

*Woman's Home
Mission Society*

Methodist Episcopal Church, South

Sixteenth Annual Report

1902



CONFERENCE CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.

Conference.	Name.	Address.
Alabama	Mrs. C. L. Chilton.....	Greensboro, Ala.
Arkansas.....	Miss Gertrude Durey.....	Eureka Springs, Ark.
Baltimore	Mrs. J. B. Perrie.....	Westwood, Md.
Columbia	Mrs. Ella Herron.....	Bruce, Oregon.
Denver.....	Mrs. J. H. Ledbetter.....	Denver, Colo.
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Holston	Mrs. A. A. Gibson	Athens, Tenn.
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Los Angeles.....	Miss Laura A. Haygood.....	Downey, Cal.
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Louisville	Mrs. L. M. Clark.....	Hopkinsville, Ky.
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North Georgia.....	Mrs. F. P. Clarke	Atlanta, Ga.
North Mississippi....	Mrs. Robert Somerville	Greenville, Miss.
North Texas.....	Mrs. L. P. Smith.....	Lewisville, Tex.
Northwest Texas	Mrs. Flora N. Hey.....	Waxahachie, Tex.
Pacific	Mrs. C. H. Castle	San Francisco, Cal.
South Carolina	Mrs. W. L. Waite.....	Cheraw, S. C.
South Georgia.....	Mrs. R. C. Neely.....	Waynesboro, Ga.
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Western Virginia.....	Mrs. Mordecai Williams.....	Normal, Ky.
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“NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT, SAITH THE LORD OF HOSTS.” (Zech. iv. 6.)

MISSIONARIES AND TEACHERS

OF THE

WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

Missionary.	P. O. Address.	Missionary.	P. O. Address.
Miss Mary Bruce.....	Key West, Fla.	Miss Frances McIntyre	London, Ky.
Miss Maud Fisher	Key West, Fla.	Miss Mary McIntyre.....	London, Ky.
Miss R. L. Ford	Key West, Fla.	Miss Jessie Parker.....	London, Ky.
Miss Irene Crow.....	Key West, Fla.	Miss Emelyn Johnson.....	London, Ky.
Miss L. M. Ross.....	Key West, Fla.	Miss Florence Campbell.....	London, Ky.
Miss Elizabeth Beaumont....	Key West, Fla.	Mrs. Ivy D. Ostrom.....	San Francisco, Cal.
Miss L. M. Stewart.....	Key West, Fla.	Miss G. I. Castle.....	San Francisco, Cal.
Mrs. H. R. Hogg.....	Key West, Fla.	Mrs. Adams.....	San Francisco, Cal.
Prof. H. R. McKeller.....	Key West, Fla.	Mrs. Anna Bane Newcum.....	Oakland, Cal.
Miss Harber.....	Key West, Fla.	Mr. M. J. Newcum.....	Oakland, Cal.
Miss Elizabeth Todd.....	Tampa, Fla.	Mrs. Chamberlin	Alameda, Cal.
Mrs. M. P. Cooper.....	Tampa, Fla.	Mrs. Anna S. Wolfskill.....	Los Angeles, Cal.
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Mrs. Rosa Valdez.....	Tampa, Fla.	Miss Minerva Clyce.....	Nashville, Tenn.
Miss Alma Perrin.....	Tampa, Fla.	Miss Martha Frost.....	Nashville, Tenn.
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Prof. J. C. Lewis.....	London, Ky.	Mrs. Knowles.....	Macon, Ga.
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Mr. Nathaniel Sewell.....	London, Ky.	Miss Helen Baker.....	Portsmouth, Va.
Miss Lily Letton.....	London, Ky.		

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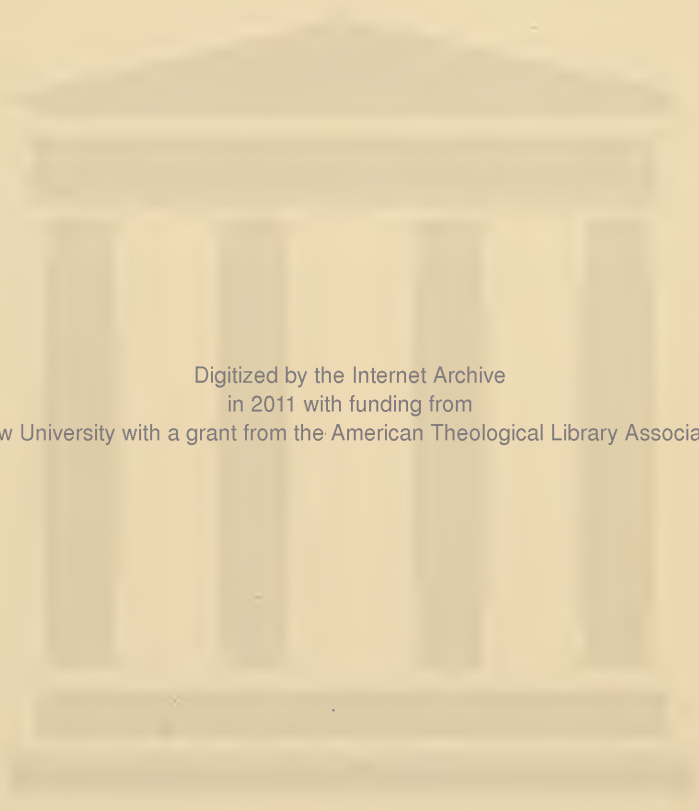
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MRS. JOHN D. HAMMOND, Nashville, Tenn.....Editor of Leaflets

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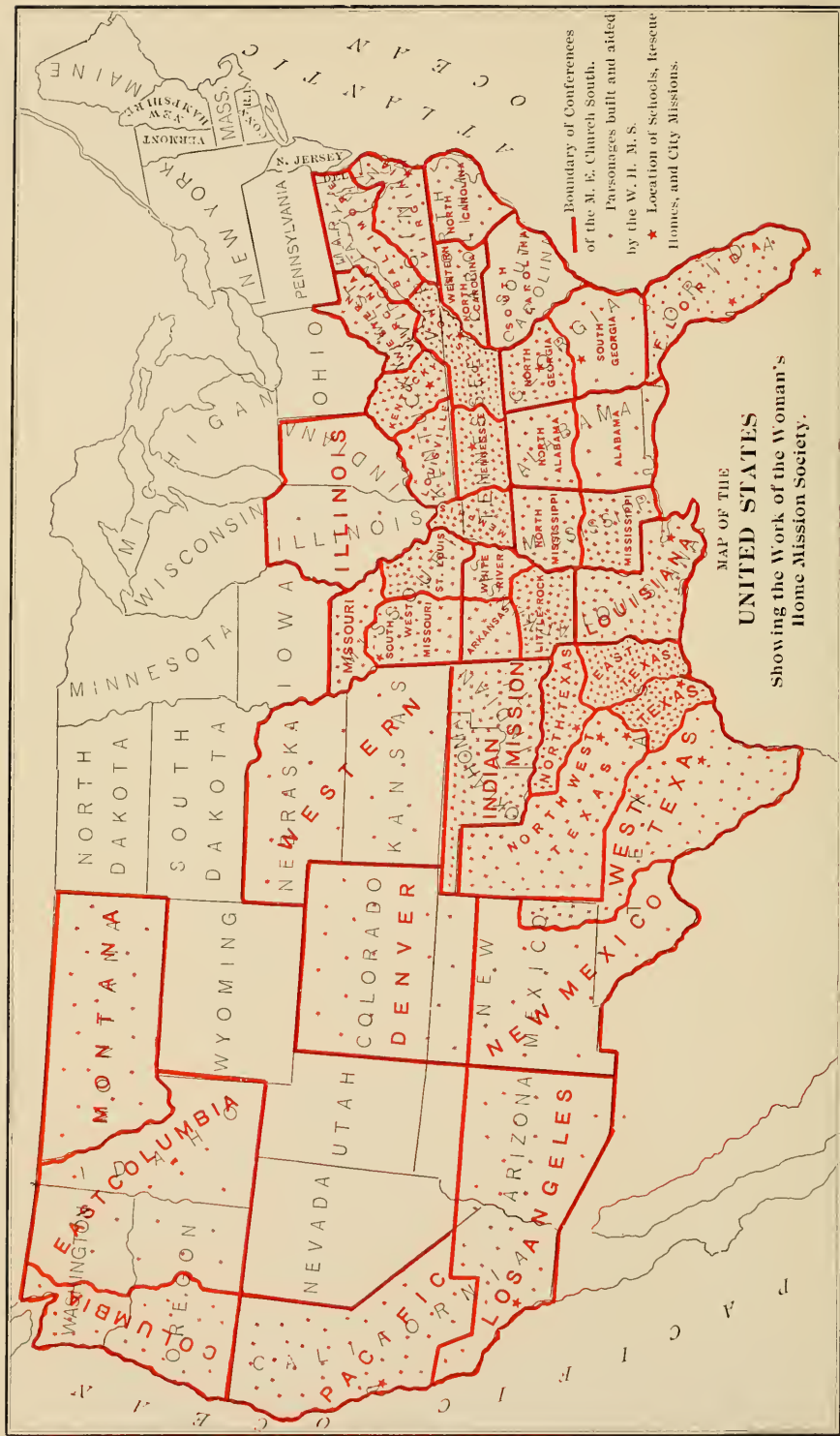
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las, Tex.

CALENDAR.

Week of Prayer, October 6-13.
Fifth Annual Board Meeting, Atlanta, Ga.



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Note.—During the fiscal year 1901-02 one hundred and twenty-nine parsonages not shown on this map have been aided.

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY

OF THE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

NASHVILLE, TENN.; DALLAS, TEX.:
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SYNOPSIS OF IMPORTANT ACTION TAKEN AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

Work among the Indians is to be begun on the Choctaw Reservation in Mississippi, where twenty-five hundred Choctaws live in great need of religious and educational training. An appropriation of \$400 was made from the undirected Twentieth Century Fund to build and furnish two small schoolhouses, and \$300 from the general treasury for the salaries of two teachers who will be paid in part from the State school fund.

The Board authorized the erection this summer of the Girls' Industrial Hall at Paine Institute, \$4,200 of the \$5,000 called for having been subscribed.

A gift of \$500 was offered the Board on condition that \$2,000 be added to it from a Home Mission Students' Loan Fund at the Scarritt Bible and Training School. Two thousand dollars of the undirected Twentieth Century Fund was appropriated to secure this gift.

Mrs. Gross Alexander resigned the editorship of leaflets. No option being left, the Board accepted her resignation, and elected Mrs. John D. Hammond as her successor.

The Woman's Board of Home Missions of the M. E. Church sent in a request for a committee to be appointed to confer with a like committee from their own Board in regard to forming a reading course to be used in common by both Societies. This sisterly communication was received in the spirit in which it was sent, and the committee was appointed.

The following appropriations were made: For parsonages, \$5,000; rescue work, \$4,126; mountain work, \$2,000 and fees; Cuban work, \$6,050; Chinese work, \$380; Japanese work, \$1,910; Indian work, \$300; negro work, \$2,000; furnishing Paine Annex, \$1,000; city missions (ten per cent on last year's vouchers), \$480; teacher at Scarritt Training School, \$750; contingent, \$3,750. Total, \$29,726.

The next meeting will be held in Atlanta, Ga.

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WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY,

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

MRS. R. W. MACDONELL, GENERAL SECRETARY.

RUSKIN says: "The true history of a nation is not a history of its wars, but of its households." Among the forces that are making the history of our own country—one we may not blush to own—are the various organizations which seek to build deep down on the "bed rock of individual character." Well it behooves our people to multiply these forces, as character is the only firm foundation on which a republic can exist.

Such a force is our Woman's Home Mission Society, which through her touch of Christian sympathy with the suffering and sorrowing and by her character-building, habit-forming schools is setting in motion those influences that inspire hope, virtue, and intelligence, without which it is claimed a republic must "end in despotism, corruption, and anarchy." But her mission is more far-reaching than even that of helping to build a righteous nation; hers it is to make ready a people for that kingdom whose King is Christ our Lord. This alone inspires her every effort, and this is the reward she seeks.

Another year is numbered with the past, and with grateful hearts we record its progress. The work is taking deeper hold upon the hearts of our women who are already enlisted, while it is more and more commending itself to the Church at large. This growth in membership is encouraging; and this, we are constrained to feel, is genuine, permanent growth, the roots of which are buried deep in the soil of conviction. Much of this, we are sure, is due to the conscientious work of many of the District Secretaries. More and more they are realizing that they are our strong arms, and that our success depends upon their efforts more than upon any other human agency. The greatest need of the Woman's Home Mission Society just now is a multiplication of this type of District Secretary.

Again, the growth of real, material interest in the work is shown by the wholesome increase in the collection of dues. This increase is marked by \$2,113.12. The plan adopted at the last meeting of the Board of doing away with specials and having each auxiliary raise one dollar extra per member, to be forwarded to the general treasury undirected, has materially simplified the management of the funds

of the Society. At no time during the year has there been embarrassment because of lack of funds to meet each payment when due, a record not made in former years when money outside of dues was directed to special objects. For all of these proofs that the Lord of the harvest has been with us in the year's work we would record our gratitude, and with renewed purpose press forward with "delight to do His will."

STATISTICS OF WORK.

Adult auxiliaries, 1,485; adult members, 26,021; young people and juvenile societies, 157; young people and juvenile members, 3,013; total members, 29,034; auxiliaries organized during the year, 295; members added during the year, 4,322; life members, 220; Baby Roll members, 6,619; scholarships supported, 14; day schools, 4; night schools, 5; pupils in schools, 1,080; teachers and missionaries, 47; parsonages helped by Conference Societies, 92; parsonages helped by the Board, 37; total parsonages helped this fiscal year, 129; collections for connectional work, \$46,197.27; collections for local work, \$97,129.75; value of supplies sent out through the Supply Department, \$8,136.54; subscribers to *Our Homes*, 6,587.

PARSONAGES.

This important department of the work holds peculiar interest for the membership as well as for the ministry of the Church. The grants this year to parsonages have been more liberal than at any other time in the sixteen years of our existence, and many homes have been made more comfortable because of our organization. Through fifty per cent of the Conference dues ninety-two parsonages have been helped to the amount of \$6,424, while the Board has granted \$3,475 to aid 37 parsonages, making a total of \$9,899 for parsonages. One of these grants was made to Jacksonville, Fla., in response to an emergency appeal. The hearts of all our constituents must rejoice that there was a sufficient sum in the treasury of undirected funds to enable us to help in her extremity.

It should be understood, however, that grants are not made toward building parsonages by either Conference Societies or the Board until the Church has made every effort to meet the whole expense before applying to either or both of these sources for money with which to make the last payments. Much confusion may also be avoided if the grantees understand that the appropriations are made contingent upon collections. When we go up to our Annual Meeting there is never a sufficient sum in the treasury to meet the appropriations to any department of the work, but each is paid according to our collections.

SUPPLIES.

This fiscal year boxes of goods valued at \$8,136.54 have been forwarded to our heroes who "hold the fort" in sections of our country where the word must be preached and yet where support is inade-

quate. No doubt many loving hearts that packed these boxes and barrels have realized that it is "more blessed to give than to receive," and when winter's chilling blasts made comforts and blankets necessary that a sense of enjoyment was added to that of comfort because of having ministered to the necessities of the saints. More auxiliaries wanted to send boxes than there were calls from the presiding elders, which shows the growth of our work. To the Superintendent of this department much of the success belongs, and in all the Church the ministers will not find so true a friend.

SCHOOLS.

The popular acceptance of home mission work is that which lies within the avenues of almsgiving or rescue of the criminal adult. These are a part of her mission, but by far the most potent factors of her enterprises are those which awaken a consciousness within the individual of his own possibilities and springs within him a determination to aim at a higher, truer plane of living. Such conscience-quickenings institutions we would make of our schools.

Owing to the strikes, our

Cuban Schools

at Tampa have passed through testing times this year, but with the return of confidence between the manufacturers and their employees our numbers have increased, and we have been enabled to push forward the work to which we are committed. Miss Valdes and her aunt have had under their tuition 78 children, and with the fees they could collect from these poor people have been able to add a teacher of sewing to their force. Across the city, in the portion known as Ybor City, Miss E. P. Todd and Mrs. M. P. Cooper have earnestly sought to plant such seed in the minds and hearts of the 102 little people who have come under their influence as must make of them, in the years to come, good, patriotic citizens. The cost of maintaining these schools at Tampa this year has been \$1,466.20, of which amount \$100.50 came from the tuition of the children. At Ruth Hargrove Seminary, in Key West, 205 children have been enrolled. Not all of these are Cubans; a large per cent are our own natives, who but for the presence of our school on the island would be forced to seek education in the Roman Catholic schools. Miss Mary Bruce is in charge there, and the cost for current expenses for this year has been \$4,296.15; the tuition has amounted to \$1,199.65.

At Sue Bennett School, London, Ky.,

Prof. J. C. Lewis and 8 teachers have been able to reach 265 children and young people this fiscal year. The quality of the work done at this school makes it ideal, and through the students, as they go to their various homes, this influence is being felt. The income from tuition has been \$3,510, while the total cost of running the school has been \$5,511.49.

On the Pacific Coast

our schools changed character. Grown men are our pupils, and oftentimes among the Japanese they have some culture. They come to us simply for the help we may be in learning our complex language. God's word is often made the text-book, and more than half that have come have found it "a lamp unto their feet." We need very much a regular preacher, a pastor whose whole time may be given to this work in order to conserve the fruit of our efforts. At Los Angeles, during the year, two Chinese boys who have been students for some little time have been converted and are now communicants of our Church.

At Greeneville, Tenn.,

the orphans have found true friends and mothers in the good women engaged in this branch of the work. The building of the Baby Cottage has claimed the enthusiastic support of the women of Holston. During the year 113 children have been cared for there, and the careful training given these little ones during this character-forming period will prove their chief equipment for life.

The training department of the

Ann Browder Cunningham Home and Training School,

at Dallas, Tex., this year has been emphasized as a great part of its rescue work. A teacher of dressmaking has been added to the force; and through the industries, cooking, laundering, sewing, and nursing visions of independent self-maintenance are held before our girls and a hope of redeeming the past has sprung up in the hearts of many. At present there are 50 girls and 12 little children in the home. The appropriation for the maintenance of this work is \$3,600 per annum, and from their industries they have returned \$598.20 to the general treasury.

CITY MISSIONS.

This has been a year of growth in our city mission work. At Nashville the establishment of a Settlement Home in a most needy section of the city has marked an epoch in home mission work in the South. Under the direction of the city missionary, Miss Clyce, and her colaborer, Miss Frost, the work has gone forward with good results. Children have been brought into the Sunday school, a large class of young men arrested in a downward course, and there has been a general quickening of aspirations among the neighbors.

In Kansas City the Day Nursery and Kindergarten are carrying into execution the principles of prevention of evil, rather than the rescue after a child has drifted into sin and shame from neglect.

The feature that claims the care of the Macon (Ga.) City Board is its "Door of Hope." Atlanta, Ga., Norfolk, Va., Fort Worth, Tex., and other cities emphasize different features, with varied success. According to the amount of consecrated energy invested in these

enterprises do they accomplish the ends for which they have been instituted. The social problem before the people of the South just now is the city, and the most effective agencies for reaching the masses are these personal workers and city missionaries; therefore it behooves those who would not have our foundations of liberty and happiness washed away to set such forces in operation as can best meet these conditions.

NEW WORK.

The first of November the Board sent Miss Louise Whitman to the mines of West Virginia, to labor in connection with the pastors for the quickening of spiritual life in that interesting field. Later she was joined by Miss Danna Kate Rogers, of Knoxville. They have made Eckman headquarters, and God has used them for good in these few months. A night school at Eckman, a Sunday school at Eureka, and several good Home Mission Societies are among the tangible results.

LITERATURE.

Our Homes still holds the almost unique position among connectional papers of being entirely self-sustaining. This year the subscription list has been lengthened by almost one thousand names. There are now 6,587 subscribers. It has fully sustained the reputation of the past of giving full and interesting presentations of every department of the Society, and a broad outlook of the work of other organizations and individuals.

Twenty-four leaflets for the monthly use of auxiliaries have been issued, and, owing to the continuous call for more, there has been an increase of five thousand in the number printed. By order of the Board, the address made by Miss Bennett at the General Missionary Conference of last year was printed in leaflet form, and ten thousand copies were distributed. The reading course furnishes suggestive lines of work for the womanhood of the Church, and, wherever followed, a hearty coöperation in our work is assured. There are 1,348 taking the course.

TITHING.

Mrs. W. C. Ratcliffe, Superintendent of this department, has just issued a booklet in the interest of this practical, scriptural method of raising funds for the Lord's work. It is a history of the tithing law, and shows the spiritual value to the individual who follows it. In our Connection we have 1,983 members pledged to this method of caring for the Lord's treasury.

EXTENSION OF WORK.

An increased membership is the most essential requisite for extension of our work. Bravely and wisely the few who are enlisted have wrought in this field, "white unto the harvest," but we have reached our limit unless we can be reënforced by a large number of workers.

Five hundred thousand out of a Church claiming 1,500,000 members should be our number, and when we who are already enlisted have presented this work to the whole Church in such a manner as to make it commend itself to their judgment, we shall have such a membership. Increase within means extension beyond. Shall we not make that the burden of our prayers this fiscal year?

The work among the Japanese on the Pacific Coast calls for extension. For five years our missionaries have taught in our night schools, and God has honored their labors by converts; fully half of our scholars have become Christians, but these fruits have not been conserved to the Church. Naturally they join the Churches where the preaching is in their own tongue and where there is fellowship among their own people. If, then, we would hold these people to our own Church, we must give them a pastor whose whole time can be devoted to the work, and from the nucleus gathered at the night schools raise a Japanese Church.

The work at Paine Institute, located at Augusta, Ga., for negro girls has not yet been commenced. When all the money pledged for the building has been collected, plans will be perfected for its completion. In several cities Bible study classes have been formed, and a spirit of inquiry is being manifested as to how best to help their race to higher planes of living. It is much to be desired, wherever it is practicable, that our constituents encourage the negro women to organize Home Mission Societies, wherein such local work as day nurseries and kindergartens for their children may be emphasized. Such institutions would prevent much of the demoralization which must attend the home when the mother is in service, and can be planned so economically as to come within their means, for these character-building enterprises need not—indeed, ought not to—be associated with elegance.

Again, we would urge that our real extension of work must be that which the psalmist declared to be his own anointing for service when he says: "I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is written in my heart." A quickened consciousness of God's law of love, and joy in serving others, is the fulfillment of this law. Let this law take hold of our lives, and, like leaven, it will become dominant in our communities and extend throughout the Church.

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION TO THE
WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY, MARCH 31, 1902.**

*Receipts and Disbursements of the Board of Church Extension for Account
of the Woman's Board of Home Missions for the Year
Ending March 31, 1902.*

I. PARSONAGE DONATION ACCOUNT, PARENT BOARD.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand March 31, 1901.....	\$ 500 00
Received from Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Treasurer.....	3,700 00—\$4,200 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

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

Arkansas Conference: Green Forest, Ark.....	\$ 100 00
Baltimore Conference: Fred. Miss., Winchester, Va.....	100 00
Columbia Conference: Myrtle Point, Oregon.....	200 00
Denver Conference: Hachue, Colo.....	100 00
East Texas Conference: Burke, Tex.....	50 00
Florida Conference: Brooksville, Fla.....	50 00
Bronson, Fla.....	100 00
Key West, Fla.....	250 00
Jacksonville, McTyeire.....	400 00
Holston Conference: Coal Creek, Tenn.....	50 00
Illinois Conference: Casey, Ill.....	50 00
Indian Mission Conference: Holdenville, Ind. T.....	100 00
Comanche, Ind. T.....	100 00
Ada, Ind. T.....	75 00
Noble, Okla.....	100 00
Paul's Valley, Ind. T.....	100 00
Louisiana Conference: Glenmora, La.....	50 00
Grand Cane, La.....	50 00
Leesville, La.....	75 00
Missouri Conference: Wright City, Mo.....	75 00
North Alabama Conference: Boaz, Ala.....	50 00
Dadeville, Ala.....	50 00
North Georgia Conference: Culloden, Ga.....	75 00
North Texas Conference: Dallas (District), Tex.....	75 00
Northwest Texas Conference: Stamford, Tex.....	100 00
Wortham, Tex.....	50 00
Robert Lee, Tex.....	50 00
Pacific Conference: Dos Palos, Cal.....	200 00
South Carolina Conference: Charleston, Cumberland Church.....	100 00
Cheraw, S. C.....	50 00
Tennessee Conference: West Nashville, Tenn.....	100 00
Texas Conference: Austin, Hotchkiss Memorial.....	75 00
Virginia Conference: Lunenburg, Va.....	50 00
Western North Carolina Conference: Olin, N. C.....	75 00
West Texas Conference, Sutherland Springs, Tex.....	75 00
Rock Springs, Tex.....	50 00
White River Conference: Bono, Ark.....	75 00—\$3,475 00
Balance cash in our hands March 31, 1902.....	725 00
Total.....	\$4,200 00

II. PARSONAGE DONATION ACCOUNT, CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand March 31, 1901.....	\$2,299 00
Received from Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Treasurer.....	5,218 27—\$7,517 27

DISBURSEMENTS.

DONATIONS TO PARSONAGES BY THE CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

(Ninety-nine had previously been aided by payments through the Board of Church Extension, in the sum of \$6,030.46.)

96. Alabama Conference: Dothan (Marianna District).....	\$ 150 00
97. Baltimore Conference: Berkeley Springs, W. Va.....	20 00
98. Waynesboro, Va.....	100 00

99.	Church Hill, Md.....	\$ 100 00
100.	Columbia Conference: Albany, Oregon.....	45 00
101.	East Texas Conference: Malakoff, Tex.....	45 00
102.	Florida Conference: Judson, Fla.....	50 00
103.	Brooksville, Fla.....	50 00
104.	Dade City, Fla.....	100 00
105.	Braidentown, Fla.....	100 00
106.	Wauchula, Fla.....	30 00
107.	Holston Conference: East Chattanooga, Tenn.....	50 00
108.	Indian Mission Conference: Oakland, Ind. T.....	45 00
109.	Noble, Okla.....	15 00
110.	Minco, Ind. T.....	35 00
111.	Sallisaw, Ind. T.....	50 00
112.	Talihina, Ind. T.....	50 00
113.	Lawton, Okla.....	75 00
114.	Kentucky Conference: Lancaster, Ky.....	100 00
47.	Pittsburg, Ky.....	60 20
115.	Johnsonville, Ky.....	50 00
116.	Salt River Circuit.....	50 00
117.	Little Rock Conference: El Dorado, Ark.....	50 00
118.	Concord, Ark.....	50 00
119.	Los Angeles Conference: Pomona, Cal.....	49 00
11.	Los Angeles, Bellvue Avenue.....	49 00
120.	Louisiana Conference: Rayne, La.....	100 00
121.	Louisville Conference: Owensboro, Main Street.....	100 00
122.	Mt. Washington, Ky.....	100 00
123.	Greenville, Ky.....	75 00
124.	Stithton, Ky.....	100 00
125.	Memphis: Sardis, Tenn.....	20 00
126.	Union City, Cayce Circuit.....	25 00
127.	Jackson, Middle Avenue.....	50 00
128.	Ramer, Tenn.....	52 80
129.	Wildersville, Tenn.....	50 00
130.	Fowlkes, Tenn.....	50 00
131.	Mississippi Conference: Natchez, Wesley Chapel.....	75 00
132.	Summit, Miss.....	50 00
133.	Gloster, Miss.....	50 00
134.	Brandon, Miss.....	50 00
59.	Missouri Conference: Hannibal, Arch Street.....	50 00
135.	St. Joseph, Gooding Church.....	50 00
136.	North Alabama Conference: Oakman, Ala.....	50 00
137.	Boaz, Ala.....	50 00
138.	North Carolina Conference: Goldston, Deep River Circuit.....	45 00
139.	Roanoke Rapids, N. C.....	45 00
140.	North Georgia Conference: Chickamauga, Ga.....	50 00
141.	Franklin, Ga.....	50 00
142.	Centerville Mission, Ga.....	75 00
143.	Elberton, Pearl Mission, Ga.....	50 00
144.	Holly Springs, Ga.....	75 00
145.	North Mississippi Conference: Shelby, Miss.....	75 00
146.	Maryland, McNutt Circuit.....	200 00
147.	North Texas Conference: Cumby, Tex.....	50 00
148.	Bowie (District), Tex.....	250 00
149.	Northwest Texas Conference: Fort Worth, Glenwood.....	150 00
150.	Emma, Tex.....	100 00
151.	Hereford, Tex.....	100 00
152.	Granite, Okla.....	150 00
153.	Pacific Conference: Colusa, Cal.....	50 00
154.	Dos Palos, Cal.....	100 00
155.	St. Louis Conference: Elvins, Mo.....	50 00
156.	St. Louis, Marvin Church.....	49 00
157.	Bismarek, Mo.....	50 00
158.	Rolla, Mo.....	60 00
159.	Festus, Mo.....	50 00
88.	Des Loge, Mo.....	50 00
160.	South Carolina Conference: Charleston, Cumberland Church.....	49 50
161.	Cheraw, S. C.....	49 50
162.	Wagener, S. C.....	45 00
163.	South Georgia Conference: Brooklet, Ga.....	100 00
164.	Arabi, Ga.....	125 00
165.	Quince, Ga.....	100 00
166.	Folkston, Ga.....	100 00
167.	Southwest Missouri Conference: Joplin, Mo.....	100 00
168.	Tennessee Conference: West Nashville, Tenn.....	50 00
169.	Hendersonville, Tenn.....	50 00
170.	Texas Conference: Angleton, Tex.....	25 00
171.	League City, Tex.....	90 00
172.	Waller, Tex.....	75 00
173.	Rosebud, Tex.....	50 00
174.	Virginia Conference: West Lunenburg, Va.....	100 00

175.	Stuart, Va.....	\$	170	00
176.	Goochland, Va.....		150	00
96.	Western Conference: Kansas City, Kans.....		10	00
177.	West Texas Conference: Kenedy, Tex.....		60	00
178.	Rock Springs, Tex.....		75	00
179.	Sutherland Springs, Tex.....		50	00
180.	San Angelo (District), Tex.....		80	00
181.	White River Conference: Newburg, Ark.....		50	00
182.	Mitchell's Point, Ark.....		50	00
	Balance cash in our hands March 31, 1902.....			1,093 27
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	Total.....		\$7,517	27

The following grants heretofore made by the Woman's Board are yet unpaid, for various reasons: Spokane, Washington, \$100; Camden, Ark (District), \$100; St. Francisville, La., \$75; Parker Memorial, New Orleans, \$250; Abilene (District), Tex., \$50; Roby, Tex., \$50; Hanford, Cal., \$300; Van Wyck, S. C., \$50; Butler, Mo., \$125. Total, \$1,140. Toward paying these I have on hand a balance of \$725, as above. I recommend that you rescind the grant to Abilene District, \$50, as they have sold the property and made other arrangements. This would leave \$325 of old grants to be provided for out of your income for next year.

The balance of \$1,093.27 to the credit of your Conference Societies is covered by grants already made, but for which the parties to whom it is due have not yet executed the necessary papers.

III. PARSONAGE LOAN FUND ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand March 31, 1901.....	\$4,152	75
Collected on loans: Principal.....	4,085	66
Interest.....	852	68
Contributed to Angel Band Loan Fund.....	380	60
Contributed to Preachers' Wives' Loan Fund.....	498	50
	\$9,970	19

DISBURSEMENTS.

LOANS TO PARSONAGES.

In Florida Conference, Braidentown, Fla.....	\$	200	00
In Holston Conference, Lebanon, Va.....		250	00
In Louisiana Conference, Glenmora, La.....		100	00
In Louisiana Conference, Grand Cane, La.....		100	00
In Louisville Conference, Owensboro, Main Street.....		400	00
In Memphis Conference, Stevenson Chapel, Tenn.....		200	00
In Mississippi Conference, Laurel, Miss.....		400	00
In North Alabama Conference, Gadsden, First Church.....		450	00
In North Georgia Conference, Atlanta, St. John's.....		1,200	00
In Northwest Texas Conference, Waco, Fifth Street.....		375	00
In South Carolina Conference, Sumter, Magnolia Street.....		500	00
In South Georgia Conference, Douglas, Ga.....		400	00
In White River Conference, Jonesboro (District), Ark.....		500	00
In Western North Carolina Conference, Mooresville.....		300	00
		\$5,375	00
Annuities paid.....		326	17
Interest remitted to Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Treasurer.....		1,145	14
Balance in our hands March 31, 1902.....		3,123	88
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		\$9,970	19

About one-half of the interest item of \$1,145.14 above mentioned was for interest collected during the preceding year.

IV. EDUCATION AND CITY MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND.

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

1. INCOME ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

By net interest received from April 16, 1901, to March 31, 1902...	\$ 191 17
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DISBURSEMENTS.

To United States internal revenue stamps.....	\$ 0 38
To five per cent commission on \$191.17.	9 56
To accrued interest on note purchased.....	3 22
To amount remitted to Mrs. Kirkland.....	178 01—\$ 191 17

2. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

By total capital April 16, 1901.....	\$3,130 30
By cash from Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Treasurer.....	300 00
By cash from Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Treasurer.....	180 50
By cash from Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Treasurer.....	60 00
By cash from Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Treasurer.....	500 00
Total capital March 31, 1902.....	\$4,170 80

DISBURSEMENTS.

To amount invested upon interest.....	\$3,479 60
To cash balance March 31, 1902.....	691 20
Total	\$4,170 80

Respectfully submitted.

P. H. WHISNER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

THE LOAN AND ENDOWMENT FUNDS.

I. PARSONAGE LOAN FUNDS.

These funds are loaned in aid of parsonage purchase and improvement on easy terms. The interest is used for general purposes.

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

2. Harriet Scott Hargrove Loan Fund, constituted by Bishop R. K. Hargrove, in memory of his deceased wife, Harriet Scott Hargrove, for many years an active and zealous member of the Central Committee of the Woman's Home Mission Society. Twenty-five dollars of the income of this fund is to be paid annually to the Woman's Home Mission Society of West Nashville, Tenn., of which Mrs. Hargrove was a zealous and active member, to be used for the benefit of the poor of West Nashville.

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

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

5. Werlein Loan Fund, given by Miss Mary Werlein, of New Orleans, La.

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

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

There are two uncompleted loan funds—*i. e.*, funds not amounting to one thousand dollars each. These are the Parker (\$330) and the Watkins (\$800) Funds.

II. EDUCATIONAL AND CITY MISSION ENDOWMENT FUNDS.

These funds are kept invested in negotiable securities, and the income is used for the purposes indicated in the name.

8. The General Educational and City Mission Endowment Fund. This fund is made up of miscellaneous contributions from various sources.

9. Warren Taylor Rogers Endowment Fund. A wife's loving tribute in memory of her deceased husband.

Under the rules of the Society any person contributing as much as one thousand dollars to either the Parsonage Loan Funds or the Educational and City Mission Endowment Funds has the privilege of naming the fund contributed.

Such sums or smaller amounts, in even hundreds of dollars, will be accepted subject to annuity payable to the contributor or a designated person during life.

SUMMARY OF LOAN AND ENDOWMENT FUNDS, THE WORK AND INCREASE.

*Prior to March 31, 1900, all interest carried, except what was used in paying annuities, was added to the capital. Interest collected since that date has been used for support of the general work.

NAME OF LOAN FUND.	Present Capital.	Total Loans.	No. of Loans.
1. Preachers' Wives'.....	\$ 9,375 10*	\$18,915	46
2. Harriet Scott Hargrove.....	2,155 10	4,610	13
3. Jane W. Barker.....	1,000 00	2,150	9
4. Angel Band.....	3,027 15	5,350	11
5. Werlein.....	1,000 00	2,925	11
6. Lucinda B. Helm.....	1,648 72	1,400	6
7. Mrs. Creed Fulton.....	1,000 00	1,750	5
8. Educational and City Mission	3,170 80	.....	.....
9. Warren Taylor Rogers Endowment.....	1,000 00	.....	.....
Totals, March 31, 1902.....	\$3,376 87	\$37,100	101
Totals, March 31, 1898.....	15,489 87	18,215	56
Increase during quadrennium.....	\$ 7,887 00	\$18,885	45

*The Watkins Loan Fund (\$800 at present) and the Bishop Linus Parker Loan Fund (now \$366.55), not having yet reached the required amount of one thousand dollars, respectively, are temporarily reported as part of the Preachers' Wives' Loan Fund.

REPORT OF SCHOOLS.

CUBAN WORK.—Miss Mary Bruce, Superintendent.

ORGANIZED 1892.

In the reckoning of the year just closing we gratefully acknowledge, first of all, God's mercies in keeping us in tolerable health, and his sustaining grace amid the many small tribulations that have beset us from day to day.

At the end of last July there began a strike among the cigar makers at Ybor City, and it continued until December. It was a struggle which for bitterness and suffering has not been surpassed. Within a short time more than three thousand operatives were out of work, and that meant an average of three times that number in want. There was a provision made by the Unions for food, but even with the best management it could not more than keep life in people, and a long train of sickness followed. Soon there was no money for rents, and the people were turned out, and all that could went away. There was no money to buy clothes, and consequently many did not try to go to school. This is merely to show what the difficulties were in beginning the work at this point. Our teachers went bravely forward and taught those that came, visited all they could, relieved as many as possible. Since the strike is ended the schools are full, and the Sunday schools and Leagues flourish. The kindergarten is such a blessing to the little ones! Mrs. Cooper has carried it on with the help of an assistant, this assistant being maintained by the Home Mission workers here in Florida. We hope to continue next fiscal year. The questions are often asked, "Will it be necessary to continue our work at these points? will not the Cubans return to their own country?" They do come and go, and so long as cigars are made and used they will be made at Tampa, for the conditions of life are easier than on the island of Cuba. We shall always have more or less the same conditions to meet.

RUTH HARGROVE SEMINARY.—MISS BRUCE IN CHARGE.

ESTABLISHED 1900.

Our faith in the efficacy of the school as an evangelizing agency is as strong as ever. If the good seed of righteousness is sown, watered, and tended, it will surely bring forth fruit, and we thank God and take courage when we see improvement in our pupils. The Seminary has had a successful year in many respects, especially in an increased punctuality in attendance and a higher grade of work. We look forward with swelling hearts to the graduation of our first class this year in an academic course, for this is not a college yet. This course has been carefully prepared, and will admit to the Freshman Class of Emory College and other Southern schools. Many prayers have gone up for these five girls and one boy, and will not you who read also pray that they make the world better for having been in our school? Our pupils generally attend Sunday School, and

many of them are members of the Church, the League, and the Missionary Society. We have a number of pupils from other places—one young lady, a boarder from Cuba, and five small boys, day pupils. We expect a larger number next year. We had one young preacher for two months. He came especially to attend the school, and is now in the regular work. In the matter of self-support there has been some advance, but still large room for improvement. The teachers all help in Sunday school work, but Miss Ford and Miss Crow have been with me in the distinctly Cuban work this year, as were Miss Fisher and Miss Ford last, and the work has been faithfully done. We have two Sunday schools and two weekly prayer meetings and a flourishing League. We need a visitor so much. Miss Ford has done more than any one else among the Cubans, and always with visible results. There is a strong current against us, worldliness and show are popular everywhere, but our hope is in Him. A text that comforts me so often is: "Through God we shall do valiantly." (Ps. lx. 12.)

Our Needs.—We are anxious to keep our faculty at its present number, and to go on as we have begun, keeping our eyes steadily on the one great end, the glory of God through the conversion of the children and the betterment of the world thereby.

It is true that this is a new house and a very good one, but after the plan was made it was altered and cut down, and thus have come many unforeseen inconveniences, among the worst of which is the opening of the chapel door and the one from the kitchen immediately together on a small porch just large enough for the back stairway. It is most annoying, as this door must be open and also the other where classes are reciting. We want a back porch and a laundry at the end of it. There are no outbuildings, not even the traditional wood shed, and no place for washing utensils, and no outlet except the one door in view of the classes, to their distraction. We thought last year that when we had a fence our troubles would end; but, alas, we planted a garden and the vegetables grew, and we built as many hopes on them as did the milkmaid of spelling book fame, and the goats soon learned that they were there, and would push right in past the children at the gates, so we ask for some wire netting for a chicken and vegetable garden. We needed these things last year, but felt that we must wait until the house was paid for.

WOLFE MISSION SCHOOL, YBOR CITY.—MISS TODD IN CHARGE.

ESTABLISHED 1892.

The Cuban work in Ybor City has suffered much this year from a strike among the cigar makers.

We opened our school September 10, in the midst of the strike, and our attendance was small, though we charged no fee, owing to the fact that many children had neither the clothes nor the shoes needful. The undercurrent of excitement and uncertainty also kept many away. The strike, the most disastrous Tampa has known, was complicated by the business men of Tampa, who, tired of the constant strikes and the resulting depression of business, undertook to break the power of the Cuban Society, Resistencia, and force the men to go to work. The cigar makers resented it bitterly, and vowed they would starve before they would go to work. They could leave, they said, and leave they did by hundreds, until it seemed for a time as if Ybor City would be emptied of its Cuban population. One could see street after street of houses with the sign "To Rent" on them.

The police kept the people in a constant state of excitement, mak-

ing raids on the cantinas, as they called their soup houses, which furnished food to all the people, closing them, so leaving them without food until some other arrangement could be made. Some Cuban would rush in to tell me of a family who had been without food all day and must have help. The people were put out of their houses on to the street, household goods, children, and all, because they could not pay their rent and would not work. Other Cubans at once took them into their houses, and so the battle went on.

The naturally excitable Cuban nature was at boiling point, and they resented such conduct deeply. Religiously, its effect was, for the time at least, unfortunate. I am told they would say, "Is this the Christianity they ask us to accept?" failing to see an excuse for this treatment in their continued obstinate refusal to work, and the depressing effect it was having on business.

As long as the beautiful fall weather lasted it was of little consequence that the toes of the children peeped out of the worn shoes, and that garments were thin; but when the unusual and early cold weather came, fathers and mothers began to weaken. Added to this, the fact that the cantinas were compelled to reduce the quantity of rations sent to each family until there was not enough to satisfy the crying children soon brought things to a climax. By tens and twenties they went quietly to work, and long before the strike was officially declared "off" the majority of the Cubans were busily at work. Those who left for Cuba and Key West found only trouble, no work, and sickness, and were glad to return to work in Ybor City. There are more Cubans here now than before the strike, more cigar factories are being built, and everything is prosperous.

Our mission was the only one that held its own during the strike. The Baptist minister, a Cuban, closed his chapel and went with his family to Key West. The work has not been continued since. The Congregational minister, also a Cuban, stayed here; but closed his church and had no services until the strike was ended. The opening of their school was postponed till matters were settled, and it has never opened. Señor Deloféu continued all the Church services, though few were left to attend.

Our school is full, Mrs. Cooper having all she can accommodate, while my room has thirty-six, twenty-one of these being Cuban boys. It fills my heart with joy to see the boys coming in such numbers. To daily have the privilege of being a worker with God in turning these souls with imperceptible touches heavenward and Godward is a joy the angels might well covet. Our Sunday school is doing well, Mrs. Cooper's little kindergartners coming in large numbers.

One part of the work in which lies particular interest is the visiting and giving Bible readings among the women. After school I join Señora Delofén and her daughter, going to the different homes, trying to carry the "good tidings" to those who will not come to church. We hold a regular Wednesday afternoon prayer meeting at the home of Señora Delgado, a member of our Church, trying to make that a central point where others will join us. We have held some meetings at night in their homes, the men being present. All listen attentively, the women sometimes in tears.

So we plant and rest, knowing this is the time of seed-sowing. The results are in the hand of the Lord of the harvest. We know there must be in each heart the same need of a Comforter, for there are in all lives the same sorrows and sufferings. There must be the same deep longing for God, for that longing in any of us is simply the reflection of his own deep yearning love for us flowing through us back to him.

WEST TAMPA MISSION SCHOOL.—MISS EMELINA VALDES IN CHARGE.

ESTABLISHED 1892.

This has been a hard-working year, but the Lord has blessed us abundantly. We had a strike that lasted five months that made the families suffer greatly for the want of food and clothing. But we were able to help them. The attendance has been good, having seventy-five on the roll, with a daily attendance of from fifty-five to sixty-eight, their ages being from three to fifteen years. As usual, they show a great interest in the study of Scripture and recitation of the same. We have no kindergarten, but an assistant teacher for the little ones, Miss Maria Morales. We have a juvenile society consisting of seventy-five members, who work in a businesslike manner. We also have a League with the same number of members (as every child that attends the mission school is compelled to be a member of both).

SUMMARY.

Key West: Teachers, 10; scholars, 205. Ybor City: Teachers, 2; scholars, 120. West Tampa: Teachers, 2; scholars, 78. Total: Teachers, 14; scholars, 403.

PACIFIC COAST WORK.—Mrs. I. D. Ostrom, Superintendent.

ORGANIZED 1897.

JAPANESE MISSION SCHOOL, SAN FRANCISCO.—Mrs. G. I. CASTLE IN CHARGE.

Number of schools, 3; number of pupils instructed from beginning, 580; number of pupils now (February, 1902) on rolls as in actual regular attendance, 49; number of pupils claiming to be Christians, about one-half.

Numbers do not tell the tale of what has been done nor who has been benefited by the efforts put forth. In San Francisco we moved our school in November, 1901, and rented a tiny flat. Our school immediately doubled in attendance, and the work has continued steadily to improve. Bare and uninviting as it may and does still appear to our eyes, it is nevertheless a place where the Japanese boys may meet, study, converse, and rest whenever they have an hour in the daytime; and at night they meet their teachers there and feel that it is their school, their home. Once a month they have a tea on Friday evenings, to which the teachers and friends are invited. Each student makes a little talk in English, and if you could only hear the expressions of gratitude and appreciation for what is doing for them! At the last one I attended one of the boys said: "There must be something in the religion of Christ when these ladies will come out every night to teach poor homeless foreigners like we are. This is our only home in America." And this sentiment is expressed by one and all in varying forms. They are teachable, receptive, and eager. Amid much that has been discouraging the schools have made some advancement during the year. Lack of means and of consecrated teachers has prevented extending the work. For this latter reason the work was not pressed at several points otherwise hopeful.

If we could have a missionary pastor-superintendent, who, with his headquarters in San Francisco and the two already established weekly preaching points, Alameda and Oakland, could give all of his time to the work, the results would be quadrupled. More than this, we would know what had been done, and the strength would go into our own Church. We must have a chapel and a preacher for

this work. The boys cannot attend our general services at the hours at which they are held, and they would derive little benefit if they could. "Milk for babes," is what they must have; the necessary truths presented in the simplest form and language, with a sense of the pastor's individual interest in each one of them. Our pastorates are enormous, and our pastors can do no more for the Japanese work than to advise with the teachers and give a very occasional talk. We must have one of our very own, and it is for this we beg and pray. I wish it were possible to be with you, that by question and answer you might learn all that we know and feel concerning this matter. The written word is too cold. We are still unable to do anything for the women and children. Boys who are fairly ready to come into the Church hesitate because "it is lonely to be surrounded by Americans only." We are agreed that these people are here ready to be Christianized. Why not treat this as a foreign field and give us a missionary pastor. I know that I seem insistent, but it is because of the great need. We have laid a foundation. There are three homes and classes ready to receive him; and, having his life to devote to the work, these can be made three times three before a year. A pastor would require a salary of \$600 yearly—this in addition to the sum already apportioned (which should be: Alameda, \$400; Oakland, \$300; San Francisco, \$450), for the teaching must go on, and the pastor must do the superintending, organizing, and preaching.

The Oakland and Alameda schools should pay enough additional rent to enable them to take either a small flat or cottage. Our experience in San Francisco has shown us that this is best. Then when a boy desires, his mail is delivered there, when out of employment there may he rest for a few days and there may he meet his friends without feeling himself on sufferance on some one else's premises.

JAPANESE MISSION SCHOOL, ALAMEDA.—MRS. L. D. CHAMBERLIN
IN CHARGE.

In making a report for the year I think I may truly say that, in a general way, we have every reason to feel encouraged. And yet I am sure the mission of which I have charge shows not so much what has been done as what may be accomplished in this work.

Almost every Japanese who has entered this mission passes through three decided stages of feeling and expression toward the religious teachings; for while each one of the boys is eager, even to greediness, for every crumb of English instruction, there are always those who avoid the Bible reading with scorn, veiled only by the usual Japanese politeness. I meet this with all the tact I can command, making even personal appeals to their politeness to secure their attention. This opposition gives place finally to quiet indifference, and this in turn to a genuine attention and a thoroughly awakened interest. This is proved beyond a doubt by the questions they ask and by the oft-repeated request to "preach them a few remarks" on subjects which they select.

One evening, while the first reader class were laboriously wading through "Polly's Doll" and "Kittie's Doll," etc., a boy about seventeen years old, and who spoke very good English, suddenly looked up from his history and remarked: "Teacher, I understand now, that mind and spirit are different things." Immediately three or four of the boys at his table began talking to him in Japanese, and every boy looked up as if interested. He, the first speaker, spoke to the boys for a moment, and then again addressing me he said: "Will you please tell them again about the body, mind, and spirit

which each man has?" I had explained this at length, more than a week before the truth had found lodgment in this one boy's mind, and now the whole mission wanted to hear it again.

The work that most of the Japanese boys are engaged in keeps them from attending our Church services. Nor would they be much benefited or instructed were they to go. Their knowledge of English is too limited (and their knowledge of theological terms totally lacking in *my* mission), so we have a Sunday evening meeting, which we call our Sunday school, and even on Sundays they cannot come till late. They often ask permission to bring their friends to this meeting—boys who cannot attend the regular school. Now here is our opportunity, but alas! where is our leader? You cannot realize how we need "a pastor" as the boys always call a minister. The regular teacher cannot do justice to this part of the work. It is a minister's work, and he should be here. We can teach the boys English and teach them to listen to Christian instruction with open minds. Yes, verily, I believe we teach them to think, and now, O man of God, come and give them the word to think about.

JAPANESE SCHOOL AT OAKLAND, CAL.—MRS. ANNA BANE NEWCUM
IN CHARGE.

Our course of study is varied according to ability and desire of pupils. Generally the demand is for English, ranging from first readers to Macaulay's Essays. Frequently, however, we have pupils who want help in arithmetic and grammar, and occasionally those who want help in some text-book bearing upon the special line of life work for which the student is preparing.

We have Bible readings every night, during which time we try to impress the student's minds with religious truths. We have access to Bibles in the Japanese tongue; and if a difficult passage presents, some one reads in the original. Usually we sing two hymns, and close each session with the Lord's Prayer.

We are always impressed with the love the boys seem to have for our Bible, and also with their love of our hymns. The members of our school are all of a high class; in fact, most of them have been, and are, members of the most exclusive Japanese society in this city. It will harbor no immorality whatever, although it is not a religious organization. I believe I can see in this society possibilities for good work, provided we had a superintendent-pastor for the Japanese work here.

As I have said before, we find the Japanese generous, although they have no great amount of money, for all of them work in families, some as "schoolboys," which means that they work for their board and a mere pittance, going to day school and coming to us at night.

Just prior to Conference, in October, 1901, our Woman's Home Mission Society asked for donations to the cause, and the Japanese of our class and their friends gave \$10. During the year ending December 31, 1901, the class contributed as dues toward their schooling \$19, which amount serves as a fund from which to take incidental expenses.

There are Japanese business men here, who give our school their hearty indorsement, and I believe these men would even sacrifice, rather than have the work cease. I feel assured, also, that they would gladly welcome that long-wished-for pastor, who could centralize our interests on this coast, and thus rally Japanese members from our schools, and give them a Church home in our own beloved Methodism.

Here is a picture that comes to me: A baby, unusually delicate and frail; the parents care for it tenderly until it bids fair to develop into a strong, sturdy child, when as if reckless of fate or the future, those parents thrust it from them, out into the bleak storm, the blackness of night all about it, the fiery flashings of fierce thunderbolts terrorizing it, howling winds driving it no telling where. Would we be surprised if that child succumbed to the terrors of that storm, or perhaps swooned and died? No!

Just so, it appears to me, is our Japanese work on this coast. Our good mission boards have long and prayerfully sent the money which has been use to carry on the work in our schools, and many times the teachers have felt that the subjects were about to become spiritually strong, when, for lack of a pastor for this work, the boys have been turned out upon the bleak desolation of a soulless world, perhaps to sink back into the cold philosophy of Buddhism, or to drift into the intellectual swirl of Unitarianism, or, like the discarded child, left to die in the vortex of sin, so rife in our cities. I sincerely hope, if this work is to go on, that the Lord may direct our Board in this to us mighty matter.

Our Church people were invited to attend the Japanese celebration here in honor of the birthday of the Mikado of Japan. There were four hundred Japanese participating in the exercises. One of our pupils covered himself with honor in a rhetorical effort in which he lauded the Christian nations and urged the acceptance of Christianity upon his hearers.

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

"The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad." The desire to lay low at the Master's feet in humble gratitude for his marvelous leadings by the way is the one uppermost in my heart to-day as I attempt to give you a bird's-eye view of what has been done during the year just closed.

The summer months are real testing times in all the missions, and the past summer has eclipsed all others in this respect. This has been largely due to the exclusion law, many of the Chinese being deported and very few allowed to come in, and those that remained disturbed to the extent that but few new ones entered the missions. Several of the oldest missions were on the point of giving up because of the discouraging outlook, and I confess that my own faith often had to be strengthened, and in spite of myself the thought would sometimes come: "Does the outlay of time and energy and money justify us in going on in the face of such discouraging conditions?" But a few faithful ones, eager for the word, always greeted me, and I said: "As long as there is one that wants help I'll hold on." My report must tell you whether or not this was the thing to do. During these months of trial a young boy about fourteen years of age, whose history would make a leaflet of itself, and who was conceded to be the brightest and worst boy in Chinatown, came into our school through the influence of another boy who had been considered the most hopeless case among the boys who had been to any school. Mark you, I use the past tense, for these same boys are now among the best we have in school or out of it. The one was received into the Church in March, the other the 2d of this February, and both are earnest Christians, leading in prayer or testimony meeting and walking before their own people in a way to command the respect even of the heathen. In October I opened the afternoon school,

and the result has been most gratifying. The very first afternoon a gentlemanly, bright young man walked in, books in hand, saying that he had seen the notice on the door that we were to have afternoon school, and wished to come. He has never missed an afternoon or evening when it was possible for him to be present. In December he was received into the Church on profession of faith, and to-day is one of our most consecrated boys and best helpers. The school was never more prosperous than at present, and the atmosphere is so spiritual that all who come under its influence receive an uplift. Three have been happily converted during the year, making eight baptized converts, while the word is taking a deep hold upon others, and they too are inquiring the way. Woo Sing, who went to China in August, writes me that he is busy every day for the Master, and is seeing the fruits of his labors in the salvation of souls. His wife is doing a grand work; has a school of thirty-eight pupils. Woo Sing writes me that he desires to come back, bringing his family with him, but my judgment is that it will be far better for him to remain in his own land and work among the millions rather than come here to labor among a few thousands.

Our Chinese Home Mission Society in our mission is just one year old, has twenty-seven members, has remitted for dues \$16.90, and spent for local work \$20.20; so you see "we belong." One of the boys, Charlie Sing, is now the President; indeed, all of the officers, except Vice President and Corresponding Secretary, are boys.

Dear sisters, you sent to me for pictures of the school, and also one that would appeal to the people. There are some pictures that, if they could be taken, would surely move the heart of the Church, but must be seen in real life to be appreciated. One evening during the Chinese New Year, after I had closed the school, one of the boys went with me to see the "sights." Among other places, we went to their clubhouse, or banquet hall. The tables were spread, the band playing, and the room thronged with people of all classes, tourists and residents as well. In one corner of the room sat eight or ten little slave girls, dressed in jewels and silks of gorgeous colors, waiting the order of their keeper, who owns them body and soul, and gathers his harvest from their earnings. In all my life I never had such feelings. I looked at the little girlish faces, some of them the most hopeless and woe-begone, and said to myself: "It would be all that your life is worth to attempt to escape, and my own would be forfeited if I attempted to help you." And this, too, right under our stars and stripes, in the "land of the free and the home of the brave!" This living picture will never fade from my memory. May God help the Church to see her duty and measure up to the responsibility resting upon her!

MOUNTAIN WORK.—Miss Belle Bennett, Superintendent.

ORGANIZED 1895.

SUE BENNETT MEMORIAL SCHOOL.—J. C. LEWIS, PRINCIPAL.

It is with a feeling of deep thankfulness to Almighty God for his care and favor during the past year that I submit the sixth annual report of the Sue Bennett Memorial School.

The school year began September 3, and closes May 19. The enrollment to date is 239. We had 131 the fall term, and now have 225. Seven students entered on scholarships, five were assisted from Students' Loan Fund, and five received tuition in return for services. The income from fees and room rents for the present scholastic year will amount to \$4,100, of which sum \$3,250 has been collected

and paid to the treasurer, and \$200 more is secure and practically collected.

The present faculty includes a principal and eight assistants. The enrollment lacks fourteen of being as large as that of last year, but we expect several more students to enter for the last two months. Unfortunately, smallpox broke out in London about the middle of December, which fact was published in the newspapers, with the effect of scaring off many would-be students. Then, too, the local Baptist Church organized an opposition school and worked denominational prejudice, stronger in the mountains than elsewhere, for all it was worth, with the result that very few Baptists or children of Baptist parents are in our school, and this in a section where this denomination is stronger than all others combined.

It is to be noted that while the pupilage is smaller than that of last year our income is considerably larger. This is accounted for by the facts that a larger proportion of our students is enrolled in the academic department, in which the fees are higher, and that an increased number is taking extras, such as music.

We stand for two things in our school: character and thoroughness. The first is measured by habits, and the second by examinations. The percentage of enrollment in daily attendance during the severe weather of January and February was 95.50, and the percentage of students tardy for the same period was 1.15. Our student body has never been guilty of disorder either in or out of school, and breaches of discipline by individual students are very rare. Our students take the lead in the various county examinations which they enter, and we have exchanged students with the public schools of Louisville and Cincinnati without loss or gain of grade.

Ours is a religious school, and we make regeneration the foundation of Christian character. Thirty-two students, mostly teachers in the common schools, were saved this term without the help of a protracted meeting or outside aid. The atmosphere of the place is religious, and students are not here long until they begin to feel the effects of a change of air, spiritually as well as physically. The purpose of the school is to reach the boys and girls of the mountains through the common school teacher, and this, by the grace of God, it is doing.

We need a boys' dormitory and an equipment for our industrial department.

WORK IN FLAT TOP COAL MINES, WEST VIRGINIA.—MISS LOUISE WHITMAN IN CHARGE.

Report from November 13 to March 6, 1902.

Saturday, November 9, I arrived in Eckman with my head full of theories and my heart burdened with the responsibility of the work in the coal field. I have concentrated my energies upon Brother Early's charge, which includes Eckman, Keystone, and Norwood, representing a population of about thirty-five hundred white people.

We have advanced slowly and carefully, but feel that we are gradually gaining ground. Words of encouragement come to us from the best citizens in the place. The mornings have been devoted to study, reading, and letter-writing; the afternoons to house-to-house visiting, cottage and Home Mission meetings. We have two Home Mission Societies on the charge, and expect to have another soon. This work is new to the ladies here, but they are willing to learn, and, with the aid of our faithful pastor and his wife, both societies are developing nicely. Each one reports eight connectional members. The results from the house-to-house visiting are encouraging. Though I

cannot report any conversions, I am sure that some with whom I have come in touch in the homes are hungering for a better life. The Sunday school at Eckman has steadily increased in interest. With Brother Early's assistance, the night class, of which Miss Rogers has charge, was ready for organization the first of January.

The first Sunday in February we organized a Sunday school at Eureka, with 18 present. There are 30 enrolled now, and the average attendance has been 24.

A tabulated report of my work is as follows: House-to-house visitation, 172; visits to the sick, 30; business calls, 23; meetings conducted or addressed, 5; Home Mission meetings attended, 16; literature distributed, papers, 30; Scripture cards, 16; leaflets, 45; Bibles sold, 2; Testament sold, 1; given, 1; Sunday school organized, 1; Sunday schools superintended, 2.

Now a word as to the future of our work. I have studied the conditions carefully, and am convinced that the wisest thing for us to do is to work in harmony with the pastors in charge, aiding them in perfecting the organizations of Sunday schools, Epworth Leagues, and Home Mission Societies. The school feature of the work will develop later. At present I do not see how the night schools can be made self-sustaining. The need for such work is great, but the demand for it must be created. This will have to be done through the night classes. At some points it may be possible to work up a music class and a night class, thus providing for the support of a worker. Brother Hunter is putting forth an earnest effort to get Christian teachers in charge of the public schools, and wherever a private school can be secured a consecrated teacher will be put in charge, thus increasing our working force. I hope to be able to organize a sewing circle for girls soon.

Pray for us, for much wisdom and tact are needed in this field.

FROM MISS DANNA KATE ROGERS, ASSISTANT.

Ours is not the voice of a pessimist. We are indeed hopeful, and have been greatly encouraged.

The night school is yet in "swaddling clothes." We have eleven enrolled, with an average attendance of nine. The boys seem anxious to learn, and are taking much interest in their studies.

We have organized a Junior League, with forty members. We expect to lead these lambs into the fold of Christ and train them to be little Christian soldiers. We are planning to organize other Junior Leagues. The hope of the work in the coal field is to save the children.

I teach a class of little boys in the Sunday school at Eckman on Sunday afternoons and at our new Sunday school at Eureka on Sunday morning. We are concentrating our forces and energies on Brother Early's charge. He has been a great help to us.

My report for the two months I have been at Eckman is as follows: Visits, 29; business calls, 20; Home Mission meetings attended, 5; books given out, 14; pictures, cards, and leaflets, 25; cottage prayer meetings conducted, 5; hours spent in night school, 82; Junior League organized, 1; Sunday school organized, 1. I am giving instructions in fancy work to several girls.

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

ESTABLISHED 1896.

Value of property, \$10,000; number of children received, 113; put into homes, 66; remaining in Home, 47; children in school, 45; assistants, 6; amount collected, \$2,632.14.

RESCUE WORK.

ANN BROWDER CUNNINGHAM MISSION HOME AND TRAINING SCHOOL,
DALLAS, TEX.—MISS MARY MOORE, MATRON.

ESTABLISHED 1893.

After almost three years of service, I am fully persuaded that our merciful Redeemer is especially watchful over us, giving us a foretaste of heaven. To see all grades of life living in such harmony is a continual proof of God's power to change the leper's spots. Yes, we know that the vilest can return and be a wonderful blessing to the world. God's love and mercy is unlimited, and why we poor, weak, erring children of his should say, "just so far and no farther," I cannot understand, especially when we are responsible for the state of affairs. If we were true branches, there would be no need of reformation; for I believe that if you train children for Christ they will not depart from him. Spiritually the work is a marvel to us, especially the slum work. Two of our slum girls were sent to us from San Antonio jail. They had for many years lived very degraded lives, yet they have found this home a very precious "haven of rest" for their sin-sick souls, and I am a firm believer that whom the Lord forgives much, they love much; for they are so eager to rescue others, and we find them very capable and willing in the home work. We now have fifty girls, and all are seeking to know the truth and to live it. To hear them repeat verse after verse of Scripture, and tell where it is to be found, would be inspiring to any one. On Saturday evening we have a prayer service without light. Then the Holy Spirit is our leader, and not only in this meeting, but in our Sunday school, League, and prayer service, night and morning; also our Sunday afternoon services are Spirit-filled, being a continual feast to our hungry souls. Yes, we are gaining much more than we could possibly give, feeling we are highly favored in being called to such a field. Do pray that we may ever be on the alert to rescue the perishing.

Another very hopeful phase of the work is the willingness of some of our old girls to help the Home. Two of them are giving four dollars a month toward furnishing rooms; others have expressed a desire to help the Home. From the sewing department, laundry work, and cooking we have made \$510, \$371.92 more than last year. As we shall soon be better equipped for our industries, we can well hope for a much larger income next year.

The health of the Home is another proof of the care and keeping of a merciful Father, our drug bill for the year being only \$84.55; yet we have had one hundred and seventy-nine inmates during the year. The encouraging reports we receive from the girls who have left us is certainly gratifying.

We are trying to train the girls in every department of home life. We want them to be able to do nice laundry work, cooking, sewing, and to keep a neat and orderly home; telling them that "order is heaven's first law," and that "cleanliness is next to godliness."

Visitors are taken through the Home at any time, feeling it will arouse the girls to keep the house in order. A good library has been promised us, which we will welcome with delight. Some of the girls are fond of reading, and we are anxious to have them all interested in good books. We have school in the afternoon, for I am sorry to say we have quite a number that are sadly in need of even a primary education. They are eager to learn, making it interesting to the teacher.

The girls are kept busy washing, ironing, quilting, cooking, general

sewing, house work, sawing wood, and so on. It is interesting to see some of them with a paper before them memorizing verses from the Bible. By strict economy we are able to say, we close the year "owing no man anything but to love him." The sad feature of the work is having to refuse so many precious, immortal souls, who are pleading for admittance. I cannot give you a true picture of this busy, happy little world, but I assure you we have everything to encourage us from every standpoint.

STATISTICS.

Number of inmates cared for during the year, 101; girls in the Home March 1, 1901, 52; admitted during the year, 49. Total, 101. Taken by friends, 29; gone out to service, 16; died, 2; dismissed, 1. Remaining in the Home March 1, 1902, 52. Infants in the Home March 1, 1901, 28; born and admitted, 41. Total, 69. Infants adopted, 22; left with mothers, 11; died, 5. Total, 38. Infants remaining in the Home March 1, 1902, 31.

FROM MRS. W. H. JOHNSON, FINANCIAL AGENT.

In God's providence we again report a year of steady progress for this institution; and though in material things we have not reached our goal, we are richer in experience and in the knowledge of Christian service. This is likewise true of our Superintendent and teachers, who have also gained in discipline and management, while the influence of the twelve girls who have given themselves to the cause and have thus become coworkers with us relieves the work of many difficulties and inspires the workers with new zeal. But with good Bishop Wilson we have learned that evangelization alone will no more suffice in the home than in the foreign field, and in all permanent advance mental and industrial equipment must go hand in hand with spiritual regeneration.

Our invaluable Superintendent, Miss Moore, sought a much-needed rest of three months abroad. During her absence her assistant, Miss Mathews, was in charge, and was untiring in her zeal, never sparing herself. Miss Moore returned much improved in health and more enthusiastic over her work than ever, while Miss Mathews was so broken down she was obliged to take a month's rest. This work is so wearing that change is absolutely necessary. In the absence of either of these workers I felt it my duty to help make up for their loss.

While at the Board meeting we secured as teacher of sewing and dressmaking Mrs. M. C. Flowerree, a lady of consecration and culture, who, notwithstanding being an artist in her profession, took a course at the leading Ladies' Tailoring College of St. Louis, and came to us in July thoroughly equipped for her department. Of course, as in all new enterprises, time and patient endeavor are required to accomplish satisfactory results. Besides having untrained girls, the distance to the street car makes us so inaccessible to the city that very low prices as well as good work must be inducement for patronage; but these disadvantages will in time be overcome, and this department increase in interest and value.

We believe that, with the cooperation of twelve or fifteen girls trained for four or five years by us, this institution will become a blessing to the Church and inspire emulation and give courage to other cities to establish similar schools, thus saving thousands, while we teach the morality of Jesus and thereby protect society.

At our last annual meeting, feeling that tired nature was rebelling, I determined to go apart and rest awhile; but when the Board ap-

appropriated five hundred dollars for a long-needed laundry, my enthusiasm received new impetus. Consulting with our local Board, we decided that if I could secure the lumber, we could for nearly the same price add a second story, and thereby take the sewing out of the chapel; but lo, when the estimate was made by the architect, the cost amounted to nearly twice as much, on account of the advance in prices for labor, etc. Our President was abroad, and the Executive Committee did not feel justified in extending the appropriation. Thus began a series of delays, which resulted in taxing the patience of your Financial Agent and curtailing the report of our industries. But taking comfort from that blessed promise, that "all things work together for good to them that love God," and the firm belief that we shall have all the money we need as soon as God can trust us with it, we will enter on our new year with our Hall of Industries completed and equipped—a good strong building 30 by 30, two stories—which will give us a laundry, cooking school, sewing and dressmaking departments. The Board appropriated \$1,000. I secured over \$500 in lumber, brick, paint, etc.

On current expenses and securing boxes of clothing for the girls we have been unusually fortunate. All of this requires time and effort. Alone I could not accomplish it, but the *King's Messenger* comes to my assistance; without it I should have made slow progress or utterly failed.

The cash received by me monthly I repeat is only a partial report, as much that I receive subscriptions for is sent directly to the Conference Treasurer. Hence my report by months is as follows: March, \$611.90; April, \$217.95; May, \$77.50; June, \$69.50; July, \$60.50; August, \$33.50; September, \$199.15; October, \$183.60; November, \$400.35; December, \$197; January, \$72.

CITY MISSIONS.

NASHVILLE, TENN.—MISS M. C. CLYCE, CITY MISSIONARY.

The Settlement work in South Nashville has been in progress for six months, and so rapid has been the development along every line that the most sanguine observer has been astonished, and the most devout made to exclaim: "Behold, what hath God wrought!"

So far as practicable there has been put into operation the regular Settlement plan, which aims at the development of soul, mind, heart, and body of every one who comes within the circle of the Home's influence. The avenues through which this fourfold development is carried forward are various. The kindergarten, with an enrollment of ninety-one, gathers the little ones into a healthful atmosphere of social purity, produces a spontaneity of thought and words, promotes a coördination of actions, and supplies some of the sweetness and light that culture alone can give. Only he who is familiar with the joyless life of the average poor child can fully appreciate the value of an effort to save children from the too sudden transition from childhood to youth, from youth to maturity—the plunge into the strangling depths of the ocean of care.

An Industrial School for girls and a Polytechnic Club for boys are two other important features of our work. The former, having an enrollment of 151, teaches sewing by model, applied methods, general housekeeping, cooking, and physical culture. The Polytechnic Club gathers within its pale the boys too poor to attend school, those too readily expelled from school, and many others forced from school to become wage-earners, and teaches them history, reading, geography, natural history, and rewards the hour of work with half an hour

of games and music. This club intends to establish a Penny Provident Bank, in which its members may deposit weekly earnings. The Young Ladies' S. E. I. Club meets weekly, and is progressing as nicely in its needlework as in its reading course. Moreover, these fourteen girls are beginning to realize that life is not a transient dream nor a dismal failure, but a sacred gift from God. They are entering frankly and cheerfully into the unfavorable conditions of the home life, embracing poverty with fortitude, and looking forward to being of some account in the world.

Something over one hundred and fifty young men have been attending the reading room irregularly, and, according to a policeman's statement, this one thing has greatly improved the moral tone of the entire district. The young men have been reading voluntarily until within the past week, when they asked that the room be changed into a regular night school with instructions in the second, third, and fourth grades of work, Thursday evening being reserved for instruction in music.

The mothers' meetings have not been successful at all, so far as attendance is concerned. When I face the fact that the American people are poorer each year by \$1,000,000,000 because housewifely pursuits are not followed more economically, this waste incurred by extravagant expenditures, waste of human energy, bad cooking, and unsanitary housekeeping, I am stirred with an earnest desire to instruct the mothers.

A nice library of one hundred and sixty-three volumes has been collected by individual donations. A great deal of nursing has been done throughout the district, cottage prayer meetings have been held, and friendly visiting engaged in. The spiritual effect of the work is most marked. The enrollment of the Sunday school has increased from thirty-three to one hundred and twenty-seven, and the attendance at the other Church services proportionately raised. Several conversions have been effected, enemies have become friends, children have been clothed and put into school, a young girl was saved from a life of sin and degradation.

What has been done is but an earnest of what God will yet do. May his word be mighty to overthrow evil and glorify his name!

SETTLEMENT HOME KINDERGARTEN, NASHVILLE.—MARTHA C. FROST, KINDERGARTNER.

On September 24 a kindergarten was opened at the Settlement Home in South Nashville. Children who had been allowed to run the streets of South Nashville without stint were brought under the refining influence of the kindergarten. Some were not much more than babes, but they had formed habits of swearing, lying, stealing, chewing, dipping snuff, and smoking. It was realized at once that the little ones were not reached soon enough, and the Woman's Home Mission Board granted a request that the children be admitted at three and one-half years of age instead of four years of age. The mothers of some of these children are obliged to go out to labor, leaving the little ones at home in the care of older brothers and sisters, or they are left to run wild in the streets, where they become the associates of the depraved and criminal element. Others have mothers so dazed with snuff that they are indifferent to their children's welfare. These children had no regard for others when they first entered, and some were seen almost constantly, before school and at recess, with rocks in their hands ready to strike a little playmate at the slightest provocation. After six months' training these poor little waifs, instead of being a menace to the peace of the com-

munity, are self-respecting, clean, eager for knowledge. They have opinions of their own on many things, and are quite anxious to express them. They have been taught to see, to observe, to tell about what they see and hear. They have been taught to respect older people, to be honest, to tell the truth.

Let us rescue the children. An unfortunate childhood is the prophecy of an unfortunate life. To form rather than reform should be the motto of civilization.

FINANCIAL REPORT FROM MRS. WILLIAM J. VAUGHN, TREASURER.

Receipts.—From Churches, \$748.75; contributions, \$27.30; Epworth League, \$2.50; General Treasurer, \$72.18. Total, \$850.73.

Disbursements.—Salaries, \$361.25; rent, \$113; incidentals, \$38.70; house expenses, \$125; telephone, \$13.95; materials for kindergarten, \$12.95. Total, \$664.85. To balance on hand, \$185.88.

KANSAS CITY.—ELIZABETH BILLINGSLEY, PRESIDENT.

The record for the year just closed shows increased interest in the North End Day Nursery and a falling off in the outside work of the mission. The latter condition comes from the increased demands of the former. The Board greatly regretted the necessity of giving up Miss Rosa Lowe, but financial considerations and the pressing need for more and better help in the Nursery kitchen made it imperative to dispense with one missionary.

We have cared for 861 more children this year than last.

The Board has not yet been able to carry out the plan of securing a home of its own, but hopes to do so as soon as the lot given last year in Melrose Addition can be disposed of or exchanged for one in the mission district.

Our cash receipts for the year have amounted to \$1,209.57; donations in food and coal (approximate estimate), \$85.50; other donations, labor, etc. (approximate estimate), \$10; making a total of \$1,305.07.

Sixteen mothers were invited to our Christmas dinner, but only ten were free to accept.

The following is Miss Lockard's statistical report: Number of children cared for, 4,633; average number per day, 15; number of visits made, 289; number of garments given away, 1,070; number of pairs of shoes given away, 69; number of hats given away, 49; average attendance at Bible class, 5.

Two beautiful trees, laden with toys, books, candies, and fruits, were sent in at Christmas time, and gladdened the hearts of twenty-eight little ones who could know no such joy in their own poor homes.

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

I am glad to say that the Atlanta Board of City Missions continues its active work. There has been a steady increase in the work of our Board during the past year. Upward as well as onward the Lord has led us. The number of industrial schools has not increased (there are three), but we are better equipped for work than ever before. We have an enrollment of 300, with an average attendance of 200. Our faithful city missionary, who has been at the head of this work for four years, is assisted by forty-six noble women. They are greatly interested in their work for these girls, and do many kind things to help brighten their lives. With very little assistance from the Board they gave to the children in all the schools beautiful Christmas trees, laden not only with toys and confections, but also with really useful articles. (See report of city missionary.)

Our kindergarten and day nursery are in a flourishing condition. We still occupy seven rooms in a large building on the factory lot. Two rooms are used for the kindergarten and one for the nursery, the others being used by our teacher and matron; thus we have the Settlement influence. These Christian women exert a wonderful influence over their neighbors as well as on the little ones under their charge. Our kindergarten is as an oasis in a desert; it is the brightest spot in that factory village, the home of eighteen hundred operatives.

Our teacher, who is filled with a missionary spirit, gives all her time to some kind of mission work. When not engaged in teaching, she does house-to-house visiting. Thus through her ministries the poor are relieved, the sick cared for, young people are directed in safe paths, the disheartened are cheered, and the absentees from her Sunday school class are looked after, always on the alert for an opportunity to do good. The mothers' meeting is held regularly. The factory closes on Saturdays at noon, thus giving the working boys and girls a short holiday. We knew they were tired in body. We wanted so to help them in some way, but what could we do? was the perplexing question. Finally, our kindergarten teacher suggested a club. She talked with them about it. They were delighted with the idea. In a few days it was known all over the village that a club for boys and girls was to be organized. When Saturday came they were standing on the outside long before the hour appointed, waiting to get in, so anxious were they to join this new organization. In this, as in all other work, prominence is given to religious training. The improvement in personal appearance, manners, and morals is already very marked. The club is officered by the members, with one of our good women to direct and advise with them. Later we have opened a night school, which is attended by about the same boys and girls, and I believe is but the outgrowth of the club, for a year ago we wanted to give them the advantages of a school, but they seemed to have no desire for anything of the kind. Our room is filled to its utmost capacity, and many others are waiting for a vacancy. We realize that "it is better to keep a boy from falling than to recover him after he has fallen." We hope to be able to help them in many ways, through these agencies. We have held twelve regular meetings and four executive meetings. We have representatives from thirteen Churches, who attend these meetings, contribute regularly to the expenses, provide lunches for the kindergarten, comforts for the nursery, and material for the industrial schools.

Our receipt were \$1,000; disbursements, \$992; balance on hand, \$8.

We feel that if we could have more sympathy, and the coöperation of a larger number of the ministers of our Conference, we could do more efficient work. May the seed we have sown in the passing year bring forth a harvest of good deeds which shall go on ripening through all time for eternity!

FROM MRS. E. M. EVANS, CITY MISSIONARY.

Visits to the sick, 192; visits to strangers, 119; religious visits, 461; visits to jail, 17; opportunities for Bible reading, 96; meetings conducted, 11; garments given, 1,360; pairs of shoes, 105; groceries, \$66.30; money, \$22.10; sessions of Industrial Schools held, 108; garments made in school, 400; garments given to children, 400; mothers' meetings, 6; children placed in homes, 8; papers and tracts distributed, 4,656; Bibles given, 9; books given, 196; bouquets of flowers, Scripture texts attached, 194.

MACON, GA.—MRS. J. C. HINTON, PRESIDENT.

The year 1901 has been a year full of good things for the Macon Door of Hope. God has given us new friends, generous friends, and rescue work has proved a blessing to the Christian women engaged therein, and to many, many friendless girls.

In June ill health compelled our beloved and esteemed matron, Miss Philipbar, to return to her home in Philadelphia for rest. For five years she had imparted to us her strength and courage, and we felt keenly her loss. But God has supplied our need with one of his elect ladies. A more gentle, lovely spirit it has never been my fortune to meet, and in the Home, as in her Church, she is a power for good. Her daughter, Miss Mary Knowles, sailed last September, a missionary to Korea.

More than thirty girls have been sheltered in the Home during this year. Two of the number have died. While seven have gone back into sin, we hope for them still. Two of this seven are asking now to be taken back, and until seventy times seven the door is open. Three infants have been placed in Christian homes.

Our finances are in good shape. January 1, 1901, we purchased a home for \$2,800. This is paid now except \$675, which note we plan to take up on April 1. For current expenses we have collected \$713.49.

We are full of joy and thanksgiving for the past, and hope and courage for the future, looking to the day when we shall be able to give our girls industrial training.

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

Number of visits, 526; visits to sick, 140; visits to institutions, 17; Bible readings or prayer held, 342 times; garments distributed, 616; papers and tracts distributed, 695; Bibles distributed, 17.

While the past year had much of discouragement, there were many bright spots of glad surprises in my work. I cannot estimate the profit to myself and the blessed compensation. My field lies entirely among the very poor class, where the temporal needs always exist, and one must minister in "all things." Pray for me, that I may the remainder of this year bring many souls to the Saviour.

FORT WORTH, TEX.—MRS. N. B. HATHORN, CITY MISSIONARY.

Our most distinctive field of work is in the river bottoms, among the very poor. Work there consists in visiting from house to house, holding little impromptu services with the children and their mothers, and sometimes in giving substantial aid in clothing or groceries. The children constitute the most interesting feature of this work, and often make request for a "little meeting" of song and prayer. Their eager, earnest little faces make a picture that one does not soon forget. The mothers too welcome the "friendly visitor," and seldom does one leave without being asked to "come again." Occasionally we hold cottage prayer meetings, but to be effective the work here must be done from house to house.

Sin lurks in most repulsive guise in some parts of this section, but the Master who said, "Her sins, which are many, are forgiven," has a message for all of his prodigal children, and prayers have been asked for strength to resist temptation by some of these.

A children's meeting is held on Sunday afternoon in another section of the city, in which temperance and gospel teachings are combined, and we hope for good results from this work.

Two classes in Bible study among our young people—one meeting on Monday night and the other on Sunday morning at the Sunday

school hour, but apart from the main school—will help, it is hoped, to prepare the students for more efficient work as Sunday school teachers. Much interest on the part of most of those who attend is taken in the work. We also have a ladies' Bible class, which meets on Monday afternoon.

Meetings in the county jail are held, as a rule, every Tuesday. Respectful attention is always given at the services, occasionally Bibles have been asked for, and a purpose to seek Christ has been declared by some. At the request of those in charge, a service is held at the Rescue Home on the first Thursday of each month.

Special cases that call for help come up here and there, and are ministered unto as the need demands. Sometimes it is a destitute woman in need of clothing, again a family lacking food, or protracted illness requires the presence of a nurse, and other help must be administered as well as the sick cared for.

This is my first year of city mission work, and I trust that if it should be my lot to labor thus another year I shall be a more efficient worker in the cause of the Christ whom I seek to serve.

STATISTICS.

Value of supplies and money received for distribution, \$35; number of visits made, 968; visits received, 13; visits to institutions, hospitals, jails, etc., 46; opportunities for prayer and Bible reading, 173; meetings conducted or addressed, 96; classes held for Bible study, 77; persons aided, 14; garments given, 87; groceries given, \$16; money given, \$1; children's meetings, 13; hours spent in nursing the sick, 16; number of sick, 3; hours spent in special service, 1,492; hours spent in study, 606; papers and tracts distributed, 775; Bibles given, 3; book loaned, 1; pastors and Churches served, 3.

PORTSMOUTH, VA.—HELEN BAKER, CITY MISSIONARY.

Our work opened in Portsmouth the first of September, 1901, and, you see, is only six months old. We have not been able thus far to secure a room for headquarters on account of lack of funds. Home Mission work is rather a novelty in Virginia.

September was very warm, and we waited until the first of October to open an industrial school. This opened with twenty-three scholars, and was held in Owens Memorial Sunday school room. There is no Home Mission Society in that Church, and we hoped to awaken their interest in the work. Our school soon trebled itself, but it seemed impossible to secure regular teachers; and this, together with much inclement weather, has reduced the attendance very much. I teach the children a verse each Saturday, and the President of our City Mission Board was much gratified when she visited the school and one little girl repeated all the verses I had given them.

We have two little boys in the school, also; and one afternoon when one of the boys had gotten in tardy, thereby missing the opening exercises, I was dismissing the school when the little fellow said: "Let's have a prayer before we go."

Although our school is not so large now, it has had the effect of provoking the Home Mission Society of Wright Memorial to follow the example, and they opened a flourishing school the first of the present year, now numbering a hundred or more scholars.

As we have no headquarters, I have tried to do the best work possible in the homes. I have made 1,003 visits and read the Bible and prayed with families when I had the opportunity. In this visitation I have found persons who have not attended church for five, ten, twenty years. An old couple had not attended since the war. I have

induced some of these persons to attend church again; others promised to renew their membership. When I find members of other denominations I notify pastors of those Churches or members of the same. We have held three cottage prayer meetings; but were hindered by weather and other circumstances from holding more of these meetings.

The most encouraging feature of the work so far has been the almost universal favor, I may say, with which I have been received in the homes, and I am almost invariably invited to "come again."

I organized a Junior Epworth League in January at Parkview Church. We began with thirty-seven members, and now have sixty. The children seem greatly interested, and I am striving hard to keep up their interest.

I have distributed ninety-six papers and magazines, one hundred and thirty-seven leaflets, nine booklets, and fifteen text cards, and given one Testament; made eight visits to the jail and almshouse, when services were held; addressed or conducted fifteen meetings, and attended forty; taught one hundred and fourteen Sunday school scholars; spent sixty-three and a half hours in nursing the sick; received and distributed one hundred and twenty-four garments to the poor; furnished a stove and coal for a sick woman; expended six dollars for wood and groceries; distributed toys, children's books, candy, and fruit at Christmas to the amount of about ten dollars; spent thirty-nine hours in industrial school.

I hope when the time comes for the next annual report to have the satisfaction of seeing some of the results of our seed-sowing.

HOUSTON, TEX.—MRS. ELIZABETH DUPREE, CITY MISSIONARY.

Visits made, 116; visits received, 19; Bible readings, 12; cottage prayer meetings, 8; garments given, 8; shoes given, 2 pairs; quilts given, 4; money and orders for groceries, \$8.60; children placed in institutions, 5; positions secured for unemployed, 5; papers given, 63; books given, 2; Scripture texts, 40.

FROM MRS. I. M. E. BLANDIN, SUPERINTENDENT.

Amount furnished to city missionary, \$361; expended by auxiliaries for city work, \$96.84; salary of missionary, \$291.60; number of Churches paid in full, 1.

Hours given to industrial school, 40; refreshments for industrial school, \$2.90; material, 80 cents; railroad passes secured, 3; visits to jail, 3; visits in behalf of a child, 4; visits to corrective institution, 5; Bible readings, 4; clothing, \$3; visits to officers, 2; visits to poor (to send them to county farm), 3.

WORK AMONG COLORED WOMEN.

Number of interviews with Pastors' Association, 2; plan of work written out and submitted; visits to members, 3; auxiliary organized (by the pastor), 1; cottage prayer meetings held, 52. (These were held by members of the Trinity Church as suggested in plan of work.)

An attempt was made to organize an industrial school and a class for Bible study composed of women, but owing to the inability of the Superintendent, caused by an accident, and the destruction of the church building by the storm, these plans were not consummated. They are now under consideration.

NORFOLK, VA.—M. C. FAVILLE, PRESIDENT.

Our City Board has had a missionary at work for nine months of the past Conference year. During March, April, May, and June of 1901 we had no rooms. The missionary visited from house to house among the sick and poor, and also among the Church membership for the purpose of making acquaintance with the people. She superintended two sewing schools in two of our Churches, and also looked after a Junior Epworth League and a Young People's Home Mission Society, both of which she had organized earlier in the year. She distributed a great many garments to needy women and children, and spent much time in district nursing. She did a great deal of hard work, which seemed a necessary preliminary to a settlement.

In September, 1901, we rented rooms in what seemed to us the best place for our work, and located our missionary. We took just such a tenement as was used by any one of the poor families we wished to help. We asked the rental agent to prepare it for us as he would for the use of any other tenants. He whitewashed the walls and replaced the broken glass, and we cleaned up the rooms and moved in. We furnished in the plainest manner, our purpose being to keep a clean, comfortable place with as little expense as could be. We had two reasons for this—economy of our very limited funds and the setting of an example of neatness and possible comfort in poor quarters. We received many gifts of furniture and supplies. We have sewing classes twice a week for the girls, and basket work Thursday night and Saturday morning for the boys. During the lessons the children are entertained and instructed by the recital of proper stories. On several Thursday nights the boys have been amused after work by music or recitations, and now and then a treat of candy is provided. In the beginning we set apart Friday night to receive the mothers of the Settlement.

A number of the children most faithful in attendance are Catholics. If grades exist among our people, the Catholics are usually of the superior order. Our purpose was to make the acquaintance of the neighbors, and to win their confidence. They were frequently visited, always made welcome to the mission house, and in every way treated like neighbors. No religious work was attempted for three months. At Christmas the Board thought that it would be well to teach the children that the day was for something more than the blowing of tin horns, and made arrangements for separate meetings of the boys and girls to hear the Christmas story and receive a "treat." The management was so determined not to force ecclesiastical teaching upon the people that arrangements were making to have the simple services conducted by laymen. A minister learned of the plan, and, not knowing the wishes of the management, volunteered to come and conduct the boys' meeting. We could not in courtesy decline such an offer, and accepted it. When the girls learned that the boys were to have a preacher, they asked for one also, and we got them the best in town. We thought that on the day before Christmas the mothers would be too busy to attend meeting, and made no provision for them. After three in the afternoon word came over the telephone "The women want a service too." Before the evening service a big basket of toys and children's books was sent to the mission house, and there was something to give to every poor mother to put into the stockings, which otherwise would have been empty. Christmas day the telephone brought a gift to the head of the management: "The women want a religious service every week." They have had it ever since. The services are conducted by the city Churches in turn, a month each. They are not very largely attended, but are

profitable both to those who minister and those who are ministered unto.

We already see some improvement in the dress and housekeeping of some of our neighbors, and they treat us and ours respectfully. It has been necessary once to call in the police, and the effect was good. We do not work among elegant people. Women and children commonly lie and swear, and some of the children steal if they are not closely watched.

The interest in the work is growing among the pastors and people. It is still difficult to secure the needed funds, but not so difficult as it has been.

FROM MARY M. OGILVIE, CITY MISSIONARY.

In October of this year, the Board ventured to rent rooms and establish headquarters. An upper flat of three rooms and a hall was secured in a very needy part of the city. This upper flat is now known as the "Virginia Street Mission" or the "City Mission Settlement."

Of the two hundred people within the bounds of the Settlement, about one hundred are children. Some have never entered the mission, but most of them are enrolled in the industrial schools.

Seventy-eight boys and girls have their names on our roll.

It is difficult to keep a very correct record of members or average attendance in the industrial schools, because the people are continually moving.

The girls' sewing school is conducted twice a week, Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

The boys' basket class meets on Saturday morning at ten o'clock. On Thursday evenings the boys meet, and, after working awhile on their baskets, have a good social time. One evening refreshments of nuts and candy were served in the little baskets just completed. Next Thursday evening we will have a literary and musical programme for them.

On the day before Christmas a series of special services were held, one at 11 A.M. for the little girls, one at 4 P.M. for the boys, and one at 7:30 in the evening for the women.

The children's services were conducted by two of our Methodist ministers. The one for the women fell to the lot of a Presbyterian minister. Perhaps without knowing it, this good man started the revival spirit among our women, for after they had listened to the Christmas story, told most beautifully, and the leader, after exhorting them to better living, had taken his leave, several of the women insisted on "staying awhile to sing." Two of them then asked me to start a prayer meeting for them, to be held every Friday evening. I carried their request to the president of the Mission Board; it was then sent to the preachers' meeting. A committee of ministers was appointed to consider the work. And now, as the result of the request for "a prayer meeting for us," all the Methodist Churches of the city are taking their turn, each for a month, in providing leaders and singers for this meeting at the Settlement.

The plan has proved satisfactory, and a large number of persons are becoming interested in the work just through helping in the Friday night services. While we do not yet see great results of our work among these poor, our hearts have been encouraged by the little results here and there.

Value of supplies and money received for distribution, \$85.81; number of visits made, 1,806; visits received, 210; visits to institutions, hospitals, jails, etc., 10; opportunities for prayer and Bi-

ble reading, 30; meetings conducted or addressed, 69; positions secured for unemployed, 4; persons aided, 50; garments given, 194; amount of money, \$82.60; hours spent in industrial schools, 160; hours spent in nursing the sick, 500; number of sick, 25; boys' clubs, 30; mothers' meetings, 14; hours spent in study, 175; Sunday school scholars secured, 10; papers and tracts distributed, 10,500 pages; socials held, 4; books loaned, 10; pastors and Churches served, 4; number of girls and small boys enrolled in Church Industrial Schools, 117; Junior League meetings superintended, 33; young peoples' Home Mission meetings, 4; Sunday school classes taught, 20; conversions among children, 7.

The Industrial School commencement was held June 18, 1901.

Three Christmas services were held, for boys, girls, and mothers, conducted by three of our best pastors; and eight Friday night services conducted for entire Settlement.

The only industrial school conducted this year, beginning in October, is in the Mission Settlement. The girls are taught sewing; the boys, basket-making. Number of girls enrolled, 44; boys, 34; teachers, 5.

HONORED LIST.

Honorary Life Members.

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

Life Members.

1895-96.

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

1896-97.

Little Rock Conference.—Rev. C. E. Patillo, Mrs. C. E. Patillo.

New York City.—Mrs. Mattie Vincello Cox.

St. Louis Conference.—Mrs. M. A. Wolff, Mr. John Joseph Baulch.

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

1897-98.

East Texas Conference.—Mrs. W. C. Huntington.

Florida Conference.—Mr. C. T. Carroll.

Indian Mission Conference.—Mrs. J. E. Vicks, Mrs. J. B. Hester.

Kentucky Conference.—Mrs. A. P. Darnall.

Little Rock Conference.—Mrs. D. H. McKennon, Mrs. Cadesman Pope.

Los Angeles Conference.—Mrs. J. J. N. Kenney.

Louisville Conference.—Mrs. J. P. Goodson, Mrs. W. R. Smith, Mrs. J. C. Brandon, Mrs. W. W. Cooke, Mrs. J. T. Cherry, Mrs. T. C. Peters, Mrs. Ada Bishop Ramsey, Mrs. Mary Morton.

Memphis Conference.—Mrs. Warner Moore.

Missouri Conference.—Mrs. Mary Anne Stone.

North Georgia Conference.—Mrs. Thomas F. Pierce, Mrs. Lillie G. King, Master Robert Battery McClure.

North Mississippi Conference.—Mrs. L. M. Lipscomb.

Northwest Texas Conference.—Miss Roberta Putnam, Mrs. C. R. Wright.

Tennessee Conference.—Mrs. D. P. Rankin, Mrs. Mary Phillips, Mrs. T. C. Ragsdale, Mrs. Virginia Bandy, Mrs. Susan Tarver, Mrs. Curtis.

Virginia Conference.—Mrs. J. C. Reed.

1898-99.

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

Total number of life members made during the year, 33. Life members were represented in nineteen Conferences. The Tennessee was the banner Conference.

1899-1900.

- Baltimore Conference*.—Mrs. W. H. Beehler, Mrs. Moses Walton, Mrs. S. C. Stringfellow.
East Texas Conference.—Mrs. M. Haggard.
Florida Conference.—Mrs. D. A. Cook.
Holston Conference.—Mrs. J. A. Duncan.
Indian Mission Conference.—Lucile Coppedge (Juvenile).
Little Rock Conference.—Miss Lizzie Wilkins, Mrs. S. H. Thompson, Rev. James Thomas.
Louisville Conference.—Mrs. Catherine Wilson, Mrs. William Robinson.
Memphis Conference.—Mrs. J. S. Swayne.
Mississippi Conference.—Mrs. Rebecca Parker Gay.
Missouri Conference.—Mrs. W. F. Packard.
North Georgia Conference.—Mrs. L. G. Johnson, Eva J. McClure (Juvenile), Mrs. W. C. Smith, Mrs. S. R. Balk, Mrs. S. V. Davenport, Rev. W. F. Quillian.
North Mississippi Conference.—Mrs. S. M. Thames.
North Texas Conference.—Mrs. F. H. Welsh, Mrs. J. L. Morris.
South Georgia Conference.—Mrs. H. C. Tindall, Josephus Darling (Juvenile), Helen Mathews (Juvenile), Bessie Tindall (Juvenile), Charlie Hinton (Juvenile).
Tennessee Conference.—Mrs. Annie E. Jones, Miss M. E. Wardlaw, Rev. T. C. Ragsdale, Mrs. Virginia Morrison, Mrs. John Mathews, Mrs. E. B. Chappell.
Virginia Conference.—Mrs. C. V. Winfree, Mrs. W. J. Young.
Western Virginia Conference.—Miss Mary Moore, Mrs. Mordecai Williams.

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

1900-01.

- Baltimore Conference*.—Mrs. C. H. Buchanan.
Florida Conference.—Rev. W. M. Poage, Mrs. C. F. Carroll.
Holston Conference.—Mrs. Mattie White Hardaway.
Los Angeles Conference.—Mrs. J. R. Toberman.
Louisiana Conference.—Darwin Beach Carré (Juvenile), Willis G. Wilmot (Juvenile), Mrs. Philip Werlein, Mrs. Amelia Scott.
Little Rock Conference.—Mrs. Dan Gilman.
Louisville Conference.—Mrs. Virgil Elgin.
Memphis Conference.—Mrs. Sue F. Mooney.
Mississippi Conference.—Mrs. E. H. Munger, Mrs. Ellen D. Drake.
Missouri Conference.—Mrs. R. G. Terrill, Mrs. W. F. Packard.
North Carolina Conference.—Rev. J. E. Underwood, Mildred Spier (Juvenile).
North Georgia Conference.—Mrs. W. B. Higginbotham, Joe Thomas Swift Hayes (Juvenile), Mrs. Nettie Brag Allen, Mrs. J. H. Jones, Mrs. Nancy Swift, Mrs. S. V. Davenport, Faith Johnson (Juvenile).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1901-02.

Alabama Conference.—Walter Berry (Juvenile).

Baltimore Conference.—Ruby Myers (Juvenile).

Florida Conference.—Mrs. W. A. Simmons.

Little Rock Conference.—Mrs. M. A. Jones, Mrs. Julien C. Brown, Mrs. E. M. Pipkin.

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

Louisiana Conference.—David Morey Carré (Juvenile), Isabel Carré (Juvenile).

Memphis Conference.—Mrs. W. W. Hall.

Mississippi Conference.—Mrs. L. S. Jones.

Missouri Conference.—Mrs. Hiram Groves.

New Mexico Conference.—Mrs. C. B. Patterson.

North Carolina Conference.—Mrs. H. C. Spiers, Mrs. L. H. Cutter.

North Georgia Conference.—Rev. J. W. Snow, Emily Allen (Juvenile), Marion Andrews (Juvenile), Mrs. Frances P. Clark, Mrs. R. P. Milam, Mrs. R. L. Dorsey, Mrs. John Miller, Mrs. Sarah C. Parker, Mrs. J. M. Austin, Miss Lillian Borfeuillet, Mrs. Simon Peter Richardson, Mrs. Walter O. Foot, Mrs. Thomas M. Swift, Mrs. W. B. Henry.

North Texas Conference.—Mrs. O. E. Thomas, Mr. J. F. Pearce, Mrs. L. H. Potts.

Northwest Texas Conference.—Miss Martha Sullenberger, Mrs. John R. Nelson.

South Georgia Conference.—Mrs. M. V. Chance, Mrs. A. L. Lawson, Mrs. James F. Evans, Miss Annie Heath.

Southwest Missouri Conference.—Miss Louise Whitman.

St. Louis Conference.—Dr. Cunningham, Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Joseph G. Miller, Mrs. J. W. Lee, Mrs. J. A. Young, Rev. W. P. Shoemaker.

Tennessee Conference.—McTyeire Tigert (Juvenile), Mrs. W. M. Leftwich, Mrs. Thomas Parks, Mrs. W. H. Bumpas.

Virginia Conference.—Mrs. H. E. Wall.

White River Conference.—Mrs. A. G. Dickson, Rev. J. W. Smith, Mrs. R. N. Holloway, Mrs. Richard Jackson.

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

Baby Roll Membership.

CONFERENCE.	1900-01.	1901-02.	Increase.	CONFERENCE.	1900-01.	1901-02.	Increase.
Alabama	49	55	6	North Carolina.....	52	67	15
Baltimore.....	280	400	120	North Georgia.....	392	467	75
Columbia	19	20	1	North Mississippi...	232	283	51
Denver.....	32	49	17	North Texas.....	199	213	4
East Texas	109	131	22	Northwest Texas....	199	294	95
East Columbia.....	8	.....	.....	Pacific.....	16	.....	.....
Florida.....	51	79	28	South Carolina.....	6	25	19
Holston.....	611	914	303	South Georgia	176	222	46
Illinois.....	2	.....	.....	Southwest Missouri..	163	202	39
Indian Mission.....	85	99	14	St. Louis.....	226	313	87
Kentucky.....	132	173	51	Tennessee	363	525	162
Little Rock	160	223	63	Texas.....	44	99	55
Los Angeles	85	95	10	Virginia.....	143	159	16
Louisiana.....	145	155	10	West Texas.....	36	42	6
Louisville.....	275	311	36	Western.....	15	.....	.....
Memphis.....	85	194	109	Western N. Carolina..	18	.....	.....
Mississippi.....	194	213	219	Western Virginia....	40	53	13
Missouri.....	88	141	53	White River.....	45	51	6
New Mexico.....	67	125	58				
North Alabama.....	67	70	3	Total.....	3,198	6,619	1,511

Names Enrolled on Angel Band Loan Fund.

Alabama Conference.—Edith Margaret Abbot Blue (babe), Frances Green (babe), Mrs. Ellen Jones.

Baltimore Conference.—Mrs. Mary C. Birch.

Louisiana Conference.—Elizabeth R. Davidson (babe).

Louisville Conference.—Mrs. Addie Herndon, Mrs. Elizabeth Gibson, Dr. H. D. Moore.

North Texas Conference.—Miss Mary Cofer, Mrs. I. S. Ashburne, Jack Wall.

Northwest Texas Conference.—Mrs. Mary Kiper.

South Carolina Conference.—Laurence Willing.

St. Louis Conference.—Mrs. A. E. Avis, Ben Taylor Valiant.

Tennessee Conference.—James T. Barnett, Dr. W. G. E. Cunyningham, Elizabeth Rust (babe), Mrs. Maggie Collier, Miss Lillian Sanders, Mrs. George Smith, Mr. Ben T. Ransom.

Names Enrolled on Education Endowment Fund.

Alabama Conference.—Gov. W. J. Samford, Rev. D. M. Banks, Rev. J. L. K. Smith, Mrs. H. D. Moore, Mrs. J. B. Green, Mrs. L. H. Burkley, Rev. J. B. K. Spain (Sunday school class).

Columbia Conference.—No names, but \$13.50 contributed.

East Texas Conference.—Rev. Mr. Abney.

Indian Mission Conference.—Mrs. E. E. Cutter.

Little Rock Conference.—Rev. J. A. Cason.

Louisiana Conference.—Rev. H. W. May, Rev. H. R. Singleton, Rev. J. R. Moore, Rev. J. M. Henry, Rev. C. H. Carson, Rev. J. L. Wright, Rev. I. B. White, Rev. A. J. Notestine, Rev. Barnett Wright, Rev. W. J. Evans, Mrs. F. A. Lyons, Mrs. F. E. Russ, Mrs. Mary E. Carr, Mrs. T. S. Randle.

Louisville Conference.—Dr. B. M. Messick, Mr. George Gaulbert, Rev. Granville Lyon, Rev. J. J. Kilgore, Rev. T. H. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Wheat, Rev. Virgil Elgin, Rev. T. R. Kendall, Col. G. A. Park, Mrs. B. M. Messick, Rev. Frank M. Thomas, Mrs. Livingston McCartney.

Memphis Conference.—Rev. W. H. Hamner.

Mississippi Conference.—Rev. J. E. Carpenter.

North Alabama Conference.—Rev. B. J. Sargent.

North Carolina Conference.—Rev. K. D. Holmes.

North Georgia Conference.—Rev. B. F. Frazier, Rev. W. R. Foote, Rev. J. N. Snow, Rev. R. J. Bigham, Mr. James Meaders, Mrs. James Meaders, Rev. V. E. Manget, Mrs. E. Welch, Rev. Caspe Wright, Rev. J. F. Mixon, Mrs. P. A. Heard, Rev. Ford McRae, Rev.

George Loehr, Rev. M. L. Underwood, Rev. J. N. Worley, Rev. T. R. Adams, Mrs. H. C. Christian, Rev. J. E. Dickey, Mrs. J. E. Dickey, Rev. T. J. Christian, Mrs. T. J. Christian, Mrs. Arthur Hale, Rev. George Yarbrough.

North Mississippi Conference.—Rev. J. W. Dye, Rev. R. O. Brown, Rev. R. A. Meeks, Rev. W. W. Woodward.

North Texas Conference.—Rev. C. B. Carter, Rev. S. Crutchfield, Mrs. J. M. Armstrong.

Northwest Texas Conference.—Rev. John R. Bareus, Mrs. John R. Bareus, Mrs. William Baird, Rev. J. M. Armstrong.

South Carolina Conference.—Rev. J. C. Chandler, Mrs. William Capers, Rev. A. B. Earle, Rev. W. A. Rogers.

South Georgia Conference.—Rev. W. D. McGregor.

Tennessee Conference.—Mrs. Virginia Bandy.

Texas Conference.—Rev. J. B. Cochran.

Names Enrolled on Preachers' Wives' Loan Fund.

Baltimore Conference.—Mrs. Miller, Mrs. C. M. Hawkins, Mrs. Wolf.

East Texas Conference.—Mrs. J. W. Mills, Mrs. J. T. McClure, Mrs. Davenport.

Florida Conference.—Mrs. T. W. Tomkies.

Holston Conference.—Mrs. C. W. Kelley, Mrs. David Sullins.

Kentucky Conference.—Mrs. Rose Strother.

Little Rock Conference.—Mrs. J. C. Rhodes, Mrs. W. M. Manville, Mr. J. F. Carr, Mrs. J. T. Carr.

Memphis Conference.—Mrs. W. T. Hamner.

North Carolina Conference.—Mrs. E. H. Davis.

North Georgia Conference.—Mrs. S. E. Ledbetter, Mrs. William McKenzie.

North Mississippi Conference.—Mrs. Nellie Johnson, Mrs. J. M. Bradley.

North Texas Conference.—Mrs. W. A. Stuckey, Mrs. M. A. Allen, Mrs. L. S. Barton, Mrs. G. S. Sexton, Mrs. J. L. Pearce, Mrs. J. P. Lowery, Mrs. Powers, Mrs. J. H. McLean.

Southwest Missouri Conference.—Mrs. J. S. Jenkins, Mrs. W. H. Winton.

Tennessee Conference.—Mrs. E. French.

Virginia Conference.—Mrs. E. H. Rawlins, Mrs. T. W. Potts.

White River Conference.—Mrs. Z. T. Bennette.

GENERAL TREASURER'S REPORT.

FOR 1901-02.

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

DISBURSEMENTS.

Check 1, Mrs. H. C. King, debt on San Antonio Rescue Home.....	\$ 110 00
Check 2, Miss Todd, Ybor City, fees returned.....	15 35
Check 3, Mrs. W. H. Bumpas, Nashville city missions.....	90 00
Check 4, Prof. J. C. Lewis, March salary.....	111 11
Check 5, J. W. Carnahan, March salary.....	66 66
Check 6, Miss F. Campbell, March salary.....	50 00
Check 7, Miss E. Beaumont, March salary.....	45 00
Check 8, Miss Lilly Letton, March salary.....	40 00
Check 9, Miss Emily Vail, March salary.....	40 00
Check 10, Miss F. McIntyre, March salary.....	40 00
Check 11, Miss Jessie Parker, March salary.....	30 00
Check 12, Prof. J. C. Lewis, for janitor.....	18 00
Check 13, H. H. Scoville, March salary.....	20 00
Check 14, Miss Johnson, one month's salary to March 23.....	22 40
Check 15, Rev. P. H. Whisner, for Arch St. parsonage, Hannibal, Mo.....	50 00
Check 16, Miss Mary Bruce, salary for March and fees from West Tampa.....	93 00
Check 17, Miss Ross, salary for March.....	40 00
Check 18, Miss E. P. Todd, salary for March.....	40 00
Check 19, Miss Emelina Valdes, salary for March for self and aunt.....	60 00
Check 20, Miss Fisher, salary for March.....	45 00
Check 21, Miss R. L. Ford, salary for March.....	45 00
Check 22, Miss Flora Dodd, salary for March.....	45 00
Check 23, Miss C. Godbey, salary for March.....	45 00
Check 24, Miss Sealy, salary for March.....	40 00
Check 25, Miss Crow, salary for March.....	40 00
Check 26, E. M. Gardner, map of work enterprised by Woman's Home Mission Society.....	10 00
Check 27, First National Bank, Twentieth Century Fund money borrowed to pay teachers' salaries and now returned to that fund.....	1,085 77
Check 28, Mrs. A. S. Wolfskill, salary and rent, April.....	20 00
Check 29, Mrs. A. G. Slaughter, Kansas City missions.....	63 00
Check 30, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, April salary.....	50 00
Check 31, Mrs. R. W. MacDoneil, April salary.....	66 66
Check 32, Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, Atlanta missions.....	105 00
Check 33, Dr. Shaler Matthews, expenses to St. Louis.....	45 00
Check 34, Mrs. M. V. Chance, Macon Door of Hope.....	60 55
Check 35, Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, expenses of her department.....	20 00
Check 36, Miss Bruce, expenses to St. Louis and return.....	64 50
Check 37, Miss Emma Tucker, expenses to St. Louis and return.....	38 60
Check 38, Prof. J. C. Lewis, April salary.....	111 11
Check 39, J. W. Carnahan, April salary.....	66 66
Check 40, Miss F. Campbell, April salary.....	50 00
Check 41, Miss E. Beaumont, April salary.....	45 00
Check 42, Miss Lilly Letton, April salary.....	40 00
Check 43, Miss E. Vail, April salary.....	40 00
Check 44, Miss F. McIntyre, April salary.....	40 00
Check 45, Miss Jessie Parker, April salary.....	30 00
Check 46, Prof. J. C. Lewis, for janitor.....	18 00
Check 47, H. H. Scoville, April salary.....	20 00
Check 48, Miss Johnson, month's salary, to April 23.....	22 40
Check 49, Miss Mary Bruce, April salary.....	50 00
Check 50, Miss Ross, April salary.....	40 00
Check 51, Miss Fisher, April salary.....	45 00
Check 52, Miss R. L. Ford, April salary.....	45 00
Check 53, Miss Flora Dodd, April salary.....	45 00
Check 54, Miss Cornelia Godbey, April salary.....	45 00
Check 55, Miss Sealy, April salary.....	40 00
Check 56, Miss Irene Crow, April salary.....	40 00
Check 57, Miss E. P. Todd, April salary.....	40 00
Check 58, Miss Emelina Valdes and aunt, April salary.....	60 00
Check 59, Miss Mary Moore, Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School, for April.....	250 00

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Check 60, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, for April.....	\$	25 00
Check 61, Miss Mary Moore, to furnish room in Home from East Texas.....		30 00
Check 62, Mrs. J. D. Hammond, expenses to New Orleans and St. Louis.....		50 75
Check 63, Mr. George Cam. expenses of Miss Florence Kelley and Miss Jane Adams to New Orleans.....		127 40
Check 64, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, expenses to New Orleans and St. Louis.....		44 91
Check 65, Miss Ivy D. Ostrom, salaries and expenses, April.....		70 00
Check 66, Miss Mary Bruce, insurance on West Tampa school building.....		16 00
Check 67, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, balance due on April.....		50 00
Check 68, Miss E. P. Todd, Ybor school fees returned.....		13 85
Check 69, Mrs. J. J. Tigert, expenses to St. Louis.....		8 00
Check 70, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, expenses to St. Louis.....		24 00
Check 71, Mrs. Gross Alexander, expenses to St. Louis.....		25 50
Check 72, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, salary for May.....		50 00
Check 73, Miss Bennett, expenses to New Orleans and St. Louis.....		56 00
Check 74, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, salary for May.....		66 66
Check 75, Miss Emily M. Allen, to St. Louis and return, telegrams and stationery.....		55 13
Check 76, Prof. J. C. Lewis, May salary.....		111 11
Check 77, J. W. Carnahan, May salary.....		66 66
Check 78, Miss F. Campbell, May salary.....		50 00
Check 79, Miss E. Beaumont, May salary.....		45 00
Check 80, Miss Lilly Lerton, May salary.....		40 00
Check 81, Miss E. Vail, May salary.....		40 00
Check 82, Miss F. McIntyre, May salary.....		40 00
Check 83, Miss Jessie Parker, May salary.....		30 00
Check 84, Prof. J. C. Lewis, for janitor.....		18 00
Check 85, H. H. Scoville, May salary.....		20 00
Check 86, Miss Johnson, salary to May 23.....		22 40
Check 87, Miss Bruce, salary for May.....		50 00
Check 88, Miss Ross, salary for May.....		40 00
Check 89, Miss Fisher, salary for May.....		45 00
Check 90, Miss R. L. Ford, salary for May.....		45 00
Check 91, Miss Flora Dodd, salary for May.....		45 00
Check 92, Miss Cornelia Godbey, salary for May.....		45 00
Check 93, Miss Bruce, for Miss Sealy, salary for May.....		40 00
Check 94, Miss Irene Crow, salary for May.....		40 00
Check 95, Prof. Clements, salary for May.....		60 00
Check 96, Miss E. Valdes and aunt, salary for May.....		60 00
Check 97, Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, Decatur Orphanage.....		10 75
Check 98, Prof. J. C. Lewis, incidentals.....		50 00
Check 99, Miss Mary Moore, Treasurer Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School, May.....		250 00
Check 100, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, for May.....		25 00
Check 101, Miss Emma Manlove, on Mrs. MacDonell's office expense appropriation.....		15 00
Check 102, Miss Mary Moore, sent from Sherman, Tex., to furnish a room at Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School.....		10 00
Check 103, Mrs. D. B. Maffett, for Oakman parsonage.....		25 75
Check 104, Mrs. C. V. Winfree, Norfolk city missions.....		4 05
Check 105, E. M. Gardner, map work.....		10 00
Check 106, Mrs. Anna Wolfskill, May and June.....		40 00
Check 107, Mrs. Ivy D. Ostrom, May and June, \$140; for organ, \$20.....		160 00
Check 108, Prof. J. C. Lewis, books for Harriet Hargrove Band, from Virginia Conference.....		5 50
Check 109, First National Bank, part of Conference half of dues for first quarter.....		1,000 00
Check 110, Mrs. M. V. Chance, Macon Door of Hope.....		91 90
Check 111, Mrs. J. D. Hammond, telegrams and other expenses.....		1 20
Check 112, Miss Crowe, balance due on expenses from Florida.....		10 00
Check 113, Barbee & Smith, for printing and mailing leaflets.....		64 99
Check 114, Miss Bruce, salary for June and July.....		100 00
Check 115, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, office expenses, \$25; June salary, \$50.....		75 00
Check 116, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, June salary, \$66.66; office expenses, \$50.....		116 66
Check 117, First National Bank, Conference half of dues, first quarter.....		1,000 00
Check 118, Rev. P. H. Whisner, Educational Endowment Fund, \$180.50; Preachers' Wives' Loan Fund, \$10; Angel Band, \$41.80.....		235 30
Check 119, Mrs. Anna Wolfskill, July and August.....		40 00
Check 120, Mrs. Ivy D. Ostrom, July and August.....		140 00
Check 121, First National Bank, Twentieth Century Fund, first quarter.....		2,575 41
Check 122, Rev. P. H. Whisner, \$1,000 for parsonages from the Board; \$300 donation returned by Hanford parsonage, California; \$8.50 to pay for printing application blanks.....		1,308 50
Check 123, Prof. Lewis, for travel in the interest of Sue Bennett School, \$150; repairs on school building, \$32.05.....		182 05
Check 124, Miss Lucile Crook, insurance on Sue Bennett school building.....		40 00
Check 125, London Manufacturing Company, for screens for Sue Bennett School.....		10 00
Check 126, Mrs. A. G. Slaughter, balance due Kansas City missions for first quarter.....		7 13
Check 127, Mrs. W. H. Bumpas, balance due Nashville city missions for first quarter.....		14 06
Check 128, Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, first quarter for Atlanta city missions from the Board.....		12 41
Check 129, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, office expenses.....		50 00

Check 130, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, for Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School, June and July.....	\$ 500 00
Check 131, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, June and July.....	50 00
Check 132, Rev. P. H. Whisner, parsonage at Summitt, Mo.....	50 00
Check 133, Mrs. M. V. Chance, for Macon Door of Hope from the Board.....	15 22
Check 134, Prof. J. C. Lewis, for Mr. Sewell's itineration.....	50 00
Check 135, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, July salary.....	50 00
Check 136, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, July salary.....	66 66
Check 137, Mrs. George Call, East Texas expenses.....	60 00
Check 138, Barbee & Smith, printing leaflets.....	72 44
Check 139, Mrs. M. C. Flowerree, first payment as teacher of dressmaking at Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School, Dallas.....	34 60
Check 140, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, for debts incurred at Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School during 1900-01. This amount was subsequently refunded by Miss Mary Moore, Treasurer.....	228 69
Check 141, Mrs. J. H. Yarborough, office expenses.....	50 00
Check 142, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, office expenses.....	1 0 00
Check 143, Prof. J. C. Lewis, incidentals.....	50 00
Check 144, Prof. J. C. Lewis, for janitor.....	18 00
Check 145, Miss Jessie Parker.....	30 00
Check 146, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, August salary.....	66 66
Check 147, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, August salary.....	50 00
Check 148, Miss Bruce, August salary.....	50 00
Check 149, T. A. Henderson, for the painting of Wolf Mission School.....	150 00
Check 150, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, August salary.....	25 00
Check 151, Mrs. M. C. Flowerree, August salary.....	25 00
Check 152, Miss Louise Matthews, August salary.....	25 00
Check 153, Miss Looney, August salary.....	20 00
Check 154, Miss Mary Moore, August salary.....	25 00
Check 155, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, current expenses of Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School, for August.....	180 00
Check 156, Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, Decatur Orphanage.....	50 00
Check 157, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, September salary.....	66 66
Check 158a, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, September salary.....	50 00
Check 158b, First National Bank, Twentieth Century Fund, second quarter.....	581 02
Check 159, Rev. P. H. Whisner, loan funds, second quarter.....	142 50
Check 160a, Prof. J. C. Lewis, incidentals.....	100 00
Check 160b, First National Bank, on Conference half of dues, second quarter.....	1,817 00
Check 161, Miss Elizabeth Billingsley, for scholarship in Scarritt Training School, from St. Louis.....	75 00
Check 162, Miss E. P. Todd, Ybor City school.....	40 00
Check 163, Mrs. M. P. Cooper, Ybor City school.....	40 00
Check 164, Miss E. Valdes, self and aunt, West Tampa.....	60 00
Check 165, Prof. J. C. Lewis, Sue Bennett School.....	111 11
Check 166, Miss Emelyn Johnson, Sue Bennett School.....	22 40
Check 167, Miss F. Campbell, Sue Bennett School.....	50 00
Check 168, Nathaniel Sewell, Sue Bennett School.....	45 00
Check 169, Miss Lilly Letton, Sue Bennett School.....	40 00
Check 170, Miss F. McIntyre, Sue Bennett School.....	40 00
Check 171, Miss F. McIntyre, Sue Bennett School.....	40 00
Check 172, Miss Jessie Parker, Sue Bennett School.....	35 40
Check 173, Prof. J. C. Lewis, for janitor, Sue Bennett School.....	18 00
Check 174, W. J. Kent, Sue Bennett School.....	50 00
Check 175, Miss Mary Bruce, salary, \$50; incidentals, \$10.....	60 00
Check 176, Prof. H. C. McKeller, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	60 00
Check 177, Mrs. H. B. Hogg, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	45 00
Check 178, Miss E. Beaumont, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	45 00
Check 179, Miss L. M. Ross, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	41 00
Check 180, Miss Irene Crow, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	40 00
Check 181, Miss Maud Fisher, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	45 00
Check 182, Miss R. L. Ford, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	45 00
Check 183, Miss L. M. Stewart, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	40 00
Check 184, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, September, Dallas.....	25 00
Check 185, Miss Looney, September, Dallas.....	20 00
Check 186, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, current expenses, Dallas.....	180 00
Check 187, Mrs. M. C. Flowerree, September salary, Dallas.....	25 00
Check 188, Miss Mary Moore, September salary, Dallas.....	25 00
Check 189, Miss Louise Matthews, September salary, Dallas.....	25 00
Check 190, Mrs. Anna Wolfskill, September salary, Los Angeles.....	20 00
Check 191, Mrs. I. D. Ostrom, Chinese work, September.....	70 00
Check 192, Mrs. I. D. Ostrom, organ for San Francisco missions.....	25 00
Check 193, Nathaniel Sewell, August salary at Sue Bennett School.....	45 00
Check 194, Miss E. Billingsley, scholarship at Scarritt School, from St. Louis Conference.....	75 00
Check 195, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, October salary.....	66 66
Check 196, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, October salary.....	50 00
Check 197, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, office expenses.....	25 00
Check 198, Mrs. I. D. Ostrom, Pacific Coast work.....	70 00
Check 199, Mrs. A. S. Wolfskill, September salary, Los Angeles.....	20 00
Check 200, Miss Mary Moore, October salary, \$25; current expenses Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School, Dallas, \$200.....	225 00

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Check 201, Mrs. M. V. Flowerree, Dallas.....	\$ 37 50
Check 202, Miss Louise Matthews, Dallas.....	25 00
Check 203, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Dallas.....	25 00
Check 204, Miss Elizabeth Todd, Ybor City.....	40 00
Check 205, Mrs. M. P. Cooper, Ybor City.....	40 00
Check 206, Miss Emelina Valdes and aunt, West Tampa.....	60 00
Check 207, Miss Bruce, salary, \$50; incidentals, \$10.....	60 00
Check 208, Prof. H. R. McKeller, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	60 00
Check 209, Mrs. H. B. Hogg, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	45 00
Check 210, Miss Maud Fisher, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	45 00
Check 211, Miss R. L. Ford, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	45 00
Check 212, Miss E. Beaumont, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	45 00
Check 213, Miss L. M. Ross, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	40 00
Check 214, Miss Irene Crow, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	40 00
Check 215, Miss L. M. Stewart, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	40 00
Check 216, Prof. J. C. Lewis, Sue Bennett School.....	111 11
Check 217, W. J. Kent, Sue Bennett School.....	50 00
Check 218, Miss F. Campbell, Sue Bennett School.....	50 00
Check 219, Miss Jessie Parker, Sue Bennett School.....	35 00
Check 220, Miss Emelyn Johnson, Sue Bennett School.....	22 40
Check 221, Prof. J. C. Lewis, for janitor, Sue Bennett School.....	18 00
Check 222, Nathaniel Sewell, Sue Bennett School.....	45 00
Check 223, Miss Lilly Letton, Sue Bennett School.....	40 00
Check 224, Miss F. McIntyre, Sue Bennett School.....	40 00
Check 226, Mrs. W. H. Bumpas, Nashville missions.....	24 06
Check 227, Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, Atlanta missions.....	7 41
Check 228, Mrs. M. V. Chance, Macon missions.....	15 22
Check 229, Mrs. C. S. Shivers, Kansas City missions.....	15 13
Check 230, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, office expenses.....	25 00
Check 231, Prof. J. C. Lewis, incidentals.....	200 00
Check 232, Miss M. McIntyre, Sue Bennett School.....	40 00
Check 233, Mrs. J. D. Hammond, expenses to North Georgia Conference.....	18 25
Check 234, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, November salary.....	66 66
Check 235, Rev. P. H. Whisner, appropriation to parsonages from the Board.....	200 00
Check 236, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, November salary.....	50 00
Check 237, Prof. J. C. Lewis, for janitor, Sue Bennett School.....	18 00
Check 238, Prof. J. C. Lewis, Sue Bennett School.....	111 11
Check 239, W. J. Kent, Sue Bennett School.....	50 00
Check 240, Miss F. Campbell, Sue Bennett School.....	50 00
Check 241, Miss M. McIntyre, Sue Bennett School.....	40 00
Check 242, Miss Jessie Parker, Sue Bennett School.....	35 80
Check 243, Miss Emelyn Johnson, Sue Bennett School.....	22 40
Check 244, Nathaniel Sewell, Sue Bennett School.....	45 00
Check 245, Miss Lilly Letton, Sue Bennett School.....	40 00
Check 246, Miss F. McIntyre, Sue Bennett School.....	40 00
Check 247, Mrs. I. D. Ostrom, Pacific work.....	70 00
Check 248, Miss Louise Whitman, missionary.....	41 66
Check 249, Mrs. A. S. Wolfskill, Pacific work.....	20 00
Check 250, Miss Mary Moore, Dallas, November salary, \$25; current expenses, \$200.....	225 00
Check 251, Mrs. M. C. Flowerree, November salary, Dallas.....	25 00
Check 252, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, November salary, Dallas.....	25 00
Check 253, Miss Louise Matthews, November salary, Dallas.....	25 00
Check 254, Miss Bruce, November salary, \$50; incidentals, \$10.....	60 00
Check 255, Miss E. Todd, salary, \$40; incidentals, \$5.....	45 00
Check 256, Prof. H. R. McKeller, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	60 00
Check 257, Mrs. H. B. Hogg, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	45 00
Check 258, Mrs. M. P. Cooper, Ybor City.....	40 00
Check 259, Miss Emelina Valdes, self and aunt, West Tampa.....	60 00
Check 260, Miss L. M. Ross, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	40 00
Check 261, Miss Irene Crow, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	40 00
Check 262, Miss L. M. Stewart, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	40 00
Check 263, Miss Maud Fisher, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	45 00
Check 264, Miss R. L. Ford, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	45 00
Check 265, Miss Elizabeth Beaumont, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	45 00
Check 266, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, office expenses.....	100 00
Check 267, Miss Belle H. Bennett, office expenses.....	100 00
Check 268, Mrs. W. H. Bumpas, sent in by mistake.....	25 00
Check 269, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, December salary.....	50 00
Check 270, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, December salary.....	66 66
Check 271, Mrs. M. V. Chance, Macon city missions.....	15 22
Check 272, Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, Atlanta city missions.....	12 41
Check 273, Mrs. W. H. Bumpas, Nashville city missions.....	24 06
Check 274, Mrs. C. S. Shivers, Kansas City missions.....	15 15
Check 275, Miss Mary Moore, Dallas, current expenses of Home, \$200; salary for December, \$25.....	225 00
Check 276, Miss Louise Matthews, Dallas, salary for December.....	25 00
Check 277, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Dallas, salary for December.....	25 00
Check 278, Mrs. M. C. Flowerree, Dallas, salary for December.....	25 00
Check 279, Mrs. I. D. Ostrom, Pacific Coast work, salary for December.....	70 00
Check 280, Mrs. A. S. Wolfskill, Pacific Coast work, salary for December.....	20 00

Check 281, Miss Louise Whitman.....	\$ 41 66
Check 282, Miss E. Valdes, self and aunt, West Tampa.....	60 00
Check 283, Miss E. P. Todd, Ybor City.....	40 00
Check 284, Mrs. M. P. Cooper, Ybor City.....	40 00
Check 285, Miss E. P. Todd, incidentals.....	5 00
Check 286, Miss Mary Helm, one subscription to <i>Our Homes</i>	50
Check 287, Prof. J. C. Lewis, Sue Bennett School.....	111 11
Check 288, W. J. Kent, Sue Bennett School.....	50 00
Check 289, Miss F. Campbell, Sue Bennett School.....	50 00
Check 290, Nathaniel Sewell, Sue Bennett School.....	45 00
Check 291, Miss Lilly Letton, Sue Bennett School.....	40 00
Check 292, Miss F. McIntyre, Sue Bennett School.....	40 00
Check 293, Miss M. McIntyre, Sue Bennett School.....	40 00
Check 294, Miss Jessie Parker, Sue Bennett School.....	35 40
Check 295, Miss Emelyn Johnson, Sue Bennett School.....	22 40
Check 296, Prof. J. C. Lewis, for janitor, Sue Bennett School.....	18 00
Check 297, Prof. J. C. Lewis, incidentals, Sue Bennett School.....	100 00
Check 298, Miss Bruce, salary, \$50; incidentals, Ruth Hargrove Seminary, \$10.....	60 00
Check 299, Miss Irene Crow, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	40 00
Check 300, Miss L. M. Stewart, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	40 00
Check 301, Miss R. L. Ford, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	45 00
Check 302, Miss E. Beaumont, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	45 00
Check 303, Miss L. M. Ross, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	40 00
Check 304, H. R. McKeller, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	60 00
Check 305, Mrs. H. B. Hogg, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	45 00
Check 306, Miss Maud Fisher, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	45 00
Check 307, First National Bank, Conference half of dues for third quarter.....	2,676 00
Check 308, First National Bank, Twentieth Century Fund, third quarter.....	512 27
Check 309, Rev. P. H. Whisner, Joan funds, third quarter.....	124 30
Check 310, Mrs. Laura B. Robertson, money sent in for San Antonio Rescue Home.....	2 85
Check 311, Mrs. J. M. Cotton, money sent in for San Antonio Rescue Home.....	9 25
Check 312, Mrs. F. W. Carroll, from Virginia Conference, for Jacksonville parsonage.....	25 00
Check 313, Barbee & Smith, for printing.....	300 00
Check 314, Rev. P. H. Whisner, on parsonage appropriation from the Board.....	500 00
Check 315, Prof. J. C. Lewis, incidentals.....	10 00
Check 316, Miss Bruce, for Anita Ferriss, from Southwest Missouri Conference.....	6 25
Check 317, Barbee & Smith, balance on printing to date.....	371 82
Check 318, Dr. Whisner, for parsonages from the Board.....	1,300 00
Check 319, Mrs. E. E. Chance, Macon city missions.....	20 90
Check 320, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, January salary.....	66 66
Check 321, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, January salary.....	50 00
Check 322, Miss Louise Whitman, January salary.....	41 66
Check 323, Miss Danna K. Rogers, January salary.....	40 00
Check 324, Mrs. I. D. Ostrom, Pacific work.....	70 00
Check 325, Mrs. A. S. Wolfskill, Pacific work.....	20 00
Check 326, Miss Mary Moore, Dallas, salary for January, \$25; current expenses of the Home, \$200.....	225 00
Check 327, Mrs. M. C. Flowerree, Dallas, January salary.....	25 00
Check 328, Miss Louise Matthews, Dallas, January salary.....	25 00
Check 329, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Dallas, salary for January.....	25 00
Check 330, Miss E. P. Todd, salary, \$40; incidentals, \$5.....	45 00
Check 331, Mrs. M. P. Cooper.....	40 00
Check 332, Miss E. Valdes, self and aunt.....	60 00
Check 333, Miss Bruce, salary, \$50; incidentals, Ruth Hargrove Seminary, \$10.....	60 00
Check 334, H. R. McKeller, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	60 00
Check 335, Mrs. H. B. Hogg, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	45 00
Check 336, Miss L. M. Ross, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	40 00
Check 337, Miss Irene Crow, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	40 00
Check 338, Miss L. M. Stewart, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	49 00
Check 339, Miss Maud Fisher, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	45 00
Check 340, Miss R. L. Ford, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	45 00
Check 341, Miss E. Beaumont, Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	45 00
Check 342, Prof. J. C. Lewis, Sue Bennett School.....	111 11
Check 343, W. J. Kent, Sue Bennett School.....	50 00
Check 344, Miss E. Campbell, Sue Bennett School.....	50 00
Check 345, Nathaniel Sewell, Sue Bennett School.....	45 00
Check 346, Miss Lilly Letton, Sue Bennett School.....	40 00
Check 347, Miss F. McIntyre, Sue Bennett School.....	40 00
Check 348, Miss M. McIntyre, Sue Bennett School.....	40 00
Check 349, Miss Jessie Parker, Sue Bennett School.....	35 40
Check 350, Miss Emelyn Johnson, Sue Bennett School.....	22 40
Check 351, Prof. J. C. Lewis, for janitor, Sue Bennett School.....	18 00
Check 352, Miss Lucile F. Crook, insurance on Sue Bennett School.....	50 00
Check 353, Mrs. A. S. Wolfskill, Pacific Coast work.....	40 00
Check 354, Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, office expenses.....	5 00
Check 355, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, office expenses.....	100 00
Check 356, Miss E. P. Todd, incidentals.....	19 00
Check 357, Prof. J. C. Lewis, incidentals.....	100 00
Check 358, Mrs. J. C. Lewis, salary from December 21 to February 1.....	33 33

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Check 359, Miss Jessie Parker, for work done in vacation.....	\$ 8 35
Check 360, Miss Bruce, incidentals and repairs.....	96 15
Check 361, Miss Elizabeth Billingsley, scholarship.....	75 00
Check 362, Dr. Whisner, Jacksonville parsonage, from Board.....	400 00
Check 363, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, February salary.....	65 66
Check 364, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, February salary.....	50 00
Check 365, Mrs. Ivy D. Ostrom, Pacific Coast work.....	95 00
Check 366, Mrs. A. S. Wolfskill, Pacific Coast work.....	30 00
Check 367, Miss Louise Whitman, February salary.....	41 65
Check 368, Miss Donna K. Rogers, February salary.....	40 00
Check 369, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, February salary.....	25 00
Check 370, Mrs. M. C. Flowerree, February salary.....	25 01
Check 371, Miss Mary Moore, for the Home and February salary.....	225 00
Check 372, Miss Louise Matthews, February salary.....	25 00
Check 373, Prof. J. C. Lewis, February salary.....	111 11
Check 374, Prof. J. C. Lewis, for janitor.....	18 00
Check 375, Mrs. J. C. Lewis, February salary.....	25 00
Check 376, W. J. Kent, February salary.....	50 01
Check 377, Miss Emelyn Johnson, February salary.....	22 40
Check 378, Miss Frances McIntyre, February salary.....	40 00
Check 379, Miss Mary McIntyre, February salary.....	40 00
Check 380, Miss Jessie Parker, February salary.....	35 40
Check 381, Miss Florence Campbell, February salary.....	50 00
Check 382, Miss Lilly Letton, February salary.....	40 00
Check 383, Nathaniel Sewell, February salary.....	45 00
Check 384, Mrs. M. P. Cooper, February salary.....	49 00
Check 385, Miss Elizabeth Todd, February salary.....	40 00
Check 386, Mrs. H. B. Hogg, February salary.....	45 00
Check 389, Miss Emelina Valdes, February salary.....	60 00
Check 390, Miss Mary Bruce, February salary.....	60 00
Check 391, Miss L. M. Stewart, February salary.....	40 00
Check 392, Miss Elizabeth Beaumont, February salary.....	45 00
Check 393, Miss L. M. Ross, February salary.....	40 00
Check 394, Miss Irene Crow, February salary.....	40 00
Check 395, Miss Maud Fisher, February salary.....	45 00
Check 396, Miss R. L. Ford, February salary.....	45 00
Check 397, H. R. McKeller, February salary.....	60 00
Check 398, Mrs. J. C. Lewis, dormitory incidentals.....	25 00
Check 399, Fourth National Bank, to reimburse bank for check lost in transportation for collection.....	7 25
Check 400, Barbee & Smith, printing, etc.....	70 36
Check 401, Mrs. Ivy D. Ostrom, Pacific Coast work, March salary.....	70 00
Check 402, Mrs. Anna S. Wolfskill, Pacific Coast work, March salary.....	30 00
Check 403, Miss Louise Whitman, March salary.....	41 66
Check 404, Miss Danna Rogers, March salary.....	40 00
Check 405, Mrs. Gross Alexander, expense of leaflets.....	100 00
Check 406, Mrs. C. S. Shivers, Kansas City missions.....	15 13
Check 407, Mrs. Mary V. Chance, Macon city missions.....	15 22
Check 408, Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, Atlanta city missions.....	12 41
Check 409, Mrs. W. H. Bumpas, Nashville city missions.....	24 06
Check 410, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, March salary.....	25 00
Check 411, Mrs. M. C. Flowerree, March salary.....	25 00
Check 412, Miss Mary Moore, salary, \$25; expenses of the Home, \$200.....	2 45 00
Check 413, Miss Louise Matthews, March salary.....	25 00
Check 414, Miss Elizabeth Todd, March salary.....	40 00
Check 415, Mrs. M. P. Cooper, March salary.....	40 01
Check 416, Miss Emelina Valdes, self and aunt, March salary.....	60 00
Check 417, Rev. P. H. Whisner, Educational Endowment Fund.....	500 00
Check 418, Miss Mary Bruce, incidentals, \$10; salary for March, \$50.....	60 00
Check 419, Mrs. H. R. Hogg, March salary.....	45 00
Check 420, H. R. McKeller, March salary.....	60 00
Check 421, Miss R. L. Ford, March salary.....	45 00
Check 422, Miss Elizabeth Beaumont, March salary.....	45 00
Check 423, Miss Maud Fisher, March salary.....	45 00
Check 424, Miss L. M. Ross, March salary.....	40 00
Check 425, Miss Irene Crow, March salary.....	40 00
Check 426, Miss L. M. Stewart.....	40 00
Check 427, Miss Mary Bruce, to furnish rooms, etc., in Seminary, from North Carolina.....	100 00
Check 428, J. C. Lewis, salary, \$111.11; janitor, \$18.....	129 11
Check 429, Mrs. J. C. Lewis, March salary.....	25 00
Check 431, Miss Jessie Parker, March salary.....	35 40
Check 431, Miss Emelyn Johnson, March salary.....	22 41
Check 432, Miss Mary McIntyre, March salary.....	40 00
Check 433, Miss Frances McIntyre, March salary.....	40 00
Check 434, Miss Lilly Letton, March salary.....	40 00
Check 435, Miss Florence Campbell, March salary.....	50 00
Check 436, W. J. Kent, March salary.....	50 00
Check 437, Nathaniel Sewell, March salary.....	45 00
Check 438, Rev. John M. Moore, for San Antonio Home, from Texas Conference.....	10 05
Check 439, Miss Elizabeth Billingsley, scholarship from St. Louis Conference.....	75 00
Check 440, First National Bank, Conference dues.....	2,000 00

Check 441, Prof. J. C. Lewis, incidentals.....	100 00
Check 442, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, March salary.....	66 66
Check 443, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, March salary.....	50 00
Check 444, R. S. Patterson, stereopticon slides.....	37 89
Check 445, First National Bank, Twentieth Century Fund, fourth quarter.....	935 02
Check 446, Dr. Whisner, Loan Fund and Educational Endowment Fund, fourth quarter.....	422 50
Check 447, Miss Bruce, for art teacher.....	100 00
Total disbursements.....	\$11,784 73

DISBURSEMENT OF CONFERENCE HALF OF DUES OF 1901-02.

Check 1, Mrs. O. L. F. Beckett, Western Virginia Conference, expenses.....	39 49
Check 2, Rev. P. H. Whisner, Burklet, South Georgia Conference.....	100 00
Check 4, Mrs. T. B. Halleman, Mississippi Conference, expenses.....	13 00
Check 5, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Missionary Conference literature.....	14 85
Check 6, Mrs. Bettie D. Green, Denver Conference, expenses.....	50 45
Check 7, Mrs. W. H. Bumpas, Tennessee Conference, expenses.....	115 75
Check 8, Mrs. W. A. Rogers, South Carolina Conference, expenses.....	24 67
Check 9, Mrs. D. B. Maffett, North Alabama Conference, expenses.....	55 93
Check 10, Miss Sarah Hughes, Kentucky Conference, expenses.....	50 28
Check 11, Rev. P. H. Whisner, Folkston, South Georgia Conference.....	100 00
Check 13, Rev. P. H. Whisner, Glenwood, Northwest Texas Conference.....	100 00
Check 14, Mrs. M. H. Honiker, Holston Conference, expenses.....	118 38
Check 15, Rev. P. H. Whisner, Brooksville, Hernando Mission, Florida Conference.....	50 00
Check 16, Rev. P. H. Whisner, Festus, Mo., St. Louis Conference.....	50 00
Check 17, Mrs. James C. Davis, Missouri Conference, expenses.....	2 95
Check 18, Rev. P. H. Whisner, Gooding Street, St. Joseph, Mo.....	50 00
Check 19, Mrs. M. V. Chance, South Georgia Conference, expenses.....	7 81
Check 20, Rev. P. H. Whisner, Eldorado, Ark., Little Rock Conference.....	50 00
Check 21, Rev. P. H. Whisner, Maryland, North Mississippi Conference.....	50 00
Check 22, Mrs. F. C. Carroll, Florida Conference, expenses.....	22 79
Check 23, Miss S. A. Hughes, Kentucky Conference, expenses.....	11 85
Check 24, Rev. P. H. Whisner, Waynesboro, \$100; Berkley, \$20, Baltimore Conference.....	120 00
Check 25, Rev. P. H. Whisner, Emma, Northwest Texas Conference.....	50 00
Check 26, Rev. P. H. Whisner, Patrick, Virginia Conference.....	50 00
Check 27, Mrs. W. H. Bumpas, Tennessee Conference, expenses.....	71 85
Check 28, Mrs. J. C. Davis, Missouri Conference, expenses.....	51 52
Check 29, Mrs. J. W. Brown, New Mexico Conference, expenses.....	4 00
Check 30, Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, New Mexico Conference, expenses.....	262 90
Check 31, Mrs. W. A. Rogers, South Carolina Conference, half of dues.....	33 41
Check 32, Mrs. W. H. Honiker, Holston Conference, dues.....	50 00
Check 33, Mrs. C. E. Marks, East Columbia Conference, dues.....	13 50
Check 34, Mrs. A. G. Slaughter, Southwest Missouri Conference, expenses.....	100 00
Check 35, Rev. P. H. Whisner, Maryland, North Mississippi Conference, \$50; Salt River, Kentucky Conference, \$50; Gloster, Mississippi Conference, \$50; Rallo, Mo., St. Louis Conference, \$60.....	210 00
Check 36, Mrs. W. H. Honiker, Holston Conference, expenses.....	45 28
Check 37, Rev. P. H. Whisner, Braidentown, Fla., \$100; Colusa, Cal., Pacific Conference, \$50; Vienna, Mo., Southwest Missouri Conference, \$50.....	200 00
Check 38, Mrs. F. W. Carroll, Florida Conference, expenses.....	20 25
Check 39, Rev. P. H. Whisner, Stithron, Ky., Louisville Conference, \$100; Boaz, North Alabama Conference, \$50; Goochland, Va., \$150.....	300 00
Check 40, Mrs. C. L. Ruth, Alabama Conference, expenses.....	40 00
Check 41, Rev. P. H. Whisner, Grants, Northwest Texas Conference.....	150 50
Check 42, P. H. Whisner, Tahlihan, \$50; Sallisaw, \$50; Mince, \$35; Noble, \$15, Indian Mission Conference.....	150 00
Check 43, Mrs. O. T. Hotchkiss, Texas Conference, expenses.....	15 00
Check 44, Rev. P. H. Whisner, Church Hill, Md., Baltimore Conference.....	100 00
Check 45, Rev. P. H. Whisner, Lawton, Oklahoma, Ind. T.....	75 00
Check 46, Mrs. Laura B. Robertson, West Texas Conference, expenses.....	9 92
Check 47, Rev. P. H. Whisner, Cumberland, Charleston, S. C.....	49 50
Check 48, Mrs. F. W. Carroll, Florida Conference, expenses.....	25 00
Check 49, Mrs. J. W. Wolfe, Western Virginia Conference, expenses.....	32 29
Check 50, Mrs. W. H. Bumpas, Tennessee Conference, expenses.....	113 15
Check 51, Mrs. M. H. Honiker, Holston Conference, expenses.....	75 00
Check 52, Dr. Whisner, Pomona, Cal., Los Angeles Conference.....	49 00
Check 53, Mrs. D. B. Maffett, North Alabama Conference.....	45 94
Check 54, Mrs. C. V. Wintree, Virginia Conference, dues.....	92 00
Check 55, Mrs. W. A. Rogers, South Carolina Conference, dues.....	46 45
Check 56, Miss S. A. Hughes, Kentucky Conference, dues.....	15 90
Check 57, Mrs. J. W. Brown, New Mexico Conference, dues.....	10 00
Check 58, Dr. Whisner, Maryland, North Mississippi, \$50; Salt River, Kentucky Conference, \$50.....	100 00
Check 59, Dr. Whisner, Mulakoff, \$45; Beaumont, \$75, East Texas Conference.....	120 00

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Check 60, Dr. Whisner, Dos Palos, Pacific Conference.....	\$ 100 00
Check 61, Mrs. J. C. Davis, Missouri Conference, expenses.....	50 25
Check 62, Dr. Whisner, Dothan, \$34; Brewersville, Ala., \$35.27; Parker Memorial, New Orleans, \$150, Louisiana Conference.....	219 27
Check 63, Dr. Whisner, Marvin, St. Louis Conference, \$49; Greenville Circuit, Louisville Conference, \$15.....	124 00
Check 64, Dr. Whisner, Franklin Circuit, \$50; Centerville Mission, \$75; Holly Springs, \$75; Midway, Baldwin Circuit, \$75.....	75 00
Check 65, Dr. Whisner, Benjamin, Northwest Texas Conference.....	275 00
Check 66, Dr. Whisner, Des Logos and Flat River, St. Louis Conference.....	100 00
Check 67, Dr. Whisner, San Angelo District, \$80; Sutherland Mission, \$50, West Texas Conference.....	50 00
Check 68, Dr. Whisner, Albany, Oregon, Columbia Conference.....	130 00
Check 69, Dr. Whisner, Newberry, Florida Conference.....	45 00
Check 70, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, literature bill, East Texas Conference.....	50 00
Check 71, Miss E. L. Hill, Conference expenses, East Texas Conference.....	22 21
Check 72, Dr. Whisner, Bowie District, North Texas Conference.....	10 00
Check 73, Dr. Whisner, Hendersonville, Tenn., \$50; Arable, South Georgia Conference, \$125.....	250 00
Check 74, Dr. Whisner, Joplin, Southwest Missouri Conference.....	175 00
Check 75, Dr. Whisner, Waller, \$75; Rosebud, \$50, Texas Conference.....	100 00
Check 76, Dr. Whisner, Oakman, North Alabama Conference.....	125 00
Check 77, Dr. Whisner, Wagner, South Carolina Conference.....	50 00
Check 78, Dr. Whisner, Brandon, Mississippi Conference.....	45 00
Check 79, Miss M. L. Tucker, Baltimore Conference, dues.....	50 00
Check 80, Mrs. F. W. Carroll, Florida Conference, expenses.....	103 28
Check 81, Mrs. F. E. Moser, St. Louis Conference, expenses.....	35 00
Check 82, M. V. Chance, South Georgia Conference, expenses.....	50 32
Check 83, Miss E. L. Hill, East Texas Conference, expenses.....	45 98
Check 84, Dr. Whisner, Hobart, Ind. T., expenses.....	40 00
Check 85, Mrs. G. B. Hester, Ind. T., expenses.....	75 00
Check 86, Dr. Whisner, Concord, \$50; Junction City, \$75, Little Rock Conference.....	92 57
Check 87, Dr. Whisner, Duarte, Los Angeles Conference, \$49; Steele, Cottonwood Circuit, St. Louis Conference, \$51.....	125 00
Check 88, Mrs. C. L. Ruth, Alabama Conference, expenses.....	100 00
Check 89, Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, North Georgia Conference, expenses.....	65 80
Check 90, Mrs. W. H. Bumpas, Tennessee Conference, expenses.....	187 37
Check 91, Mrs. J. C. Davis, Missouri Conference, expenses.....	171 94
Check 92, Mrs. W. H. Bumpas, Tennessee Conference, dues.....	62 10
Check 93, Dr. Whisner, to complete donation to Maryland, North Mississippi Conference.....	2 61
Check 94, Dr. Whisner, Bright Star, Little Rock Conference.....	50 00
Check 95, Mrs. D. B. Maffett, North Alabama Conference, dues.....	50 00
Check 96, Miss S. A. Hughes, Kentucky Conference, expenses.....	69 35
Check 97, Mrs. M. V. Chance, South Georgia Conference, dues.....	66 24
Check 98, Mrs. George Call, East Texas Conference, expenses.....	106 67
Check 99, Mrs. J. W. Wolfe, Western Virginia Conference, expenses.....	17 26
Check 100, Mrs. F. C. Ross, Western North Carolina Conference, dues.....	42 64
Check 101, Mrs. W. A. Rogers, South Carolina Conference, dues.....	53 33
Check 102, Mrs. M. H. Honiker, Holston Conference, dues.....	45 29
Check 103, Mrs. S. H. Babcock, White River Conference, dues.....	128 38
Check 104, Mrs. O. T. Hotchkiss, Texas Conference, dues.....	77 46
Check 105, Mrs. Ella Flickinger, Little Rock Conference, dues.....	20 00
Check 106, Mrs. C. Shiner, Southwest Missouri Conference, dues.....	123 91
Check 107, Mrs. A. A. Norris, Louisville Conference, dues.....	46 43
Check 108, Mrs. L. B. Robertson, West Texas Conference, dues.....	100 00
Check 109, Dr. Whisner, Northwest Texas Conference, \$175; South Carolina Conference, \$49.50; Kentucky Conference, \$60.20; Los Angeles Conference, \$49.....	78 37
Check 110, Dr. Whisner, Tyler, East Texas Conference.....	333 70
Check 111, Mrs. C. V. Winfree, Virginia Conference, dues.....	50 00
Check 112, Mrs. F. E. Moser, St. Louis Conference, dues.....	158 16
Check 113, Dr. Whisner, Southwest Missouri Conference, \$50; North Texas Conference, \$100; St. Louis Conference, \$49; North Carolina Conference, \$90; Florida Conference, \$100.....	50 00
Check 114, Mrs. W. H. Bumpas, balance dues.....	389 00
Check 115, Mrs. J. M. Cotton, Texas Conference, dues.....	1 42
Check 116, Mrs. J. S. Swayne, Memphis Conference, dues.....	87 22
Check 117, Dr. Whisner, Newberry, White River Conference.....	41 35
Check 118, Mrs. M. T. Rollins, Northwest Texas Conference, dues.....	40 00
Check 119, Mrs. J. T. Wilkins, North Carolina Conference, dues.....	94 00
Check 120, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, literature bills, paid by request of different Conferences.....	33 59
Total.....	257 88
Total.....	\$ 9,723 41

Conference half of dues received 1901-02, \$9,810.33, which is less than fifty per cent of the total dues received. One Conference retained its fifty per cent for fourth quarter. Another Conference retained its fifty per cent for third quarter. Two more Conferences retained parts of their fifty per cent during three quarters. Amount disbursed of Conference dues since beginning of last fiscal year, \$9,723.41.

RECEIPTS.

CONFERENCE.	Dues.	Specials.	Loan Funds.	Educational Endowment Fund.	Total.	City Missions.
Alabama.....	\$ 350 13	\$ 178 97	\$ 320 00	\$ 867 00	\$ 1,716 10	
Arkansas.....	33 80	8 83			42 63	
Baltimore.....	717 93	498 67	40 00	30 00	1,286 60	
Columbia.....	159 63	38 76		13 50	211 89	
Denver.....	94 55	59 30			153 85	
East Columbia.....	50 00				50 00	
East Texas.....	594 30	1,202 40	15 00	5 00	1,816 70	
Florida.....	936 68	404 75	5 00		1,346 43	
German Mission.....	10 30				10 30	
Holston.....	1,114 25	520 95	14 00		1,649 20	
Indian Mission.....	785 14	90 92		5 00	881 06	
Kentucky.....	608 93	920 93	5 00		1,534 86	
Little Rock.....	697 82	824 53	41 30	5 00	1,568 65	
Los Angeles.....	317 81	69 11			386 92	\$ 283 45
Louisiana.....	477 89	265 41	326 60	70 00	1,139 90	147 35
Louisville.....	694 97	633 76	60 00	70 00	1,458 73	
Memphis.....	482 71	191 10	9 81	5 00	688 62	
Mississippi.....	397 67	267 32		5 00	669 99	
Missouri.....	435 05	416 72	5 00		856 77	
Montana.....	102 26	10 70			112 96	
New Mexico.....	167 20	90 84	5 00		263 04	
North Alabama.....	461 24	113 56		10 00	584 80	
North Carolina.....	360 22	233 47	5 00	5 00	603 69	
North Georgia.....	1,246 03	1,212 40	10 00	70 00	2,538 43	921 14
North Mississippi.....	340 22	345 19	15 00	20 00	720 41	
North Texas.....	1,151 22	1,341 21	62 15	45 00	2,699 58	
Northwest Texas.....	1,467 25	623 94	25 00	15 00	2,131 19	768 00
Pacific.....	356 43	28 82			385 25	
South Carolina.....	299 67	213 09	20 00	20 00	552 76	
South Georgia.....	740 43	616 10		5 00	1,361 53	642 83
Southwest Missouri.....	674 03	418 97	10 00		1,103 00	1,62 97
St. Louis.....	685 11	2,111 70			2,796 81	
Tennessee.....	953 25	1,087 04	111 00	5 00	2,156 29	798 05
Texas.....	558 23	199 00		5 00	762 23	349 85
Virginia.....	816 43	310 76	10 00		1,137 09	212 48
West Texas.....	436 60	252 26			688 86	
Western.....	53 10	6 27			59 37	
Western North Carolina.....	106 68	40 45			147 13	
Western Virginia.....	149 59	25 90			175 49	
White River.....	245 11	139 05	5 00		389 16	
Other sources.....					7,459 00	
Total.....	\$20,329 76	\$16,013 15	\$1,119 86	\$1,275 50	\$ 46,197 27	\$4,186 12

RECAPITULATION.

Amount received from Dues.....	\$20,329 76
Amount received from Specials.....	16,013 15
Amount received from Loan Funds.....	1,119 86
Amount received from Educational Endowment Fund.....	1,275 50
Amount received from other sources.....	7,459 00

Total amount received this year.....	\$46,197 27
City Missions, as per vouchers.....	4,186 12

Grand total.....\$50,383 39

Balance 1900-01.....	\$ 3,150 29
Cash collections 1901-02.....	46,197 27

Total expenditures 1901-02.....	\$49,347 56
	41,784 73

Balance April 1, 1902.....\$ 7,502 83

Mrs. W. D. KIRKLAND, General Treasurer.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We have this day examined the books of the Treasurer of the Woman's Home Mission Society, and find proper vouchers, receipts, checks, and entries on cash book for all money paid out during the year expiring —, 1902.

J. H. KIRKLAND,

WILS WILLIAMS,

Auditing Committee.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

of Receipts and Disbursements of Twentieth Century Fund.

RECEIPTS.

1899-1900.....	\$ 3,280 57
1900-01	17,919 77
1901-02	4,603 72
Total.....	<u>\$25,804 06</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Ruth Hargrove Seminary, Key West.....	\$ 7,825 57
Ann Browder Cunningham Home, Dallas.....	3,657 00
Sue Bennett School, London, Ky.....	3,143 67
Los Angeles.....	500 00
Greeneville (Tenn.) Orphanage.....	550 81
College at Cuthbert, Ga.....	1 00
Kansas City Day Nursery.....	57 75
Negro Industrial School.....	10 00
School at El Paso, Tex.....	18 80
Vanderbilt University	12 50
Indian Industrial School.....	1 75
Used for general work from undirected funds.	
1899-1900.....	1,394 15— 17,173 00
Balance April 1, 1902.....	<u>\$ 8,631 06</u>

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

ANNUAL REPORT OF CONFERENCE TREASURERS.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1902.

CONFERENCE.	Amount Remitted of Adult Membership Dues.	Amount Remitted of Young People's and Juvenile Membership Dues.	Total Amount Remitted of Membership Dues.	Amount Remitted of Life Membership Dues.	Amount Remitted of Baby Roll Members.	Amount Remitted for Con- national Enterprises.	Amount Remitted for Special Bounties Not In- cluded in the Above.	Amount Remitted from Week of Prayer.	Remitted for Preachers' Wives' Loan Fund.	Amount Remitted for An- gel Band Loan Fund.	Amount Remitted for Hon- orary Life Members.	Amount Remitted from Adult Mite Boxes.	Amount Remitted from Baby Mite Boxes.	Value of Supplies Sent On and Reported to Super- intendent of Supply De- partment.	Amount Remitted from Scholarships.	Amount of Contingent Fund.
Alabama.....	\$ 339 43	\$ 10 70	\$ 550 13	\$ 10 00	\$ 4 00	\$ 67 00	\$ 83	\$ 48 02	.....	\$ 30 00	.....	\$ 50 00	\$ 14 46	\$ 118 52	\$ 25 00	\$ 21 80
Arkansas.....	33 80	.....	717 93	10 00	23 37	110 83	62 44	57 14	\$ 20 00	20 00	.....	75 00	65 83	337 00	.....	.....
Baltimore.....	717 83	.....	717 83	.....	25	8 40	13 50	13 32	.....	.....	.....	5 61	30	88	.....	.....
Columbia.....	162 63	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 30	.....	.....	.....	.....
Denver.....	220 00	94 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
East Texas.....	50 00	.....	50 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
East Texas.....	582 25	12 05	594 30	.....	8 30	14 00	601 56	217 23	15 00	.....	.....	22 02	8 08	550 35	.....	37 75
Florida.....	882 72	83 80	966 52	25 00	6 50	1 00	130 60	136 93	5 00	.....	.....	8 27	4 13	206 33	25 00	33 77
Holston.....	1,074 42	39 83	1,114 25	.....	34 00	.....	348 00	73 98	14 00	.....	5 00	11 11	14 60	.....	.....	13 10
Indian Mission.....	766 19	18 95	785 14	.....	4 10	13 95	13 40	38 47	.....	.....	.....	3 68	9 63	.....	.....	28 88
Kentucky.....	582 00	.....	.....	11 00	10 50	710 00	204 19	204 19	.....	.....	.....	3 68	9 63	.....	.....	33 40
Little Rock.....	636 41	61 41	697 82	50 00	24 55	5 79	94 79	50 57	20 00	.....	.....	9 16	4 01	76 71	.....	42 57
Los Angeles.....	370 86	.....	370 86	.....	6 67	4 25	5 24	.....	.....	63 42	.....	57 73	9 74	95 03	25 00	19 40
Louisiana.....	598 12	96 85	694 97	.....	3 25	100 72	478 00	20 31	.....	20 00	.....	9 55	9 74	.....	.....	47 95
Louisville.....	531 13	41 60	572 73	20 00	.....	.....	5 81	96 92	5 00	.....	.....	26 04	23 74	.....	1 85	27 96
Memphis.....	468 26	14 45	482 71	25 00	10 00	3 50	50 00	95 16	5 00	.....	.....	15 02	13 06	251 95	.....	26 05
Mississippi.....	360 72	1 05	361 77	25 00	24 10	19 09	51 64	24 81	5 00	.....	.....	3 75	.....	.....	.....	4 25
Missouri.....	420 80	10 85	431 65	25 00	2 25	.....	.....	4 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Montana.....	91 65	2 50	94 15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Mexico.....	428 89	18 75	447 64	.....	3 50	.....	13 80	26 13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Alabama.....	423 00	3 10	426 10	50 00	4 25	102 25	5 20	30 18	5 00	.....	.....	8 61	20 27	20 00	.....	75
North Carolina.....	1,246 03	.....	1,246 03	245 00	45 00	208 00	.....	213 24	.....	5 00	100 00	113 94	44 17	365 65	.....	70 28
North Georgia.....	327 92	12 00	339 92	.....	14 45	87 00	90 10	66 62	15 00	.....	5 00	8 33	5 28	121 95	.....	115 72
North Mississippi.....	1,145 52	.....	1,145 52	25 35	7 75	690 85	45 00	111 13	37 15	20 00	.....	.....	21 15	895 45	92 40	96 67
North Texas.....	1,566 61	13 79	1,580 40	25 00	18 10	162 68	348 20	91 53	20 00	20 00	.....	14 53	2 29	128 00	.....	38 00
Pacific.....	356 61	.....	356 61	.....	2 07	.....	348 50	5 95	.....	.....	.....	7 99	71	.....	.....	.....
South Carolina.....	239 67	.....	239 67	.....	4 18	23 55	46 25	12 50	.....	20 00	.....	2 07	74	12 00	.....	13 58
South Georgia.....	729 28	10 65	740 93	35 00	23 60	64 25	25 00	187 79	5 00	.....	.....	4 12	15 79	250 80	70	31 85
Southwest Missouri.....	661 90	12 13	674 03	30 00	10 00	11 00	139 00	96 13	10 00	.....	.....	8 04	14 41	130 01	25 00	62 65
St. Louis.....	666 65	18 56	685 11	100 00	13 00	133 40	48 21	29 61	10 00	105 00	1 00	39 38	16 73	961 30	150 00	162 42
Tennessee.....	913 25	.....	913 25	75 00	21 00	.....	394 73	.....	.....	.....	.....	95 87	39 08	322 22	.....	45 15
Texas.....	552 63	5 60	558 23	.....	10 75	13 00	57 90	59 00	.....	.....	.....	10 32	23 92	.....	.....	38 50
Virginia.....	683 96	132 37	816 33	25 00	4 00	38 07	71 72	54 29	10 00	.....	.....	78 68	4 95	433 70	130 00	13 10
West Texas.....	430 30	6 39	436 69	.....	3 75	20 30	167 05	31 73	.....	.....	.....	1 20	2 40	25 00	.....	29
Western.....	33 10	.....	33 10	.....	71	.....	2 50	1 27	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
W. North Carolina.....	106 68	.....	106 68	.....	4 00	.....	27 95	7 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Western Virginia.....	149 59	80	245 11	22 20	6 75	.....	14 20	58 99	.....	.....	.....	2 06	7 01	.....	75	26 69
White River.....	244 31	.....	244 31	.....	7 03	.....	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	\$19,965 14	\$722 64	\$20,687 78	\$863 55	\$305 73	\$3,145 88	\$3,510 66	\$2,256 26	\$312 15	\$309 42	\$121 00	\$751 96	\$531 52	\$5,604 00	\$305 70	\$1,053 25

* Mrs. J. W. Brown, of the New Mexico Conference, sent her report March 7. It has not been received at the date of going to press.

ANNUAL REPORT OF CONFERENCE TREASURERS (CONTINUED).

CONFERENCE.	Number of Parsonages Reported.	Amount Expended on Station Parsonages During the Year.	Amount Expended on District Parsonages During the Year.	Amount Expended on City Parsonages During the Year.	Total Number of Parsonages.	Help Given to Parsonages Out of Conference Funds.	Total Amount Expended on Local Church Work, Such as Furnishing Churches, Etc.	Total Amount of Money Expended on Local Mission Work.	Value of Supplies Given Locally.	Total Amount Raised for Salary of City Missionaries.	Total Amount Raised and Expended for Rescue Work.	Total Amount Raised and Expended for Mission Work.	Total Amount Raised and Expended for Relief of Needy.	Report Here and All Special Work Not Included in Preceding Questions.
Alabama.....	5	\$ 51 50				\$ 69 27	\$ 36 30	\$ 51 75					\$ 49 00	
Arkansas.....														
Baltimore.....		138 80		\$ 324 07	3	250 00	1,234 47	115 83	\$ 118 80				91 79	\$ 9 05
Columbia.....		17 80		20 46	12	61 16	69 83	32 15	42 35					
Denver.....		20 00					91 93		15 00					
East Columbia.....	30	1,105 21			30	120 00	3,174 11	451 57	289 13				85 20	21 00
East Texas.....			7 50	91 00			1,177 20	29 12	251 57					
Florida.....		582 53	97 75	190 97			1,177 20	29 12	251 57					
Indian Mission.....	38	16,185	3,580 00	138 88	12		602 71	134 88	458 41			\$ 495 55	90 95	
Kentucky.....							600 00	995 55	200 00					
Little Rock.....	20	13,845	504 05	92 41	24	225 00	378 83	541 50	261 90				354 02	16 90
Los Angeles.....	10	9,530	355 71			147 00	161 78	38 51	29 00	\$ 102 35	96 25		200 80	241 99
Louisiana.....	13	30,000	825 00	92 30		175 00	1,566 72	335 50	187 0	173 40			51 71	33 15
Louisville.....		771 48		32 15		204 60	663 31	55 95	24 00					
Memphis.....	26	38,230	43 70	25 75		175 00	344 62	65 45	100 36					
Mississippi.....	17	24,400	285 72	47 36		100 00		47 10	73 45		2 50		38 20	26 75
Missouri.....	6	9,200	200 67	113 80		50 00	413 00	1 50	4 00				26 85	
Montana.....														
New Mexico.....														
North Alabama.....		1,024 04		171 04			1,387 40	17 75	134 05				56 65	
North Carolina.....	83	37 00		35 00			67 20	40 15	46 35					104 95
North Georgia.....		1,183 42	69 19	178 13		275 00	683 88	799 91	647 00	1,000 14	14 50		1,138 79	
North Mississippi.....	11	14,000	161 75	10 00		200 00		185 91	33 30	8 75			54 36	36 50
North Texas.....	47	63,030	2,088 86	257 55		250 00	5,156 58	288 30	479 65				271 70	
Northwest Texas.....		3,978 52	399 67	1,571 43		450 00	4,426 68	315 85	471 40	448 58	71 75		149 60	667 45
Pacific.....	57	51,600	1,092 07	12 70			1,280 18	132 85	72 85				34 56	
South Carolina.....		500 00	167 00	3 00		144 00	136 67						31 00	
South Georgia.....		2,076 88	37 05	22 20	5		702 85	205 85	173 50	298 25				
Southwest Missouri.....	20	468 77	50 00		5	130 00	1,627 91	765 20	352 50		1,355 48		289 24	289 66
St. Louis.....	18	28,275	509 60	194 50		390 00	1,167 93	290 55	234 74				124 06	422 53
Tennessee.....		34 50		135 72		50 00	883 57	640 68	326 10	20 00			1,149 52	
Texas.....	21	24,530	1,244 66	5 00	4	240 00	1,238 40	130 42	90 65	428 80	202 80		97 15	
Virginia.....		577 09		797 40			520 00	754 41					252 70	
West Texas.....	22	30,400	991 45	20 50	3	190 00	824 00	128 95					153 85	66 60
Western.....	10	622,500	27 06	81 44						277 93				10 00
W. North Carolina.....											150 95		35 10	
Western Virginia.....	15	256,000	99 88	101 05	8	32 63	256 67	1 00	6 20					
White River.....	4	3,500	56 40	250 00		65 00	303 65	73 00	199 38				23 85	
Total.....	390	\$1,313,145	\$25,399 82	\$1,917 39	96	\$4,112 72	\$92,312 08	\$7,672 44	\$6,613 82	\$3,110 00	\$2,164 58	\$2,682 45	\$4,978 11	\$2,068 93

FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1902.

MRS. R. W. MACDONELL, Gen. Sec.

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MONEY RAISED AND EXPENDED SINCE ORGANIZATION.

	Connectional Work.	Local Work.
1887.....	\$ 261 55	
1887-88.....	3,837 51.....	\$ 5,381 40
1888-89.....	4,258 40.....	5,348 85
1889-90.....	2,954 88.....	11,599 43
1890-91.....	4,361 48.....	6,144 16
1891-92.....	3,727 51.....	10,541 69
1892-93.....	4,628 20.....	23,824 69
1893-94.....	4,995 37.....	15,098 93
1894-95.....	10,377 64.....	9,580 16
1895-96.....	19,301 72.....	32,825 38
1896-97.....	18,703 68.....	43,210 49
1897-98.....	20,971 19.....	48,828 88
1898-99.....	31,566 82.....	34,180 55
1899-1900.....	39,314 96.....	56,441 55
1900-01.....	54,486 93.....	55,874 64
1901-02.....	46,197 27.....	97,129 75
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Total.....	\$269,935 11.....	\$456,010 55
Grand total.....		\$725,945 66
Amount contributed to Loan Fund.....		\$ 23,376 87
Value of goods sent through Supply Department.....		44,921 06

STATISTICS FROM 1886 TO 1902.

Number of members.....	29,034
Receipts for connectional work.....	\$269,935 11
Receipts for local work.....	456,010 55
Total receipts.....	725,945 66
Number of parsonages built and aided.....	1,265
Money donated to parsonages.....	\$117,284 23
Money loaned to parsonages.....	37,100 00
Value of supplies distributed outside of receipts above stated	44,921 06
Number of boarding and day schools supported.....	4
Number of night schools supported.....	5
Number of pupils enrolled.....	1,080
Number of missionaries and teachers employed.....	47
Number of city mission boards.....	9
Number of Rescue Homes and Doors of Hope.....	2

STATISTICS FOR 1901-02.

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

Total number of members March 31, 1902.....	29,034
Teachers and missionaries employed.....	47

Sent the past year 266 boxes of supplies; goods valued at \$8,136.54. Total names on the Baby Roll, 6,619. City mission work was carried on in nine cities. Total receipts of the general treasury for all purposes amounted to \$46,197.27.

Whites.—Mountain school: Sue Bennett Memorial School, London, Ky. Total number enrolled, 265. Income from fees, \$3,570. Principal and eight teachers.

Cubans.—Three schools: Ybor City, West Tampa, and Key West. Fourteen teachers and four assistants. Total number enrolled, 405.

Chinese and Japanese Schools.—Five night schools. Eight teachers and one Chinese minister. Total number enrolled, 108.

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

VALUE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE SOCIETY.

Schools for Cubans, at Tampa, Fla.....	\$ 8,000
Sue Bennett Memorial School, at London, Ky.....	25,000
Rescue Home, at Dallas, Tex.....	15,000
Ruth Hargrove Institute, at Key West, Fla.....	11,000
	<hr/> \$59,000
Industrial Home and School, at Greeneville, Tenn.*.....	10,000
Grand total.....	<hr/> \$69,000

* This becomes the property of the Society as soon as free from debt.

FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE
WOMAN'S BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS,
M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH,
HELD IN
CENTENARY CHURCH, RICHMOND, VA.,
April 18-23, 1902.

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

INTRODUCTORY.

IN 1901, from St. Louis, the great industrial center of the Midwest, fed by the mighty Mississippi, the Woman's Board of Home Missions turned with peculiar anticipations for 1902 to its fourth annual meeting, in Richmond, Va. The giant West, not yet a century old, is the lineal descendant of Virginia, mother of colonies and of statesmen, and splendid with the achievements of nearly three centuries. We longed to stand upon the soil sacred with the best blood of the country, the home of Lee and Jackson and Washington, noblest sons of a noble race.

Here was the birthplace of our own organization. For in old Centenary Church the General Conference in 1886 created the Woman's Department of Church Extension—a work incarnated in one frail little woman, Miss Lucinda B. Helm, whom God was to use mightily in a movement resulting in a great missionary organization. So it was with a sense of home-coming that the Board met in Richmond in Centenary Church, April 18-23. We came, we saw, and we were conquered, yielding unconditionally to the large, free-hearted hospitality, the half of which had not been told, and to all the charms that invest Richmond, the Mecca of every true Southerner.

Centenary was found sitting in the shadow of a great bereavement in the death of its long-time and beloved Sunday school superintendent, Mr. John P. Morton. But the hospitality showed by its pastor and membership through the various committees and in countless personal kindnesses lacked not in cheer and graciousness. This was equaled by the sympathetic coöperation of all the other Methodist Churches in the city in providing for the convenience and comfort of the body. Beautiful souvenir programmes, prepared by Mrs. Linton O. Miller and others, showing the Methodism of Richmond, and filled with pictures of historic places and buildings, were generously supplied to delegates and visitors.

There were in attendance thirty-one members of the Board and quite as many interested visitors from various places. Every general officer was in place, but we missed the faces and wise counsel of some

of our chief burden bearers. The honored and tenderly loved Mrs. W. H. Johnson and Miss Mary Bruce were absent from the annual meeting for the first time. Mrs. W. C. Ratcliffe was again kept away, though her work was evident in the increasing liberality among the women. Regret and sadness were brought to many hearts by the retiring from active service of Mrs. Gross Alexander, who has been Editor of Leaflets since that department was established.

But there were many things to hearten the workers. The large increase in membership—4,322 during the year—and the increase of \$2,113.12 in dues show that God is enlarging the place of our habitation. The health of our beloved President has been marvelously preserved in the midst of much care and family affliction, and new workers are coming into the ranks with a zeal that promises large good. There has never been a pleasanter session of the Board. It was marked throughout by sweetness of Christian fellowship, manifestations of larger faith, and an earnest spirit of work inquiring after better ways of doing the Master's service.

Friday evening, at Broad Street Church, Mrs. MacDonell gave a stereopticon lecture, bringing vividly before an interested audience the different fields of labor which the Home Mission Society has entered. As the pictures carried us to the shores of the Gulf, to the far-off Pacific slope, to the mountain schools, and to the sewing classes in the crowded parts of the cities, we realized that "things seen are mightier than things heard."

At the Workers' Conference on Tuesday afternoon, conducted by Mrs. F. P. Clark, a free interchange of experiences proved so profitable that a request was made that more time be given for such work at the next annual meeting.

A good number of preachers of the Virginia Conference looked in upon the meetings of the Board, and gave hearty sympathy and encouragement. A special benediction was the presence part of the time of Bishop John C. Granbery, who preached on Sunday morning. His subject, the faith of the Syrophenician woman, was made to bear directly upon the work of the Home Mission Society. Some can never forget the triumphs of faith which the preacher showed as crowning the end of the toilsome path of service.

On Sunday night Rev. A. C. Baldwin, of Covington, N. C., addressed a large audience on the "Factory Problems in the South." Mr. Baldwin has made a careful study for several years of the social and religious needs of the ever-increasing manufacturing population of the South.

The Board was most happy in having secured the presence of Dr. Graham Taylor, head of "The Commons," one of the great settlements of Chicago. His forceful presentation on Monday night of "Social Settlement Work" carried with it the overpowering conviction that the Church of Christ, which is the true body of Christ, must incarnate itself in individual and family and community social service, seeking and saving the lost by direct personal contact, bringing

the Christ ideal into every sphere and department of life until he shall become all things to all men.

There was opportunity in the late afternoons to visit some of the many philanthropic and benevolent institutions of Richmond. Special interest was felt in the Methodist Institution for Christian Work, where Mr. George H. Wiley and his devoted helpers bring the gospel and the peaceable fruits of righteousness to one of the needy districts of the city, where saloons are next-door neighbors.

The day after the Board adjourned, many delegates took advantage of a generously planned excursion to Old Point Comfort. This gave opportunity to see old Fortress Monroe, the famous Hampton Roads, and to study the methods of teaching at the celebrated Hampton Institute, where, by wisest methods of industrial education, the race question is being helped to a right solution.

One cannot visit Richmond without having every pulse quickened with fresh interest in colonial and revolutionary times as well as in the great civil struggle which tested and settled the foundations of our republican institutions. Standing on one of the hills that overlook the peaceful James River, or on the slope where stands old St. John's Church, in which Patrick Henry made his famous speech, one can but recall gratefully the fact that we owe our present large personal and national liberty to our heroic forefathers. Should not the thought encourage us to meet the obligations upon us with the same dauntless spirit? As the descendants of those who "jeopardied their lives in the high places," shall we fail to meet the industrial, the social, and the religious problems of this complex modern life with their spirit of loyal self-sacrifice? Shall we not rather lead on to higher victories in "these piping times of peace," and help to bring about a speedier coming of that day when the truth of Christ shall make of every man a free man?

OFFICIAL MINUTES.

FIRST DAY. MORNING SESSION.

THE Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, opened its fourth annual session in Centenary Church, Richmond, Va., at 9:45 A.M., Friday, April 18, 1902.

The President, Miss Belle H. Bennett, announced as the opening hymn "Lord, we come before thee now," after the singing of which she led in prayer. The fifteenth Psalm was read as an opening lesson, and this was followed by the hymn, "My faith looks up to thee." From the first verse of the sixteenth chapter of St. John's Gospel, "These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be made to stumble," Miss Bennett drew the lesson that obedience is the organ of spiritual knowledge. The loving review of the wonderful promises given by the Master on the eve of his crucifixion was blessed of the Spirit to the teaching of mind, the quickening of conscience, and the moving of will.

At ten minutes after ten o'clock the business session was opened by the calling of the roll. All the general officers, one editor, and one superintendent of department answered to their names. Nineteen Conference delegates were enrolled as follows:

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

Holston Conference, Mrs. D. L. Cawood, Assistant Corresponding Secretary.

Little Rock Conference, Mrs. Ella Flickinger, Treasurer.

Louisiana Conference, Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, Corresponding Secretary.

Mississippi Conference, Miss Addie Purnell, President.

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

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

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

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

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

Northwest Texas Conference, Mrs. O. F. Sensabaugh, Second Vice President.

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

Southwest Missouri Conference, Mrs. George P. Gross, Recording Secretary.

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

Tennessee Conference, Mrs. H. A. Dodd, Corresponding Secretary.

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

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

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

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

The rules of order were read by the Secretary.

The bar was established, and the delegates requested to move within the bar.

Dr. Tudor, presiding elder of the West Richmond District, gave a felicitous greeting and a warm welcome to the historic city of Richmond, rich with a century of Methodism and with memories precious to every Southern heart.

Miss Bennett responded in fitting words.

In behalf of the Home Mission auxiliaries of the city Mrs. Maybee, of Centenary Church, gave a graceful and earnest welcome, in which was strongly presented the rich heritage of Christian womanhood in this day of glorious opportunity for service. It was recalled that within old Centenary Church the General Conference in 1886 had sanctioned the Woman's Department of Church Extension, and started the present organization forth upon its merciful work to become one of the most potent influences in propagating the missionary idea.

Mrs. N. J. Young, of Lynchburg, President of the Virginia Conference Society, greeted the body warmly in the name of the Conference Society.

Mrs. Robert Somerville briefly and forcefully responded in behalf of the Board, stressing the difference between worldly and Christian hospitality.

"Blest be the tie that binds" was sung.

Miss Bennett, after a few words of gratitude for God's gracious keeping and guidance during the six months in which by family affliction she had been kept out of the field, made her annual address, as follows:

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

With a heart full of gratitude to God for the many manifestations of his continued care and guidance, I congratulate this Board on its labors of the past year. The work of the Lord has prospered in your hands, and the seal of the divine approval is upon it.

The numerical and financial gain of the Society during the twelve months just past has been exceptionally large, exceeding perhaps that of any previous year. Slowly, but surely, a missionary conscience is being cultivated in the membership, and a steady advance in the payment of dues is one of the visible results.

All departments have done good work, proving the wisdom of their establishment and the efficiency and faithfulness of their Superintendents. The institutional work has been done unto the Lord, and not unto men, demonstrating to the world that the primary object of the organization is the salvation of souls; not simply the social betterment, nor the intellectual culture of the people among whom it works. Through the efforts of consecrated teachers and missionaries many have entered into the kingdom of God who one year ago

were strangers and aliens to his saving grace. From one school alone comes the glad news of fifty-three conversions since the first of January, the Holy Spirit bearing witness to his work through marvelously changed and consecrated lives. In others, while the ingathering has not been so great, the good seed have been as lovingly sown, and the harvest time will surely come.

But of the detail work of each department and its results the General Secretary's report will give full account. To her abundant and self-sacrificing labors much, very much, of the success achieved is due. Elected to the most important office in the gift of the Board but little more than a year ago, following one who was exceptionally gifted, honored, and loved throughout the Church, Mrs. MacDonell has served the Society with an intelligence and a zeal that have exalted the office. Her quick and clear understanding of work put before her for the first time and her sympathetic appreciation of "hard places" have won the admiration of all who have labored with her. For them, and for myself, who most of all, am her debtor, I desire at this time and place to express grateful thanks.

When this Board held its meeting in St. Louis one year ago the practical enactment of two measures, passed at that time, was left with the Executive Committee—namely, the establishment of an Industrial Annex for Colored Girls at Paine Institute, and the selection and appointment of a teacher of sociology in the Scarritt Bible and Training School. Five thousand dollars as a voluntary offering was to be secured before the building at Paine should be erected, and although the Committee was assiduous in its efforts to secure the amount, not until the very close of the fiscal year was the sum in hand sufficiently large to justify our belief that the house can be made ready for use by the opening of the fall session. While some of us could not see, in the beginning, why he to whom the gold and the silver and the cattle upon a thousand hills belong withheld the immediate answer to our prayer for this small sum of money, we can look back now, and see how loving was the divine wisdom which ordered the delay, compelling us to lay this new and, as some felt, objectionable work upon the hearts and consciences of the entire Church. Blind eyes have been opened, deaf ears unstopped, and hearts once cold and indifferent have become warm and tender. All prejudice is not yet allayed, but many have said: "Thank God for the opening of this door!" Truly, he maketh the crooked places straight and the dark places light. The Board can now press forward with this department of its work knowing that the great body of the Church will commend and assist. But we earnestly entreat that every member of the Board shall do this work, remembering that race prejudice is to be overcome only by divine grace, and that "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus." Be gentle, very gentle, in dealing with those who do not regard this work as do we ourselves.

The selection and appointment of a teacher of sociology was a matter of no less concern and effort on the part of the Executive Committee: and not only in our own branch of Methodism have we sought to find God's anointed, but in several others. Here, too, while our great Leader has delayed to reveal his will, he has made known other things that it was good for us to learn.

For years, those most intimately acquainted with the class of applicants to the Scarritt Bible and Training School have realized the need of a Students' Loan Fund. Many worthy and devoted Christian women have failed to secure the greatly needed and desired training because they had not the means to pay their board; nor could the faculty provide a way to enter them without it. Since the decision of the Woman's Board to place a teacher in the school, thus increas-

ing its working force, a member of the Woman's Mission Society and an ardent believer in trained workers proposes to give to this Board \$500, provided the Society shall raise an additional \$2,000, thus creating a loan fund of \$2,500, to be used by the management of the school at its discretion. I therefore beg leave to suggest to this Board that this gift be accepted, and that the additional \$2,000 asked of the Society be made a part of the special collections for this fiscal year. If the sum be prorated on the Conferences, less than \$75 from each would make up the full amount; but it would of course be well to ask the larger and stronger Conferences to do more, that the weaker be not overburdened. If this fund, or even a part of it, could be assured to the management by the 1st of September, a number of students might be entered who otherwise must be denied.

Quoting from a recent communication of the General Secretary, "the work of the past year has been so gratifying that no radical changes are necessary." But we greatly hope that increased collections may mean increased strength along all lines, and additional working force in the general office and in the missions where it is most needed. All necessary information concerning these things will be placed before the committees when the committees are ready for work.

The resignation of Mrs. Gross Alexander, so long your Editor of Leaflets, a woman of rare ability and consecration, loving and serving the cause with unflinching devotion, will come as a shock to this body. Few members have so effectively planted the good seed of Home Missions in the hearts of the people, or so endeared themselves to the membership of the Society. To fill this important place, or to make suitable disposition of the department by amalgamation with some other, will be perhaps the most momentous act of this session. May divine wisdom be given for it!

Before closing this paper I desire to call your attention to some minor points that are worthy of your consideration.

Many of the Conference Societies hold their annual meetings weeks or months before the Board meeting. So much depends on the information disseminated at these annual meetings, the inspiration given the Conference workers by a wider knowledge of the fields, their conditions and the plans for relief, that we would respectfully urge the Conference officers, wherever it is practicable, to hold these meetings soon after the adjournment of the Board, or at the earliest possible date.

The age limit of the Baby Roll is another matter requiring some definite utterance from this Board. Many names are retained on the rolls after the infant has become quite a young man or woman, thus giving an incorrect list, five years being the specified age for the Baby Roll members. Of course we do not want to lose those young people to the Society, nor to fail to educate them in the great work of Home Missions. Could they not be continued as a Mite Box Brigade where they are not willing or able to join Young People's Societies? I know the first impulse of many, perhaps all, of you will be to say: "O, don't let us increase our machinery!" Be it so, if there is some better way; but if He who laid the foundations of the earth and determined the measures thereof, He who binds the cluster of the Pleiades and looses the hands of Orion, call into existence even such puny machinery, through which young lives may become one with Christ, is not all power behind it? The General Secretary is burdened with the numberless names for this Baby Roll that are sent to her from all parts of the Church by auxiliary officers, mothers, loving friends, and other interested parties. Many of these fail to give their Conferences, and the amount of correspondence thus entailed upon the general office is very great. Signing several hundred certificates

during the year is by no means a small item. Would it not be well to instruct the General Secretary to enter only such names as are sent through the Conference Superintendents, at the same time authorizing these Conference Superintendents to keep a supply of mite boxes and certificates, the Conference President and Secretary signing the latter?

Once more I congratulate the Board on the work of the past year and on the development of the cause of Home Missions throughout our borders. May this Board meeting be so full of the power of the Holy Spirit, and each act so in accordance with the divine will that its influences may be felt to the uttermost parts of the Church!

BELLE H. BENNETT, Richmond, Ky.

Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, General Treasurer, made her report, giving by request only a summary of the year's receipts and expenditures. The report was referred to the Committee on Finance and Extension of Work. (See report, pages 42-50.)

On motion, in view of the fact that the year's work was before the body in the printed form furnished by the General Secretary, Mrs. MacDonell was asked to give only such facts and statements as she thought most profitable at that time. She expressed special gratitude that the membership gain had been more than *four thousand*, and the increase in dues more than \$2,000.

The standing committees were announced as follows:

Parsonages.—Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Chairman; Mrs. Ella Flickinger, Mrs. Mordecai Williams, Mrs. W. L. Waite, Miss Addie Purnell.

City Missions.—Mrs. Haiden A. Dodd, Chairman; Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, Mrs. S. P. Wilfley, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland.

Education.—Mrs. Robert Somerville, Chairman; Mrs. George P. Gross, Mrs. M. S. Palmer.

Literature and Press Work.—Mrs. L. P. Smith, Chairman; Mrs. O. F. Sensebaugh. Consulting member: Miss Mary Helm.

Missionary Candidates and Teachers.—Mrs. F. B. Carroll, Chairman; Mrs. F. P. Clark, Mrs. M. M. Moorman, Miss Kate Petry. Consulting member: Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough.

Finance and Extension of Work.—Mrs. J. D. Hammond, Chairman; Mrs. D. M. Cawood, Mrs. R. C. Neely, Mrs. S. H. Babcock, Mrs. Ida T. Wilkins, Mrs. T. F. Marr.

Memorials.—Mrs. S. P. Wilfley, Chairman; Mrs. E. K. Griffith, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland.

Resolutions.—Mrs. R. C. Neely, Chairman; Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, Mrs. O. F. Sensebaugh.

Platform Courtesies.—Mrs. Helen Manson, Chairman; Mrs. V. M. Tudor, Mrs. W. W. Lear, Mrs. M. M. Moorman.

The following telegram was read, and it was referred to the Committee on Literature and Press Work:

CINCINNATI, OHIO, April 17, 1902.

Miss Belle Bennett, Woman's Home Mission Society Convention, Richmond, Va.

Board of Trustees Woman's Home Missionary Society Methodist Episcopal Church sends greetings to your annual meeting. We also beg you to consider the appointment of a committee to discuss the

desirability of coöperation of the two societies in a reading course of home missionary reading.

MRS. CLINTON B. FISK, *President*;

MRS. D. L. WILLIAMS, *Corresponding Secretary*.

The following paper was read and adopted by a rising vote:

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT.

Whereas the Woman's Board of Home Missions has heard with profound regret of the sad affliction that has befallen this Church in the death of its beloved Sunday school superintendent, Mr. John Morton; therefore be it

Resolved: 1. That we hereby express our appreciation of the exalted Christian character and work of our brother in Christ, and tender to the Centenary Church and Sunday school our sincere sympathy in their great loss. May they recognize the hand of an all-loving and all-wise God in that which now seems a providence hard to understand, and know that he doeth all things well.

2. That our hearts overflow with tender sympathy for the sister and brothers of the departed, and we pray that God's grace may be sufficient for them in their bereavement, and that in their sorrow they may hear the voice of the blessed Comforter speaking words of heavenly consolation.

3. That these resolutions be spread on the minutes, that a copy be furnished the family, and also to the Richmond papers.

MRS. R. W. MACDONELL,

MRS. J. D. HAMMOND.

The President announced that, owing to the funeral services of Mr. Morton, no session would be held in the afternoon.

The hours from 9 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. were set as hours for open session.

The noon devotional services was opened with prayer by Miss Mary Helm. She then read the parable of the talents, and after an earnest enforcement of the lesson, called upon Mrs. L. P. Smith to lead in prayer.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. W. W. Lear, and the meeting was adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

The meeting was opened at nine o'clock, with devotional service led by Mrs. Robert Somerville. Two verses of Hymn 546 were sung. The Scripture lesson was taken from the first and second chapters of Colossians, and the all-sufficient wisdom of Christ was emphasized.

When the roll was called, the names of Mrs. W. L. Waite, of the South Carolina Conference, and Miss Kate Petry, of the Kentucky Conference, were enrolled.

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

Mrs. MacDonell read the minutes of the *ad interim* called meetings of the Board, as follows:

The Woman's Board of Home Missions met in called session at the Methodist Publishing House November 27, 1901, at 9 A.M., Mrs. J. D. Hammond, First Vice President, in the chair. The following

members were present: Mrs. J. D. Hammond, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Mrs. Haiden Dodd, Miss Mary Helm, and Mrs. R. W. MacDonell. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Hammond.

After giving a report of her recent visit to the Flat Top coal mines of West Virginia, the General Secretary read papers of recommendation of Miss Danna Kate Rogers, of Knoxville, Tenn., for this field. Upon motion of Miss Mary Helm, Miss Rogers was appointed to the coal fields as a collaborer with Miss Louise Whitman, with salary fixed at forty dollars a month, Miss Rogers to go to her new field of labor as soon as consistent with previous engagements.

Letters were read from Mrs. W. H. Johnson and Mrs. L. H. Potts relative to an increased appropriation from the Twentieth Century Fund for the laundry at the Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School. By this increased appropriation it was hoped to make the building two stories, the lower to be used for a laundry and kitchen, the upper for the sewing department. Plans and specifications were submitted for examination, but the builder's estimate being incomplete, the General Secretary was instructed to write to Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Potts for itemized statement of cost of plumbing, cement, and paint.

A communication from the Pacific Conference Woman's Home Mission Society was read relative to the unappropriated balance from their half of dues which remained to their credit at the end of the last fiscal year. On motion, the General Secretary was instructed to issue an order on the general treasury for the payment of \$100 to the parsonage at Dos Palos.

An application for aid from the Board, under the emergency clause, for the parsonage at Jacksonville was presented. Mrs. MacDonell was instructed to write to officers of the Florida Conference Woman's Home Mission Society that action in the matter would be postponed until after the December remittances from the Conference Societies had reached the treasury.

The following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That the Woman's Home Mission Society rescinds the grants to parsonages at Sacramento, Cal., and Big Stone Gap, since they have failed to make necessary arrangements to receive donations promised in 1898-99 respectively.

MRS. R. W. MACDONELL,
MRS. W. D. KIRKLAND."

A communication from Mrs. A. A. Gibson, of Athens, Tenn., relative to the chair of Christian Sociology in the Scarritt Bible and Training School was ordered placed on file.

Mrs. MacDonell reported that in the matter of the Rowzee will, which had been referred by the Board in annual session to the Executive Committee, some correspondence had been carried on. In May Mr. L. J. Gibson, a nephew and sole heir at law of Mrs. Rowzee, and who proposed contesting her will, made an offer of compromise. His terms called for a quit claim deed from the Board to a farm in which he holds a life interest. Granted this, he proposed to make no further contest. The Executive Committee refused this offer; and in September he made another, by which he offered to pay \$500 and secure the Board against a surety note which Mrs. Rowzee had signed in his favor. This second proposition was submitted to six members of the Executive Committee, and five votes were cast in favor of the compromise. Those voting to accept these terms were Mrs. J. D. Hammond, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Miss Emily Allen, and Mrs. Yarbrough (representing the Tennessee Conference Society). Mrs. F. B. Carroll voted against the compromise.

On motion of Miss Helm the Board ordered the execution of a deed to the "Home Place" farm made to Mr. L. J. Gibson in consideration of the terms of the compromise—viz., by his payment of \$500, and

securing the Board against a surety note made by Mrs. Rowzee in his favor, he legally bound himself to make no future contest of said will.

A communication from Mrs. Emma Gibson relative to a suitable monument for Mrs. Rowzee was placed on file.

On motion, the Board adjourned to meet Tuesday, December 3, at 9:30 A.M.

MRS. JOHN D. HAMMOND,
MRS. R. W. MACDONELL.

By request of the President, Mrs. MacDonell explained the terms of the Rowzee legacy and the basis upon which a satisfactory and amicable settlement had been reached.

Mrs. L. P. Smith, in beginning her report of the year's work for and in the Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School at Dallas, expressed her deep regret that the beloved Mrs. W. H. Johnson could not herself stand before the body to make her eloquent plea for this noble institution.

Bishop Granbery, Rev. T. R. Handy, of the Holston Conference, and Revs. J. T. Bosman and J. D. Laughorn, of Richmond, were introduced to the body.

The following visitors were also introduced: Mrs. E. P. Chamberlin, of Atlanta, one of the pioneers in Home Mission work in North Georgia; Miss W. B. Higginbotham, President of the North Georgia Conference Society; Mrs. R. P. Milam, Chairman of the Atlanta Woman's Board of City Missions; Mrs. L. G. Johnson, Recording Secretary of the North Georgia Conference Society; Rev. J. A. Baldwin, of the North Carolina Conference; Mrs. J. E. Chapman, President of the Holston Conference Society; Mrs. F. A. Lyons, President of the Louisiana Conference Society; Mrs. W. J. Young, President of the Virginia Conference Society; Mrs. H. C. Spiers, President of the North Carolina Conference Society; Mrs. J. E. Harrison, President of the Florida Conference Society; Rev. Charles Boggs, of Richmond.

Mrs. A. L. Stratford, in behalf of the Missionary Society of the Second Baptist Church of Richmond and the Woman's Board of Missions of the State of Virginia, brought a beautiful greeting and message which came like the dews of evening, fragrant and refreshing.

Mrs. J. D. Hammond, in response, spoke of the glorious consummation of Christian unity brought about by the missionary work of the different Churches.

Mrs. J. M. Rhodes, of Littleton College, North Carolina, and Mrs. J. W. Lee, President of the St. Louis Conference Society, were introduced.

Mrs. F. B. Carroll took up the report of the Dallas Home. She told how the day's work was closed in the sewing department by singing when the machines stopped for the day. Mrs. L. P. Smith spoke of the prayer meetings held weekly by the girls, at which conversions frequently occur. Miss Bennett spoke of the urgent need of rescue work, and the difficulties that beset the establishment of homes similar to the one in Dallas.

Miss Purnell, of Mississippi, brought a communication from Rev.

T. L. Mellen, of that Conference, pleading the right of the Choctaws in Mississippi to Christian education. On motion, the paper was referred to the Committee on Finance and Extension of Work.

Miss Helm made the report of OUR HOMES, stating gratefully that it was the best report she had ever been able to make. The report of the auditor was read and adopted.

By request, Miss Helm made a report of subscribers by Conferences.

REPORT OF OUR HOMES.

FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL STATEMENT.

Balance in bank April 1, 1901.....	\$ 358 04
Receipts from April 1, 1901, to April 1, 1902.....	3,351 40
Total	\$3,709 44
Expenses from April 1, 1901, to April 1, 1902.....	2,749 35
Balance in bank April 1, 1902.....	\$ 960 09
Number of subscribers April 1, 1901.....	5,521
Number of subscribers April 1, 1902.....	6,587
Increase	1,066

MARY HELM, *Editor and Agent.*

REPORT OF AUDITOR.

I have examined the books of *Our Homes*, kept by Mrs. S. P. Vaughn, from April 1, 1901, to April 1, 1902, and find them correct. The checks and deposits agree with the book of the bank.

D. M. SMITH, *Auditor.*

NUMBER OF SUBSCRIBERS BY CONFERENCES.

Alabama	94	North Carolina	124
Arkansas	12	North Georgia (2).....	482
Baltimore	137	North Mississippi (12).....	195
Columbia	28	North Texas (4).....	366
Denver	31	Northwest Texas (3).....	415
East Columbia	17	Pacific	70
East Texas (8).....	250	South Carolina	59
Florida (6)	285	South Georgia (9).....	235
Holston (1)	497	Southwest Missouri	184
Indian Mission (7).....	266	St. Louis	130
Kentucky	177	Tennessee (6)	285
Little Rock (5).....	355	Texas	148
Los Angeles	95	Virginia	184
Louisiana (11).....	198	West Texas	158
Louisville (10).....	206	Western	7
Memphis	194	Western North Carolina	56
Mississippi	138	Western Virginia	79
Missouri	131	White River	74
Montana	31	Unknown	9
New Mexico	94		
North Alabama	91	Total	6,587

Rev. Hugh Johnson, pastor of the First Church of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Baltimore, was introduced, and spoke words of cordial and sincere encouragement, full of fraternal spirit, express-

ing the hope that the organization would be "as a garden for beauty and an orchard for fruitfulness."

Rev. Lewis A. Betty and Rev. Wilbur Davis, of Richmond, were introduced.

Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, Superintendent of Supplies, made her report. (See report, page 85.)

Mrs. Sam P. Jones, of Georgia, was introduced, and by request of the President spoke briefly of her interest in the organization.

Rev. W. W. Lear, the pastor of Centenary Church, who had already shown many courtesies to the body, was introduced formally at this time.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the love and sympathy of this Board be sent in fitting messages to Mrs. R. K. Hargrove and Mrs. W. H. Johnson, whom we sadly miss from our councils.

EMILY M. ALLEN,
MRS. MORDECAI WILLIAMS.

The Secretary was instructed to send telegrams expressing the sense of the resolution.

Upon motion, it was decided to hold an afternoon session.

After announcements, Mrs. L. P. Smith led the noon devotional service. She read Psalm cxliv. 12-15, developing especially from the clause "that our daughters may be as corner stones, polished after the similitude of a palace" the hope and sphere of Christian womanhood.

After a short season of voluntary prayer, one verse of "How firm a foundation" was sung, and Bishop Granbery pronounced the benediction.

SECOND DAY, AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2:15 o'clock the meeting was opened by Mrs. F. B. Carroll. "Nearer, my God, to thee" was sung, and Mrs. S. H. Babcock led in prayer. Mrs. Carroll read a lesson from the fifteenth chapter of John's Gospel, and this was followed by prayer offered by Mrs. Mordecai Williams.

At 2:30 the body was called to order by the President. Upon motion, the roll call was omitted. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The report of Mrs. Arabel Alexander, the Editor of Leaflets, was read by the Secretary. It was accompanied by a letter stating her inability to continue longer the work dear to her heart. The communications were, upon motion, referred to the Committee on Literature and Press Work.

Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, of Louisiana, read the report of the city mission work of New Orleans.

Mrs. Cawood read the following resolution, which was adopted by a rising vote:

Whereas we greatly miss our beloved sister and coworker, Mrs. H. D. Moore, who so recently lost her husband, our friend and counselor; therefore be it,

Resolved, That Miss Allen write to her, expressing the sympathy of this Board with her in her bereavement and our love for her.

MRS. D. L. CAWOOD,
MRS. F. P. CLARKE.

Mrs. Cawood read a letter from Miss Rogers, one of the missionary teachers in the Flat Top coal fields of West Virginia, in regard to the work there.

The following telegram was read by the Secretary:

DENVER, COLO., April 19, 1902.

To Miss Belle H. Bennett, Richmond, Va.

Love and greetings. Read Isaiah lviii. 6-13. M. W. RATCLIFFE.

Mrs. Palmer, of Richmond, representing the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, read a resolution in regard to the continuance of the quarterly temperance lesson in the International Sunday school lessons. It was referred, on motion, to the Committee on Resolutions.

The report of Mrs. W. C. Ratcliffe, Superintendent of the Department of Tithing, was read by the General Secretary, and, upon motion, accepted. (See report, page 87.) There followed an interesting discussion in regard to tithing.

Mrs. Chapman, of Holston, made a request in Mrs. Wiley's name that the Board make special prayer for the Greeneville Orphanage at nine o'clock on Monday morning, the hour when ground was to be broken for the new building.

Mrs. Gross, from Kansas City, told of the gracious work of the Day Nursery in Kansas City, at which over four thousand children had been cared for during the year.

Mrs. Luke Johnson made report of the Atlanta city mission work, outlining briefly but clearly and earnestly the many different kinds of work done by the Board.

Mrs. Neely, of South Georgia, gave an encouraging account of the Door of Hope in Macon.

Miss Allen expressed her conviction that one sure way to advance the interests of the Home Mission work was to have the general officers and Conference officers to visit the schools and colleges for girls situated in different parts of the country, and keep the young women informed and interested concerning the crowding opportunities for Christian service.

Mrs. S. G. Johnson told how successful one worker in Atlanta had been in interesting a circle of young girls in practical service to the needy.

The following resolution was, upon motion, adopted:

Whereas it is the desire of this body to train our children in Home Mission work; therefore be it

Resolved, That the missionaries employed by this Board be requested to organize juvenile Home Mission auxiliaries where possible.

MRS. D. L. CAWOOD,
MRS. E. K. GRIFFITH.

Mrs. L. P. Smith offered the following resolution, which was, on motion, adopted:

Resolved, That a message be sent to Mrs. Gross Alexander and Mrs. Ratcliffe to express our regret at the absence of these untiring workers from the Board meeting.

MRS. L. P. SMITH,
EMILY M. ALLEN.

The Secretary was instructed to send suitable messages.

The session adjourned at 4:30 with the benediction by Rev. T. R. Handy.

THIRD DAY, MORNING SESSION.

At nine o'clock Monday morning Mrs. R. C. Neely opened the meeting. "Go labor on; spend and be spent" was sung. After prayer by Mrs. Yarbrough, a lesson was read from Matthew (xvi. 13-20.) The third chapter of Ephesians was also read, and verse nineteen was given special emphasis.

At 9:25 the business session opened, the President in the chair.

After roll call the minutes of Saturday afternoon's session were read and approved. Miss Bennett then called upon Mrs. Waite and Mrs. Lyons to lead in a special prayer for Mrs. Wiley and the Greenville Orphanage.

The Secretary read the following telegrams:

NASHVILLE, TENN., April 20.

Woman's Board Home Missions, Richmond, Va.

You have my love. See Hebrews x. 22-24.

MRS. GROSS ALEXANDER.

DALLAS, TEX., April 21, 1902.

Woman's Board, Centenary Church, Richmond, Va.

Greetings. Am with you in spirit. See Philippians i. 2-11.

MRS. W. H. JOHNSON.

Rev. J. A. Baldwin, by request, addressed the body upon the best way of helping to solve the problems of the constantly increasing factory population. Questions and answers brought out much valuable information.

Dr. H. M. Hope, assistant editor of the *Baltimore and Richmond Christian Advocate*, was introduced, and he expressed his delight in the broadening of the work of the Home Mission Society.

Mr. George H. Wiley, founder of the "Methodist Institution for Christian Work," in Richmond, was introduced. He gave some of his experiences when he was with Mr. Moody in Chicago. He told of the different branches of work done in the Richmond institution, emphasizing the necessity of not incurring debt, and at the same time of having large faith to undertake seeming impossibilities. He expressed gratitude for the coöperation of the Home Mission workers of the city.

Miss Bennett, at the close of Mr. Wiley's talk, inquired as to the

number of Methodist Churches in Richmond and the number of Home Mission auxiliaries. She urged the formation of a Board of City Missions, stressing the blessed results of unity brought about by this co-operation of the women of the different Churches.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

Resolved, That the Committee on Education be requested to prepare a blank report to be filled out annually by the head of each of our schools, showing the number of teachers, the number of hours of teaching done by each teacher, the curriculum taught, the number of pupils, the amount of fees paid, and such other matters as they deem necessary.

MRS. R. W. MACDONELL,
EMILY M. ALLEN.

Resolved, That any individuals who have given money to the undirected Twentieth Century Fund may have the privilege, if they so desire, of directing their gifts to the Industrial Annex at Paine Institute, Augusta, Ga., provided such money still remains unappropriated in the treasury.

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

Mrs. Clarence Burton, State Secretary of the King's Daughters, on being introduced, told of the work done in Richmond by the Sheltering Arms and the Free Hospital, work in which people of all the Churches and of no Church united.

Mrs. Bagby, First Vice President of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Virginia Conference, was introduced, and spoke of the value of the great missionary movement as represented by the women's societies.

Mrs. Mastin, Chairman of the Reception Committee, and Mrs. Walker, a mother in Israel, a former resident of Richmond, were introduced, and the latter paid a glowing tribute to Richmond Methodism and to woman's work for the city and the Southland.

Rev. R. M. Chandler, pastor of Central Church, Manchester, was introduced.

Mrs. Hammond presented the claims of the Reading Course, and of Home Mission literature in general, and urged the sacred obligation to become the best and most intelligent coworkers with Christ.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

Resolved, That we send a message of love to Mrs. E. E. Wiley, of Greeneville, Tenn., with the last two verses of the ninetyeth Psalm.

MRS. F. B. CARROLL,
MRS. T. F. MARR.

The noon prayer hour having come, it was opened by singing "All hail the power of Jesus' name," after which Mrs. MacDonell led in prayer. Miss Allen read lessons from the tenth chapter of Mark and the first chapter of Revelation, from which were drawn thoughts as to the spirit and character of true service for the Master and fellowship with him.

Mrs. Michaels sang "O sometimes the shadows are deep," and Mrs. Luke Johnson led in prayer.

The meeting was adjourned with benediction by Rev. A. C. Baldwin.

THIRD DAY, AFTERNOON SESSION.

The opening devotional service was led by Mrs. H. C. Spiers, President of the North Carolina Conference Society.

At 2:10 the meeting was called to order by the President. On motion, the roll call was omitted. The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Miss Ogilvie, city missionary of Norfolk, made a report of the work there, and gave interesting personal experiences.

Mrs. Faville, President of the city board of Norfolk, gave some additional items about the work.

On motion, Miss Roberta Paxon, of Washington City, was asked to represent the Baltimore Conference in place of the delegate, Mrs. J. B. Perrie, detained at home by family affliction, and Miss Paxon was added to the Auditing Committee appointed as follows: Mrs. Robert Somerville, Miss Mary Helm, Mrs. D. Cawood, Miss Roberta Paxon.

Miss Baker presented the report of the city mission work of Portsmouth, Va.

Miss Clyde told of the work done in Nashville, and spoke especially of the invaluable help given by the young ladies of Nashville.

At this juncture Miss Bennett asked the three young city missionaries to stand before the audience. She asked them if they thought it would be possible for them to do the work they had done without the training given them by the Scarritt Bible and Training School. Upon receiving from each an answer in the negative, she spoke eloquently of the need of trained Christian workers. She said that it was an unspeakable joy to her to watch the young graduates from the Scarritt Bible and Training School go out year after year to almost every country upon the globe, and into the neglected quarters of our Southern cities, and to feel that in this school, which God had used her to establish years ago, there had been given to her spiritual children.

Mrs. L. P. Smith, who had spent some time recently in the school, bore testimony to the fine spiritual atmosphere of the institution and the thorough preparation given there for Christian service.

Mrs. Gross, of Kansas City, stated that Miss Gibson had asked her to express to the Board of Home Missions her urgent desire that the six scholarships pledged last year at St. Louis be filled.

Mrs. Lee, of Richmond, an elderly woman, asked the privilege of speaking a few words that she might make an old woman's plea with the young to take advantage of the opportunities given now for trained, efficient service. After this talk, Miss Bennett in eloquent words put the Bible and Training School upon the minds and hearts of the audience.

Mrs. L. P. Smith announced that the North Texas Conference Society was making up a Scarritt Bible and Training School scholarship to be known as the Virginia K. Johnson Scholarship.

The following resolution was, upon motion, adopted:

Resolved, That the Industrial Hall at Paine Institute be erected this summer, and that an appropriation be made for furniture and running expenses.

BELLE H. BENNETT,	MRS. R. W. MACDONELL,
MRS. JOHN D. HAMMOND,	MRS. W. D. KIRKLAND,
MRS. F. B. CARROLL,	EMILY M. ALLEN.

Upon motion, a telegram was sent to Mrs. J. J. Tigert, expressing regret at her absence and joy at the returning health of her beloved daughter.

✓ Miss Mary Helm, member of the special committee appointed last year to prepare and present to the General Conference a memorial asking for the establishment of the order of deaconess, made the following report, which was adopted:

The Woman's Board of Home Missions, at its last annual meeting, appointed a committee composed of its executive officers, the editor of *OUR HOMES*, and the Editor of *Leaflets*, to prepare a memorial to the General Conference, to meet in Dallas, Tex., in May, 1902, asking it to establish and provide for the work of deaconesses in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

After due consideration, your committee deemed it advisable to defer its action until the Board at its present session should have opportunity to consider a plan for deaconess work that will accompany the memorial. This plan was prepared by your committee, with the help and indorsement of the Secretary of the General Board of Missions and the Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, who will unite with this Board in presenting it to the General Conference.

Your committee also regarded it as advisable that the memorial should go as the direct action of this Board in full annual session to the General Conference, and it therefore presents for your consideration the accompanying memorial.

"MEMORIAL TO THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

"Dear Fathers and Brethren: The Woman's Board of Home Missions, in annual session assembled, respectfully and earnestly ask that the General Conference now convened in Dallas, Tex., do establish and provide for the work of deaconesses within the bounds of the M. E. Church, South.

"We present this memorial for the following reasons:

"1. In the conduct and management of the work of the Woman's Home Mission Society, especially in its city missions, we greatly need women with specific training who can give their whole time to this Christian service.

"2. We have the assurance of many city pastors of their need of such assistance in their pastoral work, and their assurances have been corroborated by the action of several Annual Conferences presenting memorials upon this subject.

"3. We are convinced that this class of workers will be more effective in their ministrations if they shall be set apart by the Church and shall work under its appointment and authority."

The General Secretary made the following financial reports, which were referred to the Auditing Committee:

WOLFF RECORD BOOKS.

Receipts.

Brought forward, 1900-01.....	\$188 70
From Mrs. R. K. Hargrove, by check.....	135 77
Sales, 1901-02	159 41
Sales through OUR HOMES.....	67 05—\$550 93

Disbursements.

Printing revised books.....	\$460 00
Freight on books.....	26 93
Envelopes for mailing.....	8 00
Express and telegram.....	1 50
Stamps for mailing.....	20 16— 516 59
Balance in bank.....	\$ 34 34

Receipts for literature from Conference Socie-

ties: For 1900-01.....	\$ 643 42
For 1901-02	700 42
Helps and mite boxes.....	16 71
	\$1,360 55
Paid General Treasurer.....	619 00
Balance in bank	\$ 741 55

The report of the Committee on Education as to the form of the educational report blank had its first reading by Mrs. M. S. Palmer. On motion, action was deferred until its second reading.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That a rising vote of thanks be given to Miss Billingsley, Mrs. A. G. Slaughter, and Mrs. George Gross, of the Southwest Missouri Conference, for the very difficult and trying work of revising and printing the Wolff Record Books.

MRS. L. P. SMITH,
MRS. S. H. BABCOCK.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30, with the benediction pronounced by Rev. Mr. Laughorn.

FOURTH DAY, MORNING SESSION.

Mrs. S. P. Wilfley conducted the opening service on Tuesday morning, beginning at nine o'clock. "He leadeth me" was sung, and Miss Clyce led in earnest prayer. The twenty-third Psalm was read, and its gracious lessons developed.

At 9:30 the meeting was called to order by the President. The minutes of the previous session were read, corrected, and approved.

Mrs. Faville, of Norfolk, addressed the body on the subject of "City Missions."

Dr. John Hannon, of the Virginia Conference, and Rev. J. O. Bab-

cock, of Richmond, were introduced. The former gave some pleasant words in his characteristic style.

The Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Extension of Work presented the first report of that committee. It was, by request of the President, prefaced with a statement and explanation as to the state of the treasury. On motion, the report was considered by items. Item 1 was adopted. Item 2 was withdrawn for reconstruction.

A communication was read from the Indian Mission Conference Society in reference to establishing a school in the Indian Territory.

The second report of the Committee on Finance and Extension of Work was presented by the Chairman. After the first item was read, Miss Bennett, by request, made some explanation in regard to the working of the Sue Bennett Memorial School.

Items 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, and 8 were adopted. Items 2 and 4 were recommitted.

Upon motion, the time was extended to 12:30.

Items 9, 10, 11, and 12 were adopted.

Mrs. Somerville and Miss Purnell spoke in behalf of the Morton Memorial Church, at Monteagle, Tenn. Opportunity was given for freewill offerings to this, and in a few minutes a subscription of \$46 was made.

Mrs. Greenhow, President of the Board of the Home for Incurables, was introduced, and made a brief, eloquent talk about the good accomplished by this beautiful home, in which every room is a memorial to some loved one.

The following telegram was read:

NASHVILLE, TENN., April 21, 1902.

The Woman's Board of Home Miss ons, Richmond, Va

Loving greetings to each member of the Board. See Hebrews vi. 10.

RUTH E. HARGROVE.

Mr. George Wiley made a short talk in behalf of the Methodist Institution of Richmond.

A memorial from the North Georgia Conference Society was referred to the Committee on Memorials.

Upon motion, it was decided to hold a business session at night.

The President made announcement as to the Workers' Conference to be held in the afternoon, and urged a prompt and full attendance.

The noon prayer service was led by Mrs. J. E. Chapman. She read a lesson from the fourteenth chapter of St. Mark's Gospel, emphasizing the truth that feeling is no reliable guide in religious work.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. E. A. Handy, and the meeting was adjourned.

FOURTH DAY, EVENING SESSION.

At 8:15, Tuesday evening, Miss Bennett called the meeting to order. The hymn, "Sun of my soul, my Saviour dear," was sung. A lesson

was read from the fifth chapter of Ephesians, and this was followed by a season of prayer, in which several members led, and which was closed by Miss Bennett.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The credentials of Miss Mary Helm as reserve delegate from the Louisville Conference were announced by the Secretary, and her name was enrolled.

A communication was read from the pastor of the Colored M. E. Church at Petersburg, Va., and, upon motion, the Secretary was instructed to send a letter in reply, stating that it is not possible for the Woman's Board of Home Missions to make appropriations to Church debts.

Mrs. L. P. Smith made some statements in regard to the condition and the results of work at the Dallas Rescue Home.

Upon Miss Bennett's inquiring of the General Secretary as to the Rescue Home in San Antonio, Mrs. MacDonell read some correspondence between herself and Rev. John M. Moore, of the West Texas Conference, in regard to the basis of relations possible between the San Antonio Home and the Woman's Board of Home Missions, developing the fact that the West Texas Conference had decided to hold and support the Home.

The Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Extension of Work brought in the item withdrawn from Report No. 1. It was adopted, and the report as a whole adopted. (See report.)

Items 2 and 4, which had been recommitted, and a new one, item 13, were adopted. The report as a whole was adopted.

The third report of the same committee was read by the Chairman. The first three items were withdrawn for reconstruction. Items 4, 5, and 6 were adopted.

At 9:30 the meeting was adjourned with the benediction by Dr. Hannon.

FIFTH DAY, MORNING SESSION.

On Wednesday the devotional service was opened at nine o'clock with the hymn, "I need thee every hour." After prayer by the leader, Mrs. S. H. Babcock, she read a lesson from the book of Ezekiel as to the duty of the Christian watchman, and called upon Mrs. Waite to lead in prayer.

At 9:15 Miss Bennett called the meeting to order. The roll call was omitted. The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The report of the Committee on Education was made by Mrs. Robert Somerville, Chairman. Item 1 was, upon motion, referred to the Committee on Finance and Extension of Work. Items 2, 6, and 7 were adopted. Items 3, 4, and 5 were adopted as amended. The report as a whole was adopted as amended. (See report.)

The following telegrams were read by the Secretary:

GREENEVILLE, TENN., April 22, 1902.

Woman's Board of Home Missions, Richmond, Va.

Dirt broken. Great rejoicing. See Job xiv. 15. MRS. E. E. WILEY.

NASHVILLE, TENN., April 22, 1902.

Woman's Board of Home Missions, Richmond, Va.

Prosperity attend you. Psalm xxx., verse 5. Affectionately and gratefully.
AMELIA M. TIGERT.

The question of plan for holding the next annual meeting was taken up. Invitations to the following places were extended: Atlanta, Ga., by Mrs. F. P. Clarke; Knoxville, Tenn., by Mrs. J. E. Chapman; Jackson, Miss., by Miss Purnell; Savannah, Ga., by Mrs. R. C. Neely; Cliff Side Park, Ky., by Mrs. M. Williams; Little Rock, Ark., by Mrs. E. Flickinger.

Atlanta, having received a large majority of votes, was, upon motion, unanimously chosen as the place for the fifth annual meeting.

A communication was read by Miss Helm as follows:

RICHMOND, VA., April 23, 1902.

To the Members of the Woman's Board of Home Missions Assembled in Centenary Church, Richmond, Va.

Greeting. In the name of the forty thousand Rosebuds of the Virginia Conference I have much pleasure in announcing that your beloved President has been constituted a life member of the Rosebud Missionary Society for honor. And your other officers and managers have been made honorary members for life. Wishing you every one a hearty godspeed in your great and noble work, I am cordially your coworker,
FRANK L. KERNS, *Secretary*.

The Secretary was instructed to write a letter to Mr. Kerns, thanking him for the courtesy shown the members of the Board. Miss Bennett expressed her personal gratitude for the honor conferred upon her.

Upon motion, the following rules of order, presented by Mrs. Somerville, were adopted, to be added to those already in existence:

1. At annual meetings a timekeeper shall be appointed who shall give prompt signal when each time limit is reached.
2. Courtesies shall be limited to the fifteen minutes preceding the noon hour.

A greeting and a message in a letter to the General Secretary from Miss M. L. Gibson, Principal of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, was read as follows:

Please present to the President, officers, and members of the Home Mission Society most cordial greetings and my earnest prayer that the blessing of God may rest on each one individually, and that his Spirit may direct the business of the session. It would have given me great pleasure to visit the Board meeting in the interests of our school; but as this is the busy season of the year, it was impossible for me to leave. We have been praying for your Board in our prayer circle, and every evening at twilight during your session you may know that a little band of praying women is meeting in our

Bible class room, and that your special needs will be presented unto our Father.

I hope earnestly that a practical answer to my appeal in the leaflet I send will come from your body, and that each delegate may go home aroused to a new interest in the welfare of the women of the United States. There is one point which I failed to mention in the leaflet, and that is one which has been pressed home on my heart more and more during the past few weeks. That is, the duty of Christian women toward the servants in their households, especially in view of the fact that from the ranks of domestic service so many women fall into sin. My earnest prayer is that the day may soon come when every Christian woman shall feel a special care for the character and reputation of every younger or weaker woman whose life God has permitted to touch hers; and that, strong as is her pity for the fallen, she may have a keen and consuming passion to keep women from falling into sin, and not only that, but to help them to raise their standard of righteousness and to aim at making the most of themselves. I send the leaflet and this thought to each member of your Board in the hope that the words which God has given me to speak concerning women may be used by his Spirit in the conviction of duty and in increased effort.

Upon motion, the General Secretary was asked to send a fitting reply.

The report of the Auditing Committee was read by Mrs. Somerville, and adopted, as follows:

We have examined the expense accounts of Mrs. W. D. Kirkland and Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, these being all that were handed to the committee. We find the items such as may properly come under the head of office expenses. No vouchers were handed to the committee. If the Board desires this auditing work to be a real work, vouchers must be handed in with the accounts.

MARY HELM, DELIA LEE CAWOOD,
NELLIE M. SOMERVILLE, ROBERTA PAXON.

The report of the Committee on Literature and Press Work was read by the Chairman, Mrs. L. P. Smith. Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, and 8 were adopted. Items 5 and 9 were adopted as amended.

The report of the Committee on Parsonages was read by Mrs. MacDonell, the Chairman.

Mrs. Neely, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, asked that she might make her report, as she was compelled to leave at noon.

Report No. 1 was adopted as follows:

Resolved, That we heartily concur in the following resolution presented by Mrs. Palmer, of Richmond, representing the Woman's Christian Temperance Union.

"Whereas the evils of intemperance prevail to an alarming extent in our land; and whereas the Church has a duty to perform in keeping youth unsullied by such evil; therefore be it

Resolved, That it is the wish of this body that no change shall be made in providing the Quarterly Temperance Sunday School Lesson."

MRS. R. C. NEELY,
MRS. E. R. KENNEDY,
MRS. O. F. SENSABAUGH.

Report No. 2 was adopted by a rising vote. (See report.)

Rev. A. M. Maxey, from Petersburg, Va., was introduced to the body.

Report No. 2 from the Committee on Literature and Press Work was presented and adopted. The report as a whole was adopted as amended. (See report.)

The General Secretary was instructed to inform the Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church that the committee asked for on a common reading course had been appointed at this annual meeting. She was also asked to write to Rev. Sam Jones, thanking him for his letters to the members of the Board and his warm invitation to them to come to Georgia.

The noon devotional service was led by Mrs. W. B. Higginbotham. "Just as I am, without one plea" was sung, and prayer was offered by Miss Clyce. The sixty-second Psalm was read. In the praise service which followed many delegates and visitors gave testimony to God's abounding love and goodness. After another hymn, the meeting was closed at one o'clock, with the benediction by Rev. R. M. Maxey.

FIFTH DAY, AFTERNOON SESSION.

At five minutes past two o'clock the devotional service was opened by Mrs. Kennedy. "Is my name written there" was sung, after which part of the fourth chapter of the first epistle of John was read, and Miss Allen was asked to lead in prayer. "We praise thee, O God," was sung. When the President took the chair the minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The report of the Committee on Parsonages was considered by items. The four items were adopted, and the report as a whole adopted.

The Committee on Finance and Extension of Work brought in the three recommitted items in its third report. Item 1 was adopted as amended. Items 2 and 3 were adopted.

The Committee on Missionary Candidates and Teachers made its report through its Chairman, Mrs. F. B. Carroll. It was read as a whole and considered by items. Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 were adopted, and the report as a whole adopted. (See report.)

Mrs. H. A. Dodd, Chairman of the Committee on City Missions, read the report, which was considered by items. Item 4 was stricken from the report, and items 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6 were adopted. The report as a whole was adopted as amended. (See report.)

Mrs. S. P. Wilfley, Chairman of the Committee on Memorials, made the report, which was read as a whole. Items 1, 2, 3, and 5 were adopted, and item 4 lost. The report as a whole was adopted as amended. (See report.)

The Committee on Finance and Extension of Work continued its third report. Items 14, 15, 16, 17, and 18 were adopted, and the report as a whole was adopted as amended. (See report.)

The question was sprung as to whether the money collected during

the annual week of prayer and in mite boxes could be used to make life members. The Board, upon motion, decided in the affirmative.

At this point Mrs. Mordecai Williams made an earnest talk as to the duty of the members of the Board to inform themselves thoroughly as to the contents of the annual report.

The President appointed the following committees: To confer with the General Board of Missions and the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions in reference to opening work in the Indian Territory, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Mrs. Haiden A. Dodd, Miss Belle Bennett; to define work and fix the number of standing committees, Mrs. Robert Somerville, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Miss Mary Helm; to confer with the Home Missionary Society of the M. E. Church as to reading course, Mrs. J. D. Hammond, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Miss Helm.

The following were appointed a committee to submit to the next annual meeting of the Board a plan for shaping, harmonizing, and classifying the educational institutions belonging to the Home Mission Society: Mrs. Robert Somerville, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Miss Mary Helm, Miss Belle Bennett, Miss Emily Allen.

A motion prevailed to elect superintendents of departments by acclamation, and the following were elected: Miss Belle H. Bennett, Superintendent of Mountain Work; Miss Mary W. Bruce, Superintendent of Cuban Work; Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, Superintendent of Department of Supplies; Mrs. W. C. Ratcliffe, Superintendent of Department of Tithing; Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Financial Agent of Dallas Rescue Home and Training School.

Miss Mary Helm was elected editor of *OUR HOMES* by a rising vote.

Mrs. J. D. Hammond was elected Editor of Leaflets.

The General Secretary was instructed to confer with Miss Purnell and Rev. T. L. Mellen in reference to the work among the Choctaws in Mississippi.

By-law 15 to General Constitution was, upon motion, changed so that the last sentence shall read thus: "*Two* members shall be elected annually at the Board meeting."

Mrs. L. P. Smith, of Texas, and Mrs. L. G. Johnson, of Georgia, were elected members of the Literature and Press Work Committee.

On motion, it was decided that the meeting of the Board each year shall be held within the last two weeks of April.

Miss Bennett exhorted the members of the Board to make special effort during the year that one dollar extra be secured from each member of the Society throughout the entire connection, in order that the Board may be able to plan larger things for helping to speed the coming of the Prince of Peace.

The minutes were read and approved. Hymn 191, "O Spirit of the living God," was read by the President. As the words, thrilling with supplication and faith, were sung at that late afternoon hour, the prayer was answered in hearts that grew tender with gratitude and heroic with high purpose. Miss Bennett offered a short, fervent petition for guidance during the coming year, intermingled with thanksgiving for the tender mercies that crowned the past, and with this the fourth annual session of the Woman's Board of Home Missions stood adjourned.

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

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

Editor of Leaflets.

During this past year an increasing interest has been felt and manifested in the use of the leaflets. Our Corresponding and District Secretaries have in a marked degree responded to the appeal for direct, personal work in the use and distribution of this literature, and as a consequence more leaflets have been called for than ever before in the history of the Society. In fact, the demand has frequently exceeded the supply. This was the case during the Week of Prayer, and has been several times since. Last year there were published and circulated 133,000 leaflets, and this year there have been published 167,500, with a total number of 964,000 pages. Besides the demand from the various Conferences quarterly, which has been on the increase, an additional number of 789 packages have been mailed from the General Secretary's office.

During the year two leaflets were prepared on our Chinese and Japanese work, one on our mountain work, one on Cuban work, one on city missions, one on the Supply Department, one on parsonages (a leaflet for juveniles), two on tithing, and fifteen on the general work. The expense of the leaflets has been \$219.25, which has been almost entirely defrayed by the various Conferences when ordering this literature. The Baltimore Conference takes the lead this year in the use of the leaflets, ordering one hundred more each quarter than would supply every member in the entire Conference with a copy. The Holston and Texas Conferences also order sufficient to supply their entire membership.

New societies cannot be organized and started on their upward course without this literature, and the appeal has been not to lessen the expense, but to give a larger supply. We consider this an encouraging indication of advancement.

Two hundred and fifty letters and fifty postal cards have been written by the editor in the interest of the work, and \$22 refunded to the Society through the General Treasurer that had been appropriated for the purchase of gospel tracts.

Every Conference in the connection that breathes in the literature will have a stronger heart beat for the work, and there is no other element that will infuse as much life into this organization as the literature. Every member of the Board should do her part conscientiously to deepen and strengthen the interest in this feature of the work.

One Secretary writes: "The leaflets are what we want. The only trouble is we don't have enough of them. I wish there could be six

instead of two prepared every month. Our preachers and workers everywhere need them."

Another writes: "I consider that the leaflets have been a silent but strong force in building up this structure of which we Home Mission workers are so justly proud."

As this new Conference year begins, my dear sisters, a change is to take place in regard to the editorship of these tracts, and I do urge you as you love this work that is destined by God's grace to shake the foundations of sin and destruction in our fair Southland, to secure a more tenacious hold on all that has made for its best interests. Let your voice and your pen speak strongly for a more intelligent use of our literature. Be careful and prayerful in the selection of those who are to furnish and direct it, and then distribute it wisely among our women, those who are interested in the work and those who are not interested; our pastors, our young people, and our children, and may God use it wherever it goes as a dumb witness for his cause!

In this transition period may he direct you to adopt the wisest measures for the enlargement of this part of his work! May your consideration be given to the use of the most effective literature by our sister denominations in their older Home Mission work, and may he lead you in your deliberations on this subject to follow that which will bring the largest and strongest vitality to this great organization!

ARABEL W. ALEXANDER.

Department of Supplies.

In the fifteenth Annual Report full and explicit directions for the management of this department were given, and during the past year the needs and benefits of this branch of our work has occupied much space in OUR HOMES. This year I shall confine myself to the report of work done and a few explanations.

In most cases the Conference Superintendents have been very helpful, and I am indebted to Conference Secretaries for many kindnesses and much information. If information concerning the needs of the preachers in the various Conferences could have been secured early in the fall, many more donations would have been sent, and the report been much more satisfactory if all sent had been promptly and correctly reported. I have done the hardest work this year that I have ever done since I have been Superintendent, written more letters of explanations and a great many trying to get information regarding the needs of our preachers.

It seems difficult to get the preachers, and especially the presiding elders in whose districts there are men on missions and poor circuits to understand the nature of this work, and to coöperate heartily with the Home Mission women in carrying it on. As Superintendent of the work, I beg the presiding elders in whose districts there are men who will this year need help in order to keep their families from

suffering to send names and addresses of such ones either to their Conference Superintendent of Supplies or to Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, 605 Church Street, Nashville, Tenn. This should be done early this fall, in September or October.

The contents of the boxes and barrels seem, on the whole, to be very satisfactory, and they were sent and reported more promptly than ever before. As is usual, Holston Conference sent the largest number, but all of these went to Greeneville Industrial Home and School. North Georgia sent the largest number of donations and the most valuable, having sent twenty-three, valued at \$1,205.98. Of these, eighteen went to needy preachers, two to the Board of City Missions in Atlanta, and three to the fire sufferers in Jacksonville, Fla. The Kentucky Conference was next in number, having sent twenty-one, valued at \$237; but St. Louis was second in value, having sent sixteen boxes, valued at \$924.82, every one of which went to a preacher. First Church, Little Rock, sent the most valuable single donation, one box valued at \$218.20; and Berkeley Memorial, Berkeley, Va., was next, as theirs was valued at \$206.21. St. John's Church, St. Louis, sent six donations, valued at \$220.04.

Contributions of money and boxes and barrels have been by Conferences as follows:

	Boxes.	Value.	Cash.
Alabama	1	\$ 118 52	.....
Baltimore	8	362 75	.....
East Texas	12	428 13	.....
Florida	3	30 00	.....
Holston	46	905 95	.....
Indian Mission	2	148 77	.....
Kentucky	21	237 00	.....
Little Rock	8	646 99	\$15 70
Louisiana	1	46 40	.....
Louisville	9	171 95	.....
Mississippi	1	.....	21 00
Missouri	2	228 90	.....
New Mexico	3	63 85	.....
North Alabama	2	130 35	5 00
North Georgia	23	1,194 88	11 10
North Mississippi	5	209 25	.....
North Texas	11	524 95	.....
Northwest Texas	7	173 15	.....
South Carolina	1	12 55	.....
South Georgia	3	180 98	.....
Southwest Missouri	9	179 15	.....
St. Louis	16	924 82	.....
Tennessee	9	511 72	31 75
Texas	2	16 50
Virginia	7	470 15	12 00
West Texas	2	30 00
Western	2	25 00
White River	1	71 33
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Total	216	\$8,039 99	\$96 55
Grand total of cash and value			\$8,136 54

Of the 216 donations, 119 went to preachers in various Conferences. In many instances boxes were sent to preachers within the bounds of the Conference of the auxiliaries donating them. To the Greenville Industrial Home and School 46 boxes were sent; to the Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home, in Dallas, 21; to the London School, 12; and the remaining 18 to Ruth Hargrove Seminary, to City Mission Boards, to storm and fire sufferers, and to our missionaries in Key West and Cuba. Any information desired in regard to this branch of our work will be given with much pleasure by the General Superintendent at any time, and the hearty coöperation and assistance of all Home Mission workers is earnestly desired during the coming year.

Number of blanks sent preachers.....	96
Number of blanks sent auxiliaries.....	75
Number of blanks now in hands of auxiliaries.....	12
Number of blanks now in office.....	5

MRS. J. H. YARBROUGH, *Superintendent.*

Department of Tithing.

Our Woman's Home Mission Society did well in changing the name of the Department of Systematic and Proportionate Giving to the Department of Tithing.

This emphatic indorsement of the "tithe" simplifies giving, and will add much to the coffers of the Church as well as the Society. Almost all of our ministers and many of our members have practiced tithing for years, and each gives the joyful testimony that a "liberal soul *shall* be made fat; and he that watereth *shall* be watered also himself."

"Why not encourage all to adopt this scriptural plan?" was the question put to the members at our last annual meeting of the Board, and happily answered in the affirmative.

Tithing, therefore, is receiving much attention from the auxiliaries, who are now careful to elect consecrated, earnest women as superintendents of this work, who are laboring assiduously to fully awaken an interest in the subject, having themselves become enthusiasts.

Now that both Conference and Auxiliary Second Vice Presidents have been constituted by the Board Superintendents of this department, the organization is complete and active work commenced. It will readily be seen what an advantage is gained by having 1,534 devoted champions of Christian stewardship scattered throughout our connection. The effect upon the masses will be extraordinary, resulting in the pledging of thousands to this method of paying money into the Lord's treasury, and thereby actualizing the plans by this projected society. Our work during the past year has been to distribute circular letter pledge cards, and report blanks for Conference and auxiliary officers, leaflets, and the little book called "Tithing: Its Historical and Spiritual Value."

Having been relieved of mite boxes, our energies have been exclusively devoted to advocating tithing. While the proportion of signed pledge cards returned is small as compared with the number distributed, we feel no discouragement, but on the contrary rest in the belief that the future will reveal a glorious success for this department, which is now casting its bread upon the waters.

The distributions have been larger in the past twelve months than ever before, which must insure a more general knowledge of the principles of tithing.

RECEIVED.

Postals	21
Letters	176
Signed pledge cards	230
Total	427

DISTRIBUTIONS.

Mite boxes	836
Stewardship books	700
Leaflets	2,164
Report cards (Con., 177; Aux., 3,315)	3,492
Postals written	38
Letters written	125
Circular letters	1,436
Manuscripts	9
Pledge cards	3,967
Books ("Tithing: Its Spiritual and Historical Value")	1,608
Total	14,375

EXPENSES.

Stationery	\$ 10 00
Report and pledge cards (8,000)	26 50
"Tithing: Its Historical and Spiritual Value" (2,000)	32 26
Circular letters (8,000)	11 80
Postage	16 90
Leaflets, typewriting, etc.	10 00
Total	\$107 52

RECEIPTS.

Endowment Fund, interest on \$1,000	\$ 70 00
Postage refunded	7 52
Total	\$ 77 52
Expenditure in excess of endowment	\$ 30 00

MRS. W. C. RATCLIFFE.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

PARSONAGES.

1. Your committee recommends that applications forwarded too late to be acted upon at the Board meeting shall not be considered the following year unless notification be given the General Secretary.

2. It recommends that the grant to Abilene District parsonage be rescinded, as it has been sold and other arrangements have been made.

3. It recommends that all unpaid grants be covered by an appropriation of \$325.

4. It recommends that the various loans asked for be referred to the Board of Church Extension, with request that they be granted wherever practicable.

5. It recommends that \$4,617 be donated to the following parsonages:

Alabama	Fitzgerald	\$ 150 00
Arkansas	Danville	150 00
Baltimore	Linden	100 00
East Texas	Emory	75 00
	West Palestine	100 00
Holston	Clear Fork	100 00
	New River	100 00
Indian Mission	Muldrow	200 00
	Mountain Park	150 00
Florida	Key West	265 00
	Gainesville District	205 00
	West Palm Beach	100 00
Los Angeles	Bellevue	250 00
Louisiana	Coushatta	50 00
	Port Vincent	50 00
Mississippi	South Side and Poplar Springs	100 00
	Canton	200 00
Missouri	Gooding Street (St. Joseph)	100 00
New Mexico	Las Cruces	170 00
	Lordsburg	125 00
Northwest Texas	Cold Water	50 00
Pacific	Woodville and Exeter	150 00
	Anderson	125 00
St. Louis	St. Clair	40 00
South Carolina	Van Wyck	50 00
	Parkersville	150 00
Southwest Missouri	Joplin	150 00

Tennessee	Woodbury	\$ 125 00
Texas	West End (Galveston)	250 00
West Texas	Sherman Street (San Antonio)	150 00
	Victoria	100 00
Western North Carolina	Granite Falls	100 00
	Madison	100 00
	Pilot Mountain	150 00
West Virginia	St. Albans	245 00
Total		\$4,675 00

MRS. R. W. MACDONELL, *Chairman*;
 MRS. MORDECAI WILLIAMS, *Secretary*;
 MRS. ELLA FLICKINGER,
 MRS. W. L. WAITE,
 MISS ADDIE PURNELL.

FINANCE AND EXTENSION OF WORK.

REPORT No. 1. EXTENSION OF WORK.

1. We recommend the establishment of two schools on the Choctaw Reservation in Mississippi for the benefit of the Choctaw Indians.

2. We recommend the appointment of a committee of three to confer with representatives of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, and of the General Board, in regard to the opening of a day school by this Board on the quarter section in Oklahoma Territory secured to it by Rev. J. J. Methvin; and in case it shall be deemed advisable, we hereby empower the Board *ad interim* to make all necessary arrangements to occupy the land granted, and to open the school, provided the Indian Mission Conference Society places upon the land the house pledged in their memorial to this body.

MRS. JOHN D. HAMMOND, *Chairman*;
 MRS. D. L. CAWOOD, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 2. APPROPRIATIONS, 1902-03.

1. We recommend the appropriation of \$2,000 and fees for the Sue Bennett Memorial School at London, Ky.

2. We recommend the appropriation of \$980 for work in the Flat Top Coal Mines, W. Va., to be used as follows:

Salary of missionary	\$480 00
Contingent	500 00

Total \$980 00

The \$500 contingent shall be placed at the disposal of the Superintendent of Mountain Work, to be used at her discretion.

3. We recommend the appropriation of \$380 for the Chinese work at Los Angeles, to be used as follows:

Salaries (two teachers at \$10 a month each)	\$240 00
Rent	60 00
Incidentals	20 00

Total \$380 00

4. For the Japanese schools at San Francisco, Alameda, and Oakland we recommend appropriations as follows:

San Francisco:	
Salaries (two teachers at \$10 a month).....	\$ 240 00
Furniture	100 00
Alameda:	
Salaries (two teachers at \$10 a month).....	240 00
Rent and furniture.....	80 00
Oakland:	
Salaries (two teachers at \$10 and \$5).....	180 00
Rent	60 00
Incidentals	10 00
Total night schools.....	\$ 910 00
For extension of work (contingent).....	1,000 00

Total Japanese work.....\$1,910 00

We further recommend that the Board *ad interim* consult with the proper authorities, and make all necessary arrangements to secure a suitable superintendent for these schools, who shall also be a missionary to the Japanese; and that the salary of the said missionary, as well as the house rent and other necessary expenses incident to this culargement of the work, be paid out of the above appropriation of \$1,000.

5. We recommend the appropriation of \$5,000 for parsonages.

6. We recommend the appropriation of \$480 for city missions, on the basis of ten per cent on last year's vouchers for current expenses.

7. We recommend the appropriation of \$3,750 for the contingent fund, as follows:

Office expenses for President.....	\$ 250 00
Salary of General Secretary.....	1,000 00
Office expenses General Secretary.....	700 00
Salary General Treasurer.....	600 00
Office expenses General Treasurer.....	50 00
Printing	975 00
Salary Editor of Leaflets.....	100 00
Expenses of Department of Supplies.....	75 00

Total

\$3,750 00

8. We recommend the appropriation of \$3,976 for the Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School at Dallas, Tex., as follows:

Salary of matron.....	\$ 300 00
Salary of teacher.....	300 00
Salary of teacher of dressmaking.....	300 00
Salary of teacher of industries.....	300 00
Total	\$1,200 00
Expenses of Agent.....	300 00
Current expenses of Home.....	2,400 00
Repairs	50 00
Insurance	26 00

Total

\$3,976 00

9. We recommend the appropriation of \$750 for the salary of a teacher of Home Mission work and Christian sociology in the Scarritt Bible and Training School, at Kansas City.

10. We recommend the appropriation of \$300 for the salaries of two teachers for the Mississippi Choctaws.

11. We recommend the appropriation of \$1,000 for furnishing the Girls' Industrial Hall at Paine Institute when completed.

12. We recommend the appropriation of \$2,000 contingent for salaries and running expenses at the Girls' Industrial Hall at Paine Institute.

13. We recommend the appropriation of \$1,000 contingent for work among the Indians in Oklahoma Territory, subject to the order of the committee appointed to confer with the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions and with the General Board.

14. We recommend an appropriation of \$150 for buying a range and furnishing the cooking department at the Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School.

15. We recommend the appropriation of \$4,200 contingent for Ruth Hargrove Seminary, subject to the order of the Board *ad interim*.

16. We recommend an appropriation for the Wolff school at Ybor City as follows:

Salaries (three teachers, two at \$40, one at \$30 per month)	\$ 990 00
Water tax and incidentals	65 00
Repairs	25 00
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Total	\$1,080 00

17. For West Tampa we recommend an appropriation as follows:

Salaries (three teachers, contingent)	\$720 00
Incidentals	50 00
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Total.	\$770 00

We further recommend that the fees of this school be returned to it.

18. In regard to the item referred to this committee from the Committee on Education, and which relates to our various schools on the Pacific Coast, in Florida, and in the mountains, the committee, having provided for such portions of the item as concern finance and extension of work, request that the item as a whole be stricken out.

MRS. JOHN D. HAMMOND, *Chairman*;
MRS. D. L. CAWOOD, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 3. THE TWENTIETH CENTURY FUND.

1. We recommend the appropriation of \$2,000 of the undirected Twentieth Century Fund to secure the \$500 offered conditionally for the creation of a Students' Home Mission Loan Fund in the Scarritt Bible and Training School, at Kansas City; said loan fund to be under

the management of the Training School, and used at their discretion for the assistance of worthy students, such students as are recommended by this Board being given preference as beneficiaries.

2. We recommend the appropriation of \$400 of the undirected Twentieth Century Fund for the work among the Choctaws in Mississippi, to be used as follows:

For two schoolhouses at \$150 each.....	\$300 00
For furnishing same.....	100 00

Total	\$400 00
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3. We recommend that the necessary repairs to the Ruth Hargrove Seminary, at Key West, be made out of the \$685.86 remaining of the undirected fund; and that the balance, if any, shall remain in bank subject to the needs of our work.

4. We recommend that the \$1,274.40 directed to the Sue Bennett Memorial School be held in bank, subject to the needs of the school as they arise.

5. We recommend the appropriation of the \$1,189.39 directed to the Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School as follows: For buying the eight lots near the Home now offered for sale, the purchase of which is strongly recommended by the management of the Home, \$1,100, the remainder of the price to be arranged for by notes for which this Board shall be responsible. We recommend that the Financial Agent make special effort to raise this money; but no call shall be made upon the auxiliaries for any part of this amount. The remaining sum of \$89.39 directed to the Home shall be used to provide it with proper sewerage.

6. We recommend that the various sums in the treasury due to other mission enterprises connected with this Society be paid by the General Treasurer to the proper authorities.

MRS. JOHN D. HAMMOND, *Chairman*;

MRS. D. L. CAWOOD, *Secretary*.

CITY MISSIONS.

The Woman's Board of Home Missions is more impressed than ever before with the vital importance of city mission work, such as the times and circumstances demand; therefore be it

Resolved: 1. That Settlement Homes, kindergartens, industrial schools, and day nurseries be established in needy districts wherever practicable.

2. That the appropriations to city missions be continued on the same basis—viz., ten per cent upon the amount raised the previous year for current expenses by the City Board shall be granted by this Board for the ensuing year.

3. That all money raised for current expenses of city missions be reported by vouchers to the Conference Treasurer, who shall report the same to the General Treasurer. Blank forms for these vouchers shall be provided by the General Secretary and General Treasurer.

4. Realizing the many duties devolving upon the city missionary, we urge the auxiliaries to appoint monthly three or more of its members to assist her in visiting the sick, teaching the sewing schools, and holding cottage prayer meetings.

5. Bible-readings shall be given where practicable for negro women, and other methods be devised to help them to better living.

MRS. H. A. DODD, *Chairman*; MRS. S. P. WILFLEY,
MRS. W. D. KIRKLAND, MRS. E. R. KENNEDY.

MISSIONARY CANDIDATES AND TEACHERS.

We, your committee, have carefully examined the papers of the various candidates for the places of teachers and city missionaries, and recommend as follows:

1. That the young ladies who have sent letters stating their desire to enter our Home Mission fields of work secure the proper testimonials and indorsement of their Conference Society, and send the same to the General Secretary to be considered by the Executive Board of this Home Mission Society.

2. It is impossible, in the judgment of this committee that the chair of Sociology in the Scarritt Bible and Training School be filled by a woman having home cares and responsibilities.

3. That Miss Mary Moore, who has so faithfully discharged the duties of Superintendent of the Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home, at Dallas, Tex., be reappointed, and that Miss Louise Matthews be retained as the Assistant Superintendent of that Home.

4. That leave of absence be granted Miss Matthews to enable her to spend the scholastic year in the Scarritt Bible and Training School, and that one of the graduates of that school be secured to fill the place during her absence.

5. That Mrs. M. C. Flowerree be continued as teacher of sewing in the Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home.

6. That the appointment of missionaries and teachers for the work on the Pacific Coast be made by the Executive Board and the Superintendent of that work.

7. That the appointment of the faculty of Sue Bennett Memorial School be left to the Superintendent of Mountain Work and the Principal of that school.

8. That Misses Flora Dodd and R. Lula Ford be reappointed as teachers in one of our Cuban schools in Florida.

9. Subject to the approval of the Executive Board, that the Superintendent of Cuban work be empowered to make any changes in the adjustment of teachers under her.

10. That Miss Danna Kate Rogers be advised to take a year's course of study in the Scarritt Bible and Training School.

MRS. F. B. CARROLL, *Chairman*;
MRS. F. P. CLARKE, MRS. M. N. MOORMAN,
MISS KATE PETRY, MRS. J. H. YARBROUGH.

EDUCATION.

The committee have found no rule to govern their work. Taking as a precedent the report of the Committee on Education at the last meeting, we have examined the reports of the Superintendents of Mountain Work, of Cuban Work, and of the Pacific Coast Work.

We find that the officers in charge of the several institutions are fully convinced of the necessity for their work, and earnestly desire continuance and extension.

1. We call attention to the following expression of the needs of these institutions for the coming year:

(a) For Mountain Work: A boy's dormitory and equipment for industrial department.

(b) For Cuban Work: That the faculty be retained at its present number; and that a small addition be made to the Ruth Hargrove Seminary building.

(c) For Pacific Coast Work: The urgent need of native pastors to follow up and preserve the good results of the present school work.

Since all of these are questions of expense, we recommend that they be referred to the Committee on Finance and Extension of Work.

2. We note a lack of uniform policy in the management of the schools, and recommend that some person or persons be appointed by the President to study this question and to bring in to the next meeting of the Board a plan for directing the educational work of the Society.

3. We recommend that as soon as possible the superintendent of each department of schools be a person who is not a paid employee of the Board, and who therefore can be in a position to give a disinterested, fair-minded report of the school or schools in her department.

4. That the duties of a superintendent be clearly outlined.

5. We recommend that the President appoint a committee of three to formulate a by-law, stating what regular committees shall be appointed at annual meetings, how they shall be appointed, and defining their duties.

MRS. NELLIE SOMERVILLE, *Chairman*;

MRS. MATTIE PALMER.

MRS. GEORGE P. GROSS.

LITERATURE AND PRESS WORK.**No. 1.**

1. We rejoice in the prosperity of the organ of our Society, OUR HOMES. It has to-day the largest paid-up subscription list in its history. We urge that ten thousand subscribers be kept before our Conferences as the mark toward which we press. We heartily commend and indorse the work of our editor, Miss Mary Helm, to whom we owe a vast debt of love and gratitude. To her untiring zeal and wise management is due the unique position our organ holds among all our Church papers, that of owing no man anything.

2. We indorse the *King's Messenger*, edited by Mrs. W. H. Johnson, and recognize its invaluable aid in building up the Mission Home in Dallas.

3. We rejoice over the report from Mrs. Gross Alexander, of the increase in the number of leaflets used by auxiliaries. We regret that Mrs. Alexander finds it impossible to serve longer as Editor of Leaflets. We appreciate highly her work, and thank God for it.

4. We recommend that the number of leaflets printed be increased sufficiently to meet the demand.

5. We recommend that 5,500 Annual Reports be printed.

6. That the booklet "Helps" be revised by the Literature and Press Committee, and a large supply printed. It is needed to give our preachers help in organizing and in aiding their auxiliaries beside being useful as a guide to the auxiliaries themselves.

7. The revised reading course is very helpful, and we urge all Conference officers to increase their efforts to place it in every auxiliary.

8. We suggest that the "Harmony of the Gospels" and Stalker's "Life of Christ" be used as Bible study for the regular devotional services of the auxiliaries.

9. We recommend that a list of books on social conditions and problems be printed and sent out to Conference and District Secretaries.

10. We recommend that each Conference Society adopt some method for a better use of the press, and especially of their Conference papers, to give a broader knowledge of the work being done by our Society.

11. We recommend that the Standing Committee of Literature and Press work be instructed to bring in a written report of their work at the annual meeting.

MRS. L. P. SMITH, *Chairman*;

MRS. O. F. SENSABAUGH.

No. 2.

A telegram from the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the M. E. Church was referred to this committee, asking that a committee be appointed to discuss the desirability of the coöperation of the two societies in a reading course of Home Mission reading. We recommend that this committee be appointed by the President.

MRS. L. P. SMITH,

MRS. O. F. SENSABAUGH.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS.

Whereas the name of the Angel Band Loan Fund is not generally satisfactory; therefore be it

Resolved: 1. That the name of this Loan Fund be changed to the Memorial Loan Fund.

2. That we recommend concurrence in the request from the North Carolina Conference Society that boxes and barrels be sent to Conference Orphanages by Home Mission auxiliaries.

3. That we recommend that Article 2 of Constitution of Conference Societies be changed to read thus: "The Conference Society shall consist of a President, three Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and a District Secretary from each presiding elder's district. The officers of the society shall constitute an Executive Committee."

MRS. S. P. WILFLEY, *Chairman*;

MRS. W. D. KIRKLAND,

MRS. E. K. GRIFFITH.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas God has led us, and his providence has guided, as a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night; therefore be it

Resolved: 1. That we bless his holy name and pray to be filled with all the fullness of God.

2. We are grateful to the Home Mission Society of Centenary for the privilege of visiting the historic city of Richmond, and for cordial welcome extended through them and Dr. Tudor.

3. To Dr. Lear and the membership of Centenary for the use of their beautiful church.

4. To Mrs. H. G. Manson and Mrs. Lucy Beckham for arranging our homes; to our hostesses for their gracious hospitality; to Mrs. Linton O. Miller, Chairman, and to the ladies of the Methodist Churches who have so bountifully provided luncheon daily; to the reception and entertainment committee and pages for untiring care in providing comfort for all.

5. To Rev. G. H. Wiley, Miss Mary Greenhow, Mrs. Stratford, and Mrs. Clarence Burton, for their cordial greetings and invitations to the institutions of mercy which they represent.

6. To the ministers who have cheered us by their attendance, and to the "mothers in Israel" whose presence has been a benediction.

7. To Bishop Granbery, Dr. Taylor, and Rev. J. A. Baldwin for the inspiration they have given us.

8. To Mrs. Linton O. Miller and Miss Rebecca Hardwick for preparing the elegant programmes, and to Mr. Frank Kerns, of the Richmond *Advocate*, for the beautiful souvenirs from the Rosebuds.

9. To the press and railroads for courtesies, and to the sexton for faithful service.

MRS. ROBERT C. NEELY, *Chairman*;

MRS. E. R. KENNEDY,

MRS. O. F. SENSABAUGH.

THE ANN BROWDER CUNNINGHAM MISSION HOME AND TRAINING SCHOOL, DALLAS, TEX.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. The Local Board of Managers of the Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School shall be composed of two members from each of the Woman's Home Mission auxiliaries of Dallas, and the officers of the City Mission Board.

ART. II. The officers of the Local Board of Managers shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer.

ART. III. The officers shall constitute an Executive Committee, and seven members shall constitute a quorum at the monthly business meeting, and five at called meetings.

ART. IV. The Local Board shall meet monthly to consider the needs of the Home, and promote its interest in any way that shall be in harmony with the General Board.

ART. V. The Executive Committee shall constitute a Committee on Reports, whose duty it shall be to examine the records of the Home Quarterly.

BY-LAWS.

1. The President shall preside at the meetings, preserve order, appoint committees, announce the order of business, and in case of a tie give the decisive vote. She shall countersign all drafts on the treasury.

2. The Vice Presidents shall act in the place of the President in their order of office.

3. The First Vice President shall keep a record of all the girls leaving the Home, and their present addresses and occupations. She shall be a chairman of a committee to keep in touch with them by writing to them once a quarter.

4. The Second Vice President shall keep an inventory of the Home. She shall be chairman of a committee to see to the needs and repairs of the furniture, corresponding with individuals and auxiliaries who have furnished rooms.

5. The Third Vice President shall be chairman of a committee on receiving and outgoing inmates.

6. The duty of this committee shall be to take into consideration every applicant for admission into the Home and thoroughly investigate her case, looking into the question of her repentance and her desire to reform and lead a new life; and if convinced of the genuineness of her motive and her willingness to conform to the regulations of the Home, then, upon their recommendations, she shall be admitted and have all the benefits of the institution. It shall be also the duty of this committee to secure Christian homes for infants who may be born in the Home.

7. The Recording Secretary shall keep minutes of all regular or called meetings, preserving them for reference. She shall notify all persons of their election or appointment to any duty, and shall give notice of all regular or called meetings.

8. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence and keep a file of all communications.

9. The Treasurer shall receive all moneys and keep a regular account of all receipts and disbursements. She shall submit monthly and annual reports to the Board. She shall pay all bills ordered by the Board and countersigned by the President, and shall submit her books annually to the Auditing Committee.

THE DUTY OF WORKERS.

1. The duty of the Superintendent of the Home shall be to exercise general supervision of the work. There shall be a weekly "Work-

ers' Council," over which it shall be her duty to preside. This council shall be composed of the workers of the Home, and shall meet every Friday night. In it the work shall be prayerfully planned for the ensuing week, and all the interests of the various departments considered and the general good of the Home.

2. The duty of the Assistant Superintendent of the Home shall be to conduct the correspondence of the Home, keep the books and records, and superintend the Department of Teaching, and assist the Superintendent.

3. The Superintendent of each department shall be responsible for the work of her department, and shall have full control over the girls during the hours they are under her. They shall submit written reports of the work done in their departments to the Superintendent on the last council in the month.

4. These reports, together with a full written report from the Superintendent, shall be submitted to the Local Board at each regular monthly meeting.

5. Each department shall be graded as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF TEACHING.

First Grade.—First reader, language and writing, hygiene, Bible text-book.

Second Grade.—Second reader, spelling, writing, arithmetic, language, and hygiene.

Third Grade.—Third reader, writing, language, arithmetic, spelling, and geography.

Fourth Grade.—History, writing, language, arithmetic, spelling, and geography.

An average grade of 70 will be required for promotion, and on completing the whole course a certificate of proficiency will be given.

DEPARTMENT OF SEWING.

First Grade.—Hemming, running, felling, whipping, and darning.

Second Grade.—Buttonholing, hemstitching, basting, and plain sewing.

Third Grade.—Cutting and making underwear and fancy work.

Fourth Grade.—Dressmaking.

LAUNDRY DEPARTMENT.

First Grade.—Sorting clothes and making all preparation. Plain washing.

Second Grade.—Plain ironing, washing flannels and colored clothes, ironing table and household linen.

Third Grade.—Starching, ironing waists and dresses.

Fourth Grade.—Ironing shirt waists and collars, laundering lace curtains and fancy articles.

COOKING DEPARTMENT.

First Grade.—Bread-making and waiting on table.

Second Grade.—Vegetables, soups, and meats, and care of dining room.

Third Grade.—Cakes, pies, and fancy dishes.

Fourth Grade.—Canning and preserving.

A grade of 70 will be required to pass from a lower to a higher grade. A certificate of proficiency will be given in each department to any girl who has satisfactorily passed these several grades.

MRS. L. H. POTTS,

MRS. W. H. JOHNSON.

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

ARTICLE I. The name of the corporation shall be "The Woman's Home Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South," and it may have succession and continue to be a corporation for fifty years from the approval of this charter.

ART. II. It is created for the purpose of uniting the efforts of Christian women and children in procuring and maintaining homes or parsonages for the use of the itinerant preachers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and for establishing and maintaining schools, missions, hospitals, homes for the friendless, and other like charities and agencies for the propagation of the gospel of Jesus Christ and the elevation of mankind.

ART. III. The Society shall be under the supervision and control of a Board of Managers to be known as "The Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South," in which Board shall be vested the corporate powers herein conferred. It shall consist of a President, two Vice Presidents, a General Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a General Treasurer, and such representatives from the subordinate Conference or local branches of the Society as the by-laws may provide, all of whom shall be women and any of whom may be married women. Said officers and managers shall be chosen at such times and places, in such manner, perform such duties, and hold office for such terms, as the by-laws may prescribe. In addition to said Board, there shall be, subject to its control, such subordinate Conference and local Societies as the Board may authorize by its by-laws.

ART. IV. The Society shall have authority to raise money for its purposes in any lawful way, and may raise and administer a permanent loan and endowment fund, which shall be safely invested or loaned, and only the income therefrom may be expended in carrying forward the work of the Society. It shall also be lawful for said Society to accept contributions to its funds subject to life annuities, which the Society may contract to pay; and the loan and endowment funds of the Society shall be held in trust to secure the payment of such annuities.

ART. V. The corporation shall have the powers enumerated in, and conferred by, Section 856 of the Annotated Code of Mississippi of 1892. It shall have the right to acquire by purchase, gift, grant, devise or bequest, and hold, sell, convey, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of every kind of property, real, personal, or mixed, provided it shall not hold real and personal estate exceeding two hundred and fifty thousand dollars in value.

ART. VI. The Society shall have the right, through its Board of Managers, to make all necessary by-laws for the government of said Board and of the subordinate Conference and local societies. The persons herein

named as incorporators having made known the fact that they have already met and organized by adopting by-laws and electing officers and managers, therefore upon the approval of this charter, said organization so effected and by-laws so adopted shall become and continue as the organization and by-laws of this corporation, in so far as the by-laws are consistent herewith, to the same purpose and effect, but no further, as though formed and adopted at a meeting after the approval of this charter. The Society shall be subject to the provisions of the Book of Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and to the control of the General Conference of said Church, and no by-laws contrary to the laws of said Church shall be valid.

ART. VII. The meetings of the Woman's Board of Home Missions for the transaction of corporate business may be held anywhere in the United States. It shall prescribe by its by-laws what number of its officers and managers shall be necessary to constitute a quorum.

ART. VIII. The names of the incorporators, who shall constitute the officers and managers of the Board until their successors shall have been elected, are as follows: Miss Belle H. Bennett, of Kentucky, President; Mrs. J. D. Hammond, of Tennessee, First Vice President; Mrs. F. B. Carroll, of Texas, Second Vice President; Mrs. R. K. Hargrove, of Tennessee, General Secretary; Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, of Tennessee, General Treasurer; Miss Emily Allen, of Georgia, Recording Secretary; and the following representatives of the several Conference Societies, to wit: Mrs. C. H. Cope and Mrs. Robert Somerville, of Mississippi; Mrs. C. L. Chilton and Mrs. J. H. Reville, of Alabama; Miss Gertrude Durey, Mrs. W. H. Pemberton, and Mrs. S. H. Babcock, of Arkansas; Mrs. C. H. Buchanan and Mrs. M. N. Moorman, of Virginia; Mrs. Fannie McGhee, of Oregon; Mrs. J. H. Ledbetter, of Colorado; Miss Margaret E. Winnefred, of Washington; Mrs. George Call, Mrs. Bertha Mueller, Mrs. H. A. Evans, Mrs. F. N. Hey, Mrs. T. L. Lallance, Mrs. O. T. Hotchkiss, and Mrs. J. L. Cunningham, of Texas; Mrs. E. K. Griffith, of Florida; Mrs. A. A. Gibson, Mrs. Ross Witherspoon, and Mrs. James Atkins, of Tennessee; Mrs. Anna S. Dunlap, of Illinois; Mrs. C. M. Coppedge, of Indian Territory; Miss Kate Petry, Mrs. L. M. Clark, and Mrs. Mordecai Williams, of Kentucky; Mrs. L. L. Clayton and Mrs. Mary B. Williams, of California; Mrs. F. E. Russ, of Louisiana; Mrs. M. S. Palmer, Mrs. L. P. Norfleet, and Mrs. F. H. Ottoby, of Missouri; Mrs. S. B. Tabor, of Montana; Mrs. Ida T. Wilkins and Mrs. T. F. Marr, of North Carolina; Mrs. F. P. Clark and Mrs. Washington Dessau, of Georgia; Mrs. W. L. Waite, of South Carolina; and Mrs. F. White, of Kansas.

INSTRUCTIONS IN REGARD TO FUNDS.

All Money Must Be Sent According to the Following Directions:

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

Special Donations.—These must be used as the donors direct. Special donations intended for any purpose *within* the Conference must be sent to the Conference Treasurer, and by her sent to the general treasury to be returned to the Conference Treasurer for expenditure. Special donations intended for any purpose *outside* the Conference should be sent to the Conference Treasurer, and by her forwarded to the General Treasurer. Money should not be sent by auxiliaries to the field—that is, in response to any person applying for special aid—but through the Conference Treasurer to the General Treasurer, from whence it will go as directed, and credit be given. Special donations remitted to the Conference Treasurer or General Treasurer must be accompanied by the name and wish of the donor. *This is very important if credit is desired.*

LOAN AND ENDOWMENT FUNDS.

The Preachers' Wives' Loan Fund is constituted by donations of five dollars each to make individuals "patrons" of this fund. Names of patrons will be recorded and published in the Annual Report the year they are received.

The Memorial Loan Fund.—This name is given to a fund constituted by a contribution of \$20 for each name sent. The \$20 may be paid at once, or in installments as desired. Names recorded on this roll represent the loving remembrance of departed ones by parents, children, relatives, or friends, who, in this way, erect to their memories a lasting monument of good deeds. Those not able to constitute Named Loan Funds are by this fund afforded an opportunity to honor their dead. Names of children may be entered on this roll for five dollars.

Named Loan Funds.—The sum of one thousand dollars and upward, donated by one or more persons, may, by direction of the contributors, constitute a separate loan fund, and be named by them. No part of the amounts secured and set apart as constituting the Loan Fund is ever donated for any purpose, or used for current expenses, but is preserved without diminution a perpetual fund, held and reserved wholly for temporary loans. Parsonage loan funds are administered by the General Board of Church Extension subject to appropriation by the Board of the Woman's Home Mission Society.

Education Endowment Fund and City Mission Endowment Fund have been created. These two last funds are not loan funds, but vested funds, the interest of which will be used for the objects indicated. Patrons to these funds can be made by the payment of five dollars.

All money intended for these funds must be sent to the General Treasurer, either direct or through the Conference Treasurers. Names of patrons for Preachers' Wives' Loan Fund and those enrolled on the Memorial Fund Roll and Educational Endowment Fund should accompany the money.

Mite Boxes are furnished at ten cents per dozen to all wishing to use them for the benefit of this Society on application to Mrs. R. W. MacDonnell, 346 Public Square, Nashville, Tenn.

Boxes of Supplies.—Transportation should be prepaid on all supplies, and the amount and to whom sent reported to the Conference Secretary, requesting her to forward same to Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, Superintendent, Church Street, Nashville, Tenn.

Baby Roll.—The name of any child five years old or under may be placed on the Baby Roll by the payment of twenty-five cents. A card for the name of the baby will be sent to be filled out and returned, that it may be recorded on the Baby Roll. A tiny mite box will be sent to receive the baby's pennies, which must be remitted quarterly to the Conference Treasurer, to be sent by her to the General Treasurer. These mite box collections constitute the dues from the Baby Roll. When a child is six years old his or her name must be entered upon the roll of the juvenile society.

INSTRUCTIONS TO SUPERINTENDENTS OF BABY ROLL.

The Auxiliary Third Vice President shall have in charge the Baby Roll. She shall collect the enrollment fee of twenty-five cents per member, and give quarterly to the auxiliary Treasurer the number of names enrolled during the quarter and the amount of fees to correspond. She shall at the same time send list of names and addresses to the third Vice President of the Conference Society, who superintends the Baby Roll. She shall keep a correct roll of baby members, secure the continued use of the baby mite boxes, and turn the moneys collected monthly in them over to the auxiliary Treasurer.

When the number of names, and enrollment fees to correspond, have been sent to the Conference Treasurer by the auxiliary Treasurer, then the Conference Treasurer shall forward to the General Treasurer the total *number* of baby members made in the Conference during the quarter (not the *names*), with amount of membership fees to correspond. She shall at the same time write the General Secretary to forward to the Conference Third Vice President a number of baby certificates corresponding with fees sent. (For instance, if she has two dollars and fifty cents, she will order ten certificates.)

When she receives mite boxes she also receives baby cards, which are to be sent to the Third Vice Presidents of auxiliaries to be filled out and returned to her, and in turn by her to the General Secretary for enrollment. As names are constantly being added to the Baby Roll, the General Secretary must be informed quarterly.

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

CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS, AND MISCELLANY.

CONSTITUTION OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

ARTICLE I. This organization shall be known as the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

ART. II. The object of this Society is to enlist and organize Christian women and children in securing homes for itinerant preachers, in providing religious instruction for the neglected and destitute, and in otherwise aiding the cause of Christ.

ART. III. This society shall be under the supervision and direction of women, known as the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and consisting of a President, two Vice Presidents, a General Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a General Treasurer, and a Corresponding Secretary, or alternate, of each Conference Society.

ART. IV. The general officers of said Board shall be elected quadrennially by the Board at the session next succeeding each General Conference. The Corresponding Secretaries and their alternates shall be elected by the Conference Societies as their laws may provide. Superintendents of departments shall be elected annually by the Board, which shall also define their duties.

ART. V. The funds of the Society shall be derived from membership dues, special contributions at meetings appointed in the interest of the society, mite boxes, donations, devises, bequests, or by other means approved by the Board; and the creation of Loan Funds.

ART. VI. The Board shall have authority to raise and administer two Loan Funds, one for parsonage building, and another for Home Mission work. These shall be held separate from the funds raised for general distribution, and shall be used only in loans on adequate security, to be determined by the Board of Church Extension. The administration of the Loan Fund for parsonages shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Church Extension.

ART. VII. It shall be lawful for said Board to accept contributions to its funds from any persons capable of making the same, subject to annuities, payable to the order of person or persons making such donations; but all amounts so received shall be loaned by said Board, on adequate security or securities, and the aggregate amount of annuities that the Board shall assume to pay shall never be allowed to exceed one-half of the annual interest received on the loans made by said Board.

ART. VIII. The funds appropriated by this Board to parsonages shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Church Extension, and shall be administered by the same.

ART. IX. All property (whether real, personal, or otherwise) shall be held in the name of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, a corporation organized under the laws of Mississippi.

ART. X. All dues, special contributions, and other moneys collected by or for the use of the general work of the Woman's Home Mission Society shall be sent to the General Treasurer to be expended by the direction of the Board. Fifty per cent of the dues sent in by each Conference Society, less the amount paid out for Conference expenses, shall be held subject to the order of the proper officers of said Conference, for aiding parsonages within the bounds of the same, but any such funds unappropriated by said Conference at the close of each fiscal year shall be subject to the order of the General Board, and shall be used by said Board to aid the work in more needy Conferences.

ART. XI. The Board shall meet annually, to review and forecast the work, examine reports, estimate resources, appropriate receipts, project work for the year, decide the fields to be occupied and the provisions for each, select the missionaries, the teachers, and other agents to be employed for executing each part of the work, and devise the ways and means for accomplishing the same. It shall have power to make by-laws for the Society, and to provide constitution and by-laws for the Conference and auxiliary societies.

ART. XII. Fifteen members of the Board shall constitute a quorum to transact business at an annual meeting, and five members at a monthly or called meeting.

ART. XIII. The duty of the General Secretary shall be to correspond with missionaries and teachers and other employees of the Society, and with the Conference Secretaries; to furnish Conference Societies with all the needful information; also to secure from them such details of their work as will be necessary to make quarterly and annual reports to the Boards and acquaint herself with the condition, needs, and opportunities of the mission fields, and publish the same for the information of the membership. She shall sign all orders on the General Treasurer, and attend to the legal business of the Society. She shall report annually such details as should be incorporated in the reports of the Board of Church Extension, of Missions, and of Education.

ART. XIV. The General Treasurer shall keep a regular account of the receipts and disbursements of the Society, furnish quarterly and annual reports to be published with those of the General Secretary, pay such bills as the Board may approve, and make such disposition of the funds in her hands as the Board may direct. At the close of the year the accounts shall be audited by one or more competent persons selected for that purpose.

ART. XV. When a vacancy among the general officers or superintendents of departments shall occur in the interim of the annual meetings, the Board shall fill such vacancies until the next annual meeting.

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

BY-LAWS TO GENERAL CONSTITUTION.

1. The President shall preside at the meetings and actively endeavor to advance the interests of the Society. She shall countersign all drafts on the treasury.

2. The Vice Presidents in their order shall perform all the duties of the President in her absence, and such other duties as may be assigned them in the Board.

3. The Recording Secretary shall give notice of all the annual meetings of the Board, and shall keep the minutes of all meetings in book form.

4. The General Treasurer shall send notice to the Conference Treasurer whenever money is sent to the Board of Church Extension from the 50 per cent dues of that society.

5. Special donations must be appropriated as the donors direct. Donations made for connectional work must be sent through the Conference Treasurer to the General Treasurer.

6. The traveling expenses of the general officers to and from all the meetings of the Board and of the superintendents of departments and editors to and from the annual meetings of the Board shall be paid from the general treasury.

7. Whenever the interests of the work demand it, the President or the General Secretary may call a meeting of the Board to provide for emergencies in the interim of the annual meeting.

8. No new work shall be undertaken until it has been presented to the Board at its annual meeting, and been accepted by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

9. The connectional work shall be divided into two classes, A and B. Class A shall include the institutions deeded to the Board and under its full control. Class B shall include those local enterprises which are accepted by the General Board and become connected with it by passing their funds through the hands of the General Treasurer.

10. A standing committee of three shall be appointed by the President, whose duty it shall be to audit the accounts of the general officers and Superintendents of the Society and report to the Board at its annual meetings.

11. No principal of any institution shall buy land, contract for a building, purchase furniture, or otherwise incur indebtedness without a written order from the Superintendent, and no Superintendent shall assume a debt for her department except at a personal liability.

12. The Board shall from time to time, as may be necessary, create special departments of work and appoint superintendents to take charge of the same.

13. The President and the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society within the bounds of which the annual meeting of the Board is to be held, after consulting with the President and the General Secretary, shall fix the date of the meeting and make necessary arrangements therefor. If for any cause it should become necessary to change the place of meeting, it may be done by the officers of the Board.

14. The programmes for the annual meetings of the Board shall be made by the President and the General Secretary in consultation with the President and the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society within the bounds of which the meeting is held.

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

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

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

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

FOR BUSINESS SESSIONS OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

1. Roll call.
2. Report of General Treasurer.
3. Report of General Secretary.
4. Report of Superintendents.
5. Announcement of standing committees.
6. Presentation of papers to be referred to committees.

FOR REGULAR DAILY SESSIONS.

1. Roll call.
2. Reading of minutes.
3. Reports from standing committees.
4. Reports from special committees.
5. Miscellaneous business.

RULES OF ORDER.

- (a) Each session shall open and close with devotional exercises.
- (b) All resolutions shall be presented in writing.
- (c) Ladies shall rise when addressing the Chair.
- (d) No member shall leave the room without permission of the Chair.
- (e) All reports of committees and such other papers as are to be incorporated in the minutes of the annual session shall be carefully copied as last read and approved by the body before being placed in the hands of the Secretary.

CONSTITUTION OF CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

ARTICLE 1. In each Annual Conference there shall be organized a Conference Society, auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Home Missions, which shall have charge of the work of the Society within the Conference, hold annual meetings, appropriate money to pay incidental expenses, and determine amounts to be appropriated within its bounds.

ART. 2. The Conference Society shall consist of a President, three Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and of a District Secretary from each presiding elder's district. These officers shall constitute the Executive Committee.

ART. 3. The President, the three Vice Presidents, the Corresponding

Secretary, the Recording Secretary, and the Treasurer shall be elected by ballot. The District Secretaries shall be nominated by a committee composed of the President, the Corresponding Secretary, and the Treasurer, and shall be elected by acclamation.

ART. 4. Three members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum to transact business at a called meeting. One member of this quorum must be either the President or the Corresponding Secretary.

ART. 5. The Conference Society shall use the dues for procuring parsonages and paying incidental expenses. Any auxiliary or auxiliaries within its bounds shall not project or accept work or respond to special calls for aid without the approval of the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

ART. 6. The Conference Society shall devise a plan for raising an expense fund. No Conference Society shall elect or appoint as its representative at the Annual Board meeting any person not a member of said Conference Society.

BY-LAWS TO CONSTITUTION OF CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society, actively advance its interests, and countersign all drafts on the treasury.

2. The Vice Presidents shall, in their order, perform the duties of the President in her absence, and the Second Vice President shall be the Superintendent of the Department of Tithing, to cooperate with the General Superintendent of Tithing, and the Third Vice President shall superintend the Baby Roll.

3. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Conference Society and of the Executive Committee in a suitable book.

4. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Society and supply the auxiliaries with information and with literature by sending it direct to the Presidents of auxiliaries or to the District Secretaries, as the Conference Society may direct. She shall endeavor to organize auxiliaries in every charge of the Conference, and forward a detailed report of each organization by name to the General Secretary and to the Treasurer of the Conference Society. She shall send quarterly reports to the General Secretary by the 15th of March, June, September, and December; also an annual report in March, giving statistics in full. She shall make to the Conference Society such reports as that body may require. She shall also make for incorporation in the minutes of the Annual Conference the necessary report to the Conference Board of Church Extension in regard to appropriations made to parsonages in the Conference. She shall give due notice of all meetings of the Conference Society and of executive meetings. She shall draw all orders on the treasury.

5. The Treasurer shall receive all funds of the Society, keep a book account with each auxiliary, and submit the same annually to an auditor appointed by the Society. She shall write quarterly to the Treasurer of each auxiliary giving special attention to new auxiliaries. She shall remit to the General Treasurer by the 15th of March, June, September, and December all dues, that the General Treasurer may hold in reserve, subject to the order of the Conference officers, the fifty per cent due each Conference Society. She shall also send quarterly to the General Treasurer all special donations for connectional work, contributions to Loan

Funds, offerings of Week of Prayer, and moneys for life memberships, stating carefully the purposes of the same, the names of donors and of life members.

(The Conference Treasurer shall send to the General Treasurer total *number* of baby members (not the names) made in Conference during the quarter, with amount of membership fees to correspond. She shall, at the same time, ask the General Secretary to forward to Conference Third Vice President a number of baby certificates corresponding with fees sent. For instance, if she has two dollars and fifty cents, she shall order ten certificates.)

6. The Conference Society may elect Superintendents to coöperate with the Superintendents of the Board. They shall send quarterly reports of their work to the General Superintendent of their department by the 15th of March, June, September, and December.

7. The District Secretary shall organize auxiliaries and use every available means to promote the advancement of the Woman's Home Mission Society in her district. She, or a representative appointed by her, shall present a report of the work at the District Conference. She shall hold an annual meeting in the district composed of delegates from the auxiliaries, and shall encourage each auxiliary to hold annually an all-day meeting, and once a quarter a public meeting, thus creating sentiment in favor of the work. She shall ask each pastor in her district to preach a sermon on Home Missions once a year in each Church, and ask for a free-will offering. If the Conference Society so direct, the District Secretary shall conduct the correspondence with the auxiliaries in her district. Literature and information must be sent direct to the Presidents of Auxiliaries. She shall send a quarterly report to the Conference Corresponding Secretary. It shall be her duty to do all in her power to obtain subscribers to the official organ of the Society, *Our Homes*. She shall send her book annually to the Conference meeting to be approved.

8. The Conference Society may make such by-laws as the work demands, provided they do not conflict with those made by the Board.

9. If, during the year, an office becomes vacant, the Executive Committee shall fill the vacancy.

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

AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Any number of women may become an auxiliary to the Woman's Home Mission Society, by electing a President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and by the payment of the regular dues—viz., ten cents monthly per member.

CONSTITUTION FOR AUXILIARIES.

ARTICLE 1. This society shall be called the Woman's Home Mission Society of the —, Auxiliary to — Conference Society of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the M. E. Church, South.

ART. 2. The object of this society shall be to raise funds for procuring parsonages where they are most needed, and to encourage women and chil-

dren to active and earnest effort to advance the cause of Christ in our own land.

ART. 3. Any one paying regularly ten cents per month may become a member of the society; and any one paying \$25 in one year may become a life member, and shall receive a certificate for the same, which may release the holder from further payment of dues.

ART. 4. The officers of this society shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall together constitute an Executive Committee of the society.

ART. 5. The meetings of this society shall be held monthly, or oftener if the interests of the society require it. The February meeting shall be the annual meeting, when the officers shall be elected for the following year; a report of the work of the year shall be read and a copy of the same be given to the pastor.

BY-LAWS FOR AUXILIARIES.

1. The President shall preside at the meetings and superintend the work of the society, laying special emphasis upon the study of the reading course by the auxiliary.

2. The Vice Presidents shall in their order assume the duties of the President in her absence, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned them.

3. The First Vice President shall have in charge the local interests of the auxiliary, and shall, *ex officio*, be the chairman of the committee for local parsonage and benevolent work.

4. The Second Vice President shall coöperate with the Conference Superintendent of Systematic and Proportionate Giving in supplying the auxiliary with information upon this subject, and seeking to bring the members to this method of giving. She shall try to secure individual and auxiliary use of the mite boxes.

5. The Third Vice President shall have in charge the Baby Roll and Life Membership Certificates. She shall collect the enrollment fee of twenty-five cents per member, and give quarterly to the auxiliary Treasurer the number of names enrolled during the quarter and the amount of fees to correspond. She shall at the same time send list of names and addresses to the Conference Third Vice President. She shall keep a correct roll of baby members, secure the continued use of the baby mite boxes, and turn the moneys collected monthly in them over to the auxiliary Treasurer. It shall also be her duty to interest, enlist, and organize the children and young people.

6. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the regular and called meetings, see that the congregation is notified of the time of the meeting, both from the pulpit and through the Sabbath school, and send her book annually to the district meeting to be approved.

7. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the society, and send to the Conference Secretary and to the District Secretary full reports before the first day of March, June, September, and December. She shall also send to these officers the name and address of the auxiliary President. She shall send her book annually to the district meeting to be approved.

8. The Treasurer shall collect membership dues, securing at least ten cents a month per member, keep a book account of the funds of the society, and remit to the Conference Treasurer before the first of March, June, September, and December. She shall send her book annually to the district meeting to be audited. She shall send quarterly to the Conference Treasurer the number of names placed on Baby Roll, with amount of enrollment fees to correspond.

9. It shall be the duty of the Vice Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers to make a written report to the monthly business meetings of their local auxiliaries.

10. The society shall elect an agent for *Our Homes*.

11. There shall be a Local Committee to coöperate with the First Vice President as chairman in looking after the parsonage and the benevolent work of the Church. This committee shall be elected quarterly, semiannually, or annually, as the auxiliary may prefer. It shall have its own Treasurer for local funds, which may be raised in any way the auxiliary deems best. Such by-laws may be adopted governing the work as the local needs may require, provided they do not conflict with the by-laws of the general work.

12. There shall be a Visiting Committee appointed monthly, whose duty it shall be to visit from house to house, to distribute reading matter sent out by the society, and other Church literature, enlist members for the society, and induce persons to attend church and Sabbath school. A full report shall be made at each meeting of the society. It shall be the duty of the Visiting Committee to report to the pastor the names of strangers and all cases of sickness and destitution that they may find. The members of the committee on their rounds should also endeavor by the reading of God's Word to comfort, strengthen, or bring to Christ those whom they may visit. The Visiting Committee may be subdivided into smaller committees to visit specific places. A committee on temperance and other committees may be appointed as the needs may require.

13. All the members are requested to pray for the work of the society at the hour of retiring and when they shall lie awake at night, praying especially for the members of the Baby Roll. Those who are shut in by age and ill health should be asked to bring the work and the workers daily before God.

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

CONSTITUTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S AND JUVENILE SOCIETIES.

ARTICLE 1. This society shall be called the Young People's or Juvenile Home Mission Society of —, Auxiliary to the — Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

ART. 2. The object of this society shall be to interest the young people and children of the Church in missionary and temperance work among the ignorant and degraded in our own country, to secure their help in carrying it forward, and to cultivate piety and systematic giving.

ART. 3. Every young person or child paying regularly five cents a month dues may become a member of this society.

ART. 4. Any one may become a life member of the society by the payment of \$10.

ART. 5. The officers of this society shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall constitute an Executive Committee to plan the work of the society.

ART. 6. Meetings of the society shall be held monthly or oftener. The annual meeting shall be held in February, when annual reports shall be read and officers elected for the coming year.

BY-LAWS.

1. The President shall preside at the meetings of the society, and in every way seek to promote its interests.

2. The Vice Presidents shall, in their order, preside in the absence of the President, and perform such special duties as may be given them by the society.

3. The Recording Secretary shall keep in a book a true record of the proceedings of the society, provide her pastor with notices of the meetings, and annually send her books to the district meeting for approval.

4. The Corresponding Secretary shall carry on the correspondence of the society, send reports of the work of the society once a quarter (before the 1st of June, September, December, and March) to the Conference Corresponding Secretary and District Secretary, and send to these officers the name and address of the auxiliary President. She shall send her book annually to the district meeting for approval.

5. The Treasurer shall collect membership dues, securing at least five cents a month per member; keep a book account; send funds once a quarter (before the 1st of June, September, December, and March) to the Conference Treasurer. She shall send her book annually to the district meeting to be audited.

6. An agent for *Our Homes* shall be elected, whose duty it shall be to solicit subscriptions to the paper.

7. The juvenile society may elect a Lady Manager to direct its interests. She shall guide its affairs in harmony with the work of the Woman's Home Mission Society.

8. The membership of the auxiliary shall be divided into bands of helpers, definite duties being assigned to them at each meeting.

BY-LAWS GOVERNING THE PARSONAGE DEPARTMENT.

The following rules are hereby prescribed for carrying out such of the provisions of the Constitution of this Society as relate to parsonages:

CONCERNING LOANS.

RULE 1. All loans in aid of parsonages shall be made by the General Board of Church Extension, subject to the same rules and conditions prescribed by it for loans in aid of church building. Said Board shall have authority to take bonds and mortgages payable to itself for all loans; to collect principal and interest of same when due, by suit or otherwise; and to pay annuities on Parsonage Annuity Certificates out of interest received by it, rendering an annual report of all its acts performed under these rules in be-

half of this Society, and remitting annually to the General Treasurer of this Board all interest collected on parsonage loan funds, less annuities paid.

CONCERNING FUNDS FOR DONATION BY THE WOMAN'S BOARD.

RULE 2. (1) All money specially contributed to be used for donations in the parsonage work; (2) all donations refunded upon mortgages taken under Rule 7; (3) such amount of dues received by the General Treasurer and subject to appropriations under Article X. of the Constitution as shall be determined upon by this Board from year to year at its annual meetings; and (4) all unappropriated balances remaining to the credit of the several Conference Societies on the 1st day of April of each year shall together constitute a fund for donations to aid in building parsonages, and shall be disposed of in grants for that purpose by the Woman's Board of Home Missions. The Board may, in its discretion, grant such donations at its annual meetings in anticipation of its receipts for the ensuing year; but in no event shall the aggregate grants thus made in advance exceed in amount the total amount received under the third item of this rule during the preceding year.

CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF THE GENERAL TREASURER.

RULE 3. The General Treasurer shall, at the end of every quarter, or oftener as she may see fit, remit to the Board of Church Extension all moneys coming to her hands under Rule 2, or for the loan funds; and no moneys received for the use of the parsonage department shall be used for any other purpose.

CONCERNING THE APPROVAL AND GRADING OF APPLICATIONS TO THE
WOMAN'S BOARD FOR DONATIONS.

RULE 4. Every application for donation hereafter presented for consideration at the annual meetings of this Board must first receive the approval of the Conference Woman's Home Mission Society; of the Conference Board of Church Extension of the Conference from which it comes, and such approval must be given at a regular meeting of said Board or its Executive Committee when held in the month of March for the consideration of applications for aid to the General Board of Church Extension. Said Conference Boards or Committees are hereby requested to consider all parsonage applications from their respective Conferences, and to forward such as they may approve so as to reach the General Secretary of the Home Mission Society by April 1st of each year. Each application so approved should have the signature of the President, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer of the Conference Society, and the action of the Conference Board written thereon, certified by the President and Secretary, and all the applications from a given Conference should be, by the Conference Board, graded and marked in the order of their relative importance. This rule shall not apply as to grading and time of approval in cases of unforeseen calamity occurring too late for compliance with its provisions. The General Secretary is hereby directed not to put on the calendar any application not in conformity with this rule.

CONCERNING EMERGENCY APPLICATIONS TO THE WOMAN'S BOARD.

RULE 5. The Woman's Board of Home Missions will not consider applications for donations at other than annual meetings except in cases of press-

ing emergency, of which it shall be the sole judge. Every such emergency application must be approved by the Conference Board of Church Extension or the bishop in charge of the Conference from which it may come.

DONATIONS BY WOMAN'S BOARD SUBJECT TO REVISION BY GENERAL BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

RULE 6. All donations granted to parsonages by this Board shall be subject to approval of the General Board of Church Extension, as provided in Article VIII. of the Constitution; and no notice of any grant shall be given the parties interested until such approval shall have been given. The Board of Church Extension shall have the power to change the amounts granted and to offer loans instead of donations, when considered judicious, provided the aggregate amounts granted by the Woman's Board shall not be increased.

CONCERNING TITLES AND REFUNDING MORTGAGES.

RULE 7. All donations granted to parsonages by the Woman's Board of Home Missions, or by the Conference Societies, shall be subjected to the same conditions as to titles, debts, insurance, and refunding mortgages as are imposed in like cases by the rules of the Board of Church Extension: *provided*, that mortgages shall not be taken for donations of less than fifty dollars; and that in cases of peculiar difficulty and hardship, any of the provisions of this rule may be modified in favor of the grantees, with the concurrent consent, in writing, of the General Secretary of the Woman's Board, the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, and, if the grant be made by a Conference Society, of the Corresponding Secretary of such Society.

CONCERNING DONATIONS BY CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

RULE 8. Each Conference Society shall, at its annual meeting, carefully examine all applications for donations to parsonages, and grant such as are worthy, to an amount not exceeding the sum at their disposal, or which they may reasonably expect will be at their disposal by the 31st day of March following, under Article X. of the Constitution, or from any other source; all such grants to be made subject to the provisions of Rule 7. In case of great emergency, the Woman's Executive Board of the Conference Society shall have the power to make an appropriation in the interim. No application shall be considered unless signed by the trustees and approved in writing by the presiding elder, the pastor, and the Quarterly Conference of the charge. The Corresponding Secretary of each Conference Society shall forward to the General Secretary the applications so granted, with the amount granted each indorsed thereon. The General Secretary shall, after making a list of the same in a book to be kept for that purpose, forward them to the Board of Church Extension, which shall, when supplied with the necessary funds, pay over the same to the parties entitled thereto, upon compliance with the requirements of Rule 7.

APPLICATIONS TO BE WRITTEN UPON AUTHORIZED BLANKS.

RULE 9. All applications for aid to either the Woman's Board of Home

Missions or to Conference Societies must be written upon blanks prepared by the General Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary of each Conference Society shall be provided with a supply, at the expense of her society, for gratuitous distribution in the bounds of the Conference.

CITY MISSION WORK.

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

1. There shall be a Board of City Missions consisting of three members from each coöperating auxiliary society, to be chosen by said auxiliaries at the first regular meeting in January of each year. The preachers in charge of the Churches in which the auxiliaries are located and the presiding elder of the district may be advisory members.

2. The Board shall elect at its first meeting in February of each year a President, two Vice Presidents, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

3. The Board shall hold at least one regular meeting each month. It shall be authorized, with the approval of the executive officers of the Woman's Board, to choose and employ missionaries and fix their salaries.

4. It shall employ as missionaries only those whose testimonials have been considered and approved by the executive officers of the Woman's Board.

5. A monthly report shall be made to each auxiliary by its representatives.

6. An annual report of the work shall be made to the District Conference.

7. The Board shall apportion to each auxiliary the amount necessary to be paid by it for salaries of those employed.

8. The Board shall urge the auxiliaries to secure funds by private subscription and other suitable methods for support of the work, to collect promptly and pay to the Treasurer of the Board.

9. The Board shall also report annually its work to its Conference Society and to the Woman's Board through the General Secretary.

DUTIES OF HOME MISSIONARIES.

1. House-to-house visitation, reading of the Bible and prayer with families, Bible readings, holding prayer meetings, mother's meetings, organizing and superintending industrial schools, etc.

2. They shall report monthly to the Board of City Missions, and quarterly to the General Secretary, giving a full account of their labors during the past month.

3. They shall work with the presiding elder and the Board with special reference to the establishment of such permanent preaching places and Sunday schools as may be projected by Quarterly Conference or local Church Extension Boards.

REQUIREMENTS OF HOME MISSION CANDIDATES EMPLOYED BY THE WOMAN'S BOARD.

- I. Persons who offer themselves for employment by the society should give satisfactory answers to the following questions:

1. Do you feel that you are moved by the love of souls and the providence of God to take upon you the work of a home missionary?

2. Have you an experimental knowledge of salvation through the atonement of Jesus Christ our Lord?

3. Do you believe in the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, as set forth in Part I., Chapter I., of the Discipline?

4. When and where were you born?

5. What are your domestic relations and obligations?

6. Have you a thorough English education?

7. In what schools have you taught, and how long?

8. Have you a knowledge of music, either vocal or instrumental?

9. Can you cut and fit dresses, and teach sewing?

10. Are you able to give instructions in housekeeping, including cooking?

11. Have you had experience in the care of the sick?

12. Are you willing to be transferred from one position to another if in the judgment of the Board such a change is deemed advisable?

II. 1. The candidates should furnish satisfactory testimonials to the following facts: (1) Membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; (2) Christian zeal for the salvation of souls; (3) good health; (4) educational fitness; (5) ability to give instruction in the common domestic industries; (6) aptness to teach.

2. Each candidate is requested to write a letter giving a brief sketch of her life and her call to the work, which, with her photograph, is to be sent with her testimonials.

3. The testimonials of a missionary candidate should be considered and passed by her Conference Society before they are brought before the Board.

COURSE OF STUDY FOR CANDIDATES.

CITY MISSION WORK.

1. The Bible in reference to doctrines generally; and special study of the Acts and the Epistles, their analysis and designs.

2. The life of Christ as portrayed in the Gospels.

3. Wesley's Doctrinal Standards, Sermons I.-XII.

4. Book of Discipline, Chapters I., IV., VI., XI.

5. McTyeire's "Catechism on Church Government."

6. McTyeire's "History of Methodism."

7. "Notes on Nursing," by Florence Nightingale.

Books of Reference:

Young's "Christ of History."

"The Methodist Armor," Hudson.

"Pyle on the Gospels."

"How to Bring Men to Christ," Torrey.

MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS.

\$ 0 25 constitutes a baby membership.

60 constitutes a young people or juvenile membership.

1 20 constitutes an adult membership.

10 00 constitutes a young people or juvenile life membership.

25 00 constitutes an adult life membership.

100 00 constitutes an honorary life membership.

300 00 constitutes an honorary life patron to the loan fund.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

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

OUR HOMES.

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

LEAFLETS.

Mrs. John D. Hammond, Editor, Nashville, Tenn. Leaflets can be obtained from the Conference Corresponding Secretaries or from the General Secretary, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Nashville, Tenn.

READING COURSE.

FIRST YEAR.

Bible Study.—"Harmony of the Gospels." Burton & Stevenson. Price, 75 cents. "Life of Christ." Stalker. Price, 65 cents. Help recommended: Torrey's "How to Study the Bible." Price, 50 cents.

Home Mission Study.—Annual Report, OUR HOMES. "Deaconesses in Europe and Their Lessons for America." Jane Bancroft Robinson. Price, 90 cents. "Friendly Visiting among the Poor." Mary E. Richmond. Price, 85 cents.

SECOND YEAR.

Bible Study.—Acts, Epistles, and Revelation, with the use of helps in Teacher's Bible. "Life of Paul." Stalker. Price, 55 cents. Help recommended: Torrey's "How to Bring Men to Christ." Price, 50 cents.

Home Mission Study.—Annual Report, OUR HOMES. "Child Labor." Willoughby & DeGraffenried. Price, 75 cents. "Jesus Christ and the Social Question." Peabody. Price, \$1.25.

These books can be obtained at the above prices if ordered from Bigham & Smith, special rates having been given on some of them.

READING COURSE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.

First Year.—"Life and Work of Lucinda B. Helm." By Arabel W. Alexander. \$1. "The Workers in the East." By W. A. Wyckoff. \$1.25.

Second Year.—"Out of Mulberry Street." By Jacob Riis. \$1. "The Workers in the West." By W. A. Wyckoff. \$1.50.

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

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS RECOMMENDED FOR REFERENCE AND USE IN SOCIETIES.

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

Woman's Home Missions, Delaware, Ohio.

Tidings, 2411 Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Ill.

"The Poor in Great Cities: Their Problems, and What Is Doing to Solve Them." Essays by various writers.

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

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

"Our Brother in Black." By Bishop Haygood.

"In Darkest England." By Gen. Booth.

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

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

"Punishment and Reformation." By F. H. Wines.

"The Social Teachings of Jesus." By Shailer Mathews.

"The Study of Child Nature." By Elizabeth Harrison.

"Tramping with Tramps." By Josiah Flynt.

"Social Settlements." By Henderson.

"Factory People and Their Employers." By Shuey.

TITLE TO PROPERTY.

The title to all property, real, personal, or otherwise, should be taken and held in the name of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, a corporation organized under the laws of Mississippi.

FORM OF DEVISE AND BEQUEST.

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

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

WHAT A DEACONESS IS, AND WHAT SHE IS NOT.

WHAT IS A DEACONESS?

1. She is a consecrated Christian woman.
2. She is so circumstanced that she can give her *whole time* to the service of God.
3. She is a *trained* worker, and therefore a better worker than one who has had no preparation for it.
4. She is *authorized* and *appointed* by the Church, which gives her the right to do some things she could not otherwise do.
5. Recognizing the difficulty of securing money for missionary work, she *asks for no salary*, only that her necessities be provided for when she has no means for self-support.
6. She is *at liberty to retire* from the work at any time if she wishes to marry, or family duties call her, or if for any reason she may desire to do so.
7. She wears an ordinary, simply made dress of a *uniform color* with those in the same office, with some distinctive mark of that office, possibly white strings to her bonnet. She thus secures economy, good taste, introduction, and protection when needed.
8. She *lives in a Deaconess Home*, when there are a sufficient number of deaconesses in one community, for the sake of economy, convenience, and congenial companionship—an arrangement much more desirable than a cheap boarding house.
9. As a pastor's assistant she becomes a *leader for the women* of that congregation in Church work. Instead of hindering them or doing the work they should do, they learn from her how to work more effectively, and are led out into lines of service they had not entered until she, as a skilled worker, pioneered the way.
10. She may be connected as a deaconess with her own home Church, live in her father's house, and be supported by him, if he so desire, just as in the past; only she will now do better work.

WHAT A DEACONESS IS NOT.

1. She is *not a preacher*.
2. She is not *ordained*, therefore she is not a female deacon.
3. She is *not "a Protestant nun"* (does not "ape Romanism"), as she takes no vow of celibacy or of any other kind.
4. She does *not wear "the habit of a nun."* The distinctive mark in her dress is no nearer the habit of a nun than the "clerical cut" coat worn by some preachers is like a priest's cassock.
5. She is *not "a Church beggar,"* haunting the stores and public places, her time being given to direct Christlike service to the sick, the poor, and the sinful.
6. The Deaconess Home is *not like "a nunnery,"* "expensive houses with brick or stone walls around the yard," nor has it "a Mother Superior." Usually it is a frame cottage where several womanly women live a simple home life, with possibly one of more mature years and experience to advise and guide the less experienced and manage the affairs of the house.

WHAT IS THE WORK OF THE DEACONESS?

A deaconess ministers to the poor, cares for the sick, provides for the orphan, comforts the sorrowing, seeks the wandering, saves the sinning; a work so important and delicate that it would "fill an angel's hands," a work that many Christian women long to do yet shrink from because they feel its responsibility and their lack of preparation for it. Untrammelled, prepared by study and experience, a recognized worker, she goes with heroic courage and fortitude in and out among all classes and conditions of the great city's population, gathering into her arms the deserted waif, leading from the street the wayward girl, watching by the bedside of the dying, teaching in the kindergarten, leading a cottage prayer meeting, teaching a mission Sunday school, conducting a mothers' meeting, training an industrial school—according to their "several ability," each one doing what her hand finds to do as "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed," being "thoroughly furnished unto all good works."

MARY HELM.

CONFERENCE TREASURERS.

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