Denton, Leveridge, Sells, Glendinning, and Lehnhoff. They have given full proof of their ministry. The Lord richly bless them and make them fruitful in all good works!

## NEEDS.

The schoolrooms and halls in the Administration Building ought to be tinted. Pictures, charts, etc., ought to be supplied. A gymnasium is badly needed, that systematic physical training may be given. The old buildings ought to be painted, and the roofs repaired, or made new. Some new furniture ought to be had. I trust an appropriation can be made for these several items. However, the entire plant is in good repairs.

## Miss Leveridge reports:

It is with pleasure that I send you a report of the work, which has been mine during the past year. I do not know how to account for it, but each year seems the happiest. This year my school work has been almost entirely confined to Bible teaching. I meet the classes in all grades from the third up through high school. Along with the reading of the Bible text, the children have committed verses, Psalms, Beatitudes, Lord's Prayer, and some of the commandments to memory.

It is interesting to watch the interest of the children in the Bible stories grow. One fourteen-year-old boy said: "Bible sure is interesting, I could have gone to Sunday school ten years and not have learned as much Bible as I have learned here these two years." The daily training that our children receive along other lines helps to impress the Bible lessons upon their minds, so all of us have a part in it. I, however, am very thankful to you for the opportunity of teaching God's word to children here, for many of them are acquainted with the dead Christ, but not the Living One.

## Miss Sells reports:

My work as President of the Senior Epworth League, as an assistant in the daily chapel exercises, and as teacher of a Sunday school class of most interesting girls has continued the same as in the past year.



The new administration building in Holding Institute has given the library work an unprecedented prosperity. The old library was small, crowded, dark, hard to ventilate, and hard to heat properly. Our beautiful library in the new building is more than the opposite of all these things. With five large windows opening on to the east, abundant light and fresh air make reading and studying in it a pleasure. The room is about twenty by seventy feet, and with the twenty-four five-stack Globe-Wernicke sectional bookcases arranged around the walls, plenty of room is left for tables and chairs in the room, so that we can accommodate many times more students here than in the old library. A pretty and commodious charging-desk which was built in the room adds to its attractiveness as well as to the efficiency of the work, and through the efforts of the students, a good copy of the Angelus and of Sir Galahad have been secured for the walls. Two large asparagus sprengeri ferns in front of the windows, and a few pieces of beautiful Mexican pottery on top of the bookcases complete the furnishing of the room. Best of all, however, is the way the children have responded to the better opportunity for reading. Not only do they flock in after school, but also when I come to open the library in the morning and at noon, it is very rare indeed that I do not find a group of children waiting to get in. And the question of discipline in the library simply has not existed. Day after day I have continued with my work at the desk with from twenty to thirty children reading at the tables, without having to stop more than two or three times a week to remind one of them that talking is not permitted in the library. They come to read, and it is a joy to see them beginning to make an acquaintance with the vast treasures of literature which have hitherto been inaccessible to the majority of our children.

Miss Glendinning reports:

I am happy in the work of my first appointment here at Holding Institute.

My work here is that of teacher of history and civics in the high school and seventh grade.

In our Sunday school I teach a class of twelve Intermediate boys. On Sunday afternoons Miss Reil and I have charge of about fifty boys and girls in the Junior League. Miss Reil has charge of those who do not understand much English and teaches them the Bible stories and verses in Spanish while I teach those who understand English.

We have a great opportunity to help in the development of the character of these boys and girls.

These, along with numerous other duties, fill the days to overflowing with joyous, happy work.

I am indeed glad that I have been permitted to work here.

Miss Lehnhoff reports:

Since last my report was made, my work has greatly varied.

I continued in Student Secretary work until the first of September and then, because of changes made by the Board of Missions, I came to Holding Institute.

The closing months of my work as Student Secretary were indeed happy ones, filled with rich experiences as I talked with our students in colleges and in conferences and as I met with them in the summer in mission study classes. Happy and grateful am I for the privilege that was mine as I represented you in student work.

It is a joy to be back again in Holding Institute, the place in which I had my first work as a home missionary.

I began the school year teaching high school English, and I found that work intensely interesting. Later when we moved into our new buildings some grammar school work was added. Two weeks before the Christmas,

holidays, the music work was assigned to me, and it is indeed a joy to be in this department, for music has always meant so much to me.

Twenty-two were enrolled as private pupils when I took the work, which means forty-four lessons a week. In addition, I have both a girls' and boys' chorus. So much can be expressed through music, and I do want to be able to help these girls and boys get the very most possible out of music, whether it be instrumental or vocal.

I am thoroughly enjoying a Sunday school class of Intermediate age girls, which is a source of constant joy and inspiration.

I have enjoyed and am enjoying all of my work, and I am so thankful to Him and to the Council for a place in which to serve.

### Magdalena, Sonoro, Mex.—Day School for Mexicans.

MISS GENEVIEVE MARTINDALE, SUPERINTENDENT.

Escuela del Pueblo is a day school for Mexican boys and girls. It is called a "particular" school and the course of study for city schools in the state of Sonora must be followed. The first five grades are taught in Spanish, while English is taught as a special subject.

There are four teachers this year as well as other years. Senorita Ana Maria Bojorquez teaches first grade; Senorita Carmen Juarez the second and third grades. Senor Hipolita Ramirez the fourth and fifth grades, and the "Directora" teaches English.

Although the Catholics have worked hard against us we have been greatly encouraged this year, for our total number of pupils has reached ninety-five. This exceeds any former year. Some fanatical people send their children to us, and many of the school children attend Sunday school. It has been sometime since we have known of any stone throwing, or calling of "Protestants."

So we hope that the walls of prejudice and superstition have been partly broken and that some of these who are reached by the school and Church may become Christian men and women.

### Pharr, Tex.—Valley Institute (School for Girls).

MISS GEORGIA SWANSON, SUPERINTENDENT.

The Valley Institute, Pharr, Tex., opened its sixth annual session, September 20, 1926.

The Mexicans of the Lower Rio Grande Valley celebrate most elaborately their national holiday September 16, so it seems expedient to delay the opening of this school until after that date.

This is the first session of our school under the Department of Woman's Work and the various Missionary Societies of the Valley have been most generous and encouraging and helpful in every possible manner.

While we have pupils from a distance and also a number of pupils from Old Mexico, the chief function of the school seems at present to be the training of girls who live in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, Kingsville, Brownsville, Harlingen, and on up the line to Rio Grande City and Roma. Many of these girls come from Catholic families but all join in the daily chapel service and Bible study and in the Sunday school and Epworth League meetings. After being with us only a short time any Catholic unhesitatingly leads in prayer in her Sunday school class and takes her turn to lead the Epworth League meeting. Every Wednesday and Sunday the girls hold sunrise prayer meetings. These services were organized by them after a revival held by Brother Onderdonk.

Our course of study conforms to that of the State schools as far as it is possible for us to give. We have not yet needed equipment to do the work necessary for State affiliation.

Our first "graduating class" goes out this year, five bright, promising

Mexican girls, each one of whom we feel confident, will prove a force for good among her people. One girl of this class has volunteered for Life Service and wants to return to Mexico as a missionary teacher. She is an orphan and has no means of her own. We are striving to find a way to send her first to Sue Bennett and then to Scarritt, that she may be well prepared to return to Mexico and count for Christ and for Methodism there. She has unusual intelligence and virtually worked out her own salvation in her change from Catholicism to Methodism. She seems peculiarly fitted to teach her Church doctrine among those of Catholic rearing. Two other girls out of these five plan to go into definite Christian work. One wants to become a teacher in Texas, the other has home obligations which prevent her offering for life service just now.

During the present session we have enrolled eighty-one pupils and of these forty-two have been boarders. Both our building and our equipment are inadequate to care properly for these girls, especially in the way of living quarters, standards, and manner of living among these people are extremely primitive and we need to teach them how to live decently and to raise their ideals to such a degree that they will improve their own homes and make radical changes in the manner of living for entire families and even communities. They are eager to learn and to practice at home what they have learned here. Often they write me of what they are doing during their vacations and assure me they are trying to put into into practice at home the things they have learned here. They are ready and eager to work in their Churches when they return home and many are leading in Church work. Not long since I had a letter from one of our girls who left us about eighteen months ago. She has been teaching a class of young girls in her home Sunday school and just before writing this letter to me she had been made superintendent of her Sunday school. She seemed very happy over this recognition of her service.

We are praying that larger opportunities may be had for these people and that means may be secured to give them the help which they so sadly need and for which they are so eager and so grateful.

#### El Paso, Tex.—The "Juarez Annex" to Lydia Patterson Institute.

REV. LAWRENCE REYNOLDS, PRESIDENT.

This branch coeducational school of Lydia Patterson Institute has been maintained in the basement of our new brick church in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, across the river from El Paso for four years, under direction of the General Board. The past year no appropriation was made for this branch school by the General Board, but on request Mrs. J. W. Downs very kindly consented to grant an appropriation of \$1,500, offered by the Woman's Board toward the maintenance of the work for the school year of 1926-27.

Owing to existing conditions in Mexico, it was deemed best to move the school to El Paso, and by permission and kindness of Dr. J. W. Perry the school was established in the "Christian Center" building, which is the property of the Home Department.

The furniture and equipment being used is that brought from the Ciudad Juarez school and is a part of the Lydia Patterson Institute equipment. We need more equipment, but have the most essential things for the present.

#### COURSES OF STUDY.

The courses of study offered are the regular six years of Spanish studies as maintained in the public schools of Mexico, and a special class in English is given daily in each department; also special classes in English to those who wish to study English only.

Bible instruction, which could not be given in Mexico, is now a valuable addition.



## THE FACULTY.

Three capable Mexican young ladies are the teachers for the six grades in Spanish.

The Principal, Miss Evangelina Espino, is a Normal Graduate of Colegio Roberts, Saltillo, Mexico, and is an experienced teacher proficient in school management, and is the instructor of the fifth and sixth grades.

Miss Guadalupe Esquivel, in charge of the third and fourth grades, is a graduate of the English High School Department of the Effie Eddington School and of the Biblical Department of Colegio Roberts and is doing a fine service.

The Primary grades are in charge of Miss Esther Vasquez, an experienced teacher, who has also taught successfully in our Mission School at Magdalena, Mexico.

Mrs. M. C. Davis is the very proficient teacher in charge of the English Department.

## ENROLLMENT AND GENERAL PROGRESS.

No doubt the enrollment would have been considerably larger but for the fact that the uncertainty of the school being continued this year delayed announcements until about two weeks before the opening on September 1, which is one month later than Mexico's schools usually begin. However, excellent work is being done and a good interest and spirit are being manifested by pupils and parents and the outlook is encouraging for the growth and development of the school. While Mexican parents in Juarez and El Paso are anxious for their children to learn English, they are also anxious that they should have proper instruction in their own language.

There is considerable demand for a Kindergarten Department, but after a careful study of the field we consider it best to defer the opening of this department until the beginning of the new school year.

Twelve new pupils have been added during the second quarter, making the total enrollment for the two quarters 106.

## Augusta, Ga.—Paine College, Paine Annex.

REV. RAY S. TOMLIN, PRESIDENT.

The present year has brought the largest enrollment in the history of the Institution. Three hundred and seventy-five students have been enrolled in all departments, with eighty-five enrolled in the college department. The two new buildings on the campus have given ample provision for boys' dormitory space and for the classrooms in girls' industrial, normal, home economics, and music.

With the opening of the year, we were able to occupy the building erected last spring by our Women's Department of the Board of Missions. This splendid, well-furnished, and equipped building filled a long-standing need in the school for ample equipment, for girls' industrial work, and for the new home economics department. The appreciation of colored girls for normal work in home economics is shown by the increase of enrollment in that department. There are at the present time two girls in the sophomore class of the department and four in the freshman class. Many of the high school have expressed a desire to take the work as soon as they have graduated from high school, as well as have others not at present enrolled in the school.

The increase in Paine College has come not only from the number of boarding students, but from the number of day students, showing a special attitude of appreciation on the part of people in the city for the work we are doing.

There are more than one hundred girls in the boarding department with some eighty boys rooming in the boys' dormitory. About one-half the number of students is of boarders.

We have spent a considerable amount of time and money during the fall and winter months preparing for a larger and better campus, thus taking care of the ground occupied by our new buildings.

The new cottage for the white workers, erected by the Woman's Department, is meeting another need. It is conveniently located for the dean of women and for the music teacher. This gives opportunity for supervision that has not been possible before. In every way it is a comfortable and convenient cottage.

The outlook for Paine College is bright and the colored people, particularly those of the C. M. E. Church, are rallying to the support of the school with renewed vigor and splendid response.

The interracial efforts at Paine College are having a telling effect among the people throughout the country—people of both races are looking on to find that the two groups can and do work together harmoniously, and that such efforts are proving beneficial in every way.

It is to be hoped that our Church will see the need of even a greater effort and a fuller sympathy, together with a response that will add materially to the resources and equipment of the school.

Paine College is also interested in seeing our people everywhere give to the colored people an attitude of fair dealing. This attitude should be extended into the courts into the provisions for transportation, and in the provisions for education beginning with the smallest child and going through the colleges and universities. Particularly we call on our people to stand foursquare against mob violence and the system of lynching from which our colored people have suffered so much during the past years. We would call on our people to apply the principles and teachings of Jesus Christ in all our dealings.

Miss Carmen Blessing reports:

My routine work for the year has consisted of teaching three English classes, one philosophy class, and one physical education class. Other duties have occupied almost as much of my time as my teaching, but they are too numerous and too diversified to catalogue easily.

Mary Helm Hall has been in use all year; it is almost impossible to tell how proud we are of it, or how much it means to our work. We workers are also enjoying our new home immensely and are deeply grateful to the Council for it.

Miss Cantrell reports:

It was with particular joy that I received my appointment one year ago to Paine College, because it presented to me the first opportunity under the Council to make special use of my music. The school term opened September 14, and I found many eager and gifted pupils awaiting me who had made creditable progress under my predecessor. Since that time the days have been full with an average of forty-eight music lessons per week in addition to chorus rehearsals, Sunday school work, and other campus activities. The music department is in the beautiful new building, which provides studies, practice rooms, and an attractive little auditorium for student recitals. I love my work and have never felt the slightest condescension in dealing with the colored students. I find them just as wide awake, human, and sincere as any group could possibly be.

Nashville, Tenn.—Scarritt College for Christian Workers.

DEACONESS MARY ORA DURHAM, STUDENT COUNSELOR.

As I give an account of my stewardship for this year of service, I find my heart filled with joy because of the many blessings which have come into my life as I have lived in the closest fellowship with the students. As the student body has grown, so have the opportunities for the student counselor. Daily interviews, plans for the social life of the campus, con-

tacts with the people of the Churches and other organizations, hostess to the many friends who honor us with visits, these are a few of the privileges afforded me. During the year several summer conferences were attended, where Scarritt was presented. Visits were made to several centers where the students are serving. Each year by living, loving, working, and praying, the students and I are striving to make Christ more real in our lives.

### RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION.

Denton, Tex.—Department of Bible, College of Industrial Arts.

MISS M'QUEEN WEIR, PROFESSOR.

The past year at College of Industrial Arts has been a year of large opportunity for service for the Bible Department which has seen the greatest increase in numbers in its history. Totalling the three quarters there have been almost 700 registrants in Bible study. In the fall there were 135 students, in the winter 209 and in last spring quarter 350. Total 695 students.

Among the present registrants are several adults from faculty circles, a few relatives of students, and town women eager to be more efficient in Sunday school or missionary service. One woman has a large Bible class for the deaf and dumb to whom she is able to give the teaching she is receiving in the gospels.

It has been interesting to note the widening influence of the Bible teaching. Girls have scattered as far as New York and Canada. A last year's graduate is looking forward to being placed in service by the Methodist Women's Council. Two other students are in missionary training schools. Another leaves soon for Chicago to complete training as a dietitian in Christian service. Several freshmen are relatives of students who enjoyed the Bible courses as long ago as four years, indicating that the interest has been permanent. Two years ago a student and her mother took several Bible courses when here; now the mother has a Bible class of one hundred young men studying the Bible book by book, the largest class of young men in their Conference.

Upon invitation I have been speaking at different Churches, women's clubs, and groups and by this means arousing to greater interest in Bible study. Recently a woman said: "I wish I could register for Bible. My father and I heard you give a Bible lesson. A short time afterward he became seriously ill. Day after day he spoke of the teachings and during his unconsciousness he reverted to your talk and one of the last things he said to me was, 'Honey, I wish you could go out to College of Industrial Arts and take Bible.'"

The Life Service group has had a good attendance, averaging about twenty-five. Outside speakers and conference reports by the students have filled the programs of the meetings.

New books have been added to the library. Fifty dollars for these from the Methodist Board and one hundred dollars from the college have been provided.

The faculty Council, to which I have been invited as a member by the president of the college, has had many days of conference. The college curriculum has been revised. More opportunity for electives has been given, and the semester plan has been adopted for next year. This will give the Bible Department opportunity to have all its students for a longer period of time.

A new field is to be entered by the college, that of correspondence courses. The Bible Department is to have its share in this new opportunity, which may become large, as requests for this work have come to me in the last year.



**Durant, Okla.—Southeastern State Teachers' College.**

MISS OSCIE ALICE SANDERS, INSTRUCTOR IN BIBLE.

There has been no large increase in the enrollment of students in Bible courses for 1926-27. There has been a genuine increase in the interest of the students. This is due to the fact that they now are receiving credit for their work along this line in the Department of Religious Education. This credit has been received under the department of English.

The State Board of Education has granted the Teachers' Colleges of Oklahoma the right to foster departments of religious education. This means that additional courses must be offered in order to allow students to select at least a minor in this field.

The Bible instructor at Southeastern has served as Dean of a Community School of Religion. This school was sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance, with credits granted by the college.

The extra curricula activities with the students have been neither new nor varied. But that association has been a most satisfying one.

**Norman, Okla.—The University of Oklahoma.**

MISS MARY DEBARDELEBEN.

The year 1926-27, though not marked by any great influx of students into classes, has nevertheless been satisfying in many respects.

There are many avenues of approach to the student mind and heart, and as the years come and go these avenues seem to open up to us:

1. *The Regular Class Work.*—Three classes in Old Testament, three in New Testament, and one in Story-Telling have furnished one of these approaches. A fine type of students is to be found in these, and the results are often far-reaching. For example, only the other day a letter from a girl taking a course some three years ago (an A-grade student) brings news of her desire to devote her life to Bible teaching either in this or a foreign land, a direct result, she says, of her course here in the Prophets.

2. *Dramatic Club at McFarlin Church.*—This group of young people put on a beautiful Christmas play that brought to the one hundred and fifty or more people present a real Christmas message. During a meeting of the District Epworth League they presented an original dramatization setting forth the League spirit ("All for Christ") functioning in everyday student life.

3. *The Sunday School Class.*—The Life and Teachings of Jesus were studied, and at least one practical application made of his teaching in that the class brought two well-known Negro speakers to address them (in a town where Negroes are not allowed to live). The visitors were well received.

This next semester during February the class is considering our *International Relations*. During March the topics will have to do with student problems growing out of their studies in *science* and *philosophy*. The class will be addressed by some of the best thinkers on the campus. In April we will consider other personal religious perplexities which the students themselves will suggest.

4. *Conferences.*—As a fellow delegate to the Southwest Regional Conference of the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A., it was my privilege to come in contact with the fine student leaders, men and women, white and colored, from the entire region—Louisiana, Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma, and Missouri; then to bring, in some measure, to the local students something of the inspirational, deeper thinking that their leaders are doing on religious and social problems throughout the Southwest.

5. *Faculty.*—There are good men and women on our faculty who are not always available to students for help in their religious and social thinking. Learning to know these fine personalities myself, I am seeking to bring

about more of these contacts for the students in my classes, particularly in my Sunday school class and in one or two other groups in which I have special interest.

6. *Personal Interviews.*—The quiet, personal talk, the comradely social touch is another avenue—simple, unaffected, cordial friendship goes a long way. This most beautiful of all approaches becomes more precious through the years and now by

7. *Correspondence.*—I am keeping in touch with students all over the country—from Yale, from Union, from Boston, from Drake, even from Leipsig, Germany, they write. Girls who are teaching, girls who are marrying, girls who are passing through the shadows of death as their loved ones go, they write to me now. There is nothing that brings such joy as the knowledge that the friendships formed here are holding through the years, and that God is using the little commonplace details of our lives here, weaving them into a fabric beautiful for eternity.

### Williamsburg, Va.—The College of William and Mary.

MISS OLIVE W. DOWNING.

With the conferring of the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws upon President Coolidge in April, 1926, and with the recent sesquicentennial celebration of the founding of the Phi Beta Kappa Honorary Society in the College of William and Mary, this ancient institution has received nation-wide publicity of a character which makes not only all Virginians, but all Americans, happy.

Perhaps these facts suggest to our minds the strategic location of this college in the Tidewater section of Virginia, where, through the passing years, since 1693, the voices of illustrious and honorable men have echoed, and from whence, with the coming years, we trust that many noble and consecrated girls may graduate. For it was not until 1918 that the college of William and Mary became coeducational. Of the 1,003 students enrolled this semester, 325 are Methodists of which number 135 are girls.

We are, therefore, confronted with a tremendous challenge for character building in an institution whose ideals have been of the highest type. Nor are we handicapped for lack of opportunity.

During the school year, eleven courses in Biblical Literature and Religious Education are offered, for which full college credit is received as electives. Then, too, the Bible instructor is director of Brown Hall, a dormitory for freshmen girls, established this summer, in which Methodists are given preference. Here the development of a Christian home atmosphere is sought through the maintenance of daily vespers, conducted by the girls themselves. A wholesome social life is urged, and parties and "get-togethers" are not infrequent.

(By way of explanation, it may be interesting to know that this dormitory enterprise is the first of its kind east of the Mississippi, and that it was made possible to the Women's Missionary Society of Virginia through the securing of two legacies. Furthermore, it is expected that with this beginning, a modern dormitory may soon be erected which will not alone "house" but will contribute to the "life more abundant" of all Methodist girls.)

Additional contacts are made possible through the Young People's Department of the Church, as teacher and counselor in the Sunday school and Epworth League, and through personal interviews and friendly visits in the dormitories. Facilities for larger opportunities have lately been made possible through the furnishing of the Girls' Lounge Room in the recently completed \$132,000 Methodist church adjacent to both Brown Hall and the campus. Incidentally, it has been a pleasure to cooperate with the organizations of the local Church, whose pastor has rendered

inestimable service in the counseling and carrying on of the work in both classroom and dormitory.

With these opportunities for service, the year of 1927, under the Father's blessing and guidance, should mark a new era in the history of Methodism among the youth of Virginia.

#### **Columbia, Mo.—University of Missouri.**

MISS HELEN STAFFORD, PROFESSOR.

The work of the Bible College falls into five departments: Old Testament, New Testament, History of Religion, Church History, and Religious Education. Representatives of four denominations constitute the faculty, the Methodist Church, South, supporting the chair of Church History. The students are, for the most part, students in the University of Missouri, who receive full university credit for work done in the Bible College. There are some students enrolled only in the Bible College who are preparing for special work in the religious field, the ministry, or the foreign field.

As denominational lines are not in any respect drawn, the fullest degree of cooperation existing, many Methodist students are ministered to by the teachers from the other denominations, just as the representative of the Methodist Church ministers to all others in turn. Methodist students constitute a larger part of the enrollment in the university than any other denomination.

The enrollment in the Bible College for 1926 was 540, the enrollment in Church History, 85. The purpose of the courses in Church History is to give the student a knowledge of the Christian movement as a whole, its contribution to society, and a background for evaluating the present service of the Church and its claim to their support. A study of certain parts of the Bible is included in the study of origins. Catholics and Jews, as well as Protestants, take the courses. There are many opportunities for helping students to a solution of the problems that are likely to meet them in their university career.

In 1926 the Methodist representative had various activities outside the curriculum work of the Bible College, such as teaching a leadership group in Sunday school, monthly Bible talks for two Missionary Societies, a course of twelve lessons twice a year in the Community School of Religion, numerous talks for young people's groups, cooperation with the University Y. W. C. A., etc.

#### **Ada, Okla.—Bible Work in State College.**

MISS ZOANNA DAVIS.

The work in the Department of Religious Education in East Central College has made rapid strides during the year just closed. New courses have been added to the curriculum, a number of reference books purchased, and a total enrollment of 342 students.

Since the Department has been recognized by the State Board of Education, we feel very much as Paul must have felt when "the mother Church" sanctioned his work among the Gentiles, we can go forward with renewed strength in seeking to meet the enlarging demands of student life.

Personal contact with students in both college and Church organizations have given me peculiar opportunities to serve in a larger way.

#### **METHODIST DORMITORIES.**

##### **Denton, Tex.—Smith-Carroll Hall.**

MRS. BELL STANDIFORTH, MANAGER.

Smith-Carroll Hall has the promise of another successful year. The dormitory is full, the girls have been well, and the atmosphere remains quite satisfactory.



According to our financial report, which you have in hand, you will note we have no financial indebtedness. I strive to keep enough ahead to meet all obligations. I want the financial standing of our institution to be upon a high plane, as well as the cultural life.

#### Norman, Okla.—Agnes Moore Hall.

DEACONESS GRACE GATEWOOD.

During the year 1926 there were more than 145 young women who lived at Agnes Moore Hall, the Methodist Dormitory at the University of Oklahoma. Some of them were here for the winter with all the social life, school spirit, and close friendships which were formed during the longer terms of residence in the Hall. Some were teachers here for the summer, eager, alert, wanting to improve every moment of their time. Yet one thing was common to them all—they all felt the need of helpful friendliness. Agnes Moore Hall stands for that type of service to the University women.

There is the closest cooperation between the University and the Hall. We have taken it as a privilege to share with the Dean of Women some of her problems, and she has been sympathetic in every instance that we have gone to her with disturbing questions.

Some much-needed improvements have been made in refurnishing the Hall this year. The dining room and living room are now as attractive as any on the campus. We have a fine type of university young women, and, in cooperation with them, we have had several social occasions which were a pleasure and profit to all. The girls have charge of the Sunday evening vesper services, which, although informal, have been very interesting and helpful.

The Dormitory is trying to be a "Home for the girl away from home," teaching the rules that apply in any ideal home life, the willingness to give and take, and the desire to serve in a spirit of loving unselfishness.

#### Austin, Tex.—Helen M. Kirby Hall.

MRS. JOHN W. ROBBINS, DIRECTOR.

Kirby Hall, the Methodist dormitory at the University of Texas, is well into its third year and is fulfilling splendidly its mission as a home for the girls of Texas who seek the protection of a Church dormitory. It is having this year a very happy family. With a maximum capacity of one hundred, we began the year with one hundred and three, and quite a number applying for whom we had no room. In order to take care of as many as possible, we converted one of the small parlors into a temporary bedroom, thinking it best to be a bit crowded at first, as we always count on losing a few at Christmas who for various reasons (usually financial) cannot come back to school. As our Methodist girls who apply do not fill the dormitory; we have a group of various creeds, with the Methodist slightly in the majority.

In our present group we have thirty-eight of our last-year girls. Kirby Hall, with its high ideals and democratic standards, seems to find a real place in the hearts of its girls, and they do not wish to live elsewhere.

Our girls made a very splendid record in scholarship during the fall term, twenty-one per cent making the Honor Roll and a number of others missing it by a very small margin.

Kirby Hall extends a warm welcome to all visitors, and we hope none of you will fail to come to see us when in Austin.

#### Columbia, Mo.—Hendrix Hall.

MRS. LENORA B. DAWES, DIRECTOR.

With the first semester of the second year of service to the student women of the University of Missouri, Hendrix Hall has the assurance of

an established relationship. One hundred and seventy-one girls have been accommodated since May, 1926. The 1926-27 term found the Hall full to capacity—plus one. This one was here nine weeks, when she went to the Home Economics Practice House. One young woman did not return after Christmas because of home conditions. Her place will undoubtedly be filled the second semester, as well as that of others who will be moving into sorority houses.

About fifty per cent of the girls are from Methodist homes.

The vesper service has grown to be a vital part of the home life. The attendance is most encouraging. We have a pre-Easter service, too, which met with hearty response last year, and we look forward to it this spring. This is a before-breakfast service each morning of Holy Week.

We observed "Golden Rule" Sunday again this year and have a large number active in Y. W. work.

We do not feel that our report can be truthfully complete without adding that a major portion of the success of Hendrix Hall is due to the faithful, efficient leadership of the president of our Board, Mrs. Lulu G. Emberson. Her loyalty is unsurpassed and her clear judgment and beautiful faith have been an inspiration to all with whom she has worked.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

##### Thomasville, Ga.--Vashti School for Dependent Girls.

MISS CHARLOTTE DYE, PRINCIPAL.

The past year at Vashti has, in many ways, been a most successful and happy one. The student body has been of a higher mental caliber than we have had in some former years.

At the Council meeting in Raleigh last March the word "Industrial" was removed from our title, and the school is now known legally as the Vashti School. The word "Industrial" caused confusion in the minds of many people who were led to believe this to be a correctional institution.

We have been very careful in selecting the students this year, in order not to receive feeble-minded or delinquent girls.

We have a faculty of fifteen members, of whom eight have had a partial or a complete course at Scarrit Bible and Training School or Scarritt College for Christian Workers.

At present we have 127 students. Our curriculum covers all the grades through the second year high school. In addition to this, the girls have been taught dressmaking, domestic science, and many of the industrial arts.

Each student in the beginning of the term was given an intelligence test, with the following results:

Number of average intelligence, normal.....	65
Number of girls rated dull.....	25
Number of girls rated border line.....	19
Number of girls rated feeble minded.....	8

Total number of girls tested..... 117

The health of the school has never been better. We have had no serious illness and only one hospital case, that of a girl who swallowed a safety pin.

The spirit of the school is excellent. All, faculty and students, live together as one happy family.

We have added one new building at a cost of \$5,250. This building is built over the cellar of the old dining room and affords an excellent place for the storage of vegetables, a classroom for the Industrial Arts classes,

another for the Domestic Science Department, a trunk storage room, and dressing rooms for bathers in the swimming pool near by.

We are now having all the buildings repainted, and all repairs are carefully kept up. The campus is well kept, and when the flowers begin to bloom there will be no more attractive place to be found.

We have much to be grateful for. We sincerely appreciate the many acts of kindness by friends, far and near, and the sympathetic support of our Secretary and others interested in this work.

Miss Katharine Arnold reports:

The supervision of the literary department and some teaching has been my work for the past months here at Vashti and an effort made to standardize the school according to the Georgia requirements.

Intelligence tests were given in the early part of the school year to aid us in classifying and planning the work for the girls according to their individual needs and abilities.

My classroom work has consisted in teaching a graded course in week-day religious education for the whole school and the teaching of science in the high school. Our equipment in these departments is rather limited as yet, but a small laboratory has recently been added which should enable the girls who enter other schools to receive full credit on their science work.

Miss Moselle Eubanks reports:

As I look back over the year that has just passed, I see where I might have done better and where I have made mistakes. But I also see where some things have been accomplished. In the early spring, the pastor of our Church in Thomasville asked me to organize a Junior Church for his little folk. I undertook this work and gave every Sunday morning to it, until illness made it necessary to give it up. By this time other leaders were ready to continue the work; so it is still going on. During my summer vacation I visited several District Conferences and attended the Regional Conference at Lake Junaluaka. I came back from these meetings with a new vision and new inspiration for the work which lay before me. My work this fall and winter has been similar to that of other years. I have had charge of the laundry and have directed the housekeeping in one of the buildings. I have had charge of the Junior League, and it has been a joy to work with these little girls and help to prepare them as future leaders in this work. I have had a dormitory of about thirty girls under my supervision all the year. This has given me the opportunity to know the girls intimately and to understand their problems more thoroughly. It has been a real privilege to live close to them every day and to try to lead them into that fuller, more abundant life which the Master came to give them.

Miss Iva L. Matkin reports:

I think it must be true with all workers who come to Vashti that the first thing that impresses them is the beauty of the place and the size of the plant. At least, I know these were my first impressions.

I arrived in the late summer when the girls were going in and out to camp and back. They seemed very happy, and on the whole have remained so since school opened. Since I came I have worked in the office as secretary and general worker for six hours a day, and the remainder of the time I have been in charge of a dormitory in which an average of twenty-five girls live. My duties have to do with their discipline while in the dormitory, their health, their housekeeping, their personal cleanliness, their differences, and any other phases of their lives in which I may be able to reach them. One of our activities is a circle of prayer at bedtime.

I teach a Sunday school class of twenty-six eighth-grade girls, and in this way reach girls with whom I would not otherwise make contacts.



I also take my turn at leading chapel services every two weeks and prayer meeting occasionally.

Great good is to be done, and is being done, for the Master among these 120 dependent girls who would not otherwise have a chance.

Miss Martha Robinson reports:

I have had work in the office this year and I have found it most interesting. There have been many other duties falling to my lot that cannot be termed as office work, but all have brought joy and happiness to me.

The most interesting work to me has been the supervision of the playground. Here I have come in contact with every girl in the institution and have seen the girls develop physically and socially. They have learned to be "good sports" and considerate of each other to a very marked degree.

I believe one of the contributing causes to the good health of the student body this year has been regular out-of-door exercise. There has been much less sickness this year than last year, and I am convinced that the playground has done more to keep the girls in good physical condition than ever before.

There are numerous duties devolving on every worker in an institution, such as conducting chapel services, leading prayer meetings, and the discipline of the children. I have had a part in these things and have enjoyed them.

It is with a heart filled with joy and thanksgiving that we realize this to be one of the outstanding years in the history of Vashti.

Miss Elizabeth Russell reports:

I feel that these few months of service have been for me a period of adjustment for two reasons, not only because this is my first appointment, but because it is also my first teaching experience.

I have class work with the eighth and ninth grades, which constitute our high-school department. It has been our desire and effort this year to standardize the literary work of our high-school grades, so that girls who desire to finish their high-school course elsewhere may receive full credit for work done here. Just now, after the first of the year, we are trying to help the graduating class make definite plans for this fall. Some are looking forward to finishing their high-school work at Sue Bennett, some at Brevard, some at Young Harris College, and others elsewhere.

I have had to try to play mother and nurse, as well as teacher, this year, because I find that the duties of one who has charge of a dormitory of twenty-nine girls involve many motherly counsels and admonitions, as well as the services of a nurse.

The girls that I have in my dormitory are all girls that are in my classroom. But the girls that I have in my Sunday school class for a brief period of study are a group of younger girls with whom I have no more direct contact, so I am glad of this means of attempting to know and in some way touch the lives of a group of girls whom I would otherwise not know very well.

Although the bimonthly leading of the brief daily chapel service and the occasional conducting of the weekly prayer service seem small tasks within themselves, they require real effort and work to be made vital factors in our school life. Even though I should not dare to presume so much as to add to my various rôles that of preacher, I do say sincerely that we have to keep on tiptoe spiritually so as to sound to our girls, in the scheduled chapel and prayer services, that call to the higher life.

In my work with my girls, who are all adolescent girls, I have to continually remind myself that it is "first the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear." It is so human to want and to expect immediate harvests. I remind myself that growth is possible only in time. I then

reiterate my prayer that I, myself, may grow, so that I may be better able to help my girls in the unfolding of their characters.

Miss Ruby Ruxton reports:

My work for the last six months has been matron of the Little Girls' Cottage at Vashti School, Thomasville, Ga.

Our family numbers 19. Five of the girls are from 13 to 15 years of age and help with the housework in places of responsibility where the smaller ones can't (as getting breakfast and dinner). Thirteen are from 10 to 12 years old, and their duties are sweeping, dishwashing, and table waiting, and keeping their beds made nicely.

Our house is all in order by eight o'clock every morning and every one starts the day by going to chapel. Then each one is busy in school work for the day.

It is very interesting to work with children, because they respond so quickly to kind treatment and are always so willing to help in any way.

We have a pony and cart for the little girls, and they have a great time taking their turn riding around the drive on the campus.

We also have a dog, who is their faithful play fellow, and every time the bell rings he is ready for a romp.

Vashti has a new bus, which holds about twenty, so for a treat at Christmas time we went to town to see Santa and the pretty things. Each girl was given a dime to spend. Then we went to the picture show and took a ride before coming home, having a glorious time.

All of my children belong to Junior League, and I meet with them every Sunday at 5 P.M. to hear them as they take part. Miss Eubanks is the superintendent, and they are doing good work under her leadership.

At night I always go to each bed to see if each girl is comfortable before I retire, and it is so sweet to see each girl peacefully sleeping with her doll in bed with her.

May God's blessing be upon the heads of each child and may each one grow to be a true woman because of the teaching she receives here. I pray for strength and guidance in my responsibility in molding character here.

#### Dallas, Tex.—Virginia K. Johnson Home and Training School.

MISS ELIZABETH COX, SUPERINTENDENT; MISS IDA M. FISHBURNE.

As I turn the last page in the history of my three year's work at the Virginia K. Johnson Home and Training School, I am impressed more than ever before that a deep abiding love for Christ and for those with whom we work is the only solution to the great problems of life. So many in the world to-day are truly "dying for a little bit of love." The many sad, sad stories I have heard will not soon be forgotten. The lives that have been restored to new hope, new courage, and a new outlook on life will some day rise up and call you blessed for the shelter you have given them in this much-needed institution.

Miss Vogel: I am thankful that through another year I have been permitted to live and labor for the Master. The year has been filled with opportunities for service and crowded with the mercies and blessings of God. As these girls come to us in their need, my heart goes out to each one. And as I have ministered to their physical needs my desire most of all has been that they might truly know God and his saving power. We are deeply grateful for the willing, faithful service rendered by the doctors, for this reason the hospital has moved along splendidly.

Two of the girls help with the nursing and usually serve for a period of five or six months. We endeavor to select those who are most interested in this kind of work and best adapted for it. Three girls who have gone out this year have entered accredited nurse-training schools. The work

of supervising the care of the little ones has been a joy to me. We strive to give each one the very best care that they may become as nearly perfect physically as possible.

Miss Teel: I am grateful for the privilege of serving in the Virginia K. Johnson Home. As supervisor of the laundry I have opportunity to teach system, thoroughness, and economy of time and materials. It is, however, the privilege of teaching Bible in day and Sunday school that gives me supreme joy. During the summer school I conducted a course in memory work on the life and sayings of Jesus. Since the opening of the regular school session, I have been teaching two classes in the New Testament, one on the life of Christ, the other on the life and letters of Paul. I am trying to adapt the work to the everyday needs of the pupils. Not that the ideal has by any means been attained, but I press forward, taking as my watchword for the new year 2 Timothy 2: 15.

Mrs. Watts: I am grateful for the privilege of serving in the Virginia K. Johnson Home, as supervisor of Domestic Science, and of having an opportunity to help in a small way the upbuilding of Christian character.

Since February 1, 1926, I have had in my department fifty-eight girls. During fruit and vegetable season five hundred and five jars were canned.

We are entering into the new year happy with renewed strength and faith in our Heavenly Father's work.

Miss Hogg: July 1, 1926, I entered upon my duties at the Virginia K. Johnson Home. During the summer months I taught hymnology, bringing out the life of Christ through the study of hymns. During the winter months I have worked with Mrs. Perkinson, who sends us students from the Southern Methodist University to teach the high-school subjects.

Miss Cathey: During the summer I taught sewing, and had regular duties in the office and home life. This fall my work has been teaching the grammar grades, and I have had about a dozen girls to instruct in that department. The Epworth League has been my chief work in the Church life, and beside it I also have some Sunday school teaching. The school and home duties are divided among the faculty and each has her regular office hours.



## HOME WORKERS OF THE COUNCIL.

### DEACONESES.

Year Conse- crated.	Name.	Home Address
1910.	Acton, Mrs. Julia (retired)	Berkeley, Calif.
1926.	Ader, Miss Beatrice	Weaverville, N. C.
1909.	Alexander, Mrs. Mary B. (retired)	Tampa, Fla.
1919.	Alford, Miss Annie	Del Rio, Tex.
1909.	Allen, Miss Bessie	Hendersonville, N. C.
1922.	Allen, Miss Pattie	Knoxville, Tenn.
1927.	Anderson, Miss Mabel	Dolphin, Va.
1924.	Anderson, Miss Verdie	Spartanburg, S. C.
1921.	Arnold, Miss Katherine	Louisville, Ky.
1922.	Bame, Miss Fannie	Salisbury, N. C.
1927.	Barnett, Miss Ola Lee	R. F. D. No. 2, Clinton, Mo.
1923.	Bell, Miss Muriel	Temple, Tex.
1917.	Berghund, Miss Josephine	Springfield, Mo.
1924.	Berkley, Miss Ruby	Red Banks, Miss.
1906.	Blackwell, Miss Florence	Kirksville, Mo.
1923.	Blessing, Miss Carmen	Berkeley, Calif.
1924.	Boggs, Miss Esther	Greenville, S. C.
1927.	Bond, Miss Mary Lou	Morrisville, Mo.
1909.	Borchers, Miss Cora	Birmingham, Ala.
1911.	Bowden, Miss Ella	Brownwood, Tex.
1916.	Bryan, Mrs. Selden	Kingstree, S. C.
1917.	Bunn, Miss Bessie	Little Rock, Ark.
1909.	Burton, Miss Emma	Kansas City, Mo.
1923.	Campbell, Miss Lila Mae	Memphis, Tenn.
1922.	Cantrell, Miss Rachel	Roanoke, Va.
1920.	Cannon, Miss Eliah	Hemingway, S. C.
1925.	Chandler, Miss Marnie	Sumter, S. C.
1915.	Coburn, Miss Mae	Birmingham, Ala.
1922.	Congleton, Miss Jennie	Greenville, N. C.
1913.	Cooper, Miss Hazel	Linden, Ala.
1922.	Cox, Miss Bertha	Sedalia, Mo.
1908.	Cox, Miss Elizabeth	Dallas, Tex.
1908.	Crim, Miss Dorothy	Atlanta, Ga.
1913.	Cunningham, Miss Ethel	Columbia, Mo.
1912.	Cunningham, Miss Mattie	Columbia, Mo.
1910.	Daniel, Miss Mary	Washington, La.
1925.	Davenport, Miss Brooksie	Ware Shoals, S. C.
1903.	Davis, Miss Elizabeth (retired)	Arcola, N. C.
1922.	Davis, Miss Minnie	Houston, Tex.
1924.	Davis, Miss Myrta	Houston, Tex.
1909.	Denton, Miss Frances	Fort Smith, Ark.
1927.	Diaz, Miss Ruth Dolores	San Antonio, Tex.
1920.	Dodd, Miss Dorothy	Hartsville, Tenn.
1924.	Dorsey, Miss Emily	Dallas, Tex.
1909.	Dragoo, Miss Rhoda	Palmetto, Fla.
1917.	Driver, Mrs. Grace	Walnut Ridge, Ark.
1909.	Ducker, Miss Jennie	Hopkinsville, Ky.
1922.	Duncan, Miss Willia	Maceo, Ky.
1910.	Durham, Miss Mary Ora	Danville, Ky.
1922.	Eaton, Miss Bess	Staffordsville, Va.
1926.	Edwards, Miss Pearle	Perry, Ga.
1917.	Eidson, Miss Minnie Lee	Jonesboro, Ark.
1904.	Elliott, Miss Maria	Dallas, Tex.
1914.	Ellison, Miss Berta	Franklinville, N. C.
1922.	Eubanks, Miss Mozelle	Rome, Ga.
1911.	Fagan, Miss Connie	Savannah, Ga.
1915.	Fail, Miss Maude	Hattiesburg, Miss.
1920.	Field, Mrs. J. C.	Americus, Ga.
1910.	Ford, Miss Sue T. (retired)	Paris, Ky.
1922.	Freeman, Mrs. Mary Etta	Carlton, Ga.
1910.	Gainey, Miss Ellen	Fayetteville, N. C.
1915.	Gardner, Miss Helen	St. Louis, Mo.
1915.	Gatewood, Miss Grace	Myra, Tex.
1908.	Gibson, Miss Helen	St. Louis, Mo.
1923.	Gilbert, Miss Ola	Marianna, Fla.
1922.	Gill, Miss Jessie Drew	Tuskegee, Ala.
1926.	Glendennin, Miss Mary	Palmyra, Mo.
1911.	Godbey, Miss Cornelia	Marietta, Ohio

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1912.	Graham, Miss Aletha.....	Shellmound, Tenn.
1923.	Greely, Miss Addie.....	Jackson, Miss.
1924.	Green, Miss Lottie.....	Bransford, Fla.
1911.	Grizzard, Miss Gertrude.....	Nashville, Tenn.
1926.	Hall, Mrs. Virginia.....	Barboursville, W. Va.
1910.	Harris, Miss Laura.....	Chattanooga, Tenn.
1914.	Hasler, Miss Mary.....	Springfield, Mo.
1925.	Heflin, Miss Ruth.....	Forest, Miss.
1923.	Hendricks, Miss Lillie.....	Oneonta, Ala.
1923.	Hennen, Miss Belle.....	Fairmont, W. Va..
1909.	Henry, Miss Willena.....	Rice, Tex.
1922.	Hill, Miss Juanita.....	Campbellsburg, Ky
1920.	Hoke, Miss Gaye.....	Second Creek, W. Va.
1919.	Hooper, Miss Ella K.....	Houma, La.
1927.	Hooper, Miss Lottie Ora.....	Rosedale, La.
1909.	Hoover, Miss Dora.....	Newton, N. C.
1921.	Howard, Miss Frances.....	Blytheville, Ark.
1923.	Howard, Miss Nellie.....	Louisville, Ky.
1907.	Jackson, Miss Ethel.....	Lancaster, S. C.
1925.	Kagey, Miss Lula.....	Norfolk, Va.
1925.	Kee, Miss Sarah.....	Rodman, S. C.
1922.	Kennedy, Miss Cleta.....	Galveston, Tex.
1905.	Kennedy, Miss Mabel.....	St. Louis, Mo.
1924.	Kuntz, Miss Sophie.....	New Orleans, La.
1922.	Leighty, Miss Edith.....	St. Joseph, Mo.
1922.	Leveridge, Miss Ura.....	Cisco, Tex.
1920.	Lewis, Miss Martha.....	Tampa, Fla.
1924.	Lockwood, Miss Elizabeth.....	Birmingham, Ala.
1926.	Long, Miss Lena Viola.....	Trenton, S. C.
1925.	Long, Miss Lora.....	Vernon, Tex.
1915.	Lowder, Miss Sarah K.....	Elizabeth City, N. C.
1906.	Mann, Miss Frances (retired).....	Winters, Tex.
1922.	McCall, Miss Mary Ella.....	Fairfield, N. C.
1926.	Matkin, Miss Iva Lou.....	Enloe, Tex.
1913.	McClain, Miss Nelle.....	Martin, Tenn.
1923.	McLarty, Miss Alice.....	Vernon, Tex.
1911.	Mitchell, Miss Susie.....	Arlington, Tex.
1906.	Monohan, Miss Selina (retired).....	St. Louis, Mo.
1922.	Moore, Miss Glenn.....	Little Rock, Ark.
1922.	Moore, Miss Ida J.....	Valley Head, Ala.
1927.	Marshall, Miss Maggie.....	Fishing Creek, Md.
1927.	Moorman, Miss Wortley.....	Rustburg, Va.
1922.	Nichols, Miss Mary.....	Roxboro, N. C.
1924.	O'Bryant, Miss Eunice.....	Earle, Ark.
1918.	Olmstead, Miss Emily.....	Louisville, Ky.
1927.	Page, Miss Lela.....	Franklin, Tenn.
1909.	Palmore, Miss Constance.....	Lynchburg, Va.
1914.	Parker, Miss Lillian.....	Lindale, Tex.
1925.	Parham, Miss Martha C.....	College Park, Ga.
1908.	Peeples, Miss Adeline.....	St. Louis, Mo.
1922.	Porter, Miss Carrie.....	Zwolle, La.
1923.	Price, Miss Annie.....	Bea House, Tex.
1924.	Reid, Miss Dorothea.....	St. Louis, Mo.
1927.	Reil, Miss Annie.....	San Antonio, Tex.
1908.	Ragland, Miss Margaret.....	San Angelo, Tex.
1924.	Reeves, Miss Helen.....	St. Louis, Mo.
1926.	Reynolds, Miss Birdie.....	Newport, Va.
1913.	Richardson, Miss Falla.....	Corinth, Miss.
1922.	Riggin, Miss Rosalie.....	Arkadelphia, Ark.
1915.	Ritter, Miss Daisy.....	Columbia, S. C.
1923.	Robinson, Miss Mamie.....	Killeen, Tex.
1926.	Robinson, Miss Martha.....	Jackson, Tenn.
1923.	Rogers, Miss Annie.....	Spartanburg, S. C.
1926.	Russell, Miss Elizabeth.....	Green Bay, Miss.
1922.	Sanders, Miss Oscie.....	Houston, Tex.
1926.	Sargent, Miss Bess.....	Haleyville, Tenn.
1922.	Sells, Miss Mae.....	Wiggins, Miss
1910.	Sheider, Miss Alice (retired).....	Concord, Ga.
1909.	Smith, Miss Eugenia.....	Union, S. C.
1907.	Stevens, Miss Ida M.....	Nova Scotia, Canada
1925.	Stokes, Miss Mary.....	Nadawah, Ala.
1919.	Stroup, Miss Nettie.....	Farmersville, Tex.
1904.	Taylor, Miss Elizabeth.....	Lamar, Mo.
1925.	Teel, Miss Susie.....	Waco, Tex.
1927.	Terry, Miss Alaska.....	Bluefield, W. Va.
1927.	Thatcher, Miss Grace.....	Tucson, Ariz.
1912.	Tinsley, Miss Lois.....	Leslie, Ga.

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1906.	Trawick, Miss Annie.....	Opelika, Ala.
1924.	Vivian, Miss Lexie.....	Carrizo Springs, Tex.
1919.	Vogel, Miss Emma.....	Linn, Mo.
1911.	Waddell, Miss Evelyn.....	Knoxville, Tenn.
1911.	Wahlroos, Miss Wilhelmina.....	Louisville, Ky.
1921.	Wagoner, Miss Estelle.....	Alaska, W. Va.
1914.	Walker, Miss Kate.....	Comanche, Tex.
1926.	Wall, Miss Emma.....	Morristown, Tenn.
1923.	Webb, Miss Minnie.....	Prairie Grove, Ark.
9123.	Wells, Miss Ethel.....	Lockney, Tex.
1918.	White, Mrs. Laura.....	Rome, Ga.
1915.	Whiteside, Miss Florence.....	Pine Bluff, Ark.
1927.	Wilson, Miss Alberta.....	Moultrie, Ga.
1922.	Wilkinson, Miss Jane.....	Union Level, Va.
1911.	Wornack, Miss Mollie.....	Nacona, Tex.
1903.	Wright, Miss Mattie (retired).....	Santa Ana, Calif.
1925.	Young, Mrs. Eugenia.....	Plattsburg, Mo.
1923.	Young, Miss Margaret.....	Luray, Va.



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Year Conse- crated	CHINA.	Home Address.
	Name and Field Address.	
1878.	Miss Lochie Rankin (Emeritus), Shanghai	Milan, Tenn.
1884.	Miss Virginia Atkinson (Emeritus furlough), Soochow	Atlanta, Ga.
1892.	Miss Alice G. Waters, Nanziang	Murray, Ky.
1892.	Miss Martha E. Pyle, Shanghai	Kansas City, Mo.
1892.	Miss Mildred B. Bomar (furlough)	Richmond, Va.
1894.	Miss Clara E. Steger (furlough)	Mountain Grove, Va.
1896.	Miss Ella D. Leveritt, Changchow	Monroe, Ga.
1899.	Miss Mary M. Tarrant, Soochow	St. Louis, Mo.
1901.	Miss Ida Anderson, Wushih	Jackson, Miss.
1901.	Miss Mary Culler White, Sungkiang	Nashville, Tenn.
1904.	Miss Maggie J. Rogers (furlough)	Marlin, Tex.
1905.	Miss Elizabeth Claiborne, Soochow	Jackson, Tenn.
1906.	Miss Nettie Peacock (furlough)	Macon, Ga.
1906.	Miss Mary Lou White (extended furlough)	Norfolk, Va.
1906.	Miss Emmer Lester, Shanghai	Augusta, Ga.
1907.	Miss Nell D. Drake, Sungkiang	Port Gibson, Miss.
1908.	Miss Julia Wasson, Shanghai	Ethel, Miss.
1909.	Miss Mary Hood, R.N., Shanghai	Brownsville, Tenn.
1909.	Miss Lelia J. Tuttle, Shanghai	Lenoir, S. C.
1911.	Miss Mittie Shelton, Huchow	Lorena, Tex.
1911.	Miss Annie Bradshaw, Soochow	Lynch Station, Va.
1911.	Miss Bessie B. Combs (extended furlough)	St. Joseph, Mo.
1912.	Miss Alice Green, Changchow	Jonesboro, N. C.
1912.	Miss Nina W. Troy, Soochow	Greensboro, N. C.
1912.	Miss Frances Burkhead (furlough)	Raleigh, N. C.
1913.	Miss Lela M. Biller (furlough)	Kansas City, Mo.
1913.	Miss Hattie F. Love, M.D., Changchow	Sweetwater, Tenn.
1913.	Miss Laura V. Mitchell (extended furlough)	Arcadia, Fla.
1913.	Miss May Hixon, Shanghai	Des Moines, Iowa
1914.	Miss Muriel Smith (contract, furlough)	England
1914.	Miss Louise Robinson, Soochow	New Decatur, Ala.
1914.	Miss Sue Standford (furlough)	Waco, Tex.
1914.	Miss Nina M. Stallings, Soochow	Mexico, Mo.
1915.	Miss Kate Hackney (furlough)	Asheville, N. C.
1915.	Miss Ruth Brittain, Nanking	Birmingham, Ala.
1916.	Miss Mary Blackford, Huchow	St. Louis, Mo.
1917.	Miss Sallie MacKinnon, Shanghai	Maxton, N. C.
1919.	Miss Alice Alsop, Soochow	Maypearl, Tex.
1919.	Miss Marguerite H. Clark, Shanghai	Sunny Side, Va.
1921.	Miss Ella M. Hanawalt (extended furlough)	Galva, Ill.
1921.	Miss Lillian Knobles (furlough)	State Line, Miss.
1921.	Miss Jessie Bloodworth, Shanghai	Hartshorne, Okla.
1921.	Miss Mary Dill Overall (furlough)	Dyer, Tenn.
1922.	Miss Lucy Jim Webb, Shanghai	Forsythe, Ga.
1922.	Miss Susan W. Brown, M.D., Shanghai	Columbia, Mo.
1922.	Miss Margaret Rue, Changchow	Norfolk, Va.
1923.	Miss Cornelia Crozier, Sungkiang	Fayetteville, Ark.
1923.	Miss Mary Belle Winn, Soochow	Ridgeway, S. C.
1924.	Miss Mary E. McDaniel, M.D., Shanghai	Savannah, Mo.
1924.	Miss Sadie Mai Wilson, Soochow	Nashville, Tenn.
1924.	Miss Eda Cade, Huchow	Lono, Ark.
1925.	Miss Anne E. Herhert, R.N., Shanghai	Bennettsville, S. C.
1925.	Miss Ethel Wytelle Bost, Soochow	Cornelius, N. C.
1925.	Miss Naomie Howie, Soochow	Waynesville, N. C.
1925.	Miss Louise Ballard (contract), Shanghai	Atlanta, Ga.
1925.	Miss Lucie Clark, Sungkiang	Osawatomie, Kans.
1925.	Miss Margaret Pilley (contract), Huchow	Mineral Wells, Tex.
1925.	Miss Pearl Wiemers, R.N. (at home)	Giddings, Tex.
1925.	Miss Annie Campbell (contract), Shanghai	Roswell, N. Mex.
1926.	Miss Lorena Foster, R.N., Changchow	Pearsall, Tex.
1927.	Miss Nellie A. Dyer (not appointed)	Conway, Ark.
1927.	Miss Octavia Clegg (not appointed)	Greensboro, N. C.
1927.	Miss Pearl McCain (not appointed)	London, Ky.

## KOREA.

1904.	Miss Ellasue Wagner, Seoul	Chilhowie, Va.
1905.	Miss Cordelia Erwin (furlough)	Murray, Ky.
1906.	Miss Mamie D. Myers (furlough)	Waycross, Ga.

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1906.	Miss Lillian E. Nichols, Songdo	Havana, Ga.
1908.	Miss Kate Cooper, Wonsan	Douglasville, Ga.
1909.	Miss Hallie Bute, Seoul	Wesson, Miss.
1909.	Miss Laura E. Edwards, Seoul	Hereford, Tex.
1910.	Miss Bertha A. Smith, Songdo	Marshall, Mo.
1911.	Miss Carrie Una Jackson, Choonchun	Arlington, Ky.
1911.	Miss Ida Hankins, Songdo	Wilmington, N. C.
1911.	Miss Hortense Tinsley, Seoul	Americus, Ga.
1912.	Miss Bessie Oliver, Wonsan	Unadilla, Ga.
1913.	Miss Agnes Graham, Songdo	Comanche, Tex.
1916.	Miss Rosa M. Lowder, R.N., Songdo	Rutherford College
1921.	Miss Annie Justice Hanson (extended furlough)	Clifton, Tex.
1921.	Miss Alice E. Furry, R.N. (furlough)	Van Buren, Ark.
1921.	Mrs. Velma H. Maynor (extended furlough)	Oneonta, Ala.
1922.	Miss Ruby K. Lee, Seoul	Statesboro, Ga.
1922.	Miss Alice McMakin (furlough)	Wellford, S. C.
1923.	Miss Clara Howard, Seoul	Kathleen, Ga.
1923.	Miss Blanche Hauser, R.N., Wonsan	Pfafftown, N. C.
1924.	Miss Sadie Maud Moore, Wonsan	Statesboro, Ga.
1924.	Miss Mary Helen Rosser, R.N., Songdo	Macon, Ga.
1924.	Miss Nannie Gilder Black, Wonsan	Chester, S. C.
1925.	Miss Olive Lee Smith, Choonchun	Reidsville, N. C.
1925.	Miss Euline E. Smith, Songdo	Hamlet, N. C.
1926.	Miss Ruth Diggs, Seoul	Spartanburg, S. C.
1927.	Miss Josephine Dameron (contract), Seoul	Warrenton, N. C.
1927.	Miss Alice Margaret Billingsley (not appointed)	Duncan, Ariz.
1927.	Miss Leah Elizabeth Hartley (not appointed)	Zebulon, Ga.

## JAPAN.

1896.	Miss Ida M. Worth (furlough)	Tallula, Ill
1903.	Miss Margaret M. Cook, Osaka	Newnan, Ga.
1904.	Miss Ida L. Shannon, Hiroshima*	Abingdon, Va.
1906.	Rev. S. A. Stewart, Hiroshima*	Monroe, N. C.
1908.	Miss Katherine Shannon, Hiroshima*	Albertville, Ala.
1910.	Miss Annie Belle Williams, Osaka	Charleston, S. C.
1913.	Miss Ethel Newcomb (extended furlough)	St. Louis, Mo.
1915.	Miss Annette Gist, Oita	McIntosh, Fla.
1915.	Miss Charlie Holland, Kobe	Moscow, Tex.
1917.	Miss Manie Towson, Hiroshima*	Eastman, Ga.
1917.	Miss Mabel Whitehead, Osaka	Birmingham, Ala.
1919.	Miss Blanche D. Hager, Osaka	Kobe, Japan
1920.	Miss Catherine Stevens, Hiroshima*	Grenada, Miss.
1920.	Miss Mary Searcy, Kure	Columbia, Mo.
1922.	Miss Katherine Johnson, Hiroshima*	Poplar Bluff, Mo.
1922.	Miss Myra Pauline Anderson, Kobe	Anderson, S. C.
1922.	Miss Lois Cooper (furlough), contract, China, 1922-1926	Brookhaven, Miss.
1923.	Miss M. Elston Rowland, Kure	Washington, D. C.
1923.	Miss Anne Peavy, Kure	Byron, Ga.
1923.	Miss Mozelle Tumlin, Oita	Marietta, Ga.
1924.	Miss Ida Lois Maddox, Kure	Madison, Ga.
1925.	Miss Mary Douglas Finch, Kure	Chase City, Va.
1926.	Miss Sallie Elizabeth Carroll, Kobe	Batesville, Va.
1927.	Miss Lena M. Noll (not appointed)	Glasgow, Mo.
1927.	Miss Ruth Field (not appointed)	Newnan, Ga.
1927.	Miss Juanita Brown (not appointed), contract	Sallis, Miss.

## MANCHURIA—SIBERIA.

1923.	Miss Constance Rumbough, Harbin	Lynchburg, Va.
1926.	Miss Sallie Lewis Brown, Harbin	Sussex, Va.

## BRAZIL

1894.	Miss Layona Glenn, Rio de Janeiro	Conyers, Ga.
1896.	Miss Lilly A. Stradley, Piracicaba	Lewisburg, Ohio
1901.	Miss Helen Johnston (furlough)	Sebastian, Fla.
1903.	Miss Emma Christine (furlough)	Kenwood Springs, Mo.
1907.	Miss Eunice F. Andrew, Santa Maria	St. Louis, Mo.
1911.	Miss Rachel Jarrett, Ribeirao Preto	Redwater, Tex.
1911.	Miss Leila F. Epps, Sao Paulo	Kingstree, S. C.
1911.	Miss Lydia Ferguson, Ribeirao Preto	Belton, Tex.
1911.	Miss Sophia Schalch, Piracicaba	Braz il
1912.	Miss Eva Louise Hyde, Rio de Janeiro	Fulton, Mo.
1913.	Miss Mary Jane Baxter, Piracicaba	Huntsville, Ala.

\*Indicates missionaries who came over to the Woman's Work from the General Work with the Hiroshima Girls' School, January, 1927.

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1914.	Miss Gertrude Kennedy, Santa Maria	Kenbridge, Va.
1915.	Miss Maud Mathis, Rio de Janeiro	Texarkana, Tex.
1915.	Miss Mary Sue Brown, Porto Alegre	Gatesville, Tex.
1916.	Miss Lela Putnam, Bello Horizonte	Albany, Tex.
1916.	Miss Nancy R. Holt (furlough)	Norfolk, Va.
1918.	Miss Mary Alice Lamar, Rio de Janeiro	Houston, Tex.
1921.	Miss Louise Best (furlough)	Saluda, S. C.
1921.	Miss Viola Matthews (furlough)	Charley Hope, Va.
1921.	Miss Lucy Belle Morgan (furlough)	Georgetown, Tex.
1922.	Miss Jessie Moore, Ribeirao Preto	Batesville, Ark.
1922.	Miss Rosalie Brown, Santa Maria	Atlanta, Ga.
1923.	Miss Annie Donovan (furlough), contract	Huntsville, Tex.
1924.	Miss Alice Bertha Dennison, Bello Horizonte	Waco, Tex.
1925.	Miss Mabel Jetton, Santa Maria	Washington, D. C.
1925.	Miss Cornelia Sikkelee, Porto Alegre	Richmond, Va.
1925.	Miss Daisy I. Ferguson, Rio de Janeiro	Woodville, Miss
1925.	Miss Ruth W. Merritt, Sao Paulo	Yanceyville, N. C.
1925.	Miss Susie J. Pruitt, Porto Alegre	Iva, S. C.
1925.	Miss Mary Hinton, Piracicaba	Ethelville, Ala.
1926.	Miss Verda Norene Farrar, Rio de Janeiro	Advance, Mo.
1927.	Miss Mary Alice Cobb (not appointed)	Columbia, S. C.
1927.	Miss Clyde Varn (not appointed)	Island Town, S. C.
1927.	Miss Katherine Tilley (not appointed), contract	Bristol, Tenn.
1927.	Miss Ruth L. Bartholomew (not appointed)	Gladys, Va.

MEXICO.

1887.	Miss Lelia Roberts (Emeritus), Saltillo	Bonham, Tex.
1896.	Miss Ruth Park, Saltillo	Amarillo, Tex.
1901.	Miss Norwood E. Wynn, Chihuahua	Dallas, Tex.
1908.	Miss Mary E. Massey, Saltillo	Juka, Miss.
1911.	Miss Virginia Booth, Saltillo	Austin, Tex.
1912.	Miss Lilly F. Fox (furlough)	Odessa, Mo.
1913.	Miss Ethel McCaughan, Chihuahua	Corpus Christi, Tex.
1914.	Miss Sarah E. Warne (furlough)	Santa Ana, Calif.
1919.	Miss Dora L. Ingram, Monterrey	Centralia, Mo.
1919.	Miss Hope Jack (contract), Chihuahua	Canada
1921.	Miss Emma L. Eldridge, Chihuahua	Wichita, Kans.
1921.	Miss Myrtle Pollard, Durango	Batesville, Miss.
1921.	Miss Myrtle James, Monterrey	Devine, Tex.
1922.	Miss Irene Matlock (contract), Chihuahua	Amarillo, Tex.
1922.	Miss Loraine Buck, Saltillo	Bessemer, Ala.
1922.	Miss Naomi Chapman, R.N., Monterrey	New Orleans, La.
1923.	Miss Ruth Byerly, Durango	Shepherdstown, W. Va.
1923.	Miss Edna Potthoff, R.N., Chihuahua	Houston, Tex.
1923.	Miss Eva Massey, Parral	White Post, Va.
1923.	Mrs. Helen M. Lang, R.N. (contract), Torreon	El Paso, Tex.
1923.	Miss Anna Belle Dyck (contract), Chihuahua	Halstead, Kan.
1924.	Miss Amy Jo Burns, Monterrey	Bonelar Springs, Va.
1924.	Miss Pearl Hall, R.N., Chihuahua	Dodson, Va.
1924.	Miss Angelia Chappelle, Durango	San Antonio, Tex.
1924.	Miss Bessie Baldwin (contract), Torreon	Curdville, Va.
1925.	Miss Ellen B. Cloud, Chihuahua (1912-24 deaconess)	Pembroke, Ky.
1925.	Miss Anne Deavours, Monterrey (1923-25 Mexico, 1925 Cuba)	Paulding, Miss.
1925.	Miss Vada Gilliland, Parral	Georgetown, Tex.
1925.	Miss Eula Winn, Durango	Columbia, S. C.
1926.	Miss M. Belle Markey, Chihuahua (1920-25, Cuba)	Cleveland, Tenn.
1926.	Miss Irene Nixon, Monterrey	Georgetown, Ten.
1926.	Miss Helen Hodgson, Chihuahua	Orville, Calif.
1927.	Miss Lenore Rees (not appointed)	Centerpoint, Tex.
1927.	Miss Ruby J. Olson (contract), Chihuahua	Ottawa, Kans.
1927.	Miss Mary Teresa Hoyle (contract), not appointed	Ferrum, Va.

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1914.	Miss Frances B. Moling (furlough)	Kansas City, Mo.
1914.	Miss Laura Lee, Cienfuegos (1908-14, Mexico, contract)	Nashville, Tenn.
1916.	Miss Annie Churchill, Cienfuegos (1897-16, Mexico)	Burnet, Tex.
1921.	Miss Clara Chalmers, Matanzas	New Orleans, La.
1922.	Miss Junia Jones, Havana	Montgomery, Ala.
1924.	Miss Bertha Tucker, Matanzas (1911-23, Korea)	Crawfordville, Ga.
1925.	Miss Mary Woodward (contract), Havana	Florida, Ala.
1925.	Miss Ione Clay (furlough)	Dublin, Tex.
1925.	Miss Dreta Sharpe, Cienfuegos	Ogechee, Ga.
1925.	Miss May Johnson, Matanzas	Winchester, Ky.
1925.	Miss Lucile Lewis (contract), Havana	Dawson, Ga.
1926.	Miss Edith Bayne, Havana	Macon, Ga.
1927.	Miss Julia Lorena Reid (not appointed)	Lake Charles, La.



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1927.	Miss Ethel Williamson (not appointed)	Dovesville, S. C.
1927.	Miss Marie Ella Crone (not appointed)	Lindale, Tex.

## CONGO BELGE.

1920.	Miss Flora Foreman, R.N., Tunda	Stratford, Tex.
1922.	Mrs. Fannie B. Warren, R.N. (extended furlough)	Tulsa, Okla.
1925.	Miss Dora Jane Armstrong, R.N., Wembo Nyama	Clifton Forge, Va.
1926.	Miss Myrtle Bryant, Wembo Nyama	Collins, Miss.
1927.	Miss Annie Estella Parker (not appointed)	Hillsboro, Ala.
1927.	Miss Rose Eleese McNeil (not appointed)	Jackson, Miss.
1927.	Miss Helen May Farrier (not appointed)	Newport, Va.
1927.	Miss Mary Elizabeth Moore, R.N. (not appointed)	Richmond, Va.

## FOREIGN MISSIONARIES NOT NOW ACTIVE IN THE SERVICE.

Appointed.	Name and former residence.	Conference.
1879.	Miss Dora Rankin,* Milan, Tenn.	Memphis
1881.	Miss Annie Williams,† Chapel Hill, Tex.	Texas
1881.	Miss Mattie Watts,* Louisville, Ky.	Louisville
1882.	Miss Annie J. Muse,† Atlanta, Ga.	North Georgia
1882.	Miss Blanche Gilbert, Roanoke, Va.	Baltimore
1882.	Mrs. Sarah Burford, Georgetown, Tex.	Northwest Texas
1883.	Miss Nannie E. Holding (Emeritus), Latonia, Ky.	Kentucky
1883.	Miss Mattie B. Jones, Norcross, Ga.	North Georgia
1883.	Miss Jennie C. Wolf, Pensacola, Fla.	Alabama
1884.	Miss Laura A. Haygood,* Atlanta, Ga.	North Georgia
1884.	Miss Dona Hamilton,* Paris, Tex.	North Texas
1884.	Miss Mildred M. Phillips, M.D.,† California, Mo.	Southwest Missouri
1884.	Miss Lou E. Phillips, California, Mo.	Southwest Missouri
1884.	Miss Mary W. Bruce,† Plattsburg, Mo.	Missouri
1887.	Mrs. Josephine Campbell,* New York City	Los Angeles
1887.	Miss Emma Kerr,† Brownsville, Tenn.	Memphis
1887.	Miss Kate R. Roberts,* Nashville, Tenn.	Tennessee
1887.	Miss Addie F. Gordon,* Port Gibson, Miss.	North Mississippi
1887.	Miss Elizabeth Hughes,† Meridian, Miss.	Mississippi
1887.	Miss Lula H. Lipscomb,* Columbus, Miss.	North Mississippi
1887.	Miss Ada Reagan,† Nashville, Tenn.	Tennessee
1887.	Miss Marcia Marvin,* St. Louis, Mo.	St. Louis
1888.	Miss Augusta V. Wilson,* Charleston, W. Va.	Baltimore
1888.	Miss Mary McClellan,† Brookhaven, Miss.	Mississippi
1888.	Miss Ella Granberry,† St. Louis, Mo.	St. Louis
1889.	Mrs. E. A. McClendon,† West Point, Ga.	North Georgia
1889.	Miss A. Clara Christman,* Beauregard, Miss.	Mississippi
1889.	Miss Ella Yarrell,* Emporia, Va.	Virginia
1889.	Miss Lida Howell,* Duluth, Ga.	North Georgia
1889.	Miss Flora Baker,* West Point, Ga.	North Georgia
1889.	Miss Lula Ross, Greensboro, Ala.	Alabama
1889.	Miss Sallie M. Phillips, Homer, La.	Louisiana
1889.	Miss Lizzie Wilson,* Newport, Ky.	Kentucky
1889.	Miss Ellie B. Tydings,† West Palm Beach, Fla.	Florida
1890.	Miss Mattie Dorsey,† Charleston, W. Va.	Baltimore
1890.	Mrs. E. E. Brelsford, Princeton, Ky.	Louisville
1890.	Miss May Littleton Smithey,* Jetersville, Va.	Virginia
1890.	Miss Mary Turner,† Sharpsburg, Ky.	Kentucky
1890.	Miss Kate P. Fanning,† Blountsville, Fla.	Florida
1890.	Miss Helen Lee Richardson,* St. Louis, Mo.	St. Louis
1890.	Miss Lucy Harper,† Georgetown, Tex.	Central Texas
1891.	Miss Mollie F. Brown, Austin, Tex.	West Texas
1891.	Miss Kate C. McFarren,* Durango, Mexico.	New Jersey
1892.	Mrs. Julia Gaither (Emeritus), at home.	North Georgia
1892.	Miss Sue P. Blake,† Micoosukee, Fla.	Florida
1892.	Miss Delia Holding,* Latonia, Ky.	Kentucky
1892.	Miss Emma Gary,† Elberton, Ga.	North Georgia
1892.	Miss Sallie B. Reynolds,† Columbia, S. C.	South Carolina
1892.	Miss Alice Moore, Oxford, Ga.	North Georgia
1892.	Miss Susan Littlejohn,† Pacolet, S. C.	South Carolina
1892.	Miss Bessie Moore,† Savannah, Tenn.	Tennessee
1892.	Miss Amelia Elerding,† Chicago, Ill.	Illinois
1892.	Miss Annie Walter, M.D.,† Holly Springs, Miss.	North Mississippi
1894.	Miss Ella Coffey,† Long Mountain, Va.	Virginia
1894.	Miss Esther Case, Batesville, Ark.	North Arkansas
1895.	Miss Willie Bowman,† St. Louis, Mo.	St. Louis
1895.	Miss May Umberger,† Wytheville, Va.	Holston
1895.	Miss Viola Blackburn,* Holly Springs, Miss.	North Mississippi

\*Deceased. †Married. ‡Retired..

Appointed.	Name and former residence.	Conference.
1895.	Miss Hattie G. Carson,* Savannah, Ga.	South Georgia
1895.	Miss Eliza Perkinson,† Paola, Kans.	Missouri
1896.	Miss Lizzie Martin,† Chapel Hill, N. C.	North Carolina
1896.	Miss Johnnie Sanders,† Union, S. C.	South Carolina
1896.	Miss Margaret Polk, M.D., Perryville, Ky.	Kentucky
1896.	Miss Ida Shaffer, Carrolton, Mo.	Missouri
1897.	Miss Susie E. Williams,† San Francisco, Calif.	Los Angeles
1897.	Miss Mary L. Richardson,* St. Louis, Mo.	St. Louis
1897.	Miss Lenora D. Smith,† Eclectic, Ala.	Alabama
1898.	Miss Fannie Hines,† Mt. Sterling, Ky.	Kentucky
1898.	Miss Mary Pescud,* Raleigh, N. C.	North Carolina
1898.	Miss Laura V. Wright,† Baltimore, Md.	Baltimore
1899.	Miss Arrena Carroll,† Mount Crawford, Va.	Baltimore
1899.	Miss Lela McNemar, Edwards, Miss.	Mississippi
1899.	Miss Clara B. Fullerton, Louisville, Ky.	Louisville
1899.	Miss Maud Bonnell,* Muskogee, Okla.	East Oklahoma
1900.	Miss Sadie Harbough,† Washington, D. C.	Baltimore
1900.	Miss Elizabeth Davis,† Durham, N. C.	North Carolina
1900.	Miss Alice Griffith,† Marion, Ky.	Louisville
1900.	Miss June Nicholson,* Edgefield, S. C.	South Carolina
1900.	Miss Mollie Cessna,† Utica, Miss.	North Mississippi
1900.	Miss Sue Ford, Paris, Ky.	Kentucky
1901.	Miss Rebecca Toland Beeville, Tex. (Emeritus)	Texas
1901.	Miss Maidee Smith, La Grange, Ga.	North Georgia
1901.	Miss Orien Alexandria,* Brookville, Mo.	Missouri
1901.	Miss Mary Knowles,† Macon, Ga.	South Georgia
1901.	Miss Ida May Stewart, Leesburg, Fla.	Florida
1901.	Miss Lily Whitman, Eupora, Miss.	North Mississippi
1901.	Mrs. Ellen B. Carney, Plant City, Fla.	Florida
1901.	Miss Della V. Wright, Anderson, S. C.	South Carolina
1901.	Miss May Treadwell, Edgewood, Ga.	North Georgia
1902.	Miss Josephine Hounshell,† Corinth, Va.	Holston
1902.	Miss Blanche Howell,† Asheville, N. C.	Western North Carolina
1902.	Miss Loula M. Norville,† Livingston, Ala.	Alabama
1903.	Miss Ara Riggins,* Pasadena, Calif.	Los Angeles
1904.	Miss Ada Parker,† New Orleans, La.	Louisiana
1904.	Miss Janie Watkins,† Jackson, Miss.	Mississippi
1904.	Miss Mattie M. Ivey,* Calvert, Tex.	Texas
1905.	Miss Elizabeth Lamb,† Fayetteville, N. C.	North Carolina
1905.	Mrs. F. K. Brown,† Knoxville, Tenn.	Holston
1905.	Miss Irene King, Holden, Mo.	Southwest Missouri
1905.	Miss Eleanor Dye,† Evansville, Miss.	North Mississippi
1906.	Miss Sophia Mann,* Mexia, Tex.	Northwest Texas
1906.	Miss Agnes Ruff, Wallaceville, S. C.	South Carolina
1906.	Miss Estelle Hood, Commerce, Ga.	North Georgia
1907.	Mrs. S. S. Harris, Citra, Fla.	Florida
1907.	Mrs. Emily Runyon, M.D., Richmond, Va.	Virginia
1907.	Miss Ruby Kendrick,* Plano, Tex.	Northwest Texas
1907.	Miss Martha Ivie Batey,† Murfreesboro, Tenn.	Tennessee
1907.	Miss Ruby Lilly,† Whitman, Ga.	South Georgia
1907.	Miss Augusta May Dye,† Plano, Tex.	Northwest Texas
1907.	Miss Emma I. Steger,† Mountain Grove, Mo.	Southwest Missouri
1907.	Miss Linnie Barcroft, Tupelo, Miss.	Mississippi
1908.	Miss Kate Smallwood,† New Albany, Miss.	North Mississippi
1908.	Miss Bessie Houser,† Perry, Ga.	South Georgia
1908.	Miss Daisy Pyles,† Juiz de Fora, Brazil.	Brazil
1908.	Miss Mary F. Johnstone,† Dawson, Ga.	South Georgia
1908.	Miss Alma Jones, Webb City, Mo.	Missouri
1908.	Mrs. Nellie O'Bierne	Louisiana
1908.	Miss Trulie Richmond, Ennis, Tex.	Central Texas
1908.	Miss Mamie Fenley,† Ribeirao Preto, Brazil.	Brazil
1909.	Miss Hardynia Norville, Livingston, Ala.	Alabama
1909.	Miss Martha Nutt, Granbury, Tex.	Central Texas
1909.	Miss Valeria Vollmer,† Porto Alegre, Brazil.	Brazil
1909.	Miss Minnie Varner, Greenville, Ala.	Alabama
1909.	Miss Elsie Lowe,† Midlothian, Tex.	Central Texas
1909.	Miss Tommie Foster, Techula, Miss.	Mississippi
1909.	Miss Helen Hickman, Sherman, Tex.	North Texas
1909.	Miss Clara Park, Sandersville, Ga.	South Georgia
1909.	Miss Terrie Etta Buttrick, Asheville, N. C.	Western North Carolina
1910.	Miss Marie Wightman Capers,† Charleston, S. C.	South Carolina
1910.	Miss Margaret Beadle,† Austin, Tex.	West Texas
1910.	Miss Nevada Martin,† Pelahatchie, Miss.	Mississippi
1910.	Miss Dora Otis,† Hopkinsville, Mo.	Missouri
1910.	Miss Gilberta Harris, Arkadelphia, Ark.	Little Rock
1910.	Miss Nellie Bennett, Blackstone, Va.	Virginia

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1910.	Miss Johnnie Pierson, Hamilton, Tex.	Northwest Texas
1910.	Miss Sallie J. Smith, † Richmond, Va.	Virginia
1910.	Miss Ellen Alfter, * Warrensburg, Mo.	Southwest Missouri
1910.	Miss Alice Dean Noyes, Macon, Ga.	South Georgia
1910.	Miss Virginia Howell, Lamasco, Tex.	North Texas
1911.	Miss Clare Bevely Cain, Los Angeles, Calif.	Los Angeles
1911.	Miss Myrtle Barker, † Warsaw, Ky.	Kentucky
1911.	Miss Miriam Steele, Brownwood, Tex.	Northwest Texas
1911.	Miss Frankie Hooper, St. Joseph, Mo.	Missouri
1911.	Miss Margaret Simpson, Little Rock, Ark.	Arkansas
1911.	Miss Lillie Reed, † Waco, Tex.	East Oklahoma
1911.	Miss Florence Barton, Frederickstown, Mo.	St. Louis
1912.	Miss Mae Owings, Fountain Inn, S. C.	South Carolina
1912.	Miss Flora Henderson, † Elberton, Ga.	North Georgia
1912.	Miss Maggie Lee Kenney, † Los Angeles, Calif.	Los Angeles
1912.	Miss Charlie May Cunningham, Lindsay, Calif.	Pacific
1912.	Miss Laura V. Summers, Barnesville, Ga.	North Georgia
1912.	Miss Lucy Henderson, Murfreesboro, Tenn.	South Georgia
1912.	Miss Bessie Lee Wilson, † College Grove, Tenn.	Tennessee
1912.	Miss Theodosia Wales, † Binghampton, N. Y.	New Jersey
1912.	Miss Edith Hayes, † Birmingham, Ala.	North Alabama
1912.	Dr. Ethel Polk, † Kansas City, Mo.	Southwest Missouri
1912.	Miss Jennie Stradley, † Granberry, Tex.	Central Texas
1913.	Miss Blanche Webb, † Chattanooga, Tenn.	Holston
1913.	Miss Bertha O. Attaway, † Oswego, S. C.	South Carolina
1913.	Miss Bessie Hardie, † Korea.	South Georgia
1913.	Miss Margaret Webster, Ennis, Tex.	Central Texas
1913.	Miss Edith Brittingham, Portsmouth, Va.	Virginia
1913.	Miss Eva Hardy, † Oak Park, Ill.	Illinois
1914.	Miss Manelle Forster, † Macon, Ga.	South Georgia
1914.	Miss Elizabeth Love, † Sweetwater, Tenn.	Holston
1914.	Miss Allene Pearce, Danville, Ky.	Kentucky
1915.	Miss Olive Lipscomb, † Nashville, Tenn.	Tennessee
1915.	Miss Ellie Gray, LaGrange, Ga.	North Georgia
1915.	Miss Elma Morgan, Stephens, Ark.	Little Rock
1915.	Miss Ethel Brown, Petersburg, Va.	Virginia
1916.	Miss Myra Olive, Seattle, Wash.	Northwest
1917.	Miss Etha Mills, † Apple Grove, Va.	Virginia
1917.	Miss Etta Lee Woolsey, † Bay City, Tex.	Texas
1917.	Miss Grace McCubbins, † Salisbury, N. C.	Western North Carolina
1917.	Miss Katherine Hatcher, † Harlem, Ga.	North Georgia
1917.	Miss Sarah Vandylke Stout, † Clarksville, Tenn.	Tennessee
1917.	Miss Kathron Wilson, R.N., † Dodd City, Tex.	North Texas
1917.	Miss Marie Raffo, † Tampa, Fla.	Florida
1917.	Dr. Louise M. Ingersoll, Asheville, N. C.	Western North Carolina
1918.	Miss Pauline Glass Randall, * New Orleans, La.	Louisiana
1918.	Miss Pearl O. Hicks, Shawnee, Okla.	East Oklahoma
1918.	Miss Alma Pitts, R.N., Cottontown, Ala.	East Oklahoma
1918.	Miss Edna Booker, † Los Angeles, Calif.	Los Angeles
1918.	Miss Jessie Drew Gill, Tuskegee, Ala.	Alabama
1919.	Miss Teresa Whittall, Chicago, Ill.	Illinois
1919.	Miss Fannie Scott, † Toney Creek, S. C.	Upper South Carolina
1919.	Miss Nora E. Darwin, Fort Worth, Tex.	Central Texas
1919.	Miss Carrie Turner, † R.N., Bremond, Tex.	Texas
1920.	Miss Flossie McKnight, Chaffin, Mo.	St. Louis
1920.	Miss Eliza Iles, † Dry Creek, La.	Louisiana
1920.	Miss Marzie Hall, † Walnut Grove, Miss.	Mississippi
1920.	Miss Ruth Henderson, † Richmond, Va.	Virginia
1920.	Miss Jean Callahan, † Orlando, Fla.	Japan
1920.	Miss Sarah Brinkley, † Jewell, Ga.	Mississippi
1920.	Miss Ruby Van Houser.	Florida
1921.	Miss Willie G. Hall, † Walnut Grove, Miss.	Mississippi
1921.	Miss Annie M. Craig, Austin, Tex.	West Texas
1921.	Miss Mary Vick Mauk, Troy, Ala.	Alabama
1921.	Miss Annie M. Craig, Austin, Tex.	West Texas
1922.	Miss Cornelia Godbey, Morristown, Mo.	Southwest Missouri
1922.	Miss Dora O'Lula Hanna, Sapulpa, Okla.	East Oklahoma
1922.	Miss Christine Allen, Crowell, Tex.	Northwest Texas
1922.	Miss Cavie Clark, Mize, Miss.	Mississippi
1922.	Miss Helen Hardy, † Bennis Church, Va.	Baltimore
1923.	Miss Lillian Wahl, * Paris, Ark.	North Arkansas
1923.	Miss Margaret P. Light, † Romley, W. Va.	Baltimore
1923.	Miss Alma Brandt, * R.N., Appleton, Wis.	St. Louis
1924.	Miss Ruth Audrey Kellog, Boyle, Miss.	North Mississippi

\*Deceased. †Married. ‡Retired.



# REPORTS FROM THE FOREIGN FIELD.

## CHINA MISSION.

### TREASURER'S OFFICE, SHANGHAI.

LOCHIE RANKIN, ASSISTANT.

The work (day schools and country community centers) so dear to my heart has been in the hands of others for nearly three years and is being carried on so wonderfully that there is no cause for the least regret over the many years spent in trying to interest our home Churches and influential Chinese in behalf of these much-needed Christian activities. Christian education will do much to lighten the burden of these country people, give them higher ideals, and prepare them for taking an active interest in national affairs.

The forty-eighth year of my life in China, now nearing its close, has been rather exacting in that the daily demands of the office in the matter of petty details and unexpected events have crowded out almost entirely the ideal missionary programs. Life on a mission field is supposed to be one of sacrifice, but the outside world does not seem to be able to see much of that side, for the missionary wants souls for her hire and does not often heed the apostolic injunction "having food and raiment, therewith be content." The greatest sacrifices and hardships of mission life are usually too closely connected with the inner self to be properly estimated even by the individual. Cold, hunger, and such physical discomforts are of little import; it is the heartache and mental problems that count.

Although the year's work has seemed heavy indeed at times, there has never been an hour when complaint was justified, for the "lines have fallen to me in pleasant places" and the home-going is near.

### MARGARET WILLIAMSON HOSPITAL, WEST GATE, SHANGHAI.

MARY E. M'DANIEL, M.D., SUPERINTENDENT.

The year 1926 has been an uninterrupted one as far as civil war or political conditions affected us, for which we have been truly grateful. We have been able to carry on in all departments, and the yearly reports show an increase of more than a thousand patients.

The Woman's Christian Medical College now has three classes. About half of our medical students are college graduates, and all of them have had at least two years of college. The freshman class has four members, all of whom are minister's daughters and two of whom are missionary's daughters.

At the request of the China Medical Association we opened a school for technicians this year. The space in the laboratory limits the enrollment to six.

The School of Nursing is full, and this year we have added a special postgraduate course for nurses. We are having many applicants for this new course.

From the above you will realize how many opportunities we have of representing Christ and teaching his way of life. All our medical students and Chinese doctors are Christians. Fourteen of our nurses have be-

come Christians. There only remain a few of our probationer and freshmen nurses who are not Christians. Our daily chapel service, weekly prayer meeting, twilight prayer service, Home Missionary Society, and Bible instruction are upbuilding our hospital staff in the Christian faith.

The evangelistic workers in the clinics and in the wards teach the Christian faith. Our participation in the activities of the Van Santvoord Memorial Chapel across the street is our contribution to our immediate neighborhood. We furnish a choir and pledged to pay \$600 a year toward the minister's salary.

We are primarily a teaching institution, and all our professional work must be of the highest grade. Our hospital building is about forty years old and is lacking in many of the arrangements which are necessary for the best teaching.

### WOMAN'S BIBLE SCHOOL, SUNGKIANG.

NETTIE L. PEACOCK.

The Sungkiang Woman's Bible School has done a good year's work. The standard has been raised to Junior High School, and in June we graduated our first students in the new course.

The teachers of the Hayes-Wilkins and Susan B. Wilson School asked last spring for an advanced class in Bible study, and we spent a delightful and profitable hour twice a week studying the book of Revelation. It was a pleasure to watch the enthusiasm with which their trained minds went about the work.

I left Sungkiang as soon as school closed and, after a season of special study in New York, I am spending some time now at home and doing deputation work in the vicinity.

### VIRGINIA SCHOOL HUCHOW.

MARY BLACKFORD, PRINCIPAL.

The year 1926 has brought a much larger enrollment. We have rejoiced over the larger percentage of Huchow and Chekiang girls which we have had this year. This has been due to many reasons, chief among which is the fact that now our Junior Middle School course is entirely in Chinese, with English given only as a subject. We have endeavored to make our Junior Middle School work as well fitted to the needs of the pupils as possible. The educational tests given by Miss Bradshaw in the spring term showed us the weak points in our instruction. This fall we feel that the standard of work done has been raised by the addition to the faculty of two more college graduates. It has also been possible to put the work of the first year of Senior Middle School almost entirely into Chinese, which has done away with the large number of special students who were always such a problem. The larger enrollment has brought with it the serious problem of assimilating a very large number of non-Christian girls. This year Church attendance has been made voluntary, which has quite transformed the service. We have made every effort to make the compulsory Sunday school services as attractive as possible. The opening period has been truly worshipful in spirit, and the students have found the discussion classes interesting and helpful.

The girls have entered enthusiastically into the student activities. The Student Self-Government Association leaders are strong girls, ones who are willing to take responsibility. Their example is meaning much to the other girls in spite of the fact that they do not always approve of the details of management.

The school is deeply grieved over the death of one of its faculty members, Miss Sung, one of our music teachers, who was a graduate of Virginia School. The faculty has organized itself this term for closer fellowship. The social, recreational, and religious activities provide interest for all.

## MITTIE SHELTON, HOME ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT.

I returned from America in March, reaching Huchow early in the month. I was given charge of the Home Economics Department. I taught the Senior High School classes in this department and worked out a course in Chinese to be used in the Junior High School. In the fall these classes were begun in Chinese, using such books as are available. I have continued to teach the Senior High School classes in English. I have also had one class in beginner English.

In addition to the regular work in Virginia School I now have charge of the two branch day schools and the two schools at Wuchen which are under our care during Miss Bliler's absence. The supervision of the evangelistic work has also fallen to me. A separate report of that work is also sent.

## EDA CADE, ENGLISH DEPARTMENT.

In the spring term I had classes in English, mathematics, and Bible. I always enjoy teaching mathematics very much, but, of course, it should be taught in Chinese and not in English, so I only did what I could. For the fall term, we were able to secure a graduate of Hangchow Christian College to teach the mathematics.

This fall my entire schedule, with the exception of two hours per week, has been filled with English in Junior High School and in Higher Primary. Every member of last spring's class returned after the summer vacation. In this class there are three pupils who in my first year here were in a class beginning the study of English. At that time they knew no English and I no Chinese, but after they learned a small vocabulary for class directions we worked together quite easily. These three are now midway in their third year of English.

My religious education class this fall is composed of the Senior High School Juniors and Seniors. They have a teacher-training course. Four of the girls have been teaching regularly in the I-zaung Ka Sunday school and others have been teaching in the afternoon Sunday school here at Haitau Church. They work out the lesson plans with the class, then use them on Sunday. The girls are doing good work. I am very happy in my work here.

## MARGARET PILLEY, ENGLISH DEPARTMENT.

I have twenty-four hours of actual teaching, including four courses in English and one in psychology, which I enjoy thoroughly.

My work as Adviser to the Y. W. C. A. has been difficult, for some of our strongest girls have left, and a large group of new girls, non-Christians, entered in the fall. We have tried to make the work thorough, stressing true Christian living. Our numbers have been smaller, but the spirit much better than last year. Since September we have had a morning watch service from 7:10 to 7:30 every day, and the attendance has averaged from five to twelve girls. It has meant a lot to each of us. Then, we follow the rest of the Y. W. C. A. program with our Junior Department and our Social Service Committee. The girls have been enthusiastic about the work.

For the Literary Society I have coached several plays. Last spring the eighth grade produced Molière's "The Doctor in Spite of Himself" and "Persephone." This fall the Senior High School put on Tennyson's "The Princess."

This year I have tried a new experiment. So far, it has worked fine. Except for one meal a week, I am living entirely on Chinese food, eating in the school dining room. My room is in the dormitory, too, and it is wonderful to be with the girls all the time. Being with them so much takes away the feeling of strangeness and the consciousness of being "different." It was with a great deal of pride that I heard one of the



girls remark to another that I was just like a Chinese and not like a foreigner at all. The girls drop into my room at all times. It is wonderful to be really close friends. I'm afraid I'm not much of a missionary, but I can sincerely say that the one thing I am working for is to make Christ near and dear to the girls in a very real and practical way.

### EVANGELISTIC WORK, HUCHOW.

MITTIE J. SHELTON.

The evangelistic work in Huchow and surrounding district has been carried on this year under the direction of a local committee consisting of the native pastors, the presiding elder, one or two leading women of the Church, and the missionary in charge. When I returned from furlough in March, I was asked to take charge of this work. I have been able to do very little more than pay salaries and keep up in a general way with what the workers were doing. The workers in Huchow are Mrs. Faung, who works in the city, visiting and holding meetings at three centers; Mrs. Zee, an assistant Bible woman, who helps Mrs. Faung; and Miss Lan, a graduate of Nanking Bible School. Miss Lan came to us in the fall and has been helping with the city work and has also made some trips into the country.

Mrs. Waung, whose work is in Nerzing, has also been under my supervision. She has done the regular work in visiting and conducting meetings at Nerzing.

### NANZING DISTRICT, CHEKIANG PROVINCE.

LELA M. BLILER.

The work of the year has been full of possibilities, and it was good to start the year without the turmoil of war. The schools opened with a normal increase in attendance, and we were delighted to secure a ten-year lease on an old temple connecting with our school at Wuchen, the district headquarters. The possession of this temple enabled us to hold the largest District Bible Institute we had ever had, and it was a fitting dedication of this temple to Christian work. It was given over later to the use of our Primary Department and relieved greatly the congestion in our main building. In the place of five hundred idols there were the happy voices of little children; in the place of incense and superstition, there was the love of Christ; and in the place of close, crowded quarters, God gave us this opportunity to expand his work. Fifteen were baptized and joined the Church in July, and this made our hearts glad. It was with reluctance that I had to drop the work in July in order to take my furlough, and I can hardly wait for the time to be able to go back to this growing and interesting work. God is working in China, and not even war and pestilence can hinder the fulfilling of his purpose in this great country.

### TRINITY INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH, CHANGCHOW.

MARGARET M. RUE, SECRETARY.

This year seems to have brought more of our students than ever before who have told us that they have felt a spiritual awakening and have accepted Christ as their Saviour, yet most of them have been forbidden by their parents to receive baptism and unite with the Church. Sowing seed bears a previous promise and we are praying for a fruitful harvest. Our Sunday school shows the most interesting results of the year. One government school principal who is not a Christian, but a member of our Institutional Club, is encouraging many of his students to come to Sunday school, as he feels that they would receive much that was helpful. Some young women who teach in the government schools have been coming

for the English Bible class, and most of them have already become probationers. A recent campaign to encourage the study of the Bible was made by inviting an earnest Bible teacher to come for a week of intensive study. A large group of students followed each reference day by day. There have been three series of special evangelistic services during the year.

The half-day school for women has a program which includes Chinese, arithmetic, handwork, Bible study, and singing. A group of students comes to our little informal prayer service that we hold after the afternoon Church service. A club for young women meets each week. The program includes Bible study, travel, talks, current events, and home economics. This last course of lectures has brought plans for modern architecture, latest sanitary improvements for homes, ventilation, equipment, cooking, sewing, and the much-needed problem of budgets. Coöperation with the fine Christian manager of a large cotton mill is giving us an opportunity to come in contact with hundreds of women and girls in the factory. A Chinese orchestra has increased the interest in music. A place for women to take hot baths has supplied a demand that has been steadily growing, as most homes have no heat in the winter time. The baby clinic has brought relief to babies and information to mothers. Daily Vacation Bible Schools were opened in twenty places this summer through the organization of Trinity Church, and hundreds of children were told the story of Christ.

### NORTH GATE, CHANGCHOW.

CLARA E. STEGER.

In the first week of October, 1925, Miss Leveritt left Changchow, returning to America on furlough. This left me alone at the North Gate center, with the supervision of the Girls' School and the Woman's Work. We were also trying to develop a community center around this work and the North Gate Church.

We had a fine faculty in the Girls' School, capable of carrying on all the teaching in the course of study. The two young women in Woman's Work—one a graduate of the Nanking Bible School and the other an undergraduate of the same institution—gave their mornings to the teaching of the Bible in the school and their afternoons to visiting with an older Bible woman, holding the various meetings for women. The Bible women occasionally went with a group of workers to villages outside of Changchow to assist in the holding of services and to instruct the women.

We had a splendid matron. She is capable and made a valuable assistant.

We added in the spring a community bathroom for women. We are hoping, through this, to serve the community in a very essential way and to reach these women with the gospel.

We had a morning kindergarten for pay pupils and one in the afternoon free for the poor children of the neighborhood.

The workers from each of the four centers in the city united in a weekly prayer circle, the meetings alternating from center to center.

In May the Mission and the doctors recommended that I return to America with my sister, Mrs. Pilley. We sailed from Shanghai on the nineteenth of June. While at home I have been doing whatever I could to advance the cause of Missions.

### DAY SCHOOL, NORTH GATE, CHANGCHOW.

ELLA D. LEVERITT.

It is very difficult to plan and carry on the work according to a regular schedule, but we are so thankful that we have been able to finish the work for the half year. Enrollment for the year was 202.

We have had two Bible women and two evangelistic workers. One of the workers married during the summer, and I have not yet been able to secure anyone to take her place, but I hope to find some one by the time we open after the new year. If the war stops, we expect to have a good year, and we are planning for a great meeting in the early spring.

Dr. Paty has been coming over once a week to hold clinic with the young children, and we have tried to do follow-up work by visiting their homes and then taking those to the hospital who need treatment. A great number have trachoma. Some of them we send to Dr. Love for treatment, some mild cases we treat with eye drops. We are very thankful to have this wonderful help from the hospital.

I am planning to organize a Parent-Teacher Association as soon as we open in the spring. Last summer I took a course while attending the summer school, so I am longing to help the mothers in this way. There are other plans also for the work which I believe will help to advance along other lines.

### CHANGCHOW, EAST GATE, EVANGELISTIC AND OUTSTATION EDUCATIONAL AND EVANGELISTIC WORK.

ALICE GREEN

When in Changchow, I assist in the work at Carriger Memorial Church. The prayer meetings in homes, when neighbors are invited to join with us in worship and praise, have been means to draw us closer together and to God. Bible classes have been taught in many homes during each week and at Carriger Church every Wednesday. In the autumn we had three days of intensive Bible study, taught by students from the Teachers' Bible Training School in Nanking. We had another week of Bible study, when all the helpers were invited in from the district. They went back to their work with a greater enthusiasm to tell others about Jesus.

We now have a graduate Bible woman for the evangelistic work in the Changchow General Hospital. We are expecting big results from the follow-up work. Bible classes for the nurses are held twice weekly. We have an "at home" on Fridays, when Misses Rue, Davis, and I receive our Chinese friends in a social way. This is a splendid way to get acquainted with them.

The Woman's Missionary Society is one of the best meetings we have. God has given us two splendid Chinese women, who volunteered to do itinerating in the Changchow District. They are helping to give new life to the Churches as they go and stay weeks at a place, leading meetings for women, visiting in the homes, and teaching them how to live the Christian life.

The week I spend at Nyishing, living in the home with the young teachers and evangelistic workers, is the most profitable one in the whole month. The school children are responsive and enjoy the Bible studies. The Young People's Missionary Society is very much alive. They are mostly poor children, so when the two societies presented me with a life membership certificate, I was almost speechless with surprise, but I was so glad for that money to go into the great missionary cause with the prayers of these dear people behind it.

### LAURA HAYGOOD NORMAL SCHOOL, SOOCHOW.

LOUISE ROBINSON, PRINCIPAL.

It is impossible, in a few words, to give a report of the year 1926. In order to realize what a year's work in China means to-day one must be here. For months there has been fighting in various sections, there has been anti-Christian propaganda, there has been resentment at the "educational extralimity" under which Christian schools work, as a result of



toleration clauses, etc. Chinese Christians have smarted under the criticism that they are agents of imperialism; that Christianity is a foreign religion. Nationalism is making articulate hopes that have been growing in intensity these last two years. A few Chinese leaders in the Christian Church have stood out as prophets, giving earnest of a Chinese Christian Church which shall express itself in terms native to the East and which shall enrich the Church universal.

With such a background, we have worked more conscious of our own limitations, more conscious of our national imperfections, yet also more conscious of the power of Jesus Christ to meet the needs of the universal heart as it expresses itself in different longings through the world.

In September, 1926, we opened school with the best faculty in the history of the school. Miss Han Ming Yien is the first Chinese vice principal. She is a graduate of Laura Haygood and also has her B.S. from the national Southeastern University. Mrs. C. C. Lin (Yui Sieu E), who has spent seventeen years of her life in the school, is back for a year while Mr. Lin is in Peking. Miss Kiang Kew Yui, who was with us for three years before leaving for the States, returned this summer, having graduated at Peabody and with an M.A. from Columbia University Teachers' College. Miss Yang Bao Yui came to us from Ginling College and is the physical director. All of these young women have had unusual opportunities.

Although we have not grown much in our lower department, we have more girls in the Normal School than ever before. There is a good spirit among the students. There will be sixteen graduates in June.

In June the alumnae celebrated the birthday of Miss Pyle, the first principal of Laura Haygood. In the early morning the old graduates began to arrive from the surrounding cities. In the afternoon in the chapel there was a formal program. A beautiful summer house had been built on the campus by the alumnae in honor of Miss Pyle, and after a formal presentation a picture was made of Miss Pyle and her old girls standing in front of the house.

In November, 1926, the school will celebrate its twenty-fifth birthday—a short span—and yet the Laura Haygood School and the Mary Lambuth School of our Church mark the beginnings of education for girls in the old city of Soochow.

The near future promises problems on every hand, testings and trials, and yet with it all we are confident that there are Chinese men and women who will be able to continue to furnish leadership into a new day for China and for the Christian Church.

#### KATE B. HACKNEY, DEPARTMENT OF KINDERGARTEN.

Only five months of this year were spent on the field, as I left China May 31, 1926. During that time I worked in the Kindergarten Department of Laura Haygood Normal School. One of my most interesting classes was a Bible class of Seniors. The questions they asked showed the trend of the mind of Christian students in China at this time, and that is: "What is the message of Christianity to the Chinese, individually and as a nation?" It is a question in which we are all deeply concerned.

Miss Han Ming Yien has charge of the Kindergarten Department now, and since she is so well qualified for this work I am sure she is doing it successfully. September found me taking some work in Scarritt and Peabody Colleges. The stay at Scarritt College was delightful. The class work was most inspiring and helpful, but not more so than the meeting of the fine group of young women preparing themselves for Christian service wherever the Master shall need them. Peabody College has a great deal to offer those in educational work, and I enjoyed very much the courses taken there.

ANNIE ELOISE BRADSHAW, DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY.

It is fortunate that just at this time there is an instrument that measures objectively one phase of the contribution of Christian schools to China—namely, the actual status in scholarship of the students. This instrument is the educational and intelligence tests that have been prepared by the National Association for the Advancement of Education. So, as my report this year, I want to use the space allotted to me to tell a little of what my use of tests shows about the contribution of our schools.

I have tested about half of our schools, both boarding schools and day schools being included. For comparison with the tests scores of these schools, I have those from the National Survey of 1924, in which 104,000 children of the thirty principal cities of China were tested. Measured by identical tests, the scores show that the average of our schools is one year higher than the corresponding grade in the all-China survey. Yet the survey, since only the large cities were tested, inevitably included a preponderance of the more prominent schools, while in my averages at least half the children were from the smaller, poorer schools. When the scores of the schools are considered separately there is a wide variation in what the schools are accomplishing, but it is evident also that even our poorest school is not below the survey averages.

Test scores also refute a slur cast upon our schools—that they denationalize their students by giving a Western education to the exclusion of Chinese, for when test scores on all subjects are considered separately, it is found that Chinese is equal to the average of our other subjects.

Another slur is that students of inferior mentality go to Christian schools. Yet intelligence tests show that in intelligence our schools are just equal to, and in educational achievement a year ahead, of the national averages.

SADIE MAY WILSON, DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

The China Christian Educational Association is making a special study in the field of religious education, and the results are noticeable in the new books coming out in Chinese, books rich in subject matter and good in translation. We have had Religious Education Conferences. I had the privilege of attending one where I was the only foreigner with four Chinese delegated to work out suggestions for religious work in schools, particularly with regard to programs of worship. Those of us who specialize in this field are often called on for articles or suggestions either for publication or for use in Summer Schools of Religious Education.

Here in Laura Haygood we have added many books to our Religious Library. These, together with the thirty-three volumes sent out by the West End Sunday School and Junior Church in Nashville make up a good foundation for extensive study and reading in this department.

At the beginning of the school term a Religious Education Committee was formed which meets two or three times a semester and takes up all questions regarding the religious life of the school—curricula, extracurricula, personal, social, etc. They make recommendations and cooperate with the director in carrying out plans.

Our programs of worship have seemed increasingly worth while. Junior Middle Sunday School is compulsory for seventh, eighth, and ninth grades. Most of the Juniors and Seniors teach in an afternoon Sunday school consisting of our own Primary school children and the boys of the Wei Han School.

One of the joys I find in this work is that it shares in all activities of school life. Our socials, our games, our clubs, our athletic contests—all are a part of it. Our girls in their sociology class are organizing Mothers' Clubs. The teacher of physical education is inspiring the students with a love of all the qualities that go into the making of strong Christian character.

Of course the situation in China politically, socially, economically, and spiritually is in a rather uncertain stage just now, but, nevertheless, we have great cause for gratitude for the many blessings we have enjoyed, and whatever to-morrow may bring, we at least have known a beautiful to-day!

LELIA JUDSON TUTTLE, ENGLISH DEPARTMENT.

I remained at McTyeire School, Shanghai, where I had taught since my coming to China in 1909, until September 1, 1926. Then, to meet a definite need for an English teacher, I was sent to the Laura Haygood Normal School in Soochow.

It was not easy to leave McTyeire, where so many ties of friendship and interest had been formed through the years, but the attractions of Soochow were very strong. The school has long enjoyed an enviable reputation, and the Trueheart Home extended a cordial welcome. The fact that Soochow contains more of the work and workers of our Mission than any other place adds to the desirability of it as a place of residence. So the pangs of leaving Shanghai were neutralized by the anticipations of new joys in Soochow.

After giving all of my time for the last two years to the teaching of history, I am teaching English. I have three classes in the Normal School, to each of which I give an hour daily. I have a history class in the University, which is made up of progressive young lawyers who are finding a good deal of interest in American constitutional government. As they are my first class of young men, they are giving me material for some interesting comparisons.

NINA W. TROY, MUSIC DEPARTMENT.

With our equipment of phonograph records, we are able now to give the students that "vital, direct contact with the work of art, quick perception of its beauty, ability to keep it where it can renew its life through association with other impressions that follow" that is essential for teaching real music appreciation.

We have three teachers, two Chinese and one American, who give full time to the work of the department, which consists of chorus classes for the six years of Junior Middle School and Normal School, piano work in groups and in individual lessons, methods classes for music of the grades, supervision of practice teaching, and of the music of the Demonstration School, classes in music appreciation, theory, etc.

We are trying to build up the love of music, and through our glee clubs, chorus classes, contests, tests, appreciation hour, a kind of symphony orchestra, assembly singing, piano classes, and freedom in use of phonograph and pianos by all all students, we are trying to realize the great educational and cultural benefits to be gained through the study of the music of the masters.

It is with a heart full of joy and thanksgiving that I return to China to enter upon my seventh year at Laura Haygood and my thirteenth year in China. Each year the work grows in interest, and each year I rejoice that I can serve here and now.

ALICE ALSUP, PRINCIPAL OF DEMONSTRATION SCHOOL.

The Demonstration School has occupied its new home for one year now. The building is very attractive and well suited to work. Everywhere one sees the work of Miss Raffo and the Chinese teachers; the curtains and cushions made by the children for the Social Room; the playroom, loved by all the little children; the bathroom, with the youngsters getting their weekly scrub; the pride which all have in the school.

The enrollment is small, ninety-three children this autumn in the six grades. This is a slight increase over last year, but we are conscious



of our small number. We do not know all the reasons—we are located near the wall on the outside limits of the city; many primary schools have sprung up not far from us; the war in 1924–25 caused a decrease in the enrollment of the kindergarten and primary grades.

There were no changes in the Chinese faculty this autumn, for which I was thankful. The Chinese teachers have shown initiative, ability, and leadership in the carrying on of the work.

For the first time, I am teaching some of the educational classes in the Normal School and have the supervision of student observation and teaching. I was interested in this problem as a member of the Normal School faculty before furlough, and while in Teachers' College, Columbia University, last year, had an opportunity to some study of the problem, but the test of a theory is the way it works, and it is the practical end of the question which is taking my time now.

### KONG HONG, INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH, SOOCHOW.

NINA M. STALLINGS

We have had fewer workers this year than last, having only one deaconess, one full-time assistant Bible woman, and a superannuated one.

We have four missionary societies, one adult, with seventy members, and three juniors, meeting twice each month with one hundred and forty members. The adult yearly dues amounted to about sixty dollars, and specials about two hundred. They support a free school for the poor children in the community. The Woman's Missionary Societies of the city held an all-day meeting in May. The Sing Kwaung Free School for Girls, the project of the Woman's Missionary Society, has an enrollment of about forty girls. There are two teachers, one for classics and one for handwork. It has its own board of control, composed of about twelve members of the Missionary Society.

The Soo Lien Kindergarten has had an enrollment of thirty. It has held two mothers' meetings and taken part on all special programs.

The women have more leisure in summer, so we took advantage of this and planned a special Bible class for that time. The class lasted for ten days and more than thirty women attended daily. During the year twelve women have been baptized, twenty have become probationers, and four children have been baptized. The Half-Day School for women has had an enrollment of twenty-eight. The attendance has been very regular and the class work splendid. The Woman's Service Club has a membership of about thirty-eight and an average attendance of about fifteen. The program includes a study of home management, household decorations, public health and welfare, study of foods and their preparation, and handwork for the orphanage. Each year they send about two dozen garments to the Children's Orphanage.

The Girls' Service Club is divided into two departments according to their ages and has an average attendance of forty-five. Their aim is self-improvement and service to others. Their program is health work, religious work, handwork, home work, nature study, and patriotic and common knowledge. They are so interested in their work that they are always on time at the meetings. A girls' camp was held this year for the first time for girls and their leaders from Changshu, Changchow, Wusih, and Soochow. It was held in a beautiful garden at Mok Dok, and while we were there only three days it was very worth while. The Girls' High School Athletic Association, which is now in its third year, has held match games on five different occasions. There are nine schools participating, and the spirit has improved one hundred per cent. Fair play has been a hard lesson to teach, but we are rejoicing that such progress has been made. There were twenty-eight registered in the Daily Vacation Bible School, and eighteen graduated.

There has been rapid growth made in the Baby Welfare Work. We felt so lost with the leaving of Dr. Li for a year's study, but even though on first acquaintance many mothers insisted that the illness could wait a year, now the children ask for "Friend Dr. Ramsay." We certainly are fortunate to have his help and interested coöperation in this field. The weekly food demonstrations are gradually getting more popular with the children.

### ATKINSON ACADEMY, SOOCHOW.

MARY MINOR TARRANT, PRINCIPAL.

Eighteen Chinese and four foreigners have carried on the work this year, but we have not been so fortunate as to have this number for the whole year. A great blow came in the middle of December when Miss Campbell was elected secretary and treasurer of our Woman's Department. Mrs. Whiteside came to the rescue by teaching the three singing classes. Miss Claiborne was glad to take some of Miss Campbell's classes, but the program could not be rearranged to suit her time, and I have had to drop other duties and take nine extra hours of teaching. We were happy to add Mr. Chien Ping-Liang to our staff this fall. He is a very earnest Christian, a fine teacher, and has a beautiful influence in the school. Another forward step was taken when Mr. Vane Song-Nyoen, our head teacher for many years, accepted the position of vice principal of Atkinson Academy.

Many students joined the Church this fall after a week of good meetings, led by Mr. Yang, the pastor of Kong Hong Church. Others wanted to be received at this time, but could not get their parents' consent.

Eighteen students graduated in June. Of these, five are probationers and thirteen are Christians and some are very earnest members of the Student Volunteer Band. This class were leaders in Christian work, conducting an evening school for men and children in the community and teaching in the Sunday school. One of them was the superintendent of the afternoon Sunday school and others taught classes in it. They also held many meetings for the ricksha and chair coolies of the neighborhood.

Our new Senior class is small, but it is also taking the lead in Christian activities. The boys, with the help of other members of the Student Volunteer Band, are holding weekly meetings with the chair bearers and ricksha coolies.

### DAY SCHOOL AND EVANGELISTIC WORK, CHANGSHU CIRCUIT.

VIRGINIA M. ATKINSON, SUPERVISOR,

The beginning of 1926 found this work going on as usual, though I was, for physical reasons, not allowed to engage in active work to any great extent.

The three day schools, the Faith Johnson, the Theodosia Wales, and the Reavis were in a very good condition with faithful, competent teachers who were taking over more and more of the responsibility for the running of the schools. The two men teachers in the two city schools are graduates of a Chinese Normal School of good standing, and they have helped us to reach and hold government standards. The present staff of teachers are more spiritual and better prepared for their work than any the other schools have had, and I can say the same for Reavis School at Bakman, ten miles from Changshu. There have been more than two hundred and fifty pupils enrolled during the year. When I decided to take my furlough we had no missionary or capable Chinese who was free to take over the school work, but Miss S. L. Yui, who had for three years been working with me in evangelistic work and who had made all

her arrangements to go to Nanking to get further training, volunteered to wait a year and undertake the running of these three schools.

Four regular Bible women have been in the work of the circuit, and our efforts have been successful in many ways. Women are constantly being converted and brought into the Church.

Changshu, North Gate, entertained the annual meeting of the Conference Missionary Society last spring, and it was the best in its history. Our Church on this circuit has become self-supporting during the last two years. Mrs. Zau, our head Bible woman, has taken over the woman's evangelistic work, and she is a most spiritual, capable, and efficient worker.

The news of the political situation in China is very distressing. May God watch over and care for his own!

### GINLING COLLEGE, NANKING.

ELLA D. HANAWALT.

The beginning of last year was a time much like the present. The country had not recovered from the preceding year of civil war, an anti-foreign outbreak had just passed, and we prepared for the opening of school, wondering whether we really could begin work again or not; but the year proved to be a very fruitful one. More students than ever before were enrolled in Ginling, and a spirit of earnestness prevailed which made it academically a successful year. The year proceeded much as it does in an American Christian college, the regular curriculum work, the religious activities, the social life, the recreational events, the literary performances, and at the end a graduating class of twenty, most of whom are either now engaged in Christian work or taking further study in preparation for it. If one multiplies the Christian womanhood of Ginling by the number of Christian colleges and universities in that great land, and adds to it the numbers who have already gone out from those schools into the life of the people, he knows that God has indeed prepared leaven enough to leaven the whole lump. What a courageous Christianity! Have we a Christianity courageous enough to make us support our Chinese Christian brother in this, his time of need? Look into the heart of the Chinese Christian and see God as he lives there, often in suffering and heart-ache, always in beauty and power, and give him the answer for which so great a part of God's kingdom is waiting to-day.

### BIBLE TEACHERS' TRAINING SCHOOL FOR WOMEN, NANKING.

RUTH M. BRITAIN.

The year was one of progress and expansion for the Bible Teachers' Training School. It was marked by many blessings. During these days of much turmoil and uncertainty, it is indeed gratifying to hear of the way in which God is using the young women who have been trained in this school to study and strengthen the Christians among whom they are laboring. Some of them, as the evangelist, Miss Want, have a national reputation, and have been used to lead hundreds of people to Christ. Others are teachers of Bible in high schools, or city or county evangelists. Our own Southern Methodist graduates are doing a splendid work.

The disasters in other sections of China have served to increase our enrollment. Several teachers and evangelistic workers have been set free by the enforced closing of schools and have taken advantage of this time to come to the Bible school. The enrollment this year is one hundred and fifteen, more than half of whom are in the higher department.

During the summer a beautiful new dining hall and kitchen were erected. This fall gifts from the alumnae and other Chinese friends have made possible the erection of a new dormitory. It is a tangible expression



of the deep interest the Chinese have in the work of the school. On the Board of Managers and on the faculty they are taking more and more responsibility. As soon as possible, it is planned to put a large share of the administrative work of the school in the hands of Chinese.

## JAPAN MISSION.

### LAMBUTH TRAINING SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS, OSAKA.

REV. M. AKAZAWA, PRESIDENT.

The enrollment for this year is seventy-seven, twenty in the Biblical Department and forty-five in the Kindergarten Normal. Beginning with last year, no candidate is admitted who is not in good health and a baptized Christian, or is ready for baptism. So, the spiritual status of the student body is pretty good. The spirit of self-government and mutual helpfulness is growing in their dormitory life.

We are making a study of the differences in quality of students from Christian and non-Christian homes, but it would not be just to draw conclusions from one year's observation. Proportionately speaking, we have more students from Christian homes in the kindergarten department and fewer in the Biblical department. Of two facts I am certain—namely, that recently more university graduates are entering the ministry than before and that a number of the ministers' sons are doing strong Christian work. This shows that the Christians in our country are not inattentive to the ministerial call. It is a fact that at present the work and living of the Bible woman is not attractive to ambitious young women of modern Japan. We wish to make this work more attractive to these consecrated young women. Here we need your prayers and coöperation. We are trying to break down a feeling of difference in the spiritual responsibility of kindergartners and Bible women. It is our conviction that the Christian kindergartners need the same degree of consecration as the Bible woman, because they are both Christian workers.

We organized the alumnae recently with ninety-one graduates of the former Hiroshima Normal Department and those of Kobe, Lambuth. There are two hundred and ninety-four of the alumnae living. One hundred and twenty-five of these are in active work.

In 1926 the government for the first time granted to our regular Kindergarten Normal graduates the government license of kindergarten teacher. The license is good throughout the whole country. One great problem in regard to the teaching force is the fact that our teaching is done largely by part-time teachers.

There is a vast and tremendous opportunity for the Master's work before your Lambuth. In addition to being a social evangelistic center in the city of Osaka, she should become the useful center of the kindergarten, women and children's work of our Church. In order that our young women may become Christian workers, we need various organizations in which they can try out the theories they study in the classroom, such as clubs for mothers, girls, boys, and children. Our students, as you know, are going to different places to organize Sunday schools, some of which are already growing up to be Churches.

The deeper you look into the city life of Osaka, the more you feel the divine urge within you to do something for the Master, who is inviting you and me to join him in seeking the millions of lost souls in the by-ways and lanes, in the shadow of the chimneys, in the store houses, in the boats on the river, and in the dark corners of the shabby houses in the poor quarters of the city.

We need your constant advice and prayer for the school to which you have given the beloved name of Lambuth.

ANNIE BELLE WILLIAMS, EVANGELISTIC WORK.

Lambuth was built in Osaka because of the many opportunities which the city affords for contacts with various groups.

Last fall, most providentially, an opening came in the factories, where thousands of young women who come from the country districts and live in dormitories, are employed. Miss Holland, of England, who for nearly thirty years had been working with the girls, became ill and gave up the work. I had just returned from furlough under appointment to evangelistic work in Osaka. The Father brought us together, answering the prayer of one for a successor, and ours for an open door to these young women.

We have regular appointments each week in five factories, meeting once or twice monthly in others, thus reaching about two hundred and fifty young women. It is for most of them the only chance of attending a Christian service. No restrictions are imposed by the authorities, so the gospel message is given without reserve.

The average period of service in the factory is two years. On returning to their rural homes, if these young women carry the message of the love of God in Christ Jesus, they will help to bring the kingdom here in Japan. So this seed planted will bear abundant fruit.

Students in the Biblical department and kindergarten are given regular appointments in the factories and have the joy while still in training of doing evangelistic work. We are depending on our friends at home to hold up our hands.

EVANGELISTIC WORK, ASHIYA.

IDA M. WORTH.

The rural evangelistic work done by myself during 1926 saw some growth over the 1925 record.

The circuit was the same, with no increase in stations. English was taught in connection with Bible classes. Two district classes of people were reached—apprentices connected with large business concerns and clerks in the large banks in Osaka.

The young workmen came into the English Night School at the West Osaka Church tired and worn, ignorant of almost everything good, but wise to much of evil. I tried to teach them three things: To speak English, to know Jesus Christ, and to know me as their friend. These young people need a true, good friend as much as they need anything else. The English classes at Tayonaka and Suita were of the educated class—employees, clerks of the large banking corporations in Osaka, and university students.

One evening, Dr. and Mrs. Hager and I invited these young men, the pastor, Mrs. Kugimiya, and Miss Maeda to dinner at our house in Ashiya. For the first time in their lives they enjoyed Christian fellowship and hospitality in a Christian missionary home. A foreign restaurant had been the nearest thing to it they had had. It made a deep impression even on the Christian element among them.

The domestic science classes are always held among the high class of women who cannot be reached otherwise. My classes were well attended but the work was done under difficulties. We began work among the children just three months before we left on furlough. During the year and six months I was in the work, the work I hoped to do when I first began gradually opened its doors. There are many such fields of labor ready for cultivation, especially in the new suburban residential sections

around the large cities of Japan. One must win the people first and then the gospel will draw them.

### AIRIN KWAN, OITA.

ANNETTE GIST, HEAD RESIDENT.

The year 1926 has not been a very eventful one in the work of the Airin Kwan, but I feel it has marked a steady progress.

In our kindergarten we have taken in seventy-two children instead of the sixty for whom it was planned, and are having to turn away children. How I long to be able in some small way to lead these parents to realize the Airin Kwan stands for something much more valuable to each than the little education that we can give their children.

The Bible women and kindergartners are doing a good work among the women and children through the six Bible story hours, constant house-to-house visiting, and weekly meetings for inquirers. Largely through their efforts seven have joined the Church this year. At Tsurusaki, we began this year through the kind assistance of Mr. Demaree an evening meeting for adults, which has already born fruit in a class of ten probationers.

I have more requests to teach English than I can follow up. The best part of my English classes for girls is that every girl attends church regularly. One was baptized during the year.

One of the joys of my life had been my English and Bible classes in Usuki, a town of about twenty thousand population. More than thirty students were enrolled during the year. This illustrates the spirit of the class, a young English teacher, asking me about the necessity of a strong Christian faith for himself, said, as I answered in English: "Please talk Japanese. This is too important. I might not understand it all."

Because of lack of funds, the present plan is to take away the preacher from these young folk. God grant that this may never be, but that our American friends may have such open hearts and pocketbooks that these young men, as well as those in the homeland, may have the gospel preached to them!

### KINDERGARTEN, BEPPU.

MOZELLE TUMLIN.

My work centers around the kindergarten in Beppu. Last spring my assistant kindergarten teacher married, and, being unable to secure a suitable person to fill the vacancy, I tried the job myself. It was hard work, but the experience gave me a more sympathetic understanding of kindergarten problems and a deeper appreciation of the wonderful opportunity that kindergarten teachers have of giving Christ to little children.

The kindergarten teachers and I visit regularly in the homes and thus have opportunity for personal work among the parents. The other day a mother told us about how her little girl kept talking about Jesus's birthday, repeating a verse about Bethlehem that she had learned at kindergarten. The father became interested and decided to buy a Bible and find out more about the story the child was telling. Now both parents are planning to attend church and study Christianity. Truly, "a little child shall lead them."

Visiting one afternoon a week with the Bible woman, teaching several classes, conducting a club for kindergarten graduates, assisting in afternoon Sunday school work, in addition to three mornings a week spent in language study, makes up my schedule.

I am very happy in my work and am praying that I may be more effective in His service during this new year.



## SOCIAL EVANGELISTIC CENTER, KURE.

ELSTON ROWLAND, HEAD RESIDENT.

The year 1926 has been a full year for all the workers at Kure. One has an entrance into almost every home in Japan through the children, and it is our prayer and purpose not only to lead the little ones in the kindergarten to Christ, but, through them, we are trying to reach the mothers and the homes.

For some time I have felt keenly the need for greater effort to keep in touch with the children who graduate from kindergarten and other children of primary school age and older beyond just keeping them in Sunday school. We now have weekly club meetings with the graduates of the kindergarten, primary school children, high school girls, and high school boys. For girls who graduate from high school we have the young ladies' club. When they graduate from that (get married), they may enter Fujinkai (or Women's Society, which is quite similar to the Woman's Missionary Society). We would like to maintain this organization so that some years hence we may have women in the Fujinkai who are graduates of our kindergarten. At present there are two or three kindergarten graduates in the high school girls' club.

The four children's Bible schools that we had last year are continuing with interest and full attendance, and we have been able to open two new ones, in homes opened to us free of rent. We count it a great privilege to have a part in giving the Word of Life to these hungry hearts.

One of the finest pieces of work we were able to do during the past year, to my mind, was our summer camp. The total enrollment was twenty-five. We had an ideal location right by the sea and at the foot of the mountains. We had a daily program, beginning with the morning watch; breakfast; study periods to noon, including Bible music; English and a lecture period; rest and recreation in the afternoon; and vespers in the evening. Our camp motto was, "Health, love, and service," and we tried to carry out these thoughts throughout the week in all our programs. It was a great joy to hear several of the older girls tell at vespers on the last two evenings what the camp had meant to them. In every case, the main note was a closer fellowship with God and a better understanding of Christian living.

The year has necessarily been full of all sorts of problems for a young missionary, but it has been fuller of rich blessings from our Heavenly Father, and my heart overflows with thanksgiving and praise.

MARY SEARCY.

I have very little to report this year, as most of my time was spent in America on furlough. My months in the homeland were very happy and profitable ones, and I thank God for them; but it was with great joy in my heart that I again turned my footsteps toward Japan last August. My heart is indeed full of praise and thanksgiving to him who has made it possible for me to return for another term of service in this land that I have learned to love so much. My prayer is that in my everyday life and work in the small things as well as the large, I may serve him in a way that will bring others to know him.

As I enter upon my second term of service I realize more than ever my own weakness and my absolute dependence upon Him for the strength needed for this great task to which he has called me. I realize that "I can of my own self do nothing," but with Paul I can say: "I have strength for anything through him who gives me power." And so, looking to him for strength and power, I again take up the task where I left it and look forward with great eagerness to six more years of joyous service in Japan.

## KOREA MISSION.

## CAROLINA INSTITUTE, SEOUL.

VELMA HARTLEY MAYNOR, ENGLISH DEPARTMENT.

From January 1 to July 4 was spent at Carolina Institute teaching from twelve to fifteen hours a week of high school English and three hours a week of Bible in the grade school.

In addition to this regular schedule of school work, Sunday mornings were spent at the church, to which appointment had been received from the presiding elder of Seoul District, Siga mun Church. There English Bible for the teachers of the Sunday school, a class of little girls in Sunday school, and work with the Woman's Missionary Society constituted the work done.

Home visiting and personal work among the girls of the school afforded splendid opportunities for telling the story of Jesus and establishing friendships with the Korean people, which it is hoped may be used in the furtherance of his kingdom among them.

From July 5 to July 26 was spent in a most pleasant journey from Korea to America. The two months following were most happy ones, spent with loved ones, renewing old ties of kinship and friendship. Since October 1 I have been studying in the University of Chicago. During the time in America fifteen missionary talks have been made. The people have all seemed most interested and very responsive to the message.

## WOMAN'S BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL (UNION), SEOUL.

HORTENSE TINSLEY, VICE PRINCIPAL.

After a two-year furlough, I returned to Korea in August, 1925, to the Woman's Bible Training School. I have found it exceedingly difficult to adjust myself to the changes that have taken place during two years.

We still carry the two courses for graduates of the primary and for graduates of the higher primary. The length of time for the former has been extended to four years' work, with a good deal of work in Japanese, history, and science added, and in the higher course more English has been added, with the idea of enabling the girls to read helpful literature in English and Japanese, as these books are so lacking in Korean. Also it has been decided by the school board that each girl shall be required to do a year's practical work before taking her last year of school work. This year we have had in training from thirty-five to forty splendid, consecrated young women between the ages of twenty and thirty. Since this phase of work is new, there is no precedent to follow and no very definite idea either in the minds of the women themselves or the Korean preachers as to their possibilities for usefulness in the Church work. This fact, together with the large demand for higher school graduates as teachers in the Christian primary schools and the larger salaries paid them there, and also the intense feeling on the part of the older Bible women in being supplanted by the younger women, makes the problem a difficult one, and so this spring we had no applicants for entrance into the higher course. Another discouraging feature was that of the six who went out to do their year of practice work, only one is back to finish her course. Five from the higher and three from the lower department went out last spring for their year of practice work, and six of them are doing splendid work and will probably return next spring.

Two years ago Mrs. Chaffin began a bakery as a self-help department. It is proving quite a success, filling a large need in the community, and is valuable training for the girls to prepare and serve the food. It also enables them to earn their incidental expenses and is an appreciable help to the schools.

The girls are teaching in the Sunday schools with an average of two hundred and fifty pupils. In the spring a Junior Church was started at East Gate with an attendance of one hundred and twenty; two of our girls have had charge of the services. The girls have been going out once a week to do social service work. One group has gone, two each afternoon, to an orphanage conducted by a Japanese Christian, and taught to the children of pre-school age in the orphanage and in the neighborhood kindergarten songs, games, Bible stories, verses, etc. Another group has gone to one of our Christian schools after regular school hours, and gathered about a hundred and twenty children who are not privileged to attend regular school, and taught them to read and write. Another group goes, two each night, to our Mission Hall in the center of the city to do personal work with the women who gather there.

We have a loyal, consecrated faculty who are giving of their best toward the development and training of the girls.

Though we are still far from our goal for the Bible Training School, we feel that we are making progress, and that we will more and more have come to us the choicest of Korea's young womanhood. We are praying God to enable us to send them out as workmen that need not be ashamed.

### WOMAN'S EVANGELISTIC CENTER, SONGDO.

AGNES GRAHAM, HEAD RESIDENT.

Most of the Bible women, when in the city churches, have done faithful work, but because of the serious illness of two of them the work has been hindered.

With the purpose of our work in view, the evangelization of the non-Christian and also the building up of our Christian women and providing for them social life under Christian influence, most of the work has been done through direct personal work in the Center, visitation in the homes, and through group meetings. Some of these groups of women meet once a week for work, some semi-weekly, some four nights a week. Miss Mauk, who has had charge of the music work in the Center, has had a large place in the work, not only teaching all the music pupils for whom she had time, but also creating a love and appreciation for music in the whole city. Several of her pupils have purchased organs, and two of them have pianos in their homes.

Enrolled in regular work in all groups of women and girls, including the kindergarten in connection with the Center, are 486, and many more have had a part in special meetings held at the Center. Outside of the regular scheduled work of the Center, we have had 47 special meetings. These have taken the form of direct evangelistic meetings for non-Christian groups, 18 meetings; inspirational program, 7 meetings. Meetings with Christian groups in special days of prayer, workers' conferences, missionary meetings of combined societies, of city or district, 6 meetings; socials of varying groups of Christians and non-Christians, 16 meetings.

One of the most encouraging items of report is that since Christmas forty young married women have definitely become Christians and have enrolled in Bible classes in one of our city Churches. The field is ripe for a richer harvest this fall than we yet have been able to reap, and we enter into the new year with joy and hope and faith in the power of the gospel to transform the hearts and lives of the women of Songdo.

MARY VIC MAUK, MUSIC DEPARTMENT.

At the beginning of the year 1926 Miss McMakin, who had been released from the music department of Holston Institute for the purpose of language study, resumed her duties. That left me free to devote my entire time to the Music Department of the Evangelistic Center, Songdo, to further language study, and to translating.



The pupils at the Evangelistic Center prepared and gave a piano and organ recital, making a creditable showing. A chorus, composed of the teachers and English class girls, sang a three-part chorus, "Spring," the words of which were written by Mrs. Reid of our station; the musical setting and the translation being done by my able Korean helper and myself.

At spare moments I studied and completed the entire third-year work and a portion of the fourth. I was handicapped a bit by my eyes, having had five slight operations on my eyelids during the year.

The work of the Evangelistic Center closed the last of June, and, since my furlough was due, I left Korea for Peking, after bidding farewell to my fellow missionaries and Korean pupils and friends.

### HOLSTON INSTITUTE, SONGDO.

ALICE M'MAKIN, MUSIC DEPARTMENT.

From September through December I had full time for language study, working on the third-year course. In December, I passed an examination on nearly all the course. During these months I spent one afternoon each week visiting with our Bible women in the homes of the school girls, which gave me an opportunity to meet the home folk and to practice my language.

From January, 1926, I had part-time language study and part-time work, my schedule being ten music pupils and several singing classes each week. In this term we were very busy preparing our commencement program, which was in March. It was beautiful. A big class of five girls graduated.

At the beginning of the new term and new year in April, 1926, I had full-time work with a schedule of twenty-four music pupils and eight singing classes per week, which left little time for language study. There were between eighty and one hundred girls who wanted to study instrumental music, but it was impossible to accommodate all, because of lack of equipment and teachers. It is encouraging to find that so many of the girls are eager to study but discouraging that we cannot teach them all.

School continued this year until July 20. After July 1 we taught only half a day, but it was laboring under difficulties, trying to teach in the heat.

We need more equipment and more teachers, at least one more piano, and another practice room or two. Also we need a Korean music teacher to give full time to teaching music. I wish we could enlarge and improve our music department.

### IVEY HOSPITAL, SONGDO.

ROSA LOWDER, R.N.; HELEN ROSSER, R.N.

This year we had a class of seven graduates, four men and three women. We are trying to raise our standard for entrance into this department. From this year we plan to admit only those who have completed at least one year of high school work. There have been eighteen nurses in training most of this year. Now we have sixteen, who have been faithful.

The classroom work has been accomplished, though under many difficulties. We rely upon the two Korean doctors for the nurses' medical lectures. We are grateful to Miss Graham, who taught English one hour a week, and to Miss Smith, who taught two hours of English and Bible one hour a week. Miss Rosser supervised the operating room since January. She has taught sewing and chorus classes. The latter added much to our Christmas and graduating exercises.

During the year there were 10,136 dispensary treatments; 524 patients have been cared for in the hospital; 319 operations performed.

The gospel story has been told constantly in the hospital and dispensary,

resulting in 213 new believers during the year and 129 new believers in five groups formed by the country follow-up work of the hospital preacher and the two Bible women. We give thanks to Him who has blessed us, and in the confidence of his leading we enter with faith into the new year.

### EVANGELISTIC WORK FOR WOMEN, WONSAN.

KATE COOPER.

We began the year with a district class of one hundred and forty-four women, with students in both the Old and New Testaments. All studied faithfully to the end and received certificates.

A Week of Prayer was held in each Church by the twenty-four Bible women and other leaders. This is one of the very best ways we have of developing the spiritual life of the women. Many who have never uttered a prayer in public learn then.

During the months of November and December, the Bible women and I had Bible classes for women in all the country Churches, which were a great blessing.

I can truthfully say that the one event of the year, around which all the hopes and plans of the undergraduates center, is the three-month Bible school every winter. We had eighty-five in attendance this year. We opened the Bible school with a day of prayer, assigning each woman a subject relating to promoting the Christian life. It was quite a help to them to prepare their subjects and a blessing to the others who heard. The work of house-to-house visiting and personal evangelism by the students in Bible school and the class for catechumens on Sunday afternoon were the means of grace to many. At the close of the Bible school twenty women were baptized.

Our Night School, with an enrollment of one hundred and thirty-eight, has had its most successful year. The faithful teachers bear the responsibility and are always seeking to adopt measures for improvement. The transformation in the lives of some of the ignorant, poor, hard-working, hopeless women and girls is very marked. We have five years now and expect to have the sixth-year course next year.

We have a school for young women preparing for Christian service. Miss Moore and the other women teachers rendered most effective service this spring in teaching these young women whom we expect to go out as evangelists to the country villages.

In the Chulwon District, I had the great privilege of visiting all the circuits except two, meeting with all the Bible women, holding classes in three county seats and one village, helping in the District Missionary Conference and visiting all the schools and kindergartens under my supervision except the two recently organized.

In April of this year the fifty-nine adult Missionary Societies of the Wonsan District had the privilege of entertaining the Woman's Missionary Conference. The number present was one hundred and seventy-two, the largest attendance in their history. Our treasurer, Mrs. Ryang, reported a total of 2,451.90 yen collected during 1925. This money is used to support four district missionaries, and it was voted to use the money appropriated for foreign work to send a missionary to her Korean sisters in Japan. Of the 192 yen raised during the Week of Prayer, one hundred was appropriated as a scholarship for a missionary candidate studying in the Woman's Theological Seminary in Seoul. The remainder, 92 yen, and the amount to be raised this fall was voted to be applied to the Rescue Home soon to be opened in Seoul.

God has been wonderfully good to give us such a splendid new building for our Woman's Evangelistic Work in Wonsan. After many suggestions, God gave us a name which we feel is just the right one, Yur Cha Kwan, which means "House of Abounding Grace."

The difficulty in getting the building finished was great, but our new building is now about ready for dedication. The good of this difficult situation has been that I learned to know the workmen and have had the joy of leading some of them and their wives to know Christ. My longest vacation this summer was spent at the police station. Even that proved to be a blessing in disguise, for I came away knowing as never before what it meant just to stand on some of the promises of God and let him work in my behalf.

### WOMAN'S EVANGELISTIC CENTER, CHOONCHUN.

MAMIE D. MYERS, HEAD RESIDENT.

The efforts of 1925 were realized when in October we opened the Woman's Evangelistic Center known to the Koreans as "Choonchun Yur Cha Kwan." This building is a dream realized, housing a kindergarten, night school, cooking and sewing classes, library, Parent-Teachers' Association, Woman's Bible Institute, and circuit classes. It is also the gathering place for all social activities of the Church.

Having built a woman's dormitory in 1925, with this new building affording such lovely classrooms, we had the largest attendance ever in Woman's Bible Institute. The women were far above the average in intelligence and religious fervor.

Kindergarten is always interesting. With a very unusual Korean woman in charge, the Koreans paying half of the expenses, we feel that ours is more than worth while.

The night school for young women made it possible for us to come in touch with many who otherwise would never be interested in Christianity.

Just before leaving for America we had the joy of seeing the church auditorium completed, our "farewell" service being the first held there.

Not the least of our joys were the fellow missionaries. This small circle, often cut off from the outside world, snow and ice in winter, rain and floods in summer, could always find joy and pleasure in being together, extending the real hand of fellowship and good will.

SADIE MAUD MOORE.

To an Oriental missionary, even in her second and third years, the matter of language study continues to claim much time. In June I finished the second year's course in full. Beginning in the fall, I am now working on the third year's course. I still find the language very fascinating, and I am grateful for the opportunities that even a limited knowledge of it offers, and I am looking forward to a better understanding and a larger service.

My missionary work was done in our Bible School last spring and our new Evangelistic Center in the fall. We are so grateful for our new building and so happy for the work we have started there. I have had fourteen hours of teaching, including five of Bible, three of English, and six in the sewing department.

I have a Sunday school class of teen-age girls, a very interesting and interested group. Then my home visiting with my Bible woman has given me contacts that are so necessary and helpful in our work.

On account of my recent operation I have had to be away from my work for some weeks, but my recovery has been so rapid that I expect to be able to begin full-time work with the opening of the January term.

My heart is filled with praise and gratitude to our Heavenly Father for his love and care and for giving me a place to work for him among the people of Korea. I do love to render a service that is acceptable to him.



## WONSAN CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL.

BLANCHE HAUSER, R.N.

After mission meeting I began my fourth year in the same station. In the hospital we have three graduate Korean nurses, eight pupil nurses. These Korean nurses do the actual caring for the Korean patients, while I care for the foreign patients, of which we have very few. The native doctors do practically all the teaching—that is, class work. I have classes in English with them and help them with their practical nursing. We have graduated two girls, one of whom we are using now. One has successfully passed the government examination, giving her government recognition. We feel very proud of this fact, as applicants sometimes try these examinations a number of times before passing. Naturally these girls haven't the initiative ability that you find at some places, but they make very good nurses. I think that this kind of work among the Korean women has only just begun. They know nothing about public health work; there are no calls for private duty nurses among their own people.

I feel that it is a blessed privilege to work in this land, and I am very happy in my work. I am hoping to become more and more useful as I get accustomed to them and learn their language better.

## BRAZIL MISSION.

## BENNETT COLLEGE, RIO DE JANEIRO.

MARY ALICE LAMAR, PRINCIPAL.

The development of Bennett College during the past year has given so much to hope and to plan for the coming year that there seems to be no time to stop for writing a record.

The new building, for which we are continuously grateful, has made possible an increase of one-third the number of students. This building houses the grammar grades and the high school. It has six classrooms that are so well equipped, aired, and lighted as to cause most appreciative remarks from all who see them. There are two well-furnished laboratories and a beautiful library. The comfortable office has several devices that make direction of school activities easier.

The Primary Department of the school has been well attended, and the young teachers, all graduates of Bennett or the Piracicabano, have done good work. More than twenty beginners have had to be refused because of lack of space. There are almost daily inquiries about a kindergarten. It would be a great advantage to the school and its patrons if one could be opened.

The grammar grade classrooms have been full, and the work done excellent. Many parents delight in telling of the difficulty they have in keeping their children home even for slight illness or for motives that might mean pleasure for the children. The geography teaching is especially pleasing.

The high school work has been good. The English classes have studied enthusiastically and with fine results. Bennett has no more attractive feature than its domestic science department. The girls love this work, and in doing it develop abilities far finer than that which makes good cooks, though that is one well developed. Physical education has, during the year, cultivated strength of body and of personality. I, as an inexperienced principal, am keenly appreciative of the work done by all departments.

Bennett's connection with the Brazilian Education Association has been pleasant and helpful. The Parent-Teachers' Association has met monthly

and has been attended by the most thoughtful and progressive parents. Some good work has been done.

Only two pupils have been received into the Church on profession of faith, but there is a manifest spirit of appreciation of Christianity and of growing ideals. Six girls have taught in Sunday schools and many have done real service through the Young Women's Missionary Society.

Two hundred and forty-eight pupils have been enrolled during the year. Forty of them were high school pupils and fifteen took the teacher-training course. The boarding department was smaller because of the expiration of the contract of a rented house.

#### EVA LOUISE HYDE.

January and report time find me in New York, a student at Teachers' College, and with my furlough year rapidly approaching its close. In two weeks' time I shall be on the ocean sailing for Brazil and my much-loved work at Bennett School.

This has been in many ways one of the most satisfactory and delightful years of my life. A set of fortunate circumstances made it possible for me to realize a dream of long standing and come home last February "by way of" Europe, where two most profitable months were spent. Then a wonderful summer with my family in the West amid all the beauty and grandeur of the Rocky Mountains afforded me recreation of body and spirit. Finally, a semester of graduate work at Columbia University has put me in touch with the rapidly progressing educational program of our own nation and has given me that mental stimulus which I trust will enable me to render a more worthy service to the cause of Christian education in Brazil.

I go back with feelings of the deepest joy and gratitude that I am allowed to continue my work for the Master in that great country and in the midst of that splendid people whom I have learned to love and admire, and I go praying that because of the blessings and privileges enjoyed this year I may be a better "ambassador" of Jesus Christ than ever I have been before.

#### MAUD MATHIS, DEPARTMENT OF HOME ECONOMICS.

My third year's work in Bennett has been practically the same as the other years. Foods and cookery, hygiene, Bible, and beginner's English. Due to the large number of pupils, the first-year work in foods and cookery had to be divided into two sections.

I am happy to have the new combination classroom and practice dining room which was furnished toward the close of the year.

In April I had the privilege of attending a Student's Volunteer Meeting in Juiz de Fora with representatives from the Granbery, Isabella Hendrix, and Bennett. It is noteworthy that the young people are seeing and thinking seriously about the educational problems and the evangelization of their country.

#### DAISYE FERGUSON, PHYSICAL EDUCATION.

The past year has been a happy one. The first part of the year I studied Portuguese in the morning. In the afternoon I had three classes in English, seventh grade, and high school gym. The last half of the year I was given two more English classes. I enjoy the English work, but I enjoy even more my gym work.

We organized an Athletic Association this year. Every girl except two in the seventh grade and high school joined voluntarily. Rewards were given to those who gained so many points, made good grades, and were all-round students. We had a splendid field day in which all the children took part.

I have assisted with the American Sunday school because I felt that the need was greater than in the Brazilian Sunday school. I have enjoyed my work with them very much, being superintendent, assistant superintendent, and teacher at different times.

My work as a whole in Rio has been most enjoyable, and I am more than pleased that I am to serve there another year.

ANNIE DONOVAN, ENGLISH.

With our beautiful new building and our delightful classrooms, 1926 could not have been anything but a happy year. I think that the girls in my classes showed their appreciation of these things by doing even better than ever before. This was my third year with some of the girls, and it was a great joy to see their growth in mental ability. Some of them are real students. How I wish we could take them on through a college course.

I taught six English classes, one class in history of religions, and one class in psychology. I have twelve bright girls in my Sunday school class; nine of them were also in the class of the history of religions, and I have never had a more interesting Sunday school class.

I am grateful to the women at home who make it possible for me to have a little part in our great work in Brazil.

### PEOPLE'S CENTRAL INSTITUTE, RIO DE JANEIRO.

LAYONA GLENN, PRINCIPAL DAY SCHOOL.

If variety is the spice of life, we at the Institute have had a very spicy time this year! We had the unique experience of working under four superintendents within one Conference year (the year extended over fourteen months): Mr. Buyers, retiring soon after Conference last year, left Mr. Long in charge till the arrival of Mr. Betts, who remained until this Conference and retired as Mr. Terrell was appointed to the superintendency this year.

In May Miss Holt was forced by ill health to go home for recuperation, thus leaving the Social Service Department without a head.

During the year, one of our best teachers in the night school had to leave the city because of illness in his family. This left vacant a place very difficult to fill.

We helped to entertain the Conference of the Woman's Missionary Society in June, the revival services of the Rev. D. Willia Caffray in August and September, the Methodist Jubilee, and the Annual Conference in October.

The school work reached its high-water mark this year with a matriculation of five hundred and twenty-eight, including the night classes. Sixteen finished the course and received their certificates, each one was presented at the same time with a Bible. They can read to those in their homes the old, old story and we trust not forget the way of life into which we have tried to lead them. The giving of these Bibles was made possible by the generosity of our old friend and former coworker, Miss Amelia Elerding, who, though prevented by physical disability from continuing in the active service in Brazil, is working as a "silent partner," sending an offering for the purchase and distribution of the Word of God among the unsaved.

The pre-natal and baby clinic, in which the National Department of Public Health is coöperating with the Institute, has grown so rapidly that the board of health has doubled its force, and we have enrolled over four hundred mothers and babies. These have free medical attention and supervision, and those who are too poor to purchase milk for their babies receive it free (paid for by the Health Department), and all of them can obtain certified milk at a reasonable price for their little ones.



We have not yet succeeded in finding a kindergartner, but are on the look-out for one, and hope to be successful in our search, for it is one of the great needs of the work.

Although the Social Service Department has been without a head, we have tried to supervise as best we could the visitation work, and Bible women and teachers have made 6,680 visits during the year.

### COLLEGIO ISABELLA HENDRIX, BELLO HORIZONTE.

EMMA CHRISTINE, PRINCIPAL.

At the close of another five years of service in the Isabella Hendrix, I begin this, my fifth annual report to the Woman's Council.

Barring the resolute progress that is more easily felt than defined, the régime here is about the same year in, year out. There are always some changes on the faculty, and many in the student body, but the schedule, once established and well organized, runs its course with little variations.

Fifteen thousand eight hundred and forty classes were taught in the school during the year. Examinations were given in June and again in July. Public sports day in June was a very happy occasion, while the public entertainment at the close of the school, the preparation of which taxed the ingenuity of a group of gifted teachers, was given before an audience of a thousand people.

The health record of the year has been splendid which is cause of sincere gratitude, considering that we have neither infirmary nor anyone who could answer in the capacity of a nurse.

As to the finances of the year, enthusiasm is wanting. The situation has been as top-heavy as a Fifth Avenue motor bus. Expenditures were continually a little bit in excess of receipts, which condition kept us anxious, always anxious. Happily, however, we are able to close our books without a deficit, another cause for gratitude.

Miss Lela Putnam arrived the 15th of November in time to help with the close of the school and to get acquainted with the patrons. Miss Helen Johnston and Miss Lucy Belle Morgan left us on the 3rd of December and are now on their voyage to the homeland, whither I expect to wend my way the 1st of March.

HELEN JOHNSTON, HOME ECONOMICS.

The beginning of the year found the representatives of the Council in session at annual conference meeting, held in Santa Maria, South Brazil.

This was a most enjoyable occasion, and those of us who were in the south for the first time had the opportunity to see and appreciate the splendid work being done there.

The boarding department had a few less girls this year on account of the floods and travel being made impossible to some who lived at a great distance. There was a spiritual awakening in the life of not a few of them, on the part of others there was a strong reaction against Protestantism. Those who took the stand were firm and could not be turned from their new faith by the arguments or anti-demonstrations of these others.

Miss Strout, the representative of the W. C. T. U. in Brazil, visited our city during the year. She was well received by the people and organized an adult and young people's society. A number of our students signed the pledge and have been very loyal in keeping it. This has not been easy, for wine and beer have been served in the homes of many of them.

For the goodness of God and the privilege of serving him during another year, I am thankful.

## COLLEGIO PIRACICABANO, PIRACICABA.

LILY A. STRADLEY, PRINCIPAL.

Collegio Piracicabano is completing forty-five years of uninterrupted service, and this is certainly a source of gratitude. These have all been years of struggle. Victories might have been greater, but through these years a courageous band of consecrated women have stood on the walls day and night with the sword in one hand and the trowel in the other, carrying out the plans of the founder and the group of noble women who sent them to the task.

Hundreds of happy wives and mothers are helping to bring the nation to our Saviour's feet, a noble band of young women who have been in our schools. Others occupy good positions in the business world.

The departments of general culture, music, and art rank high.

The effort of the past year has been to develop the department of home economics. The exhibit from the culinary department, dress-making, embroidery, and art departments caused great admiration.

This year we have used the new building for domestic science, which has been a wonderful asset. We still need to add to it a large hall, which could serve for the sewing room, dining room, and social hall.

We have for months tried to get an examining board from the federal government. In November we received notice that all was right except stamps. We sent in another request, but have had no answer to date. We know that the bishop of Campinas has promised our "vigario" that our plan shall not be realized, and the anti-foreign party is also very active. I have not given up.

In Church work I have limited myself to the missionary society, the official board of our Church, and my Sunday school class. In the latter I have concentrated much energy, for each Sunday there are present about fifty young men and women. This year a goodly number professed their faith, and many who in past years have been members of the class are now leaders in Christian work in all parts.

The statistical report shows a good year.

## SOPHIA SCHALCH, PEDAGOGY AND PSYCHOLOGY.

This year the girls have done good class work, and the school atmosphere has been good.

I have two classes in history and one in Portuguese, two in Bible, two in science, one in pedagogy, and one in psychology. I feel as if I have rambled all over the curriculum, and I wonder where I am going to settle next year.

I am continuing with the normal class in Sunday school. I also took my share in the supervision of the boarding department.

We are very glad to have Miss Baxter with us, and the people in town are very well impressed with her.

It looks as if there will be a very full school next year, and we are going to be very busy. I hope it will be a very successful one. I am looking forward for the new year with eagerness, and I am glad to have the chance for another year's work.

## ALICE DENISON, HOME ECONOMICS.

Each year seems to bring fuller and more varied experiences. I am teaching as I learn and learning as I teach.

My teaching this year has been, in most cases, very pleasant indeed. I taught two eleventh-grade classes—namely, ethics and hygiene; a class in religions; sixth-grade Bible; and three home economics classes. Once a week I superintended the boys' recreation hour.

In the household I planned the meals, did the kitchen and some other

buying, directed the house work and cleaning, including classrooms and dormitories.

Attending the medical needs of the boarding girls was interesting and pleasant, sometimes humorous, and once in a while tiresome. Most of the pupils enjoyed excellent health the entire year.

It was my privilege to accompany a group of girls to Sunday school and Church services and also teach a class of Intermediate girls. I superintend the work of the Young People's Missionary Society; and the last two months was superintendent of the temperance society for boys.

In the different types of work, my effort has been to show, in an attractive and sincere way, what Jesus would do and have us do.

#### MARY HINTON, ENGLISH.

I have finished my first year of service in Brazil. I do not know how much I've meant to the people with whom I've worked, but what they have taught me has been more than I have learned during any five years of my life.

During the past year I have studied the language on an average of three hours a day, and taught four classes in English, one in dressmaking, geometry, and gymnastics.

On the first Sunday after I arrived in Piracicaba I began talking about the need for a Primary Department in Sunday school, as there were over three hundred meeting in the same room. The result was that we organized and have an average of eighty every Sunday, with about a hundred and fifty on roll and at times as many as thirty visitors in one class. This has been my greatest joy of the year.

#### RUTH MERRITT, ENGLISH.

The major part of my work during this past year has been upon the study of Portuguese. During my first five months in Brazil, from February until July, I studied the language and taught a Sunday school class of English-speaking children in Sao Paulo. The disappointing realization that came to me in some way of my contacts with Americans was the tragic fact that their attitude all too often is a striking refutation of the truth that missionary effort tries to impart. From July until November I continued my study of the language and taught four English classes in Collegio Piracicabano. I can sincerely say that in my work with my students I was impressed as never before with my obligation to teach human beings rather than English grammar, composition, or literature.

### COLLEGIO METHODISTA, RIBEIRAO PRETO.

#### RUTH JARRETT, PRINCIPAL.

Within the past five years Collegio Methodista has suffered from a constant change in principals, five different ones having been here during this time. With this disadvantage, and the added one of a great financial depression in this part of the country, we have had such a year as to make us realize that our blessings have been indeed more abundant than we could ask or think.

Our matriculation was two hundred and twenty. Four fine girls finished the course and are planning to continue to study in our schools in Piracicaba or in Rio. Some new pupils came to us from a distant town because they heard that this school was a school where children really learned.

Our teachers have worked earnestly and some have given freely of their talent and time to special occasions such as our sport day, patriotic programs for holidays and for the school entertainments in June and at the end of the year.

They have also taken an effective part in the Church work, two acting



as Sunday school superintendents and others as teachers. To them is due the success of the Young Woman's Missionary Society.

We are delighted to worship in our new church, dedicated at Conference in October. Our people have given so largely to the Church that we are as proud of them as we are of the beautiful new building.

A new year is before us. We go toward it with a great sense of responsibility, and also with joy because "the prospects are as bright as the promises of God."

VIOLA MATTHEWS, ENGLISH.

This, my last year in Brazil, was the very busiest year, a happy and yet a sad one. It was happy because of a greater and more far-reaching service I was able to render, sad because it completed my first term in that dear land I love.

I found joy in my school work. I worked in the different departments of the Church, laboring with the others for the completion of our new church. Not a greater satisfaction or pleasure did I experience than the direction and teaching of a little Sunday school every Sunday afternoon. I felt that I was helping in the extension of the gospel to one of the dark corners.

The day arrived when I had to leave behind those whom I had tried to serve, learned to love and appreciate. I look forward to other years of labor in far-away Brazil and even better ones because of the many experiences of these five years.

JESSIE MOORE, COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT.

This year has passed very quickly and pleasantly. Few changes have taken place, but one of the most important has been the completion of our new church building, which represents a great deal of hard work, and of which we are very proud.

My school and Church work have been about the same as last year. I help with the Cradle Roll, and the Mothers' Club and have a nice class in Sunday school. I take an active part in both the Woman's and the Young People's Societies, and, as one of the members of the Board of Stewards, I have an opportunity for coming in contact with all Church organizations.

My school work has consisted of classes in English and Bible, shorthand and typewriting, and the boys' manual training classes. Besides class work, I have charge of the housekeeping, which includes the buying for the house, and the keeping of house accounts. I also have charge of the bookstore, the buying for the girls, and the keeping of the girls' accounts.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I look forward to the work of the coming year.

LITERATURE AND WOMAN'S WORK, SAO PAULO.

LEILA F. EPPS.

The year that is just closing has been so full of difficulties and problems that I am ready for a new year to begin. For one month I was very happy to have a coworker. The second blow came when my little Brazilian helper, who had done such splendid work for two and a half years, left. Now I have a splendid young woman who is a sincere Christian and is well prepared. She is D. Adelina Motto, a daughter of Snr. Othoniel Motto, one of the best-prepared men in the Protestant Church in Brazil. He takes a personal interest in our work and is doing much to help us to lift higher the standard of our Portuguese. For this we are indeed grateful, and we consider his help one of the richest blessings that has come to us during the year.

For the past two months I have been quite busy and most interested in making plans for our Missionary Societies for 1927. Our calendar is ready for the press, and I hope that it will get to the women by the first day of the new year. Our plan is this: To organize the women of all of our Missionary Societies into a "General Mission Study Class." Our theme for the year is *missions*, and our motto is: "Information Brings Inspiration." We are inviting all our Missionary Societies to join us in a monthly study of "missions."

I am finding that there are a great many wonderful stories about humble women who have helped much in establishing the Protestant Church in Brazil. These stories have never been written and have been preserved only in the minds and hearts of the older missionaries and Christian workers in Brazil. I think that they ought to be collected and preserved for the future; therefore I am getting this material together and am going to give it to our Missionary Societies in Portuguese. If our Missionary Societies at home would like to have these stories in English, I shall be delighted to prepare them and make typewritten copies of the translations into English.

All of our Bible women are doing better work than they have since I have been connected with them. They are really developing quite a bit, and it is a joy to note their new enthusiasm.

Our Missionary Society in Central Church is very much alive, and the seventy-six members are all active. I believe that our monthly programs and Mission Study classes are going to mean just as much to our Brazilian sisters as they meant to our missionary society women in our homeland. I am grateful for the privilege of working with our women. It has grieved me because it has been impossible for me to visit the societies in the interior this year. I could not do it very much, because I had no one to take charge of "Story Land" during my absence, and also because of the terrible financial crisis. My first-love is our *Bem-te-vi*, and I try to economize all that I possibly can. Each quarter I put every cent that I have on hand into the *Bem-te-vi* deficit. The great number of precious letters that come from our little children all over this great country keeps my courage up and helps me to keep my faith firmly fixed in God, who is able to supply our every need.

### COLLEGIO AMERICANO, PORTO ALEGRE.

MARY SUE BROWN, PRINCIPAL.

Collegio Americano has had an unusually successful year in every way. The matriculation was increased over that of last year. The boarding department was full to its capacity all year. We turned away twelve applicants for places for lack of space. Several of these girls boarded with relatives or friends of the family and came as day pupils.

Our teachers have been very faithful and enthusiastic in their work and have helped greatly in raising the standard of our school. At the end of the year we were deeply gratified in having our school selected by the federal inspector of schools as the one where girls could do their preparatory work for entrance in the higher schools later on if they care to be doctors or lawyers. A slight modification in our course of study will be necessary, but fundamentally nothing will be changed. The patrons of the school are particularly pleased with the forward step of identifying our school with the national life.

Financially the school has done well this year. We have been exceedingly careful in our expenditures and have a small balance on hand. We are trying to get things in order for next year when our appropriations will be cut a thousand dollars. With the continued unsettled political condition in Rio Grande do Sul, we have no assurance whatever of stable prices in anything, and always the possibility of a serious financial

crisis. The people are practically standing on the precipice of a panic. The revolution is not ended. Things are periodically quiet now, but an outbreak may come at any moment. The construction of a wall across the front to cut off the view from the priests' school directly in front of us is under way. We would be glad if the unit could be completed, as we need more bedroom space.

My Church work has been along the same lines as formerly, teaching the Martha Watts Bible Class in Sunday school. For the past two or three years I have delivered a lecture to the Women's Auxiliary Society of the Young Men's Christian Association. This year the subject was: "Children's Contagious Diseases and How to Avoid Them." The college has served as a center for various forms of social service this year. Our auditorium is much sought after, as there are few halls available in the city. Once a month the Sunday school officers and faculty have had a business-social meeting in our parlors.

Collegio Americano has had a good year, and we give thanks to the Heavenly Father for his manifold blessings, and with our hearts full of courage we enter the new year, knowing "that he is able to keep us unto the end."

#### SUSIE PRUITT, ENGLISH.

I have taught six classes of English, one of history (in English), and one of geography (in Portuguese) in Collegio Americano this year. I studied Portuguese regularly with a teacher. Aside from the fact that at times I have felt like a man without a word, I have been very happy in my work.

We have an English Club for the girls above the fifth grade who make good grades in English. The purpose of the club is to encourage the speaking of English and to learn something about American and English literature. I've spent a great deal of time on the programs for the club, which meets twice a month.

In Sunday school I've tried to serve as secretary, pianist, and substitute teacher in the Primary Department. We have about sixty-five in our department. This work is also very interesting.

#### CORNELIA SIKKELEE, ENGLISH.

Because it has been so difficult, and the experiences have been so varied, I am happy to say that this has been the best year of my life. True, I started out in fear and trembling, but as time passed I became more confident. I have been teaching six classes in English daily, from the first grade on through the lower fifth, and a class in sixth-grade geography, which allowed an hour a day for language study with a teacher.

One of the interesting features of my daily work was the directing of the music in the assembly. We have been using our Friday assembly for the singing of patriotic songs, hymns, and English songs. I hope next year to develop this feature of our work.

In the Sunday school, Intermediate Department, I have also directed the singing.

### COLLEGIO CENTENARIO, SANTA MARIA.

#### LOUISE BEST, PRINCIPAL.

The year 1926 has been one filled with new responsibilities, and had it not been for the help which Misses Brown and Jetton gave and the cooperation of the Brazilian teachers, it would have been more trying than it has been.

We matriculated forty-two boarders and had a total enrollment of one hundred and forty-two.

In April we helped entertain the Synod of the Episcopal Church and



the State Sunday School Convention. In June we had the pleasure of helping entertain a joint meeting of the first State League Conference and the group of "Voluntarios para Christo." The meeting, as well as the association with the delegates, meant much to us. Our girls are active in Sunday school, Epworth League, and other Church work. We have a good Missionary Society, composed principally of the girls from the school. The members of the Student Volunteer Band, eight in number, hold their regular monthly meetings during the year. Seven girls received certificates from the seventh grade this year.

This year we had two more holidays than we had counted on, planned for, or which were at all desirable, the sixteenth and seventeenth of November. These days we spent in the basement while the bullets whizzed overhead. When we think of what might have happened with a city under fire for twenty-four hours, and what actually happened, we are indeed grateful. One cannon ball hit the retaining wall, several balls from the machine guns came in the house; but no serious damage was done.

With all the preparations for our first graduating class there was a note of sadness because Miss Andrew, founder and for several years the principal of the school, was not present. We are indeed proud of the first five to receive diplomas. All are members of some evangelical Church and all are planning to teach at least a few years.

God is continuing to bless our feeble efforts in the heart of the great Gaucho State, and for the blessings of the past year we give humble thanks.

MABEL GERDING JETTON, ENGLISH, DOMESTIC ARTS.

A great joy and a great privilege has been mine in my work at Collegio Centenario, that of teaching a class in geometry, sixth- and eleventh-grade English, five classes in gymnastics, a class in dressmaking, and two classes in embroidery and other fancy work. My duty after school hours was the inspection of rooms in the boarding department and accompanying pupils to the dentist.

My Church work consisted of that of secretary and teacher in the Primary Department of the Sunday school, treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Society, superintendent of the Missionary Department of the Epworth League, responsibility for the missionary program to be given after the Sunday school hour each month and helping in getting up the special programs that were given at Easter, Children's Day, and Mothers' Day. I attended Sunday school, which met in a home in the suburbs in the afternoon, where at first I helped to lead the singing only, but later taught a class of twelve- to fifteen-year-old girls. Later I was appointed superintendent of another suburban Sunday school in a different section, where our place of meeting is under a large grape arbor.

The hours of each day are filled to overflowing it seems at times; however He who gives the tasks provided a way for their performance, and we go happily on our way.

ROSALIE STEWART BROWN, ENGLISH.

Happiness seems to make the world go faster. Since I came to Brazil each year has been a happier one and each one has gone by more quickly. I realize that the years have brought a fuller understanding of the work, a greater realization of the needs of those in darkness, and a deeper love for the people, especially "our girls," a stronger desire for a Christ-filled life, and a greater joy to be in the Master's service. Our Heavenly Father wonderfully blessed our work throughout the past year. He has indeed been a real Father to us and has watched over us. How thankful I am that we can take everything to him!

My work at the Mission Sunday School continues a pleasure. The house in which this Sunday school is held is very inadequate; so we are hoping a

chapel can be built some time in the future. At present, the children are memorizing hymns. Some of them are quite interested in this. When a hymn is learned a piece of ribbon with its number is given. Later, each child who has memorized a certain number of hymns receives a small hymnal.

The student body was a splendid one. During the year I taught some classes in the following: Universal history, Bible, English, manual training, and penmanship.

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## CONGO MISSION.

### MEDICAL DEPARTMENT, TUNDA STATION.

MARY FLORA FOREMAN.

The medical work this year has more than double that of last year in every department except the laboratory and surgery, and the only reason it has not made proportionate growth in these departments was lack of equipment and a surgeon. About forty people were turned away during the year who needed surgical attention, a few were allowed to stay because they were not able to return home, and two of these have died in the hospital.

Dr. John C. Dovell, the only doctor of medicine on our Mission this year, and Miss Armstrong, the nurse stationed at Wembo Nyama, have each spent six weeks with us during the year and have been ready to answer our call in an emergency any time. Dr. Dovell's presence on the Mission has been a great blessing and comfort to all. Even Tunda, the farthest station from Wembo Nyama, can send an emergency call and get an answer within three days, *usually*, but we all remember one special time when heavy rains hindered our messenger and the time lengthened to six days. Please do not think that because we are in Africa the time did not seem so long, especially since most of that time a life was hanging in the balance. We are hoping and praying that the day is not far distant when every station may have either a doctor or a nurse, and that these stations which have hospitals and a large work among the natives may have at least one doctor and one nurse.

Remarkable interest has been taken in the school work at the hospital. Quite a number of boys have learned to read well enough to win the gift of the first reader, a few of the second reader, and two or three one of the Gospels. The average attendance has been about fifteen.

Attendance at the morning prayer service is usually almost a hundred per cent, and many of the people seem to be deeply interested in the good news and to really wish that they could accept it wholly. However, many of them are convinced that their sicknesses have been brought upon them through the supernatural powers of the witch doctors, and while they would like to believe in an all-powerful and loving God and Father, they feel that they have evidence to the contrary. While magicians, "sleight-of-hand" performers and such people in civilized countries practice their art for the entertainment and amusement of the people and for the money it brings them, here they not only practice it for money, but also to convince the people that they have supernatural powers, preying upon their superstition and ignorance.

With the coming of a new supply of drugs and other much-needed equipment, and we hope a doctor before many weeks, we are looking forward to the work of the new year with new courage. Our lovely new wards we hope may prove a haven of rest for many sick and discouraged people, and we need the prayers of our Church that we may not fail in the prime object of our work, that of holding Christ up that he may draw all men unto himself.

**GIRL'S HOME, WEMBO NYAMA.**

MRS. H. P. ANKER, SUPERINTENDENT.

During the year 1926 we have had sixteen girls in the Home. Of this number one married, leaving at the close of the year fifteen. It is gratifying to us to notice that the girls do not run away as they did during the first years of our work with them. As a general rule, they are happy and contented.

During the past quarter one of the girls, who had been with us for four years, left to go to her husband, to whom she had been engaged ever since she was a baby. We knew the child was not satisfied, but all our efforts to redeem her were in vain. She did not want to displease her father, and the father was more willing to please the husband than his own child. That is one of the tragedies of this country. Our hearts were very sad as this little girl left with tears in her eyes.

The girls attend the village day school. They are taught reading, writing, and arithmetic, and sewing. Seven of the sixteen girls who were in the Home last year can read. Five of these are reading in the Gospel of Matthew and two are in the second reader. The remaining nine are in the syllable and letter classes. Ten of the girls are baptized.

Eighty-one children have been enrolled since the beginning of the Home in 1919. Forty-five of this number were in the Home for a period of not less than six months. In many instances they remained for a number of years. The longest time any child has been with us is seven years.

Pray for us and the little girls in the Home.

**CUBA MISSION.****COLEGIO BUENAVISTA, HAVANA.**

JUNIA JONES, PRINCIPAL.

Our hearts are filled with gratitude for protection during the hurricane. No serious damage was done to the buildings, though the campus was stripped of all trees and plants. Buenavista is surviving her frequent changes in principals with an increasing enrollment. In spite of the low price of sugar, the dormitory is taxed to its limit, and girls have been turned away. The government issued strict requirements for private schools, which we were able to meet without change. The Normal Department has received special mention from the foremost educator in Cuba. The Seniors visited the University Practice School and were delighted to find that we are using the same methods here. The practice of using the Seniors as classroom teachers continues, with good results for them and the school. Physical education is taught in all the grades under a capable instructor. Miss Edith Bayne, who came this year as a new missionary, is filling a responsible place. Miss Ethel Clements, the daughter of one of our missionaries and graduate of this school, is teaching in the grades and is athletic director. We rejoice in the Domestic Department, which opened in September under the able direction of Mrs. Clements, who gives two hours daily to this work. This new department is already paying its own expenses. Many of the girls are Sunday school teachers, and the older boarding students are active League workers. The Loyal Temperance Legion is more active this year and has a larger membership.

LUCILE LEWIS, ENGLISH.

My second year at Colegio Buenavista has been one of great joy and one, I sincerely hope, of real profit.

My school work has been practically the same as it was last year. I



have had three interesting English classes in the Primary grades. I have taught Bible, methods, and manual training in the Normal Department. This year more time has been given me to observe the classes of our practice teachers. I am very glad of this, because I am better prepared to assist them in their classroom problems and in making or carrying out new plans. I have a consultation class with these student teachers three times a week.

My dormitory duty has been chiefly to help look after the small boarding school girls. I have had most of these little ones in my Primary Department at Sunday school.

I am glad of the funds given me for language study this year. I am trying to devote most of my spare time to language study.

The time is short, there is much to do. We must work and pray if we make Cuba for Christ. Yet we know if God is with us in this gigantic task, we cannot fail.

#### EDITH BAYNE, ENGLISH.

I am beginning my first year as a teacher in Colegio Buenavista.

My mornings are spent in studying Spanish. I have had a private teacher, but now I am planning to enter a class in Spanish literature in January.

I have five classes in the afternoons, four of English and one in Old Testament for the American High School.

I have placed my Church membership in the American Church in Havana and am teaching a Sunday school class of adolescent boys there.

#### MARY WOODWARD, MUSIC DEPARTMENT.

The Music Department of Colegio Buenavista is still growing, and I feel that we are doing much better work each year. We have two practice rooms this year and one new piano. The practice schedule is made out and followed strictly. Each pupil, from the third grade up, must practice an hour each day. Some of them need more, but are not able to on account of their other work. I am teaching theory and sight singing this year also, something I did not try to teach last year, because I felt like I did not know enough about the language or the pupils.

In the first and second grades I teach kindergarten songs in English; this work helps the children to learn English as well as rhythm.

On Sundays I assist Miss Lewis in the Primary Department of the Sunday school, doing all the playing and teaching them a new song about every two or three weeks. This work is very interesting and makes me happy to think that I am helping in some little way to mold some character in the right pathway.

I have study hall two nights every week; and Miss Lewis and I have charge of the little children boarding in the dormitory. Each one of us is on duty every other day; so this, with our work, keeps us right busy.

#### COLEGIO IRENE TOLAND, MATANZAS.

##### CLARA CHALMERS, PRINCIPAL.

In spite of the financial crisis and cyclone we enrolled in all 141 students—48 boarders, and 93 day pupils—and collected for all purposes \$15,799.35.

Our Cuban teachers and Miss Nelson, our American teacher, give the teaching of the Bible an important place in the daily program, and are an inspiration and help in Christian living to our children in the dormitories.

Our Piano Department is in charge of an exceptionally capable young Cuban woman. She enrolled thirty-one in piano classes during the year, and from time to time successfully presented her pupils in various programs.

In our High School Department we passed last June four to the third year, three to the second, and thirteen to the first. Being an incorporated school, all our children take the government examinations, and we believe it noteworthy that all thirteen taking the entrance examinations passed with good grades, and of the seven who stood examinations in the various subjects of the first, second, and third years only one failed in one subject. We have this term nine fine young girls studying the first year high school work.

Our pastor, the Rev. Augustin Nodal, has come regularly throughout the year to hold a weekly chapel service with our students. Students and teachers alike appreciate and look forward to his helpful stories and messages of Christian love. He received eight of our girls into the Church during the year.

Besides my general administrative work, I have enjoyed a limited amount of supervision of the teaching in various classrooms and teach the Bible class of the first-year high school.

I have also had the privilege of teaching the young ladies' class in the Sunday school. We have twenty enrolled and an average attendance of fifteen. It is an organized class and an enthusiastic one. I have also helped our pastor in the teaching of the normal class, which meets after Sunday school. This class has been making a special study of Sunday school methods of work and teaching.

#### CHRISTINE ALLEN, ENGLISH.

A good part of this year has been furlough time for me, since I reached the States from Africa in November, 1925. During the winter quarter I took some special work in George Peabody College for Teachers and in Scarritt College. It was my privilege to make a tour, with a happy party, to the leading negro schools of the South. Attending the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Council, which met in Raleigh, N. C., was another privilege.

For the most part the spring quarter was quiet. I attended the annual meeting of my own Northwest Texas Missionary Conference. Also I made several short trips visiting and making talks. However, much of this time I spent in rest with my loved ones and friends.

I traveled a little during July and August, making talks in the interest of missions and visiting relatives and friends. Near the close of August I came to Cuba, and, after spending a pleasant week in Havana, I came to my work in the Irene Tolan School at Matanzas. Here I have studied the Spanish language and taught English to the children in the school.

Please pray for the work and workers here that the island so highly civilized in many ways may become Christianized.

#### CENTRO CRISTIANO, MATANZAS.

##### BERTHA TUCKER, HEAD RESIDENT.

At the last annual meeting I was appointed to open evangelistic work in Matanzas. I began visiting in the homes. About one hundred and eighty visits were made during the year by Amelia Almanza and me, planning for an institution for evangelistic work in Matanzas.

The Council granted us the use of the beautiful piece of property known as the "Quinta Tosca." We are just at the edge of a community of about five thousand people, many of whom are colored, and the children have no place to play except the streets. Only a few days of experience proved to us just how much Cuban children appreciate a playground, shade, and some one to love them.

The second week in July I began repairs on the Home and to get the grounds in condition for the work, and on September 23 we opened with a fiesta to which the community and Church were invited. Three hundred or more people came.

Miss Johnson has organized the work on playground clubs for young people and children in a way which is most gratifying. The afternoon Sunday school opened with eighty-six. There has been a steady attendance of sixty-five. We have a Mothers' Club of colored women. They are very enthusiastic. When we came to organize they expressed the desire to be known as a "Christian Club" of the Centro Cristiano. They asked for Mr. Nodal, our native pastor, to explain to them the meaning of Protestant Christianity.

We also have a Cradle Roll, which gives us a vital contact in many homes. During the revival fifty candidates from the Centro playground were registered for Church membership. Four of these have already been received into full membership.

I have work among two hundred Koreans, who live in a colony some little distance from Matanzas. We have a Bible class for the women, playground for the children, and a sewing club for the little girls. The colony is well organized, and they have regular Church services.

#### MAY JOHNSON.

This is the first institution of its kind in Cuba, and so we have to break the trail. We had our formal opening on the night of September 23. I have the supervision of the playground, the boys' and girls' clubs, and the work with the young people. The children come to play each afternoon from four to five-thirty. The smaller girls have their sewing club on Saturday morning. They like to sew, but the devotional period is a real part of the club which they like equally as well. The older girls come for the sewing on Friday afternoon. They are interested and enthusiastic. I am planning to organize a Boy Scout troop soon. A club of thirty young colored people is my joy and pride. A more enthusiastic group would be hard to find.

During the revival in the Church we had a service with our children here each afternoon. Some fifty candidates were enrolled. Four have already been received into the Church and there are several others almost ready. We have our Sunday school each Sunday afternoon, with an average attendance of sixty-five.

In addition to the above activities, I am trying to train by personal effort several young people of the Church to help us here. I think I like this better than any other part of my work. I have organized and directed a chorus of young people in the Church.

### COLEGIO ELIZA BOWMAN, CIENFUEGOS

#### ANNIE CHURCHILL, PRINCIPAL.

The beginning of the year found me teaching writing and drawing in three grades, English in the first grade, Spanish Department, and Bible in the high school Spanish Department, and domestic duties.

In June Miss Moling's vacation year began, and I took up the work as principal. On account of new school laws, which affect private as well as public schools, there was much to be done, gathering all the data required. By August Misses Sharpe and Miller had arrived, so I had the opportunity of attending our Institute for Christian Workers, which was a source of inspiration and help.

We had to refuse pupils for the second, third, and fourth grades, as every available space is taken. The English Department has been furnished with desks, and is full from the first through the sixth grade. If we only had real schoolrooms and a place for the required equipment to incorporate the third- and fourth-year high school with the Government Institute of the Province, we would be able to hold our pupils from the kindergarten through the entire course. As we stand now, we will lose the two years we have incorporated with the Institute at the end of the school year. Just one schoolroom more, and we could do it.



Our enrollment this year is one hundred and sixty-two. Seventy-eight attended Sunday school and twenty-four are members of the Church. Eight have been received on profession of faith. We are praying that many more may make the decision during the special services to be held in January.

Our pupils love the school, and we are endeavoring to build character which will enable them to take their places among the leading Christian men and women of this country.

I am thankful for the conscientious teacher we have in our school, and especially for Miss Sharpe, who is doing so much to help bear the responsibility.

FRANCES B. MOLING.

The year opened with our "Home-Coming Day," when as many as possible of the old students return for this annual banquet on the "old school ground." The greatest number ever present on any of these occasions was there, and almost all of those who could not be with us sent either letters or telegrams of greeting. We know no sweeter joy than the fellowship which is ours on our Home-Coming Day.

A wholesome atmosphere prevails among our students. We have noted with pleasure the deepening of the spiritual life of some of them. Four of our girls finished the course required in our school in May, and three of them have gone to our Normal School, Buenavista, in Havana. We now have four in training. We are hoping to advance along all lines, as the girls we have educated in our own schools return to us as teachers.

We have adopted a textbook on scientific temperance. The fact that liquors are served from every cafe, at every social function, and often in the home, makes this kind of teaching an absolute necessity in Cuba.

A new law has been passed in Cuba making it necessary for teachers, native and foreign, to hold a degree from a Normal School or some good college. This has worked a hardship on many who had little preparation, but if carried out it will be a blessing to the whole public school system of the country. Other requirements are being made, such as additional equipment and more room for class work.

DRETA SHARPE, ENGLISH AND BIBLE.

The spring term at Buenavista included language study, classes in English and Bible, and some dormitory duties. I count my first a great year, one full of rich associations and profitable experiences.

The summer saw a transfer to Colegio Eliza Bowman to assist Miss Churchill in the preparations for opening and to relieve her for her vacation. My love for Eliza Bowman has been increasing from the first sight.

I have classes in Bible, arithmetic, and the English of the sixth and high school grades of the Spanish Department, and some classes with the English Department. Recently I have had the responsibility of the tennis. There are also some household duties that claim my attention.

These have been happy months in the association with a splendid group of teachers and a fine student body. The work of some of my Bible classes is most encouraging; their eagerness to memorize passages is inspiring. I am enjoying immensely my second year of language study. Having most of my teaching work in Spanish; aids in the acquirement of the language.

I have a Sunday school class in English, and in the mission opened in the spring out in the suburb I have a promising class, some of whom have had such little study of the Bible.

With the bigness of the task confronting us is the challenge ever to lift up the Christ, who tells us: "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit."

## EVANGELISTIC WORK, CIENFUEGOS

LAURA LEE.

What a privilege, what a joy, to work with Him here in Cuba where I long to see these children know him as their personal Saviour.

I am still superintendent of the Primary, Beginner, Cradle Roll, and Home Departments in Sunday school, and with five good helpers, our departments are growing. We go out for children, take them to Sunday school, and try to give them something when they get there.

Last Sunday we had 102 little ones present. We put 20 babies on the Cradle Roll, making 144 new babies this year; total, 245. Most of all our little ones in the Beginner and some in the Primary were Cradle Roll babies. Sometimes all of the children in the same family are brought into the Sunday school through this department.

We have a good Home Department with sixty-nine members. I have distributed all the tracts I could get, and have given away ten Testaments, four Bibles, and two hundred Gospels. How we do need Spanish literature!

I give one and one-half hours each day in our school. My principal work is visiting. I have made 1,888 visits, going into more than three hundred homes. How my heart aches as I go into some of these homes, where the mother is sick, the father without work, and the little children crying from hunger. Some of those who helped thirteen years ago are helping to-day through their little ones.

Several of our children in school and out of school have given their hearts to Jesus and joined the Church this year.

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**MEXICO MISSION.**
**COLLEGIO PALMORE, CHIHUAHUA.**

EMMA L. ELDRIDGE, PRINCIPAL.

A report of the year 1926 must treat principally of the great problem that has been presented to us by the regulation of the articles of the constitution which deal with teaching religion in schools. We have passed long hours and days and nights considering the question of how to adjust ourselves to the requisites of the law without losing from view the purpose for which the school exists, and I can say that we have had to adjust ourselves to some restrictions that at first seemed to cut off entirely every opportunity to present the gospel. We have talked personally with the students of our boarding department about their spiritual state. We have visited in the homes of our students and have invited many of these families to attend church.

The seventy-five students of the commercial course have two classes weekly in Bible.

In spite of the boycott, our matriculation has passed four hundred and twenty. The parents of our students have responded well to the financial crisis brought about by our being prohibited, by the Mexican officials to use Mission funds in the maintenance of the primary grades. It was necessary to raise the rates of tuition and to limit more the number of reductions given. We have seen an admirable spirit of coöperation on the part of the parents, and we ought to be able to announce that the income from tuition is sufficient to cover the salaries of the teachers. The funds which we

receive from the Mission Board will hereafter be dedicated exclusively to the maintenance of the boarding departments where religious teaching is permitted the same as in any private home.

Last June seven students were graduated from the English Department, and nine finished the course in Spanish. Nearly all of these are continuing their study, either in Colegio Palmore or in some other school. Eight were graduated from the commercial course, all of whom secured positions soon after their graduation.

One of our young men who graduated in June is now teaching in the commercial course of Colegio Progreso in Parral.

The Parent-Teachers' Association, which was organized last year, has produced very satisfactory results.

#### HOPE JACK, KINDERGARTEN.

Teaching kindergarten in English to Mexican children is no easy task. Also teaching a fourth grade one-half hour of English every day, playing the organ at services, visiting, etc.

The trouble we had last spring in connection with the government and our school added a mental strain which was harder to stand than the daily work and has been the means, no doubt, of the decrease in our attendance this year.

The past four months I have had the smallest kindergarten class since coming to Mexico in 1919. There may be various reasons for this drop in attendance; the religious question, no doubt, plays a large part. I am sorry the class is so small, for it takes nearly as much energy to teach twenty children as it takes to teach forty, the preparation work is a little more for a class of forty, but the character study is much more interesting in a large class.

Last summer I completed seven years of service under your Mission Board, a perfect number, but not a perfect record for me, I am sorry to say, for I missed one day out of my classroom during those seven years. I realize God has been good to me giving the strength to keep going.

#### CENTRO CRISTIANO, CHIHUAHUA.

M. BELLE MARKEY, HEAD RESIDENT.

My report as Head Resident of Centro Cristiano, Chihuahua, covers the entire year, though Miss Fox was in charge until summer, when she left for a year's rest and study.

Early in the spring and summer changes had to be made in our work in order that we might comply with the ruling of the authorities. These changes were the closing of the kindergarten, the English classes composed of children under fourteen years of age, the clubs for small girls, and the Boy Scouts. Our Bible classes for children on Mondays and Saturdays are now being conducted in the church under the supervision of Srita. Eglantina Flores. The Woman's Missionary Society, which has heretofore met in the Centro, is also moved to the church. We were able to hold our Vacation Bible School in the Centro, with an enrollment of sixty-seven children under ten years of age. There are three Bible classes for women and girls of over fourteen years of age in the Centro.

We have the nucleus of a library and are laying plans to have the reading room open every night. We are now offering piano classes, and quite a few pupils have already matriculated.

From fifteen to twenty-five children are left in our Day Nursery daily by mothers who must work. We take the larger ones to Sunday school and to the Bible classes on Mondays.

In spite of the antagonistic attitude of the Catholics, our classes have been wonderful well attended. Work in a Christian community center is a joy and a privilege, and we thank God for the opportunity.



LILLIE F. FOX.

Since the first of August, I have been on furlough, leaving my home on the other side of the Rio Grande in charge of Miss M. Belle Markey.

I was directing the work of Centro Cristiano for the first seven months of the year, which completed the first seven years of Centro Cristiano. It has been my privilege and my joy to have been connected with it since its beginning and to have seen its growth to the present time. There has been a steady, natural increase in enrollment from year to year, new property has been added, thanks to the Centenary, which almost doubles the size of the property, and, best of all, the Lord has so blessed that the Centro has made itself felt as a greater force for good in the community and Church life.

The new government regulations cause us to close our kindergarten, and the government gave the Centro a classification as a secondary institution of learning, which corresponds to preparatory work in the United States. Thus it was left free to continue any religious work for young people and adults as well as social work for children, such as playground, clubs, and day nursery.

The Daily Vacation Bible School was carried on as usual. About one hundred adults and intermediates met in the church for their classes, and the Primary Department, numbering about seventy-five, was conducted in the Centro. The regular week-day Bible school is being conducted in the church now twice a week in order to supply the lack of Bible teaching in the schools. Thus God's work is being taught our little ones in Mexico.

ELLEN B. CLOUD, R.N., CLINIC AND DISPENSARY.

When I find what some of the Mexican nurses are doing around me, such as giving some of our strongest intravenous injections without even a doctor's examination or prescription, with effects most lamentable, and charges unreasonable, I realize that I will have to overcome many obstacles to gain the confidence and coöperation of the many. Little by little my work is being recognized, and I believe is helping to break down prejudices.

Through the death of a patient I am in touch with the Civil Hospital, and have called together a representative group of Mexican and American women to better the deplorable conditions existing in that hospital. As this is only in the beginning, I cannot tell how it will work out, but many are responding in a most encouraging way.

The spiritual phase of the work is not at all discouraging, though I cannot claim any definite conversions, I find real interest in the Bible and have distributed a great number of tracts and portions of scripture. There could not be a greater opportunity for the sowing of the word. Though I long to see the conversions, I can only wait on Him who reveals himself to those who listen to and obey his commandments. I can sow beside all waters and wait on him who only can give the increase.

ETHEL M'CAUGHAN, HOME ECONOMICS.

After a furlough of almost two years, it was a joy to find myself back at work the first of September in the Centro Cristiano of Chihuahua. Since then my time has been given mostly to cooking and English classes. In the former I have both married women and girls; in the latter, young men and women who are working in stores and offices and are eager to learn English as they realize that this would increase their efficiency. I have visited in the homes as much as possible, although my class work does not allow much time for visiting. Besides trying to give these people some knowledge of cookery and English, it is my earnest desire, through personal contact, to give them Christian ideals for their lives.

## LUCILE VAIL, MUSIC DEPARTMENT.

Since August 1, 1926, it has been my privilege to work in the Centro Cristiano in Chihuahua, Mexico. My work is teaching piano and English classes, and I have rejoiced to find here a place of real service. Some of my classes are in the evening, with young men and women who are employed during the day. I am in contact with a larger number of young people than I have ever been, and my daily prayer is that in some way I may be able to influence some lives for Christ.

I have experienced much joy in my work in the Church, teaching a large class of lovely Mexican girls fourteen to sixteen years of age. I am also superintendent of the Juvenile Missionary Society; this society was organized three months ago with a membership of fifty-six little ones.

I have found inspiration and help in the strong Christian characters among the Mexican workers and am happy to have the privilege of working with them.

## SANATORIO PALMORE, CHIHUAHUA.

EDNA POTTHOFF, R.N.

My work for the past year has been very interesting, although we have had many difficulties, which has made the work harder and oftentimes unpleasant, with the new laws. This nationalistic spirit has penetrated into all phases of life here in Mexico—religiously, commercially, and industrially. There is an unrest and unsettled feeling among all classes. We, of course, have no right to be too ready to criticize, as I believe that we are partly to blame, but we can help to direct this movement through the love of Christ.

Our work has grown in every line. We have had an increase of hospital patients for medical and surgical care. Also an increase of patients for treatments and examinations. Having no other technician, I have had to assist the doctor as well as to give the treatments and to take the picture. The field in the care of maternity cases is great. We are giving a reduced rate for the poor so that we may help these mothers to know how to care for themselves as well as for the babies. It will also give our nurses good experience along this line of work, which is so needed here.

We have eight nurses in training which is all that we felt we could use without some help in the way of graduate nurses. We have two nurses to graduate this fall. We have a prayer service every morning before we begin our work, led by the nurses, as well as a weekly Bible class, which is conducted by Miss Norwood Wynn. We give religious literature to the patients to read while here and talk to them wherever possible about their faith in Christ. Since our missionary doctor resigned, I have been put in charge for the present, which is a great responsibility, as we have a large place. We have our own cows (three good Jerseys), some rabbits, and chickens, etc. Also the garden must be looked after, not mentioning the care of the patients, training of the nurses, and supervision of the household affairs. We are working on a plan to have the native doctors cooperate with us. We have extended an invitation to them to come for supper that we may discuss this plan, and they have responded gladly. They have begun to cooperate with us already. Our income, of course, will not be as much as when we had our own doctor, as we will only receive hospital and treatment fees.

## HOSPITAL AMERICANO, TORREON.

HELEN M. LANG, R.N., SUPERINTENDENT.

We started our new year with new hopes and plans; until April we had services and clinic every morning for the poor and needy. In April the government commenced closing schools and places where religion

was taught, so we thought best to close our clinic. Until that time we had given over seven hundred free treatments. Although our hands are tied for doing many things we would like to do, our hospital work has grown. We have treated over 400 hospital cases, 208 operative cases, and 197 medical; of this number 24 cases were purely charity, who received their board, operation, and care for weeks without any charge.

We have ten good girls in training, four are volunteers. We expect to graduate three this summer.

BESSIE BALDWIN, R.N.

We have had a very good year in many ways; rich in experience of various kinds—some good, some bad, but all of inestimable value. We have been led to see, more forcibly than ever before, the necessity of an absolutely consecrated life to the service of the Master if we would accomplish his purpose for our lives, and how utterly we fail when we do not have the spirit of Christ in our dealings with people.

We regretted the necessity of closing our clinic in the early part of the year because of losing contact with the poor people, but we have continued distributing tracts, books of the New Testament, and Bibles to patients in the hospital.

We have ten student nurses, four of them will graduate this year. One of the graduating class is planning to spend a year at Colegio Roberts to study Bible, another, we hope to place in one of our Christian Centers to do social service work. A third expects to continue her studies in the States; and the fourth we hope will marry. While these girls are not all we could wish, neither are we ourselves. We feel that they will be able to make a great contribution to the evangelization of their country.

### INSTITUTO MACDONELL, DURANGO.

EULA EAST WINN, ENGLISH.

During the first half of the year I was teaching English in the Normal Department of Colegio Roberts, Saltillo, and during the last half I have been in Instituto MacDonell in Durango. Here I am teaching English and algebra and helping with the duties that fall upon those who live in a girls' boarding school.

A good part of my time has been spent in studying Spanish, and I have managed to learn enough to pass my first examination and to take part in the programs of the Epworth League and of the missionary society.

The greatest thing that the year has given me is the deepest and truest love for my new country and a great desire that with His help I may be able to do something toward making it a more godly and a happier land.

### CENTRO CRISTIANO, DURANGO.

RUTH BYERLY, HEAD RESIDENT.

In spite of hindrances which are now a part of the history of this country, we feel that we have made some progress. There has been no startling growth in any department; in fact, some have shown a decrease in enrollment, but the total attendance has been less fluctuating; and at no time during the years have all classes been closed except for the Christmas vacation. The Commercial Department has been strengthened and new equipment purchased.

The biggest undertaking was an annual program held in May for the purpose of demonstrating the various phases of our work. It gave to many a new idea of the magnitude of our field. More attention has been given to recreation; and the work among the boys is being developed slowly, but we believe surely. During the year, coöperating with Instituto



MacDonell, we sent the worker in charge of this department to a neighboring city for further instructions and practice, which seems a worth-while investment.

Our Bible woman, Srita. Maclovía Rivera, has done some constructive work with volunteers, family cases, and in the Woman's Work particularly. Through coöperation with the Woman's Missionary Society we were able at Christmas time to minister to more than one hundred needy persons by means of a tamale supper and twenty-five new garments, aside from the "White Christmas" offering in the Sunday school. We have had the great joy of having seen one entire family and several other individuals unite with the Church, people whose first contact with the gospel came through the Centro.

ANGELA CHAPPELLE.

It has been a year full with teaching, visiting, administering to some few sick and other special needs.

For a while last year I was quite successful with a class in hygiene and home care of the sick, but this year the interest has flagged, and now there is no class. I have a number of English classes, which presented a dialogue and several songs at our fiesta last spring. Then at Thanksgiving we had an entertainment for the department, which contributed several English numbers, well executed. One of my English pupils was received into the Church during the year, and at present there are three young men who seem rather promising.

In spite of the generally dark surface of our work in Mexico, we do seem to be doing something toward breaking down prejudice and bringing about confidence.

I have a Sunday school class of twelve of the dearest little girls from twelve to sixteen years of age.

This year I am not doing active work in the Missionary Society. However, I never was really very active. I have come into my own in League work. As I am a product of the Epworth League, I know the work. This year the president and I have started to translate the League Handbook, which is so badly needed for our young people. It is a long process, but we do hope to finish some day. I look back upon the year 1926 as one of the richest and happiest I have ever spent.

COLEGIO PROGRESSO, PARRAL.

EVA D. MASSEY, PRINCIPAL.

This has been a year of surprises and changes for all of us; but to every cloud the Lord has put a silver lining. The first six months of the year I continued my work of teaching English in Colegio Palmore. Then after a delightful three weeks' rest in the mountains of Chihuahua I took up the new work of principalship of Colegio Progreso. Owing to the requirements of the law that internados be entirely separated from the class building, my first weeks were spent in putting up partitions, closing old doorways, and opening new ones. Many times as I have worried over the peculiarities of adobes or the eccentricities of flat roofs, I have wished that the course at Scarritt included masonry, plumbing, and carpentry.

As I have neither housekeeper nor bookkeeper, my work is rather varied, including a small portion of all departments with a few classes of English thrown in. We have a very interesting group, especially of boarding boys and girls, and as we are still free to work with them along religious lines our opportunities of service are great.

ELLIE B. TYDINGS.

As this is my furlough year, and I left Colegio Progreso early in August, my report covers the first seven months of 1926.

At the beginning of the year government officials visited the school several times, but gave us no trouble, and found it was not necessary to make any change in our program. Never have we had a more prosperous year, and, as usual, school closed the last of June.

We had a very severe winter, and Mrs. Burckett, a woman of culture and means who was there only for the love of the work and was one of the finest teachers we ever had, took double pneumonia and died after one week's illness. We were most fortunate in having Miss Gilliland sent to take her place, but as she had to devote half a day to the study of Spanish, Srita. Tinoco took part of the English work. She, a little Indian orphan, was brought to us years ago in Durango, and to-day is a most capable helper in every line of the work, loved and respected by both rich and poor.

#### VADA GILLILAND, ENGLISH.

As I look back over the past year I can say with all my heart that the Father is certainly good to his children. Although there came some moments of disappointment when I was called to Parral, they did not last long, because the Master was very near and assured me he was leading. I have been very happy since coming here and especially since September. My work in the school consists in English teaching from the kindergarten up through the fifth grade and, in addition, some special English classes with young men and women. This doesn't sound much like missionary work, but "God moves in a mysterious way, his wonders to perform," and in our personal contact with our pupils, especially our boarding pupils, and in the work we can do in the Church, we feel we are helping in the spread of his kingdom.

This has been a year full of blessings to me personally. I have come into closer communion with Him than ever before and feel more than ever before that he is truly leading in his work here in Mexico.

#### COLEGIO ROBERTS, SALTILLO.

##### LELIA ROBERTS, PRINCIPAL.

Agitation in speech and press due to the controversy between Church and State at the time is rife. We Protestants have conscientiously tried to adhere to the late interpretation of the reformed laws enacted by Don Benito Juarez in 1857. One of these prohibits the teaching of religion in all primary schools, but allows complete freedom in institutions which offer higher and professional courses, such as Normal, Bible, Kindergarten for Teachers, Domestic Science, Commercial, etc. Fortunately Roberts College, being a training school for Christian Workers, includes these courses in its curriculum, and is exempt from interference by the law when it gives Bible instruction to every student enrolled in these departments. They number 180.

Happily, even the Governor of the state submits to our authority in the interpretation of the law concerning the teaching of the Bible in the higher grades. His niece is a student in our Normal Department, and not long since he requested that we exempt her from pursuing this study. On being assured that we could not accede to this request without making the same concession to other pupils, he recognized the justice of our decision. An interesting incident must be related at this point to make the story complete. The following conversation was overheard between the young lady in question and a friend: "Art thou in Colegio Roberts?" "Yes," was her reply. "Dost thou study the Bible?" "Of course." "What does thy uncle say about it?" "He tells me to go there and learn everything that they wish to teach me."

The increase in matriculation during the past four years indicates clearly the progress of our educational institution. The figures are as

follows: In 1923, 396; 1924, 482; 1925, 518; 1926, 605. Our graduating class for the year ending in June numbered 19; of these, 8 were from the Normal Department; 5 from the kindergarten; 5 from the commercial course, and 1 from the Home Economics Department.

In our student body ten races are represented: Mexican, American, English, Spanish, German, French, Arabs, Chinese, Russians, and Japanese.

EDITH PARK, BUSINESS MANAGER.

The year 1926 began for us with rumors of political and religious unrest. For some time we were in much uncertainty as to whether we would be able to readjust our work to conform to the strict requirements concerning religious instruction in the primary schools. We were already observing the law to the best of our knowledge, and the only readjustment we were required to make was to give up the morning chapel service. Even this would not have been required if our primary school and normal school had been in different buildings. We still had perfect liberty in teaching the Bible in all grades of the normal school, and have continued these classes through the year without interruption.

In the boarding home also our religious liberties have been unrestricted, and it has been gratifying to us to watch the spiritual growth in some of our girls. We have continued our weekly prayer circle, which is a voluntary service entirely.

The first half of the year I did not teach, as my time was fully occupied in the home and office, but since September I have had classes in English and Bible.

The annual meeting in Torreon during the Christmas holidays was a fitting close to the year's work; it drew us together as workers and friends and was a spiritual blessing to all who attended.

We are trusting and praying for greater manifestations of the Lord's power in our girls' lives during the coming year.

MARY E. MASSEY, ENGLISH.

In July, 1925, I left Durango for my furlough. During the entire nine months of the university term I was studying in Oklahoma City University. I felt that the year was one of great profit to me.

It was impossible for me to be without something to do in the Church, so I begged a class of the Sunday school at St. Luke's Church. It was a class of girls in the Intermediate Department and was a great pleasure to me. One of the circles in the missionary society asked me to give the Bible lesson at their monthly meetings.

Besides these regular tasks it was my delight to be able to make about twenty talks on Mexico in different Leagues, Missionary Societies, Volunteer Bands, schools, and young people's conferences. In June I attended a Young People's Missionary Conference in Alabama, where I gave the vesper talks. This conference was a special blessing to me as I came in contact with its splendid officers and young women.

My appointment was changed in April, and I came to Saltillo in July when my furlough was over. Here I have the English classes in the normal years and personal work with our girls who are preparing to become missionaries.

There is a wonderful opportunity here where the young women are being trained who go out to all parts of our work to serve, and my prayer is that I may faithfully do my part in training them for efficient Christian service.

LORRAINE BUCK, HOME ECONOMICS.

My task is still in the Home Economics Department. This department has grown so that one teacher has to give her entire time to it. The girls all look forward to the time when they can begin the study of domestic



science. I am so pleased at the interest which is being manifested in the classes.

The young woman who finished in this department last year is working with us now in the capacity of housekeeper. One will finish this year. I wish there were more who were specializing, as home economics, teachers are so needed here.

This year Miss Massey and I are living in the girls' dormitory. It is certainly a great opportunity, for we come in such close contact with the girls. Some time ago one of the girls, whom you would never think had a serious thought, came and asked if I would teach her how to pray. She had heard the other girls pray in the dining room and in the prayer circle, and she wanted to be able to do so.

Besides my school work, of course, I have a part in the activities of the Church. I have a Sunday school class of about twenty girls, who are in the second year normal. Among them are several who are not Christians, but I am hoping and praying that before the year is over they may be brought to accept Christ as their personal Saviour.

### INSTITUTO INGLES-ESPANOL, MONTERREY.

DORA L. INGRUM, PRINCIPAL.

About a year ago the rumor began to spread throughout Mexico that the government would soon close our schools. We were allowed to finish the school year without interruption, but with more frequent visits from government inspectors than we had ever noted before. They let us understand that they would not interfere with our work if we would not teach religion in our school.

Many Catholic schools were closed during the summer, so we hoped for an increased enrollment at the beginning of the school year. Just as school was opening our school was placed on the list of "boycotted" institutions. We think this is the principal reason our enrollment is twenty-four less than it was at this time last year.

All teachers who were in school until the close of last term returned in September and have been working faithfully. We are glad to have Miss Irene Nixon with us, as our new missionary and, although she must have half of her time for language study, her influence is being felt.

Because of the enforcement of the religious laws and other conditions in Mexico, I do not feel that I shall be allowed to continue my work here as many years as I had planned when I first came to Mexico, but I want to be allowed to continue serving here as long as it is in accordance with our Father's will.

MYRTLE JAMES, ENGLISH.

Varied and delicate were our experiences during 1926. Mexico is passing through a law-making and a law-enforcing period of which 1926 constituted a big part. These laws, though we believe will work out for the good of our beloved Mexico, are preventing our doing that which we long to do. Yet we willingly work and wait.

Meanwhile I study the fine characteristics of my Catholic and Protestant pupils, who are morally too big to stoop to controversies that would lead to unpleasantness. Studying, playing, or singing, ever they manifest the sweetest spirit. We are happy together. Beautiful is it to watch their fine development.

In Ramos Arispe, a little town near where we have a good one-teacher school, I observed, during my two weeks there, a strong desire to break away from the Roman Church. I observed also the need of clubs to help the youth find himself. If we can give the youth these, we may be

able to give to him and his loved ones a path to Jesus, who can supply their every need.

We are looking forward to a greater Mexico.

M. IRENE NIXON, ENGLISH.

I arrived in Monterrey the latter part of August and found that I had a few days in which to become adjusted and partially acclimated before taking up my work.

My time is principally taken up with language study. Each morning is dedicated to this study, with the exception of Friday. On this morning I usually visit with two of the native evangelistic workers. These visits bring me much joy as well as heartaches. It is through the intimate glimpses of the home life that I am more fully convinced of the need of workers in this land.

Recently a Sunday school class of Junior boys was assigned to me. Realizing that I do not know Spanish well enough to teach them, I am directing a young woman, a pupil of this school, who is serving as teacher of the class.

It is good to be back in Mexico and in Monterrey. I am very happy in my work—happier than I have ever been.

### GENTRO CRISTIANO, MONTERREY.

ANNE DEVOURS, HEAD RESIDENT.

As a result of the religious agitation and the Catholic boycott, the Centro Cristiano has suffered a great decrease in the number of pupils enrolled this year in comparison with last year's enrollment. Many of the old pupils did not return, and a number of the new ones who enrolled in September have discontinued their classes. However, those who are coming regularly to the Centro are enjoying their classes and clubs.

Sra. Reyes, is teaching all of the cooking classes, with the exception of two. Of course she is using the same course of study that she has helped with for the past two years. We have an enrollment of ninety-three in all the cooking classes. Thirty-four of these are children. This enrollment is a little more than half of the enrollment we had last year. About twenty-three have discontinued their classes for various reasons since September.

We have discontinued our kindergarten and are using time and space formerly given to it to the establishment of club work among the women and children.

Our Mexican missionary is doing good evangelistic work among the people of the Church and others whom she visits. She teaches two classes of reading and writing for adults, and through the pupils in her classes gains confidence not only from them, but also from their friends.

We have tried various plans for welfare work in connection with our Centro work, trying to make a beginning, but have had little success so far. The anti-American feeling, along with the religious agitation, make it very difficult to gain a foothold among those who need the help.

We have an enrollment of ninety-two in our English classes. The advanced pupils have an English club and take great interest in the preparation of their programs each month. They used the dues that they collect from the club members to help with some line of charity work. They divide it among the Catholic and Protestant charity works.

AMY JO BURNS, HOME ECONOMICS.

This past year we have had to learn many things by "trial and error." In the fall we attempted to open a day nursery, but, owing to the strong religious feeling, the people were suspicious of us and our efforts. A careful survey of the city revealed that many women with families were working.

In some cases the children were left alone all day. However, at the opportune moment these women were always able to produce a bona fide grandmother, aunt, or cousin who could look after the children during the day. Failing in our first venture, we opened a "hot lunch for school children," but it likewise proved unsuccessful. At present our days are largely given over to welfare work, which takes the form of home visitation and follow-up work for the hospital. I am also doing some English teaching and giving a few cooking classes.

### HOSPITAL MONTERREY.

NAOMI CHAPMAN, R.N.

My work is training the Mexican girls in our training school. We have a three-year course of study, based on the standard courses used in the United States.

In July, 1926, we had four excellent young women to finish their three-year course. Some of the prominent Mexican doctors, who are Protestants, were on the graduation program.

Eleven nurses have graduated from here since I have been here.

We were disappointed to hear we wouldn't have a new hospital. We have just completed a new cement stairway in the front of the hospital and have a new roof though, so I guess we should be thankful for that. The hospital is well equipped. We have one of the largest X-ray machines in Mexico. We also have the violet ray and the diathermy and a fairly well-equipped laboratory.

I have been teaching the nurses six classes a week this year, besides helping in everything I can.

This year we have had very little opportunity to teach the Word of God, but we never let an opportunity slip by without doing something in his name.

The work in our local Church is going ahead nicely, though the law restricts us somewhat.

Dr. W. M. Tucker is still in charge of our hospital, with his wife, Dr. Dixie B. Tucker. We have a clinic for the poor every day. The good that this department does is not known I am sure.

On the whole I think the year 1926 was a very good year for all here.

PEARL L. HALL, R.N.

The past year has been practically a continuation of my first year's work, except that there has been less time allotted for language study. Whatever may be the state of politics and religion in other parts of Mexico, we seem to be molested very little here in Monterrey. We are greatly hampered in the doing of many things that we wish to do by the laws of the country, but in spite of this I find myself quite content as I begin my third year as supervisor of the operating room.



# FOREIGN STATISTICS.

## EDUCATIONAL WORK.

	When Founded.	Number of Grades.	Mis. and Amer. Teachers.	Native Teachers.	Boarding Pupils.	Day Pupils.	Total Pupils.	Native Receipts.
<b>BRAZIL.</b>								
Collegio Piracicabano, Piracicaba . . . . .	1881	11	5	16	53	147	200	\$17,740 28
Collegio Methodista, Ribeirao Preto . . . . .	1899	8	8	13	31	189	220	12,465 26
Collegio Americano, Porto Alegre . . . . .	1901	8	3	10	38	112	150	14,200 00
Collegio Isabella Hendrix, Bello Horizonte . . . . .	1904	8	3	20	40	135	175	13,285 62
Bennett College, Rio de Janeiro . . . . .	1921	11	4	19	60	188	248	28,300 21
Collegio Centenario, Santa Maria . . . . .	1922	11	3	12	42	100	142	6,755 36
Day School, People's Central Institute . . . . .	1906	4	2	11	..	528	528	..
Day School, Villa Isabel . . . . .	1925	4	..	1	..	41	41	..
Day School, Jardin Botânico . . . . .	..	4	..	1	..	30	30	..
Day School, Cattete . . . . .	1921	5	..	2	..	101	101	..
Day School, Merety, Rio de Janeiro . . . . .	1920	5	..	1	..	24	24	..
Day School, Institutional Church, Porto Alegre . . . . .	..	5	..	5	..	201	201	..
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	..	23	111	264	1,796	2,060	892,746	73
<b>CHINA.</b>								
Laura Haygood Normal School, Soochow . . . . .	1902	12	7	23	90	189	279	\$ 5,706 75
McTeyre School, Shanghai (High School) . . . . .	1891	12	10	30	284	37	321	42,900 00
McTeyre School, Shanghai (Primary No. 1) . . . . .	..	4	..	8	..	275	275	..
McTeyre School, Shanghai (Primary No. 2) . . . . .	..	4	..	11	..	208	208	..
Davidson School, Soochow (Junior High School) . . . . .	1903	9	2	14	69	220	289	3,060 50
Susan B. Wilson, Sungkiang (Junior High School) . . . . .	1903	9	3	11	63	102	165	2,800 00
Virginia School, Huchow (High School) . . . . .	1905	12	7	21	162	169	331	7,627 50
Hayes-Wilkins Bible School, Sungkiang . . . . .	1890	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dong Ding San Day School, Nanziang District . . . . .	1920	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Zangshah School and Community Center, Nanziang District . . . . .	1920	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Eslick Day School, Wuchen, Nanziang District . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Wuchen Day School (West Branch), Nanziang District . . . . .	1921	..	1	5	..	70	70	25 00
Bennettsville Day School, Taichang District . . . . .	1917	4	1	2	..	45	45	15 75
Bei Pun Kindergarten, Taichang District . . . . .	1915	6	..	5	..	66	66	54 90
Shtaw Kindergarten, Taichang District . . . . .	1925	1	..	2	..	19	19	11 88
Yo Teh Day School, Taichang District . . . . .	1923	6	..	2	..	35	35	17 58
James Fant Day School, Kauhli, Sungkiang District . . . . .	1906	6	..	2	..	30	30	25 00
How Memorial School, Kauhli, Sungkiang District . . . . .	1906	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Allene Barcroft School, Tien Daung, Sungkiang District . . . . .	1915	6	..	2	..	54	54	40 00
Fort Royal School, Tukwe, Sungkiang District . . . . .	1909	6	..	2	..	23	23	20 00
Lucy Fant School, Sungkiang, Sungkiang District . . . . .	1907	6	..	2	..	43	43	40 00
Centenary Institute, Changchow . . . . .	1909	6	1	..	..	202	202	..
Humbert School, Changchow . . . . .	1916	6	..	12	..	151	151	503 88
McCall Day School, Nyishing . . . . .	1920	6	..	5	..	60	60	95 00
Blanche Fentress Day School, Huchow . . . . .	1918	4	1	2	..	32	32	28 00
Bennettsville Day School, Huchow . . . . .	1918	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Maria L. Gibson School, Soochow . . . . .	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Atkinson Academy (High School), Soochow . . . . .	1896	12	3	16	..	234	234	6,707 98
Reavis School, Bokman . . . . .	1920	6	..	3	..	70	70	80 00
Faith Johnson School, Changshu . . . . .	1916	6	..	8	..	132	132	402 00
Theodosia Wales School, Changshu . . . . .	1917	6	..	6	..	109	109	344 20
Wuchen Girls' School, Wuchen . . . . .	..	..	1	8	..	110	110	80 00
Mary V. Nabors School, Wushih . . . . .	1910	6	1	7	..	129	129	387 06
Factory Settlement Night School, Wushih . . . . .	1920	..	..	4	..	25	25	..
Factory Settlement Work Day School, Wushih . . . . .	1920	3	..	4	..	45	45	250 00
Village School, Wushih . . . . .	1924	4	..	2	..	50	50	114 00
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	..	38	219	668	2,934	3,602	871,336	98
<b>CUBA.</b>								
Colegio Irene Toland, Matanzas . . . . .	1899	10	3	9	48	93	141	\$15,799 35
Colegio Eliza Bowman, Cienfuegos . . . . .	1899	8	5	7	..	162	162	3,798 56
Colegio Buena Vista, Havana . . . . .	1920	10	6	8	37	118	155	18,215 01
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	..	14	24	85	373	458	337,812	92
<b>JAPAN.</b>								
Lambuth Training School, Osaka . . . . .	1895	3	6	26	66	11	77	\$ 7,578 29
Palmore Woman's English Institute, Kobe . . . . .	..	6	4	6	5	199	204	4,610 15
Kindergartens, Kobe District (8) . . . . .	..	2	..	15	..	418	418	5,088 75
Kindergartens, Matsuyama District (8) . . . . .	..	1	3	17	..	430	430	2,842 04
Kindergartens, Hiroshima District (11) . . . . .	..	1	..	20	..	419	419	3,331 07
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	..	13	84	71	1,477	1,548	\$23,450 30	..

FOREIGN STATISTICS.

EDUCATIONAL WORK.

	When Founded.	Number of Grades.	Mis. and Amer. Teachers.	Native Teachers.	Boarding Pupils.	Day Pupils.	Total Pupils.	Native Receipts.
KOREA.								
Carolina Institute, Seoul (High School).....	1899	10	3	22	55	578	633	3,023 48
Holston Institute, Songdo (High School).....	1904	10	2	16	81	193	274	6,850 00
Holston Institute, Songdo (Primary Department).....	1902	6	1	18	...	579	579	4,233 40
Holston Institute, Songdo (Kindergarten).....	...	1	1	6	...	295	295	1,381 00
Lucy Cuninggim and Frances Hitch, Wonsan.....	1903	10	2	19	21	527	548	4,329 94
Union Methodist Woman's Bible Training School (High School).....	...	3	4	7	36	6	42	243 55
Mary Helen Industrial School.....	1907	4	1	8	33	78	111	673 00
Ivey Hospital, Nurse Training School.....	...	4	5	6	7	9	16	.....
Wonsan Christian Hospital, Nurse Training School.....	...	3	1	...	8	...	8	.....
Wonsan District Day Schools or Keulpangs (13).....	...	1-6	1	24	...	760	760	879 20
Songdo District Day Schools or Keulpangs (20).....	...	1-6	1	20	...	681	681	1,606 05
Total.....	...	...	22	160	241	3,706	3,947	\$23,219 62
MEXICO.								
Colegio Roberts, Saltillo.....	1887	6	5	16	91	470	561	\$19,701 89
Colegio Palmore, Chihuahua.....	1890	7	8	12	32	439	471	23,000 00
Instituto MacDonell, Durango.....	1892	11	3	10	16	333	349	9,000 00
Instituto Ingles-Espanol, Monterrey.....	1919	7	4	11	10	176	186	5,916 87
Colegio Progreso, Parral.....	1887	7	2	12	24	236	260	10,979 29
Oak Cliff Day School, Saltillo.....	1907	2	...	1	...	40	40	.....
Total.....	...	...	22	62	173	1,694	1,867	\$68,598 05

## FOREIGN STATISTICS.

### SOCIAL EVANGELISTIC WORK.

		Missionaries.	Native Paid Workers.	Volunteer Workers.	Total Enrollment.	Visits.	Clinic.	Native Receipts.
<b>CUBA.</b>								
Quinta Tosca Centro, Matanzas.....	12	8	...	387	230	...		\$ 50 00
Evangelistic Missionaries.....	1	5	...	1,888	...	...		...
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>2,118</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>\$ 50 00</b>
<b>CHINA.</b>								
Trinity Institutional Church, Changchow.....	4	4	...	1,440	2,200	65		\$ 672 00
Kong Hong Institutional Church.....	1	3	4	...	...	...		...
I-Zang-Ka.....	1	2	...	91	...	...		68 16
Itinerating Evangelistic Missionaries.....	3	32	...	...	...	...		...
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2,431</b>	<b>2,200</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>\$ 740 16</b>	
<b>JAPAN.</b>								
Zinrinkwan, Kure.....	3	4	...	1,121	...	...		\$ 195 88
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>1,121</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>...</b>	<b>\$ 195,88</b>	
<b>KOREA.</b>								
The House of High Aims, Songdo.....	4	12	10	553	4,678	100		\$ 677 82
Pokay Yur Cha Kwan, Wonsan.....	3	8	3	307	...	...		102 41
Tai Wha Ya Ja Kwan, Seoul.....	10	9	12	1,200	1,200	450		...
Itinerating Evangelistic Missionaries.....	3	61	...	1,100	...	...		...
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>3,160</b>	<b>5,878</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>\$ 780 23</b>	
<b>MEXICO.</b>								
Centro Cristiano, Monterrey.....	3	3	...	335	201	...		\$3,810 86
Centro Cristiano, Chihuahua.....	7	4	4	613	492	973		3,196 27
Centro Cristiano, Durango.....	2	5	2	727	1,014	6		429 75
Itinerating Evangelistic Missionaries.....	1	1	...	145	...	...		...
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1,810</b>	<b>1,707</b>	<b>979</b>	<b>\$7,436 88</b>	



## Portions of Constitution of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, that Bear on the Woman's Work.

### SECTION I.

#### *The General Work.*

¶462.\* ARTICLE I. (1) The missionary operations of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, formerly administered under the Board of Missions, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and the Woman's Home Mission Society, shall continue to be administered by the corporation heretofore chartered and organized under the name of "Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South," hereinafter termed the Board, which shall have charge of all foreign missions of the Church and of such missions in the home field as are not provided for by the Annual Conferences. The Board shall carry on its operations under three departments—viz., Foreign Work, Home Work, Education and Promotion Work. Each Department shall have two sections, General Work and Woman's Work.

(2) The Board shall be located in Nashville, Tennessee. Its annual meeting may be held when and where the Board shall determine.

Personnel.

¶463. ART. II. (1) The Board shall be composed of the President and Vice President, the effective Bishops, a General Secretary, to be elected by the General Conference, the President of the Woman's Missionary Council, the General Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, the General Secretary of the Sunday School Board, the General Secretary of the Epworth League Board, the General Secretary of the Board of Lay Activities, the Editor of the *Christian Advocate*, and one manager from each Annual Conference in the United States, of whom thirteen shall be laymen, thirteen women, and the remainder traveling preachers, all of whom shall be elected quadrennially by the General Conference on nomination of the Committee on Missions, which shall have as a basis of choice one preacher and one layman, nominated by each Annual Conference in the United States, and one woman on nomination of each Annual Conference Woman's Missionary Society in the United States. The Department Secretaries and the Treasurers shall be elected quadrennially by the incoming Board on the nomination of its Committee on Nominations, one of whom shall be the General Secretary. The officers and members of the Board shall continue in office until their successors are elected. Twenty members shall constitute a quorum. The Department Secretaries and the Treasurers shall have the privilege of the floor without vote. The General Conference shall elect the President and the Vice President of the General Board, on nomination of the Committee on Missions.

(2) On nomination of its Nominating Committee, one of whom shall be the General Secretary, the Board shall elect a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, a Treasurer for the Section

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\*Paragraph numbers refer to the Discipline.—EDITOR.

of Woman's Work (who shall be a woman), two Secretaries for the Foreign Work Department (one of whom shall be a woman), two Secretaries for the Home Work Department (one of whom shall be a woman), two for the Education and Promotion Work Department (one of whom shall be a woman); and such assistants as it shall determine upon by a two-thirds vote at a regular meeting.

(3) The Board shall fix their salaries and the salary of the General Secretary. It shall assign the Secretaries to their particular fields of work.

¶464. ART. III. (1) The Board shall determine the fields that shall be occupied and the number of persons to be employed in each, to estimate the amount necessary to support the missions under its charge, and to consider all matters pertaining to its work. The President, upon the request of the General Secretary and three members of the Board, shall have authority to call an extra session.

(2) The Board shall have authority to regulate its own proceedings; to sue and be sued; to make by-laws in harmony with its charter and constitution; to fill vacancies in its membership; to remove any officer and fill any vacancy in the official staff; to appropriate money for current expenses; to establish missions; to enlist, train, and employ missionaries for service in the home and foreign fields, for evangelistic, educational, and medical work and other related forms of service; to build churches and residences for missionaries; to build and maintain hospitals, schools, training schools for Christian workers, and social settlements; to promote and maintain Goodwill Industries and other forms of community service; to cooperate with other denominations or agencies in the support of such institutions; to provide for superannuated missionaries, their widows and orphan children; to provide for the education of the Church in missions; and to solicit and raise money for carrying on all the work under its care.

¶465. ART. IV. The General Secretary shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Board and shall be the administrative and legal executive thereof. He shall be held responsible for cooperation, coordination, and efficiency in all the work of the Board and its several departments. He shall be charged with the cultivation and education of the Church in missions and with the promotion of plans and methods of financing the Board and increasing missionary liberality. He shall have such assistance as the Board may determine upon, and all Secretaries and employees of the Board shall be responsible to him for the discharge of their respective duties.

¶466. ART. V. The Treasurers shall hold the funds in safe deposit in the name of the Board of Missions, subject to the authorization of the Board and the order of the General Secretary. They shall furnish an annual report to the Board and perform such other duties as the Board and the General Secretary may direct. They shall give bond to the Board in such sums and upon such conditions as the Board may fix. The accounts of the Treasurers shall be examined by a public accountant chosen by the Board, and his report shall be presented to the Board. The Treasurers of the Board shall in no instance honor a draft for an amount larger than the balance on hand to the credit of the department for which it is used, and neither he nor any other agency shall in any year borrow

General Secretary

Treasurers.

for maintenance more than seventy-five per cent of the expected annual revenue of the Board for that year.

Revenues of the Board.

¶467. ART. VI. The revenues for the General Work of the Board shall be derived from apportionments distributed to the several Annual Conferences for collection in every congregation, from Sunday schools, Epworth Leagues, gifts, donations, annuities and specials, and from freewill offerings taken in every Church each year during the months of January and February, within which period a special missionary cultivation campaign shall be conducted throughout the whole Church in every congregation when each member of the Church shall be given an opportunity to make a freewill offering for maintaining the general work of the Board. This freewill offering shall be in addition to the missionary assessment for the year, and shall not include the income from Sunday schools and Epworth Leagues: *provided*, that all moneys so raised shall be directed to the Board of Missions, Section of General Work. (¶814.)

Revenues Section of Woman's Work.

¶468. ART. VII. The revenues of the Section of Woman's Work shall be derived from dues, pledges, special offerings, and specials from Auxiliary, District, and Conference Missionary Societies, from devises, bequests, annuities, gifts, and collections at meetings held in the interest of the societies; *provided*, that the funds raised by these societies shall be appropriated to the work already established by them or hereafter to be entered upon by the Board of Missions, Section of Woman's Work.

Foreign Department.

¶469. ART. VIII. (1) The Foreign Secretaries shall administer the work of the Foreign Department. There shall be a committee of thirteen, five of whom shall be women, which committee, in conjunction with the Secretaries and the Bishops in charge of the foreign fields, shall be responsible for the policy and plans of work in these fields. The Bishops in charge of the foreign fields shall confer with the missionaries and native workers concerning the needs of the fields and shall represent their views to the Board. They shall be responsible for promoting and carrying out the plans agreed upon, and for supervising the work and appointing workers.

Home Department.

(2) The Home Secretaries shall administer the work of the Home Department. There shall be a committee of thirteen, five of whom shall be women, which committee, in connection with the Secretaries, shall develop plans and policies for the department.

Education and Promotion Department.

(3) The Secretaries of the Education and Promotion Department shall have charge of the missionary cultivation of the Church (with special reference to the Sunday school, Epworth League, Lay Activities, Woman's Missionary Council, Auxiliary and Conference Missionary Societies, schools, colleges, universities, in coöperation with the General Conference Boards concerned and other agencies), according to the regulations of the Board. This department shall be charged with:

(a) The education of the Church in missions by means of literature, Church schools of missions, institutes, and other methods.

(b) The enlistment and training of candidates for the work at home and abroad.

(c) Editing the *Missionary Voice* and other literature, as may be authorized.



There shall be a committee of thirteen, five of whom shall be women, for this department.

¶470. ART. IX. In addition to the departmental committee, there shall be the following standing committees: Executive, Estimates, Candidates, Nominating (one of whom shall be the General Secretary), and By-Laws, the functions of which committees shall be defined by the Board.

Standing Committees.

¶471. ART. X. There shall be a General Missionary Council composed of the chairman of each Annual Conference Board of Missions and the Conference Missionary Secretary, the Secretaries and Treasurers of the Board of Missions, and the members of the Departmental Committee on Education and Promotion. The Council shall hold an annual meeting for the purpose of promoting the missionary work of the Church and its extension throughout the connection. The expenses of Annual Conference representatives shall be paid by their respective Boards. The General Secretary shall be the chairman of this Council.

General Missionary Council.

SECTION II.

*Woman's Work.*

¶472. ART. XI. The women of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, are authorized to organize and conduct missionary societies among women and children in the Annual Conferences and in the Churches in the interests of home and foreign missions. These societies shall promote missionary intelligence and activity and secure missionary funds by means of membership dues, life and honorary membership fees, from devises, annuities, bequests, voluntary offerings, and collections at meetings appointed in behalf of the society.

Authorization for Woman's Work

¶473. ART. XII. There shall be a delegated body to be known as the Woman's Missionary Council. It shall be composed of a President, one or more Vice Presidents, two or more Secretaries, the Treasurer for the Section of Woman's Work, the Candidate Secretary, the Secretary of Organization, the Secretary of Literature, Superintendents of Bureaus, a Corresponding Secretary or alternate, the President or alternate of the Woman's Missionary Society of each Annual Conference Society, the President and Secretary of the Deaconess Workers' Conference, the Secretaries of the General Board of Missions, both men and women, the Treasurer of the Section of Woman's Work, the women members of the Board of Missions, and ten women elected at large by the Council.

Woman's Missionary Council.

¶474. ART. XIII. (1) The Council shall hold annual meetings for the purpose of hearing reports from the home and foreign fields and from the societies, to consider the fields, lines of work, and various enterprises. It shall make recommendations to the Board of Missions regarding all its work, including estimates needed for its prosecution. It shall also consecrate the women who have been accepted for service as deaconesses, and shall make recommendations to the Board concerning their employment and support.

Annual Meetings.

(2) The Council shall enact its own by-laws and provide a constitution and by-laws for the Conference and Auxiliary Societies, all of which shall be in harmony with the constitution of the Board of Missions. The Council shall plan to enlarge the membership of the societies, to increase the in-

come from them, and to further the work of missionary education among women and children.

(3) At its annual session preceding the General Conference the Council shall elect its officers by ballot. All property hereafter acquired by the Woman's Missionary Societies through devises, bequests, annuities, gifts, or purchase, shall be held by the Board of Missions for the use and benefit of Woman's Work.

Deaconess Office  
and Work.

¶475. ART. XIV. The office of deaconess is hereby authorized. The office and work of deaconess shall be under the direction of the Department of Home Missions, Section of Woman's Work. When accepted for service, a deaconess shall be a single woman or a widow not less than twenty-three years of age nor more than fifty. She must be a member of our Church, in good standing, and have shown fitness for her duties by active service in some Christian work. She must have good health, a high school education, two years of college work, and must have completed the prescribed course of study in an accredited training school. She must be recommended for consecration by a Quarterly Conference. A deaconess uniform shall be prescribed, but the wearing of it shall be optional. Relinquishing all other pursuits, she shall devote herself to such work as the Church may determine. Anyone applying for recommendation from a Quarterly Conference should have considered this step carefully and believe herself called of God to this work. A deaconess desiring to retire from the work shall be permitted to do so at the close of the term of her appointment, when she shall surrender her certificate. If found unsuited to the work and calling of a deaconess, she shall be retired and her certificate revoked.

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### SECTION III.

#### *Annual Conference Board.*

¶476. ART. XV. (1) Each Annual Conference shall organize a Board of Missions, auxiliary to the General Board, to which it shall report annually. It shall keep the General Board of Missions informed of the status of its work, of unoccupied territory or other needed work, and shall by every means promote the work of the General Board throughout the Conference, and seek in every way to carry forward the missionary work of the Church. The Conference Board shall consist of one layman from each District, and an equal number of clerical members; *provided*, that each Annual Conference shall be entitled to at least eight members who shall be elected quadrennially by the Annual Conference at the first session after the General Conference.

(2) The Annual Conference member of the General Board of Missions, the Conference Lay Leader, the Conference President of the Woman's Missionary Society, and the Conference Missionary Secretary shall be members, *ex officio*, of the Annual Conference Board of Missions. (¶¶681, 682.) The work of the Board shall be subject to the approval of the Annual Conference. Missions shall be established only with the consent of the Bishop in charge. (¶¶812-814.) This provision shall in no wise interfere with the activities of the Board in the interval of the Annual Conference sessions.

**By-Laws of the Woman's Missionary Council.**

1. The President shall preside at the sessions and actively advance the interests of the Woman's Missionary Council. President.
2. The Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President. She shall actively advance the interests of the Woman's Missionary Council. Vice President.
3. The Recording Secretary shall give notice of all sessions of the Council and shall keep the Journal of the sessions in permanent record, the same to be signed by the President. She shall give notice of the meetings of the Executive Committee. She shall send a copy of the minutes of the Executive Committee to each of the members of the committee. She shall prepare a condensed report of the called sessions of the Council and of the Executive Committee, to be presented to the annual session of the Council, and she shall present all recommendations of the Executive Committee to the Council. Recording Secretary.
4. The Treasurer shall hold the funds of the Council in safe deposit made by her as Treasurer subject to authenticated drafts and shall perform such other duties as usually pertain to the office of Treasurer. She shall make quarterly and annual reports. Treasurer.
5. The Superintendent of Young People's Work shall develop and direct the work of the Young People. She shall publish quarterly and annual reports. Superintendent Young People's Work.
6. The Superintendent of Children's Work shall develop and direct the work of the children. She shall publish quarterly and annual reports. Superintendent Children's Work.
7. The Superintendent of Social Service shall develop and direct the work of Social Service. She shall cooperate with the boards of the Church and with other agencies that are working toward social reforms and the development of a social conscience. Superintendent Social Service.
8. The ten women members at large, elected by the Council, shall extend the work by attending Conference, district, and other meetings when practicable and shall seek to advance the interests of the work in every way possible. The election of any of these women to the Board of Missions shall not create a vacancy. Members at Large.
9. The Secretaries in charge of Organization, Literature, and Candidate Work shall provide suggestive plans and policies for the missionary education of the Church through the Woman's Missionary Societies. Education and Promotion Secretaries.
10. (1) The Secretary in Charge of Organization of the Missionary Societies shall promote the work through the Council and Conference Societies. She shall receive from the Conference Secretaries reports of their work, a summary of which shall be published quarterly and annually. She shall direct the work of the Conference Superintendents of Supplies. She shall supervise mission study and Bible study. She shall develop spiritual resources, including intercession, family worship, and stewardship throughout the societies. She shall plan for Conference and special meetings and shall cooperate with the boards of the Church and with other Christian agencies in meetings held in the interests of missionary education and organization. Organization Secretary.



Candidate  
Secretary.

(2) The Candidate Secretary shall have charge of the enlistment and cultivation of candidates for missionary work at home and abroad. She shall visit schools and colleges and shall be entrusted with the responsibility for dealing with our students not only in the field of missions, but also in the whole realm of religious education and life service. She shall cooperate with the boards of the Church and with other Christian agencies in the conduct of meetings in the interest of life service.

Literature  
Secretary.

(3) The Secretary in Charge of Literature shall supervise the creation and publication of leaflet and other literature necessary for the missionary education of women, young people, and children. She shall direct the publicity work of the Council. She shall maintain a depository of missionary literature for sale and distribution and shall superintend the distribution of literature and supplies necessary for the work of the Conferences. She shall cooperate with the boards of the Church and with other Christian agencies in meetings held in the interest of the creation and distribution of literature and in publicity work.

Executive  
Committee.

11. (1) The Executive Committee of the Council shall be composed of the officers of the Council (as listed in Par. 473 of the Discipline), the woman editor of the *Missionary Voice*, the ten members at large, and three women members of the Board of Missions, provided they are acting as President or Corresponding Secretary of their respective Conference Societies. The Council shall elect these three members by ballot.

(2) A majority of members of the committee shall constitute a quorum.

(3) The Secretaries for Woman's Work of the Home and Foreign Departments of the Board of Missions shall be notified of all meetings and requested to attend and present the work of their respective departments.

(4) This committee shall hold a mid-year meeting to review the work of the year and to attend to any other necessary business.

12. When vacancies among officers, members at large, or standing committees occur during the year, they shall be filled by the Executive Committee until the next annual session of the Council.

Appropriations  
and Expenses.

13. (1) The Council in annual session shall make recommendations to the Board of Missions of appropriations for the maintenance of Woman's Work in all fields, for the expense of administration, and for a contingent fund.

(2) Recommendations for appropriations one year shall not exceed the income of the previous year from all sources except annuities, bequests, devises, and the sale of property.

(3) The necessary expenses of the Executive Committee of the Council and the traveling expenses of officers, members at large, candidates, returned missionaries, and speakers at the annual meeting of the Council shall be met from the treasury.

Extra Sessions.

14. Extra sessions of the Council may be called upon the written request of seven officers or of twenty-seven Conference members. This request must be in the hands of the President and Recording Secretary at least fifteen days before the meeting.

15. Bureaus may be created where lines of work develop which require special supervision.

16. (1) (a) There shall be such standing committees as shall be found necessary for the conduct of the business of the Council. Standing Committees.

(b) The standing committees shall serve during the quadrennium. Each committee shall elect its chairman.

(c) The chairman of the standing committee may hold one called meeting annually, the expenses of which shall be met from the treasury of the Council.

(2) (a) There shall be a Committee on Candidates of seven members. Committee on Candidates.

(b) To make recommendation to the Board of Missions regarding the educational and other qualifications of the women chosen for missionary service.

(c) To present to the Council the lists of the accepted candidates and to provide for the consecration of the women who have been accepted for service by the Board of Missions.

(d) To arrange for the ceremony at the Council meeting in honor of Emeritus Missionaries.

(3) There shall be a Standing Committee on Deaconess and City Mission Work of nine members, one of whom shall be the Home Secretary, Board of Missions, five of whom shall be members of the Committee on Deaconess Work of the Woman's Section, Home Department of the Board of Missions, and three members of the Council. It shall be the duty of this committee to promote the deaconess movement and make recommendation to the Board of Missions for the employment and support of deaconesses and home missionaries. Committee on Deaconess and City Mission Work.

(4) (a) There shall be a Committee on Constitution and By-Laws of seven members. Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

(b) To this committee shall be sent, not later than sixty days before the annual session of the Council, all proposed amendments to any constitution or by-law made by the Council. A complete list of these proposed amendments, together with the recommendations of the committee, shall be sent to the members of the Council before its annual session.

(5) (a) There shall be a Standing Committee on Literature composed of the Superintendents of Bureaus, Secretary of Literature, and three members from the Council. Committee on Literature.

(b) It shall be the duty of this committee to plan the programs and literature ordered by the Council and to assist in their preparation.

(6) There shall be a Standing Committee on Estimates for Woman's Work, consisting of the President, the Vice President, the Treasurer, Departmental Secretaries, and the Secretaries of Literature and Candidate Work. Committee on Estimates.

(7) (a) There shall be a Committee on Laws of three members. Committee on Laws.

(b) It shall be the duty of this committee to watch all proposed legislation and to call attention to any overlapping, conflicting, and unnecessary legislation.

(c) It shall be the further duty of this committee to prepare for use, under the proper headings in the Annual Report, a copy of all Standing Rules.

(8) (a) There shall be a Standing Committee on Scarritt College for Christian Workers, consisting of the elected members of the Board of Trustees who are also members of the Woman's Missionary Council. Committee on Scarritt College for Christian Workers.

(b) It shall be the duty of this committee to consider and report upon all matters relating to the Scarritt College for Christian Workers requiring action by the Council.

Committee on  
Lectureships.

(9) (a) There shall be a Standing Committee on Lectureships, consisting of five members, one of whom shall be the President of the Council and one the President of the Scarritt College for Christian Workers.

(b) It shall be the duty of this committee to direct the policies of all Council Lectureships, including the Bennett-Gibson Lectureship, to choose the lecturers, to decide upon the expediency of publication, to administer funds, and to report to the Woman's Missionary Council.

Committee on  
Social Service.

(10) (a) There shall be a Standing Committee on Social Service, consisting of seven members.

(b) It shall be the duty of this committee to outline the social service activities of the Woman's Missionary Council and to formulate plans for the prosecution of the same.

Special  
Committees.

17. Such special or *ad interim* committees as may be deemed necessary may be ordered by the Council in annual session. The chairman of a special or *ad interim* committee may hold one called meeting annually, the expenses to be met from the treasury of the Council.

Session  
Committees.

18. (1) The work of the Woman's Missionary Council in annual session shall be conducted by Session Committees appointed by the Executive Committee.

(2) Each Session Committee shall elect its own chairman and secretary, who shall be members of the Council with no secretarial relation to the Board of Missions.

(3) These committees shall receive recommendations from the Secretaries and Superintendents of the Council and from the women Secretaries of the Board of Missions.

Amendments to  
By-Laws.

19. The by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual session.

No change which was not submitted to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws sixty days before the session shall be voted on at the session.

## CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS FOR CONFERENCE SOCIETIES, ADULT, YOUNG PEOPLE'S, AND CHILDREN'S AUXILIARIES.

### CONSTITUTION FOR CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

1. In each Annual Conference there shall be organized a Conference Society auxiliary to the Woman's Missionary Council.

2. The object of this society is to plan and direct the woman's missionary work of the Conference.

3. The Conference Society shall consist of:

(1) Auxiliary delegates representing one or more societies, the number to be determined by each Conference, according to its requirements.

(2) A District Secretary from each district.

(3) Any officer or manager of the Woman's Missionary Council residing within the bounds of the Conference.

(4) Any editor of the Woman's Department of the Church paper residing within the bounds of the Conference.

(5) Any President of a City Mission Board located within the Conference.

(6) And the following officers: A President, a Vice President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and Superintendents of Young People's Work, of Children's Work, of Study, of Literature and Publicity, of Social Service, and of Supplies.



**BY-LAWS FOR CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.**

1. The Executive Committee shall transact business in the interim of the annual sessions. Five shall constitute a quorum.

2. The Conference officers shall be nominated and elected by ballot at an annual meeting. The election shall take place annually, biennially, or quadrennially, as the Conference shall decide. The officers shall constitute the Executive Committee. The President and the Corresponding Secretary shall be members of the Woman's Missionary Council. Only women residing within the bounds of the Conference shall be elected to Conference offices. If after election an officer moves outside the Conference bounds, such removal shall be considered her resignation from her Conference office.

3. Two members of the Executive Committee of the Conference shall be elected at each annual session as alternates to the Woman's Missionary Council. Alternates from Missionary Societies in foreign fields may be elected from among Council missionaries at home on furlough.

4. The District Secretaries shall be nominated by a committee composed of the President, the Vice President, the Corresponding Secretary, and the Treasurer, and shall be elected by acclamation.

5. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Conference Society and of the Executive Committee and shall actively advance the interests of the work. She shall sign all orders on the treasury.

6. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in her absence and shall assist in actively promoting the interests of the Conference.

7. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the society and supply the auxiliaries with information. She shall promote Christian stewardship, shall use all possible means for the organization of Adult, Young People's, and Children's Auxiliaries in every charge of the Conference, and shall report each new organization to the Secretary of Home Cultivation in charge of organization, to whom she shall also make quarterly reports of the work of the Conference by the fifteenth day of April, July, October, and January. She shall make an annual report to the Conference Society and report the preceding session of the Woman's Missionary Council. She shall sign all orders on the treasury.

8. The Recording Secretary shall give notice of all meetings of the Conference Society and of the Executive Committee and keep the minutes of the same on record.

9. The Treasurer shall receive all funds of the society, keeping an account of each auxiliary and submitting the same annually to an auditor. She shall disburse the Conference expense funds on the written order of the President and the Corresponding Secretary. She shall make an annual report to the Conference Society and shall send itemized reports promptly, on the fifteenth day of April, July, October, and January, to the Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Council, therewith transmitting such funds as are collected for the general treasury. She shall also send an itemized statement to the Conference Corresponding Secretary and to the President.

10. The Superintendent of Young People's Work shall have charge of the young people's work and shall report quarterly to the Council Superintendent of Young People's Work and to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society.

11. The Superintendent of Children's Work shall have charge of the children's work and shall report quarterly to the Council Superintendent of Children's Work and to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society.

12. The Superintendent of Study shall promote mission study and Bible study. She shall report quarterly to the Home Cultivation Secretary in Charge of Missionary Education.

13. The Superintendent of Literature and Publicity shall make a careful study of the literature published by the Woman's Department, Board of Missions, with reference to the needs of the Conference, and make recommendations to the Home Cultivation Secretary in Charge of Literature. She shall be responsible for the distribution of the literature throughout the Conference, shall promote the dissemination of missionary news through the Church and secular press, and shall collect clippings of missionary news to be forwarded to the Home Cultivation Secretary in Charge of Literature. She shall make quarterly reports to the Home Cultivation Secretary in Charge of Literature.

14. The Superintendent of Social Service shall stimulate and direct the study and investigation of social questions. She shall cooperate with the civic and social agencies for reform and shall seek to bring the women of the Conference into relation with them. She shall report quarterly to the Superintendent of Social Service.

15. The Superintendent of Supplies shall superintend the sending of boxes and needed supplies to ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and to institutions in the home and foreign fields under the direction of the Council. She shall report quarterly to the Home Cultivation Secretary in Charge of Organization.

16. The District Secretaries shall organize Adult, Young People's, and Children's Auxiliaries and use every available means to promote the work of the Woman's Missionary Society in their districts. They shall present a report of their work at the District Conference and shall hold annual meetings in the district and all-day meetings whenever practicable. They shall conduct the correspondence with auxiliaries and send a quarterly report to the Conference Corresponding Secretary and a copy of the same to the President of the Conference Society.

17. Conference Societies shall not project new work nor respond to special calls for aid unless authorized by the Woman's Missionary Council.

18. The membership funds of all auxiliary societies—Adult, Young People's, and Children's also funds contributed to make life members, honorary life members, and honorary life patrons, are a part of the general fund, which cannot be directed by the Conference.

19. A Conference Expense Fund shall be provided by Conference assessment, the basis to be determined by each Conference according to the requirements. In no case shall membership dues or pledge funds be used for Conference expenses.

20. The thank offering during the Week of Prayer shall be applied to some specific object, to be determined each year by the Woman's Missionary Council in annual session.

21. The Conference Society may make such by-laws as the work demands, provided they do not conflict with those made by the Council.

22. The last half hour of each forenoon during the annual session of the Conference shall be devoted to Bible study.

## ADULT AUXILIARIES.

### CONSTITUTION.

Any number of women may form an Adult Society auxiliary to the Conference Woman's Missionary Society by adopting the following Constitution and By-Laws and electing the officers herein provided:

1. This society shall be called the Woman's Missionary Society of the ——— Church, auxiliary to ——— Conference Society of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

2. The object of this auxiliary is to hasten the coming of the kingdom of God throughout the world by enlisting the women, young people, and children in a study of the needs of the world in active missionary service; by raising funds for the evangelization of mission fields at home



and abroad, for the maintenance of the institutions supported by the Woman's Missionary Council, and for the betterment of civic and social conditions.

The auxiliary shall engage in definite personal missionary work in its own community, such as systematic friendly visiting, Bible teaching, cottage prayer meetings, and other lines of missionary effort with the unchurched, the foreigners, and the negroes.

3. Anyone may become a member of this auxiliary by giving prayer, service, and a contribution to the annual auxiliary budget.

The auxiliary shall assume the responsibility of payment of a budget, the total amount of which shall include annual dues of \$2.40 per member, a contribution to the Conference Expense Fund from each member, and to the Retirement and Relief Fund from each member, and a pledge from the auxiliary. The dues, pledge, and any other undirected funds shall be prorated by the Council, forty per cent for the home and sixty per cent for the foreign work. Opportunities shall be given for offerings to be directed by individual donors for the support of special work. These special offerings by individuals shall not be prorated.

4. Every auxiliary shall appoint one or more committees to be known as extension committees. These committees shall group the entire Church membership so that every member may be reached and asked to take a part in the missionary work of the Church by giving prayer, service, or a contribution of money for the maintenance of the work in the home and foreign fields.

5. Anyone may become a life member of the auxiliary by the payment of twenty-five dollars, an honorary life member by the payment of one hundred dollars, and an honorary life patron by the payment of three hundred dollars, provided the money is paid for the special purpose. It shall not be included in the pledge nor in any special assumed by individuals or that has been assigned to the auxiliary. Such membership should be considered an honor and should not release the holders from the obligations of active membership.

6. A name may be placed on the Memorial Roll by the gift of twenty-five dollars for this specific purpose.

7. Every auxiliary member shall pay toward the Relief and Retirement Fund and the Conference Expense Fund.

8. The auxiliary shall carry on local work, which shall consist of the care of the parsonage and the charity work of the Church. This work may be done through a committee, the funds to be raised as the auxiliary directs.

9. The officers of the auxiliary shall be a President, one Vice President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, and Superintendents of Young People's Work, of Children's Work, of Study, of Publicity, of Social Service, of Supplies, and of Local Work.

10. The auxiliary shall hold one or more meetings during the month for the transaction of business and for the study of the work. The first regular monthly meeting of the year shall be devoted to the consideration of plans and financial pledges for the new year and to the installation of officers. At the November business meeting, either annually or biennially, the election of officers shall be held.

#### BY-LAWS.

1. (1) The President shall preside at all meetings of the auxiliary and shall actively advance its interests. In her absence the Vice President shall assume her duties.

(2) The President, by virtue of her office, is a member of the Quarterly Conference. Where there is more than one adult auxiliary in a Church the President of the auxiliary first organized shall be the member of the Quarterly Conference.



2. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the auxiliary and shall develop spiritual resources, including intercession, family altars, and Christian stewardship. She shall send to the District Secretary full reports by the first of January, April, July, and October. She shall send to the District Secretary and Conference Corresponding Secretary the names and addresses of all newly elected officers of the auxiliary. She shall also send to the Conference Superintendents the names and addresses of their corresponding Auxiliary Superintendents. She shall send her books to the district meeting for examination.

3. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the regular and called meetings and see that each meeting is properly announced.

4. The Treasurer shall collect all moneys of the auxiliary, keep an account of the same, and make an itemized report monthly to the auxiliary. She shall remit to the Conference Treasurer on the first of January, April, July, and October, giving an itemized statement of the amount, a duplicate of the same to be furnished the Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary. The books of the Treasurer shall be audited annually.

5. The Assistant Treasurer shall have charge of local funds. She shall make a monthly report to the auxiliary, and she shall furnish the Treasurer a quarterly statement to be included in her report. She shall pay out money from the local treasury only upon an order signed by both the President of the auxiliary and the chairman of the local committee.

The auxiliary as a society shall not assume obligation for the assistance or support of outside organizations, such as orphanages, hospitals, travelers' aids, Y. M. C. A., etc.

6. The Superintendent of Young People's Work shall be responsible for the organization of the Young People's Auxiliary and shall develop and direct its work. She shall send reports when required by the Conference Superintendent of Young People's Work.

7. (1) The Superintendent of the Children's Department shall develop and direct the work of the children. She shall nominate to the Adult Auxiliary two women who, with herself, shall form the Children's Committee, one member of which shall supervise each of the divisions—namely, Baby, Primary, and Epworth Junior. The Superintendent of the Children's Department shall be chairman of this standing committee.

(2) The Superintendent of the Children's Department shall report all the activities of each division in monthly and quarterly reports to the Adult Auxiliary, and shall send a written report quarterly to the Conference Superintendent of Children's Work. She shall turn over all moneys, properly designated, from each division to the Treasurer of the Adult Auxiliary. These funds shall be included in her quarterly report to the Conference Treasurer as the offerings of the Children's Department.

8. The Superintendent of Study shall be responsible for the organization of mission study and Bible study classes and prayer circles. She shall report quarterly to the Conference Superintendent of Study.

9. The Superintendent of Publicity shall be responsible for the dissemination of missionary news throughout the Church and community. She shall present the *Missionary Bulletin* in the auxiliary meetings, send items to the Church and secular press, and collect clippings of missionary news to be forwarded to the Conference Publicity Superintendent. She shall make quarterly reports to the Conference Superintendent of Literature and Publicity.

In small auxiliaries the publicity work may be carried on by the Superintendent of Mission Study. She shall, however, send the report of her publicity work to the Conference Superintendent of Literature and Publicity.

10. (1) The Superintendent of Social Service shall stimulate and direct the study and investigation of social questions and shall seek to bring about social reforms by securing the participation of auxiliary members in the civic and social welfare movements of the community. She shall have

charge of the Social Service studies and programs issued by the Council. She shall cooperate with the Superintendents of Young People's and Children's Work in planning for their Superintendents. She shall have supervision of whatever share the auxiliary may have in the constructive relief work of the Church. She shall report quarterly to the Conference Superintendent of Social Service.

(2) Funds for the use of Social Service in relief work or in social reform may be drawn from the local fund as authorized in By-Law 5, provided the use of the money does not conflict with By-Law 5.

11. The Superintendent of Supplies shall superintend the sending of boxes and necessary supplies to ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and to institutions in the home and foreign fields, under the direction of the Council. She shall report each box sent and its value to the Conference Superintendent of Supplies.

12. The Superintendent of Local Work shall have charge of the social features of the auxiliary. She shall supervise whatever share the auxiliary may have in the care of the church and the parsonage, and she shall give special attention to the shut-in and the unchurched. The Assistant Treasurer shall be a member of the Committee on Local Work.

13. The Secretary, Treasurer, and Superintendents shall make written reports at the regular meetings.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S AUXILIARIES.

### CONSTITUTION.

1. This auxiliary shall be called the Young People's Society of ——— Church, auxiliary to ——— Conference Society of the Woman's Missionary Council, Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

2. The object of this auxiliary is to hasten the coming of the kingdom of God throughout the world by enlisting the young people in active missionary service, by raising funds for the evangelization of mission fields at home and abroad, for the maintenance of the institutions supported by the Woman's Missionary Council, and for the betterment of civic and social conditions.

3. Any young person thirteen years old and over may become a member of the auxiliary by giving regularly prayer, service, and a stated offering monthly or quarterly. At approximately the age of twenty-five, members shall transfer to the adult auxiliary. Each member shall be asked to make an offering for the maintenance or extension of such objects of the work in the home and foreign fields as are assigned to the young people by the Council. Such funds shall constitute the pledge of the auxiliary.

Membership funds and pledges shall be prorated by the Council Treasurer, forty per cent for the home and sixty per cent for the foreign work.

Each member shall be expected to contribute to the Retirement and Relief Fund and to the Conference Expense Fund.

4. Anyone may become a life member of the auxiliary by the payment of fifteen dollars, provided the money be paid for that special purpose. It shall not be included in the pledge nor in any special assumed by individuals or that has been assigned to the auxiliary.

5. A name may be placed on the Memorial Roll by the gift of fifteen dollars for this special purpose.

6. The officers of the auxiliary shall be a President, a Vice President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and the Superintendents of Study, of Publicity, of Social Service, and of Supplies.

7. The auxiliary shall hold one or more meetings during the month for the transaction of business and for the study of the work. At the last meeting of the fiscal year there shall be the annual election of officers. At the following meeting there shall be a full report of the year's work,

installation of officers, and consideration of plans for work and financial pledges for the new year.

#### BY-LAWS.

1. The President shall preside at the meeting of the auxiliary and shall in every way advance its interests. In the absence of the President the Vice President shall preside.

2. The Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President and shall actively promote the interests of the auxiliary. She shall be agent for the *Voice* and the *Young Christian Worker*.

3. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the auxiliary and shall promote Christian stewardship. She shall report the full scope of the work quarterly to the Conference Superintendent of Young People's Work and to the District Secretary, to whom she shall send the names and addresses of the newly elected officers.

4. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the regular and called meetings and shall see that each meeting is properly announced.

5. The Treasurer shall collect all funds of the auxiliary, keeping a ledger account of the same, and remit to the Conference Treasurer on the first of January, April, July, and October.

6. The Superintendent of Study shall be responsible for the organization of mission study and Bible study classes, for prayer circles. She shall report quarterly on the first of January, April, July, and October to the Conference Superintendent of Study.

7. The Superintendent of Publicity shall be responsible for the dissemination of missionary news throughout the Church and community. She shall present the *Missionary Bulletin* in the auxiliary meetings, send items to the Church and secular press, and collect clippings of missionary news to be forwarded to the Conference Publicity Superintendent. She shall make quarterly reports to the Conference Superintendent of Literature and Publicity.

In small auxiliaries the publicity work may be carried on by the Superintendent of Mission Study. She shall, however, send the report of her publicity work to the Conference Superintendent of Literature and Publicity.

8. The Superintendent of Social Service shall have charge of social service studies issued by the Council. She shall cooperate in the social service movements of her Church and the community. She shall report quarterly on the first of January, April, July, and October to the Conference Superintendent of Social Service.

9. The Superintendent of Supplies shall superintend the packing and sending of boxes of supplies to institutions in the home and foreign fields under the direction of the Council. She shall report each box sent and its value to the Conference Superintendent of Supplies.

### CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

#### CONSTITUTION.

1. This department shall be called the Children's Department of the Adult Missionary Society of — Church, auxiliary to — Conference Society of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

2. The object of this department is to hasten the coming of the kingdom of God throughout the world by giving the children of the Church missionary education, training them for Christian service, and by cultivating in them habits of liberal and systematic giving and of daily Bible study and prayer.

3. The Children's Department shall consist of a Baby Division, a Primary Division, and the Epworth Junior Society, which shall be under



the direction of the Superintendent of the Children's Department of the Woman's Missionary Society. (The responsibility for directing the Epworth Junior Society shall be shared with the Superintendent of the Epworth League.)

#### BABY DIVISION.

1. (1) Any child under six years of age is eligible to membership in the Baby Division. There shall be an annual fee of twenty-five cents, and mite boxes shall be furnished for additional voluntary offerings.

(2) Each member of the Baby Division shall be given a certificate of membership upon its first enrollment; at subsequent annual enrollments a star shall be placed upon the certificate.

2. Any child may become a life member of the Baby Division of the Children's Department by the payment of five dollars, provided the money be paid for that specific purpose. It shall not be included in the pledge or in any special assumed by individuals or that has been assigned to the Baby Division of the Children's Department.

3. Names of children may be placed on the Memorial Roll by the gift of ten dollars.

4. Quarterly meetings for the Baby Division shall be arranged by the Leader of the Baby Division in consultation with the Superintendent of the Children's Department of the Adult Missionary Society; at those meetings an inspirational program shall be presented and the mite boxes opened.

5. Members of the Baby Division at the age of six years shall be promoted to the Primary Division.

#### PRIMARY DIVISION.

1. Any child between the ages of six and nine years may become a member of the Primary Division of the Children's Department by giving regularly prayer, service, and an annual enrollment fee of twenty-five cents. Mite boxes furnished for voluntary offerings shall be opened quarterly, and the contents, with all other offerings, shall be turned over to the Superintendent of the Children's Department of the Adult Auxiliary.

2. Anyone may become a life member of the Primary Division of the Children's Department by the payment of ten dollars, provided the money be paid for that specific purpose. It shall not be included in the pledge or in any special assumed by individuals or that has been assigned to the Primary Division of the Children's Department.

3. Names of children may be placed on the Memorial Roll by the gift of ten dollars.

4. The officers of the Primary Division shall be a President, a Vice President, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer. These officers shall be elected annually.

5. There shall be such committees as are necessary to carry on the work of the division.

6. The Primary Division shall meet at least once a month to transact necessary business and to follow the lines of study and activity provided by the Woman's Missionary Council. At the close of the quarter the Primary enrollment fees, mite-box offerings, and any other moneys shall be turned over to the Superintendent of the Children's Department, designating that those moneys are from the Primary Division. The first regular monthly meeting of the year shall be devoted to making plans and financial pledges for the new year's work. At this time also the enrolling of members and the paying of the fee for the new year shall take place.

7. Members of the Primary Division at the age of nine years shall be promoted to the Epworth Junior Society.

## EPWORTH JUNIOR SOCIETY.

*Constitution.*

- Name. 1. This organization shall be known as the — Epworth Junior Society of the — Methodist Episcopal Church, South, of — Pastoral Charge of the — Annual Conference.
- Supervision and Organization. 2. This society shall be under the authority of the pastor, the Woman's Missionary Auxiliary (which is under the Woman's Missionary Council), and auxiliary to the Epworth League Board. The Senior Epworth League, through its Council, shall nominate the Junior Superintendent to the pastor for confirmation, and a nominee of of the Woman's Missionary Auxiliary shall become the Associate Superintendent.
- Object. 3. The object of this society shall be to advance the growth of its members in Christian character and faith; to prepare them for full membership in the Church; to train their social and mental capacities in harmony with the teachings of the Church; and to instruct them in the work our Church is doing and to provide them with the opportunity of participating in the work of spreading the gospel through prayer, study, service, and gifts. It shall further assist the pastor in the instruction of the children of his charge.
- Members. 4. (1) The membership shall be composed of boys and girls from nine to twelve years of age, inclusive. They shall become members after subscribing to the Constitution of the society.  
(2) The Pastor, Superintendent, and Associate Superintendent shall be advisory members.  
(3) Every member shall make a monthly offering to missions and contribute to all other financial needs of the society.
- Officers. 5. (1) The officers of the Epworth Junior Society shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, an Agent of "Juniors" and other Periodicals, and Chairmen of the four departments.  
(2) The President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be nominated by a nominating committee appointed by the Superintendent and the Associate Superintendent and elected by ballot at the regular business meeting in October. The four department Chairmen and the Agent of "Juniors" shall be appointed by the Superintendent and Associate Superintendent. The officers shall assume the duties of their respective offices immediately following their election and installation.
- Departments. 6. The work of the society shall be carried on under the general plan of the four departments—namely: Worship, Service, Recreation and Study, and Missions. Each department shall be in charge of a chairman and committee. At its first meeting the Epworth Junior Council shall appoint each member of the Society to serve on one of the departmental committees. During the months of June and July intensive missionary training shall be carried on through the weekly meetings and through a vacation missionary school. During the months of August and September the regular weekly meetings shall be held on all Sundays or other days of the week that may be chosen, and programs of a general kind may be carried out.
- Department of Worship. (1) (a) This department shall conduct a weekly devotional meeting, except the one meeting each month when the meet-

ing shall be in charge of the Department of Missions and shall endeavor in other ways to cultivate the spirit of worship.

(b) This department shall give special attention to the music of the society. The best hymns of the Methodist Hymnal shall be taught and good music furnished for all meetings.

(c) Part of the hour of the weekly meeting shall be used for the work of the Bible and Church Study Course and the Mission Study Course.

(2) (a) This department shall engage in practical work of such sorts as may be deemed expedient by the Associate Superintendent, such as providing flowers for the church and the sick, visiting and aiding the sick and needy, and soliciting the attendance of children at Church and Sunday school, and shall endeavor to help the pastor in every way possible. Department of Service.

(b) It shall be a part of the work of this department to forward the cause of temperance and good government by means of special programs and meetings for instruction.

(c) The course of study for this department shall be provided by the Woman's Missionary Council.

(3) (a) The work of this department shall be carried on following the weekly devotional meetings, except those in charge of the fourth department, and by special meetings. The study course in the Bible, Church History and Doctrines, and the benevolences shall be used. Department of Recreation and Study.

(b) This department shall furnish wholesome entertainment and shall plan for the development of the social life of the Juniors.

(c) An earnest effort should be made to encourage the habit of reading good books.

(4) (a) This department shall carry out a missionary program once a month and shall provide for mission study. Department of Missionary Work.

(b) This department shall further secure pledges and collect money for missions, which shall be directed by the Woman's Missionary Council. The Department shall in other ways aid in the missionary work of the Church under the direction of the pastor and Associate Superintendent.

(c) The work of the department shall be under the direction of the Associate Superintendent.

(d) The course of study for the department shall be approved by the Woman's Missionary Council.

7. The officers, the pastor, Superintendent, Associate Superintendent, and any Assistant Superintendents shall constitute the Council of the Epworth Junior Society, and shall meet monthly for consultation on the interests of the society, and to plan for the business meetings for general work. Epworth Junior Council.

8. The revenue of the society shall be derived from pledges and freewill offerings of the members. Revenue.

9. The society may enact such additional by-laws as may be required in accordance with this constitution, provided they are first approved by the Epworth Junior Council. Enactment of By-Laws.

10. Changes in this constitution may be made only by the Epworth League Board and the Woman's Missionary Council in conference. Changes in Constitution.

11. It is my purpose in life to follow Jesus, who as a boy grew in wisdom and in body and in the approval of god and men. I will endeavor to learn his will and do it. Rule.

12. The motto for the Epworth Juniors shall be love and service. The badge shall be a Maltese cross with the letters E. J. on opposite sides of the cross, and the motto encircling Motto and Badge.



the Calvary cross in the center. The colors shall be blue and silver, and the flower shall be pansy.

Grading.

13. Whenever the number of members of the Epworth Juniors is large enough to make it desirable, the society shall be divided into groups according to grade. Each group shall be in charge of an Assistant Superintendent, who shall give direction to the work of the Bible and Church Study Course and Mission Courses.

Supervision.

14. (1) The Superintendent and Associate Superintendent shall be responsible for the program of work and shall cooperate for the larger interests of the society.

(2) The Assistant Superintendents shall assist in planning the society activities and shall have oversight of the work of the different departments, and shall also have charge of the study classes in the Bible and Church Study Course. The Mission Study Course shall be under the direction of the Associate Superintendent.

#### *By-Laws.*

1. The President shall preside at all business meetings, and with the help of the Superintendents shall see that the committees do the work planned.

2. The Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President.

3. The Secretary shall keep the membership roll, the minutes of the business meetings, and other records of the Society, and shall correspond with the Central Office of the Epworth League or the District Secretary and the Conference Superintendent of Children's Work of the Woman's Missionary Society.

4. The Treasurer shall have charge of the funds, and by order of the Society he shall pay out the budget funds. The Treasurer shall remit monthly or quarterly all missionary offerings to the Superintendent of the Children's Department of the local auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Society.

5. The Agent of "Juniors" shall solicit subscriptions, secure renewals, and shall act as librarian of the Society.

6. Chairmen of Departments shall have charge of the activities of their respective departments. Each shall be assisted by a committee of at least three Juniors.

7. A monthly business meeting shall be held, at which the children shall be trained in elementary rules of order.

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### STANDING RULES.

1. Standing committees shall meet for organization before leaving the place of meeting of the Council. Each committee shall have the right to make its own quorum, with the provision that the quorum of no committee be less than three. The actions of the quorum of each committee shall be submitted to all members of each committee.

2. The Woman's Department in each Church paper shall be edited by one woman only. She shall be selected by the President and Corresponding Secretary of the patronizing Conference.

3. Candidates who meet all requirements educationally and physically, and who are recommended by the faculty as eligible, shall receive appointment at the beginning instead of at the close of the senior year, contingent on the indorsement of the faculty, medical examiners, and Committee on Missionary Candidates at the close of the senior year.

4. Scholarships shall not be granted for home mission workers by Council or Conference to young women who do not meet the educational requirements adopted by the Council.

5. In each Conference Society a committee of three, one of whom shall be the Corresponding Secretary, shall be elected to visit the home insti-

tutions within its boundary and cooperate with them for the advancement of their work.

6. No recommendations for action shall be placed in the body of the annual reports of the officers of the Council.

7. Each and every memorial or resolution referred to a session committee of the Council shall be listed and reported back to the Council in a committee report.

8. The chairman of the Session Committee on Laws shall be given supervision of the preparation of a collection of the Standing Rules to be printed in each annual report of the Council.

9. A campaign for mission study shall be urged in October and special effort made to organize classes in every Adult, Young People's, and Children's Auxiliary.

10. All manuals, booklets, helps, etc., ordered by the Committee on Literature shall be submitted to each member of the committee before going to print.

11. A yearbook of young people's programs shall be prepared annually by the Standing Committee on Literature and the Superintendent of Young People's Work.

12. A yearbook of children's programs shall be prepared annually by the Standing Committee on Literature and the Superintendent of Children's Work of the Council.

13. A yearbook of programs for Adult Auxiliaries shall be prepared annually by the Standing Committee on Literature and the Home Cultivation Secretary in Charge of Literature.

14. One handbook and one yearbook shall be furnished free to the President of each auxiliary.

15. Two copies of the booklet, "Helps," shall be furnished free of cost to each Adult, Young People's, or Children's Auxiliary.

16. The week beginning with the first Sunday in November shall be observed as a Week of Prayer.

17. Members of the Council at large shall give the pledges of the children separately from those of the adult and young people.

18. The pledges taken at the Council meeting shall include all funds for authorized Council work.

19. The Home Cultivation Secretary in Charge of Literature shall distribute literature for the United Day of Prayer appointed by the Federation of Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions and the Council of Women for Home Missions.

20. Auxiliaries attaining the Roll of Honor shall be given recognition at the annual meetings by the presentation of a token to be agreed upon by the Home Cultivation Secretary in Charge of Organization and the Conference Secretaries. The Conference having the largest number of auxiliaries reaching the standard shall receive recognition at the Council meeting.

21. The Council shall provide transfer cards for the use of members of the Missionary Society moving from one Church to another.

22. Unused balances and refunds in the regular appropriations each year shall be added to the basis of appropriation for the following year and be subject to reappropriation, it being understood that the amount shall not be added until the contingent fund shall have been estimated.

23. In accord with the Council policy of granting in occasional instances the taking of special objects of support by individuals, auxiliaries, districts, or Conferences, all money collected for specials shall be used for those objects directly authorized by the Council. In case any individual, auxiliary, district, or Conference desires to direct an offering to some particular activity in Council work, some arrangement to that end shall first be made with the Executive Secretary in charge of the field in which the activity is located.

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

1. Wherever there are at least six young people in the Church a serious effort should be made to organize a Young People's Missionary Society.

2. All organizations must be reported under the name of Young People's Missionary Societies, even though they select for themselves a local name.

3. Good Friday shall be set apart as a day of special prayer for volunteers for both the home and foreign fields.

4. The special for the Young People's Department for the ensuing year shall be made at each annual meeting of the Council and shall be adopted by the Conferences as their special.

5. Every Conference shall be asked to make a place on its annual program for an inspirational presentation of "Young People's Missionary Work."

6. One afternoon of the Week of Prayer shall be given to the young people, and the offering then taken shall go through the channel of the Young People's Society.

7. October shall be set apart as a special time for organizing mission study classes.

8. Cards shall be printed for the use of Young People's Societies upon which they may state at the beginning of each year the amount of their membership offering and the amount to be given toward the pledges fixed by the Council.

9. Leaflets shall be prepared to set forth the specials of the Young People's Department and to develop the Young People's work. One of these shall be on Christian stewardship and shall be distributed in time for stewardship meeting in January.

10. Small numeral ribbon flyers shall be given each year to such Young People's Auxiliaries as attain the Standard of Excellence.

11. The work of the Young People's Missionary Society shall be emphasized in the district meetings by giving the young people and their work a place on the program.

12. The Conference President, the Superintendent of Young People's Work, and Corresponding Secretary shall constitute a committee whose duty it shall be to keep in touch with the Methodist college students within the bounds of their respective Conferences. A list of the volunteers in these colleges shall be furnished this committee, and they shall pray for them daily by name.

13. Where summer conferences or encampments are not practical in a Conference, group meetings, district rallies, and week-end conferences shall be held with inspirational, educational, and recreational features on the program.

14. A Probation List shall be made by Conference Superintendents of Young People on which shall be placed all new auxiliaries when organized. They shall remain there until they have reported for two quarters to the Conference Superintendent and at least once to the Conference Treasurer; they shall then be transferred to the permanent record book. Such auxiliaries shall receive all literature through the regular channels.

## CHILDREN'S WORK.

1. A Certificate of Honor shall be granted at the close of each fiscal year to each children's auxiliary that has attained the Roll of Honor.

2. One day of the Week of Prayer shall be made a special day of prayer for the children, and a special program shall be prepared to be used by the children.

3. The offering of the children on Children's Day of the Week of Prayer shall go through the channels of the Children's Department.

4. Pictorial leaflets shall be prepared setting forth the specials for children.



5. Auxiliary Superintendents of the Children's Department shall cooperate with other organizations of the Church in promoting missionary education and activity among the children.

6. An effort shall be made by Auxiliary Superintendents of Children's Departments to establish missionary libraries and curio cabinets for the use of children in their missionary studies.

7. A full presentation of the children's work shall be made at annual and district meetings.

8. Each Superintendent of the Children's Department shall endeavor to have the children's auxiliary give a demonstration of its work before the adult auxiliary once during the year.

9. The Conference Superintendents of the Children's Work shall secure the help of District Secretaries in the appointment of Superintendents of the Children's Department in each charge where there is no adult auxiliary.

10. The Conference Superintendent of Children's Work shall cooperate with the District Secretaries in planning the children's part of the program at the district meetings.

11. The Auxiliary Superintendent of the Children's Department shall represent the children at the annual and district meetings, but the Epworth Juniors shall be also urged to send one of its own members as delegate to the district meeting.

12. A special effort shall be made to secure trained leadership by conducting institutes and group meetings, encouraging attendance upon training schools and summer assemblies, and by promoting interdenominational conferences on children's work, even in the local community.

13. The Adult Auxiliary shall be asked to furnish the necessary equipment for children's work, financial assistance for social features, and delegate's expenses to Annual and District Conferences.

14. A standing committee on the Children's Department shall be appointed in each auxiliary, the Superintendent of the Children's Department to be the chairman of this committee.

15. There shall be a Conference Probation List on which shall be placed all new organizations, there to remain until they have made two quarters' reports to the Conference Superintendent, and at least one to the Conference Treasurer, after which they shall be transferred to the permanent record book. When organized such auxiliaries shall be furnished the regular literature.

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