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ANNUAL SESSIONS OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS

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

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1893—St. Louis, Mo.	1896—Little Rock, Ark.
1894—Nashville, Tenn.	1897—Louisville, Ky.
1895—Asheville, N. C.	1898—Knoxville, Tenn.

ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

1899—Dallas, Tex.	1905—Montgomery, Ala.
1900—New Orleans, La.	1906—Asheville, N. C.
1901—St. Louis, Mo.	1907—Houston, Tex.
1902—Richmond, Va.	1908—Louisville, Ky.
1903—Atlanta, Ga.	1909—Savannah, Ga.
1904—Kansas City, Mo.	1910—Nashville, Tenn.

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1911—St. Louis, Mo.	1919—Memphis, Tenn.
1912—Washington, D. C.	1920—Kansas City, Mo.
1913—Birmingham, Ala.	1921—Richmond, Va.
1914—Fort Worth, Tex.	1922—San Antonio, Tex.
1915—Little Rock, Ark.	1923—Mobile, Ala.
1916—Atlanta, Ga.	1924—Tampa, Fla.
1917—New Orleans, La.	1925—Tulsa, Okla.
1918—Knoxville, Tenn.	1926—Raleigh, N. C.

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The Sixteenth Annual Meeting
of the
Woman's Missionary Council
of the
Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

SIXTEEN years! How far have the women of Southern Methodism, working for the great cause of missions, come in four quadrenniums? Is it far enough to prove their heritage to the privilege of building on the foundations laid by those courageous ones who labored before them twice sixteen years in the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions and eighteen years in the Home Mission Board? In numbers and in gifts the organization has grown, and this sixteenth annual meeting of the Council marked still further progress.

In her message Mrs. Stephens recounted the Council's achievements of the quadrennium. That so much had been accomplished in four years is greater cause for thanksgiving and an increase in endeavor than for pride and satisfaction.

Like nothing else, the presence and testimonies of the messengers of glad tidings inspire one's zeal to press on. There were in attendance thirty-six deaconesses and home missionaries and sixteen missionaries from the foreign fields. Twenty-three candidates were consecrated—four deaconesses, nine home missionaries, and ten foreign missionaries.

Evidence of purpose to still advance was given in the enthusiastic approval of action taking over from the General Board of Missions the support and development of the Hiroshima Girls' School and in the recommendation of an increase in the official force by the election of a full-time Superintendent for Young People's Work with an assistant in charge of the Children.

None could have desired a most beautiful and gracious setting for this meeting. Every district of the North Carolina Conference vied with the other in making good the promise of welcome given in their invitation to the Old North State. Raleigh's invitation gave the toast,

“Here's to the land of the long-leaf pine,
The summer land where the sun doth shine,
Where the weak grow strong and the strong grow great,
Here's to your stay in the Old North State.”

Raleigh's guests realized that the lines are neither hyperbole nor fiction. The heart will ever glow as memory recalls the kindness and hospitality to the members and friends of the Council. The only limit was drawn

by the ability of the beneficiaries to accept what the gracious hearts of the host and hostesses prompted for the well-being of their guests.

Raleigh opened wide the doors of city and homes, but wherever it goes the Woman's Missionary Council becomes most familiar with the Church and the path which leads thereto, for the Church seems verily to enfold them during the days and evenings of the meeting. This time the path lay through the beautiful and interesting Capitol Park to Edenton Street Church, where the great feast was spread, and it is woe to the one that came away with a soul unblest. The prevailing theme, "Tested by the Way of Jesus," was burned into one's very being.

One can never forget the Bible hours—pearls they were, six, to treasure in the heart: The Way of Fellowship with Men, the Way of Peace, the Way of Power, the Way of Love, the Way of Life, the Way of Fellowship with God. Do we hear it again, "By the Way which Christ dedicated for us, a new and Living Way"? We will always be grateful to Prof. J. B. Matthews for these messages.

Dr. Daniel J. Fleming, Ph.D., explained the way of creativity open to every earnest seeker after fellowship with God, who having attained moral supremacy may be trusted in lifting his fellow man.

Bishop Mouzon taught of the responsibility and privilege of the Christian because of God's greatest gift to man as with power he expounded John 3: 16.

Dr. Charles Reed Zahniser set forth the magnified saving power of the Community Church and of the Churches of a community coöperating together to overcome evil and to build up a fellowship of all who love with all who suffer.

Other speakers with an understanding grasp of the work entrusted to them gave light upon the problems discussed from day to day and helped to set in motion a way of solution. Mrs. Henry W. Peabody, Chairman of the Woman's Committee on Law Enforcement, stressed the immediacy of the need of help from every earnest woman in the present national crisis touching the attempt to nullify the Eighteenth Amendment. Mrs. Janie Porter Barrett during the interracial problem hour gave insight into what the Negro women are doing to help the wayward and neglected Negro girls. Rev. Jay S. Stowell explained the new ideals for home mission work to be attained chiefly through religious education of the youth of the nation.

The noon recess afforded the recreation necessary for both the social and physical being. At this time delicious and refreshing luncheons were served by the districts of the Conference in turn. Souvenirs at lunch each day, indicative of historical, geographical, or industrial interest of the hostess district, delighted and entertained the guests and increased their gratitude to their lavish benefactors. Care and problems were dismissed, and speeches of welcome and appreciation were exchanged. Gov. Angus McClain was present the first day and most heartily welcomed the Council to the State. On succeeding days the District Secretaries and other Conference and auxiliary members were heard from. Thus this period was

like a happy continued party topped off each day with a sauce of anticipation of what the next might bring forth. It was pleasant at this hour to hear the reading of the numberless telegrams and letters from Churches, missionary societies, civic organizations, and individuals urging and entreating the Council to accept their invitations for 1927.

The drive on Saturday afternoon to Duke University and lunch at the Washington Duke Hotel as guests of the Durham District is a pleasure to be remembered. The novelty of the drive was increased by the snowstorm which added beauty to the scene and gayety to the party. The snow and the wild March wind made the welcome doubly warm in the ballroom, where tables were spread for three hundred guests. Inclement weather prevented the drive through the campus of the university, but a resourceful faculty had provided a much appreciated alternative. With the stereopticon attractive views of the campus and the buildings that are to be as well as those that have served Trinity College were thrown upon the screen in the genial atmosphere of the banquet hall.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING SESSION.

THE Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, met for the first public session of its sixteenth annual session in the Edenton Street Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Raleigh, N. C., Wednesday evening, March 10, 1926, at eight o'clock, Mrs. F. F. Stephens presiding.

The opening worship service, conducted by the Rev. M. T. Plyler, presiding elder of the Raleigh District, consisted of the second Psalm read responsively, the hymn, "O Worship the Lord," prayer, and a Scripture lesson from John 15. Mrs. LeRoy Thiem sang as a solo, "The Secret Place."

Mrs. F. F. Stephens, after a few words of greeting, stated the general topic of the evening, "Reviewing Our Task." She spoke briefly of the purpose of the Council, and introduced Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, Cultivation Secretary in Charge of Organization. Mrs. Lipscomb spoke on the Woman's Missionary Society. She traced it from its small beginning to its thirty-nine auxiliaries and 300,000 members with an offering the past year of nearly a million dollars. She also emphasized the spiritual and educational influence of the organization. Miss Esther Case, Administrative Secretary in Charge of Latin-American and African Work, was the next speaker. She spoke of Woman's Work in foreign fields, paying especial tribute to the women who had gone out to these lands as pioneers. She glimpsed the various phases of the work in the eight foreign lands and told of the increasing desire of Christians in most of them for a native Church. Mrs. J. W. Downs, Administrative Secretary in Charge of Home Fields, spoke on Woman's Work in the home field. She, too, compared the first days with the present and stated that at the Raleigh meeting one hundred and fifty-two deaconesses and missionaries would receive appointments.

The service closed with the hymn, "Hear the Voice of Jesus Calling," and the benediction pronounced by Dr. Plyler.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

The first business session was opened with a period of worship, beginning with the hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," followed by the Apostles' Creed recited in unison. Mrs. J. H. Spilman led in a prayer of praise and thanksgiving for the power of God which had led in every department of the work.

Mrs. F. F. Stephens then gave her annual Bible message, based upon passages by which personal standards may be tested by the way of Jesus, the acceptance of which opens the way to love, joy, and peace.

Prayers were offered by Miss Eliza Perkinson for the workers in the

foreign fields, by Deaconess Jennie Ducker for the workers at home, and by Mrs. J. W. Perry for the institutions through which the workers minister and for those who stand back of them.

This service was closed with the hymn "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee."

The delegates were seated, and the roll was called by the Secretary. Ninety-five members responded. During the following days the two delegates from the Brazil Conference, the alternate for the Corresponding Secretary of the Texas Conference, and two Secretaries of the Board of Missions arrived and were seated, bringing the total enrollment up to one hundred, as follows:

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Messages of love and regret for enforced absence were brought by the Secretary from Mrs. L. P. Smith, Mrs. W. F. Tillett, and Mrs. J. N. Peters.

Mrs. F. F. Stephens, President, read her message, one of great interest, a résumé of the outstanding features during the quadrennium, noting progress and enumerating successes. This was received with appreciation and placed on record. (See report, page 45.)

Mrs. J. W. Perry read her report as Vice President. This was received and placed on record. (See report, page 58.)

The report of the Executive Committee, given by the Secretary, was also placed on record. (See report, page 51.)

The sessions committees were announced as follows:

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Committee on Children's Work.—Miss Althea Jones, convener. Mrs. C. F. Niebergall, Mrs. D. N. Bourne, Mrs. H. M. Wade, Mrs. C. M. Early, Mrs. W. M. Alexander, Mrs. H. E. Barrow, Mrs. F. H. Naylor, Mrs. David E. Guyton.

Committee on Social Service.—Mrs. W. A. Newell, convener. Mrs. H. L. Rimmel, Mrs. J. C. Rawlings, Mrs. T. C. Banks, Mrs. Harwell Wilson, Mrs. T. A. Brown, Mrs. L. A. Tynes, Mrs. C. W. Nichols, Mrs. A. Y. Malone, Mrs. Harvey Boney, Mrs. L. W. Alford.

Committee on Race Relations.—Mrs. J. W. Perry, Miss Estelle Haskin, Mrs. T. J. Copeland, Mrs. A. B. Smith, Mrs. J. N. McEachern, Mrs. R. L. Kirkwood, Mrs. Fred Lamb, Mrs. K. C. Childers, Mrs. H. A. Dunham, Mrs. E. B. Chappell, Mrs. W. G. Fletcher, Miss Margaret Young.

Committee on Literature.—Mrs. J. W. Piggott, Mrs. P. L. Cobb, Mrs. H. L. McCleskey, Miss Althea Jones, Mrs. W. A. Newell, Miss Estelle Haskin.

Committee on Candidates.—Mrs. H. R. Steele, convener. Mrs. E. B. Chappell, Mrs. Lee Britt, Mrs. J. W. Mills, Mrs. J. W. Downs.

Prayer Committee.—Mrs. E. B. Chappell, Mrs. J. H. Spilman, Mrs. A. B. Smith, Mrs. J. M. Gross, Miss Daisy Davies.

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

Committee to Nominate Members of Standing Committees.—Mrs. J. W. Perry, Mrs. F. S. Parker, Mrs. J. W. Downs, Mrs. Nat G. Rollins, Mrs. J. N. McEachern, Miss Emma V. Pepler, Mrs. C. W. Nichols.

Committee on Resolutions.—Mrs. J. C. Handy, Mrs. W. C. Fletcher, Mrs. T. J. Copeland.

Committee on Public Worship.—Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, Mrs. C. M. Early, Mrs. H. R. Steele.

Committee on Courtesies.—Mrs. Harvey Boney, Miss Daisy Davies, Mrs. W. A. Stanbury, Mrs. M. T. Plyler, Mrs. I. M. Procter.

Committee on Consecration Service.—Miss Daisy Davies, Miss Mary Ora Durham.

All missionaries and deaconesses present were called to the front and introduced, each giving her name, place of service, and number of years in service. It was an impressive sight as they faced the body, first the thirty-five home missionaries and deaconesses whose united years in the work totaled three hundred, then the sixteen foreign missionaries, the sum of whose years numbered two hundred and ninety-six. Had the years given by the Secretaries, Miss Case, Miss Howell, Miss Haskin, and

Mrs. Downs, been added to these, there would have been recorded seven hundred years.

These are the missionaries who were present at the meeting, a few being unavoidably absent from this introductory service:

Deaconesses and Home Missionaries.—Deaconess Annie Alford, Deaconess Fannie Bame, Deaconess Florence Blackwell, Miss Carmen Blessing, Miss Bessie Bunn, Deaconess Jennie Ellen Ducker, Deaconess Berta Ellison, Deaconess Ellen D. Gainey, Deaconess Addie B. Greeley, Miss Helen Gardner, Miss Hyda Heard, Miss Irene Knapp, Miss Lillian Lehnhoff, Miss Henrietta Logan, Deaconess Mary Ella McCall, Deaconess Mary Nichols, Deaconess Emily Olmstead, Deaconess Constance Palmore, Deaconess Catherine Parham, Miss Anna McIver Rogers, Deaconess Bithiah Reed, Miss Dorothea Reid, Deaconess Eugenia Smith, Miss Agnes Stewart, Miss Oscie Sanders, Deaconess Nettie Stroup, Miss Tucker, Deaconess Minna Wahlross, Miss Ruth Wyatt, Deaconess Margaret Young, Mrs. Grace Driver, Deaconess Mary Ora Durham, Deaconess Maude Faile, Deaconess Juanita Hill, Deaconess Jane Wilkenson, Deaconess Mamie Robinson, Miss Dutton, Miss Florence Whiteside, Miss Dorothy Crim.

Foreign Missionaries.—Mexico—Miss Norwood E. Wynn, Miss Mary E. Massey; Brazil—Miss Eliza B. Perkinson, Miss Lydia Ferguson, Miss Gertrude Kennedy; Cuba—Miss Rebecca Toland; Congo—Miss Christine Allen; Orient—Miss Ella Leveritt, Changchow, Miss Nina W. Troy, Soochow, Miss Mary Lou White, Huchow, Miss Alice Green, Changchow, Miss Lois Cooper, Shanghai, Miss Mary Hood, Shanghai, Miss Frances Burkhead, Korea, Miss Cordelia Erwin, Chul Won, Miss Bessie Oliver, Wonson, Miss Annie Justice Hanson, Choon Chun, Miss Annie Belle Williams, Osaka, Japan, Miss Ethel Newsomb, Osaka, Japan.

Next in order was the beautiful service of Recognition of Missionaries Emeritus, those who had rounded out the full number of years and given thirty years or more in active service. Of the five entitled to this honor, only Miss Rebecca Toland was present. Mrs. Stephens read the regulation stating the credits which entitle one to this honor. Mrs. T. J. Copeland, President of the Baltimore Conference, and Mrs. Lucy H. Robertson, President of the Western North Carolina Conference, both of whom in years and service at the Home Base merit recognition equal to that accorded these missionaries, joined Miss Toland on the platform. Prayer abounding in praise and thanksgiving for the privilege of service and love of our Father was offered by Mrs. Copeland. Mrs. Robertson spoke in appreciation of the emeritus missionaries, their long term of service and the work accomplished. The certificates were presented by the Administrative Secretaries, Miss Mabel K. Howell and Miss Esther Case, to these workers in the order of their terms of service, those unable to be present being honored in absence: Miss Lochie Vaughn Rankin, 1878-1926, China; Miss Rebecca Davie Toland, 1881-1925, Mexico and Cuba; Miss Nannie Emory Holding, 1883-1913, Mexico; Miss Lelia Vernon Roberts,

1887-1925, Mexico; Mrs. Julia Ansley Gaither, 1892-1925, China. Total years of service, one hundred and ninety-five.

The completeness of this service was enhanced by the presentation to Miss Toland by Mrs. Stephens of a silver loving cup appropriately inscribed and a corsage from her sister workers in Matanzas, Cuba, who in love and appreciation wished to share in honoring this one with whom they had served. The service closed with the hymn, "Loving Kindness."

The following friends were introduced: Dr. M. T. Plyler, presiding elder of Raleigh District, and Revs. Walter Patten, W. A. Stanbury, W. W. Bele, J. A. Martin, W. T. Craven, A. J. Parker, D. N. Sharp, T. W. Lee, J. W. Bradley, F. M. Shamburger, J. G. Phillips, E. R. Clegg, T. J. Sikes, pastors of city and Conference; Prof. J. B. Matthews, Scarritt College; Dr. J. L. Cuninggim, President of Scarritt College; Mrs. M. T. Plyler; Mrs. G. B. Hester, East Oklahoma Conference; and many officers and district secretaries from the North Carolina, Western North Carolina, South Carolina, Upper South Carolina, and Baltimore Conferences.

By special request Miss Maria L. Gibson was introduced.

In the book presentation which followed, the representative of the Richmond Branch of the Publishing House recommended "Christ of the Indian Road," by Stanley Jones.

Announcements were made, and the hymn, "We May Not Climb the Heavenly Steeps," prepared the way for the noon Bible lesson, led by Rev. J. B. Matthews, one-time missionary in Java, now Professor of Bible at Scarritt College for Christian Workers. Following the general theme, "Tested by the Way of Jesus," Prof. Matthews took as the first division of this topic "The Way of Fellowship with Men," making plain this way, which, if difficult to walk, becomes easy and illuminated when one's spiritual faculties respond to Jesus when he says to us, "I am the Way." Professor Matthews led in prayer. The hymn, "Thou My Everlasting Portion," was sung, and the morning session was dismissed with the benediction pronounced by Professor Matthews.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

The worship period for the afternoon was led by Mrs. J. W. Perry. This consisted of the hymn "Jesus the Name High over All," a Scripture reading containing the promise and secret of power, and prayer led by Miss Davies.

Miss Anna Webb, a consistent member of the Missionary Society since 1879 was introduced by Mrs. Perry.

The calendar rules were read by Mrs. Britt.

A memorial from the Brazil Conference, concerning the school in Juiz de Fora, was presented and referred to the Committee on Foreign Work.

An informal report of the Program Committee appointed at the last annual meeting was made by Mrs. E. B. Chappell, chairman, and the program for the meeting was accepted.

On the nomination of the Secretary, Mrs. Nat G. Rollins and Mrs. E. B. Chappell were elected Assistant Secretaries.

The report of the Treasurer, Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton, was read. This report showed, an increase in receipts from Conferences in 1925 over 1924 of \$45,515.31, with total receipts for regular work of \$1,107,898.53; for the Bennett Memorial of \$124,673.57; for the Centenary, \$105,819.52; for Christian Education, \$12,316.81. Total receipts for the quadrennium from Conferences \$3,622,063.34; from all regular sources, \$4,107,077.75, an increase in receipts over the previous quadrennium of \$668,021.45. This report was received with gratitude. (See report, page 83.)

Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb made her report as Organization Secretary. This was received and placed on record. (See report, page 110.)

Miss Althea Jones, Superintendent in Charge of Children's Work, made her report, which was received and placed on record. (See report page 123.) This report was made more vivid as the percentage of increase in membership, offerings, mission study, and development in social service activities were illustrated with appropriate figures, which were set up before the audience as the report progressed.

Mrs. P. L. Cobb, Superintendent of Young People's Work, enlivened her report with an acrostic indicating the needs of this department and the process by which the best service may be rendered. The report was received and placed on record. (See report, page 117.) Mrs. Cobb then read the report of Miss Bess Combs, Field Secretary for Young People's Work, who, in the past twelve months, had touched twenty-four Conferences. The report was received and placed on record. (See report, page 122.) Recent bereavement, in the loss of her mother had prevented Miss Combs's attendance upon the Council Meeting.

The motions then prevailed that messages of love and sympathy and of love and greeting be sent to Miss Bess Combs, Mrs. L. P. Smith, Miss Lelia Roberts, Mrs. Julia Gaither, Miss Lochie Rankin, Mrs. W. F. Tillett, Mrs. Luke Johnson, Mrs. J. W. McCoy, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Mrs. W. B. Higginbotham, Mrs. Alfred Bowen, and Miss Elizabeth Lamb. The messages to those overseas were ordered sent by cable.

Mrs. Hume R. Steele, Candidate Secretary, made her report, stating that there is increased interest in Home Mission Work, growing out of the inspiration received at the Indianapolis Student Volunteer Convention. This report was received and placed on record. (See report, page 94.)

Miss Lillian Lehnhoff and Miss Helen Hodgson, the Student Secretaries, made their reports with enthusiasm, Miss Lehnhoff reporting a very happy year and called attention to the appreciation in which Mrs. Steele is held by the students whom she touched.

These reports were received and placed on record. (See reports, page 99, 100.)

The hymn, "In the Cross of Christ I Glory," was sung.

Mrs. W. A. Newell, Superintendent of Social Service, made her report. She placed upon the Conference women the responsibility for the development of a conscience on social service, deplored the fact that the

surface of the task had scarcely been scratched, and pointed the way to a brighter future when tested by the way of Jesus we shall walk more truly. The report was received and placed on record. (See report, page 128.)

Miss Estelle Haskin, Secretary in Charge of Literature, made her report giving plans and purposes of the literature prepared in her department. The report was received and placed on record. (See report, page 102).

Mrs. E. B. Chappell, Editor of the *Missionary Voice*, in her report praised the loyalty of the "honorable agents" of the *Voice* through whose efforts the circulation has continually grown and asked for an increase of 10,000 subscriptions this year. The report was received and placed on record. (See report, page 107.)

Mrs. Wilson, formerly Miss Mary McClellan, foreign missionary not now in active service, was introduced.

The hymn, "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" was sung, and the afternoon session was dismissed with the benediction pronounced by Dr. W. A. Stanbury.

THURSDAY EVENING SESSION.

Dr. W. A. Stanbury, pastor of the Edenton Street Church, led the opening worship service Thursday evening. This consisted of the hymn, "Come, Thou Almighty King," a scripture lesson from Jonah, and prayer.

The choir sang the anthem, "We Praise Thee."

The order of the evening was the discussion of the China problem. Miss Mabel Howell told of conditions in China for the past year and introduced her speakers.

Miss Mary Lou White, of Virginia School, Huchow, China, spoke on the state of affairs in China, telling of the nationalistic movement, a condition arising from an awakened spirit of nationalism, and outlined privileges enjoyed by foreigners through extra territoriality and tariff laws unjust to China, while Chinese Christians, to some extent protected, become in a way aliens.

Miss Lois Cooper, principal of McTyeire School, Shanghai, told of the Anti-Christian Movement which is but one of the many antis. This movement has challenged the Christians to prove their allegiance to the Christian way of life.

Miss Vong Pau Sze, corresponding secretary of the China Mission Conference, a third generation Christian, and for seventeen years a worker with the missionaries and Christians in China, spoke of the Church in China, of its yearning to see Christ with its own spiritual eyes.

Questions provoked by these discussions developed the thought of inevitable changes in the relation of missionaries and mission boards to Christian work in China.

The hour, so full of vital interest, closed with the hymn, "Praise the Saviour, All Ye Nations," and the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Stanbury.

FRIDAY MORNING.

The worship period Friday morning, led by Mrs. Fred A. Lamb, President of the Southwest Missouri Conference, consisted of the hymn, "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling," Psalm 103, prayer, and the closing hymn, "Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve."

The minutes of Thursday morning, afternoon, and evening sessions were read and approved as read.

In response to the call by the Calendar Clerk, the following papers were presented:

A resolution from the Southwest Missouri Conference, concerning the sale of Scarritt property in Kansas City, which was referred to the Committee on Scarritt. The report of the Standing Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, and the Estimates for both Home and Foreign Work, including a recommendation from the Estimates Committee, were placed on the Calendar. Following the order of the day, the Estimates of Foreign Work were taken from the Calendar.

Miss Howell stated the basis of appropriations for foreign work, \$662,442.70, larger by \$70,442.70 than that of 1925.

As the various items for China were considered, Miss Howell introduced the missionaries from the work under consideration. Miss Lois Cooper spoke of the need of buildings at McTyeire suited to modern educational requirements. McTyeire has always had consecrated Chinese women standing with it, justifying its work of forty-eight years.

Appropriations to the Shanghai District, \$8,914, were approved. The total for Sunkiang District, \$4,135, was approved. Two thousand nine hundred and eighty dollars was approved for the Taichang District. The only worker there is coming home in March, leaving this needy place without a worker.

The total recommended for Huchow District, \$6,895, was approved. Miss Mary Lou White, of Virginia School, twenty years, in China reported that the school now pays its current expenses.

Miss Lelia Bliler lives alone on this Nanzing District. The total recommended for this district, \$3,093, was approved.

For the Changchow District, Miss Ella D. Leveritt, thirty years in China, home on third furlough, spoke of changes occurring during these years, of the beautiful home in Changchow, and her joy in its modern conveniences.

Miss Alice Green, evangelistic worker in East Changchow, is from the North Carolina Conference. She spoke of the wonderful opportunity for the spread of the gospel in China at this time, of the opening of the hospital, and the magnificent work being done by the Rev. William Steele, son of Mrs. Hume R. Steele, Candidate Secretary.

The total appropriated to Changchow District, \$8,891, was approved.

Miss Nina Troy, of Greensboro, Western North Carolina Conference, head of music department of Laura Haygood Normal, Soochow, China, spoke of the erection of the new building at Laura Haygood, the opening

of the school last autumn, and of the influence music has upon the lives of the people.

Miss Frances Burkhead, head of the Moka Garden Embroidery Mission, Soochow, China, also from the Western North Carolina Conference, told of the 20,000 embroidery women in Soochow and the opportunity of reaching the women as they ply their needles.

The total appropriated to Soochow District, \$15,425, was approved.

Miss Mary Hood, R.N., from the Memphis Conference, spoke of the Margaret Williamson Nurse Training School and Hospital, with special reference to the advance made in standards of medical training in China and of how those trained at Margaret Williamson are measuring to the standards. The total for this and other Union Work, \$17,724, was approved.

The estimates for General Expenses in China, \$17,454, was approved, and the grand total for China Mission, \$145,531, was approved.

The hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers," was sung.

Miss Case spoke of the serious problem existing in Mexico whereby enforcement of certain laws are making some phases of mission work difficult. She introduced the missionaries from that field, who discussed the problem of the hour. Miss Norwood E. Wynn, from North Texas Conference, Candidate Secretary in Mexico, spoke of the influence of the Roman Catholic Church in Mexico and of how this has influenced the formulation of laws in the constitution of 1917.

Miss Mary Massey, of North Mississippi Conference, from Durango, spoke of the Woman's Work in Mexico and especially of the national spirit. Of the international relations Miss Case spoke relating the history of intermittent friendly and irritating relations between the United States and Mexico, the constitutional laws touching religious work and orders, and especially of developments in our own work growing out of the drastic enforcement of these laws directed against Catholicism. To this is added another cause of friction, the drastic law concerning ownership of property. This closed the problem hour on Mexico.

A telegram of greeting on this special day from Miss Elizabeth Lamb was read.

Announcements were made.

The following were introduced: Dr. Alfred F. Smith, editor of the *Nashville Advocate*; Mr. and Mrs. Rose, who have educated more missionaries than any other people in North Carolina; Mr. and Mrs. Merritt; Miss Powell, missionary in Cuba for years; Mrs. Scott, superintendent of Literature of North Carolina Conference; Rev. A. W. Plyler, editor of *North Carolina Advocate*, and Mrs. Plyler; officers and district secretaries of the North Carolina and Western North Carolina Conferences; Rev. Mr. Dowd, of Louisville, the Superintendent of the Orphanage; Mrs. Dow, of Four Oaks, North Carolina Conference; Rev. Mr. Smith, one of the pastors in North Carolina Conference; and the President of Jonesboro Auxiliary.

The hour for the noon devotions having come, Miss Jennie Proctor sang "Just for To-Day."

Prof. J. B. Matthews led the thought of those present to the Bible message on "The Way of Peace," peace among men in whom God is well pleased. He said that Jesus was not a nonresistant, his was super-resistance, aggressive good will. That peace is not inertia nor inactivity, but the equilibrium of tremendous forces in our lives. That peace is power. That many things in the lives of Christians are incompatible with peace. Closing the message with prayer and the benediction, the morning session was dismissed.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The afternoon session opened with a devotional period led by Mrs. H. L. Rimmel, President of the Little Rock Conference. This consisted of the hymn, "The Kingdom Is Coming," a scripture lesson from portions of Isaiah 40 and 41, and prayer, which closed with the first, fifth, and sixth stanzas of the hymn, "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life." The minutes of the morning session were read and approved as read.

The report of the Special Committee on Bible Teachers in State Institutions, presented by Mrs. R. H. Emberson, was placed on the Calendar.

The order of business, Estimates for the Home Field, was taken up. The basis of appropriation for the Home Department, \$355,074.03, was read by Calendar Clerk.

Mrs. Downs introduced the workers as the items of the report were considered. Mr. K. C. East, President of Sue Bennett School, London, Ky., told of this work, its growth, and the need it is meeting in the mountains of Kentucky.

For Brevard, Mrs. H. A. Dunham, Corresponding Secretary of the Western North Carolina Conference, spoke. She told of the fine body of students and said that the work is going on well.

Mrs. Downs stated the needs of Brevard: a new dormitory and a gymnasium. The total for mountain work, \$38,972, was approved.

Mrs. Stephens spoke of conditions at Holding Institute, where fine discipline and a good spirit prevail. Mrs. Downs reported that Holding had been granted affiliation with the State Department of Education, and in order to measure up to this privilege a new Administrative Building would be a necessity.

Mrs. Downs stated that an exchange of work with the General Board was being effected. Through this exchange the women receive the Valley Institute at Pharr, Tex., and possibly other work, while the General Board takes over the Oriental work on the Pacific Coast.

Mrs. Stephens told of the Valley Institute, a small school for girls.

Mrs. George Cocke, Corresponding Secretary of the Los Angeles Conference, spoke of Homer Toberman Mission and Clinic in Los Angeles, Calif.

Miss Eugenia Smith spoke of the San Antonio Wesley House, where

they are depending upon "regeneration and any approved means to bring it about." Here God is blessing the work.

Total for Mexican Work, \$31,172, was approved.

Mrs. L. W. Alford spoke of the work at Biloxi, Miss., where the Wesley House is reaching the Americans, French, Austrian, and Italian workers in that community.

Mrs. Downs spoke of the necessity of extending the work in Biloxi.

Miss Berta Ellison, of St. Mark's Hall, New Orleans, told of that work, of its equipment, and also of its needs.

Mrs. D. B. Carré, Corresponding Secretary of the Louisiana Conference, spoke of the school at Houma, La. Here a new dormitory is needed. The Wesley House is one of the big features of the work.

Mrs. J. C. Handy told of work at the port in Galveston where Mr. J. E. Reifschneider has for many years exerted a saving influence among the immigrants.

With the approval of the total for Gulf Coast work, \$23,593.50, this interesting hour with Estimates and Home Workers was concluded. The hymn, "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun Does His Successive Journey Run" was sung.

The second period of the afternoon was spent with estimates and foreign missionaries. Miss Howell called to the platform the missionaries from Japan. The total for missionaries and general expenses in Japan, \$18,917, was approved.

Miss Howell spoke of general conditions of the work in Japan.

Miss Annie Belle Williams, of Lambuth Training School, Kobe, told of the kindergartners and Bible women trained in this school. Miss Williams called attention to the very difficult problem in Japan occasioned by the Exclusion Act which has seriously set back the work of Christian missions.

Miss Ethel Newcomb, of the music department of Lambuth Training School, spoke of the interest in and appreciation of music in Japan.

The total for the Kobe District, \$26,421, was approved, also the total for the Matsuyama District, \$5,868.

In considering the Hiroshima District, Miss Howell explained that the Estimates Committee had so planned as to make it possible for the Council to take over from the General Board Hiroshima College and thereby realize the dream as set forth in the action of the Council in session at Tulsa, Okla., which action, after stating the belief that the support of the Hiroshima Girl's School is logically a part of the Woman's Work, concluded with these words: "We would express however our willingness to assume responsibility whenever the funds available would justify such a step."

Before taking the vote Miss Mukoyama, a teacher from Hiroshima School, now studying at Scarritt College in preparation for her future work as a Bible teacher, was introduced. She said that Christianity is gradually winning its way in Japan. In her plea for Christian educa-

tion most interestingly she gave glimpses into the heart and mind of the fine girls of Japan.

On motion the appropriation of \$30,000, carrying with it the taking over of Hiroshima College, was carried by a rising vote.

The total for the Hiroshima District, \$36,814, and the grand total for the Japan Mission, \$88,020, were adopted. The report of the Committee on Sunday appointments was read by the pastor, Dr. W. A. Stanbury. This was a most interesting report, supplying nearly every pulpit in the city, both colored and white, with Council speakers. The afternoon session was dismissed with the benediction pronounced by Dr. Stanbury.

FRIDAY EVENING.

Friday evening the opening worship period was led by the Rev. W. H. Brown, pastor of Jenkins Memorial Church. This consisted of the hymn, "Christ for the World We Sing," a scripture lesson relating Peter's vision from Acts, 10, and prayer.

Mrs. Le Roy Thiem, of the Edenton Street Church choir, sang as a solo "I Will Lift Up My Eyes."

Mrs. Stephens then introduced Rev D. J. Flemming, Ph.D., of New York, missionary and author, who gave the address of the evening on "Christ's Plan—Our Sharing in Creation." The wonderful plan of Christ to redeem all men, to lead them to a life of perfect harmony, and trust daily growing morally and spiritually until possessed of creativity. Then God calls us to share in creation in leading another soul to the light, in helping another's eyes to catch the vision, and another's mind to grasp the motive and power of his love.

The service closed with the hymn, "O Zion, Haste," and the benediction pronounced by Dr. Brown.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The Council met in regular session Saturday morning at nine o'clock, Mrs. J. W. Perry, Vice President, presiding.

Mrs. W. M. Alexander, Corresponding Secretary of the Missouri Conference, led the opening worship period. This consisted of the hymn, "Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart," a scripture lesson from Matthew 7, prayer, and the hymn, "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult."

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

Mrs. E. M. Bramlette, Superintendent of Publicity of the Texas Conference, was seated as alternate for Mrs. J. N. Steele, Corresponding Secretary of that Conference, who was unavoidably detained at home.

A memorial from the Northwest Texas Conference, concerning a Girls' Camp, was placed on the Calendar.

In the motion of Mrs. J. W. Downs, Calendar Rule Six was suspended that Report No. 1 of the Committee on the Home Field might be put upon its passage at once.

This report, concerning deaconess candidates to be consecrated Sunday morning, was read and adopted. (See report, page 150.)

The hymn, "He Leadeth Me," was sung.

Those participating in the interracial period, the order of this hour, were called to the platform.

Mrs. J. W. Perry in introductory remarks spoke of Mrs. Luke Johnson who had led in the interracial work ever since the commission was set up in the Council. Mrs. Johnson was unable to be present because of illness.

Miss Estelle Haskin read the report of the Commission on Race Relations. (See report, page 138.) This was supplemented by Mrs. W. A. Newell, who at this time gave that portion of her report relating to race relations. She said that in the past year larger contacts had been established with other organizations in the interest of this work, that auxiliary interracial committees have made a beginning in many lines of work, one worthy of mention, that of securing more equitable division of State and county funds for school and welfare work. Much has been done in the exchange of speakers with colored missionary societies. The auxiliaries are urged to make the committees truly interracial by securing consultation with colored women, getting their own statement of their needs and aims.

Mrs. Maud Henderson, Chairman of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, spoke of the work of this great body, prefacing her message with greetings from Dr. W. W. Alexander, Director of the Commission. She sketched the beginning of this great work and told something of its aims. She said that over eight hundred committees throughout the Southern States are working at this task, seeking to form day nurseries, to establish parks and playgrounds, to secure better housing, better sanitation, and better educational privileges. North Carolina has done more for the Negro in an educational way than any other State. One chief aim in the Commission is to prevent lynching and mob violence.

The last speaker on the interracial topic was Mrs. Janie Porter Barrett, Superintendent of the Virginia Industrial School for colored girls at Peak's Turnout, Va., established nineteen years ago to protect and train the young Negro girls, to make citizens of those who have grown up on the streets and are found guilty of crimes, some as serious as those of murder and housebreaking. An effort is made to make all physically fit and to give them at least the beginning of an education. All officers of the school are required to be a living example of the ideal to which they strive to lift these girls.

Lieutenant Oxley, a director of Welfare Work among Negroes in North Carolina, was introduced.

Dr. Charles M. Sheffey, missionary on furlough from Africa, closed this period with a prayer of gratitude for the spirit of brotherhood and for God's touch upon the hearts all over this land that they may show forth the nobility of kindness.

The secretary was instructed to send a message of greeting to Dr. W. W. Alexander.

Mrs. Britt stated that Mrs. Barrett's work is held in high respect by Virginia, where Mrs. Barrett is honored for her work of redemption.

Estimates for Korea were taken from the Calendar.

Estimates for missionaries and general expenses in Korea, amounting to \$30,398, were approved.

Miss Howell spoke of the work on the Seoul District, and the asking for this district, \$23,970, was approved.

Miss Cordelia Erwin, missionary to Korea for twenty-one years, one of those privileged to aid in beginning the work in that land, said the greatest need in her district, Chulwon, is more missionaries, indeed, the greatest need of a mission field is a Christian family. She said: "I would not have come home, if I had not thought I could get more missionaries."

Miss Howell stated the pressing needs in Chulwon District, notably a playground, which will cost but one thousand dollars. Totals for Chulwon District, \$4,760; and Songdo, the largest district in Korea, \$29,805, and for Wonsan District, \$26,610, were approved.

Miss Bessie Oliver, of Lucy Cuninggim School, Wonsan, spoke of this work, its growth from the smallest beginning. They moved last February into the new building given by the South Georgia Conference. They have a playground given by parents of the school and have secured the faculty, dormitory, and the \$170,000 endowment necessary to meet government requirements. The endowment is deposited in the bank. Last July they celebrated with a great occasion, the registration of the Lucy Cuninggim School, the only accredited girls' school in that province. She told of the desperate need of repairs which will make good the promise of the missionaries in securing from the government this registration. Because of insufficient funds these repairs and many other urgent calls from the fields, including those of Miss Erwin, the Estimates Committee had been unable to recommend.

The Estimates for Choon Chun District, \$15,580, were approved, also, the grand total for Korea, being \$131,123.

The Siberia Mission was represented by Miss Howell.

Mrs. Lee Britt spoke of the Jane Brown Evangelistic Center, which a legacy from Mrs. Brown, of Virginia, had made possible. The total amount for the Siberia Mission, both Russian and Korean Departments, \$14,183, was approved.

On motion Report No. 2 of the Committee on Home Field, concerning home missionaries to be consecrated Monday evening, was taken from the Calendar out of order, read, and adopted as read. (See report, page 150.)

The estimates for the Brazil Mission were considered and the following totals approved: missionaries salaries, \$31,491; language study, \$1,414; outfits for three new missionaries, \$750; travel for these and others, \$4,175; and the field treasurer, \$250.

Miss Eliza Perkinson, representing Bennett College, said she did not

hesitate to say that it is the best thing the Council has. It is a teacher-training center. Three units of the plan are completed. They have an unusually fine faculty. Rio is the greatest educational center in Brazil, but Bennett College cannot open its doors wide for lack of dormitory space. Every year by the hardest they manage to increase facilities.

Dr. C. G. Hounshell stated that we have the most commanding situation in the world in Rio, and we need a million dollars to meet the need there.

Mrs. Stephens spoke of the work at Isabella Hendrix, Bello Horizonte, where the need of a new dormitory is most pressing. The Mission has decided that of the several dormitories needed, this at Isabella Hendrix shall be the first to be built. The total for the Brazil Conference, \$5,281, was approved.

The order of the day for this hour being the receiving of the Conference pledges, Mrs. Ina Davis Fulton, Treasurer, opened this sacred service with the scripture lesson of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes as symbolic of the gifts being made by the women of our Church.

The pledges made by the Conferences for 1926 amounted to: Adult, \$879,456.39; Young People, \$54,114.87; Children, \$57,557.74; a total of \$991,129. The service closed with the hymn, "Work, for the Night Is Coming."

It was moved and seconded that when the morning session adjourned at noon, it should adjourn to meet in executive session in the late afternoon, when the members returned from the drive to Duke University.

The Special Committee on Candidate Work was appointed by the Chair as follows: Mrs. A. B. Smith, Miss Daisy Davies, Miss Mabel K. Howell, Mrs. R. L. Hobdy, Mrs. W. A. Newell (Mrs. H. R. Steele and others for information of the committee).

Friends were introduced, and the body entered the quiet of the noon devotional period.

For the noon lesson, Professor Matthews, taking as his theme "The Way of Power," said that the way of power is the way of salvation. He then outlined the forms of power which Christ chose—power of experience, of service, of faith, and of prayer, saying: "Power is given for the definite purpose of witnessing." Jesus said: "All power is given unto me." "I am the Way."

The message closed with prayer and the benediction.

SUNDAY MORNING.

For the Sabbath morning service, the order of worship was followed with hymns and creed and prayer led by Dr. M. T. Plyler, the one hundred and thirty-ninth Psalm read responsively, the Gloria, a New Testament lesson from the third chapter of John, and the hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers." The Edenton Street Church Choir added its inspirational message in voluntary and offertory anthems.

Bishop Mouzon, taking for his text John 3: 16, interpreted it with power.

Then, following the ritual for the consecration of deaconesses, the Bishop commissioned to the office of deaconess the four young women presented by Mrs. Stephens, President of the Council: Miss Martha Robinson, of Jackson, Tenn., Memphis Conference; Miss Mary Clendenning, Palmyra, Mo., Missouri Conference; Miss Emma Wall, Morristown, Tenn., Holston Conference; Miss Bess Sargent, Haleyville, Ala., North Alabama Conference.

The service closed with the benediction.

SUNDAY EVENING.

The Sunday evening service began with the hymn, "The Church's One Foundation." A scripture lesson from Luke 4, Christ's first sermon, was read and prayer offered by Miss Daisy Davies.

The Edenton Street Choir rendered the anthem, "The Lord Is My Light and My Salvation" as the voluntary and for the offertory the solo, with violin obligato, "Open the Doors of the Temple."

Mrs. Stephens then introduced the Rev. Charles R. Zahnizer, Executive Secretary of the Churches of Christ, of Pittsburgh, Pa., who delivered an address on "The Church and the Community," expounding the gospel for every life and for all life and showing how this message may be most successfully delivered through coöperation.

The service closed with the hymn, "Lead On, O King Eternal," and the benediction pronounced by Dr. Zahnizer.

MONDAY MORNING SESSION.

The Woman's Missionary Council met at 9 o'clock Monday morning with the President, Mrs. F. F. Stephens, presiding.

Mrs. C. M. Early, President of the North Carolina Conference, led the worship period. This service consisted of the hymn, "More Love to Thee, O Christ," a portion of the sixth chapter of Mark, read by Mrs. Early, and prayer offered by Deaconess Eugenia Smith. The service closed with the singing of the hymn, "Break Thou the Bread of Life."

The minutes of Saturday morning's session were read, amended, and approved as amended.

Minutes of the Sunday morning and evening sessions were read and approved as read.

The report of the Standing Committee on Bennett Memorial was placed on the Calendar.

A memorial from Cuba was referred to the Committee on Foreign Fields.

The following Session and Special Committees were placed on the Calendar: Candidates Work, Race Relations, Foreign Fields—Report No. 1; Home Cultivation, Reports Nos. 1 and 2; Children's Work, Young People's Work, Policy for Advisory Boards of Mission Institutions, Regulations for Dormitories, Rural Work.

The next in order of business was the report of Scarritt Bible and Train-

ing School. This report was made by Rev. J. L. Cuninggim, D.D., President of the College, who pressed the college's need of the financial and moral support of the Church. (See report, page 142.)

The report of the Belle H. Bennett Memorial was read by Mrs. J. W. Perry, chairman-manager of the committee. The report was placed on record. (See report, page 161.)

The report of the Bennett Memorial Prayer League, prepared by Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, who had had this work in charge since its inception, was read by Miss Estelle Haskin, Secretary of the Belle H. Bennett Committee. The report was placed on record. (See report, page 163.)

Miss Daisy Davies, Field Messenger for the Memorial, told of the strenuous life lived in carrying on her mission and of the encouraging response to her appeal, for the heart of the women is in this appeal. She had received in individual pledges about \$22,000. This report completed the various sections of the report on the Belle Bennett Memorial.

Bishop Boaz was introduced and spoke briefly of general conditions in the Orient. He said there seems to be a great awakening in China at this time. The situation there politically is just as delicate as it can be. In regard to the Council Administrative Secretary for the Orient, he could not ask any more of her than Miss Howell is giving. She has done a magnificent work in the Orient.

The estimates for Central Brazil Conference were read.

Miss Kennedy spoke of the work at Piracicabano and asked for a new dormitory. Miss Case said that we could not grant the dormitory or repairs asked for at this work.

Miss Lydia Ferguson spoke of work at Ribeirao Preto.

Estimates of \$886 for Ribeirao Preto, \$720 for Sao Paulo, \$2,150 for Christian literature, \$480 for Bible women, and a total of \$4,616 for Central Brazil Conference were approved.

Miss Case stated that the two schools in South Brazil, Porto Alegre and Santa Maria, are outstanding. A total of \$5,216 for South Brazil and \$53,193, the grand total for Brazil, were approved.

The Congo Mission was next considered.

Miss Myrtie Bryant, new missionary to Africa, was introduced.

Miss Case stated that as our part of the medical work in Africa we have furnished the nurses and one thousand dollars. These nurses are associated with Dr. Charles M. Sheffey, missionary of the General Board. Dr. Sheffey was introduced and spoke of the fine, consecrated service being done by the women workers in the Congo.

Miss Elizabeth Bass, Raleigh, N. C., in preparation for medical work in Africa, was introduced.

Miss Christine Allen, from Africa, said there is in the Congo only one piece of work really belonging to the Council, the Girls' Home at Wembo Nyama. She told of the great variety of her work and asked for new workers, saying they need a worker who can create among the women out there a desire for something better. She deplored the fact that the request from her field for a Ford car or motorcycles had not been granted.

A total of \$12,389 for the Congo Mission was approved.

Bishop Cannon spoke of conditions in Mexico.

Announcements were made.

The following friends were introduced: Dr. J. W. Perry, Mrs. James Cannon, Dr. James Cannon of Duke University, Mrs. Jones President of Baptist Union, Dr. Lord of North Carolina Conference, Dr. Sargent of Alabama Conference, Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Orr of Brevard Institute, Mrs. Henry and little Bettie Bernice Henry granddaughter of Mrs. R. E. L. Morgan and life member of the West Oklahoma Conference.

Hymn, "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go," was sung, and Professor Matthews delivered his message on "The Way of Love." Here he showed that love is strong, love is courteous, love is inclusive, that love at its best is sacrificial, redemptive love; that Christianity says, love is the ultimate fact in the universe, that Jesus is the Son of fact and tested by the way of love, he speaks to us saying "I am the Way."

The message closed with prayer and the benediction.

MONDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The worship period Monday afternoon was led by Mrs. J. H. Dickey. This consisted of the hymn, "Come, Let Us Anew Our Journey Pursue," the hundred and thirty-ninth Psalm, and prayer which closed with two stanzas of the hymn, "Holy Spirit, Faithful Guide."

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

Attention was called to the fact that two members had come in during the morning, Dr. J. W. Perry and Mrs. L. Y. Long, corresponding secretary of Brazil.

A resolution concerning sale of Scarritt Bible and Training School property, presented by Mrs. Fred Lamb, was referred to the Committee on Scarritt.

Reports Nos. 3 and 4 of the Committee on Home Field were placed on the Calendar.

On motion Calendar Rule No. 6 was suspended that two reports concerning candidates might be taken from the Calendar out of order and considered.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Home Field, naming the candidates for Home Mission Work to be consecrated Monday evening, was read and adopted. (See report, page 149.)

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Foreign Fields, naming the candidates to be consecrated for Foreign Work Monday evening, was read and adopted. (See report, page 150.)

Miss Sze Vong Pau, corresponding secretary of the China Mission Conference, was introduced as the bearer of fraternal greetings from her society to the mother society. She said: "China Conference Woman's Missionary Society send their love and greetings to our Mother Society—Woman's Missionary Council." That the China Conference was organized in 1916 with fourteen auxiliaries to start. In 1925 it had a membership of three thousand in seventy auxiliaries. Contributions received

by the Conference treasurer up to 1925 amounted to over \$10,000 (Mexican), of which \$5,400 (Mexican) was sent to Yunnan, \$1,165 (Mexican) was sent to Africa, and \$2,000 (Mexican) was sent to Manchuria.

In closing she presented from her Conference a beautiful silk scroll carrying the following inscription in Chinese characters: "How beautiful are the feet of them that bring glad tidings of good things." (Romans 10: 15.) "As a token of appreciation, fellowship, and good will China Conference Woman's Missionary Society present this to the Woman's Council in America."

This Mrs. Stephens accepted with gracious appreciation.

Miss Burkhead, delegate from China, presented to the Council a picture of the annual meeting of the China Conference woman's missionary society, 1924, and a Buddhist rosary that had been given to the China missionary society by a converted Buddhist worshiper.

Miss Cordelia Erwin, delegate from Korea, brought from Korea the bridal ornaments of a young woman whose mother had made a gift of them to the Korea missionary society after the death of the little bride. She said that in Korea there are three hundred auxiliaries and between two and three thousand members.

Mrs. Piggott presented a precious Korean hair ornament that had been given to the Louisville Conference by a Presbyterian Korean missionary. The ornament had been sold several times, and she was turning it over to the "Precious Gift Fund." Miss Howell stated that the Korean missionary society has sent its offering of \$50 in gold to the Bennett Memorial.

From Brazil, D. Yvonne de Affonseca, alternate for the president of the Brazil Conference, brought greetings, from Brazil, telling at the same time of what evangelical missions have meant to Brazil, where they have been at work since the later years of the empire. She said that educational progress is due to the work established thirty years ago by Miss Martha Watts, our pioneer missionary in Brazil. She expressed gratitude for the schools and churches established; for the money sent for this work, and for the missionaries who have worked in Brazil, notably those who had gone to Brazil thirty and forty years ago: Miss Watts and Miss Pescud, and Drs. Tarboux and Lander. She reported three Conferences, about one hundred societies, and three thousand members, which have probably raised about \$10,000, ten per cent of which has been sent to the Africa Mission.

Mrs. Stephens gratefully acknowledged these "encouraging messages and welcomed these gifts which have come to us with love from our sister workers."

The following estimates for Cuba were approved: \$13,312 for missionaries; \$3,438 total for Cienfuegos; \$720 total for Havana; \$6,561 total for Matanzas.

Miss Case spoke of the work and need in Cuba.

The grand total of \$26,821 for Cuba was approved.

The following totals for Mexico were approved: \$30,982 for missionaries'

salaries, \$1,350 for language study, \$750 for outfits for new missionaries, \$1,900 for travel, \$1,225 Student and Woman's Work, \$12,942 total for Chihuahua, \$10,981 total for Durango District, \$25,324 total for Monterrey District, \$5,093 total for Parral, with a grand total for Mexico of \$90,547.

Twenty thousand five hundred dollars Scarritt College; \$3,490 Inter-board Work; \$18,481 for administration were approved.

For the Home Estimates, which were next considered, Mrs. J. M. Gross, Corresponding Secretary of the Florida Conference, spoke of the work in Florida for which \$13,631 was voted. For the Negro Work, Mrs. A. B. Smith, President of the Tennessee Conference, spoke of the Bethlehem Center, Nashville; Miss McCall, teacher in Paine College, spoke of the work at Bethlehem Center, Augusta, Ga. Miss Carmen Blessing, teacher at Paine College, Augusta, Ga., spoke of the work at Paine. Dr. J. W. Perry, member of the Paine College Board, supplemented Miss Blessing's comments.

Concerning work among miners: For Thurber, Mrs. J. H. Stewart, President of the Central Texas Conference, spoke; for Picher, Mrs. C. E. Castle, President of the East Oklahoma Conference. Eight thousand nine hundred dollars for this work was approved.

For Dependent Girls, Vashti, Georgia, \$13,450 was approved. Mrs. E. P. Peabody, Corresponding Secretary of the South Georgia Conference, spoke of this work.

It was moved and seconded that in the appropriations for Bible Teachers, Southeastern College, at Durant, Okla., be substituted for the State Teachers College. The motion prevailed, and the Estimates on Bible Teachers, \$6,900, was approved.

For Delinquent Girls at Dallas, Tex., \$12,000 was voted, and for English-speaking work (Wesley House) at San Francisco, Calif., \$1,821. The latter was represented by Mrs. W. G. Fletcher, President of Pacific Conference.

The following items were approved: \$23,000 for Scarritt College, \$11,045 for City Mission and Conference appropriations, and \$17,265 for Administration.

The hour for adjournment having come the afternoon session was dismissed with the benediction pronounced by Dr. Stanbury.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS.

During the week March 10-17, 1926, in Raleigh, the Council held four executive sessions to consider four papers.

For convenience the first three sessions are grouped at the close of the regular afternoon session on March 15, the date of the third session. The fourth session, being practically a continuation of the afternoon session of the 16th, is there recorded.

The first executive session was held with the Worker's Conference Wednesday afternoon, March 10, at which Mrs. C. M. Sinclair, Leader of the Conference, presided during the presentation and study of the

portion of the report of the General Conference Commission on Reorganization of Boards as it touches the missionary work of the women.

Mrs. Harwell Wilson led the opening devotional service, and Mrs. J. C. Handy presented the paper on reorganization with the interpretation.

This completed, Mrs. Stephens took the chair. The report of the Joint Committee on General Conference Legislation was read by Miss Case, Secretary of the Committee, and considered seriatim.

On motion the item touching paragraph 112, page 57 of the Discipline was stricken out. On motion the item touching paragraph 479 was amended by striking out the words "She shall wear the prescribed uniform."

It was moved and seconded that this item be further amended by striking out all except the authorization for Deaconesses and the fact that they shall come under the Woman's Work. The motion to defer action on the above motion prevailed, and on motion the executive session adjourned to meet Friday afternoon at 4:30.

An executive session was called to order at four-thirty Friday afternoon, Mrs. Stephens in the chair.

The minutes of the session Wednesday afternoon were read and approved as read.

The motion upon which action had been deferred was reread.

A substitute for this motion was offered by the mover of the original, Mrs. Hume R. Steele, as follows: "The Board shall enlist, train, and commission missionaries for service in the homeland and in the foreign fields for educational, evangelistic, and medical work and for other related forms of service." The motion prevailed that the portion of this substitute related to missionaries be accepted, but that it be not accepted as a substitute for paragraph 479 of Article VIII.

Paragraph 480 under Article IX was discussed with motions and countermotions. The motion to accept the recommendation of the committee was lost and also the motion to recommit it.

Finally the motion prevailed that a committee be appointed to canvas the whole question of candidate work and report back to the body in executive session.

On motion the session adjourned to meet late Saturday afternoon.

A meeting at that time proving impossible, the next executive session was called to order Monday afternoon at 4:30.

Reports of the Commission on Coördination of Religious Education in the local Church and of the commission on Status of Young People's Work were read as they deal with related questions.

The report of the Commission on Status of Young People's Work was adopted. (See report, page 172.)

The report of the Commission on Coördination of Religious Education in the Local Church was adopted. (See report, page 175.) The motion to adjourn for the afternoon prevailed.

MONDAY EVENING.

Close to the heart of the whole meeting is the consecration service, to which Monday evening is devoted. The choir from Goldsboro rendered the anthems most fittingly chosen.

Missionaries and deaconesses entered and took their places during the singing of the processional, "Lead On, O King Eternal."

Candidate Secretary Mrs. H. R. Steele read the opening Bible lesson and led in prayer.

Bishop Boaz delivered a brief charge to the candidates.

After the singing of the hymn, "Faith of Our Fathers," each candidate, with earnest simplicity which winged her message with power, told why she felt herself called to be a missionary, and something of the service she hoped to render.

While the choir sang "My Task," the candidates took their place before the altar rail, and the President of the Council presented them to the Bishop for consecration as follows:

FOREIGN MISSIONARIES.

Miss Sallie Lewis Brown, Charlottesville, Va., Virginia Conference.

Miss Lorena Foster, R.N., Pearsall, Tex., West Texas Conference.

Miss Sallie Elizabeth Carroll, Rocky Mount, Va., Virginia Conference.

Miss Ruth Diggs, Spartanburg, S. C., Upper South Carolina Conference.

Miss Irene Nixon, Georgetown, Tex., Central Texas Conference.

Miss Myrtie Bryant, Collins, Miss., Mississippi Conference.

Miss Verda Norene Farrar, Advance, Mo., St. Louis.

Miss Elizabeth Bass, Wilson, N. C., North Carolina Conference.

Miss Helen Hodgson, Oroville, Calif., Pacific Conference.

Miss Edith Bayne, Macon, Ga., South Georgia Conference.

HOME MISSIONARIES.

Miss Lena Viola Long, Trenton, S. C., Upper South Carolina Conference.

Miss Edith Beatrice Ader, Weaverville, N. C., Western North Carolina Conference.

Miss Pearl Edwards, Perry, Ga., South Georgia Conference.

Miss Myra C. Ormond, Wilmington, N. C., North Carolina Conference.

Mrs. Virginia Hall, Barboursville, W. Va., Western Virginia Conference.

Miss Birdie Reynolds, Newport, Va., Baltimore Conference.

Miss Iva Lou Matkin, Enloe, Tex., North Texas Conference.

Miss Eula McCoy, McKenzie, Tenn., Southwest Missouri Conference.

Miss Elizabeth Doren Russell, Green Bay, Wis., Memphis Conference.

Miss Myra Ormond and Mrs. Virginia Hall, ill in the Raleigh Hospital, were consecrated in absence.

Following the ritual for the service the Bishop led the responsive reading of selected scripture passages, offered the prayer for the candidates, and

read the printed address. The hymn, "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart," was sung and an invocation offered. When each candidate had been commissioned by the Bishop, they faced the great audience and sang their response in "O Zion, Haste."

The beautiful, inspiring service closed with the benediction pronounced by the Bishop.

TUESDAY MORNING.

The morning worship service was led by Mrs. Harvey Boney, Corresponding Secretary, North Carolina Conference. This consisted of the hymn, "He Leadeth Me," a scripture lesson, Hebrews 11: 1-16, prayer led by Mrs. J. R. Moore, a returned missionary from Korea, and the hymn, "Fairest Lord Jesus."

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

Reports Nos. 1 and 2 of the Committee on Home Cultivation were placed on the Calendar.

The report of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws was taken from the Calendar, read, and considered by items. It was moved that item 1 of Section II be amended by striking out all of the item after the words "consisting of" and inserting the words "seven members." The motion prevailed and the report was then adopted as amended. (See report, page 165.)

The report of the Bennett Memorial Committee was taken from the Calendar. The resignation of Mrs. R. W. MacDonell as director of the Prayer League contained in this report was presented and regretfully accepted. The recommendation of the report naming Miss Gibson as Mrs. MacDonell's successor was adopted. (See report, page 163.)

The report of the Committee on Candidates was read and adopted as read. (See report, page 153.)

Reports one and two of the Committee on Race Relations were taken from the Calendar. Report No. 1 concerning audit of finances was read and adopted. (See report, page 160.)

Report No. 2 concerning the discontinuance of the Commission on Race Relations and provision for the promotion of this work by the Standing Committee on Social Service was read and adopted as read. (See report, page 160.)

The report of the Committee on Regulations for Dormitories was read.

It was moved and seconded that the first paragraph be amended by striking out the word "Methodist."

As a substitute for the above, it was moved by Mrs. Fulton that the word "primarily" be inserted between the words "activities" and "of." This was adopted.

On motion the item of the report concerning finances was recommitted with instructions that a recommendation be brought in for meeting a deficit that might arise.

The motion to change the time of reporting from monthly to quarterly was lost.

On motion the last item of the report was recommitted.

Mrs. Henry W. Peabody, President of Board of Control of Shanghai Medical College for Women, Chairman of the Committee on Law Enforcement, and Editor of *Everyland*, was introduced by Mrs. Stephens and spoke on Law Enforcement. First, however, she told of the birth and growth of the Union Medical Work in Shanghai, now grown to an A-grade medical college. She then delivered a message on Law Enforcement with especial emphasis on women's part in this work. In closing she presented a resolution which was referred to the Committee on Social Service.

The presence of Dr. C. G. Hounshell, Candidate Secretary of the Board of Missions and member of the Council, was noted.

The quadrennial election being the order of the day, the tellers were appointed as follows: Distributing tellers: Mrs. C. E. Castle, Mrs. H. M. Wade; collecting tellers: Mrs. R. E. L. Morgan, Mrs. E. A. Kitchell, Miss Oscie Sanders; recording tellers: Mrs. Harvey Boney, Mrs. E. R. Steele, Mrs. H. L. McCleskey, Mrs. J. N. McEachern.

As a preparation for this most important duty, the Council entered into a season of prayer. The hymn, "I Need Thee Every Hour" was sung and prayers were offered by Mrs. J. H. Stewart and Mrs. J. H. Spilman.

The body was counted, showing ninety-two present.

The ballot for Council President was cast, the tellers retired, and other business was resumed.

The hymn, "Be Strong," was sung while the forty-nine deaconesses and home missionaries present came before the altar to receive their appointments.

Mrs. Stephens read from Corinthians 9 and spoke to these workers of success, the success of contribution.

The President read the appointments. (See appointments, page 146.)

Mrs. J. W. Mills, Acting Chairman of the Woman's Committee of the Board of Missions, speaking of the power of Miss Gibson's prayers, which follow these workers from day to day, requested Miss Gibson to offer the prayer at this time.

The prayer was followed by the hymn, "Blessed Quietness."

Mrs. Harvey Boney reported the ballot taken for the President. Of the ninety-two votes cast Mrs. Stephens received a majority.

On motion the informal vote was made the formal vote, and the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for Mrs. Stephens as President of the Council. The Secretary cast the ballot.

The ballot was taken for Vice President, and the tellers retired.

A letter to the Council from Mrs. Frank Siler, former Recording Secretary of the Woman's Board of Home Missions and also of the Council, was read by the Secretary.

In grateful acknowledgment of this beautiful letter, the Secretary was instructed to send a message to Mrs. Frank Siler.

Announcements were made.

The following friends were introduced: Brother Ormond, father of Miss Myra Ormond, one of the candidates consecrated Monday evening; Mr. Tuttle, brother of Miss Lelia Tuttle, missionary in China; Miss Steward, daughter of the president of Hiroshima Girls' School; Mrs. Moore, former missionary to Korea; Mrs. J. L. Cuninggim, of Scarritt College.

Mrs. Boney reported the last ballot; ninety votes cast, Mrs. Perry received the majority.

The motion prevailed that the informal ballot be made the formal ballot, and the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot for Mrs. J. W. Perry as Vice President of the Woman's Missionary Council.

The Secretary cast the ballot.

Preparing the way for the noonday worship, Mrs. E. R. Hall sang as a solo, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul."

Prof. J. B. Matthews delivered his message on "The Way of Life," saying: "In Jesus Christ we have life. Until we make life and religion coexistent, both will be poorer. We must capture all life for religion. The fullness of life is contrasted with the emptiness of living. Life is not longevity, but a quality. God has a pattern for every life. Jesus made life a central, dynamic purpose. He came that we might have life and have it to the full.

Closing with prayer, Professor Matthews dismissed the morning session with the benediction.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was opened with a devotional service led by Mrs. J. N. McEachern, Corresponding Secretary of the North Georgia Conference. This consisted of the hymn, "Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire," a lesson from John 7, Jesus's great intercessory prayer, and closed with prayer offered by Mrs. E. P. Peabody.

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

The ballot for Treasurer was taken and the tellers retired.

The report of the Special Committee Defining the Functions of Advisory Boards of Home Mission Institutions was taken from the Calendar, read, considered by sections, and adopted as read. (See report, page 171.)

Mrs. Boney, chairman of recording tellers, reported seventy-seven ballots cast for Treasurer, seventy-seven votes cast for Mrs. Ina D. Fulton.

On motion the informal ballot was made the formal ballot and the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for Mrs. Ina D. Fulton as Treasurer.

The ballot for Recording Secretary was taken, and the tellers retired.

The report of the Committee on Rural work was taken from the Calendar. Consideration of this was suspended.

On motion the report of the Standing Committee on Scarritt College for Christian Workers concerning the sale of Scarritt Training School in Kansas City was taken from the Calendar out of order, read, and adopted as read, as follows:

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE ON SCARRITT COLLEGE OF
CHRISTIAN WORKERS.

Your Committee considered the following resolution and recommend concurrence:

Resolutions.

Be it resolved by the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at a meeting thereof duly called, convened, organized, and held in the City of Raleigh, N. C., beginning on the 10th day of March, 1926, as follows:

1. That whereas the following described real property being and situate in Kansas City, Jackson County, Mo., to wit: All of lot 148 in East Melrose, an addition in Kansas City, Mo., and the east 60 feet of lot 79 of Melrose, an addition in Kansas City, Mo., as said lots are marked and designated on the recorded plats of said additions, was conveyed to Jared C. Gant, Sr., and James R. Dominick as trustees by the deed of J. H. Snedaker and Abbie R. Snedaker, his wife, dated December 6, 1918, and filed and recorded on December 9, 1918, in Book B, 1893, at page 593, in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of said Jackson County, Mo., at Kansas City, to which deed and the said record thereof reference is made for its contents.

2. That the said trustees be and they are hereby requested by the said Woman's Missionary Council to sell and convey the said real property at and for such a consideration and on such terms and to such purchaser or grantee as they, the said trustees, in their discretion may approve; and that any sale and conveyance of the said real property which they, the said trustees, shall execute pursuant hereto is hereby consented to, ratified, and approved by the said Council.

MRS. FRED A. LAMB, *Chairman*;
MRS. D. N. BOURNE, *Secretary*.

Report of the recording tellers was made by Mrs. Harvey Boney. Of the seventy-six votes cast for Recording Secretary, Mrs. F. S. Parker received a majority. On motion the informal vote was made the formal vote and the assistant secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for Mrs. Fitzgerald S. Parker as Recording Secretary of the Council.

The assistant secretary cast the ballot.

The following papers were placed on the Calendar: The recommitted items from report of Special Committee on Policy for Dormitories, and Reports Nos. 1, 2, and 3 of the Committee on Social Service.

The order of the day, the selection of a place for the next meeting, was considered.

In response to the question, where shall the Council meet next year? invitations were extended from Louisville, Shreveport, Nashville, and Washington. Through oratory and song, these invitations were pressed. When the vote was taken, Shreveport received the majority, and, on motion, the vote to accept this invitation was made unanimous.

It was moved by Mrs. D. N. Bourne and seconded that the election of

the Superintendents of Young People and Children be postponed: that a committee of three be appointed to search for a suitable person to fill the office of Superintendent of Young People, and that the election be then taken by correspondence.

The motion prevailed.

The vote for Superintendent of Social Service was taken and the tellers retired.

At this hour the body moved into the Sunday school room and continued through the afternoon in executive session. The motion prevailed that the name of Mrs. Emma Virginia Carroll, for many years director of Smith Carroll Hall, Denton, Tex., and who died shortly before the meeting of the Council, be enrolled in the memorial list, and Mrs. J. S. Turner was requested to have prepared a brief memoir of Mrs. Carroll and place it in the Secretary's hands before the Annual report should be ready for the printer.

The consideration of the report of the Joint Committee on General Conference Legislation was resumed.

The following communication from the deaconesses and home missionaries was read by Miss Case:

"The Conference of Deaconesses and Home Missionaries, in session in Raleigh, N. C., 1926, voted 35 to 4 that all home workers be known as deaconesses, and that they be allowed to wear the uniform at their discretion.

OSCIE SANDERS, *President*.

MARGARET YOUNG, *Secretary*."

It was moved and seconded that the Council indicate its willingness to grant this request, and that the working out of all details be left to the Executive Committee. The motion prevailed.

Mrs. Boney made the report of the recording tellers of the last ballot. Mrs. W. A. Newell had received a majority.

On motion the informal vote was made the formal vote, and the Secretary was instructed to cast the vote for Mrs. Newell as Superintendent of Social Service.

The Secretary cast the ballot for Mrs. Newell.

The vote was cast for the Cultivation Secretary in Charge of Organization, and the tellers retired.

The report of the committee to study the candidate work was made by Mrs. A. B. Smith.

It was moved and seconded that we adhere to the present plans for candidate work for the coming quadrennium.

The motion prevailed.

The recording tellers reported that Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb had received the majority of the votes cast for Cultivation Secretary in Charge of Organization.

On motion the informal vote was made the formal vote and the Secretary was instructed to cast the vote for Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb as Cultivation Secretary in Charge of Organization. The Secretary cast the vote.

The ballot for Cultivation Secretary in Charge of Literature was taken, and the tellers retired.

The report of the ballot was made by Mrs. Boney, chairman of recording tellers. Miss Estelle Haskin had received the majority.

On motion the informal vote was made the formal vote, and the Secretary was instructed to cast the vote for Miss Estelle Haskin as Cultivation Secretary in Charge of Literature. The Secretary cast the vote.

The ballot was taken for the Candidate Secretary.

On motion the afternoon session adjourned.

TUESDAY EVENING.

The Council met in regular session Tuesday evening at eight o'clock. Mrs. J. W. Perry in the chair.

The opening worship service was led by Dr. M. T. Plyler. This consisted of hymn, "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak," a scripture lesson from Luke 7, and prayer.

Messrs. Ben Woodall and Will Puckett sang as a duet, "He Lives Forever."

Mrs. J. W. Perry stated that the evening had been set apart for the discussion of a home mission problem. Mrs. J. W. Downs then introduced the Rev. Jay S. Stowell, Ph.D., Director of Publicity, Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, Methodist Episcopal Church, who set forth the theories of coöperation as the ideal plan for a new program of home missions and stressed the importance of religious education for the young people of the community. A brief discussion followed the reading of his paper in which plans of coöperative week-day religious education in Gary, Ill., were outlined.

Mrs. W. J. Fletcher, President of the Pacific Conference, with a gracious preamble, read the report of the Committee on Resolutions, which was adopted as follows by a rising vote:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We, your Committee on Resolutions of Thanks, do hereby submit thanks to the following:

To our hosts, the presiding elder, Dr. M. T. Plyler, and pastor, Dr. W. A. Stanbury, for the countless courtesies shown us; to the local committee on entertainment for their untiring labor of love in behalf of our comfort and happiness; to every auxiliary member throughout the confines of the North Carolina Woman's Missionary Conference for the multiplied kindnesses shown us; to the choir for their choice contributions to our programs; to the pages for serving us so well; and to the janitor who rescued our divers and sundry belongings from destruction.

To our visiting sisters from China, Japan, and Brazil; to the returned home and foreign missionaries whom we so delight to honor; to the faithful deaconesses, student secretaries, and the inspiring graduating class of the Scarritt College for Christian Workers.

To the very distinguished speakers who favored us: Bishop Edwin D.

Mouzon, Bishop H. A. Boaz, Bishop James Cannon, Jr., Dr. D. J. Fleming, Dr. Charles Reed Zahnizer, Rev. J. S. Stowell, to Mrs. Janie Porter Barrett, and to Mrs. Henry W. Peabody.

To the Rev. J. B. Matthews, for the noonday Bible lessons.

To the *Raleigh News and Observer* and the *Raleigh Times* for their generous and accurate reporting of the Council's proceedings; to the Hotel Sir Walter for making us feel that we owned it; to the Duke University and Durham District for the delightfully appointed luncheon of Saturday; and to our generous friends in Raleigh who shared both their homes and cars with such lavish Southern hospitality; to the Safety Transit Lines, Inc., for the unlimited accommodation to the Council.

Profiting by the strategy of our Athenian neighbors who, having erected altars to all their known gods, wisely made provisions for the "unknown," we, too, having erected altars of appreciation to our known benefactors, would also erect one to the "unknown"—to all those silent, unseen forces that, like a continuous stream, have filled full to overflowing our cup of happiness.

Upon these altars we, the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Church, South, do hereby lay these, our resolutions of thanks, as an offering of gratitude to the Woman's Missionary Societies of the North Carolina Conference, praying as the censor swings that the incense arising therefrom may linger long after our departure, filling the temple of your hearts with the sweet-smelling savor of our love.

MRS. J. C. HANDY,

MRS. T. J. COPELAND,

MRS. W. G. FLETCHER, *Secretary.*

The evening session was dismissed with the benediction pronounced by Dr. Plyler.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The Wednesday morning session opened with a devotional service led by Mrs. W. F. Price, President of the North Alabama Conference. Hymn, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing," was sung. Mrs. Price read as a lesson fifteen verses of the fifteenth chapter of John. Deaconess Bess Sargent gave a message in song and Mrs. J. H. Spilman led in prayer.

The minutes of Tuesday afternoon's session were read and adopted as read.

The Council paused to take note of the fact that March 17, 1726, two hundred years ago, John Wesley was made a Fellow of Lincoln College, Oxford, England, and that Bishop W. B. Beauchamp, official representative of the Southern Methodist Church, with representatives from every branch of Methodism, would speak at the celebration held in Oxford, where both Christ Church College and Lincoln were commemorating the day.

It was moved and seconded that record of this fact be made in the minutes of the morning.

The motion prevailed.

The recording tellers reported that Mrs. H. R. Steele had received a majority of the votes cast in last ballot.

On motion the informal ballot was made the formal ballot, and the Secretary was instructed to cast the vote for Mrs. Hume R. Steele as Secretary in Charge of Candidate Work of the Woman's Missionary Council. The Secretary cast the vote.

The ballot was cast for Editor of the Woman's *Missionary Voice*, and the tellers retired.

The following recommendation, read by Mrs. Kirkwood, was amended by the insertion of the words, "not less than \$100," and adopted as amended as follows:

"Whereas the request has come from a number of individuals making contributions to the Bennett Memorial to allow their gifts to be given in memory of some loved one; and whereas we believe there are many others who would be pleased to thus honor the memory of some loved one gone, we therefore recommend that a place be prepared in the Book of Remembrance for the enrollment of those names.

We further recommend that the amount of the contribution be not less than one hundred dollars.

MRS. R. E. STACKHOUSE,
MRS. R. L. KIRKWOOD."

The following resolution read by Mrs. W. A. Newell was passed as read as follows:

"Whereas the Committee work of the 1927 Council Meeting will be unusually heavy due to Jubilee and other plans; be it

Resolved that the first day, Thursday, of the next Council Meeting be given to Committee Work.

That the Wednesday afternoon and all evening sessions proceed as usual.

MRS. W. A. NEWELL,
MRS. J. C. HANDY,
MRS. B. W. LIPSCOMB,
MRS. H. A. DUNHAM,
MRS. J. W. DOWNS."

The recording tellers reported that Mrs. E. B. Chappell had received a majority of the votes cast for Editor of the *Voice*.

On motion the informal was made the formal ballot, and the Secretary was instructed to cast the vote for Mrs. E. B. Chappel as Editor of the *Missionary Voice*.

The Secretary cast the vote.

The vote for Calendar Clerk was taken, and the tellers retired.

Consideration of the report of the Committee on General Conference Legislation was resumed.

The report was adopted as amended and the following recommendations from the Joint Committee on General Conference Legislation read by Miss Case during the discussion of the last few items, were adopted:

The Committee recommends that the Executive Committee of the Council be authorized to arrange for the consecration of missionaries and deaconesses *ad interim* in case of emergency.

The following recommendation was adopted: That the name of the woman nominated by her Conference as a member of the Board of Missions be reported to Mrs. F. F. Stephens, that all nominations from the Missionary Conference Societies may be referred to the Committee on Missions of the General Conference at the same time.

The report of the Special Committee for Bible Teachers and Religious Workers in State Institutions was taken from the Calendar, read, and adopted as read. (See report, page 169.)

The Report of the Committee on Rural Work, upon which consideration was postponed Tuesday afternoon, was presented, amended by substituting the words, "in the open country" for the word rural, and adopted as amended. (See report, page 164.)

The recording tellers reported that no one had received a majority in the vote for Calendar Clerk.

On motion the two receiving the highest number of votes, Mrs. Rollins and Mrs. Handy, were considered the nominees and a second ballot for Calendar Clerk was taken. The tellers retired.

The Council paused in its work that the three Women's Boards preserved for legal reasons in guarding property titles: Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, Woman's Board of Home Missions, and their predecessor, the Woman's Missionary Society, might hold their annual meetings.

The Woman's Board of Foreign Missions was called to order. The roll was called, reports from the officers received, and business transacted concerning property in Anadarko, West Oklahoma. The quadrennial election was held and the following officers elected: President, Mrs. F. F. Stephens; First Vice President, Mrs. J. W. Perry; Second Vice President, Mrs. E. B. Chappell; Third Vice President, Mrs. J. H. Spilman; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Esther Case; Associate Secretary, Miss Mabel K. Howell; Recording Secretary, Mrs. F. S. Parker; Treasurer, Mrs. Ina D. Fulton. The annual session of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions adjourned *sine die*.

The Woman's Board of Home Missions was called to order by the President. The roll was called and reports were received from the officers, matters of business concerned property near Little Rock, Ark., for which authorization for the transfer of the deed was given the Associate Secretary; and property near De Land, Fla., for which an offer of \$6,000 had been received. The quadrennial election resulted in the election of the following officers: President, Mrs. F. F. Stephens; Vice President, Mrs. J. W. Perry; Second Vice President, Mrs. H. R. Steele; General Secretary, Mrs. J. W. Downs; Treasurer, Mrs. Ina D. Fulton; Recording Secretary, Mrs. F. S. Parker; Superintendent of Supplies; Mrs. A. B. Smith. The motion prevailed that the election of the Associate Secretary be postponed,

and placed in the hands of the Executive Committee. The Woman's Board of Missions adjourned *sine die*.

The Woman's Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which is the Board of Directors of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was called to order by the Vice President, Miss Esther Case. The roll was called. Mrs. F. F. Stephens and Mrs. Ina D. Fulton were elected to fill the vacancies on the Board caused by the death of Mrs. J. W. Manier, President, and the resignation of Mrs. F. H. E. Ross, Treasurer. Mrs. Stephens was then elected President; Mrs. J. W. Perry, Vice President; Mrs. Fulton, Treasurer; and Miss Mabel Howell, General Secretary. Power of attorney was granted Miss Martha Pyle, China, to execute the deeds transferring two pieces of property in Shanghai to the Board of Missions. The Board adjourned *sine die*.

The Council resumed its business.

The recording tellers reported that Mrs. Nat G. Rollins had received the majority of votes cast and declared her elected Calendar Clerk.

It was moved and seconded that the Woman's Missionary Council indicate to the General Conference whom it desires as Administrative Secretaries.

The motion prevailed.

It was moved and seconded that four names be placed on one ballot for Administrative Secretaries. The motion prevailed and the ballot was taken. The tellers retired.

On motion the Calendar Rule Six was suspended in order that Report No. 2 of the Committee on Social Service might be considered at once.

This report, embodying resolutions touching the modification of the Volstead Act, the support of the Crampton Bill, Law Enforcement, indorsement of Washington Convention, April 11-13, was read and approved as read. (See report, page 159.)

The report of the Committee on Home Cultivation, Children's Work, was taken from the Calendar, read, considered by items: and adopted as read. (See report, page 157.)

Announcements were made.

Dr. W. A. Stanbury spoke appreciatively of the Council and of the work done during the meeting.

Mrs. H. A. Dunham read the following message of appreciation from the officers of the Western North Carolina Conference, who had been guests in Raleigh during the Council meeting:

"We, a committee representing the officers and district secretaries of the Western North Carolina Conference, wish to express our sincere appreciation of the magnanimous hospitality extended us by the women of Edenton Street Church during this Council meeting, and trust the inspiration we have here received may make our work more efficient during the coming year.

MRS. W. R. HARRIS, *Chairman*;

MRS. C. C. WEAVER,

MRS. V. L. STONE."

Professor Matthews acknowledged his pleasure and privilege in coming before the Council and voiced his admiration for this most significant body.

Mrs. Stephens, in acknowledging these gracious expressions, bespoke the gratitude of the body to pastor and others who had contributed to the happiness and comfort of the members and to the success of the meeting, and closed with the statement that "Tested by the Way of Jesus" will have a new meaning to the women of the Council after this week.

The hymn, "Fairest Lord Jesus," was sung and Professor Matthews gave the last of the series of Bible lessons, "The Way of Fellowship with God." One must be pure in heart; there must be fellowship in redemption; one must be Christ centered; God must have right of way in our hearts before the ideals of God can flow down into our souls. The devotions closed with prayer that the vision of Jesus may be ever clear, and the benediction.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Wednesday afternoon the devotional service, led by Mrs. T. C. Banks, President of the Florida Conference, consisted of the hymn, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," a lesson from the seventh chapter of Philippians, prayer, and the hymn, "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult," sung as a duet by Mrs. W. M. Mayatt and Miss Jennie Proctor.

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

Mrs. E. P. Peabody presented the following resolution, which was passed as read:

"Inasmuch as the Woman's Missionary Council has considered the report of the General Conference Commission on the Reorganization of Boards, as it affects Woman's Work for Missions, which proposes marked changes in the plan of administration and cultivation and,

"Inasmuch as the constitution and by-laws of the Board of Missions have proved effective during the past quadrennium, be it

Resolved, That it is the sense of the Woman's Missionary Council in annual session, Raleigh, N. C., March 10-17, that we wish to go on record as earnestly desiring to maintain the general plan under which we are now working.

MRS. J. N. MCEACHERN,	MRS. C. M. EARLY,
MRS. E. M. BROGDON,	DAISY DAVIES,
MRS. HARVEY BONEY,	MRS. P. L. COBB,
MRS. W. B. STUBBS,	MRS. R. L. HOBODY."

It was moved and carried that the recommitted items of the Committee on Regulations for Dormitories might be considered out of order. This report was taken from the Calendar. The entire report was then adopted as read. (See report, page 170.)

The motion prevailed that Mrs. Cobb and Miss Jones, retiring Superintendents of Young People's and of Children's Work, be requested to hold this work until their successors can be elected.

The following were named as the Committee to Nominate a Superintendent of Young People's Bureau: Mrs. Lee Britt, Mrs. W. J. Piggott, Miss Esther Case.

The following request from the Brazilian delegates was read by the delegate from Brazil, D. Yvonne d' Affonseca:

To the Woman's Missionary Council.

"Whereas, the Woman's Missionary Society in the Brazil, the Central Brazil, and the South Brazil Conferences feel the need of a Central Committee for shaping plans and policies in the work of literature, programs, social service, and other common activities, and,

"Whereas, the three Conferences have voted in favor of such a committee, therefore, we request the Woman's Missionary Council to authorize such a joint Committee for the Woman's Missionary Work in Brazil.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. YVONNE S. M. D'AFFONSECA,
MRS. LUCY Y. LONG."

On motion the request was granted.

On motion Rule 6 was suspended and the report of the committee to name the Standing Committees was placed on the Calendar.

The recording tellers reported that the following had received majority in the vote, indicating the Council's desire regarding Administrative Secretaries:

Miss Howell as Secretary in Charge of Oriental Fields.

Miss Case, as Secretary in Charge of Latin-American and African Fields.

Mrs. Downs as Home Secretary in Charge of the Western Division.

Mrs. A. B. Smith, as Secretary in Charge of Eastern Division.

It was moved and seconded that these be made the unanimous choice of the Council.

The motion prevailed.

It was moved and seconded that the body proceed at once to the election of the ten members at large.

The motion prevailed.

The first vote for a member at large was taken. The tellers retired.

The report of the Committee on Cultivation, Young People's Work, was taken from the Calendar, read and adopted as read. (See report, page 156.)

The recording tellers reported for the ballot for member at large that Miss Maria L. Gibson had received the majority of the votes cast and declared Miss Gibson elected.

The vote for a second member at large was taken. The tellers retired.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Home Field was read:

Item 5 was amended by inserting the words "eleven months of the year" after the word "cottage."

The report was adopted as amended. (See report, page 150.)

The recording tellers reported no majority received in the last ballot. The two persons receiving the highest number of votes were taken as the nominees and the ballot for a second manager recast. The tellers retired.

Report No. 4 of the Committee on Home Field was taken from the Calendar, read, considered, and adopted as read. (See report, page 150.)

The recording tellers reported that Mrs. Luke Johnson had received

a majority of the votes cast, and declared her elected a member at large.

The vote for a third member at large was taken. The tellers retired.

Reports Nos. 1 and 2 of the Committee on Home Cultivation, Adult Work, were taken from the Calendar.

Report No. 1 was read and adopted as read. (See report, page 154.)

Report No. 2 was read, considered by items, amended by the addition of the word, "auxiliaries" after the word "children" in standard of excellence, and by changing the word "quarterly" to "annually" and adding the words "for information" in the last item. The report was then adopted as amended. (See report, page 155.)

The Recording Tellers made their report. Miss Daisy Davies had received a majority of the votes cast. Miss Davies was declared a member of the Council at large.

The vote for a fourth member at large was taken. The tellers retired.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Social Service was read and considered by items.

Items 1, 2, 3, and 4 under the section concerning motion pictures were stricken out.

The section as amended includes the introduction, followed by "indorse the work of the Federal Motion Picture Council and call their activities to the attention of Conference and Local Auxiliary," and item 5, after amending item 5 by adding the sentence, "Also that similar resolutions be sent to members of State legislatures." Report adopted as amended. (See report, page 158.)

The tellers reported no election and ballots were prepared, the votes to be cast for the three highest candidates: Mrs. Chappell, Mrs. Lamb, Mrs. Tillett.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Social Service concerning peace and war was read and adopted as read. (See report, page 160.)

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Foreign Fields was read and adopted as read. (See report, page 150.)

The recording tellers reported Mrs. E. B. Chappell elected member at large by a majority vote.

Ballots were cast for a fifth member at large. The tellers retired.

Report No. 5 of the Committee on Home Field was taken from the Calendar and was adopted as read. (See report, page 152.)

The report of the Committee to nominate Standing Committees was read.

Mrs. D. N. Bourne moved to substitute Mrs. J. H. Stewart's name on the Committee on Laws for that of Mrs. Bourne. The motion was seconded and carried, and the report was adopted as amended. (See report, page 177.)

It was moved and seconded that the Executive Committee be authorized to make any necessary amendments due to changes in constitution made by the General Conference.

The motion prevailed.

Unfinished items from the Estimates for Foreign Department were taken up.

Thirty-three thousand two hundred and eighty-six dollars for Cultivation and Candidate Work was approved.

The recapitulation of appropriations was read, and the total of \$662,447 for Foreign Section was approved.

Unfinished Estimates were approved from the Home Section, including: \$29,221 for Home Cultivation; \$5,715 Candidate Department; \$16,495 Miscellaneous items; \$23,000 Scarritt; \$291,860 grand total.

The basis of appropriation (Home) less the total amount recommended for appropriation (Home) amounted to a balance of \$63,215 to be applied on Centenary. This was approved.

On motion an expression of thanks was voted to the two Secretaries, Misses Lucy Russell and Annabel Allen, who served the Council so faithfully in mimeographing and typing papers.

A rising vote of thanks was given Mrs. Lee Britt for faithful service as Calendar Clerk the past two years.

It was moved and seconded that the custom of past years be followed in authorizing the Committee on General Conference Legislation to attend General Conference to follow up the recommendations from the Council.

The report of the Committee on Laws was read and accepted with thanks. (See report, page 166.)

The recording tellers reported that Mrs. W. F. Tillett had received the majority of votes cast and declared her elected a member at large.

The Committee provided for in Report No. 2 of the Committee on Foreign Fields to study the problem of training native leadership consists of the following: Miss Mabel K. Howell, Miss Esther Case, Mrs. R. L. Hobdy, Mrs. C. M. Sinclair; Japan—Miss Annie Bell Williams, Miss Ethel Newcomb. China—Miss Mary Lou White, Miss Alice Green. Korea—Miss Cordelia Erwin, Miss Bessie Oliver. Mexico—Miss Norwood Wynn, Miss Mary Massey. Brazil—Miss Eva L. Hyde, Miss Eunice Andrew.

The hour for adjournment having passed and the number present being less than a quorum the motion to adjourn prevailed.

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

Benediction was pronounced by Dr. W. A. Stanbury, and the sixteenth annual session of the Woman's Missionary Council adjourned *sine die*.

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

MRS. FITZGERALD S. PARKER, *Secretary*.

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

The end of a quadrennium is in our Church a time of inventory, a good place for review, and a wise time to plan for the future. Now is the opportunity to rectify mistakes, to change routes, to see visions, and to dream dreams that the coming years may see realized.

This message is in large part an analysis and a review of the four-year period just closing. Why remember these days? For the great satisfac-

tion of reporting progress and for the joy of giving thanks. To enumerate all the items of advance would be to quote great sections of the annual reports of the secretaries. The aim of this analysis is merely to give a brief résumé of the outstanding features. The various officers will, one by one, point with happy and grateful pride to these same facts which I am about to state, but the inspiration of a rapid picture of the whole accomplishment is due you at the beginning of the session.

The Council quadrennium extends from the San Antonio meeting in 1922 to the Raleigh meeting in 1926. What hath God wrought through this group of women during that time?

THE HOME BASE.

It will surprise no one to be told that the home base gains in adult auxiliaries, members, and finances have been substantial. There are almost 700 more adult auxiliaries and about 26,000 more adult members. The increase in funds for the year just closing over the corresponding year of the last quadrennium is \$87,400, and the increase of the entire quadrennium over the previous one is a little less than one-half million dollars. These figures do not include bequests, the Centenary, the Christian Education, or the Bennett Memorial funds. The increase is that given through the regular Conference missionary society collections.

No little anxiety was felt over the necessary transition from the Centenary years with the large collections then available to the post-Centenary period when the Council would be forced to restrict its appropriations to the regular funds. That crisis has largely passed, and, thanks to wise counsel and careful planning by committees and officers, added to self-sacrificing denials on the part of the workers and extra gifts from the Conferences, it has been passed without financial panic. To have accomplished this transition with quietness and smoothness is no small thing. It calls for the deepest gratitude.

Eight years ago the Young People's and Children's Departments were placed on a new basis, their superintendents being granted travel expense and half-time remuneration. The present Superintendent of Children's Work took office at that time, being elected at the Knoxville meeting in 1918. The Young People have had two superintendents.

Look back over the eight years. The Superintendent of Children inherited a group of some 2,000 Junior Divisions and 1,200 Baby Divisions, the result of careful, conscientious work of her predecessor. The report this year shows a net gain of 28,400 members among the Juniors and a gain of 26,000 in the Baby enrollment. The annual gift of these children is \$25,500 more than it was eight years ago. The rate of increase in Baby Divisions is 78 per cent and the rate of increase in finances is 111 per cent, these being the two highest rates of increase in organization and financial gains for the eight years. The total sum given by the children in this period of time is almost one-half million dollars.

Gains in the Young People's Department have been less striking, but they amply justify confidence in the work as it has been conducted.

There are some 300 more auxiliaries and over 7,000 more members at this time. The Young People give about \$17,000 a year more than they did under the former plan.

These two departments of the organization have been under discussion much of the time during this period, and three years ago a commission was appointed to study the whole situation, consult with other agencies working with young people in the Church, and bring a recommendation to the Council. The Commission has worked faithfully, has held frequent meetings with representatives from other Boards, has secured all the opinions and data to be had from members and from reports, and now presents its conclusions. These are the result of mature deliberation, careful study, and should be gratefully adopted.

THE MISSIONARY VOICE.

The *Missionary Voice* has been one of the successes of the quadrennium. Due largely to the untiring zeal of the women agents in the auxiliaries, the circulation has averaged 45,240 copies per month. The paper is not only self-supporting, but had a surplus on January 1, 1926, of nearly \$27,000. In a recent gathering of representatives of the Church press held in Detroit, the *Voice* was listed as one of the five papers having its balance on the credit side of the ledger. All others require a subsidy from their constituent boards. The *Voice* has a circulation in thirty-eight States of the Union, north and south, in Brazil, the Canal Zone, Canada, Cuba, Mexico, China, Africa, Japan, Korea, Wales, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Poland, and Sweden. Through it seventeen million pages of missionary information have gone out during the last three years without cost to the Board or the Council.

THE BENNETT MEMORIAL.

The Bennett Memorial still demands much of the attention of missionary women all over the Church. The Memorial building is no longer all in the future, for the walls of the first two units are rapidly rising and the donors may see the first results of the campaign for funds. On January 27, with fitting ceremony the corner stone of the first unit was laid at Scarritt College for Christian Workers. Tributes were paid to Miss Bennett and Miss Gibson for their large-hearted service in the years which have gone into the history of the school. This is the final year of the Memorial campaign and the reports show that there is much to be done in many of the Conferences. That it will be done and well done no one doubts, and the completion of the Bennett Administration Building and Wightman Chapel should be accomplished within the time allotted.

HOME MISSION ADVANCE.

Steadily the Council, its officers, and its agencies have gone forward in a persistent endeavor to permeate the race relationships of the territory which it serves with the spirit of Christian brotherhood. Resolutions

have been passed by the Council in annual sessions, by groups of Southern Methodist women in various meetings, and by the Executive Committee touching the Negro question. These resolutions have been given wide publicity in the public press, have received attention from officials in authority, and have been distributed among our own membership. The new plant for the Nashville Bethlehem Center has been completed and consists of an administration building, workers' cottage, gymnasium, and playground. It is a training center for Negro leaders, and four young women who serve as Christian social service workers received their practical training there and went into service last year. A Bethlehem House has been established in Birmingham, Ala., and new work has been done in Chattanooga, Tenn., and Portsmouth, Va. Bennett Hall at Paine College was remodeled and renovated, and a much-needed improvement in the shape of a Home Economics Building is newly built.

The Council Commission on Race Relations has been active and efficient. A study of the four annual reports reveals that it has held regional and State conferences at which both races were represented, formed new committees for work, prepared and published studies on race relations, put on a special campaign against lynching, worked with the interdenominational groups in this same field, conducted summer training schools and mission study classes for Negro women, and sought in all possible ways to combat race prejudice and promote better understanding and relations between white and colored people. Through this Commission the Council has contributed one thousand dollars annually for the first two years and two thousand dollars for each of the last two years to the Commission on Interracial Coöperation, of which the Rev. W. W. Alexander is Director. The Council Commission and the Bureau of Social Service are bringing to you a unanimous request that they be placed under one head for the new quadrennium so that the cultivation and the activity programs may be amalgamated. The request should be granted, and an appropriation made that will adequately finance the merged interests.

Among Wesley Community Houses, two new plants have been completed to the great satisfaction of the communities thus served. St. Mark's Hall in New Orleans was first occupied March 29, 1923, is the culmination of careful and long-continued planning, and is as completely equipped for its purpose as any settlement house in the Church. The new Wesley House at St. Joseph, Mo., was opened the next year and has welded together the Methodism of the town in community service. At War, W. Va., a brick storehouse was purchased and converted into a community center. Paint, repairs, and refurnishings have added to the value and use of the Wesley House at Biloxi and to the Wolf Settlement at Tampa, Fla.

Schools have been aided. A dormitory for boys and a dormitory for girls have been built at Brevard Institute, and both together cannot supply the need. A dormitory for boys has been finished at Sue Bennett Memorial School. A school building for French work has been erected

at Houma, La. The dining hall and kitchen at Vashti School, Thomasville, Ga., have been added to the plant.

New community work was opened in Bisbee, Ariz., and in the Japanese Colony, near Orange, Tex. The Centenary Home for Girls at Springfield, Mo., has been taken over as a Council enterprise, although so far it has been locally supported. Daily Vacation Bible Schools, enterprised by the women, have been increasing in numbers and attendance each year. A week-day school of religion has been sustained in New Orleans. Milk stations, kindergartens, and clinics, to which doctors of the best training and experience give time regularly, have all increased in number. Deaconesses in rural communities have become more firmly established, and a wide new field is open before us.

Twenty years ago the Woman's Home Mission Society made a beginning in building residence halls for Methodist girls at State schools and established a policy to which the Woman's Missionary Council has since consistently held. Two new halls, one at Austin, Tex., and one at Columbia, Mo., have been added to the list, and a residence has been purchased at Williamsburg, Va., for the use of students at William and Mary College, making a total of five dormitories in use. These halls have been seriously and prayerfully dedicated to the training of youth, to the ideals of education, and to that service which will contribute to the coming of the Master's kingdom. That they may mean help in everyday living, a friend where a friend is needed, and an incentive to training in true leadership to the students of the colleges where they are located is the prayer of all those who made the buildings possible.

A most vital part of the policy regarding student work in State schools is the provision for teachers of Bible. The Council now appoints seven such teachers—three in the State schools of Oklahoma, two in Texas, one in Virginia, and one in Missouri.

One remembers the man who when asked why there is so little happiness in the world replied that it is because there are so few people engaged in the manufacture. There are now 191 foreign missionaries, 65 home missionaries, and 92 deaconesses engaged in the manufacture of happiness in our mission work, those who are working with "the least of these." These figures show an increase of 55 foreign missionaries, 40 home missionaries, and 7 deaconesses over the final year of the former quadrennium.

Even so, we now face great needs in our own land, and tense situations in our mission fields due to lack of workers. Our rural work has never been adequately planned or manned. A small beginning in appointing trained rural workers was made, and if more workers were available there is no doubt funds would be forthcoming. Does this type of service make no appeal to our young women, or are they not informed? Can this Council not devise a means of informing and interesting the rural woman herself? It is one of the crying needs of the present.

IN FOREIGN FIELDS.

Since part of the Centenary payments and some Week of Prayer offerings have been available during this quadrennium, buildings have rejoiced the hearts of workers in at least six of the foreign countries. The work at Buenavista, Havana, is much better housed since a story was added to the former building and one unit of the school building was finished. New land has been purchased in Matanzas, and a beautiful school building is now in use. The repairs on the school building in Cienfuegos were made three years ago, and the school is patiently waiting for the new building which must come some day.

Each of the five school centers in Mexico has shared the advance. Splendid new buildings at Roberts College in Saltillo and at Palmore College in Chihuahua have caused the admiration and gratitude of the Mexican people who are served by them. New and satisfactory property at Parral enlarged the scope of that college. Kindergarten quarters at Durango were provided, a building repaired for the Centro, and an auditorium was made ready for use. Repairs have made the quarters in Monterrey more homelike and livable.

With six great educational institutions in Brazil, all outgrowing their equipment, begging for the necessary improvements that would make them better servants of their communities, all with approved blue print plans in hand, the problem was as to which should be first. The building operations were begun in South Brazil with a new school building and the old residence remodeled at Porto Alegre so that a joyous progress was made possible. The college and normal building in Santa Maria was completed in 1924 and serves as a model for all that region. Central Brazil has had very little, an open air gymnasium at Ribeirao Preto and a building adjoining the Piracicabano remodeled into classrooms being the chief items. The Isabella Hendrix at Bello Horizonte has had an outdoor gymnasium and needy Bennett College in Rio claimed a new school building, a dining room and kitchen, covered walks and a remodeled cottage. The Villa Isabel day school in Rio was built to fulfill a long-deferred hope. Pleasant Case Cottage, with its far outlook over the hills and bay, was provided as a home for the women workers at Central Institute.

The women in China have seen some of their dreams realized even though the four years have been years of stress and strain because the nationalistic spirit has been trying to find and place itself. In the union work the Shanghai Medical School for Women has been opened, its main building being the Belle Bennett Memorial Administration and Laboratory building, made possible with funds given by the Council. The Nurse Training Center, erected by the Baptist women, and the Mary Black Nurses' Home, also built by the Council, are finished to the delight of the Chinese women in training, and the dormitory for medical students is under way. Except for the Rockefeller buildings in Peking, the Bennett building is considered the best of its kind in China. Ginling College, in which our women have a share, moved into its new campus following

our nation-wide drive for the Christian colleges of the Orient, and its building program has gone steadily forward.

Changchow, Shanghai, Huchow, and Soochow have had new buildings for educational work. Centenary Institute at North Gate, the classroom building at Virginia School, the Demonstration School at Laura Haygood Normal, the dormitory holding three hundred at McTyeire, the Ramsey-Derring Kindergarten have collectively marked an advance in the educational program. Property for the Faith Johnson School in Changshu, land for the missionary home in Wusih, and a new location for the Moka Garden Mission in Soochow have been acquired. A missionary residence in Changchow has been built. With all this activity, China still has received only half of its Centenary askings for additional equipment.

The Administrative Secretary labeled the year 1923 for Korea "A year of waiting." Later years have also been years of waiting. Like other fields it has had a fraction only of its expectations from the Centenary, but the improvements it has had have been fully utilized by the workers there. Again the Week of Prayer money helped out, providing the much-needed high school for Seoul which earlier in the quadrennium had a second story added to its primary school. The Songdo City Center secured its Centenary building containing a dispensary, music room, auditorium, classrooms, a playroom for babies, and a public living room. Its influence has been felt through the city. A site for the Wonsan City Center was purchased, a missionary nurses' home provided at Ivy Hospital in Songdo, and a new school building for the Lucy Cuninggim erected.

Numerically the kindergartens have shown the best rate of advance in our work in Japan. Numbering seventeen at the beginning of the quadrennium they have increased to thirty-one, and form a large item in the Japanese work. The Lambuth Training School in Osaka was opened and dedicated in 1923 and has been training Christian workers since that date. Two years after the building, the grounds were improved. The removal of this school from Kobe to Osaka made possible the development of the old plant as an evangelistic center. A plant was secured in Kure for an evangelistic center, some new land purchased, and a home for missionaries built. This is another mission which has had about half its Centenary askings.

Last year the Council considered with longing the proposal that it should assume the responsibility for the Hiroshima Girls School in which about one thousand girls, in grades from kindergarten to college, are enrolled. So acute was this desire that some of the members offered gifts of jewelry toward the necessary expense. The Japan Mission was unanimous in asking that the Council take the school, and the Secretary of the General Department of the Board of Missions concurred. There was no money in sight for its maintenance, however, and the proposition was most regretfully held in abeyance. This year the demand is unchanged, but in the good providence which has guided us the Council is in better financial condition. Careful thought was given in an effort to decide whether the Council should take over just the college depart-

ment or the entire school. The latter plan prevailed and your Committee on Estimates is recommending a budget of \$30,000 with which to maintain this splendid school. Its needs for the future are very large, and its development for years to come will be a challenging task, a joy to the women privileged to help with it.

Mention should be made of the Anne Brown Center in Harbin, Siberia, an activity not even pictured four years ago. There are more city centers for social evangelistic work than there were last quadrennium, more clinics, more missionary nurses and medical workers, and more systematic translation and publication in Portuguese, Spanish, and Chinese.

RELATIONSHIPS.

Helpful and inspiring relationships have been maintained with other boards of our own denomination and with larger groups of boards during this four years. In accordance with the plan of raising the fund for Superannuate Endowment made by the last General Conference, the Woman's Missionary Council contributed the use of its organized forces for the first year of the campaign. It gave many weeks of effort to rounding up the Centenary collections. It participated in the summer social service conventions and mission study schools. The Council joined in the project of holding a great convention for young people in Memphis the first days of the year, 1926, when nearly 4,000 young men and women came from the length and breadth of the Church territory to study the great topics of the day. Not only did they discuss but they reached some significant conclusions which were given wide publicity in their report of the Findings Committee. The twenty-two Council Superintendents of Conference Young People's organizations who attended that meeting, and all the Conference officers who had previously worked to secure the attendance of delegations from their constituency will be better officers for this opportunity to study and observe. At the invitation of the General Sunday School Council, this body appointed five members of a Joint Commission to study the subject of coördination of religious education in the Church, a vital topic and a much-needed survey.

First among the interdenominational relationships may be mentioned the exchange of fraternal delegates with the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions and the Woman's Board of Home Missions in the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the placing of our relations on such a basis that the exchange will be a happy part of our mutual policy. Our interests and programs are so harmonious that our hearts reach out to each other. Council representatives attended the peace Congress in Washington, the two conventions on Law Enforcement held at different times in the same city, and the Congress on Peace and Security in Detroit.

Through the members of the Woman's Department there was a share in the Council of Women for Home Missions, the Foreign Boards of North America, and the Federation of Women's Boards of Foreign Missions in North America, thus strengthening the unity of purpose in interdenominational work. The value of such coöperation can hardly be estimated. Think

what it means to have delegations from nearly forty Foreign Mission Boards and Societies assemble to discuss the missionary enterprise. The women of the Foreign Boards, before their sessions closed in Atlantic City last January, went on record as (1) protesting against military drill in schools and colleges; (2) urging the study of books on peace and international relationships; (3) recognizing and respecting the awakening national consciousness of China and other lands; (4) seeking to promote a proper public opinion in regard to revising unequal treaties; (5) favoring a program of education to enlighten the Christian public at home as to the far-reaching social changes due to the impact of modern industrialism in the Orient and the need of studying and translating into action the pronouncement of our Church bodies in relation to great industrial questions; (6) endeavoring to secure the revision of exclusion clauses in present immigration laws and the passing of laws based on character and ability rather than on race and color; (7) recommending that all missionary literature which tends to foster race prejudice and an attitude of superiority be discarded; (8) commending to the Foreign Mission Boards for their careful consideration the report of the Commission on Foreign Missions presented at the Interdenominational Student Conference in Evans-ton, and (9) that in view of the interest of the youth of our country is taking in world problems, the enthusiasm brought to the solution of these problems, and the courage with which plans are carried out, more young people be placed on Boards and other agencies of the Church and be given more definite responsibilities in the local Church.

IN CONCLUSION.

This quadrennium has not seen the stupendous events of the previous one which experienced war and reconstruction in this country, the coming of woman suffrage to the nation, and the granting of laity rights to women of Southern Methodism. Although its beginning was clouded by the loss of our great leader, Miss Bennett, it has been on the whole a time of quiet progress. The women have gained greatly in information and have used that knowledge as preparation for going whole-heartedly into constructive service. There has not been a Council meeting this quadrennium but has left its impress upon the educational, industrial, social, and political life of its year, not only in America, but in other lands touched by the workers who have wrought out in love and toil the policies here formed. Our missionary women have participated in every important and worthy public welfare effort.

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

CONDENSED REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL, 1925-26.

March 25, 1925.

1. Immediately after adjournment of the Council in Tulsa the Executive Committee met to consider certain charges made in several of the Church papers by the Rev. Bob Shuler attacking the integrity of the

Woman's Missionary Council. Letters answering all the items set forth in Mr. Shuler's article, signed by the President, the Secretary, and the Treasurer of the Council and bearing a notary's seal were ordered sent to Mr. Shuler and to the papers in which his article had appeared.

2. Miss Bess Combs was appointed Field Secretary for Young People's Work.

March 30, 1925.

Delegates to the Annual Meeting of the Council had scarcely reached home when the message flashed over the wires that Mrs. C. F. Elza, President of the Little Rock Conference, had died. Messages of sympathy to Mr. Elza and flowers in the name of the Council were sent, and Mrs. H. L. Rimmel, Corresponding Secretary of the Little Rock Conference, was requested by the President to represent the Council at the funeral.

April 5, 1925.

On this day Mrs. F. A. Butler, the first Corresponding Secretary of the Holston Conference, Recording Secretary of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, and Editor of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* for thirty years, triumphantly finished her earthly pilgrimage. Messages were sent to her family and flowers were laid on the casket in the name of the Council.

April 20, 1925.

Record was made of the appointment by correspondence of a commission in accord with a request from the General Sunday School Council to serve with a similar commission from that Board in studying and making recommendations touching the matter of coördinating the work of religious education in the local Church. This question had been before the Council in 1924. The commission was approved, and the women who had been studying the question for two years—Mrs. J. W. Piggott, Mrs. P. L. Cobb, Mrs. D. N. Bourne, and Miss Case, with the addition of Miss Althea Jones—were appointed.

May 7 and 20, 1925.

On May 7 action was taken authorizing Mr. J. C. Gant, agent for the property of the Council in Kansas City, to accept the offer and conclude the sale of the president's residence in Kansas City, Mo., on the very best terms possible. On May 20 the formal resolution, authorizing this sale for \$8,500 and naming the terms of the sale, was read before the committee and approved.

In May messages and flowers were sent to express the sympathy of the Council with Mrs. H. R. Steele in the death of her mother.

August 6, 1925.

Action concerning two items considered by correspondence was recorded. The Executive Committee agreed:

1. That burial space in the Scarritt Training School lot in Elmwood Cemetery, Kansas City, Mo., should be given to Mrs. M. L. Hargrove, for many years Secretary of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions and Bible teacher at Scarritt Bible and Training School.

2. That Mrs. H. R. Steele be granted the privilege of leaving her office in order to attend the Universal Conference on Christian Life and Work, in Stockholm, Sweden, to which she had been appointed a delegate by Bishop Cannon.

September, 1925.

Mrs. W. A. Newell, Mrs. F. F. Stephens, Mrs. J. W. Downs, Miss Mabel Howell, and Mrs. E. B. Chappell were appointed delegates to the Conference on Peace and Security and the annual meeting of the American Council of the World Alliance for International Friendship through the Churches held in Detroit, Mich., November 10-12, Mrs. Newell to have all expenses paid. This action was taken by correspondence.

MID-YEAR MEETING, November 17-19, 1925.

At this meeting all women secretaries of the Board and members of the Executive Committee except Mrs. Luke Johnson and Mrs. L. P. Smith were present. Mrs. R. L. Kirkwood and Mrs. A. B. Smith, members of the Council in Nashville at that time, were invited to sit with the committee, also Mrs. C. W. Turpin, of the Secular Press Bureau.

Reports were made by all Secretaries and officers. Recommendations developed from the discussion of these reports called for the following action:

1. The recommendation was adopted that a committee be appointed to act with a like committee from the Sunday School Board in studying the *Young Christian Worker* and seeking to enlarge and improve the paper.

2. Concerning the increase in the surplus in the income of the *Voice*, which was greater in 1925 than in 1924, the motion prevailed that the Woman's Committee of the Board of Missions be requested to take notice of this surplus in the account of the *Voice* and seek to have the equity of the women established and payments made.

3. The request of the North Alabama Conference seeking to have the *Bulletin* included in the *Voice*, as an economic measure, was referred to the Committee on Literature.

4. A communication from the Austin Avenue Church, Waco, Tex., concerning the organizing of young women who have passed the age of the Young People's Societies into Young Women's Circles of the Adult Auxiliary, was referred to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

5. Concerning requests from the president of the Baltimore Conference, the two items touching the type of literature for Young People and the title of the Young People's organization, were referred, respectively, to the Committee on Literature and the Committee on Methods; and the motion prevailed that her request be approved; that a moratorium be declared

for a space of time on big meetings, and coöperation to the end that increased energy may be given to enlarging our membership and financing our work.

6. The following recommendation from the Administrative Secretary of the Home Department concerning an exchange of work agreed upon by the Secretaries was indorsed:

That the Home Department of the Board of Missions, General Work, take over from the Woman's Work the Oriental Mission in California, and that the Woman's Work receive in exchange the Valley Institute for Mexican Girls at Pharr, Tex., and the Day Schools at Del Rio and Eagle Pass, and such other work as may hereafter be agreed upon. The property adjustments to be made later and the exchange of responsibility for maintenance to take place July, 1926.

7. Mrs. C. M. Sinclair, president of the Kentucky Conference, was appointed to fill the vacancy as leader of the Workers' Conference caused by the death of Mrs. C. F. Elza.

8. The following were appointed to supply vacancies on Standing and Special Committees: To take the places left vacant by the death of Mrs. C. F. Elza: On the Standing Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, Miss Emma V. Pepler; on Special Committee, Commission on Status of Young People's Work, Mrs. J. C. Handy; to take the places left vacant by the resignation of Mrs. J. H. McCoy: On Standing Committee on Retirement and Relief, the incoming Home Secretary; on Standing Committee on Lectureship, Mrs. J. W. Downs; on Special Committee on Advisory Boards of Home Mission Institutions, Mrs. A. B. Smith; on Special Committee on Jubilee, the incoming Home Secretary.

9. Note was made of the following letters:

(1) From Mrs. W. P. Thirkield, president of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, concerning the desire of the Home Missionary Society for the existence of fraternal relations between the women's missionary organizations of the Churches, North and South.

(2) From Mrs. Abel Bliss, of Shreveport, La., inviting the Council to hold its 1927 meeting in Shreveport.

(3) From Mrs. M. L. Hargrove, expressing thanks for the grant of burial space beside the grave of her daughter in the Scarritt Training School lot in Elmwood Cemetery, Kansas City, Mo.

10. A motion prevailed recommending a study of the plans of organizations of the several Boards of the Church as a supplementary study course.

11. Because of the close relation of the two committees, the recommendation was carried that the Committee on Rural Work be continued as a subcommittee of the Committee on Methods.

12. A request from the Virginia Conference, seeking the privilege of using in the Conference for a dormitory at William and Mary College two legacies recently left by Virginia women, was referred to Mesdames

Fulton and Downs with instructions to study the matter and grant the request of the Virginia Conference if the law may be kept in so doing.

13. The program for the Council meeting was discussed in detail and suggestions made to the committee who had been at work on the program since the last Council Meeting.

14. The motion prevailed that Dr. S. Parks Cadman be invited to fill a place on the program for the 1927 meeting and that the Secretary be instructed to send the invitation at once.

15. A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Woman's Board of Home Missions was held to discuss matters related to the sale of the Keener Cottage at Biloxi, Miss., and the sale of land near De Land, Fla.

January 26, 1926.

The Executive Committee met while many members were in Nashville attending the meeting of the Board of Scarritt College. Thirteen members were present. The remaining six indorsed the action of the committee by correspondence.

1. The motion prevailed that the committee accept the offer, as per contract, presented by Mr. James R. Dominick, of \$8,000 for the Scarritt Training School property known as the president's residence in Kansas City, Mo.

2. The motion prevailed that Mrs. H. T. Owen be requested to have the caretaker of the Scarritt Training School building in Kansas City remove the screens from the windows and repair the broken windows.

March 10, 1926.

The Executive Committee met at the Sir Walter Hotel, Raleigh, N. C., Wednesday morning, March 10, 1926, to discuss matters related to the Council meeting.

1. The President and the Secretary were instructed to take any further action necessary to complete the sale of the Scarritt property.

2. The Secretary was instructed to send to the family of the Rev. Sam P. Jones a message of sympathy in their bereavement in the death of Mrs. Jones, and an expression of appreciation of the service rendered by Mr. Jones in the establishment of the Scarritt Bible and Training School.

3. The sessions committees were appointed.

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

REPORTS.

THE YEAR'S WORK OF THE VICE PRESIDENT.

MRS. J. W. PERRY.

When the Woman's Missionary Council closed its session a year ago at Tulsa, Okla., I turned my face to the far West to visit for the first time the bands of loyal women who labor under difficulties that one can scarcely appreciate until there is opportunity to share with them the experiences they encounter in their efforts to advance the kingdom of Jesus Christ. The distances within their own territory are great, our Church is weak, the demands upon the leaders are heavy, they are far away from the Home Base, and the influences of materialism and worldliness so overshadow every other interest that it makes the Church and its efforts seem weak and insignificant. Yet amid these handicaps and difficulties, the little leaven is "leavening the lump," and our Church is winning for itself a place among the forces for righteousness and peace. The Woman's Missionary Societies in those far-away Conferences are courageous and true and are deserving of all the assistance we can render them. They received your representative with hearty, cordial greetings. They were eager for every message that brought them in closer fellowship with the heart of the Church.

It was a privilege to be at the Phoenix District Conference, the Woman's Missionary meeting of the Los Angeles, the Pacific, and the New Mexico Conferences, giving the noon Bible hour messages, presenting the Bennett Memorial, and speaking to many questions on which the women were eager for information and help. While in Los Angeles the opportunity of meeting with the City Mission Board and visiting the Homer Toberman Mission was greatly appreciated. In San Francisco a warm welcome was extended to me at our beautiful Mary Elizabeth Inn, where the association with Miss Jackson, her colaborers, and her family of interesting young women was a delight. There was opportunity also to see something of our work with the Japanese across the bay.

On the way from the Pacific to the New Mexico Conference a Sabbath was spent in Tucson, where we have a beautiful new church near the State University. The Church was organized in 1923 in the home of the presiding elder. Now we have an excellent building erected through the Centenary and a membership of five hundred and fifty. Two young women from this Church are now at Scarritt College preparing for Christian service. It was a delight to speak to the Sunday school, the Epworth League, and the evening congregation.

The many courtesies and gracious kindnesses shown to me throughout this Western visit touched me deeply, for I realized I was the recipient of all these favors for no merit of my own, but they were given in His name, and for the cause which occasioned my going.

During the summer, six weeks were spent at Junaluska giving a bit of assistance to the committee in charge of the Mission Building, and teaching a class in the School of Missions.

In the fall and winter months numerous requests were answered for district meetings, Bennett Memorial meetings, and other public gatherings in the interest of the Memorial and our missionary work. Much time has been given to the Bennett Memorial, to committee meetings, and to correspondence.

In January it was a privilege to attend the Federation of the Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions and the Foreign Missions Conference in Atlantic City. The topics selected for consideration were vital to world conditions and presented many phases of the present-day missionary enterprise. They were discussed by men and women of keen judgment, ripe experience, and clear vision. Many divergent opinions were expressed upon some subjects, but all with a spirit of brotherliness and good fellowship. In the addresses and discussions one was impressed anew with the wonderful influence of Christian missions upon national and international questions, but there came ever and anon a crushing heartache over the sense of failure to measure up to our high privilege. The missionary enterprise has been a potent factor in the advancement of the civilization of the world, yet, we as a nation have fallen far short of exemplifying the principles of Jesus in our contacts with other peoples. Our missionary operations are embarrassed by the sometimes pagan attitudes and ideals we have exhibited toward others in our business and our governmental relations. This should send us to our knees in penitence for our own sins and in supplication for grace to be more Christlike in our relation with the nations of the world.

The growth and development of the native Church in the mission fields and the increasing desire for a self-governing organization is cause for gratitude; it is the things for which the Church at home has longed to see, yet this success brings with it problems—as some one expressed it—that are revolutionary, evolutionary, and involutionary. Dr. Speer said in speaking of these changing and difficult problems: "We shall have to live our way through, we can never think our way through."

Thus the year has passed and we come to record our gratitude for the opportunities of service and for the enrichment that has come through the labors and fellowships we have experienced.

HOME SECTION.

MRS. J. W. DOWNS, SECRETARY.

The missionary women of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, have an efficient connectional organization, from the auxiliaries in the local Churches through the Annual Conferences to the Council. Thousands of women have membership in the missionary societies making their contribution to the work which the Church has assigned to them, many making personal sacrifices in order to maintain their work. Through

systematic study of His word and study of the needs in the mission fields of the world, not only of their Church, but all denominations, the loyalty and devotion of the women to the mission field has increased as they have come to know God's will for the world.

The statistics for the quadrennium will be interesting, as they will bring before you in concrete form some of the results of your four years' work.

There have been twenty-eight deaconesses and forty-three missionaries consecrated during the quadrennium, as follows: in 1922, thirteen deaconesses and six home missionaries; in 1923, five deaconesses and sixteen missionaries; in 1924, three deaconesses and sixteen missionaries; in 1925 seven deaconesses and five missionaries.

In 1922 there were seventy-nine deaconesses and thirty-one missionaries who received appointment in our work. In 1925 there were seventy-eight deaconesses and sixty-one missionaries who received appointment, showing a small increase in the number of appointments during the quadrennium.

There are at the present time nine workers on the retired list, who receive allowances from the retirement fund to the amount of \$312.66 per month.

In 1922 the property account of the Home Section was \$1,958,900. In 1924 the property account was \$2,396,800, an increase of \$437,900 for the quadrennium.

There were thirty-five city and district boards of missions reported in 1922. In 1925 there were thirty-nine city, district, and rural boards in operation, showing a small increase.

The following new buildings have been erected during the quadrennium: A chapel in Dinuba, Calif., a settlement house in Walnut Grove, Calif., a Methodist dormitory in Austin, Tex., a Methodist dormitory in Columbia, Mo., a new dining hall at Vashti School, a new home economics building, Paine Annex, and a new dormitory for boys at Sue Bennett School; in addition a complete remodeling of Bennett Hall, Paine Annex.

The new work opened during the quadrennium is rural work in the North Mississippi Conference; rural work in two districts of the North Arkansas Conference; rural work in one district of the Texas Conference, and the opening of a training center for young Negro women for Christian social service work in Bethlehem Center, Nashville, Tenn. Of the twelve young women who have been trained, one is employed as kindergartner in Bethlehem Center, one as director of girls' work, and one is employed at Bethlehem House in Augusta, Ga.

Regional conferences for city and rural boards of missions have been held at Lake Junaluska, N. C., and Mount Sequoyah, Ark., for three successive years. The attendance has been good, and a keen interest has been manifested in the study of the work carried on under city and rural boards of missions in different sections of the Church.

The total income for the Home Section of our work for the quadrennium has been \$1,360,930.82 in the following amounts:

1922	\$326,906 44
1923	331,839 97
1924	347,110 38
1925	355,074 03

Of this total amount received, \$365,245 has been paid on Centenary Askings. After careful consideration of all that would be involved if Centenary Askings in the Home Department were not paid, the Council voted unanimously at the 1923 annual session: "That the principles of the standard year be retained in the Home Department, Woman's Work, until such time as Centenary obligations are met." This action was reaffirmed and has been regarded in making the appropriations to the work of the Home Department.

The balance of our income has been appropriated annually to Oriental work on the Pacific Coast; to our mountain work in London, Ky., and Brevard, N. C., to the Gulf Coast work in Biloxi, Miss., New Orleans, La., Houma, La., and Galveston, Tex.; to our Negro work in Augusta, Ga., Bethlehem House, Paine College Annex; Bethlehem Center, Nashville, Tenn.; public health nurse in North Carolina; director of Negro work in Birmingham, Ala.; and to the Council Interracial Commission; to delinquent girls, Door of Hope, Macon, Ga.; and the Virginia Johnson Home, Dallas, Tex.; to the Cuban work in Tampa and Key West, Fla.; to our Mexican work at Holding Institute, Laredo, Tex.; to our Wesley House, San Antonio, Tex.; and Homer Toberman Mission, Los Angeles, Calif.; to the work with miners in Thurber, Tex., Hartshorne and Picher, Okla., and the Bluefield District of West Virginia; to Bible teachers in State universities and colleges, College of Industrial Arts, Denton, Tex., University of Oklahoma, Norman, Okla., William and Mary College, Williamsburg, Va., University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo.; to the Scarritt Bible and Training School and to Scarritt College; to the thirty-three city and rural missions boards and Conferences conducting missionary work in their respective local communities, and to the cultivation and administration of the work of the Council and the Board.

Sue Bennett Memorial School and Brevard Institute have had a larger enrollment during the quadrennium than they have had any previous time. Their work is receiving full recognition by the Department of Education in their respective States. Through these institutions missionary influence is reaching thousands of children in the rural communities who come under the direction of teachers trained in these schools.

Holding Institute, at Laredo, Tex., has received full affiliation with the State Department of Education during the quadrennium and is under promise to the State to erect as soon as possible an administration building in compliance with the State requirements for affiliation. There is \$63,000 in the treasury to be used for this purpose.

During the quadrennium the Door of Hope at Macon, Ga., was closed for reasons that have been stated to the Council, and as yet no suitable location has been found for reopening the institution.

The work of the Virginia Johnson Home has been reorganized under the direction of Deaconess Elizabeth Cox and includes regular time and equipment for recreation, both out of doors and in doors. Hours for study have been arranged, and the girls have been required to prepare their lessons under supervision. Five Methodist students have done their practice teaching in this institution. The following subjects have been taught: History, English, Latin, physiology, and drawing. A well-trained music teacher has given her services to the girls of the home. Complete records for the girls who have entered the institution during the last three years are on file, and records for all those enrolled previous to that time have been compiled so far as information could be assembled of past life and environment. This record is strictly confidential and is held in the superintendent's office of the Virginia Johnson Home.

The babies have been placed through a reliable Home-Finding Society that has a regular visitor for the homes of those who adopt the children. Let me say again, it is with deep regret that we have no far-reaching plans for the prevention of the crime committed against innocent children by bringing them into the world without names and without recognition.

The Oriental work on the Pacific Coast has been under our direction from its organization, and we will regret the release of this work to the Home Mission Department of the Board of Missions, but you will agree with the Executive Committee of the Council that this is where the Oriental work belongs, since the superintendent is a preacher under appointment by the bishop, and the eight Oriental pastors are also the pastors of Churches and must receive their annual appointment from the bishop. The plan is to exchange the Oriental work for the Girls' School for Mexicans at Pharr, Tex., and three day schools for Mexican children on the Texas-Mexican border.

Daily vacation Bible schools have had larger emphasis, and the prospects for increasing interest and organization are encouraging. The demand for Bible teachers in State colleges and universities has increased each year, and in a number of instances the State schools have found ways and means of providing the salaries for such teachers. This is a field in which the Woman's Work has been a pioneer.

The most urgent needs for new buildings at the present time are a girls' dormitory and a gymnasium at Brevard Institute, a gymnasium at Sue Bennett Memorial School, and an administration building at Holding Institute. The Week of Prayer offering this year, amounting to \$21,000, will build the gymnasium at Sue Bennett. Almost enough money is in hand for the administration building at Holding; but full provision must be made for the buildings at Brevard Institute.

The number of appointed workers has not materially increased during the quadrennium. The type of work in institutions has not changed, but we are on the threshold of a new quadrennium, and we believe changes should be made early in the incoming quadrennium if our work is to be maintained at the same high standard which has characterized it in the past. We, therefore, recommend that a close study be made of our needs

and of our present plans of work with a view to inaugurating a new policy for our Home Mission work.

The further development of responsibility in the local communities should eventually release all funds that are now being appropriated for Home Mission work to other fields and should diminish the number of people brought into the community to do special work in proportion as the leadership and interest increases in the local community. In other words, the task of Home Missions is to put itself out of a job as quickly as possible.

Problems have arisen during the past quadrennium over the authority and function of advisory boards as they relate to the Wesley Houses, dormitories, schools, and coöperative homes where the title is vested in the Board of Missions, the maintenance coming from the Council or the institution being self-supporting.

The Secretary is in hearty sympathy with the recommendations from the Regional Conferences, composed of City, District, and Rural Board officers and workers "that a three-month furlough for rest and nine months for study be given to deaconesses and home missionaries after each period of seven consecutive years of service." The Secretary would suggest that precedence be given to the ones who have been longest in the service in assigning furloughs. This calls for an increased appropriation for furloughs, which has been listed tentatively in the estimates this year.

Correspondence in regard to group insurance secured the date of birth of ninety-four workers who are interested in such insurance. The agent tabulated the ages of eighty-eight, from 23 to 63. The premium under the group plan will be approximately eleven dollars per thousand for each person annually.

We give below a comparative expenditure of income, Home Department, coupled with the amount appropriated to Centenary:

	1918.	1925.
City Missions and Conferences.....	\$ 15,880	\$ 11,045
Cuban Work.....	7,780	13,661
Dependent Girls.....	16,160	13,450
Delinquent Girls.....	11,476	12,000
Gulf Coast.....	11,219	23,593
Negro Work.....	19,237	20,895
Mexican Work.....	\$ 27,272	\$ 31,172
Miners' Work.....	5,352	8,900
Mountain Work.....	24,802.77	37,972
Miscellaneous.....	6,620	16,495
Pacific Coast, Oriental Work.....	10,872	.....
Pacific Coast, English Work.....	936	1,822
Scarritt Bible and Training School.....	12,500	23,000
Administration.....	25,175	17,265
Home Cultivation.....	.....	29,221
Candidate Work.....	.....	5,715
Bible Teachers.....	.....	5,100
Total Appropriated.....	\$194,908.77	\$271,306

The total Centenary Askings for the Home Department were \$1,245,000. Of this, \$1,004,435 has been paid, leaving \$240,565 yet to be provided for. We will rejoice together when the last dollar has been paid, and we will be free to open new work and make better provision for the old, instead of erecting buildings.

The cost of administration of your work for the last thirteen months has been a little over two per cent, but less than two and one-fourth per cent, while the cost of all cultivation has been only five per cent.

Since June 4, 1925, there has been but one Administrative Secretary in the Home Section of your Woman's Work. Mrs. J. H. McCoy resigned to accept the presidency of Athens College, Athens, Ala. The committee who was appointed to select another Secretary for the Home Section of your work asked the present Secretary to undertake the supervision of the work of the whole department until they might have time to find another Secretary. The called meeting of the Board, which was set for December 10, was, as you know, postponed to February 2. When the time came for this meeting it was about a month until the Council should meet, and in order to allow you to choose the woman you would like to have fill this office, this election was again postponed. The Secretary has stayed close to the task and has attempted to do the best she knew, under somewhat trying conditions, because her relation to this part of the work has been only temporary. It has been a real pleasure to give this service in addition to that which was formerly expected of the Secretary, and it has been a financial saving to our treasury of about twenty-five hundred dollars.

FOREIGN SECTION.

ORIENTAL FIELDS.

MABEL K. HOWELL, SECRETARY.

General Survey of the Work.

There has never been a year in the eight that I have been privileged to serve as Administrative Secretary of the Woman's Work in the Oriental Fields when I have felt as keenly as I do this year the responsibility of being an interpreter. That is a difficult task in normal times, but to report such a year as the past year, when the nations have been seething and in processes of remaking, and missionary policies and work have been in various stages of reconstruction, is an undertaking in which one feels the need of divine wisdom.

In reviewing the work of the year, I am again impressed by the imperative necessity of a reappraisal of our task and undertaking on each field. "Evaluation Conferences" should be set up on each field as a stepping-stone to a program for the new day. The necessity for this, I feel very keenly. The processes necessary to bring this to pass should be set up at once.

The Oriental Fields have been favored in the episcopal supervision they have had in Bishop H. A. Boaz. His knowledge of the fields, due to his prolonged and sympathetic stay upon them, fits him for leadership there at this time, and certainly it is an hour when we must have such supervision. He has the first-hand knowledge now that makes him able to guide in the changes that are coming because of the nationalistic movements. The China field especially is demanding closer supervision during this present crisis.

Those of us who have a share in administering the work on the fields need to have the Church at home define more definitely its goals as regards the native Churches in the mission fields. Are we to recognize that these spiritual children have reached manhood and to enter into coöperation with them as brothers in a common task, or are we to continue to regard them as spiritual children and exercise parental control? This is the vital issue of this missionary hour.

China Mission.

With what more significant words could the report of China for the year 1925 be opened than with those of the Chinese director-manager of the Trade Union of Boston who, in a very recent address, said: "The danger in the world to-day is not China without Christianity, but Christendom without Christ." It is a significant day in the history of missions when America is challenged by so-called non-Christian nations to be Christian in her dealings with them. The people of Japan and China are calling the

attention of the West to the teachings of Jesus as the standard for international relations.

How can we describe the significant events in the missionary work in China during 1925? As one missionary writes, the year began with the mission schools closed, and the missionaries giving themselves in personal ministry to refugees due to wars and rumors of wars on all sides and closed with the anti-Christian activities of the Student Movement. Half way in the year, on May 30, stands the Shanghai incident with all its trail of consequences, an event now as well known among the nations as the Boston Tea Party.

For our missionaries, the year has been one of constant strain, and some are breaking as a result of it. Most of the schools opened well at China New Year (March) and, in spite of the intense excitement and student activities in May, were able to complete the school year. The summer was one of anxiety and uncertainty, for no one knew whether the students would come back in the fall. They did come, however, and in fine spirit, and the fall work has gone on almost without interruption. The nationalistic student agitations have gone forward also and been made more serious by the anti-Christian Movement. The Christian students, while still loyal to their Student Unions and coöperating with them, have been more discriminating than at first in the methods they employed to bring about their ends. "The students of China," writes one missionary, "are face to face with big problems of whose existence Western students are scarcely aware."

Meanwhile, in Peking all fall and winter the representatives of the Powers who had part in the Washington Conference on Disarmament have been working out with the Chinese what can be done about tariff autonomy, extraterritoriality, and treaty revisions. At the same time Board Secretaries of the United States and Canada and of other nations have been keeping in close touch, sharing information and restudying their missionary policies in the light of the new day. Significant conferences have been held at Johns Hopkins University, in Baltimore, and in New York. Nothing has been finer than the spirit of our own missionaries, who sympathize so keenly with the national aspirations of the Chinese and who have expressed themselves as willing to go the full length in adjusting their missionary policies if only thereby the cause of Christ in China may be conserved.

In this atmosphere of revolution, conflict, and discussion, the missionary work in China has moved steadily forward, due to the faithfulness, wisdom, and farsightedness of the workers, both missionary and national. Nothing has been finer than the attitude of the Chinese Christians themselves, to whom much of the success of the year is due. At the time when they were being severely criticized by the anti-Christians and being accused of national disloyalty, they have faithfully carried their end of the load, which, with the passing of the years, has steadily grown in weight. The Chinese Christians have again been tested and have stood the test.

The educational work has made progress, not so much in numbers as

in standardization and efficiency, and especially in a drawing in of the lines of endeavor in order that the distinctive contribution that Christian education should make may have a greater chance. There were one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine students in the six boarding schools and two thousand two hundred and sixteen in the twenty-five day schools, a total of four thousand and sixty-five. Coöperation has continued in Ginling College, where Miss Ella Hanawalt so ably represents our Mission. We need at least one more representative there. More of the graduates of our high schools are attending the college than at first. There is great need for increased maintenance.

Excellent reports come of the work of the Nanking Bible Teachers' Training School, also a union institution, where our own Miss Ruth Brittain has rendered such splendid service. The plan of organization for the board of trustees for this school does not afford the opportunity for close touch with its policies as is the case with other union institutions. We should again remind ourselves that our share in the capital stock of this union enterprise has not all been paid. The Hayes-Wilkins Bible School, in Sungkiang, has been steadily raising its standards while holding to its emphasis on spiritual life.

The Laura Haygood Normal School is still forward looking in its program. The new Demonstration School building, made possible by the Week of Prayer in 1923, was ready when school opened in the fall and was dedicated at Christmas. It is a joy to students and teachers and "even to the janitor." These Week of Prayer enterprises somehow get into the hearts of the people that they seek to bless. Miss Marie Raffo, who has had charge of the work of the Demonstration School, has been untiring in her efforts to make the building and furnishings serve as projects for classroom work.

The two senior high schools, McTyeire in Shanghai and Virginia in Huchow, have also been working to improve their curriculums. Virginia School, which formerly used English as a medium of instruction, is more and more using Chinese and teaching English as a branch. Virginia School is rejoicing in the completion of the high school building, a gift of the Centenary. Miss Sue Standford has been the efficient principal. McTyeire School is still largely using English as a medium of instruction, yet is strengthening its Chinese department. Miss Lois Cooper, during the past two years as principal, has brought to pass a number of desired changes which have been for the good of the school. When Miss Cooper left on furlough, Miss Sallie Lou MacKinnon was appointed principal for one year. During this fall a Chinese vice principal, Miss Mo, was elected. Each of our boarding schools in China should have a director of religious education.

The two junior high schools, Davidson at Soochow and Susan B. Wilson at Sungkiang, have been endeavoring to reach the government standards of junior high schools. There should be at least three missionaries in each faculty. The principals, Miss Nell Drake and Miss Lillian Knobles, have held high their ideals for these schools. Susan B. Wilson has had

one hundred and sixty-seven students and Davidson two hundred and sixty-one.

The term "day school" embraces a wide range of educational work, all the way from the lovely Atkinson Academy with its high-school ranking and its four hundred and eighty-four boys, to the smallest day schools on country circuits with less than twenty students. There have been twenty-four such smaller schools supported by the Council this past year of four, five, six, seven, and eight grades. The educational supervision of these district schools has fallen largely to the district evangelistic workers, most of whom are not trained for educational supervision. As soon as possible some adequate system of educational supervision should be put into effect, leaving the evangelistic workers time for their district religious education programs. Each district ought to have an educational and evangelistic worker working side by side. Centenary Institute, an eight-grade day school in Changchow, is rejoicing in its new Centenary home, and Humbert School is looking forward to its Centenary building. In most of our schools in China Chinese vice presidents have been elected. Our educational programs in China needs to be reëvaluated in the light of the new factors in the missionary and national situations.

On Easter Sunday morning early in the year, the medical workers in Shanghai lost by death a strong new member of their force, Miss Alma Brandt, a missionary nurse who had been but two years on the field and who was looking forward to long years of service. The loss is very great. It has been a good year for the Shanghai medical work in other respects because of the steady development of the Medical School and its recognition by China medical forces. The Mary Black Home for missionary nurses was completed during the year. The new nurses were sent out in the summer and have spent the year in Language School at Nanking. It looks now as if a medical students' dormitory and at least one unit of the much-needed hospital will be a possibility in the near future. During the year the plan was completed for sharing with the General Department in the medical work at Changchow. Dr. Hattie Love will go to this work and a new nurse, Miss Lorena Foster, will join her in the summer.

The evangelistic work has made gains at some points and has lost at others. Never has this department of the work been so short of workers. The city evangelistic centers have fared better than the districts. The city work at I-Zaung-Ka, and the Huchow District have been entirely without workers. The Changshu District has been supervised from Soochow. The Changchow District has had very little supervision. Misses White, Walters, Atkinson, Bliler, and Rogers have borne the burden of the district work which this year, because of the constant fighting, has been most difficult. The armies of the contending generals at one time during the year cut our mission in two, and these brave, faithful women were at times cut off from their stations. The district evangelistic workers have forward-looking programs as shown by their estimates for 1927.

There are four outstanding city evangelistic centers or Institutional Churches in which we have been coöperating with the General Department

during the year—Moore Memorial Institutional Church in Shanghai, Trinity Institutional Church in Changchow, Kong Hong Institutional Church in Soochow, and I-Zaung-Ka, in Huchow. In the latter only money was given, no missionary worker being available. In these Churches the Council shares with the General Department in the maintenance, and each department provides a worker. It is impossible to calculate the lives touched for Christ or the good done through these centers of evangelism. During the year the Centenary appropriation was sent to I-Zaung-Ka, and Kong Hong has the money for its new missionary home.

The program of missionary work in China is large and far-reaching, but because of the new forces that are remaking China, there is no phase of our work that should not be reappraised. The Church and Mission Board at home need to restate their goals for this field, and more attention should be given to its supervision than ever before. An ear close to the ground and a wisdom from above are certainly needed in this field of missionary endeavor.

Korea Mission.

The year has been one of distinct progress in the already organized missionary work in Korea. No new work has been enterprised, although there have been many demands. The educational statistics for 1925 show three thousand five hundred and thirty-two pupils in the day and boarding schools. At the close of the last quadrennium there were two thousand two hundred and twelve, an increase of over thirteen hundred. This increase of students, due to the increasing interest in education on the part of the women and girls of Korea, has made heavy demands on existing institutions. Ten new missionaries have gone out during the quadrennium, two of these last year. The total missionary force is now twenty-eight. The year has seen the development of "prayer retreats" at the various Mission stations, which have brought a decided spiritual advance all along the line. The death of Miss Pauline Glass Randle, coming so soon after her return from furlough, has been a very great sorrow and loss.

The year 1925 closes with all three of our high schools—Holston in Songdo, Carolina in Seoul and Lucy Cuninggim in Wonsan—recognized as "conformed schools" by the government. The disabilities attached to graduates of Carolina and Lucy Cuninggim due to nonconformity are now removed, and the schools are happy. This registration has called for an increase in faculty and equipment. Carolina Institute was able to conform only because of the Week of Prayer offering, which made possible the required high school building called Josephine Campbell Hall. The Week of Prayer offering totalled \$31,000, and students and teachers are rejoicing. The students held early morning prayer meetings all through the year, praying that the offering would be adequate. The building is progressing. Lucy Cuninggim School in Wonsan must be remodeled and made adequate as a high school building. The Frances Hitch building, for the Primary Department, is a great joy. A chapel and gymnasium are needed at both Lucy Cuninggim and Carolina. Holston Institute, in Songdo, has

received the Centenary primary and kindergarten building so long desired and is to that extent better equipped for its work. The Mary Helm Industrial School, formerly a department of Holston but now a separate institution, has one hundred and sixty-one students and has great need for increased classroom capacity.

There has as yet been no opportunity to fulfill our desire in becoming a factor in Ewha College, due to lack of financial ability. Plans for the union have been submitted, but were later revised and have not yet been received in revised form. No action has yet been taken on the plan. The erection of Ewha into a college has created, by elimination, another institution, a kindergarten training school, formerly a department of Ewha, which is asking for our coöperation. At the urgent request of this school and with the approval of Bishop Boaz, Miss Clara Howard has been loaned to the school for this year.

The Woman's Biblical Seminary, in Seoul, has had forty students in training for Christian service. There have been decided advances, such as raising the educational standard, emphasizing self-support by setting up a "bakery" by which girls have been able to help in meeting their expenses, and third, by requiring a period of actual probationary service between the first and second years of the training course.

There has been a steady building up of the village school program in Korea. In these schools, called keulpangs, there have been during the year one thousand one hundred and twenty pupils. The native Church and the community are required to share one-half the salary expenses for these schools and to provide incidental expenses. We appropriate to forty-four of these schools, and there is a constant demand for more of them. To what extent this system should be developed is still an open question. These schools mean much to the childhood of Christian parents.

The evangelistic work has progressed, but not as much as it might have done had we had more evangelistic workers. The four city evangelistic centers have been in various stages of development. The Evangelistic Center (union) in Seoul, under Miss Laura E. Edwards, has had the best year in its history. We should have another worker at this center in the very near future. The Council will recall that, as a Centenary enterprise, it placed in the full amount of the original investment, and that the Methodist Episcopal Church and Presbyterians have in mind to reimburse us for their one-third shares. Up to this time no financial return has come to us, but we are expecting the Methodist Episcopal Church to pay its share this coming year. We understand the Presbyterians have their share in their budget. During the year the missionary home at this center has been completed and is a joy. It was made possible by the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Songdo Evangelistic Center has been rejoiced over having Miss Agnes Graham back well and strong, although the work had gone forward steadily under Miss Wagner's wise leadership. The outstanding advanced step seems to have been the securing for the dispensary and clinic a Korean woman doctor, a graduate of the Government Medical School.

The number of those seeking medical aid has been decidedly increased since this step was taken. The greatest present need at Songdo is land and equipment for a playground. Six hundred and thirty-seven have been enrolled in classes and clubs this past year. Seven hundred and ninety-two have sought treatment in the dispensary, two hundred and fifty-nine have been enrolled in Bible classes, and seventy in night school.

The Choonchun Evangelistic Center has just completed its new Centenary building and is just beginning to develop its program. It is auxiliary to the Church and works in fullest coöperation. The Wonsan Center has received the Centenary money for its new building. Miss Moore has been studying the language, getting ready to assist Miss Cooper in her work at the Center and in the district. A splendid beginning of activities has been made even without equipment.

The district evangelistic work has been seriously crippled by lack of workers available for such work. Miss Edwards has tried to look after the Seoul District along with her other work. Miss Erwin has been alone on the Chulwon District, which, owing to the death of Miss Randle, is now without any Council worker at all, a district of three hundred thousand people and two thousand square miles. Miss Bertha Smith is back again on the Songdo District and is active in developing the village schools. In all the district work evangelistic meetings and institutes have been held. There are wonderful stories of outstanding conversions to bless the year's record. Miss Erwin, on the Chulwon District, has been unceasing in her labors to promote temperance education. Programs of Bible study and religious education are being carried forward.

The Nurse Training Schools at Ivey and Wonsan Hospitals have developed during the year, but are far from being what we could desire, and that through no fault of the workers. The request of the Mission that no more should be done for one than the other leaves one tied in the attempt to provide adequate financial support for either. Each needs a Korean nurses' home and equipment. We are still paying the salary of a nurse at Severance, but have not been able to have a representative there. At Choonchun Miss Furry has developed what is said to be the best baby welfare clinic in the Mission. The medical work in Korea is not developing as other lines of work in the Mission, probably largely because of the conservatism and superstition that prevails even yet with reference to physical ills.

There is a very real need of having a reëvaluation of our missionary work in Korea. Our task there needs to be restudied in the light of present conditions. All the work needs to be reappraised in the light of the economic condition of the people and the goal of ultimate support by the native Church. There is much less self-support than in other fields, and there are increasing demands on the part of the Japanese government on educational lines. The demand for teachers' bonuses this past year is an instance. There are new situations to be faced. There is a greater movement among the people, new restlessness, new radical and

anti-Christian movements. There is a cry that Christianity offer to them some solution for their economic burdens.

In understanding the actual situation in Korea, no one has been more helpful than Rev. J. S. Ryang, the superintendent of the Siberia Work and presiding elder of the Chulwon District. Mr. Ryang says that in the present crisis woman's work for women is absolutely essential. He believes the day demands extraordinary methods and is constructive in his suggestions of what the new program should be. After all our yearnings, we are still without an industrial school for girls in this land where thousands are suffering for lack of food and adequate economic provisions for life. This lack has not been due so much to lack of funds, but to lack of a program which has this need in mind. No mission field requires a wiser missionary statesmanship than Korea at the present time.

Japan Mission.

The year 1925 completes the first decade of work of the Woman's Missionary Council in Japan. The field was entered in 1915 with two workers, Miss Annette Gist and Miss Charlie Holland. It is well to recall what has taken place within the ten years. The Lambuth Training School for Bible Women, formerly in Kobe, has been moved to Osaka, becoming the Lambuth Training School for Christian Workers and enlarging its program to include the Kindergarten Training School, formerly at Hiroshima, as well as making plans for the training of social evangelistic workers. A lovely new building, the gift of the Centenary, has been completed. The old site in Kobe, known as Number Thirty-five, is now the home of Palmore Woman's English Institute. Thirteen missionaries have been sent out and four have been transferred to our staff from the General Department, making seventeen in all, of which fifteen are now active. The Council assumed in the beginning the responsibility for kindergartens and Bible women. Two city Social Evangelistic Centers at Oita and Kure have been opened and housed in proper buildings, both the gifts of the Centenary. If the Council approves the Estimates, the second decade will open with the assumption of full responsibility for the Hiroshima Girls' School. During the decade the annual maintenance budget has been built up to \$58,000, and with the taking over of Hiroshima will be \$88,000. Certainly the first decade of Woman's Work in this great field shows marks of decided progress.

The Lambuth Training School for Christian Workers has had during the year a student body of forty-nine, three less than last year. Fourteen are in the Biblical Department and thirty-five in the Kindergarten. All the students of the Kindergarten Department have high school education, and only three in the Biblical Department. As quickly as possible the educational standard for the Biblical Department should be raised. Mr. Akazawa, our able president, has rendered a very splendid year of service. It is the plan of the school, at the beginning of the new year, to admit to the school only those who give evidence of real faith and firm Christian convictions. Mr. Akazawa feels strongly, and we certainly

agree with him, that as quickly as possible we must have at least three permanent full-time teachers to take the place of the teachers from Kwansei-Gakuin and other schools giving part-time service. Beginning with this year, the unit system will be put into effect in the entire school. The Social Service Department must be developed as quickly as possible. Miss Carroll, who goes out this year, has been taking special training for this work. Too much credit cannot be given to Miss Margaret Cook and Miss Annie Bell Williams, the heads of the two departments, for the way they have brought what were formerly two schools together and blended their aims and policies.

The outlook for our newest institutions, the Palmore Woman's English Institute, a commercial college, which this year gives its first report as a separate institution, is very bright indeed. It has two hundred and sixty-six girls enrolled in its second year of existence, and is already self-supporting. This has been due to the splendid leadership of Miss Charlie Holland, assisted by Miss Myra Anderson. The entrance requirement for the regular course is high school graduation. Special students are admitted, but only when meeting a successful English test. The school is decidedly cosmopolitan. The student body this year contained Japanese, French, Germans, Dutch, Swiss, Turks, Russian, English, and Americans. An English club of Russian women has been very popular, and Miss Anderson has organized a club of Japanese nurses from the city hospitals. The school is an evangelistic center, and keeps that aim in the forefront. There are eighty-seven Christians in the student body, sixteen of whom are Roman Catholics. Their greatest need is a student hostel. It is an unfinished Centenary task and is vital to this school. The old dormitory of the Lambuth School, which has been deemed impossible for the last five years, is the only dormitory that the school has.

The kindergartens have been steadily strengthened, and no one can mistake their influence in Japan as evangelistic agencies. The child's teacher has easy access to a Japanese home and a point of contact with the mother, which can be made to count for Christ. Without this agency, many homes now Christian would still be untouched by the gospel. The kindergarten enrollment at the close of the last quadrennium was five hundred and eighty-five. At the close of this it is nine hundred and forty-two, almost doubled. There are twenty-four kindergartens supported at a cost of \$10,000. The kindergartens have been self-supporting to the amount of \$5,400 this past year. One, if not the greatest, need for this department is expert supervision. At present the twenty-four kindergartens are supervised as follows: by Council missionaries trained in kindergarten work, six; by Council missionaries not trained in kindergarten work, three; by wives of missionaries, six; by men superintendents, nine. We cannot expect to keep the kindergarten work up to educational standards without trained supervision. We are grateful for what has been done, without which the kindergartens would not now exist, but certainly the ideal has not been reached. Already the need is being faced and the Lambuth School is beginning plans in this direction. With three missionaries now

on the field trained in kindergarten work—Misses Cook, Peavy, and Maddux—it should be possible to so place them as to have district supervision. The supervision needed is with regard to the *actual teaching work and program* rather than that of business management. This latter can be attended to much as it is at present. My judgment is strongly against any further increase in the kindergarten work until this supervision can be made possible. Special effort is necessary to bring the kindergartens to a basis of increasing self-support. At present the demand is for increasing funds from America.

The Social Evangelistic Centers have been strengthened this year. Kure has been given its centenary asking, and the new building is in process. A decided step in advance has been taken in that the home is for both missionaries and Japanese workers, bringing them together in closer fellowship under the same roof. The Kure Center has been working with the girls of government schools. The Oita Center works in very close connection with the local Church, and also with the government Normal. The program of both these evangelistic centers needs development. This will only be possible when there are at least three permanent workers at each place. At present there are about one and one-half. My judgment is in favor of a fuller development of these two and the development of the Social Service Department at Lambuth before opening any other centers.

The next step in our evangelistic work in Japan is the development of an evangelistic program for rural work, for which pioneer work I am trusting Miss Annie Bell Williams can be spared. When we consider that more than three-fourths of the population of Japan is rural and that whole sections are unreached by the gospel, we see how great is the opportunity in the evangelistic field that lies ahead of us. We must work out a program of rural evangelism in Woman's Work.

The Council has supported during the year thirty Bible women at a cost of \$8,000. They have worked in connection with self-supporting Churches, mission Churches, and evangelistic centers. They are the backbone of our work. An annual conference for their inspiration and spiritual upbuilding has been held.

The language study requirement in Japan has been increased. The whole time of the first two years is now required, with half-time the third year. Misses Rowland, Peavy, Tumlin, and Finch have all been busy in language study. This is one of the most difficult times in a new missionary's life. The interdenominational language school is still in Kobe, where it was moved after the fire in Tokyo. It is most convenient for our missionaries. Only one new missionary was sent out during the year, Miss Mary Douglas Finch, of Virginia. One new one, Miss Sallie Carroll, also of Virginia, has been accepted to sail in the summer of 1926.

Siberia Mission.

The Russian work in Harbin, in spite of the difficulties encountered in that far-distant field, has made steady progress. There is no doubt at all

that an intensely Christian and Protestant Russian group is being developed. Misses Wahl and Rumbough have continued with their study of the language, and at the same time have taken forward steps in their work. They have coöperated with all existing work. In addition, they established this last summer a camp for Russian girls which was rich in spiritual results. There is an increased conviction that an evangelistic center is the work with which they should begin. The appropriations for this were asked last year, but could not be granted. The lovely bequest of Cornelia W. Brown, of the Virginia Conference, of more than \$6,000 is making possible the opening of the work in 1927 to be known as the Jane Brown Evangelistic Center. The outlook, therefore, for the work is splendid. A new worker, Miss Sallie Brown, of Charlottesville, Va., will join the missionary force there this summer.

The Korean end of the Siberia missionary work has consisted in the support of ten Bible women working under the supervision of Brother Ryang. They have done magnificent work in spite of most difficult conditions. Even Brother Ryang himself has been kept from entering the country to look after the work in person. One does not know what the future holds, but the need for the work increases because of the constant stream of Koreans seeking better economic conditions in the north.

LATIN-AMERICAN AND AFRICAN FIELDS.

ESTHER CASE, SECRETARY.

General Survey.

During the year 1925, the Secretary received many calls for Conference and other work. These included three Conference annual meetings, two trips to Lake Junaluska as a member of the operating committee of the Mission Building, and teaching in four schools of missions. The fact that Latin America was the subject for Mission Study brought these invitations to teach the mission study books. In October, a conference on work in Africa was attended in Hartford, Conn. In the last week of December, at the urgent request of the missionaries and on the advice of Bishop Cannon, a trip was made to Torreon, Mexico, to attend the annual meeting of the missionaries. Because of these longer absences from the office in the interest of the work, and others that were of less importance, and because the correspondence was heavier than in the year before, the highest possible rate of speed during the intervals in the office was necessary. Committee duties have also been heavy. The work of the Junaluska Committee required much time and many meetings in addition to the regular committee work of the Council and Board.

Steady progress has been the rule in the fields during the year, with few exceptions. At the beginning of the quadrennium in 1922 there were 51 missionaries in the four fields, and 30 contract teachers in Cuba and Mexico. Now there are 73 missionaries, 10 teachers under contract for three or five years, and 17 American teachers under contract for one year, these last in Cuba and Mexico. It is gratifying to note that the increase in the number of missionaries and long-term contract workers has reduced the number of short-term American teachers in the fields. Then, in fourteen boarding schools, three day schools, and two social evangelistic centers there were 131 native teachers. Now, in the fourteen boarding schools and four day schools there are 190 native teachers, and in the three social evangelistic centers there are 13 native helpers. There were then 25 native women engaged as Bible Women, or evangelistic workers; now there are 35. A new day school was opened during the quadrennium in Villa Isabel, a suburb of Rio de Janeiro. Centro Cristiano, in Durango, Mexico, is a new social evangelistic center. The above figures are exclusive of the Congo Mission, except the missionaries. Full statistics have not been received from that field. Native receipts reported at the beginning of the last quadrennium amounted to \$118,836 for the schools alone in the Latin-American fields. In 1925 the native receipts reported by the schools amounted to \$178,747.51, an increase of almost \$60,000. The three social evangelistic centers report receipts to the amount of \$4,878.68. This increase in receipts in the fields has made it possible to decrease gradually the amount of the appropriations for maintenance in some of the institutions and has released funds to support the enlarged number of missionaries and other workers.

Brazil Mission.

Four years ago the boarding schools in Piracicaba, Ribeirao Preto, Porto Alegre, and Bello Horizonte were operating successfully, and Bennett College, in Rio de Janeiro, had just closed its first year. Collegio Centenario, in Santa Maria, State of Rio Grande do Sul, a Centenary enterprise, opened its doors in 1922 and has had continued success. At the beginning of the quadrennium there were in Brazil 24 missionaries, 2 American teachers, 58 Brazilian teachers, and 1,051 students enrolled in five boarding and two day schools, with an income from fees of \$52,859. At the close of the quadrennium the reports show 35 missionaries, 97 Brazilian teachers, and 1,778 students in six boarding schools and three day schools, with receipts amounting to \$75,203.89. Fourteen Bible Women and one missionary are engaged exclusively in social evangelistic work.

Miss Leila Epps, who is creating Christian literature in connection with the publishing house in Sao Paulo, is entitled to furlough this year, so Miss Ruth Kellogg has been appointed to assist in this work. In addition to the *Bem-te-vi*, which is a monthly magazine for children, Miss Epps prepares literature in the form of yearbooks and monthly programs for the Women's Missionary Societies, in coöperation with the Brazilian program committee. She also supervises the translation and preparation of mission study books, devotional books, and other literature, and is serving on the continent-wide evangelistic committee. As secretary of the committee, she is preparing literature for this work.

The new missionaries who sailed in July, 1925, spent six months in language study in Brazilian homes, and, at the opening of the new school year in February, went to their appointments in the schools. Miss Ruth Merritt was detained for health reasons, but sailed in January of this year in company with Miss Rachel Jarrett, who was returning after furlough to become the principal of Collegio Metodista, in Ribeirao Preto. Miss Mary A. Lamar, who was granted extension of furlough for study, also sailed in January, and she is to be principal of Bennett College, in Rio de Janeiro, this year. Only one new missionary is available for Brazil this year, Miss Verda Farrar.

The new building for Collegio Centenario is the most adequate for the needs of the work of any of our school plants in Brazil. The day school at Villa Isabel, Rio de Janeiro, has been built with Centenary funds, and the school is now in operation. Other building operations completed in the quadrennium are the missionaries' home at People's Central Institute, Rio de Janeiro, and the school building and house for the music department, in Porto Alegre; at Bennett College, in Rio de Janeiro, the dining room and kitchen unit is a delight, and the new two-story school building erected with Centenary funds is nearing completion. The building on the property lately purchased has been remodeled, and the various buildings on the compound have been connected by covered walks.

The mission has voted that in case funds should be available for a build-

ing, Collegio Isabella Hendrix, at Bello Horizonte, should have the preference. The need for the new dormitories in the schools in Ribeirao Preto, Piracicaba, and Rio de Janeiro is also urgent.

Mexico Mission.

The statistics from the field show growth in all the work in Mexico. At the close of the quadrennium there are 35 missionaries and American teachers at work in five boarding schools, one day school, three social evangelistic centers, and three hospitals, assisted by 70 Mexican teachers and 17 evangelistic workers, with a total enrollment of 2,045 students in the schools and 2,766 persons enrolled in clubs, classes, and other activities in the evangelistic centers. Four trained young women are serving as district evangelists, working with the presiding elders. This last year of the quadrennium native receipts for tuition and other fees have amounted to \$66,577.61.

A new social evangelistic center in the city of Durango was opened during the quadrennium. The modern school building for Roberts College, in Saltillo, was completed and occupied in 1922. This building has increased the facilities for training teachers and evangelistic workers for the whole field. It is the best school building in northern Mexico and was erected at a cost of \$150,000 of Centenary money and Week of Prayer offerings. The \$50,000 administration and school building for Colegio Palmore, in Chihuahua, also a Centenary enterprise, was built during the quadrennium, and improvements were made in the building for Centro Cristiano. An adequate property, consisting of building and grounds, was purchased for Colegio Progreso, in Parral, with the Week of Prayer offering in 1924. It has been impossible to provide necessary funds for keeping the older buildings in proper repair. One of the greatest material needs in this field is sufficient funds to protect the property from deterioration.

The four regional boarding schools, located in Monterrey, Chihuahua, Durango, and Parral, are correlated with Roberts College, and students finishing their work in the grades enter Roberts College for their high school work and for training in pedagogical and religious subjects. Roberts College trains not only teachers, but also prepares the evangelistic workers who are serving in the districts and in the social evangelistic centers.

We entered medical work this quadrennium and are furnishing nurses in the hospitals in Monterrey, Torreon, and Chihuahua. In addition to sharing in the hospital nursing, five missionary nurses are providing nurse training for native young women. In August Miss Ellen B. Cloud, R.N., was sent to Chihuahua to take charge of the dispensary in Centro Cristiano.

The movement on the part of some of the Mexican pastors and members of the Church toward an autonomous Mexican Church has been marked and, unfortunately, the close of the quadrennium finds the congregations in some of the stations divided in their allegiance to the constituted Church authorities and to the leaders of the Nationalistic Movement. This

situation is intensified by certain constitutional provisions in Mexico, such as the requirement that only native-born Mexicans may exercise the right of the ministry, that ministers of the gospel cannot teach schools of primary grade, and that religious organizations shall not conduct schools, hospitals, or other benevolent institutions. This situation, coupled with other needs of the field, made it seem advisable for the Secretary to attend the annual meeting of the missionaries held in Torreon in the last week of December, 1925. As this report is being prepared, the movement above referred to has not interfered with the activities or work of the women, except in the case of Miss Laura V. Wright, who chose to withdraw from Mexico on February 15, when the day school under the General Department of the Board of Missions at Piedras Negras, of which Rev. J. A. Phillips was principal, was closed by the Mexican authorities, he having been given twenty-four hours in which to leave the country. Piedras Negras is just across the river from Eagle Pass, Tex., and Miss Wright, our own evangelistic missionary, was living in the school. Decision regarding the future work of these missionaries has not yet been made. In response to a request from the Nationalist leaders in Mexico, a committee was appointed by the Board of Missions consisting of Bishop Cannon, the two Secretaries in charge of the work in Mexico, Mr. J. F. Rawls, treasurer for General Work, Dr. O. E. Brown, and Mr. P. D. Maddin, to study the situation, to visit Mexico, if necessary, for conference, and to make recommendations to the General Conference, through the Board of Missions, regarding the future policy of our work. As a member of this committee, the Secretary is leaving for Mexico. Therefore, it is not possible to state what the outcome of this movement will be for our work in this large and important field.

Cuba Mission.

The work of the three schools has gone forward in a satisfactory manner during the quadrennium. At Colegio Irene Toland, Matanzas, a new school building was made possible by the Centenary, and the purchase of additional property has provided better facilities for the work. In Colegio Buenavista, Havana, enlargement has been possible through the erection of a unit of a modern school building with the Week of Prayer offering for 1922. It has been impossible to finance a school building for Colegio Eliza Bowman, in Cienfuegos. This is undoubtedly the greatest need in our work in Cuba. The splendid new property is there, but the old colonial residence is inadequate for the work of the day school, and it has not been possible to run a boarding department. Teachers and students are using every effort possible to secure sufficient money to build an open-air gymnasium to be used for temporary schoolrooms, but the amount needed is incomplete.

At the beginning of the quadrennium our representatives in Cuba were 16 missionaries and American teachers and 14 Cuban teachers, with 594 students enrolled and receipts from tuition amounting to \$41,305. At the close of this quadrennium there are 17 missionaries, 23 Cuban teachers,

551 students in the three schools, and \$41,844.69 is the amount of school fees collected. This comparison shows that Cuba is barely holding her own. There is great need to strengthen and enlarge the work if we are to meet our responsibility in the island.

It is encouraging to report the beginning of evangelistic effort as a new line of work. Bishop Cannon appointed Miss Laura Lee to evangelistic work in Cienfuegos, Miss Bertha Tucker to Matanzas, and Miss Anne Deavours to Havana. Miss Lee is working in connection with the Church in Cienfuegos and Colegio Eliza Bowman. Miss Tucker is studying the Spanish language and working in connection with the Church in Matanzas. An interesting phase of her work is in a Korean colony near Matanzas. Having been a missionary in Korea, Miss Tucker knows the language and is able to minister to them. Miss Deavours is located in the new central Institutional Church in Havana. She is conducting club work, teaching classes, and becoming acquainted with the people. Miss Deavours and Miss Tucker both find that a Christian center, conducted along the lines of the Centros in Mexico, would greatly facilitate their work and enable them to reach greater numbers of people. However, for lack of funds these institutions have not yet been established, although the missionaries in their annual meeting recommended that Quinta Tosca, in Matanzas, be utilized for a social evangelistic center.

Congo Mission.

Four years ago we were represented by three missionaries in the Congo, and three more have sailed for the field. Miss Willie G. Hall resigned to marry. Mrs. Fannie B. Warren returned in April, 1925, before her furlough was due, for health reasons. She has asked for the status of missionary on furlough without salary and has accepted a position as nurse in a government school at Eklutna, Alaska, in order to have a complete change of climate. Miss Kathron Wilson has resigned to marry Dr. J. T. Meyers, of the Japan Mission. Miss Christine Allen and Miss Myrtie Bryant, an educational missionary accepted for the Congo, were given the opportunity to visit institutions conducting work for Negroes in this country as members of a touring party, under the auspices of Dr. Thomas Jesse Jones, as additional specialized training. Miss Elizabeth Bass, R.N., will complete her nurse training in the fall of 1926, and probably will sail in company with Miss Allen and Miss Bryant at some time during the winter 1926-27. As the above account indicates, there are only two of our missionaries now on the field. Miss Armstrong is working in the new hospital at Wembo Nyama and is enthusiastic over the possibilities of training native nurses. Miss Foreman is in charge of the medical work in Tunda Station. Both Miss Foreman and Miss Armstrong are greatly pleased with the sterilizer, which is a gift from the Conference women of the Northwest Texas Conference. Miss Armstrong writes that she is doing the sterilizing for Tunda Station as well as for the hospital in Wembo Nyama.

In view of the above statement regarding missionaries, it will be seen

that we are closing the quadrennium with no increase in the number of missionaries in the Congo and that there are actually fewer missionaries on the field now than were there four years ago. The difficulty of keeping an adequate number of missionaries in the field to develop institutions and carry on continuous service has been set forth in so many reports and the situation is so well understood by the members of the Council that it is not necessary to enlarge upon it further.

The Girls' Home in Wembo Nyama is the only institution owned by the Council in this field. This is a boarding school for girls. At present Mrs. Eugene Farmer is conducting the Girls' Home. It is our expectation that one of our educational missionaries will have charge of this institution next year.

The medical work in the mission is a joint enterprise with the General Work. We furnish the nurses and contribute \$1,000 a year to the expenses.

It is a satisfaction that mails are more regular now. Letters from the Congo have been received sometimes in exactly two months from the time they were written. Traveling conditions have improved, due to the use of the Mission boat, "The Texas," and to the building of government roads and the use of a motor truck in the Mission.

Interdenominational Work.

Plans for coöperative missionary work in the Latin-American and African fields have been developed through the Committee on Coöperation in Latin America; the Montevideo Congress, which was held in March, 1925; the Committee on Coöperation in the Congo; and the Conference on Africa, which was held in Hartford, Conn., last October. In these conferences, the results of surveys of the fields were presented and studied and recommendations were made to the Boards of Missions having work in those fields concerning methods for advancing the work.

From the Montevideo Congress come recommendations that the evangelization of the Indians of South America be undertaken jointly by the Boards. Plans were proposed for a continent-wide evangelistic campaign with all evangelical agencies at work in South America participating. The Committee on Coöperation in Latin America has requested our Board of Missions to allocate Dr. C. G. Hounshell as the director of this evangelistic campaign. Miss Leila F. Epps, of Sao Paulo, Brazil, was elected secretary of the committee to promote prayer for the campaign, and, with the aid of a committee, is getting out literature on the subject of prayer and the deepening of the spiritual life as a means of preparation for the continent-wide evangelistic effort. Other recommendations of the Congress are the making of community surveys and a united continental program for public health. Two other Boards of Missions have been requested by the committee to furnish specialists for this health and social work, who may work with the native Church and the missionaries in these new undertakings. These are the three outstanding recommendations of the Conference. The strengthening of union the-

ological schools by adding schools of social science and languages, the establishing of union agricultural schools, the federation of Young People's Societies, and a Latin-American Conference of Evangelical Publishers and Editors are some of the other important recommendations.

The Conference on Africa recommended a better organization and development of the educational program, this development to be based on the educational principles laid down by Dr. Thomas Jesse Jones in his recent book, "Education in East Africa." The importance of training natives for places of responsibility and leadership was stressed, and the establishment of a Bureau of Languages through the coöperation of the Boards of Missions having work in Africa with societies for research in America and in Europe was also recommended. An international conference on work in Africa, to be composed of a selected number of Board executives, missionaries, and experts in public health, education, etc., is to be held in Le Zoute, Belgium, in September, 1926. It is hoped that the deliberations of this conference may result in recommendations of methods to the Boards of methods which will greatly advance the work.

The political situation in Mexico with reference to evangelical work and to ordained missionaries in particular has made it necessary to change the plan to hold a conference in that country in 1926 for the Carribean region similar to the conference held in 1925 in Montevideo for the South American continent. The present plan is to hold instead four regional conferences—one in Porto Rico in February, 1927, for the West Indies; another in Central America at some time and place to be selected in the future; a third in 1926 at some point in the southwestern portion of our own country with reference to work among Mexicans; and the fourth probably to be held in Mexico in connection with the Young People's National Convention in the summer of 1926.

TREASURER.

MRS. INA FULTON DAVIS.

RECEIPTS BY DEPARTMENTS.

CONFERENCE.	ADULT.	YOUNG PEOPLE.	JUNIOR DIVISION.	BABY DIVISION.	TOTAL.
Alabama.....	\$ 29,393 60	\$ 1,364 56	\$ 1,847 25	\$ 407 09	\$ 33,012 50
Arizona.....	1,456 18	24 05	18 53	3 77	1,502 53
Baltimore.....	30,233 89	5,306 31	2,424 29	381 66	38,346 15
Brazil.....	34 25				34 25
Central Brazil.....	7 07				7 07
Central Texas.....	24,636 48	664 43	637 24	127 28	26,065 43
China Mission.....	73 32				73 32
Cuba.....	13 14				13 14
Denver.....	711 07	37 96	32 24	75	782 02
East Oklahoma.....	12,632 86	369 81	464 23	108 10	13,575 00
Florida.....	25,867 43	1,094 14	735 57	288 05	27,985 19
Holston.....	32,643 28	4,434 31	1,991 31	557 07	39,625 97
Illinois.....	943 66		4 78	25 30	973 74
Kentucky.....	17,757 49	2,334 34	875 50	122 42	21,089 75
Little Rock.....	21,501 50	1,750 00	1,567 25	182 75	25,001 50
Los Angeles.....	3,666 79		35 42	11 17	3,713 38
Louisiana.....	27,720 51	912 37	792 55	95 70	29,521 13
Louisville.....	21,788 56	2,074 22	1,029 38	107 84	25,000 00
Memphis.....	28,305 35	2,911 38	2,705 57	409 60	34,331 90
Mexico.....	14 35				14 35
Mississippi.....	20,467 04	366 06	927 80	127 70	21,888 60
Missouri.....	10,924 61	612 87	359 44	103 08	12,000 00
New Mexico.....	5,906 05	281 43	172 35	47 01	6,406 84
North Alabama.....	37,409 67	1,456 72	1,694 54	267 62	40,828 55
North Arkansas.....	19,420 79	621 73	563 26	92 50	20,698 28
North Carolina.....	44,145 59	1,528 47	4,515 31	591 56	50,780 93
North Georgia.....	47,766 09	4,002 07	5,086 48	1,418 52	58,273 16
North Mississippi.....	24,718 66	1,246 25	2,138 37	252 09	28,355 37
North Texas.....	29,501 64	1,234 44	529 73	414 05	31,679 86
Northwest.....	1,526 97	17 00	78 75	15 48	1,638 20
Northwest Texas.....	19,973 89	822 81	530 13	156 44	21,483 27
Pacific.....	3,604 45	27 60	63 37	15 56	3,710 98
South Carolina.....	24,384 50	863 71	1,547 20	118 45	27,513 86
South Georgia.....	58,086 63	592 77	2,256 14	662 80	61,598 34
Southwest Missouri.....	10,527 17	812 04	714 21	54 58	12,108 00
St. Louis.....	9,645 53	1,146 41	231 52	16 54	11,040 00
Tennessee.....	25,430 00	2,000 00	1,566 83	533 17	29,530 00
Texas.....	29,696 30	591 56	948 03	439 11	31,675 00
Upper South Carolina.....	27,709 20	1,394 79	1,709 56	220 44	31,033 99
Virginia.....	46,564 53	5,053 73	1,588 86	338 02	53,545 14
West Oklahoma.....	8,774 15	719 45	253 92	36 70	9,784 22
West Texas.....	21,014 19	1,503 24	711 13	257 38	23,485 94
Western North Carolina.....	43,078 40	3,786 60	3,234 11	264 64	50,363 75
Western Virginia.....	12,819 83	1,354 75	674 92	92 80	14,942 30
Total.....	\$863,096 66	\$55,314 38	\$47,257 07	\$9,364 79	\$975,032 90
Total for 1924.....	823,054 30	52,567 95	44,863 14	9,032 20	929,517 59
Increase.....	\$ 40,042 36	\$ 2,746 43	\$ 2,393 93	\$ 332 59	\$ 45,515 31

RECEIPTS FOR 1925.

CONFERENCE.	FOREIGN.	HOME.	SCARRITT.	TOTAL.	BENNETT MEMORIAL.
Alabama.....	\$ 19,332 90	\$ 12,809 71	\$ 869 89	\$ 33,012 50	\$ 1,888 70
Arizona.....	787 85	423 47	291 21	1,502 53	74 50
Baltimore.....	23,138 37	14,748 58	459 20	38,346 15	3,438 08
Brazil.....	34 25			34 25	
Central Brazil.....	7 07			7 07	
Central Texas.....	16,195 56	9,513 58	356 29	26,065 43	2,707 57
China Mission.....	73 32			73 32	
Cuba.....	7 89	5 25		13 14	
Denver.....	476 45	293 57	12 00	782 02	163 25
East Oklahoma.....	8,293 33	5,106 46	175 21	13,575 00	981 06
Florida.....	17,142 71	10,656 53	185 95	27,985 19	6,965 00
Holston.....	23,408 05	15,420 22	797 70	39,625 97	5,143 68
Illinois.....	582 00	391 74		973 74	36 20
Kentucky.....	12,673 50	8,235 65	180 60	21,089 75	4,955 94
Little Rock.....	15,073 00	9,704 35	224 15	25,001 50	2,537 97
Los Angeles.....	2,325 55	1,364 83	23 00	3,713 38	298 98
Louisiana.....	17,120 28	12,143 62	257 23	29,521 13	2,965 99
Louisville.....	15,758 55	9,202 60	38 85	25,000 00	6,722 85
Memphis.....	21,669 79	12,480 81	181 30	34,331 90	1,417 20
Mexico.....	14 35			14 35	
Mississippi.....	13,006 70	8,362 61	519 29	21,888 60	2,520 01
Missouri.....	7,145 76	4,596 24	258 00	12,000 00	1,999 99
New Mexico.....	3,840 18	2,423 66	143 00	6,406 84	404 48
North Alabama.....	24,853 59	14,798 48	1,176 43	40,828 55	3,357 90
North Arkansas.....	12,300 02	7,846 46	551 80	20,698 28	2,897 10
North Carolina.....	31,125 61	18,074 44	1,580 88	50,780 93	5,451 74
North Georgia.....	32,959 08	23,192 36	2,121 72	58,273 16	8,410 52
North Mississippi.....	18,120 18	9,754 37	480 82	28,355 37	3,006 30
North Texas.....	18,901 60	12,778 26		31,679 86	6,065 96
Northwest.....	963 90	642 13	32 17	1,638 20	50 30
Northwest Texas.....	12,848 07	7,771 44	863 76	21,483 27	3,136 77
Pacific.....	2,578 46	969 45	163 07	3,710 98	270 59
South Carolina.....	16,374 78	9,739 08	1,400 00	27,513 86	5,487 16
South Georgia.....	35,304 40	25,274 51	1,019 43	61,598 34	2,975 67
Southwest Missouri.....	7,670 44	3,737 70	699 86	12,108 00	998 33
St. Louis.....	6,134 60	3,866 05	1,039 35	11,040 00	4,284 96
Tennessee.....	18,018 87	11,507 13	4 00	29,530 00	6,413 94
Texas.....	18,245 03	12,829 97	600 00	31,675 00	3,279 14
Upper South Carolina.....	18,333 41	11,580 58	1,120 00	31,033 99	3,799 13
Virginia.....	34,745 15	17,217 84	1,582 15	53,545 14	4,401 66
West Oklahoma.....	5,932 06	3,696 66	155 50	9,784 22	1,247 50
West Texas.....	14,492 77	8,773 17	220 00	23,485 94	1,529 06
Western North Carolina.....	31,949 57	17,414 18	1,000 00	50,363 75	3,932 66
Western Virginia.....	8,742 40	5,757 30	442 60	14,942 30	2,201 77
Total from Conferences.....	\$588,701 40	\$365,105 04	\$21,226 46	\$ 975,032 90	\$118,419 61
Other sources.....	41,061 40	32,842 33	1,057 70	74,961 43	5,861 96
Deaconess & H. M. Conf.....					392 00
School funds.....		57,904 20		57,904 20	
Total.....	\$629,762 80	\$455,851 57	\$22,284 16	\$1,107,898 53	\$124,673 57

DIVISION OF RECEIPTS.

Annuity: Mrs. Mary Fulton Carter.....	\$	1,000	00
Bequest: Mrs. Jane and Cornelia W. Brown.	\$	13,073	02
Mrs. Elizabeth Moreland.....		1,977	27
Snider Memorial.....		1,000	00—
		<u>16,050</u>	<u>29</u>
Bible Women.....		35,016	95
Day schools.....		3,073	14
Dues.....		398,676	10
Gifts to deaconess fund.....			18 00
Interest.....		26,913	94
Life members.....		3,711	66
Land sold.....		2,778	90
Pledge.....		403,908	23
Refunds.....		9,064	76
Rent.....		450	00
Retirement.....		16,960	07
Scholarships.....		26,146	14
Sales (books, etc).....		12,233	10
Scarritt (including scholarships).....		22,416	86
Special gifts.....		4,618	88
School funds (Home).....		57,904	20
Specials for new missionaries.....		12,242	88
Specialized training.....		42	75
Week of Prayer (balance, 1924).....		578	04
Week of Prayer, 1925.....		52,495	45
Woman's Medical College (China).....		1,598	19
		<u>\$1,107,898</u>	<u>53</u>
<i>Centenary:</i>			
Foreign.....	\$	81,348	26
Home.....		24,471	26—
		<u>\$105,819</u>	<u>52</u>
<i>Christian Education Fund:</i>			
Home schools.....	\$	7,720	81
Scarritt.....		4,596	04—
		<u>12,316</u>	<u>85</u>
<i>Bennett Memorial:</i>			
From Conferences.....		118,419	61
Deaconess Home Mission Conference.....		392	00
Other sources.....		5,861	96—
		<u>124,673</u>	<u>57—</u>
Total receipts from all sources.....		<u>\$1,350,708</u>	<u>47</u>
Notes collected: Foreign.....	\$	63,530	00
Home.....		28,950	00
Scarritt.....		16,500	00—
		<u>108,980</u>	<u>00</u>
Bonds sold.....		1,500	00
Total amount deposited.....		<u>\$1,461,188</u>	<u>47</u>
Bonds at close of 1924 carried as cash....	\$	950	00
Bank balance close of 1924.....		530,398	69
Total receipts in 1925.....		1,461,188	47
Grand total.....		<u>\$1,991,587</u>	<u>16</u>
Disbursements for 1925.....		1,448,951	81
Balance.....	\$	542,635	35
Advanced for 1926.....		162,585	52
Balance, February 1, 1926.....	\$	380,049	83

Balance accounted for as follows:

Foreign cash.....	\$169,555 11	
Home cash.....	155,758 70	
Home, educational.....	11,094 20	
Bennett Memorial.....	13,777 56	
United.....	56 56	
Foreign Centenary.....	24,367 67	
Home Centenary.....	5,440 03	
Total cash.....		<u>\$ 380,049 83</u>

DISBURSEMENTS FOR 1925-26.

FOREIGN WORK.

	Total, 1925.	Amt. Adv for 1926.
Annuities.....	\$ 2,224 11	
Bishops' travel.....	6,689 43	
Contingent.....	16,058 25	\$ 5 00
Inter-Board expense.....	3,775 00	
Investments: Bills receivable.	35,356 66	
Bonds.....	1,000 00	
Certificates of deposit....	6,446 74	
Retirement (missionaries)...	3,760 00	1,010 00
Scarritt College appropriation.....	20,500 00	5,125 00
Specials for new missionaries.	4,918 06	
Specialized training.....	2,406 50—	833 00
	<u>\$103,134 75</u>	
Brazil: Maintenance, salaries, scholarships, and miscellaneous.....	\$45,986 78	4,408 62
Equipment for kindergarten training school.....	235 17	
Bennett College.....	22,173 00	
Centenary: Language study and miscellaneous.	512 50—	68,907 45
China: Maintenance, salaries, scholarships, and miscellaneous.....	\$140,680 28	7,835 63
Payment on share of Woman's Union Medical Work, Shanghai.....	38,750 41	
Bequest of Mrs. S. C. Vann for Ida Anderson Home.	1,500 00	
Centenary: Virginia School building.....	11,500 00	
Social Evangelistic Center, I-Zaung-Ka.....	4,500 00	
Humbert School, Changchow.....	9,000 00	
Missionaries' residence in Kong Hong.....	4,000 00—	209,930 69
Congo: Maintenance, salaries, and miscellaneous.	\$ 11,894 31	2,391 80
Centenary: Hospital building.....	5,000 00	
Miscellaneous.....	1,232 85—	18,127 16

Cuba: Maintenance, salaries, scholarships, and miscellaneous.....	\$ 15,459 32	\$ 3,979 50
Japan: Maintenance, salaries, scholarships, and miscellaneous.....	\$ 46,257 45	7,952 81
Centenary: Missionaries' home, Kure.....	8,000 00— 54,257 45	
Korea: Maintenance, salaries, scholarships, and miscellaneous.....	\$133,683 82	33,207 18
Purchase of land in Choonchun.....	\$ 7,500 00	
Centenary: Evangelistic Center, Wonsan.....	\$ 17,633 00	
Lucy Cuninggim School, heat and water.....	2,500 00	
Kindergarten building, Holston Institute....	10,000 00— 171,316 82	
Manchuria: Maintenance, salaries, scholarships, and miscellaneous.....	4,317 98	337 50
Mexico: Maintenance, salaries, scholarships, and miscellaneous.....	71,160 23	20,807 30
Total Foreign Work.....	\$716,611 85	\$ 87,893 34

DISBURSEMENTS FOR 1925-26.

	HOME WORK.	Total, 1925.	Amt. Adv. for 1926.
Annuities.....	\$ 828 50		
Brevard Institute, special account to Mrs. F. H. E. Ross, Treasurer.....	882 16		
Contingent.....	5,758 06		
Investments: Bills receivable. Certificates of deposit....	34,233 45 6,446 74		
Repairs on Tucker property.	15 50		
Retirement (Home workers).	3,789 97		\$ 261 66
Refunds and miscellaneous..	657 53		
Scholarships.....	12,372 41		
Scarritt appropriation.....	20,500 00		5,125 00
Terry, Tex., Special.....	600 00— \$ 86,084 32		
Bible teachers.....	3,706 97		519 18
City Mission and Conference enterprise.....	10,943 39		166 66
Cuban Work: Ruth Hargrove.....	\$ 3,686 25		270 00
Rosa Valdes Settlement...	3,195 00		285 00
Wolf Settlement and Urban Bird Clinic.....	5,005 00— 11,886 25		443 00
Macon Door of Hope.....	54 75		
Virginia Johnson Home: Maintenance.....	\$ 13,574 08		944 91
Repairs.....	1,176 70	14,750 78	

Vashti Industrial School:			
Maintenance.....	\$ 30,555 08		\$ 1,38 500
Dining Hall.....	785 76		
Building from Week of Prayer.....	11,586 00		
Centenary: Dining hall and miscellaneous.....	455 74	— \$ 43,382 58	
Gulf Coast Work: Biloxi....	\$ 4,454 46		410 41
Galveston.....	2,400 00		200 00
Houma.....	8,654 12		750 00
New Orleans.....	5,065 16	— 20,573 74	418 00
Mexican Work: Homer Toberman.....	4,499 94		333 33
Holding Institute.....	21,664 94		1,142 50
San Antonio Wesley House.	3,060 64	— 29,225 52	286 50
Work with Miners: Bisbee..	\$ 750 00		75 00
Hartshorne.....	997 98		83 33
Picher.....	900 00		75 00
Thurber.....	997 98		83 33
West Virginia Coal Fields.	5,485 00		425 00
West Virginia Coal Fields—building from Week of Prayer.....	4,000 00	— 13,130 96	
Sue Bennett School: Maintenance.....	33,525 59		1,473 79
Building.....	35,574 05		
Centenary: Building.....	5,489 60	— 74,589 24	
Brevard Institute: Maintenance.....		24,340 23	1,333 33
Negro Work: Director of Negro Work.....	450 00		
Public Health Nurse.....	500 00		
Bethlehem House, Augusta.....	2,506 79		285 50
Bethlehem House, Nashville.....	6,875 67		615 41
Paine Annex:			
Maintenance..	\$ 8,828 50		1,276 36
Building....	1,321 98		
Centenary: Building... ..	28,798 00	— 38,948 48	
Interracial Commission... ..	5,000 00	— 54,280 94	
Pacific Coast Work: Oriental..	\$ 14,869 16		1,155 41
San Francisco Wesley House.....	850 00	— 15,719 16	100 00
Dormitory: Columbia, Mo., building.....	\$ 17,996 83		
Centenary for building... ..	2,031 02	— 20,027 85	
Deaconess expense and travel.....	2,934 34		200 00
Furloughs.....	1,800 00		
Inter-Board Work.....	345 00		
Foreign language study.....	27 25		
MacDonnell lectureship.....	2,500 00		
Christian Education: Brevard.....	\$ 159 00		
Vashti.....	489 64	— 648 64	
Total Home Work.....		\$ 430,951 91	\$ 20,118 11

UNITED FUND.

Scarritt College for Christian Workers: Regular funds..	\$ 85,103 25	
Centenary for building...	50,000 00	
Christian Education.....	3,790 65	—\$138,893 90
Bennett Memorial: Investments.....	60,900 00	
Scarritt College (first payment on Bennett Memorial building).....		\$ 50,000 00
From United Fund, tax on Southern Assembly.....	32 50	
	<u>\$199,826 40</u>	<u>\$ 50,000 00</u>

At the close of Mrs. Ross' administration, all funds held by her for Scarritt College were turned over to Scarritt College treasurer. Henceforth this office acts only as a clearing house for such Scarritt funds as come from the Conferences.

ADMINISTRATION.

Chairman Woman's Department (office expense and travel).....	\$ 600 00	—
Salaries: Secretaries and Treasurer.....	13,500 00	\$ 1,000 00
Clerical help: Office expense and travel...	10,608 30	1,070 00
Board meetings.....	2,391 70	24 74
Regional Conferences on city work.....	614 67	
Rent.....	1,871 27	
Total Administration.....	<u>\$ 29,585 94</u>	<u>\$ 2,094 74</u>

(Cost: A little less than 2% of total receipts.)

HOME CULTIVATION AND CANDIDATE SECTION.

President of Council: Office expense and travel.....	\$ 1,500 00	\$ 375 00
Vice President: Office expense and travel...	200 00	50 00
Recording Secretary: Office expense and travel.....	100 00	
Superintendents—Young People, Juniors, Social Service: Office expense and travel.	3,287 36	
Secretaries: Salaries.....	9,000 00	750 00
Clerical help: Office expense and travel...	9,036 99	979 33
Student Secretaries: Salary and travel.....	4,402 50	200 00
Young People's Secretary: Salary and travel.	1,483 33	125 00
Pastors' meetings.....	400 00	
Executive and special committee meetings..	1,639 19	
Literature Committee.....	218 97	
Council meeting.....	6,510 70	
Literature (including annual reports, mailing, etc.).....	29,493 09	
Schools of Missions.....	2,200 00	
Deaconess and missionary travel.....	775 00	
Rent.....	1,728 58	
Total Home Cultivation.....	<u>\$ 71,975 71</u>	<u>\$ 2,479 33</u>

(Cost: A little less than 5% of total receipts.)

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS FOR 1925.

Foreign Work.....	\$716,611 85
Home Work.....	430,951 91
United Funds (Bennett Memorial and Scarritt).....	199,826 40
Administration.....	29,585 94
Home Cultivation and Candidate Section..	<u>71,975 71</u> —\$1,448,951 81

SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS ADVANCED FOR 1926.

Foreign Work.....	\$ 87,893 34	
Home Work.....	20,118 11	
United Funds (Bennett Memorial and Scarritt).....	50,000 00	
Administration.....	2,094 74	
Home Cultivation and Candidate Section..	2,479 33	\$ 162,585 52
Total Disbursements.....	\$1,611,537 33	

PROPERTY ACCOUNT.

FOREIGN.

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

HOME.

Bethlehem House, Augusta, Ga.....	\$ 7,550 00
Bethlehem House, Nashville, Tenn.....	60,000 00
Brevard Institute, Brevard, N. C.....	246,000 00
Dinuba, Calif.....	7,000 00
Door of Hope, Macon, Ga.....	9,000 00
Holding Institute, Laredo, Tex.....	210,000 00
Homer Toberman Clinic and Settlement, Los Angeles, Calif.....	150,000 00
Japanese Work, Oakland, Calif.....	5,000 00
Keener Cottage, Seashore Camp Ground, Miss.....	4,000 00
MacDonell Wesley Community House, Houma, La.....	50,500 00
Mary Elizabeth Inn, San Francisco, Calif.....	200,000 00
Mary Helm Hall, Alameda, Calif.....	20,000 00
Methodist Dormitory, Denton, Tex.....	65,000 00
Methodist Dormitory, Norman, Okla.....	125,000 00
Methodist Dormitory, Austin, Tex.....	150,000 00
Methodist Dormitory, Columbia, Mo.....	150,000 00
Lots in Florida (near De Land).....	6,000 00
Paine Annex, Augusta, Ga.....	133,600 00
Rosa Valdes Settlement, Tampa, Fla.....	35,000 00
Ruth Hargrove Settlement, Key West, Fla.....	8,250 00
St. Mark's Hall, New Orleans, La.....	151,900 00
Sue Bennett Memorial School, London, Ky.....	250,000 00
Tucker Cottage, Nashville, Tenn.....	3,000 00
Vashti Industrial School, Thomasville, Ga.....	190,000 00
Virginia K. Johnson Home, Dallas, Tex.....	125,000 00
Wesley Community House, Biloxi, Miss.....	12,000 00
Wesley Community House, San Francisco, Calif.....	80,000 00
Wesley Community House, West Virginia Coal Fields.....	22,500 00
Wolf Settlement, Ybor City, Tampa, Fla.....	15,000 00
Total.....	\$2,491,300 00

RECEIPTS SINCE ORGANIZATION.

	Foreign Work.	Home Work.	City Missions.
1878-79.....	\$ 4,014 27		
1879-80.....	13,775 97		
1880-81.....	19,362 10		
1881-82.....	25,609 44		
1882-83.....	29,647 31		
1883-84.....	38,873 52		
1884-85.....	52,652 12		
1885-86.....	51,588 76		
1886-87.....	50,092 63	\$ 261 55	
1887-88.....	69,729 65	3,837 51	
1888-89.....	68,165 34	4,258 40	
1889-90.....	75,476 54	2,954 88	
1890-91.....	85,969 44	3,046 83	
1891-92.....	66,448 59	3,727 51	
1892-93.....	71,199 12	4,628 20	
1893-94.....	66,377 90	4,995 37	
1894-95.....	63,951 98	8,457 87	
1895-96.....	74,403 16	17,533 79	
1896-97.....	82,880 47	15,346 11	
1897-98.....	86,418 76	18,896 43	
1898-99.....	83,587 07	31,566 82	
1899-1900.....	94,638 55	33,914 04	\$ 5,400 92
Twentieth-century offering.....	2,426 39		
1900-01.....	82,674 22	48,249 17	6,237 76
Twentieth-century offering.....	36,135 45		Voucher.
1901-02.....	104,017 97	46,197 27	4,186 12
1902-03.....	112,458 78	51,799 56	6,105 50
1903-04.....	132,143 37	59,414 98	11,110 23
1904-05.....	146,151 51	74,574 31	19,585 64
1905-06.....	155,951 10	79,975 74	21,587 57
1906-07.....	174,597 82	100,996 65	22,985 27
1907-08.....	226,192 88	118,044 64	29,864 98
1908-09.....	235,440 97	127,093 97	40,724 53
Sale of property.....	23,737 31		
1909-10.....	254,554 75	139,799 19	42,770 68
Sale of property.....	10,007 71		
1910-11.....	274,355 17	151,209 39	54,303 06
Sale of property.....	5,797 90		
1911.....	244,952 44	141,587 41	46,851 33
1912.....	292,206 14	181,461 42	59,677 45
Sale of property.....	1,617 81		
1913.....	282,684 75	198,277 11	69,596 19
1914.....	277,569 09	186,747 68	81,160 91
1915.....	292,629 61	199,384 26	76,584 95
1916.....	318,395 94	212,314 75	69,540 54
1917.....	350,545 95	225,581 62	76,687 12
1918.....	410,277 42	264,205 25	81,418 77
1919.....	481,114 52	386,052 13	88,906 92
1920.....	556,342 56	400,292 31	98,420 67
1921.....	544,738 16	402,749 68	135,500 76
1922.....	529,547 08	397,029 80	105,448 00
1923.....	544,225 66	412,762 28	64,093 66
1924.....	562,656 01	451,654 16	59,258 89
1925.....	629,672 80	455,857 57	
Centenary, 1920.....	498,511 35	174,583 12	
Centenary, 1921.....	479,490 31	164,501 94	
Centenary, 1922.....	152,311 70	27,594 34	
Centenary, 1923.....	285,678 84	106,430 29	
Centenary, 1924.....	78,688 48	3,152 25	
Centenary, 1925.....	81,348 26	24,471 26	
	\$11,146,710 87	\$6,167,470 81	\$1,378,008 42

SCARRITT FUNDS.

Balance on hand from 1915.....	\$	2,025	40
Amount received in 1916.....		7,028	12
1917.....		7,256	53
1918.....		6,206	98
1919.....		12,992	45
1920.....		16,791	38
1921.....		27,095	55
1922.....		25,228	50
1923.....		22,078	42
1924.....		32,757	15
1924 Centenary.....		331	32
1925.....		22,284	16
	\$	182,075	96

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CAMPAIGN FUNDS.

1921: Home schools.....	\$	6,101	82
1922: Home schools.....		12,102	80
1923: Home schools.....		9,131	95
1924: Home schools.....		7,512	20
1925: Home schools.....		7,720	81
1921: Scarritt.....		2,806	00
1922: Scarritt.....		9,279	90
1923: Scarritt.....		7,096	45
1924: Scarritt.....		6,527	26
1925: Scarritt.....		4,596	04
	\$	72,875	23
1923: Bennett Memorial.....		46,325	07
1924: Bennett Memorial.....		80,228	92
1925: Bennett Memorial.....		124,673	57
	\$	251,227	56

Great grand total cash.....\$17,820,360 43

QUADRENNIAL REPORT.

Total receipts from Conferences	\$3,622,063 34
Total receipts from other sources	485,014 41
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Regular receipts	\$4,107,077 75
Centenary	772,025 30
Christian Education	63,967 41
Bennett Memorial	251,227 56
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	\$5,194,298 02

SUMMARY.

Balance from 1921	\$ 625,908 09
Receipts	5,194,298 02
Notes collected for reinvestment	530,272 19
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Less disbursements	\$6,350,478 30
	5,807,842 95
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Balance	\$ 542,635 35
Amount received, regular work: Present quadrennium ..	\$4,107 077 75
Amount received, regular work: Preceding quadrennium	3,439,056 30
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Increase	\$ 668,021 45

CANDIDATE WORK.

MRS. H. R. STEELE, SECRETARY.

The year of 1925 was the best in the history of the Candidate Department of the Board of Missions and of the Woman's Missionary Council.

Your Secretary dealt with prospective and enrolled student volunteers and candidates for home missionary work, also with a large number of young women desiring guidance in the Christian life. The correspondence touched upon their personal problems, their purpose, and their preparation for service.

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

There is a greater interest in home missionary work due to the emphasis on the pressing problems of our day and the responsibility of making America a truly Christian nation.

The problem of helping the out-of-college volunteer to keep her missionary purpose is one which offers a great field for study.

Letters have been sent to volunteers recorded in the office. The replies have been most interesting and often illuminating. Many have married, many are detained for family reasons, many have lost their missionary passion. An effort has been made through a second letter to urge missionary leadership in the local Church. We believe that detained volunteers may be a large factor in making the Church missionary.

A fine work has been done by the Student Secretaries. They will make their own reports, so detailed mention will not be made here of the work which they have done. Letters from faculty members and from students express cordial appreciation of them and of the work which they are doing in the colleges.

WORK AMONG STUDENTS.

A systematic cultivation among students in denominational schools and colleges and among Methodist students in tax-supported institutions is carried on from the office by personal and circular letters and by literature. The literature is mailed quarterly to a young woman whose name is secured in the visit to the institution, preferably to the chairman of the World Fellowship Committee of the Christian Association. Students are urged to use this literature in the monthly missionary meetings. Special literature is mailed upon request for special programs. Students are urged to make regular contribution to the work of our Church and to send their money to the Council treasurer through the Conference treasurer.

We have reason to believe that there is an increasing interest in the work of the Church on the part of the students of our denomination. This is evidenced by invitations to your Secretary. Cordial response to the work of the Student Secretaries, requests for literature, and suggestions for missionary programs, also by the large number of students attending denominational conferences.

CANDIDATES ACCEPTED BY THE CANDIDATES COMMITTEE.

Sixty-three young women were accepted by the Candidates Committee during the year 1925: forty-seven were accepted as candidates for missionary work and recommended to the Conferences for scholarships; eighteen for home work and twenty-one for foreign service; eight the field to be determined later. Four young women after having been accepted and provided with scholarships failed to enter Scarritt; two young women who met the requirements of the Board were accepted for full missionary service and sent to the field; eight young women were accepted as contract workers and sent to the field for special service; six young women were accepted as indorsed workers.

The health of candidates constitutes one of the most serious problems in candidate cultivation. Greater care is taken to secure a satisfactory health certificate; yet, notwithstanding this fact, two young women were advised by the chairman of Medical Examiners of the Board to return home at the end of the first term; one young woman had a major operation and was compelled to give up her training, and four young women were not able to return to Scarritt after Christmas.

Your Secretary will see candidates before final acceptance by the committee and an even greater effort will be made to accept only young women who have physical health and who show peculiar fitness for missionary service at home and abroad.

Twenty missionaries, home and foreign, and four deaconesses will be consecrated at this meeting. See Exhibit A.

SUMMER CONFERENCES.

Your Secretary and Miss Hodgson attended the Blue Ridge Student Conference, June 4-14, 1925, and had opportunity for interviews with a large number of Methodist students. A denominational rally was held and opportunities for service under the Church, at home and abroad, were presented. A number of students from other lands were present and added greatly to the interest of the meeting.

Miss Lehnhoff attended the Rocky Mountain Student Conference and had the opportunity of meeting students of our denomination, representatives of schools and colleges in that section. Upon the request of students, no denominational rally was held, so there was no public presentation of the missionary work of our Church. Contact with students was made in interviews.

The Student Secretaries attended the meeting of the Young People's Missionary Assemblies in Kavanaugh, Ky., Palacios, Tex., Lubbock, Tex., and Epworth League Conferences at Los Angeles, Calif., and at Mount Herman, Calif.

Miss Catherine Cobb represented the Board of Missions and the Woman's Missionary Council at the Young People's Assembly at Henson-Brown, Arkadelphia, Ark.

STUDENT VOLUNTEER UNION CONFERENCES.

These Conference meetings afford an opportunity to meet the enrolled volunteers of this college generation, also young people interested in foreign missionary work. Your Secretary and the Student Secretaries attended the North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, and Oklahoma Conferences. The literature of our Board was mailed to all the Conferences held in the territory in which our Church is working.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE AT MEMPHIS.

It is an interesting fact that more than six hundred students attended this great convention, a gathering of young people from the Churches and not a student conference. The Young People's Convention in Memphis was the first meeting of its kind in the history of our Church. Thousands of earnest, thoughtful young people came together in this gathering to consider present-day problems and bring to bear upon them all the light which comes from the teachings of Jesus Christ. The earnest search for a Christian solution of the difficulties which confront the youth of this age will produce tremendous and far-reaching results.

THE INTERDENOMINATIONAL STUDENT CONFERENCE.

About nine hundred students, representing 176 colleges and 30 denominations, met in Evanston, Ill., during the Christmas holidays. This was the first conference of its kind in the history of the Christian Church.

They met to evaluate the Church as a medium of service. The following subjects were presented from the platform and discussed by the students:

The Church and Labor; The Church and Race; The Church and the So-Called "Man of the Street"; The Church and Industry; The Church and Foreign Missions; The Church and War; The Church and Education.

The findings of the conference furnish interesting reading. The full report may be secured from the Abingdon Press, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The students voted for the abolition of military training in Church and denominational schools and in colleges and universities. They called upon the Church to guard and guarantee the right of an individual to follow the guidance of his own conscience when that conscience advises against participation in war. One of the adults sitting in the gallery said: "It seems to me in that these resolutions on the Church and world peace, a new bush was being kindled in the light of which could be seen the presence of God and the promise of a Church committed to the program of world peace."

The Evanston Conference expressed an eagerness to see the social gospel of Jesus Christ become operative in the life of the world. They want racial brotherhood; they want the missionary program of the Churches strengthened through the separation of Christian missions from political influence and Western materialism.

A majority of the students were loyal to the Church; they are eager to

serve Christ through the Church. Again I come with the recommendation that young people be placed on the boards, commissions, and committees of the Church. I submit as Exhibit B the report on Foreign Missions and the Church of the Evanston Convention and urge careful and sympathetic consideration of it that we may know what students are thinking and conserve their loyalty and profit by their enthusiasm and vision.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL WORK.

As a member of the Executive Committee of the Student Volunteer Movement and the North American Student Council, your Secretary has had an opportunity to study student movements and to keep in touch with trends in student thinking.

Interested groups have attempted an analysis of certain trends in student thinking. Students want the project method in personal Christian living and in the social program of the Churches.

The Foreign Missions Conference and the Federation of Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions recommended, first, that every foreign board should study the report of the Commission on Foreign Missions of the Interdenominational Student Conference; second, that the Church should study to find ways in which it can use the youth.

CONFERENCE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.

Your Secretary visited the Annual meetings of the North Carolina, Western North Carolina, and Alabama Conferences and is glad to report a fine enthusiasm in the work. One cannot fail to note the number of new women present and the splendid part young women are taking in the meetings. A great responsibility rests upon us as women in the Church to organize an educational program which may be carried on by these splendidly prepared young women when they come into leadership.

CONCLUSION.

Another quadrennium has passed, the scope of the work has been enlarged, the problems are vast and more intricate. Your Secretary has a greater comprehension of the privilege of working with young people and a quickened sense of obligation to guide students in the Christian life and help them find service under the Church for Christ at home and abroad.

EXHIBIT A.

Missionaries to be Consecrated at the Council Meeting, Raleigh, N. C., March 10-17, 1926.

FOREIGN.

Martha Irene Nixon, Central Texas Conference; Myrtie Bryant, Mississippi Conference; Verda Norene Farrar, St. Louis Conference; Elizabeth Bass, North Carolina Conference; Helen Hodgson, Pacific Conference; Edith Bayne, South Georgia Conference; Sallie Lewis Browne, Virginia

Conference; Lorena Foster, West Texas Conference; Sallie Elizabeth Carroll, Virginia Conference; Ruth Diggs, Upper South Carolina Conference.

DEACONESSES.

Martha Robinson, Memphis Conference; Mary E. Clendinning, Missouri Conference; Emma Wall, Holston Conference; Bess Sargent, North Alabama Conference.

HOME.

Lena Vila Long, Upper South Carolina Conference; Edith Beatrice Ader, Western North Carolina Conference; Pearle Edwards, South Georgia Conference; Myra Crawford Ormond, North Carolina Conference; Mrs. Virginia Hall, Western Virginia Conference; Birdie Reynolds, Baltimore Conference; Iva Lou Matkin, North Texas Conference; Eula McCoy, Memphis Conference; Elizabeth Russell, Southwest Missouri Conference.

EXHIBIT B.

Findings on Foreign Missions and the Church Interdenominational Student Conference, Evanston, Ill.

The Conference indorses the report of the Student Committee on Foreign Missions as a statement of its principles, especially concerning the interpretation of the missionary program, emphasis being placed on the following:

1. Denominationalism should be absolutely cut out of the spirit and method of the Christian enterprise abroad.

2. We must strive for more mutuality of giving and receiving, not only in mission work, but also by means of exchange of students, professors, and Christian workers. We ask the United States Congress to appropriate as much money as they now spend per year on R. O. T. C. in colleges and high schools for an exchange of students between the United States and other nations.

3. Jesus's way of life must replace creedal and legalistic teachings.

4. We must separate Christian missions from political influence and Western materialism, and we must stand unqualifiedly opposed to commercial exploitation.

5. The missionary must work in such a way as to eliminate the need for his leadership as quickly as possible.

6. We must seek friendship with students from other lands.

Further, the Conference makes the following additions to this statement of principles in the report:

1. The missionary enterprise should become more responsive to the courage and moral vision of youth and not be bound by the lack of vision in the Churches.

2. The mission boards should be more honest with the constituency who are supporting them by explaining the policies fully, though it forfeit some financial support.

3. We must seek to avoid fostering by our missions a narrow nationalism.

4. The mission boards should seek to find a way to appoint candidates to country and profession early in their educational career.

5. We must recognize a new frontier other than geographical which the evils of new social and economics exploitation have created.

We resolve in the light of these principles that we should undertake the task of the Christian student in working for this program as outlined in the report as a student, a member of society, and as a member of the Church

1. That we substitute for the words "missions" and "missionaries" words which have a better connotation—*e. g.*, American Church International Activities, Christian World Enterprise Abroad.

2. That a young person or persons be placed on the mission boards.

3. That the Board of Foreign Missions recognize the right of Oriental Christians to administer for themselves the money raised for Christian work in their own country and to direct their own religious policies.

Student Work.

LILLIAN LEHNHOFF.

Another year has come to its close and reports are again due.

College visitation has been interesting, helpful, and encouraging. The young women in Church and State schools are seeking to know God's plan for their lives and to prepare themselves to carry out his plan. Their purpose is to fit themselves for lives of usefulness. Many have already volunteered for full-time Christian service, and others are thinking of that as their life work. Personal conferences have been held with individuals, who have presented all sorts of problems—personal, campus, young people's work in local Churches, as well as problems concerning the investment of life. As far as possible, there has been a personal conference with every volunteer in every school visited. These conferences, for the most part, have been very satisfactory.

Summer work varied a little. In place of all League Conference work, there has been one League Conference, two Girls' Camps, and a Y. W. C. A. Conference. Large opportunities were given for class work and individual work in all except the Y. W. C. A. Conference.

At the Y. W. C. A. Conference, held jointly with the Y. M. C. A. at Estes Park, Colo., a limited place on the program was given to Church board representatives. They were given forty-five minutes with their groups on Sunday morning. Personal conferences were worked in as much as possible.

These conferences of the summer—the Student Volunteer Conference, the Interdenominational Student Conference, and our own Young People's Convention—have been helpful and inspirational to this Student Secretary.

It is indeed a joy to work with the students in all these Church and State colleges and try to present to them the opportunities of service the Church, through the Woman's Missionary Council, offers to them. I can truly say this has been a very happy year of my life spent in the service of the Master.

The following report is submitted:

Number of universities and colleges visited.....	51
(Number of Church schools.....)	25)
(Number of State schools.....)	24)
(Private schools.....)	2)
Conferences attended.....	11
(Summer Conferences.....)	4)
(Student Volunteer Conferences.....)	4)
(Interdenominational Student Conference.....)	1)
(Young People's Convention.....)	1)
(Annual Conference of Woman's Missionary Society.....)	1)
Mission Study and Methods classes taught.....	3
Public presentations of work.....	125
Personal Interviews.....	420
Foreign missionary prospects.....	59
Home missionary prospects.....	82
Ministerial students and volunteers for foreign mission work.....	47
Volunteers at Summer Conferences.....	39

Student Work.

HELEN M. HODGSON.

Visiting the colleges again this year has been a great inspiration to your Secretary. This year has been fuller and richer in religious experiences and opportunities to serve than the first. I have understood better how to make my approaches and contacts and have enjoyed the work immensely.

The students have certainly been responsive. Many have come for personal conferences, not all as volunteers, but many to talk over various problems. There is a very friendly spirit shown by all of the students; they are used to having us each year and look forward to our coming.

A large number of those who are volunteering now are volunteers for home missionary work, such as pastor's assistants, religious education directors, social workers, etc. This is interesting and significant, showing that our students are wanting to make America really Christian.

Two Epworth League Conferences and one District League Rally were attended. This Student Secretary was given opportunities to present her work and also taught two Mission study classes.

There was a large number of Southern Methodist girls at the Y. W. C. A. Student Conference at Blue Ridge, N. C. We held a denominational meeting, and several talks were made on "Opportunities Open for Young Women," "Scarritt College," and other topics.

The Interdenominational Student Conference and the Methodist Young People's Convention were both attended. We met many of our young people and had opportunities for personal conferences.

Two Student Volunteer Conferences were attended in Mississippi and Oklahoma. I met our volunteers from all parts of both of these States, and was with them through the two days of both conferences.

The opportunities for student work in our colleges and universities are really unlimited. It has been a joy and delight to have had the privilege of being one of your Student Secretaries.

The following statistical report is submitted:

Number of universities and colleges visited.....	52
(Number of Church Colleges.....)	25
(Number of State institutions.....)	27
Conferences attended.....	7
(Student Volunteer Conferences.....)	2
(Y. W. C. A. Conference.....)	1
(Epworth League Conferences.....)	2
(Interdenominational Student Conference.....)	1
(Methodist Young People's Convention.....)	1
Public presentations of work.....	98
Personal interviews.....	375
Foreign missionary prospects.....	65
Home missionary prospects.....	103

HOME CULTIVATION.

LITERATURE AND PUBLICITY.

SARA ESTELLE HASKIN, SECRETARY.

This year marks the close of the second quadrennium of service for the Home Cultivation Secretary now in charge of Literature. The quadrennium just closing shows a decided advance in the more thorough organization of the Department of Literature, the work of creation and that of distribution having formerly been directed by two secretaries. With the entire work in one department, an opportunity is given to the Secretary of Literature for a better knowledge of the needs of the auxiliaries and a more complete showing of the expenses of the department. When the department took over the Depository, the cost of printing had reached its highest peak. At that time the printing and mailing of the literature amounted to over \$29,000. However, the increase in the demand for larger quantities of literature has prevented a decrease in the budget, the expenses for the current year being only \$1,200 less than in 1922. The sales for that year amounted to \$6,573.22, while those for the present year were \$10,803.09, showing an increase of \$4,229.87 during a period of three years. The appropriation asked of the Council for 1923 was \$19,407.52; for this year it is \$16,760, a decrease of \$2,647.52. This decrease has been made possible through the increased amount of sales and the demand for cash payments.

We give below the financial statement for 1925:

RECEIPTS FROM LITERATURE SALES.

Record Books.....	\$ 2,735 65	
Yearbooks.....	3,718 33	
Pins and pennants.....	212 47	
Pageants and plays.....	579 30	
Council <i>Bulletin</i>	412 49	
Studies in Prophecy.....	485 80	
Intimate Glimpses.....	173 36	
Life of Alice Culler Cobb.....	58 75	
Untabulated sales at Conference meetings.....	686 08	
Miscellaneous: Sales to Lamar & Barton, etc... ..	2,990 17	
Total receipts.....		\$12,052 40

DISBURSEMENTS ON LITERATURE SALES.

To Miss Haskin, leaflet account.....	\$10,803 10	
To Lamar & Barton for books.....	1,018 32	
Refunds.....	138 70	
Refunds to Lamar & Barton, books for Conference meetings.....	92 28	
Total disbursements.....		\$12,052 40

MRS. A. B. SMITH, *Director of Literature Depository.*

FINANCIAL REPORT OF LITERATURE ACCOUNT.

Receipts.

Balance in bank from 1925 account	\$ 16 56
On appropriation.....	17,260 00
Deposited on sales.....	10,803 09
Deposited on royalties.....	140 18
Total receipts.....	<u>\$28,219 83</u>

Disbursements.

Council Minutes.....	\$3,123 06
Program material:	
Adult.....	\$2,792 59*
Young People.....	905 48
Junior.....	1,313 59— 5,011 66
Simplified and Gibson leaflets.....	370 14
Promotion literature.....	862 75
Organization literature:	
Handbooks.....	\$ 468 20
Standards of Excellence.....	37 25
Life Membership	
Certificates.....	246 52
Social service.....	348 56
Report blanks.....	75 86
Pledge cards.....	232 68
Mite boxes.....	676 58— 2,085 65
Monthly <i>Missionary Bulletin</i>	1,074 73
Week of Prayer.....	962 27
Council Programs and Consecration	
Service.....	107 25
Reports of Estimates Committee..	186 55
Foreign Mission Manual.....	158 00
Deficit on <i>Young Christian Worker</i> .	1,000 00
Total amount for printing free literature.....	<u>\$14,942 06</u>

*Actual cost of program material for adults for 1925 was \$2,125.88. The bill for last quarter of 1924 was included in the figure \$2,792.57.

Literature carrying a price:

Record and report books.....	\$1,981 01
Pageants and plays, etc.....	962 33
Pins.....	228 36
Studies in Prophecy.....	315 07
Intimate Glimpses and Mary Helm.....	627 19
Life Story of Alice Culler Cobb...	501 88
Yearbooks.....	3,543 25

Total cost of literature carrying
a price.....

\$8,159 09

Mailing Department:

Service.....	2,151 04
Postage.....	2,292 17
Clasp envelopes for mailing.....	486 75
Postal cards.....	28 75

Total amount in mailing de-
partment.....

4,958 71

Royalties:

Women and Missions Saving Account.....	110 55
Service.....	29 63

Total on royalties.....

140 18

Total disbursements for literature..
Balance in bank at end of the year

\$28,200 04

19 79

\$28,219 83

YEARBOOKS AND PROGRAM MATERIAL.

During the entire quadrennium every effort has been made by the Department to produce efficient and attractive yearbooks and to increase the usefulness of the program material. To do this, we have sought to keep pace with the progress of missions, and in line with this the following studies have been presented:

“Our Mission Stations.”

“Woman’s Task of Evangelization in the Mission Fields.”

“The Illumined Task for the New Day in Mission Fields.”

“The World Sisterhood; or, The Women of the World Working Together.”

We believe that a decided advance has been made in the topics outlined for 1926. They include a study of a number of the outstanding problems which confront missionary leaders at home and abroad in this present day. The monthly leaflets accompanying the program contain

material for use in discussion groups and at the same time may be adapted to the use of one speaker.

The topics for the Young People during the past four years have been as follows:

"Deputations to the Mission Fields."

"Missionary Heroes."

"Scarritt College Reaching the Ends of the Earth."

"Friendship Studies."

The programs for 1926 are built around the two Bennett Schools, one at Rio de Janeiro and the other at London, Ky., six sessions being given to each. The schools themselves are to be studied first, and from them the Young People are led out into the homes and the community life of the students attending the Bennett schools. In the past two years the distinct aim of these programs has been to bring the members of the society to a feeling of real acquaintance and friendship around the world, emphasizing likenesses rather than differences, thus cultivating sympathetic love rather than condescending pity.

The plan for the Juniors during the entire quadrennium has been to build their programs around their home and foreign specials, thus correlating study with their giving. The yearbooks have been made as attractive as funds would allow and have carried simple forms of handwork. In addition to the leaflets for primary pupils, "Helps for Junior Leaders" has been published quarterly.

SPECIAL LITERATURE.

In addition to the regular output of organization and promotion material necessary to carry forward the work of the missionary societies, the Department has been responsible for the output of literature for the Belle H. Bennett Memorial Campaign. This literature has been most carefully prepared by the Bennett Memorial Committee. Some nineteen pieces of literature, including two issues of the *Memorial Messenger* and a second reprint on the little playlet, "Life Transcendent," have been brought from the press and distributed free of charge to our constituency at a cost of \$5,471.32.

We have also set ourselves to the task of producing pictorial leaflets showing the work of our different mission fields. This task will be completed by the end of the quadrennium.

BOOKS PUBLISHED.

During the quadrennium the following books have been published by the department:

"Handicapped Winners," by Sara Estelle Haskin.

"Lambuth-Bennett Book of Remembrance," compiled by Mary De Bardeleben.

"Pen Pictures of Bible Women in China," by Mary Culler White.

"Studies in Prophecy," by Mary De Bardeleben.

- "Missionary Heroes," by Mrs. L. H. Hammond.
 "Intimate Glimpses of Miss Belle H. Bennett," by Emily Olmstead.
 "Building the Americas," by Sara Estelle Haskin.

INTERDENOMINATIONAL MISSION STUDY COMMITTEE.

Throughout the quadrennium the Secretary in Charge of Literature has had the privilege of membership on a joint committee of home mission study books, representing the Council of Women for Home Missions. In this connection she has also served on the joint committee on children's literature. The occasional attendance on these committee meetings has proved most profitable to the Department. Through these contacts some distinct service to missionary work at large has been made possible. Through the request of the Missionary Education Movement, "Building the Americas," a Junior Mission Study Book on Latin America, was prepared. This invitation came as a result of the visit of the Secretary to South America. The "Suggestions for Leaders," supplemental to Dr. George Haynes's book, "Trend of the Races," was also written.

THE YOUNG CHRISTIAN WORKER.

Every effort possible, within the limits of our finances, has been made to help meet the need of the children of the Church for missionary education through the publication of the *Young Christian Worker*. With the present plan of this magazine contributing to the demands of the Junior Missionary Society, it is very difficult to enlarge the subscriptions beyond the limits of this organization; the maximum subscription list never reaches more than 10,000. Miss Elizabeth Olmstead, the business manager, has worked diligently at this task through personal cultivation and otherwise but without a very marked success, due to the reasons stated above, also to the inability of the editor to increase the attractiveness and quality of the magazine without larger financial resources. If the boards of the Church dealing with religious education for children could unite in putting out an enlarged magazine, its usefulness could be increased twentyfold. A committee has been appointed by the Executive Committee of the Council for the possible consummation of such a plan. We give below the financial statement for the year 1925:

Financial Report.

RECEIPTS.

Amount in bank January 1, 1925.....	\$ 30 34	
Subscriptions.....	4,055 85	
From General Treasury.....	1,000 00	
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Total receipts.....		\$5,086 19

DISBURSEMENTS.

Printing	\$3,064 99
Premiums	35 01
Salary of business manager and extra help	842 00
Refunds, incidentals, etc.	14 00
Service and postage	970 35
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Total disbursements	\$4,926 35
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Balance on hand	\$ 59 84

ELIZABETH OLMSTEAD, *Business Manager.*

PUBLICITY.

The *Bulletin of Missionary News* has been sent to the auxiliaries through the Conference Publicity Superintendent throughout the quadrennium; also occasional important news items to the editors of the Woman's Pages in our Church organs. The work of publicity has been forwarded through the creation of the Conference office of Literature and Publicity. The women in these offices are conducting a pioneer work in which many of them have felt discouragement because it is impossible to tabulate results. Their services, however, have been invaluable because of the increased emphasis on the necessity of publishing the glad tidings of the world kingdom to come through efforts of self-giving, thus keeping the missionary enterprise before the people at large.

MISSIONARY VOICE.

MRS. E. B. CHAPPELL, EDITOR.

GOOD NEWS.

The *Missionary Voice* has nothing but progress and promise to report in this the sixteenth year of its corporate life. This annual report, therefore, becomes a good news document. From January to January the concerns of the paper have been smooth running and pleasant, with increasing cause for gratification and thankfulness. No finer coöperation exists than that of the Agents in auxiliaries with the office of the *Missionary Voice*. A recent striking example of the quality of this coöperative business which begins in the home Church and ends in Nashville, Tennessee, can be found in the unparalleled response of the auxiliary Agents to the special offer put on in the months of November and December of 1925, when more than twenty-two thousand renewals and new subscriptions were sent in. No wonder that to-day your missionary organ is on a sure footing with abundant reason for faith in its greater future.

FACTS OF HISTORICAL INTEREST.

Perhaps a few items of history may not be out of place at this the closing meeting of the quadrennium of the Woman's Missionary Council.

When in the summer of 1910 the edict went forth to unite the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, *Our Homes*, and *Go Forward*, it threw the camp into consternation. For a brief period there was confusion and disappointment. Dr. G. B. Winton and Mrs. A. L. Marshall were the elected editors, of a journal of 32 pages, 9x6 inches, with uncertain circulation and equally uncertain welcome to the homes. However, soon after the little monthly started on its career, it came into its own and received the loyal support of the women. We must emphasize women, for it was counted a woman's paper for a number of years. The truth was, the men of the Church had never taken their missionary paper, *Go Forward*, seriously, and it was an easy matter to let the responsibility of maintenance of the combined publication rest with the women. After four years of growing loyalty and acceptance of the new journal, it had fitted itself into the life of the auxiliaries. At this time a change in editorial management took place, with Mr. P. B. Eleazer in control, and material for Woman's Work furnished by Secretaries of the Council. One year of this haphazard "furnishing" sufficed, and your present woman editor was elected, with definite responsibility for and care of the Woman's Department. Eight years ago the 9x6 page was enlarged to 9x12. Four years ago Dr. A. J. Weeks succeeded Mr. R. B. Eleazer as editor of General Work of Missions. To-day your paper goes to thirty-eight States and fifteen foreign countries. Its circulation January 1, 1926, was 47,208, with this level steadily rising for the first quarter of the year.

INCREASE FOR 1926-27.

With this record we come to you, the leaders of the organization of women for missions in the Methodist Church, South, with a plea for a renewed and steady effort to increase the circulation of the *Missionary Voice* to 60,000 the coming year. The membership of adult and young people's societies has reached beyond 200,000. These as a background and the growing membership of our great Church to be reached with an up-to-date knowledge of world missions makes the attainment of an added ten thousand an easy mark.

ONE HUNDRED PER CENT.

Last year at the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Council in Tulsa, one auxiliary brought a word which quickened the pulse and fired the zeal of lovers of the *Missionary Voice*. The *Voice* Agent of this auxiliary—El Paso, Tex.—with the active coöperation of her president had attained the goal of a hundred per cent subscription and, having secured it sent on the good news to the Council in session. It took but a few minutes for one of Tulsa's gifted women to make a poster setting forth the fact, and soon it hung on the walls of the hostess church. This goal has now become the high-water mark for all auxiliaries. The movement started timidly, gaining volume as the women comprehend its attainment, and to-day a goodly number have reached it, while many more are trying for it. Reports and inquiries come regarding it from all parts of the

Church. In the North Alabama Conference several auxiliaries are one hundred per cent in subscriptions and are reaching out for a yet larger increase. In one of the districts in this Conference ninety per cent of members are subscribers to the *Voice*. One board of stewards in Texas was working for its full quota, and out of forty-two members only eight were left as nonsubscribers.

FAILURE TO REACH SUBSCRIBER

Sometimes it is a case of the watch turned in for repairs only to find out it has run down. The dollar gives out after it has run twelve months. The remedy is simple—send another.

Sometimes chirography is illegible. Maybe all the office force is called in to decipher a name, and only an expert finally does it. A name written plainly and spelled properly gets a warm welcome in the office and also the paper regularly delivered.

Sometimes it is a case of careless handling of the United States mails, either on the part of the postal authorities or at the hands of father, husband, or brother. A persistent case of failure to receive the paper needs attention, and inquiry at the business office in Nashville will reach the seat of trouble and provide the remedy.

A good way to increase interest in the society as well as circulation of the paper is to send for sample copies for distribution. They will be sent promptly and gladly.

MOTIVE AND AIM.

Did not the editors of your paper believe that it is helping to establish the kingdom of God upon the earth, they would seek other work. With the increase of knowledge of missions comes missionary passion and a new sense of the right use of time and means. It is easy to spend one's self and one's money when the heart hears the cry of heart hunger of men and women across the earth. It is a day of great adventure in mission fields, of changing and critical situations, of infinite possibilities, and stirring achievement. No one who believes that Jesus Christ is the answer to the world's needs can afford to be ignorant of these great movements nor asleep on her own responsibility for their outcome. One fact is worth a ream of essay and argument, and the mission fields abroad and under our own flag are teeming with facts. It will be the business of your missionary journal to supply its columns with some of them, and so furnish preachers, laymen, and laywomen with material that will equip them to lead out in their congregations and communities. The dearth of information on the part of all these classes has been the cause of tragic consequences. Let the women of Southern Methodism go forth to their task of carrying the gospel to the near and the far places as workmen that need not to be ashamed, and may it be the blessed privilege of the *Missionary Voice* to help them as they go.

ORGANIZATION.

MRS. B. W. LIPSCOMB, SECRETARY.

Three groups of women in the Conferences and auxiliaries direct the work committed to the Organization Secretary. From the correspondence and reports of the Corresponding Secretaries and Presidents, I have made my report on Organization and Membership.

ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP.

The Woman's Missionary Council owes its successful history of 1925 to the loyal coöperation and support of 296,240 women, young people, and juniors, organized into 10,761 auxiliaries. These may be itemized as follows:

Auxiliaries.	Members.
6,311 Adults	185,557
1,757 Young People	34,523
2,709 Juniors	76,127

The total gains for the adults for the year are 156 auxiliaries and 6,726 members. North Georgia and Western North Carolina have the largest net increase in auxiliaries. Twenty-eight Conferences report gains in membership, the largest being North Georgia, Mississippi, Florida, Memphis, Western North Carolina, Virginia, and Tennessee.

The Conferences leading the membership contest for the second time are North Alabama, Baltimore, Holston, Florida, Little Rock, South Carolina, Arizona, North Carolina. In the group composed of those who were second in 1924, Denver, Louisiana, Louisville, Memphis, Mississippi, New Mexico, Texas, Western North Carolina, Virginia, have led in 1925.

The gains in membership and auxiliaries for the quadrennium have been 581 auxiliaries and 28,334 members, which indicate that we have fallen short of the goals fixed at the beginning of the quadrennium. This has not been due to failure in effort anywhere along the line, but to circumstances which have made certain departments of our work very difficult. It seems easier to register money definitely than people—personality is more subtle than money. If we could send each new member to the Organization Secretary as the treasurers send in each new dollar and have her deposited for safe-keeping in some locked box, we might show the same encouraging returns in membership as in funds. Since this is not so, we have to be content with the returns as reported by the officers of the auxiliaries and Conferences.

GIFTS.

In no year of our history has the loyalty of our constituency been more manifestly expressed in heartfelt interest, intelligent coöperation, and enthusiastic activities. In spite of the unusual claims of many other interests of the Church and a great special undertaking of our own, they have brought into the treasury as the result of these manifestations of their

loyalty the largest gifts of money in the history of our work, as has been reported by the treasurer—nearly a million dollars. Surely we can expect in another year to “make it a million.”

The increase in collections for the year is \$45,506.23. Thirty-two Conferences participated in this increase, with amounts ranging from a few cents to more than \$5,000. Virginia and Western North Carolina made the largest gains, both exceeding \$5,000. North Georgia came next, with more than \$4,000. Louisville and Memphis, more than \$3,000; Florida, Louisiana, North Carolina, North Mississippi, Northwest Texas exceeded \$2,000 gain. Holston, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, South Carolina, South Georgia, St. Louis, West Oklahoma, West Texas, and Western Virginia exceeded \$1,000 gain.

The largest percentage of gain was 40% made by Arizona, and the next, 32%, made by the Northwest Conference. Northwest Texas made 14% and Louisville 13% gain and the following made over 10%: Memphis, Missouri, St. Louis, Virginia, West Oklahoma, Western North Carolina, West Virginia.

Florida, Louisiana, and North Mississippi fell slightly below 10%. The Week of Prayer collection was the largest in our history.

THE ZONE PLAN.

During the past quadrennium an admirable plan of intense cultivation, known as the Zone Plan, has been adopted in several Conferences. North Mississippi, North Carolina, Texas, Baltimore, and Louisiana are operating it now. As the result of this plan, many group meetings have been held, not once during the year, as formerly, but regularly each quarter, at which the common problems of the auxiliaries, the opportunity for extension, the program of the Conference and the Council have been studied under the leadership of auxiliary women, while close Christian fellowship was fostered. The possibilities of this plan are very large, and we are recommending it to all Conferences for consideration. It would assist greatly in getting it adopted by the Conferences if it were indorsed by the Council and some provision made for literature for the leaders.

SUPPLY DEPARTMENT.

From the second group of colaborers, Superintendents of Supplies, I bring the report of that department. These Conference and auxiliary leaders do their work in a very unostentatious way, but they are loyal and efficient in their offices, and much helpful and constructive service is rendered by the missionary societies under their leadership. Virginia leads in value of supplies, with North Texas as close second. North Texas leads in number of donations. The home mission institutions are having many of their needs supplied by the regular arrival of boxes of linens, clothes, fruits, and many showers and special gifts are provided for missionaries on the fields and missionary candidates. A notable piece of work during 1925 was the Thanksgiving shower from the Memphis

Conference for Scarritt College. A summary of donations by Conferences is given at the end of this report.

MISSIONARY EDUCATION.

The third group whose work I have the privilege of coöperating with is that of missionary education leaders in Conferences and auxiliaries. Gratifying progress has been made during the year, far more, perhaps, than has been reported. Mission study has come to be a recognized part of the work of the majority of the auxiliaries. The leaders are losing no opportunity of pressing their work to the front and increasingly setting up standards of efficiency that are improving the grade of work done in the auxiliaries. The following is the summary of the reports of the year:

Mission Study and Bible Study Report.

MISSION STUDY.

Total number of classes reported by Conference Superintendents, 7,758, an increase of 1,507 over 1924.

Adult.....	5,026
Young People.....	1,157
Juniors.....	1,575

Total number enrolled in these classes, 159,253.

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

Total number of classes reported by enrollment cards: 3,328 (Mission and Bible Study), increase of 302 over 1924.

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

Leading books for the year were: "The Task Ahead," "Adventures in Brotherhood," "Ming Kwong," "China's Real Revolution."

BIBLE STUDY.

Total number of classes reported by Conference Superintendents: 4,824; increase of 256 over 1924.

Adult.....	4,008
Young People.....	647
Juniors.....	169

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

Conferences leading in Bible Study as reported by enrollment cards: North Mississippi, Holston, Little Rock.

I have had the privilege of attending some interesting and profitable meetings of the board of Managers of the Missionary Education Movement and other conferences called by them for the discussion of plans and policies for the future. For twenty-six years the general plan of all groups promoting missionary education has been to select for study year by year one mission field or line of activity. This plan has made for uniformity of study throughout the missionary constituency of the United States of America. The time seems to have arrived when the plan should be modified and courses provided that can be used over a given period of years from which the study for a special year may be selected. A beginning was made in the Children's Department by the production of the "Better American" series (one of which was written by Miss De Bardeleben). The plan is now being extended to the Young People's Department, and, after the present studies adopted for the adults are completed, the same plan will be used in the production of future courses. As a foundation for such a course, the 1927 study will center about the essentially missionary character of Christianity and will be used for both Home and Foreign Departments. It will be interesting to our constituency to know that the Missionary Education Movement has adopted as its press name "Friendship Press."

I cannot pass this opportunity to pay tribute to the splendid contribution Miss Haskin has made to the Missionary Education Movement by her book, "Building the Americas," which has high praise from all sources. Miss Haskin has done valuable work, also, as a member of the Committee on Children's Work and is preparing one of the two "Suggestions for Leaders" for use in connection with Dr. Felton's book for the Home Mission Course this year.

SCHOOLS OF MISSIONS.

Within this section of the Cultivation Department belong the Schools of Missions. Successful sessions were held at Junaluska and Mount Sequoyah during the summer of 1925. Interdenominational city schools, in which we have been officially represented, have been held in Houston, Dallas, New Orleans, Los Angeles, and Baltimore. Women teachers and leaders have been furnished five of the Pastors' Schools held under the auspices of the Home Department of the General Work. As a member of the Joint Committee of the Council of Women for Home Missions and Federation of Woman's Foreign Boards, I have given some time to the cultivation of Woman's Church and Missionary Federations within an assigned area. Mrs. T. J. Copeland, of the Baltimore Conference, has cultivated another area.

TRAVEL AND MEETINGS.

The year's work has included the usual correspondence and travel to and from meetings, by which means I have sought to promote the work along the lines named above.

OUR WORLD SISTERHOOD.

I have saved till last the most recent interest of my office, and every member of the body will understand how precious it is—that of having a part in the cultivation of the missionary societies around the world. All of the connections have not been made and reports are not complete, but the organization and membership figures I have received are appended. Literature has been furnished the leaders in these conferences as a basis for preparing the necessary materials for their work. Some correspondence has been carried on, though reports and letters written in Spanish have had to be translated by the Secretary of Latin America. Many activities are conducted by these Missionary Sisters of other lands according to the needs that confront them, and they are the Home Base for a further frontier of the Church. Brazil, Central Brazil, China, and Cuba have sent money to the Council treasury during the year. This is a happy day when representatives of some of these Conferences are present in our body.

Statistics from Foreign Conferences.

	Auxil- iaries.	Members.
Brazil.....	55	2,093
China.....	69	2,887
Korea.....	257	2,645
Mexico.....	11	332
South Brazil.....	33	1,025
Siberia.....	2	12
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Total.....	427	8,994

REPORT OF SUPPLIES BY CONFERENCES FOR 1925.

CONFERENCES.	Donations to In-stitutions.	Donations to Preachers and Missionaries.	Total Number of Donations.	Value of Dona-tions.
Alabama.....	179	7	186	\$4,375 90
Arizona.....	4	8	12	251 18
Baltimore.....	277	37	314	6,091 77
Central Texas.....	157	19	176	5,460 20
Denver.....	4	4	4	42 50
East Oklahoma.....	7	17	24	511 95
Florida.....	91	13	104	2,595 67
Holston.....	49	14	63	1,098 87
Illinois.....	10	10	10	145 64
Kentucky.....	33	32	65	1,137 85
Little Rock.....	12	35	47	3,252 46
Los Angeles.....	.....	.....	.....	1,717 00
Louisiana.....	438	.....	438	6,448 40
Louisville.....	46	111	157	6,012 75
Memphis.....	352	25	377	7,754 12
Mississippi.....	127	.....	127	2,985 94
Missouri.....	99	2	101	2,442 48
New Mexico.....	6	5	11	199 25
North Alabama.....	33	74	107	2,877 91
North Arkansas.....	58	17	75	932 54
North Carolina.....	.....	.....	.....	151 50
North Georgia.....	304	17	321	7,146 27
North Mississippi.....	31	3	34	590 03
North Texas.....	685	7	692	9,366 18
Northwest.....	1	.....	1	26 00
Northwest Texas.....	103	7	110	2,863 37
Pacific.....	25	.....	25	366 50
St. Louis.....	87	16	103	2,635 03
South Carolina.....	39	84	123	1,837 56
South Georgia.....	58	12	70	1,029 87
Southwest Missouri.....	73	39	112	4,069 47
Tennessee.....	74	52	116	3,667 39
Texas.....	150	16	166	3,642 69
Upper South Carolina.....	115	62	177	2,727 03
Virginia.....	.....	.....	.....	9,646 47
Western North Carolina.....	83	23	106	2,717 65
West Oklahoma.....	43	4	47	4,193 55
West Texas.....	95	5	100	2,148 34
Western Virginia.....	26	13	39	753 48
Total.....	3,970	760	4,700	\$115,912 76

STATISTICS FROM CONFERENCES FOR 1925.

CONFERENCES.	Adult Auxiliaries.	Adult Members.	Young People's Auxiliaries.	Young People's Members.	Junior Divisions.	Junior Members.	Baby Divisions.	Baby Members.	Auxiliaries Observing Week of Prayer.	Auxiliaries on Roll of Honor.
Alabama.....	236	5,351	64	1,074	130	2,770	233	2,933	213	129
Arizona.....	21	401	2	32			2	14	13	3
Baltimore.....	200	6,022	112	2,441	118	2,848	104	1,374	284	100
Central Texas.....	213	6,171	24	365	55	1,895	19	389	313	29
Denver.....	6	186	2		3	113	1	10	6	
East Oklahoma.....	153	4,020	16	231	38	1,031	27	453	81	29
Florida.....	201	7,724	44	500	51	1,406	42	927	95	30
Holston.....	187	7,275	89	1,875	93	2,818	86	2,096	242	132
Illinois.....	28	394					2		35	
Kentucky.....	97	3,118	51	1,043	42	1,011	33	449	129	35
Little Rock.....	129	4,042	35	539	44	920	23	356	47	11
Los Angeles.....	20	736	1	20	4	72	3	41	12	2
Louisiana.....	158	4,926	35	450	34	699	20	222	113	55
Louisville.....	241	5,168	63	1,253	61	1,298	39	471	161	67
Memphis.....	201	6,449	83	1,423	109	2,506	117	1,977	225	127
Mississippi.....	186	4,271	24	215	52	967	31	314	110	33
Missouri.....	113	3,097	30	449	35	852	41	415	107	49
New Mexico.....	61	1,508	14	199	15	301	6	118	35	7
North Alabama.....	218	6,915	68	826	102	1,526	94	1,178	177	64
North Arkansas.....	161	4,185	18	300	47	1,095	29	283	106	18
North Carolina.....	282	8,585	71	872	171	4,646	87	1,341	180	34
North Georgia.....	406	12,485	84	1,800	288	8,069	269	9,374	238	66
North Mississippi.....	199	4,833	86	1,206	116	4,320	79	1,123	189	103
North Texas.....	174	4,883	29	711	30	739	32	743	139	26
Northwest.....	24	484			6	94	4	32	13	
Northwest Texas.....	159	4,113	20	357	33	887	34	587	102	19
Pacific.....	43	1,124	3	42	11	247	5	61	26	1
St. Louis.....	91	2,500	21	353	18	600	10	300	59	
South Carolina.....	172	5,335	56	1,000	85	1,000	28	610	127	
South Georgia.....	281	7,560	41	780	149	3,601	117	2,129	146	
Southwest Missouri.....	106	3,012	23	614	43	3,058	25	491	91	23
Tennessee.....	191	6,057	66	1,100	104	2,149	112	2,474	212	78
Texas.....	209	5,220	30	1,192	66	1,309	68	1,394	158	58
Upper South Carolina.....	213	6,183	51	1,333	95	2,720	67	1,242	166	38
Virginia.....	366	13,468	220	5,905	151	3,674	132	1,528	285	109
Western North Carolina.....	212	7,340	88	1,914	114	3,149	70	1,064	104	48
West Oklahoma.....	109	3,553	34	910	33	700	9	96	92	25
West Texas.....	169	4,672	25	389	56	1,129	38	712	108	17
Western Virginia.....	75	2,191	32	750	28	699	20	299	77	33
Total.....	6,311	185,557	1,757	34,523	2,709	76,127	2,163	40,894	4,836	1,592

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

MRS. P. L. COBB, SUPERINTENDENT.

Some one said at the close of 1925, "Well, Young People's Year is over now," and another, answering, said: "Ought not every year to be Young People's Year?" Can we ever relax our efforts or lose our interest in our young people without being the immediate as well as the final losers ourselves? Our special effort for 1925 was inaugurated chiefly to stimulate and arouse an interest that we confidently hope and expect will remain as a vital part of the activities of the Woman's Missionary Council; for who, having put her hand to this plow, will dare to turn back?

Much has been said and written of the youth of to-day, and more will yet be said. So I shall not put into this printed report many statements of the joy and pride I have known as I felt the response to our efforts through the letters of Conference superintendents and others and have felt personally the warm, sincere reactions to the appeal of the best things on the part of the young people themselves; nor shall I fill these lines with the deep solicitude and concern many of us feel as we realize the force in the world to-day of the many unguided and misdirected youth who largely set the fashions in morals and styles and who themselves are the product of conditions the Church, the home, and public opinion have been unable to change or control. I *do* believe in the young people of to-day; I believe they have a religious conception of life, not shown in expressions of piety or even in customary reverence, and surely not in separateness of religious life from other; but large groups of representative young people *do* declare that they, even better than we older people, are trying more and more to test all human relationships by the way of Jesus, and that, living to-day with Jesus in an expressional, religious life, they may be ready for a useful, glorious to-morrow.

I am glad my report can express in figures some of the reasons for the hope and faith we have in our work. Much that I would otherwise say will be embodied in the reports of the commissions studying in this field, to which I have given much time.

I shall present my report under the following heads: **Year**; **Period**, the Quadrennium; **Message**, my exhortation to you; **Statistics**.

1. **Year**.—The year has been a very busy one; with increased correspondence, multiplied committee meetings, and the demands of related interests, the days have been full. Time and study given to the work of the two commissions, that on "Status of Young People's Work," and that on "Coördinating Religious Education in Local Church," have been abundant but especially helpful. It has been a joy to be in the rush of things pertaining to the kingdom.

It was Young People's Year! Special emphasis has been given our work in Conferences and at annual meetings. I want to thank all the Conference officers and workers who have helped to make this last so notable a year. Interest and enthusiasm were aroused, and in some cases a more sympathetic relation between the Adults and their Young People's

Department was established. My figures will show a decided gain in numbers, the definite result of this coöperation. I think the definite place of the Young People's District Rallies has been established, the need of a District Director of Young People's Work been shown, and the need of a full-time worker for the Department, in the field or in the office, has been seen.

The work of Miss Bess Combs, our Field Worker, has been most remarkable. Like a mighty rushing wind she has swept from one district to another with a message so appealing and compelling that young people have listened spellbound, and many have seen the beauty of the high ideals of service and fellowship. Too often, though, has it been that lack of preparation for her coming has resulted in small crowds and small opportunity to do her great work. This can be improved another year if this work is to continue.

Although no formal conference of superintendents was planned, some very helpful meetings were held of those attending the Schools of Missions at Junaluska and Mount Sequoyah. Other organizations have set-up meetings of their officers or directors, and I very much desire that, all things being favorable, a biennial conference of Young People's Superintendents may be a part of our policy. Furthermore, the desire has been expressed for guidance in studies in leadership training that might well lead to the establishing of a reading or study course for our superintendents.

Summer conferences were held in eight Conferences, with gratifying attendance and systematic planning for study and recreation. These assemblies have come to stay; they will be a fruitful extension work of the Conference Executive Committee and should be backed by the officers, not only financially, but by their presence and coöperation.

The great event of Young People's Year in which we shared was the Memphis Convention. That meeting strengthened my faith in youth and its ability and gave ground for the faith that the Church will surely realize its obligation to them and provide for their development and for their coöperation in the work of the kingdom.

We are planning to carry over the results of this special year by the celebration of our forty-fifth birthday in 1926. A birthday pageant has been prepared by which the historical events are grouped and the reports of to-day's activities presented.

2. *Period.*—This year closes the quadrennium, and a brief review of the period is in order, remembering the upheaval all life has undergone in these post-war years, whose effects are still upon us.

	Auxiliaries.	Members.	Offering.	Mis. Study Classes.	Bible Classes.
1921	1,844	37,318	\$66,089	1,047	642
1925	1,757	35,631	87,313	1,323	948

Loss, 87 Loss, 1,687 Gain, \$21, 224 Gain, 276 Gain, 306

There is a net decrease in organizations in four years of 87, or about two a year to a Conference. During this period 1,413 new organizations were formed and 35,836 new members enrolled, about equal to present membership. Many of these did not survive long, evidently; some passed into adult auxiliaries or drifted away, but upon them all, we like to believe, there must have been made some impression that will enrich their later adult life. In the four years, about 5,000 groups have studied some course in missions, and 3,100 groups some course in Bible study. The gifts for missions through the channel of the Conference treasurers have for the quadrennium been about \$238,000, while for local enterprises and supplies have many more unlisted thousands been given.

These figures are worthy of your attention, for they prove, to me at least, that this department of your work is not a thing to be ignored, but to be developed to its highest capacity, with wise leadership. It is a hard work; probably the hardest office in the Conference to fill, and the most difficult office in the local Auxiliary to hold successfully. Yet with the fluctuating population of our constituency to deal with—the students and the young business women—and with the vacillating moods of youth to be accounted for, we have not only held our own, but have advanced in those lines of work that are the force of our organization, a missionary intelligence, the missionary offerings, and the spiritual concept that will be the dynamic of the future Church.

3. *Message.*—We asked of our young people last year: “What will you do with your glorious heritage from the past?” And we heard them declare at Memphis and Evanston in no uncertain tones their willingness to test their conduct in all the relationships in which they find themselves to-day by the rule of Jesus—in work and play, in war and service, in home and Church. They are mapping out a large task whose heroic appeal to them. Shall we, as a Church, supply the equipment with which to work, with a program big and vital enough to attract them, and genuine and sincere enough for them to respect. The program of the Church of to-day must touch and foster all phases of their developing life and, built on approved methods and principles of education and psychology, make the appeal of Christ and Christian living so attractive that they will throw their energies into it as they do now into the so-called secular.

What does the average community Church of to-day offer its youth as a program of activity or of worship? We realize we have come into a new day and program for home missions; a bigger field is open for them as home and foreign are merged together with new policies and responsibilities. We acknowledge we have not done our task adequately, but we have perhaps brought to light new policies and programs that we can hand over, for further formulations, to these young people, on tiptoe with enthusiasm at the dawn of their new day of fellowship work. Can we offer them a *unified* program of work in the local Church—a *compelling* program that puts Jesus Christ at the center of all life—and a *world service* program that sends them out from the center to the uttermost parts?

Some of us women have gone a far way ahead of ourselves in our think-

ing, as we have been studying how such a program can be made operative, and we have felt in us the true maternal spirit that will make some sacrifice for the good of our young.

“We may not live to see the day
But earth will glisten in the ray
Of the good times coming.”

With the responsibility still resting on us, we must give ourselves afresh to our task of providing missionary training and culture for our Young People, with an enlarged program and equipment and with the Council, sympathetic and coöperative, behind it. Then, if the time ever comes for a unified program to be put on by all the agencies dealing with the young life of our Church, we shall have made our contribution to it, and, all the while, we shall be turning over to the adult auxiliaries better trained and larger groups of effective workers to “carry on.” So long as we have the Woman's Missionary Society, so long must we throw the force of our trained leadership to help the Young People as they need and where they need it.

In the name of him, our Master, who, after the long years of preparation, came to the full fruition of his mission, let us help these young people in their years of preparation, and, as the mothers of this generation and the Christian women of the Church to-day, help them to come to their places of service in the kingdom.

4. *Statistics.*—The year's records show 1,757 Young People's Auxiliaries, a gain of 44 organizations.

Three hundred and sixty-six new auxiliaries were added and about 230 were dropped from the rolls.

The largest number of new auxiliaries organized is Western North Carolina, 27; North Carolina, 23; North Mississippi, 22; Louisville, 21; Memphis, 21; Virginia, 21; North Texas, 20.

The largest gain in new auxiliaries is in Memphis, 14; Western North Carolina, 14; Holston, 13; Louisville, 12; North Alabama, 12; North Carolina, 12.

The Conferences leading in number of auxiliaries are: Virginia, 220; Baltimore, 112; Holston, 89; Western North Carolina, 88; North Mississippi, 86; North Georgia, 84; Memphis, 83.

Twenty-six Conferences gained or held their own in auxiliaries.

Membership.—Present membership is 35,631, a gain of 434.

The largest gains are Virginia, 958 members; Holston, 835; Western North Carolina, 771; North Texas, 517; Louisville, 498.

The largest memberships, *in toto*, are in Virginia, Baltimore, Western North Carolina, Holston, North Georgia, and Memphis.

Activities.—As noted before, there has been an increase in all the listed activities of the auxiliaries. I am rejoiced over the gain in mission and Bible study classes, with the much larger number of individuals touched. I believe, too, a better type of work is being done in these classes. All of this is fundamental to the real growth of our work. Somebody, too, has been active in the membership and organization work as shown by these

larger returns. The team work by which "Little Sisters" have been organized and fostered until they became strong auxiliaries is of great value and pleasure to the members.

The use of the literature has increased, as shown by the increased sales.

Those attaining the Honor Roll are more in number, yet only about one-fourth of the auxiliaries do this standard work.

5. *Finances.*—Amount the young people sent Council treasurer is \$55,314, a gain of \$2,747 over last year, and for the first time this period Council Young People's pledge is overpaid.

The amount sent to Conference treasurers is \$64,353, a great gain both in actual money sent and in reporting it. Seventeen Conferences met their Council pledges and Conference quotas for the first time in years. Three reporting as paid in full missed it a little on Council treasurers' books.

As a grand total we have:

To Conference treasurers	\$64,353
Value of supplies reported	5,583
Local work reported	17,377
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Total	\$87,313

This is a per capita offering from the Young People of \$2.40. Without local work the per capita is \$1.96, a considerable increase in funds directly for missions.

The largest offerings, as will be seen from treasurer's report, are Baltimore, Virginia, Holston, North Georgia, Western North Carolina, Memphis, and Kentucky. A remarkable work of cultivation is being done in these Conferences. However, the greatest work is not always shown by the largest figures. As evidence of this I have prepared the per capita offerings of those Conferences giving more than the average offering of \$1.96.

West Texas	\$3 86
St. Louis	3 20
Little Rock	2 97
Northwest Texas	2 70
Holston	2 36
Kentucky	2 23
North Georgia	2 22
Florida	2 18
Baltimore	2 17
North Arkansas	2 07
Memphis	2 03

As the tabulated receipts show, there has been a gain in every item listed except value of boxes of supplies, which is not asked for on the blanks, but furnished by many superintendents.

To me, these are encouraging signs. The Young People's and Junior

Missionary Societies, with their comparatively small membership, give nearly \$100,000 for missions each year, beside their local and Conference interests not reported to Council. [For the quadrennium it has amounted to about one-half a million dollars.] This annual sum is about the same as the Senior and Junior Epworth Leagues report for Missionary Specials and practically the same amount as the Sunday schools turn in for missions each year. These are some of the tangible results of the intensive, specialized training we have offered the young people and children of the Church through our literature and our carefully supervised organization.

1925 Statistics Tabulated.

	1925	Gain.
Auxiliaries.....	1,757	44
New Auxiliaries.....	366	56
Total members.....	35,631	435
New members enrolled.....	9,816	858
Having access to the <i>Voice</i>	2,797	327
Auxiliaries observing Week of Prayer.....	736	65
Auxiliaries on Roll of Honor.....	457	35
Mission study classes.....	1,323	148
Number in classes.....	22,670	4,008
Bible study classes.....	936	149
Presenting social service studies (nearly all).....	.....	.....
Boxes of supplies (partial reports).....	575	106
Value (partial reports).....	\$ 5,583	.....
Amount reported on local work (partial).....	\$17,377	\$748
Amount sent Conference treasurers.....	\$64,353	\$8,471
Amount on Belle Bennett Memorial.....	\$ 1,986	\$108
Amount on Week of Prayer.....	\$ 3,552	\$638
Amount sent to Council treasurer.....	\$55,314	\$2,747

YOUNG PEOPLE'S FIELD WORKER.

BESS COMBS.

This has been a year of new experiences, new discoveries, and new revelations. Of new experiences, since the task of working for and with American young people is somewhat different from that of working with Chinese women. Of new discoveries, as I have tried to get the viewpoint of the youth of to-day, tried to be honest in my judgment of them, and sympathetic with them in their problems. Of new revelations, as I have realized the inadequate program of the Churches for their young people and especially the indifference, and in many quarters opposition to the Young People's Missionary Societies.

During these ten months that I have traveled, I have touched twenty-four of the thirty-nine Conferences. In some Conferences it was merely a touch, in others a more thorough piece of work was done. I want to pay tribute to that body of consecrated, loyal, hard working women, the Conference Superintendents of Young People. If the organizations

for young people in the Church continue as they are, then the Young People's Department of the Council will have to be emphasized and pushed if it is to hold its own. There must be definite, intensive missionary training for the young people of our Church.

I am grateful for the year with all its varied experiences and shall always have a keen interest in the young people's work of our Church.

CHILDREN'S WORK.

MISS ALTHEA JONES, SUPERINTENDENT.

STATISTICAL REPORT.

Baby Divisions.....		2,163
Members: Number at beginning of year 1925....	32,556	
Number enrolled during year.....	8,338—	40,894
Finance.....		\$ 9,365 37
Junior Divisions.....		2,709
Members: Number at beginning of year 1925....	60,307	
Number enrolled during year.....	15,820—	76,127
Finance.....		\$47,256 59
New Mission Study Classes.....		1,670
Members in Mission Study Classes.....		39,121
Social Service.....		1,709
Week of Prayer.....		1,205
Honor Roll.....		608
<i>Young Christian Worker</i>		9,000
Grand Total:		
Organizations.....		4,872
Members.....		117,011
Finance: Council Treasurer.....	\$56,621 96	
Belle H. Bennett.....	603 09	
City Mission Board.....	670 26	
Supplies.....	2,496 13	
Local work.....	6,817 49—	\$67,208 93

FOR THE QUADRENNIUM.

Well may we train the children
 And thus draw near the Son,
 Who gained his richest human realm
 When children's hearts were won.
 Well may we train the children
 And thus draw near the skies,
 For in the children's sunny hearts
 The light of heaven lies.
 Well may we train the children,
 We keep our greatness then;
 E'en now the Christ uplifts a child
 Above all sinful men.

O, happy day! O, heavenly hour!
 When thus we all shall stand,
 Like Christ with smile and touch of grace,
 Amid the children's band. Amen.

—George Edward Martin (*paraphrased.*)

There has not been a time in the eight years I have served when the women of the Church have been more interested and active in promoting this work than during the past year. We have made an increase in finances and there have been more divisions organized than during any other year of the quadrennium. Also there has been a tremendous number enrolled—nearly twenty-five thousand, though there is not a net increase in numbers. All the superintendents say that one of the dominant factors which enters here is the taking of our older children by other Church organizations.

The work done by the Conference Superintendents has been unusually fine, and I cannot commend them too highly for their loyalty, devotion, and faith to persevere in spite of many discouraging obstacles.

GROWTH DURING PRESENT INCUMBENCY.

We have had a large number of new Conference Superintendents this year and last. For 1925 we had thirteen new ones, and six more write they are only keeping the office until their Conferences can relieve them. Thus about half the officers have either resigned or are about to resign.

When faced with such a condition one begins to inquire into the cause or causes. I find various reasons offered: One took a full-time salaried position, three retired because of health or family reasons, five moved out of the Conference, and ten said the task had become too heavy—there were such large demands made upon their time for study, correspondence, and travel. Some others felt they had put into it all they had to give and hoped another could make a new contribution.

Leadership in this department requires special preparation. Missionary work with children is an *educational* task, and we must adopt the very best principles of education if we wish to render the highest service. The superintendents, both local and Conference, should be familiar with the characteristics and needs of the infant, pre-school, primary, junior, and adolescent periods of childhood. More and more we will have to direct our attention to *training* for leadership in this department. It is earnestly hoped that the executive committee of each Conference will see that it is possible for their Superintendent of Children's Work to attend one of our missionary training schools this summer.

The year closing has been one of many and varied activities; sandwiched within these, however, were two periods of enforced inactivity. I have been called upon to attend more committee meetings than during any other two years of the quadrennium. These meetings demand much time and travel—just one trip to Nashville and back is a matter of about a thousand miles and the best of a week's time.

The following figures are a record of the *increases* made by the various Conferences during the past year. However, some Conferences not mentioned have done just as earnest work as the successful ones, but their labors were not so apparent in results. In this type of work *numbers* are a very poor measure.

Finances.—Twenty-six Conferences made an increase: Arizona, Baltimore, Central Texas, Denver, Florida, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Los Angeles, Mississippi, Missouri, Northwest, North Carolina, New Mexico, North Alabama, North Georgia, North Mississippi, South Carolina, South Georgia, Southwest Missouri, Upper South Carolina, Virginia, West Oklahoma, West Texas, Western North Carolina, Western Virginia. Twenty Conferences paid or overpaid budget: Baltimore, Central Texas, Denver, Florida, Little Rock, Louisiana, Louisville, Memphis, Missouri, North Georgia, North Mississippi, Northwest Texas, North Carolina, South Carolina, Southwest Missouri, Tennessee, Texas, Upper South Carolina, West Texas, Western Virginia. Western North Carolina lacked only \$1.25 and Kentucky only \$2.08 of making their budgets. Two Conferences didn't make a pledge, so practically twenty-one of thirty-seven made their budgets. The entire amount pledged at Council was raised.

New Junior Divisions.—Twenty-three Conferences increased: Alabama, Baltimore, Central Texas, East Oklahoma, Florida, Holston, Little Rock, Louisville, Memphis, Mississippi, Missouri, North Alabama, North Carolina, North Texas, Northwest Texas, Pacific, South Georgia, St. Louis, Tennessee, Virginia, West Texas, Western North Carolina, Western Virginia.

Junior Membership.—Twenty Conferences increased: Alabama, Denver, Holston, Kentucky, Louisiana, Louisville, Memphis, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Georgia, North Mississippi, Pacific, South Georgia, Southwest Missouri, Upper South Carolina, Virginia, Western North Carolina, Western Virginia.

Mission Study Members.—Twenty Conferences increased: Central Texas, Florida, Kentucky, Little Rock, Louisville, Memphis, Mississippi, Northwest, North Alabama, North Arkansas, North Georgia, North Mississippi, Pacific, South Carolina South Georgia, Southwest Missouri, Upper South Carolina, Virginia, West Texas, Western North Carolina.

Social Service.—Twenty Conferences increased: Baltimore, Central Texas, Florida, Kentucky, Little Rock, Louisiana, Louisville, Memphis, Mississippi, North Alabama, North Arkansas, North Mississippi, Pacific, South Carolina, South Georgia, Upper South Carolina, Virginia, West Oklahoma, West Texas, Western North Carolina.

Week of Prayer.—Twenty Conferences increased: Baltimore, Central Texas, Florida, Little Rock, Louisiana, Louisville, Mississippi, Missouri, North Alabama, North Arkansas, North Georgia, North Mississippi, South Carolina, South Georgia, Upper South Carolina, Virginia, West Oklahoma, West Texas, Western North Carolina, Western Virginia.

New Baby Divisions.—Nineteen Conferences increased: Alabama, Baltimore, Florida, Kentucky, Little Rock, Los Angeles, Louisville, Memphis,

Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, North Georgia, North Texas, Northwest Texas, St. Louis, Tennessee, West Texas, Western North Carolina, Western Virginia.

New Study Classes.—Eighteen Conferences increased: Central Texas, Florida, Kentucky, Los Angeles, Memphis, Missouri, New Mexico, North Alabama, North Carolina, North Georgia, North Mississippi, Pacific, South Carolina, South Georgia, Upper South Carolina, West Texas, Western North Carolina.

New Baby Members.—Seventeen Conferences increased: Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, Memphis, Missouri, Northwest, New Mexico, North Alabama, North Georgia, North Mississippi, North Texas, Northwest Texas, South Carolina, South Georgia, St. Louis, Texas, West Texas.

Junior Divisions.—Sixteen Conferences increased: Baltimore, East Oklahoma, Holston, Kentucky, Louisville, Memphis, Mississippi, North Carolina, North Georgia, North Mississippi, Pacific, South Georgia, Virginia, West Oklahoma, Western North Carolina, Western Virginia.

New Junior Members.—Fifteen Conferences increased: Florida, Kentucky, Memphis, Missouri, Northwest, New Mexico, North Alabama, North Mississippi, Northwest Texas, South Carolina, Southwest Missouri, St. Louis, Upper South Carolina, Virginia, West Texas.

Honor Roll.—Fifteen Conferences increased: Kentucky, Little Rock, Louisiana, Louisville, Northwest, North Alabama, North Georgia, North Mississippi, North Texas, South Georgia, Texas, Virginia, West Texas, Western North Carolina, Western Virginia.

Baby Members.—Thirteen Conferences increased: Denver, Holston, Kentucky, Louisville, Memphis, North Carolina, North Georgia, North Mississippi, South Georgia, Southwest Missouri, Upper South Carolina, Virginia, Western North Carolina.

Baby Divisions.—Eleven Conferences increased: Alabama, Baltimore, Holston, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, North Mississippi, South Georgia, Virginia, Western North Carolina.

From the above lists you will note Kentucky, North Mississippi, South Georgia, Virginia, and Western North Carolina increased in more items than any others; second in increases are Mississippi, North Georgia, and West Texas, with Baltimore, Florida, Memphis, North Alabama, and Upper South Carolina as close runners up; 64% of the Conferences increased in finances; 41%, in Junior Divisions; 51%, in members; 28%, in Baby Divisions; 33%, in Baby members.

During the quadrennium there were organized 1,652 Junior and 1,328 new Baby Divisions, with 67,178 new Junior and 35,944 Baby members enrolled.

Goals.—Our goal of 2,717 Baby Divisions, 44,579 members, and 3,388 Junior Divisions with 101,269 members was not reached; 80% of the Baby Divisions, 92% of the members, 80% of the Junior Divisions, and 75% of the members was reached. No single Conference attained its entire goal, but the following attained some parts of it: South Georgia, Junior members, Baby members, and failed to attain number of Junior

Divisions by one; North Mississippi, Junior and Baby members; Southwest Missouri, Junior members; Denver, Junior members; Holston, Baby members; Alabama, Baby Divisions.

I believe the above statistics feebly reflect the actual amount of work done, because of confusion of change in officers, etc.; however, if the old saying that "money talks" is true, then the past year shows a fine increase because of the twenty-six Conferences making an increase in finances; 43.2-5 % of all the Conferences showed a net increase in finances, members, and organizations.

There have been four outstanding privileges during the year: Attendance upon the great Foreign Missions Conference at Washington, Wilson College School of Missions at Chambersburg, Pa., Standard Training School at Mount Sequoyah, and the Young People's Convention at Memphis. These four meetings have made for me a red-letter year of 1925.

The Washington meeting again and again stressed the thought "if the Church succeeds in its missionary enterprise it will *have* to enlist its youth." At Wilson College I studied under some of the best teachers of religious education. For the first time a course for training leaders of Children's Missionary Societies was offered in our training schools, and I taught this course at Mount Sequoyah. I feel this was the very best single piece of work I've been able to do since I've held this office. The class was very small, but it is a beginning, and I am hoping this summer it will be much larger; for as I've said above, the work of this department is an educational problem, and our workers must be trained if we hope to accomplish anything of lasting value in the building of the kingdom.

The last great experience of the year was carried over into the new year. I refer to the Memphis Young People's Convention. I think the fact of this convention (aside from any other worth-while results which we may find, and I believe there are many) is the greatest thing our Church has done in the past decade, not excepting even the Centenary. For this convention was public recognition on the part of the Church of its greatest asset and an effort to understand and learn how best to serve her youth, as well as an attempt to lay upon their consciousness their own responsibility to carry on.

One working with and for children to-day finds a hopeful outlook, because the whole world, secular and religious, is more conscious of the child than ever before. We are making a more scientific approach to the task, and therefore the prospect is good for permanent results. It goes without controversy that the progress of missionary work depends primarily upon securing control of more and more children and educating them right. Failing to do this, we can never by any possible means "catch up" with our task.

"So much to do, so little done!
 To lead and teach his little ones!
 Each year again the task renews;
 How will you meet it? 'Tis yours to choose.
 But when life's reckoning is made,
 Then may you face Him unafraid."

BUREAU OF SOCIAL SERVICE.

MRS. W. A. NEWELL, SUPERINTENDENT.

Every day brings fresh evidence of the interdependence of the nations of the earth and shows Christianity facing its severest tests. What Christians proclaim for their religion is too often denied by what they do and what they are. "Not the cry of the wild duck, but his rising impells the flock in their upward flight." So runs an ancient Chinese proverb. If Christianity is retarded in becoming the world religion, it will be because collective practices, economic systems, and racial attitudes prevalent in our civilization are unsocial and antisocial. "Tested by the rule of Jesus," how do we stand in the eyes of the Chinese, Japanese, and East Indian?

Our child labor decision was as eagerly watched by the textile manufacturer of the Orient as by their social workers; our lynchings and other brutalities make great copy for a pagan press. Domestic relations and night life in our cities, as flashed upon the silver screen, are believed by the beholders in far-away lands to be true reflections of our family life. Said a Buddhist: "If these are the women of a Christian civilization, I prefer our own type." John MacNeill considers the United States the world's greatest mission field. Stanley Jones believes that after his next ten years of missionary service in India he can bring back fifty Christian Indians and "convert America." Dr. Gulick asserts that "not Japan, but America is the problem of the Pacific."

When we think of the fact that more boys under twenty-five years of age are in prisons and reformatories than are enrolled in all our colleges and universities; that one out of every seven marriages ends in divorce; that the majority of our citizens live close to the line of want; that a man's weekly wage often will not provide adequate nourishment for the average family, we are led to believe that the function of the social service committee and the social service superintendent in the missionary society can no longer be discharged by trays and flowers or even by friendly visiting, good as these offices are.

These and other conditions call for a quickening of conscience in the homeland and a broadening of our activities. With this larger relationship of Church women to the forces working for civic and national righteousness in mind, your superintendent has allied herself during the past year with many national organizations that she might, by studying their platforms, attending their meetings, and sharing in their activities, make herself useful as a "liaison officer" between them and the missionary societies and more intelligently relate them to work for world peace, industrial reform, child welfare, social hygiene, and race relations. This has entailed much travel, correspondence, and study, with a corresponding effort to pass on in a measured way such information and viewpoints as could be utilized in thought or action in the auxiliaries.

The field of social service is so wide and so varied and so interesting in every phase that one is constantly in danger of being drawn from the general trend of progress by the insistent call of some one special cause. In

fact, it seems that each cause is so important to its promoters that they make greater demands than any one person or group of persons can satisfy.

Probably the greatest advance has been made in civic and legislative activities. Interracial sympathy and understanding are growing, but the formation of definite committees has suffered a check from some unfortunate discussions during the unification campaign. From this we shall recover when we redouble our efforts toward the promotion of good will through deeds of coöperation.

That you might get a bird's-eye view of the general trend of activities I have asked each Conference superintendent for the best things reported to her in three fields—civic, legislative, and interracial. This will tell where we are strong and, by inference, where weak.

The studies in housing have been productive of activities in many communities. Others do nothing with these "working plans." It is a sign of the difficulty of planning for our enormously varied conditions and resources in one study. And yet I believe we shall get more definite results by holding each year to one common task in every community, to one Conference-wide aim; and this suggestion we pass on to you for recommendation.

ALABAMA CONFERENCE.

Civic.—Much relief work done, owing to crop failures. Outstanding work in civics and legislation. Equipment of school buildings sponsored, public playgrounds established through influence of auxiliaries. Mass meetings called on law enforcement. Meetings for instruction of women voters. Letters to women voters in issues of the day. Community Service Federations formed by our committees with representation from other organizations. One Church divides membership into groups on geographical lines. A member of Church Social Service committee and one from the Missionary Society committee are in charge of each group for quickening interest and mobilizing for activities.

Interracial.—Work growing in interest. Federations of Social Service chairmen looking after housing, schools, and moral surroundings.

BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.

Civic.—Visiting institutions, relief work, some constructive work for playgrounds, community recreation, coöperation with county nurses and Parent-Teacher Association.

Interracial.—Baby and dental clinics for Negroes, some attempts at better housing, strong efforts in Baltimore for health work and some for sanitation. Where Negroes are numerous efforts gradually put forth for creation of good will and mutual understanding.

CENTRAL TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Civic.—Better-equipped playgrounds, parks, libraries promoted; cleaner streets and alleys, tree and flower planting with prizes for prettiest, best-improved yards and streets.

Legislative.—Programs given on World Court; Senators at Washington written to on World Court, State Senators interviewed on Child Labor Law; movies censored and stopped; Sunday closing law enforced. Initiative taken in securing county nurses and home demonstration agents. Children's clinics and child welfare promoted.

Interracial Coöperation.—Wonderful change in better understanding and attitude; working through P. T. A. and Y. W. C. A. in day and Sunday schools. Mexicans helped in sorrow and need to get employment are responsive and appreciative, as are the Negroes. Negro State nurse to speak at Annual Conference society.

DENVER CONFERENCE.

Civic.—Sunday closing of movies and public dance halls, Americanization classes; welcome for new citizens, better housing.

Legislative.—Child Labor Amendment, stricter State prohibition laws, better reformatories.

EAST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

Civic.—Work in jails, hospital, and day nursery; Mothers' Club, playground work.

Legislative.—World Court and Child Labor Amendment and prohibition.

Interracial.—Organized work in county schools, community club, work in parks and playgrounds.

FLORIDA CONFERENCE.

Civic and Legislative.—Studied State laws and voted in city elections.

Interracial.—Visited Negro schools, helped organize mothers' clubs, and missionary societies, helped in health survey, helped with delinquent boys.

HOLSTON CONFERENCE.

Civic.—Conducted Baby Clinics, assisted in placing Christian woman in the jail as matron over delinquent girls; went before court in cases of girls being tried and sent to reform school, had music lessons given talented girl on return from reform school on probation, placed boy in institution for feeble-minded, took children from degenerate mother and placed in orphanage, sent girl to vocational school as reform measure, small rural Church, clothed underprivileged children and kept them in Sunday school, another looked after child through adenoid operation, secured home work for widow with small children, secured credit for woman with aged mother to open small store, screened houses in poorer section of town. Seven auxiliaries had improvements made as result of study in housing.

Legislative.—Petitioned city government to legislate against sale of salacious literature, letters sent Congressmen on appropriation for tuberculosis hospital and other matters, circulated petitions for closing of red-light district, also for preventing Sunday sports. Urged women to register and vote, worked for candidates for legislature who would support fine city charter, assisted in barring pool room, supported child labor legislation, fifteen auxiliaries studied Child Labor Amendment and World Court.

Interracial.—Assisted Negroes to establish small library from a State fund supplemented locally, visiting Negro homes, helping with Negro schools, distributing literature to hospital, helping with missions study, Bethlehem House work.

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.

Legislative.—Worked on Juvenile Court proposition. Instructed women on intelligent voting. Served on jury that convicted bootleggers. One superintendent served on term of Circuit Court as juror. Studied Constitution and government of the United States. Studied World Court Plan and sent letters asking Senators' support. Made study of State prohibition laws and their enforcement provisions.

Civic.—Coöperated with other agencies in campaigns for health, against illiteracy, prevention of venereal disease. Worked with Camp Fire Girls, on playgrounds, in Daily Vacation Bible Schools, assisted in penny lunches in the public schools for underweight children.

Interracial.—Seven committees in the Conference. Visited the Colored Missionary Society with a view to coöperation. One met with city council recommending some outstanding colored people for improvement work. Public park sought for Negroes. One Young People's Society cultivates friendliness through school activities.

Number of Adult Societies reporting	76
Number of Young People's Societies reporting	21
Number of Children's Societies reporting	19
Number assisting in welfare legislation	4
Number of interracial committees	7
Number of community clubs for Negroes . . . . .	..
Number working with immigrants	4
Number of federations of social service	5

LOS ANGELES CONFERENCE.

Civic and Legislative.—Work for law enforcement in coöperation with W. C. T. U., "wonderful jail work," also Juvenile Court work. Many working for Bible in public schools; circulated petitions for World Court and Child Labor Amendment, worked to keep Mexican border closed at 9 P.M.

Interracial.—Few Negroes, one auxiliary coöperates with C. M. E. Church.

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.

Civic.—Wayward girl saved and sent to V. K. Johnston Home.

Legislative.—Women urged to register, pay poll tax, and vote; studied Upshaw Bill for clean movies, working for change in "tobacco law" next year, night courts visited.

Interracial.—Assisted in clean-up campaigns and baby clinics, helped establish missionary societies, secured one playground.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

Civic.—Worked in clinic at State fair; organized sunshine work among Juniors for children at tuberculosis and other hospitals; records, fruit, and delicacies sent county hospital; girl helped through high school and summer course; service in lumber camps, classes for foreign women; planning for worker among women and children of oil field; illiteracy worker aided; one committee holds cottage prayer meetings, rural Sunday school, sponsors rural club, assists them in sale of handmade articles; educational program for parents.

Legislative.—Superintendent trying to get Juvenile Court organized, working to get State Legislative Council; working to prevent abolition of honorary boards for State institutions, presented petition to council for ordinances for public welfare; World Court work.

Interracial.—Organized three night schools for adult illiterates; cooperate with trained Negro social worker in lumber camp, maintaining classes giving literature. Committee of white women met with colored P. T. A.—result: playground activities.

LOUISVILLE CONFERENCE.

Civic.—Two cities report women served on juries where men would not convict bootleggers and gamblers, they "gave them the limit" and closed all pool rooms in one town; committee appointed to visit city council, petition to test all cows in county for tuberculosis.

Legislative.—Letter sent every auxiliary by Conference superintendent urging women to vote for candidate who favored the Child Labor Amendment, the Home for Feeble-Minded Colored Children, and repeal of Parimutuel Law. Letters sent Senators asking support of World Court.

Interracial.—Helped in support of Home for Aged Negroes, Community Clubs for Negroes.

MEMPHIS CONFERENCE.

Civic.—Helped with school lunches for undernourished children, assisted nurse with baby clinic.

Legislative.—By urging women to vote ballot increased fifty votes and dry ticket elected, another worked to put in clean officials, one committee worked all day at polls, senators written urging support of World Court legislation.

Interracial.—Assisted in Daily Vacation Bible School for Negroes, held conferences with Negro leaders, made possible attendance of Negro girls, Summer Conference, sent nurse to reach Negroes, organized Epworth League.

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.

Civic.—Beautifying church premises, public squares.

Legislative.—Petitions circulated for lifting standards of movies, also for tax on cigars, cigarettes, snuff, and tobacco, revenue to be applied to school fund, both presented to senators in session; urged women to register and vote.

Interracial.—Though few report Interracial Committees many are doing constructive work among Negroes and there is a growing sympathy and understanding.

MISSOURI CONFERENCE.

Civic.—Wesley House classes with foreigners. Best work done in coöperation with other organizations.

Legislative.—support of World Court and of Child Labor Amendment.

Interracial.—Work for Negroes in missionary societies, in Sunday schools.

NORTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE.

Civic.—Coöperated with Kiwanis and League of Women Voters, worked with Civic Betterment League to secure incinerator for garbage, secured apprehension, arrest, and conviction of bootleggers, worked for sanitation and rest room.

Interracial.—Daily Vacation Bible School, Bethlehem House work, work with missionary society and district meeting, school books furnished Negro children.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.

Civic.—Work with other organizations and school boards.

Legislative.—Women instructed in use of ballot, its value and duty of voting; letters to State legislators on vital issues.

Interracial.—Women help home demonstration agents and schools.

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

Civic.—Seven crippled children sent to Orthopedic Hospital, assisted mothers to get Mothers' Aid, helped establish two playgrounds, sent man to tuberculosis sanitarium, sent girl to Crittenden Home.

Legislative.—Coöperated with League of Women Voters.

Interracial.—Tried to interest graduates of colored school in taking nurse training, worked for schools with Negro teachers, community club work.

NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.

Legislative.—Went before grand jury asking for better jails, wrote congressmen in behalf of Child Welfare Bill, had lawyers and others to speak on merits of pending bills, and needed reforms to auxiliary, worked for Children's Code, coöperated with W. C. T. U. for law enforcement, urged women to vote, had committees to go to State legislature to lobby for welfare bills, wired indorsement of World Court.

Interracial.—Sent representatives from auxiliaries to interracial meeting in Atlanta, promoted Negro kindergarten and nursery, assisted in organizing Bible and mission study, talks given in Negro schools, assisted in Negro Community Club, distributed literature.

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.

Civic.—Promoted playgrounds, sanitation, consulted town boards on betterment of communities, helped county agents, found work for unemployed.

Legislative.—One committee attends Federal Court each day of session; worked for Child Labor Law with congressmen, law enforcement, against Sunday baseball and movies; appeals to judges in cases of child offenders.

Interracial.—Investigated Negro homes, helped with their programs and missionary societies, five have organized the Negroes for their own uplift, and find they have gained their confidence and coöperation.

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Legislative.—Women urged to pay poll tax and vote, senators written to on World Court.

Interracial.—Some conduct Mothers' Club, others visit missionary societies and help them with programs, one has story-telling hour for colored children.

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Civic.—Five auxiliaries put on "clean-ups" of immemorial dump heaps, work of two with truancy officer, school children in two towns, white, black, and Mexican, given better conditions; several cases of caring for mothers and children; children's planting of shrubs and flowers on church lawns and nut trees along creeks.

Legislative.—Several committees report getting out the vote for bond issues for schools, public buildings and highways; Methodist women are said to vote early and often for everything that will improve; six reported work for Child Labor Laws, one committee caused Sunday closing for three months.

Interracial.—Library for Negroes, supervision of health work and Parent-Teacher Association in Negro and Mexican county schools. Mothers' Clubs, clean-up of school grounds and placing Negro classics in library, addresses before West Texas Epworth League and District Conference with resulting action on part of preachers.

ST. LOUIS CONFERENCE.

Civic.—Studies in housing have led to interest and desire to coöperate with welfare organizations, many fire traps brought to light, school buildings for white and colored being improved.

Interracial.—Much interest in having better living conditions and in encouraging children to keep clean houses and yards, agitation for well-designed sanitary building locations in one town; other large towns forming a loan fund that the Negroes may have their own homes with proper sanitation, sewerage and lighting. The Negroes are eager for it. They will have suitable locations for their churches and a good amusement hall. In all the auxiliary women have coöperated.

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

Civic.—Coöperated with other agencies, built road to cemetery, put over clean-up project.

Interracial.—Taught classes of Negroes in certain subjects; coöperated

with colored pastors for better homes; health campaigns; sponsored Negro Sunday school in out-of-way place.

SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.

Civic.—Coöperated with mayor and police for moral clean-up of town, also for temperance and sanitation; worked to elect good men for office, carried voters to polls, coöperated with council in securing playgrounds; started and followed up work to get equipment town could not appropriate money for; worked with policewoman in behalf of girls; assisted in getting safe boarding places for country girls coming to work in cities; visited prisons and courts regularly; followed up individual cases and enlisted interest in getting scholarships in Church schools for girls and boys, wards of Juvenile Court; secured release of young boys from jail, showing judge that good jobs had been secured for them and oversight would be kept, these boys visited gotten into Sunday school classes and encouraged; taught night classes for foreigners; furnished refreshments with Bible cards to foreign seamen in port; served on committee of representative women to call on police commissioner to call attention to openly immoral houses.

Legislative.—Wired and wrote representatives asking them to vote for Child Welfare, Children's Code, law to prohibit Sunday dancing at resorts, and all bills involving educational and moral questions; served as local chairman of committee in jail inspection under State Department of Public Welfare; assisted in many counties in local bills relating to moral and educational interests.

Interracial.—Assisted in raising money and supplies and visiting Negro kindergartens and detention home and hospitals; gave library and shrubbery for Negro school, gave drinking fount with tablet in memory of Negro woman who was faithful in uplift of her race; had mayor and other officials address Negro mass meeting on Christian citizenship and home making; secured release of colored boy, found job, visited and encouraged his mother.

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI CONFERENCE.

Legislative.—Worked for World Court and Child Labor Amendment.

Interracial.—Active Interracial Council with full list of officers of both races, outstanding issues attempted, such as moral clean-up of high school neighborhood, better films in colored movies, better training of colored school-teachers.

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.

Civic.—Night schools, day nurseries, playgrounds, story-telling, health talks, school cafeteria, coöperation with other agencies.

Legislative.—Use of ballot, closing filling stations on Sunday, establishment of county health unit, study of State and county laws, petitions to legislature and county court, peace propaganda.

Interracial.—Community clubs, Y. W. work, W. C. T. U. organized, health talks, sanitation, books.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Civic.—Served on public health committee, story hour for newsboys, prenatal clinics, preschool age clinics, weekly sings in high school, work on Y. W. C. A. boards, studied conditions in State Girls' Training School, child welfare work.

Legislative.—Worked with county judges in care of delinquents, in police courts, in State prison reform, helped exclude gambling schemes from county, law enforcement work, numbers of letters to representatives urging ratification of Child Labor Amendment, numbers of World Court meetings held, letters and telegrams sent senators urging World Court adherence, urged payment of poll tax and use of ballot.

Interracial.—Sent Negro delegate to Interracial Conference; systematic visitation of Negro hospital; Negro day nursery, secured county home demonstration agent, organized welfare club; secured extra teacher for Negro schools; Negro school clinics, organized and instructed midwife club, established community house for Negroes; assisted with school for delinquent girls; assisted building churches; assisted in Bethlehem House.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

Civic.—Four cities and one county working with immigrants.

Legislative.—Participated in good government campaign, working for Mothers' Pension Law and other welfare measures.

Interracial.—No special report on interracial coöperation, but a growing sentiment in its favor shown in very general study of interracial handbooks.

UPPER SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

Legislative.—Work for Child Labor Amendment, clean-up week.

Interracial.—Organized young girls' society, visits to Negro Churches and normal school.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

Civic.—Talks from county nurse, followed by sending milk to undernourished children; clothes to school children, coöperation with other agencies.

Interracial.—Coöperation with superintendent of detention home for boys; working for Y. W. C. A. studying housing conditions and consequent interest in bettering home life, one active interracial committee doing excellent work.

WEST OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

Civic.—Coöperation with other agencies.

Legislative.—Getting out the woman vote; writing legislators on Child Labor Amendment, moving picture legislation.

Interracial.—Prizes in city beautiful contests, clubs for mothers, playgrounds, hospitals, friendly relations, coöperation in schools and hospitals.

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

Civic.—Coöperation with other agencies, visiting institutions; several

follow housing studies with efforts to improve conditions, one campaign for clean pictures.

Legislative.—Sent for State literature for study of important bills; worked for Child Labor Amendment; law enforcement.

Interracial.—Committee helped organize Parent-Teachers' Association; prize offered in literary contest on W. C. T. U. display; colored girl sent to college; Interracial institute put on with success; helped with survey for Church membership; night school organized, met with colored league and helped with program; conducted sewing classes and Bible classes.

WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

Civic.—Loan fund established to help needy to help themselves; coöperate with Red Cross investigating calls for help; Daily Vacation Bible Schools, Community sings, playgrounds, child welfare work, delinquent boy entered in Church home where he is making good; hospital work.

Legislative.—Seven report cards, letters, telegrams sent senators in interest of World Court.

CONFERENCES.	Adults Reporting.	Young People Reporting.	Children Reporting.	Legislative Work.	Interracial Coöperation.	Colored Community Clubs.	Immigrant Work.	Federations ⁴
Alabama.....	85	20	26	18	20	3	2	12
Baltimore.....	84	55	32	10	28			1
Central Texas.....	98	7	16	10	18	1	12	5
Denver.....	7	2	1	4			4	
East Oklahoma.....	140	17	32	3	4	3		2
Florida.....	120	10	5	50	28	10	3	3
Holston.....	52	49	31	7	13	5	2	1
Illinois.....	15							
Kentucky.....	76	21	19	4	5		1	5
Little Rock.....	42	18	17	8	11	3	2	1
Los Angeles.....	9		1	5		3		
Louisiana.....	50	9	11	12	15	10	13	2
Louisville.....	65	46	24	25	20	2		
Memphis.....	98	54	55	12	12	1	2	1
Mississippi.....	65	4	18	15	16	2	2	3
Missouri.....	50	16	11	1	1	1	2	1
New Mexico.....	34	3	4		3			
North Alabama.....	114	36	51	13	18	3	30	2
North Arkansas.....	78	8	21	10	10			
North Carolina.....	118	14	10	20	23	2	1	1
North Georgia.....	144	43	57	36	30	5	6	3
North Mississippi.....	74	17	34	6	6	4	3	
North Texas.....	75	21	14		10	4	2	1
Northwest.....	13		3					
Northwest Texas.....	80	15	20	80	50	3	10	2
Pacific.....	26	1		3	2		1	
South Carolina.....	150	12	40	4	6			
South Georgia.....	130	25	65	165	150	10	6	2
Southwest Missouri.....	55	21	19	16	22	4	12	2
Tennessee.....	116	34	42	9	14	5	1	2
Texas.....	109	14	16	12	20	2	25	2
Upper South Carolina.....	54	10	16	14	14	4	2	
Virginia.....	93	48	40	40	29	5	28	3
Western North Carolina.....	98	53	48	1	22	4		
West Oklahoma.....	56	20	5	10	12		6	4
West Texas.....	89	15	18	20	18	8	40	2
Western Virginia.....	40	19	16	7	3			
Total.....	2,899	747	889	640	653	105	210	63

COMMISSION ON RACE RELATIONS.

MRS. LUKE JOHNSON, CHAIRMAN.

Slowly but surely we travel toward the goal of Christ's ideals of human brotherliness. In our relationship to the ten million Negroes living by our side, we have had a long way to go; and still we must journey far, far toward the sunlight. As an organized womanhood, we set out upon this journey in 1901 when the meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions was held in St. Louis. A call had come to render a definite service in Paine College. With great trepidation, a few of the leading women agreed that our fearless leader, Miss Belle H. Bennett, should present this opportunity to the congregation on Sunday morning. She did so, with an unexpected response which resulted in our beginning a small service for Negro girls in Augusta, Ga. The inspiring motive for this response was the former faithfulness of members of the Negro race, and their crying need for help. Through Paine Annex, hundreds of girls have been helped to a larger and fuller life. With this bit of service we were content as an organization for ten long years. Then there came a new call. Again the annual meeting was holding its session in St. Louis, when the first Southern white woman of our Church presented herself for definite service to the Negro race. Not knowing what the reaction would be, a closed session was called where she stood before us, revealing her call which she felt had come from the very heart of God. Then followed an enlarged service through the opening of our Bethlehem Houses.

Nearly ten more years passed, and there stood before us in the meeting of the Woman's Missionary Council, held in Kansas City in 1920, one of our own preachers. He uttered a burning message of a real brotherhood to be made possible in our very midst between the two most diverse races on the globe. This message, together with that of our President, Miss Belle H. Bennett, pressed in upon a group of the Council membership a realization that something must be done. What we could do, we did not know. A motion signed by Mrs. H. R. Steele and Mrs. J. H. McCoy was presented requesting that the Committee on Home Educational Institutions and Social Service bring recommendations for work to that session of the Council. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Steele, and a call for expressions brought forth a pledge from almost the entire body for an earnest effort to bring about a better understanding between the races. Before the meeting closed, the following resolutions were adopted:

"In accordance with the recommendation of the President regarding the tense situation that has developed between the races, and in view of the vast stretches of need, superstition, and ignorance in our country, the Woman's Missionary Council, in session April 1'-21, 1920, adopted the following:

Resolved 1. That as Christians and workers in God's kingdom we accept his challenge to show forth his power to settle racial differences, thereby setting before the whole world an example of the power of Christianity to meet interracial crises everywhere.

"2. That we set ourselves definitely to the task by the creation of a Commission on Racial Relationships. It shall be the duty of this Commission to study the whole question of race relationships, the needs of Negro women and children, and methods of coöperation by which better conditions may be brought about. The Commission shall strive to bring our women to a better understanding of the task before them. It shall coöperate with the Interchurch World Movement, the Southern Publicity Bureau, and similar agencies dealing with the race problem.

"3. This Commission shall consist of five women, nominated by the President and approved by the Woman's Missionary Council."

That was a great day, for the word *with* from that time on was to supplant the word *for*, thereby transfiguring this whole enterprise of service. The Commission of five was appointed. To them it was intrusted to learn what to do and how to do it. When this little band of women held their first meeting, they were absolutely at sea, not knowing which direction to take. There was just one thing they could think to do, and that was to elect a chairman and a secretary. As chairman and leader, their choice fell upon Mrs. Luke G. Johnson. As God opened up their task before them, it was more and more realized that she was the one woman perhaps in all the Church who could blaze the way toward the goal of the new vision set before the women in the 1920 Council meeting. Her rare sympathy, her sensitiveness to situations, her tireless energy, and her unusual powers of initiative—all qualified her for this peculiar work.

The first lesson that the Commission learned was this: if progress was to be made possible, the women of the two races must somehow learn to coöperate, and, in order to coöperate, they must know the difficulties in the minds of each group and side by side they must work themselves out of these difficulties. The first step taken was to seek a conference with some of the most outstanding Negro women in America. This conference was held in Tuskegee, Ala. In that heart-searching meeting a world of pain was discovered in the heart of Negro womanhood; pain that could be healed only when shared with her white sister. This small conference in Tuskegee led to an innovation. It opened the way for Mr. W. W. Alexander, Secretary of the Commission on Interracial Coöperation, to plan a meeting where, for the first time in the history of the world, a group of women made up of the two races faced their problems together. This meeting was held in Memphis in October, 1920, under the leadership of Mrs. Luke G. Johnson.

The work of this conference gave the lead to our Commission on Race Relations through the recommendations calling for the formation of special interracial committees in the auxiliaries. At that time they began to formulate plans for action. Realizing that the work of interracial coöperation was a vital part of the social service committee of the auxiliary, subcommittees of that department were recommended. Literature was published, programs formed, and letters sent throughout the Church emphasizing the paramount importance of this work and showing the way for a coöperative service in the local communities. A special educa-

tional program for leaders was projected. A three-day school was held in Atlanta in December of 1921 for the Eastern Division. Twenty Conferences were represented, seventeen sending their Conference Superintendent of Social Service. In 1923 another school was held in Dallas for the Western Division with a most gratifying attendance. These leadership meetings were supplemented by special interracial features at the summer social service conferences at Lake Junaluska and Mount Sequoyah. In addition to this, a special effort was made to reach the last auxiliary by bringing district secretaries to State meetings, held by the Commission on Interracial Coöperation. The expenses of these district secretaries were paid by the Commission and a special denominational conference held at the close of the State meetings. This comprehensive educational program was centered around three definite objectives:

1. A better knowledge on the part of the white woman of the achievements and the inherent possibilities of the Negro race, thereby forming a sure basis for friendly contacts.

2. A knowledge of conditions hindering the progress and happiness of the Negro race; a knowledge of these conditions was sought through a study of the Negro home, the Negro school, and the Negro Church, Mrs. Johnson always insisting that a first-hand knowledge be secured by our women through personal contacts.

3. A definite conviction of our responsibility as a more advantaged race for the unpardonable conditions and injustices which surround the Negro race, and a definite program for the discharge of our obligation.

The Commission has sought definitely to impress upon the women of the Church an undying obligation for the suppression of the lynching crime, pointing the way to its prevention. They have also stood against the cowardly intimidation of a less-advantaged race. In one case, wide publicity had a wholesome effect.

Through Mrs. Johnson, the chairman of the Commission, many contacts beyond the bounds of our own denomination have been made. She has presented the cause from one end of the land to the other. While this was done largely as the representative of the Woman's Work of the Commission on Interracial Coöperation, yet we have always felt that through her the thought and prayer of our own group was being made articulate. Thus has God wonderfully used our feeble response to his call.

While the most outstanding service of the Commission has been rendered by the chairman, yet other members have made definite contributions. A subcommittee, in coöperation with a like committee from the Bethlehem Center Board, put on a summer conference in Nashville, Tenn., in the summer of 1923, which was well attended and had gratifying results.

Mrs. W. A. Newell, as Superintendent of the Department of Social Service, has been untiring in her efforts to carry forward the plans of the Commission; without her work, only a small degree of success could have been attained. Mrs. L. P. Smith has done an outstanding service in

Texas, and Mrs. W. J. Piggott has represented the work most effectively, while Mrs. A. B. Smith has pushed the cause in Tennessee.

For a quadrennium and a half, the Commission has sought to fulfill the purpose for which it was created, and yet we realize that the task has only been begun. However, forces have been set in motion which more and more will tend to the consummation of the Jesus ideal of peace and good will. Inasmuch as the work of interracial coöperation is a distinct social service task, the Commission believes that the time has come when the work can be carried forward through a Council Standing Committee on Social Service and furthered through the Conferences and auxiliaries. The Commission is, therefore, recommending that the Council take such action as will be necessary to conserve the work which the Commission has already done and carry it forward to a larger and larger success.

MRS. J. W. PERRY, *Chairman*;

MISS ESTELLE HASKIN, *Secretary*.

[NOTE.—Mrs. Johnson served as chairman of the Commission until January 30, 1926, at which time her resignation was accepted because of her illness. Mrs. Johnson's financial statement is as follows:]

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, 1925-26.

Balance in bank April 1, 1925.....	\$3,131 86
Received from Council Treasurer (quarterly).....	5,000 00
Interest on savings deposits	64 27—\$8,196 13

Appropriations Order by Council.

Commission on Interracial Coöperation.....	\$2,000 00
Superintendent Social Service (Mrs. Newell).....	1,000 00— 3,000 00
Balance.....	\$5,196 13

Disbursed.

Chairman (ten months).....	\$ 500 00
Office expenses.....	77 78
Travel and hotel for chairman and members.....	131 96
Floral offering for Mrs. Booker Washington.....	10 00— 719 74
	\$4,476 39

MRS. LUKE JOHNSON, *Chairman*.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE COMMISSION OF RACE RELATIONS TO AUDIT THE BOOKS OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION.

Your Committee has examined the accounts of Mrs. Luke Johnson for the year 1925-26 and has found them correct.

MRS. W. J. PIGGOTT,

MRS. W. A. NEWELL.

SCARRITT COLLEGE FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS.

PRESIDENT J. L. CUNINGGIM.

In conversation a few days ago with several Scarritt students, I asked them what they would say if they were going to make a report on Scarritt College to the Council. Instantly one of them replied: "I would say to them, 'Come and see.'"

I.

If it were possible for you, in keeping with this happy suggestion, to visit the Scarritt campus, there are various features in which I am sure you would be interested. First of all, you would see the best location anywhere in this country for an institution which exists primarily for the training of missionary workers for the Southern Methodist Church. In the very center of the Methodist connection, surrounded by the large missionary, Sunday school, League, and publishing interests of the Church, and in close proximity to the leading teacher college of the South, Scarritt College has a location that cannot be duplicated anywhere else. It is not surprising that those who visit Scarritt come to the conviction that we were divinely guided in the selection of the location for the institution.

You will not see at Scarritt a large physical plant, but a campus of about nine acres, with nine residences, and an additional residence which has been rented this year to care for an increased number of students. In the rented building, now much more than a hundred years old, the students have their meals, while they room in the several residences and have their classes in the classrooms of Peabody College. You will, however, note that a part of the campus is alive with workmen busy constructing new buildings. A new dining hall and kitchen and two units of the Bennett Memorial are now being erected and will be ready for occupancy, so the contractor tells us, by January 1.

More important than the physical plant of Scarritt is the faculty, to which one addition has been made this year—Miss Louise Young, Professor of Home Missions. It is not a large faculty, not as large as we must and will have, but it is a faculty for which any institution might well rejoice. God has wonderfully blessed us in giving to Scarritt the men and women who are devoting their lives to that institution. They are men and women, who, by reason of their ability, their scholarship, and their supreme devotion to Jesus Christ are prepared to train young men and women for Christian service.

A very important factor in any institution is the student body, and this is strikingly true of Scarritt College. This is not because of the large number of Scarritt students, though there has been a gratifying increase in numbers. The last year the training school was in Kansas City there were enrolled only sixty-seven students, while this year we have had on our campus over one hundred, with a goodly number of students from the community and from adjacent institutions taking part of their work with us. Leaving aside the students from affiliated institutions, those registered at Scarritt represent eighteen States and four foreign countries—*viz.*,

Mexico, Japan, Korea, and China. But the most significant fact about the Scarritt student body is the character of students of which it is composed. There we have select young women from many institutions, young women with a common purpose, and that the highest purpose that one may have. Thus we have cause for gratitude in the healthy development in the size and character of the Scarritt student body.

Another feature that will interest you is the wealth of educational advantages available for Scarritt students by reason of our affiliation with George Peabody College for Teachers. According to the terms of affiliation which have been worked out during the year, the students of each institution have the privilege of electing one-third of their work in the other institution. Thus the rich variety of courses offered in that great teachers' college become available for the Scarritt students, and these, together with the splendid advantages provided by our own faculty, afford opportunities far superior to those heretofore enjoyed.

II.

But instead of taking further time to speak of the things that one may see at Scarritt, let me mention some of the more notable characteristics of the institution, characteristics that are now present to some degree and that must be more fully developed in the Greater Scarritt.

The first characteristic to be noted is the emphasis upon thorough intellectual furnishing and training for religious workers. The conditions under which such workers must serve to-day, whether in the homeland or foreign fields, are exceedingly complex. The atmosphere is charged with questions about which even Christian men are divided, questions theological, educational, ecclesiastical, social, industrial, racial. If Christian workers are to be prepared to render effective service as religious leaders they must be thoroughly intelligent with regard to these complex conditions and must have a thorough understanding of the message of Christ and its application to the problems of to-day. It would be a tragedy for Scarritt to send out Christian workers at home or abroad unable to meet the conditions under which they must work. The Greater Scarritt, therefore, must have the ability and the courage to provide sane intellectual leadership for those who are preparing for Christian service.

Second, in the preparation given at Scarritt it is recognized that one learns by doing, that work in the classroom or library merely will not prepare one for Christian service. Various social and religious agencies in the community are, therefore, used as laboratory centers in which students may develop skill in dealing with concrete problems. Nashville furnishes splendid opportunities for demonstration centers for the various types of social and religious work. In the development of such practical service, in providing faculty direction and supervision for such service, and in the close correlation of this work and that of the classroom, Scarritt will furnish a training for Christian service that is at once practical and educationally sound. Already a good beginning has been made in what must be one of the chief features of the Greater Scarritt.

Third, another feature that characterizes Scarritt is the training of character through the maintenance of Christian family life. One of the factors that largely determines the effectiveness of Christian workers is their ability to live and work with others in a Christian way. This involves various qualities of disposition and character, such as self-control, tolerance, unselfishness, which, in a large degree, are the result of training. Candidates for Christian service are frequently in need of just such training; they need loving assistance in detecting and overcoming defects of character and disposition. To provide such training is one of the chief purposes of Scarritt College. Because it is small in numbers, because of the intimate fellowship between faculty and students, because of the family characteristics of the institution, Scarritt can and does assist its students in the development of character to an extent quite impossible in large institutions. This must continue to be one of the chief emphases of the Greater Scarritt.

Fourth, a significant feature of Scarritt is the international note in the thinking and life of the institution. During the present year no less than thirteen missionaries on furlough from the foreign fields have been working at Scarritt in addition to foreign students from Mexico, Japan, Korea, and China. This fact constitutes both an asset and an opportunity. The presence on our campus and in our classrooms of these consecrated servants of Christ from the four corners of the earth contributes immensely to broaden the thinking and to deepen the consecration of the Scarritt family. It is a privilege for any young woman during her period of training to be surrounded by such an influence as this. But when you look at the other side of the picture, one can see Scarritt's immense opportunity to send out its life and power to all the nations of the earth. Scarritt is not merely a center for the training of candidates for missionary work; it is now a home to which missionaries return from their labors in all parts of the world for further preparation; it is also becoming a center in which foreign students may find intellectual and spiritual preparation for the service of Christ among their own people.

Fifth, Scarritt is already quite notable because of the religious atmosphere that permeates the institution; but the Greater Scarritt must be increasingly a center of spiritual power. Of course Christian workers need a thorough intellectual preparation; they need a high degree of practical skill; they need refined, well-rounded character, but they must have, also, if they are to be effective, the power of God's Spirit. Perhaps this is to-day the greatest lack on the part of the Church and even of Christian workers. If the world is ever to be won for Christ, his disciples must have such a realization of his power in their lives that they can witness to him. They must proclaim him not as an ideal merely, but as an experience. It is with this conviction that Christ is made central and dominant in the life at Scarritt. It is not concerned, primarily, with books or creeds or organization; its supreme emphasis is Christ. As a school for the training of Christian workers it must be able to assist its students to realize the power of Christ in their lives. Scarritt must combine, as did John

Wesley, genuine spiritual experience with broad and thorough scholarship.

III.

For the realization of the Greater Scarritt we must have a suitable physical plant. It will not be an extensive plant, for Scarritt does not aspire to be a big institution; it will, however, embody and typify the spirit of the institution and of Miss Belle H. Bennett, its founder. According to the plan that has been worked out, the future completed campus will be in the shape of a cross, with the Belle H. Bennett Memorial standing at the center. In addition to the completion of this Memorial and the dining hall and kitchen now under construction there is urgent need for a dormitory and recreational building. With these facilities our needs would be met for several years. No less important than a suitable physical plant is an adequate endowment. The increased cost of overhead expenses, the need of adding additional teachers to the staff, and the necessity of increasing salaries from time to time make it necessary to provide an endowment for the Greater Scarritt. By the coöperation of the Woman's Council with its great organization this can be done. Throughout the Church there are men and women to whom God has entrusted large means. If Scarritt is presented to them some of them no doubt will appreciate the distinctive character of the institution and will be glad to supply its needs.

Finally, if Scarritt is fully to realize the distinctive character and to fulfill its greater mission it must have your moral and spiritual support. The faculty and students of Scarritt, with the hearty coöperation of the Board of Trustees, are giving their best to the realization of the Greater Scarritt. It is a high ideal and will not be achieved without earnest prayer and strenuous effort. If it is to be achieved it is necessary that we have the coöperation of the friends of Scarritt throughout the Church.

Reports of Committees.

APPOINTMENTS OF DEACONESSES AND HOME MISSIONARIES, 1926-27.

- Atlanta, Ga.: City Mission Board, Deaconess Bessie Allen.
- Augusta, Ga.: Bethlehem House, Deaconess Frances Howard.
Paine College, Missionary Carmen Blessing; Deaconess Rachel Cantrell.
- Baltimore, Md.: City Mission Board. Deaconess Wilhelmina Wahroos;
Deaconess Jennie Congleton; Deaconess Emma Wall.
- Birmingham, Ala.: Eva Comer Home, Mrs. Helen Woodward, supply.
Norwood Church, Missionary Nellie Howard.
Ensley Community House, Missionary Dorothy Crim, Miss Bess
Rhodes, supply.
- Bible Teachers in State Schools:*
- Denton, Tex.: College of Industrial Arts, Miss McQueen Weir.
- Durant, Okla.: East Oklahoma State Teachers' College, Miss Mary De
Bardeleben.
- Williamsburg, Va.: William and Mary College, Miss Olive W. Downing.
- Columbia, Mo.: Bible School, State University, Miss Helen Stafford.
- Ada, Okla.: State Teachers' College, Missionary Mildred Ragan.
Student Secretary, Missionary Lillian Lehnhoff.
- Biloxi, Miss.: Wesley Community House, Deaconess Elizabeth Taylor;
Extension Work; Miss Sallie Ellis, supply; Mrs. J. C. Field, missionary.
- Board of Missions, Literature Department, Deaconess Emily Olmstead.
- Brevard, N. C.: Brevard Institute, Miss Emma Miller, supply; Mission-
ary Esther Boggs; Missionary Lillie Hendricks; Missionary Iva May
Pierce; Missionary Frances Denton.
- Bristol, Va.: State Street Church, Deaconess Jennie Ducker.
- Charlotte, N. C.: Duncan Memorial Church, Deaconess Fannie Bame.
Spencer Memorial Church, Miss Henrietta Logan, supply.
- Charlottesville, Va.: First Methodist Church, Deaconess Grace Gatewood.
- Chattanooga, Tenn.: Centenary Methodist Church, Deaconess Helen
Gibson.
Wesley Community House, Deaconess Selden Bryan; Deaconess
Brooksie Davenport.
- Coal Fields, W. Va.: Bluefield District, Deaconess Mollie Womack;
Deaconess Martha Parham; Missionary Sarah Kee; Deaconess
Cornelia Godbey; Deaconess Bess Eaton; Miss Hyda Heard, supply;
Miss Effie Farver, supply; Miss Annie Moffitt, supply; Miss Agnes
Stewart, supply; Miss Maude Buck, supply.
- Columbia, S. C.: Wesley Community House, Missionary Edith Leighty.
- Dallas, Tex.: Wesley Community House, Deaconess Elah Cannon; Mis-
sionary Eva Joe Phillips.

- Mexican Work, Deaconess Annie Price; Miss Lulu Bell, supply.
 Negro Work, Missionary Martha Nutt.
- Virginia Johnson Home, Deaconess Emma Vogel; Deaconess Susie Teel.
 Danville, Va.: Wesley Community House, Deaconess Sarah Lowder;
 Deaconess Ruth Hefin.
- Fort Worth, Tex.: Wesley Community House, Miss Rena Murphy, supply;
 Deaconess Juanita Hill.
- First Church, Deaconess Ida Stevens.
- Greeneville, Tenn.: Holston Orphanage, Missionary Belle Hennen.
 Hartshorn Okla.: Brooks Insitute, Deaconess Mattie Cunningham.
- Houma, La.: French Rural Work and McDonald Mission School, Deacon-
 ess Ella Hooper; Missionary Laura White; Missionary Viola Long.
- Houston, Tex.: Girls' Coöperative Home, Missionary Florence Whiteside;
 Missionary Eugenia Young.
- Mexican Work, Deaconess Eugenia Smith; Deaconess Kate Walker.
 First Church, Missionary Helen Gardner.
- Jackson, Miss.: Galloway Memorial Church, Deaconess Mamie Chandler.
 Johnson City, Tenn.: Muncie Memorial Church, Deaconess Pattie Allen.
- Kansas City, Mo.: Institutional Church, Deaconess Florence Blackwell;
 Deaconess Dorothy Dodd; Deaconess Lila May Campbell; Dea-
 coness Helen Reeves.
- Spofford Home, Deaconess Daisy Ritter; Missionary Myrta Davis.
- Key West, Fla.: Ruth Hargrove, Deaconess Laura Harris; Missionary
 Verdie Anderson; Missionary Lottie Green.
- Knoxville, Tenn.: Wesley Community House, Deaconess Mary Nichols.
- Laredo, Tex.: Holding Institute, Missionary Ura Leveridge; Deaconess
 Mary E. Glendenning; Deaconess May Sells.
- London, Ky.: Sue Bennett School, Deaconess Emma Burton; Missionary
 Emily Dorsey; Missionary Pearl McCain; Missionary Edith Ader.
- Lexington, Ky.: Coöperative Home, Deaconess Maria Elliot.
- Los Angeles, Calif.: Homer Toberman Mission and Clinic, Deaconess
 Josephine Berglund; Missionary Muriel Bell; Deaconess Lexie
 Vivian; Miss O'Lula Hanna, supply.
- Louisville, Ky.: Wesley Community House, Deaconess Ellen Gainey;
 Missionary Lula Kagey; Missionary Eunice O'Bryant.
- Memphis, Tenn.: Wesley Community House, Deaconess Connie Fagan.
 First Church, Missionary Grace Driver.
- Meridian, Miss.: Wesley Community House, Deaconess Annie Trawick;
 Missionary Bessie Bunn.
- Miami, Fla.: Trinity Church, Deaconess Addie Greeley.
- Mobile, Ala.: Dumas Institutional Church, Deaconess Dora Hoover.
- Montgomery, Ala.: Community Center, Deaconess Constance Palmore.
- Murfreesboro, Tenn.: Wesley Community House, Miss Maggie Cox, supply.
- Nashville, Tenn.: Wesley Community House, Missionary Sue Cole; Mission-
 ary Lora Long; Deaconess Mamie Robinson; Missionary May Coburn.
- Bethlehem House, Deaconess Margaret Young; Missionary Myra
 Ormond.

- Centenary Institute, Deaconess Rosalie Riggin; Missionary Birdie Reynolds.
- Norfolk, Va.: City Mission Work, Irene Knapp, supply.
- New Orleans, La.: St. Mark's Settlement, Deaconess Berta Ellison; Missionary Annie Rogers; Deaconess Bess Sargent; Nurse Lydia Rikie, supply.
- Oklahoma City, Okla.: Wesley Community House, Missionary Dorothea Reid; Miss Maude Fuller, supply.
- Orangeburg, S. C.: Wesley Community House, Deaconess Gertrude Grizzard; Miss Athalia Baker, supply.
- Phoenix, Ariz.: Central Church, Deaconess Minnie Webb.
- Picher, Okla.: Settlement Work, Mrs. Lucy Rorer, supply.
- Portsmouth, Va.: City Mission Board, Missionary Sophie Kuntz.
- Richmond, Va.: Methodist Institute, Deaconess Jane Wilkinson.
Belle Bennett Inn, Deaconess Mary Daniel.
- Roanoke, Va.: Community Center, Miss Johnsie Hobson, supply.
- North Mississippi Conference, Miss Bessie Miller, supply.
- North Arkansas Conference, Helena District, Missionary Minnie Lee Edison.
- North Arkansas Conference, Jonesboro District, Miss Virginia Johnson, Supply.
- North Georgia Conference, Miss Bert Winter, supply.
- Caledonia, Tex.: Missionary Virginia Hall.
- San Antonio, Tex.: Wesley Community House, Missionary Susie Mitchell; Missionary Elma Morgan; Missionary Eula McCoy; Miss Jennie Bess McClain, supply.
- San Francisco, Calif.: Mary Elizabeth Inn, Deaconess Ethel Jackson; Deaconess Glenn Moore.
Wesley Community House, Deaconess Bertha Cox. St. Joseph, Mo.: Wesley Community House, Missionary Ella Bowden; Miss Lucy Bell, supply; Deaconess Mary Hasler.
- St. Louis, Mo.: Kingdom House, Deaconess Annie Alford; Deaconess Crystal Harrison; Nurse, to be supplied.
Centenary Church, Deaconess Mabel Kennedy; Deaconess Gay Hoke; Deaconess Willa Duncan.
- Scarritt College, Student Counselor, Deaconess Mary Ora Durham.
- Spartanburg, S. C.: Wesley Community House, Missionary Agnes Stackhouse; Missionary Pearl Edwards.
- Spindale, N. C.: Pastor's Assistant, Deaconess Evelyn Waddell.
- Tampa, Fla.: Wolff Settlement, Deaconess Adeline Peebles; Missionary Carrie Porter; Missionary Martha Lewis.
Italian Work Missionary Alice McCarty.
- Rosa Valdez Settlement, Mrs. Nellie O'Beirne, supply;
Missionary Annie Lewis; Miss Golda Runkle, supply.
- Thomasville, Ga.: Vashti School, Deaconess Mozelle Eubanks; Missionary Martha Robinson; Missionary Ola Gilbert; Missionary Iva Lou Matkin; Missionary Elizabeth Russell.

Thurber, Tex.: Wesley Community House, Mrs. Bertha Felden, supply.
 Vernon, Tex.: Pastor's Assistant, Deaconess Falla Richardson.
 Waco, Tex.: Rebecca Sparks Inn, Missionary Maude Fail.

The following ask to be continued on leave of absence:

Miss Cleta Kennedy, study; Miss Margaret Ragland, health; Miss Mary Etta Freeman, family; Miss Josephine Dryer, family; Miss Grace Rowland, study; Miss Willena Henry, family; Miss Aletha Graham, personal.

The following ask for year's leave of absence:

Miss Ruby Berkley, study; Miss Bithia Reed, study; Miss Cora Borchers, family; Miss Nettie Stroup, health; Miss Rhoda Dragoo, health; Miss Elizabeth Lockwood, health; Miss Lillian Parker, health; Miss Jessie Drew Gill, health; Miss Ocie Sanders, family; Miss Katherine Arnold, study; Mrs. Selden Bryan, study; Miss Nell McLain, health; Miss Bell Semrill, health; Miss Mary Stokes, family.

The following have been released at their own request

Mrs. Carrie Bond, Mrs. Lena Sitton, Miss Blanche Day, Miss Carobel Shearouse, Miss Mary Ella McCall, Miss Ellen Grey Wright, Miss Elizabeth Cox, Miss Elza Mae Lee.

The following have not been heard from during the year:

Miss Ethel Wells, absence 1925, study; Miss Ida J. Moore, absence 1925, family reasons; Estelle Wagoner, absence 1925, personal.

The following have married during the year:

Miss Lois Hatcher, Miss Mary Kimbro, Miss Elise Setzler, Miss Nelle Wynn, Miss Grace Brewer.

The name of Miss Lois Tinsley was referred to the committee on retirement.

COMMITTEE ON HOME FIELD.

REPORT NO. 1.

The Committee on Home Field recommend for consecration at the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Council, Raleigh, N. C., March 10 to 17, 1926, the following candidates for the office of deaconess: Miss Martha Robinson, Miss Mary E. Glendening, Miss Emma Wall, Miss Bess Sargent.

REPORT NO. 2.

We recommend for consecration at the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Council at Raleigh, N. C., March 10 to 17, 1926, the following home missionaries: Miss Lena Viola Long, Upper South Carolina Conference; Miss Edith Beatrice Ader, Western North Carolina Conference; Pearle Edwards, South Georgia Conference; Miss Myra Crawford Ormond, North Carolina Conference; Mrs. Virginia Hall, Western Virginia Conference; Miss Birdie Reynolds, Baltimore Conference; Miss Iva Lou Matkin, North Texas Conference; Miss Eula McCoy, Memphis Conference; Miss Elizabeth Russell, Southwest Missouri Conference.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN FIELDS.

REPORT No. 1.

Your Committee received the following missionaries accepted by the Candidates Committee of the Board of Missions, and present them for consecration: Miss Sallie Lewis Brown, Virginia Conference; Miss Lorena Foster, R.N., West Texas Conference; Miss Sallie Elizabeth Carroll, Virginia Conference; Miss Ruth Diggs, Upper South Carolina Conference; Miss Irene Nixon, Central Texas Conference; Miss Myrtie Bryant, Mississippi Conference; Miss Verda Norene Farrar, St. Louis Conference; Miss Elizabeth Bass, North Carolina Conference; Miss Helen Hodgson, Pacific Conference; Miss Edith Bayne, South Georgia Conference.

REPORT No. 2.

1. Regarding the Memorial from the missionaries in Cuba asking that the heads of institutions and lines of work who report their work in person to the Annual Conference in Cuba, be recognized as members of same, your Committee recommend nonconcurrence.

2. The Committee recommend that the recommendations from the Estimates Committee that the proceeds from the sale from the Anadarko property in Oklahoma be applied to the fund for special training for missionaries on furlough be granted.

3. We recommend that a Standing Committee be appointed composed of the two Foreign Secretaries, one educational and one evangelistic missionary from each Foreign Field, and two members from the Foreign Committee of the Council to study the problem of the training of native leadership, and report to the Council in 1927.

4. Concerning the Memorial from the Brazil Conference Woman's Missionary Society, regarding the location of a Girls' School at Juiz de Fora, we recommend that while we appreciate the need of doing something for our girls in Juiz de Fora, and would like to have the opportunity of coöperating in this with the Missionary Societies in Brazil, we cannot see our way clear to reënter Juiz de Fora.

5. After considering the situation of the Latin-American fields we recommend that the Week of Prayer money for 1926, be directed to Collegio Isabella Hendrix in Bello Horizonte, Brazil, for a new building.

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

MRS. D. BEACH CARRÉ, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON HOME FIELD.

REPORT No. 3.

The Committee recommend:

1. That the Week of Prayer offering for 1926 be directed to Brevard Institute, Brevard, N. C., for the erection of a girls' dormitory.

2. That the name "Taylor Hall" be retained for the new Girls' Dormitory erected during the year 1925 at Brevard Institute, Brevard, N. C., which building replaced the old one that bore that name.

3. That the new Home Economics building at Paine Annex be named "Mary Helm Hall."

4. That work on the Administration Building at Holding Institute Laredo, Tex., be begun as soon as funds for same are in the treasury.

5. That the offer of the Rev. L. L. Roberts, superintendent, on behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Seashore Camp Ground School, at Biloxi, Mississippi Conference, be accepted—viz.: That they assume payment of all land rents now due and provide for all necessary repairs on Keener Cottage, which is owned by the Woman's Missionary Council, in consideration of which the Seashore Camp Ground School shall have the use of Keener Cottage for school purposes eleven months of the year for the coming quadrennium.

6. (a) We wish to reaffirm the action taken in 1922 that the Centenary Training School for Girls, located at Springfield, Mo., "be listed under the Council for development according to Council regulations without financial obligation at the present time."

(b) We recommend that the Southwest Missouri Conference, if it so desires, be granted the privilege of rendering Centenary School for Girls such financial assistance as may be possible during its present crisis.

7. (a) That we reaffirm the policy, that Vashti Industrial School shall be an institution for preventive rather than for corrective or rescue work.

(b) That girls received from the courts shall be on probation for three months, with the understanding that they may be returned to the court for gross misconduct at any time during the first year.

(c) That girls may be kept in the institution beyond the former age limit of eighteen years in order to finish the courses offered, provided their conduct and work are satisfactory.

(d) That no girl who is feeble-minded or who is abnormal in any way shall be received in the institution.

(e) That the name of the institution be changed from "Vashti Industrial School" to "Vashti School."

8. That the North Georgia Conference be given permission to establish and maintain Rural Work, provided the pledge is paid and the per cent of increase adopted by the Council is made.

9. That the Northwest Texas Conference be granted the privilege of contributing financial support to a Summer Camp for Girls, provided the pledge is paid and the required per cent of increase is made.

10. Concerning the request of the City Mission Board of Chattanooga, Tenn., that the offering from the Week of Prayer be used for building a Bethlehem House in that city. Since it is not the policy of the Woman's Missionary Council to appropriate money to City Mission Boards for the erection of buildings, the Committee regrets that the request cannot be granted.

11. Your Committee recommends:

That a survey be made at the beginning of each quadrennium in each community in which there is located a Home Mission agency connected with the Woman's Missionary Council, a copy of same to be filed with the

Administrative Secretary of the Home Field, a copy to be furnished the officers of the Conference in which the agency is located, and a copy to be kept on file in the office of the agency or institution by which the survey is made as a part of the permanent record of such agency or institution. The survey shall be based on the following—*viz.*: Size of community, population, races, type of work, wages, living conditions, recreation and amusements, health, education, and churches.

REPORT NO. 4.

Covering the recommendation from the Regional Conferences in regard to a year for rest and study for Deaconesses and Home Missionaries.

Your Committee recommend:

1. That Deaconesses and Home Missionaries, at the expiration of six years of continuous service, shall be given a furlough of one year, on salary; nine months of which shall be devoted to study, which shall be decided upon in consultation with the Administrative Secretary in whose division she works.

2 (a) That group insurance be taken out by the Home Section for all active workers in the home field.

(b) The premium on the first \$1,000 for each worker insured shall be paid from the Relief and Retirement Fund. Any worker desiring additional insurance may take same at her own expense.

(c) This provision for insurance shall not affect the worker's relation to the Relief and Retirement Fund.

(d) The terms of the group insurance policy provide that six months' illness constitutes total disability, at the expiration of which period the face value of the policy is paid to the insured. This, however, shall not relieve the employing agency or Council from the regulation now in force for the financial protection of workers in case of illness, provided, however, that when the insurance policy is paid the Council shall be relieved of further financial responsibility.

(e) The insured shall have the privilege of naming the beneficiary of her policy if there are those dependent upon her; otherwise, the Woman's Missionary Council shall be named as the beneficiary.

REPORT NO. 5.

1. Your Committee has considered the cordial invitation from the Methodist Foundation of Oklahoma to cooperate in the Christian education program to be put on by the Methodist Foundation in the Oklahoma State University. We recommend that the Administrative Secretary of the Western Division and the Council members resident in the State of Oklahoma be requested to study this proposal and to report the result of their study to the Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Council with recommendations.

2. The Committee considered requests from the Mississippi and the North Mississippi Conferences for permission to cooperate with the two

Annual Conferences of Mississippi in the financial support of a secretary to work among Methodist students in the Mississippi State Woman's College at Columbus.

The Committee recommend that the requests be granted.

MRS. NAT G. ROLLINS, *Chairman*;

MRS. JOHN S. TURNER, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON CANDIDATES.

1. Your Committee has considered the recommendation of the sub-committee on candidates concerning the educational requirements for home missionaries and deaconesses, asking that they be raised to two years of college without equivalent. The Committee recommend concurrence.

2. The Committee recommend that there shall be an educational requirement for indorsed workers of not less than four years of high school.

MRS. H. R. STEELE, *Chairman*;

MRS. E. B. CHAPPELL, *Secretary*.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR HOME FIELD.

BASIS OF APPROPRIATION.

Dues, \$159,470.59; Pledge, \$161,563.40; Life Members, \$1,483.91; other sources, \$32,556.03. Total basis, \$355,075.

APPROPRIATIONS.

Mountain Work, \$38,972; Mexican Work, \$31,172; Gulf Coast Work, \$23,593.50; Cuban Work, \$13,661; Negro Work, \$20,895.70; Work with Miners, \$8,900; Dependent Girls, \$13,450; Bible Teachers, \$6,900; Delinquent Girls, \$12,000; Wesley House, San Francisco, \$1,821; Miscellaneous, \$16,495; Scarritt College, \$23,000; City Mission and Conference appropriation, \$11,045; Administration, \$17,265; Home Cultivation, \$29,221; Candidate Work, \$5,715; Contingent, \$17,754; balance to be applied on Centenary, \$63,215. Total, \$355,075.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR FOREIGN FIELDS.

Basis of Appropriation.....\$662,447

APPROPRIATIONS.

China Mission, \$145,531; Japan Mission, \$88,020; Korea Mission, \$131,123; Siberia Mission, \$14,183; Brazil Mission, \$53,193; Congo Mission, \$12,389; Cuba Mission, \$26,881; Mexico Mission, \$90,547; Scarritt College for Christian Workers, \$20,500; Interboard Work, \$3,490; Administration of Foreign Fields, \$18,481; Home Cultivation and Candidate Work, \$33,286; Contingent 24,823. Total, \$662,447.

HOME CULTIVATION COMMITTEE.

REPORT No. 1.

Missionary Education.

We, your Committee on Home Cultivation, recommend the following books for study in 1926-27.

Foreign—Topic, The Moslem World.

For Adults and Young People.—"The Moslem Faces the Future" (Sailor), "Moslem Women" (Amy E. and Samuel N. Zwermer), "Young Islam on Trek" (Basil Matthews).

For Intermediates.—"Land of the Minaret," a Handbook for Leaders.

For Juniors.—"Friends of the Caravan Trails," A Handbook for teachers of Juniors. "Two Young Arabs," by Amy E. Zwermer.

For Primaries.—Musa: "Son of Egypt," Handbook for teachers of primary children.

Home Missions—Topic, Rural Life.

For Adults and Young People.—"Our Templed Hills," a study of the Church and rural life, by R. E. Felton.

For Intermediates.—"Frontiersmen of the Faith," by Ed E. White.

For Juniors.—"Better Americans I," "Better Americans II," "Better Americans III."

Additional Books.—"Missionary Heroes," by Hammond, "Healing Ourselves," by Clark, "Women and Missions," by Haskin, "Story of Missions," by White, for young people.

Bible Study: "Life as a Stewardship," by Guy L. Morrill. "Studies in Prophecy," by Mary De Bardeleben. "What We Believe," by F. N. Parker. "How We Got Our Bible," by Patterson Smythe. "The Story of the Old Testament," by Carter. "The Story of the New Testament," by Carter. "Life and Letters of Paul," by Carter. "Missionary Message of the Bible," by Ed F. Cook. "Studies in Life of Jesus and Apostles," by Bosworth.

The Committee nominate the following as Council representatives on the Boards of Interdenominational Schools of Missions: Baltimore, Mrs. T. J. Copeland; Dallas, Mrs. L. P. Smith; Houston, Mrs. J. W. Mills; Los Angeles, Mrs. Q. J. Rowley; New Orleans, Mrs. D. B. Carré.

REPORT No. 2.

Adult.

The Home Cultivation Committee makes the following recommendations:

I. Concerning Zones.

Whereas a number of Conferences have successfully used the zone or country plan of district organization, we recommend:

1. Its use in all districts wherever possible.
2. That plans for the conduct of zone work that have proved successful

in the several Conferences be gathered by the organization secretary and put in printed form for all Conference, district, and zone leaders.

II. Concerning Circles.

1. We reiterate the action taken at the Tampa meeting: "That when the growth of auxiliaries makes necessary for convenience in cultivation and service the subdivision of the membership, we recommend that circles be formed and that great care be exercised in all cases that the unity of the organization be preserved and that the several circles keep their activities within the recognized scope of the Woman's Missionary Society.

2. That the wisest possible use be made of the circles for enlisting new members by associating with each circle women who have a common interest with the missionary women in social service and local work and who may possibly be won for full membership in the society.

3. That the following standard of excellence be used for circles:

- (a) Increased number of women being cultivated.
- (b) Net gain in missionary membership.
- (c) Connectional funds paid in full each quarter.
- (d) Connectional funds increased over previous year.
- (e) Fifty per cent attendance on circle meeting.
- (f) Mission study class (foreign), mission study class (home), one Bible study class.
- (g) At least fifty per cent of members taking *Voice*.
- (h) Twelve circle meetings during the year.
- (i) Social service activities.
- (j) Local work.

4. That the leader of each circle shall be an active member of Missionary Society.

5. That the leaders of the circles with the Executive Committee of the Missionary Society shall be a council for consultation and directing the work of the circles and the entire society.

6. That prominence be given to Business Women's Circles.

7. That circles be reorganized at least every two years, yearly if possible.

III. Concerning Changes in Standard of Excellence:

That the Standard of Excellence for adult missionary societies be changed to read as follows:

Representation from every circle at regular auxiliary meeting.

Fifty per cent of auxiliary membership attending circle meetings during month.

Net increase in membership for year.

Finances paid in full by end of year.

Ten per cent financial increase over previous year.

Twelve program meetings during year.

Week of Prayer observed.

Bible Study Class.

Home Mission Study Class.

Foreign Mission Study Class.

Net increase in *Voice* subscriptions.

Missionary Cultivation (Young People, Children's Auxiliaries, New Auxiliaries, or Gibson Members).

Social Service Committees and Activities.

Reports first day of quarter.

Donation to Council institutions sent and reported.

Representation at Conference or District, Meetings, or Zone Meetings.

Auxiliaries not organized in circles will omit first two items and substitute:

(1) Fifty per cent attendance on monthly meetings.

(2) Local Work.

IV. That annual report blanks for information for the Woman's Missionary Council be prepared by the Organization Secretary for Conferences in foreign fields.

MRS. T. M. CLARK, *Chairman*.

MRS. H. R. STEELE, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 3.

Young People's Work.

Whereas the Woman's Missionary Council is asking for a full-time secretary in charge of the Department of Young People's Work, and knowing that time and freedom must be given for the adjustments necessary to the development of this department, your Committee feels that it should make no specific recommendations of policies for the new department.

But, whereas, the following plans now being used by a few superintendents contain much of good that can be generally used, your committee offers them as recommendations—viz.:

1. Concerning Standing Rules—

(a) That items 3 and 6 in Report of 1925 be deleted, as they are provided for elsewhere.

(b) That items 5 and 15 be combined into one, to read: "The Specials for the Young People's Department for the ensuing year shall be made at each annual meeting of the Council, and shall be adopted by the Conferences as their special."

(c) That items 8 and 9 be combined to read: "One afternoon of the Week of Prayer shall be given to the Young People and the offering then taken shall go through the channel of the Young People's Society."

(d) That items 11, 13, and 14 shall be combined to read: Leaflets shall be prepared to set forth the specials of the Young People's Department, and to develop the young people's work: one of these shall be on Christian stewardship, and shall be distributed in time for the January meeting.

(e) That the necessary renumbering be made.

2. That "the President, Superintendent of Young People, and Superintendent of Social Service in the Adult Auxiliary shall choose two others to act with them as a Standing Committee on Young People's Activities. This Committee shall be specially charged with the direction of the social life and the social service work of the Young People's auxiliary, but shall also assist the superintendent in every way possible."

3. That there be evolved a system of credits for work done at Summer Conferences and Assemblies.

4. That we approve the "Little Sister" plan by which societies help to organize and to foster new societies, and to receive recognition for these at Annual Meetings.

5. That each Conference set the goals to be attained in each of the Young People activities for the quadrennium, and that these be stressed each year at Assemblies and District Meetings.

6. That we strive to raise the type of work in a larger per cent of our Young People's auxiliaries to that required for the Honor Roll, thus preventing the great losses through weak organizations.

7. That each Conference Young People's Superintendent prepare a "Calendar of Events" showing the activities that the young people are to engage in each month or season in order to reach the Conference goals.

8. That we ask the Secretary of the Young People's Department to issue a list of books or a suggested reading course in Leadership Training for the help of Conference Superintendents and others interested in Young People's work.

9. That we ask for a closer supervision of and coöperation in the mission and Bible Study work of the Young People on the part of Conference Superintendents of Study. Too often this cultivation is left entirely to the care of the Superintendent of Young People, and the helpfulness of the specialist is lost.

10. That for ourselves and our Young People we set as a definite aim that we will try to Christianize all the pagan areas of our thinking and living by testing all our acts and relationships by the rule of Jesus.

11. The Committee further recommends that the Young People's Specials for 1927 shall be: Foreign—Hiroshima Girls' School, Japan. Home—St. Mark's Hall, New Orleans.

MRS. J. H. STEWART, *Chairman*,
MISS OSCIE SAUNDERS, *Secretary*.

REPORT NO. 4.

Children's Work.

We note with profound gratitude the progress which the Children's Work has made during the last quadrennium and the growing realization on the part of our Church of its responsibility for the Missionary Education of the children. However, we wish to call attention to the large number of children in Southern Methodist territory who are receiving no religious training. Therefore we recommend:

1. A systematic effort on the part of Superintendents and other officers to cultivate these unoccupied areas in their Conferences by organizing and promoting Children's Societies.

2. That all superintendents of Children's work avail themselves of the excellent opportunities for training offered in the Standard and Cokesbury Schools.

3. Inasmuch as the Woman's Missionary Council is coöperating with the Board of Missions in promoting Leadership Training Schools at Mount Sequoyah and Lake Junaluska and providing special courses for leaders of Children's Missionary Societies, we recommend that as far as possible Conferences send their superintendents to these schools.

4. In order to make proper adjustments in the work of the Literature Committee we recommend that the naming of the Children's Specials for 1927 be left to the Literature Committee.

5. That Rule 5 of the Standing Rules for Children's Work be rescinded.

MRS. D. N. BOURNE, *Chairman*;

MRS. W. M. ALEXANDER, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICE.

REPORT No. 1.

1. We recommend that each Conference Society appoint a small Conference Committee on Social Service and that the Superintendent shall be a member.

2. We recommend that the Conference Social Service Committees within the bounds of any given State shall coöperate where State-wide activities are involved.

3. We recommend that these committees secure representation in the Women's Joint Legislative Council for the promotion of welfare legislation.

4. We recommend that these committees ally themselves with similarly constituted groups in other denominations for Christian Social Service.

Concerning Race Relations.

1. We recommend to Conference Committees as a major task in States having Negro citizens the promotion of interracial justice and good will.

2. We recommend that the Conference Superintendent and Committee shall select some auxiliary favorably conditioned and assist the Superintendent of that auxiliary in organizing a demonstrative interracial committee, and shall so further the work of this committee that it may be a stimulus to other auxiliaries.

3. We recommend that our superintendents of Social Service take the initiative in organizing community interracial committees in coöperation with other denominational groups.

4. We recommend that social service committees adopt the book, "The Basis of Racial Adjustment," by T. J. Woolfer, of the General Commission on Interracial Coöperation (409 Palmer Building, Atlanta, Ga.) for study groups.

Concerning Child Labor.

1. Since the several States that failed to ratify the Child Labor Amendment asserted their competence and intention to protect the children in

these States by laws that would maintain as high standard as the proposed Federal amendment, we urge Conference societies to take an active part in promoting such legislation as will accomplish this aim.

2 We further recommend continued effort toward the ratification of the Federal Child Labor Amendment.

Concerning Motion Pictures.

Realizing that the aim of the Motion Picture Council of America "looks toward the betterment of motion pictures," and also "toward the correlation of the various agencies within a community in a united effort toward improving conditions" through education, we therefore indorse the work of the Federal Motion Picture Council and call their activities to the attention of Conference and local auxiliary.

That resolutions be addressed to the chairman of the House of Representatives' Committee on Education asking that some bill on federal regulations of motion pictures be reported. Also that similar resolutions be sent to the members of State legislatures.

Report No. 2.

Whereas we observe a determined effort on the part of organizations opposed to prohibition in Congress and in States to nullify the Eighteenth Amendment and modify the Volstead Act to bring back wine and beer, thereby reinstating the old evils of the saloon, with less possibility of restraint; whereas it is openly stated that the next primaries and elections in certain doubtful States will present candidates pledged to work for the return of wine and beer—

Be it resolved, That Christian women citizens enter actively into this campaign as an opportunity for a crusade for righteousness.

Resolved, That this body, representing a membership of approximately 300,000 in twenty-three States through their accredited delegates, go on record as supporting the Eighteenth Amendment and its enforcing law, the Volstead Act, with no modification.

Be it resolved, That we support the Cramton Bill to provide for civil service appointments for all prohibition officials rather than the present demoralizing plan of political patronage.

Resolved, That we unite with the Woman's National Committee for Law Enforcement in its convention to be held April 11-13, in Washington, D. C., through accredited delegates from as many States as possible and that we take the initiative in all States in calling simultaneous conventions of women for law enforcement.

Resolved, That we send these resolutions to our representatives in Congress and State legislatures and that we assume our full duties as citizens in the coming campaign.

Resolved, That we take no part in the referendum which is a part of the propoganda of liquor forces.

Resolved, That we study the leaflet, "Church Women and Christian Citizenship" (Literature Headquarters), and adopt the methods there-

in presented for securing candidates who will stand for law enforcement and other phases of reform and welfare.

REPORT No. 3.

Peace and War.

1. We declare our faith in the power of the "superresistance" of love and good will to make the only permanent adjustment of controversies between individuals, races, and nations.

2. In order that these forces may become articulate in the life of our nation we call upon our government to establish some form of machinery for the promotion of good will and mutual understanding between nations as a means toward bringing in the era of permanent world peace.

3. We indorse the plans and purposes of the Covenant of the League of Nations, and express a desire to see our nation assume the privileges and responsibilities of full membership in that great international body.

4. Believing that the facts concerning war and its attendant evil, the system of military training, constitute their own indictment in the minds and hearts of Christians, we call upon our women to study the whole question and to give publicity to their findings as a means of outlawing war.

5. The following quotation taken from the manual used in the R. O. T. C. units in our schools and colleges is a convincing example of the brutalizing effect of this training on the young manhood of our nations: "Bayonet fighting is possible only because red-blooded men naturally possess the fighting instinct, . . . men still have fight in them after you stick them unless you hit a vital spot; . . . but when the bayonet comes out and the air sucks in and they begin to bleed on the inside they feel the pain and lose their fight; . . . to finish an opponent who hangs on, or attempts to pull you to the ground, always try to break his hold by driving the knee or foot to his crotch and gouging his eyes with your thumbs."

We therefore protest against military training being a part of the curriculum of our schools and colleges.

MRS. L. W. ALFORD, *Chairman*;
MRS. H. A. DUNHAM, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON RACE RELATIONS.

REPORT No. 1.

The books of the Commission on Race Relations have been audited and have been found to be correct.

REPORT No. 2.

Inasmuch as the Commission on Race Relations has led the way in the creation of sentiment and in formation of plans for active good will between the races; and inasmuch as the promotion of the work has been functioning through the Social Service channels, we therefore recommend

that the Commission on Race Relations be discontinued and that the entire work of said Commission be promoted by a Standing Committee on Social Service.

MRS. J. N. MCEACHERN,
MRS. H. A. DUNHAM.

THE BELLE H. BENNETT MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

The Bennett Memorial Campaign has been moving steadily forward during the past year. The plan of promotion during 1925 was received with hearty approval by the Conference leaders and was entered into with the same spirit of loyalty and devotion that has ever characterized the women of the Missionary Society.

A large number of the Conferences held a special meeting prior to their annual meeting for the purpose of recounting the progress made, to consider any problems that had arisen, and to outline the future plans of promotion within the Conference. These special meetings were attended by the Conference campaign leader, the Conference officers, district secretaries, and a representative from the Council. They proved valuable in bringing about closer coöperation between the Bennett Memorial Committee and the Conference leaders.

Special emphasis was given to the Memorial at each of the Annual Conference meetings, at district and group meetings, as well as in the auxiliaries. The reports of the year show progress in gifts, in interest, and in an increasing determination to reach the goal set for the Memorial.

The record showed, however, that only eleven Conferences had accepted as their goal an amount equal to five dollars per capita, which the Bennett Memorial Committee had in mind as a basis for fixing as a minimum goal, an offering of five hundred thousand dollars, and which report was adopted by the Council at its meeting in 1924.

The total amount sent to the Council Treasurer by the close of the second year of the campaign, 1925, was \$251,227.26.

With these facts in mind and with the responsibility of outlining plans for the last long lap of the journey, the Bennett Memorial Committee was of the conviction that a still more intensive program would be necessary in bringing the campaign to a successful completion by December 31, 1926.

The Promotion Committee for 1925 was enlarged and continued, and I was asked again to direct the work for 1926. This Committee, composed of Mesdames Chappell, Lipscomb, Steele, Fulton, Perry, Misses Gibson, Haskin, and Howell, has held frequent meetings and has worked diligently for the promotion of the campaign.

As the Committee recounted with deep gratitude the love and loyalty of the women and their unfailing fidelity upon which from the beginning the movement had depended, it seemed only fair that some promise should be made to render special assistance to the Conferences desiring additional help in promoting the campaign.

Knowing that this movement had gripped the heart of a woman who knew and loved Miss Bennett and that she had a burning conviction concerning the imperative need for the great Christian institution, which the

Bennett Memorial will help to make possible, the Committee made known to Miss Daisy Davies its desire to have her devote this year to the work of the Memorial. She was gracious in her reply to this appeal, and since the first of January she has worked unceasingly, meeting with gratifying success wherever she has gone. Her labors have given renewed confidence and encouragement to the Conference women, and she has inspired hope and enthusiasm where there were doubts and fears.

The Bennett Memorial is being given a prominent place again this year on the programs of the Annual Conference meetings. The Bennett Book of Remembrance is being presented on these occasions, and the auxiliaries having paid the five dollars per capita are having the opportunity of inscribing their names on their page in the book. Many auxiliaries are being inspired to attain for themselves a place of permanent record in the history of this enterprise, and are fired with a determination to make their contributions equal to the five-dollar basis. The five Conferences having the largest number of auxiliaries already attaining this goal as reported to the Council Treasurer are: Alabama, 22; Louisville, 17; Kentucky, 16; North Carolina, 16; and Holston, 15. The North Georgia and the South Georgia have been added to the list of eleven Conferences that have assumed a quota equal to five dollars per member, based on the adult membership of 1923. Other Conferences having fixed a definite sum without reference to the per capita basis are not confining their efforts to simply reaching the stated amount, but are urging their auxiliaries to make for themselves a place in the Book of Remembrance, thus helping to increase the amount pledged by the Conferences.

There was never a time when men and women were more interested in directing their wealth to educational institutions than now, and we must not fail to present Scarritt College through the Bennett Memorial as a great opportunity for the investment of money that will mean much in the progress of the missionary enterprise. To this end the Conference leaders are being urged to list the friends within their Conferences from whom large gifts may be expected and to seek to interest them in the vital importance of making provision for a high type of trained Christian workers, for carrying forward the program of Jesus for a redeemed world.

The Bennett Memorial Buildings are fast becoming a reality. Some months ago the bids were opened and the contract was signed for the building of two units of the Bennett Memorial. The laying of the corner stone during the meeting of the Board of Trustees, January 27, was an occasion never to be forgotten by the large assemblage of friends who gathered to participate in the ceremonies. The spirit of her to whom high tribute was paid must have been very near to many on that occasion as they rejoiced in the realization of her vision coming true.

As Miss Gibson led in a tender prayer and as the box, which contained among other things Miss Bennett's Bible presented by our President, Mrs. Stephens, was being placed in the corner stone, there seemed to come a new fresh message urging us to press on in the campaign for funds not only to pay for the buildings which will stand as a fitting memorial to her

and to Mrs. Wightman, her colaborer, in the founding of the first Scarritt, but to strive for the endowment of the Bible Department that the young men and young women who come seeking preparation for life service may have unfolded to them the rich treasure store of truth and spiritual life contained in the Holy Word and which was the secret of the power of her life.

We cannot afford to fall short of the goal we have set for ourselves. For this one year we must concentrate our united effort on the consummation of an enterprise that shall stand for years to come as a token of our love and devotion to her who counted not her life dear unto herself, but freely gave her all that others might know Him whom to know aright is life eternal.

MRS. J. W. PERRY, *Campaign Manager*;
MISS ESTELLE HASKIN, *Secretary*.

SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE BENNETT MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

The Bennett Memorial Committee had before it the resignation of Mrs. R. W. MacDonell as leader of the Belle H. Bennett Prayer League.

Because of the pressure of duties upon Mrs. MacDonell we regretfully recommend the acceptance of her resignation.

After careful and prayerful consideration, Miss Maria L. Gibson has unanimously recommended to succeed Mrs. MacDonell in the direction of the Prayer League until the close of the Bennett Memorial Campaign.

MRS. E. B. CHAPPELL, *Chairman*;
MISS ESTELLE HASKIN, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF THE BENNETT PRAYER LEAGUE.

Seven hundred and eighty-three names are enrolled in the Bennett Prayer League, with the sole purpose of interceding for the building of the Belle Bennett Memorial and the guidance of those to whom the difficult task of planning and conducting the work is committed. For two and a half years this group of intercessors has daily, at given hours, prayed for the accomplishment of this great cause; these women have prayed for the committees and leaders of Conferences and Districts charged with this responsibility; they have prayed that the auxiliaries may measure to the opportunity; that God's money might be released in large measure for the work; and that his blessing would be upon the whole movement.

Originally the Bennett Prayer League was instituted that invalids and other handicapped persons might work through the power of prayer for this cause so dear to the heart of the women of the Church and dearer yet to the heart of the King whose ambassadors must be made ready for the peoples to whom they have been commissioned. Many who have been active in the energies of the flesh for the building of the Belle Bennett Memorial have also joined this band of intercessors, thus swelling the number enrolled on the Bennett Prayer League. Thus far this work has been the creature of the Memorial Committee, therefore not an integral

part of the Council. Where the Conference Societies or organizations have coöperated, the names have multiplied. During the past year the South-west Missouri Conference, through its leader, Mrs. Frank Witherspoon, has enrolled two hundred and seven persons, and the Holston Conference, with Mrs. J. M. Carter in leadership, reported one hundred and nine. The Tennessee Conference carries ninety members; Texas Conference, sixty-four; Virginia, forty-seven; Louisiana, thirty-two; South Carolina, thirty. The Baltimore Conference conducts the Bennett Prayer League through its "Scattered Workers," of which the consecrated, venerable, but alert Mrs. W. J. H. Robinson, of Washington, is leader. There are twenty-three invalids and incurables in the Baltimore Conference who cease not to pray for the kingdom to come through the Belle Bennett Memorial. Other members are scattered throughout the connection.

The time has come when the character and scope of this organization must be enlarged and when it should become a great force in the work of the Council. These women are praying for the coming of the kingdom, but in an hour of crisis, such as confronts the work in China and Mexico to-day, their voices should rise in one great, united orison that reaches the heart of the Eternal with a mighty appeal.

In 1917, at the Council meeting in New Orleans, Miss Bennett pleaded for such an organization in these words: "Is this Council not ready to form a League of Prayer whose members in the night watches and in the early morning hours, and again when the sun goes down behind the horizon will send up a volume of united prayer to Him to thrust forth the best and the bravest into his white harvest fields?" The Bennett Prayer League of the Belle Bennett Memorial Committee blazed the way for a league of the Council to whom special needs should be transmitted for united, determined, persistent intercession. Could there be a nobler memorial to this great leader, this woman of prayer, than a permanent organization for united prayer bearing her name?

MRS. R. W. MACDONELL, *Leader of Prayer League.*

COMMITTEE ON RURAL WORK.

In order to obtain information needed for its work, this Committee, after organization, authorized Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb to send out a questionnaire to the District Secretaries. More than one hundred of these questionnaires were returned and much valuable information regarding conditions in general and the status of the missionary work in particular was gained.

The questionnaire asked for suggestions regarding the form of organization best adapted to the rural work and received the following recommendations as to changes that should be made in order to make the missionary society effective in rural Churches:

- I. Changes recommended as to finances.
 1. That each society be given a budget according to its ability.
 2. That no specified dues be required, but that free will offerings be asked.
 3. That smaller specified dues be required.

II. Changes recommended in literature.

While the greater number of replies indicated that the present simplified literature is suitable for their needs, there were many requests for even simpler forms of literature.

III. Changes suggested as to Standard of Excellence.

There was a general opinion that the requirements for the Standard of Excellence should be modified and a number of suggestions that there be a graded Standard of Excellence for Missionary Societies.

After a full discussion of the conditions revealed and the suggestions offered through the questionnaire, it was the sense of the Committee:

1. That a modification of the form of organization and financial requirements should be allowed for new societies in the open country wherever District Secretaries think this modification advisable.

2. That this modified plan for the rural societies shall not take the form of constitution and by-laws, but shall be worked out as suggestions to District Secretaries to be used at their discretion and that these suggestions be published in a booklet.

MRS. B. W. LIPSCOMB, *Chairman*;

MRS. R. L. HOBDY, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

The Committee on Constitution and By-Laws had but two recommendations before it. It was the unanimous opinion of the committee that it would be inexpedient to call the committee to Nashville from distant points to consider these two.

The vote upon each was taken by correspondence.

The report which includes the proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws, together with the recommendations of the committee, is herewith submitted.

I

A recommendation from the Committee on Reorganization representing the present Young People's Missionary Society of the Austin Avenue Methodist Church, Waco, Tex.: That the privilege be granted the young women of the Church who are beyond the age limit of the Young People's Missionary Society to organize as a circle, known as the Young Woman's Circle of the Adult Auxiliary; that the membership of this circle be determined by a common point of view rather than any plan of grouping used by other circles of the auxiliary; that the membership of this circle be exempt from any rule of distribution.

As this question seems to the committee one for local adjustment, the Committee deems it is not within the province of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws to make a recommendation.

II

The recommendation from the Council Superintendent of Social Service that By-Law 15 of By-Laws of the Woman's Missionary Council, page 356 of the Annual Report of 1925, be amended by adding after the

Committee on Lectureships, a Committee on Social Service which shall read as follows:

1. There shall be a standing committee on Social Service consisting of seven members.

2. It shall be the duty of this committee to outline the social service activities of the Woman's Missionary Council and to formulate plans for the prosecution of the same.

The committee recommend concurrence.

MRS. F. F. STEPHENS, <i>Ex-Officio Member</i> ;	MRS. H. A. DUNHAM,
MRS. F. S. PARKER, <i>Secretary</i> ;	MRS. P. L. COBB,
MRS. A. B. SMITH,	MRS. R. H. EMBERSON,
MRS. C. W. NICHOLS,	MISS EMMA V. PEPPLER.

COMMITTEE ON LAWS.

The Committee on Laws submits the following report:

1. The Committee has been working during the year on a classification and indexed arrangement of the legislation of this body, and has made some progress.

2. All memorials, resolutions, and recommendations have been reported out of committees, all papers on the Calendar have been acted upon, leaving the Calendar clear.

MRS. J. H. STEWART,
MRS. T. J. COPELAND,
MRS. J. C. HANDY,

THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON GENERAL CONFERENCE LEGISLATION.

The Joint Committee on General Conference Legislation has held six meetings during the quadrennium. The first meeting for organization was held in Nashville, Tenn., at the time of the Mid-Year Executive meeting in 1923. The second meeting was held in Hotel Patton, Chattanooga, Tenn., on July 1, 1924, at the time of the called session of the General Conference. The other meetings were held in Nashville, Tenn., on February 4, November 14, and November 16, 1925, and February 17, 1926.

The Committee has considered papers which were referred to it, and has studied the constitutions of the Board of Missions and of the Woman's Missionary Council, and has studied, also, various proposed constitutions for the reorganization of the missionary work, including the Report of the Commission on Reorganization of the General Boards of the Church. It has framed recommendations to give the Woman's Work larger opportunity in the Church and to harmonize the powers of the Woman's Department of the Board of Missions and the Woman's Missionary Council, in order to secure a closer correlation of the work of the Council and the Board of Missions.

With these objects in view, the following changes are recommended in the regulations for the missionary work of the Church as they appear in the Discipline of 1922:

On page 37, paragraph 52, V, amend question 29 so that it shall read :
 "29. What is the number of Woman's Missionary Societies, including Young People's and Children's Societies, and what is the number of members of the same?"

On page 55, at the top of the page, amend the answer to question 1, paragraph 100, so that the last two lines of the answer shall read:

"Presidents of the Woman's Adult Missionary Societies, and none others."

On page 61, paragraph 112, 16, under (4), amend item 16 so that it shall read:

"16. Is there a written report from the Woman's Missionary Society, including Young People's and Children's Societies?"

On page 63, paragraph 116, item 6, amend the item so that it shall read:

"6. From the Woman's Missionary Society, including Young People's and Children's Societies."

On page 217, the portion of paragraph 472, Article II, which is at the top of page 217, amend that part of the paragraph so that it shall read:

"Officers, the women secretaries on nomination of the Woman's Missionary Council, the Home Cultivation and Candidate Secretaries and Treasurers shall be elected quadrennially by the incoming Board, the women on nomination of the Woman's Missionary Council, and the men on nomination of the department in which they shall work. The Board shall have authority to fill all vacancies that may occur in the interim between the sessions of the General Conference. The officers and members shall continue in office until their successors are elected."

On page 220, Paragraph 478, Article VIII, amend that part of the paragraph preceding (a) on page 221 so that it shall read:

"Paragraph 478, Article VIII. The Department of Woman's Work shall administer the missionary work of the Church in the United States and in foreign fields, primarily for women and children, formerly administered by the Board of Missions, Woman's Work, and the Woman's Missionary Council. There shall be a standing committee for this Department to consist of the women members of the Board and the Secretaries of the Department. The President of the Woman's Missionary Council shall be the chairman of the Department of Woman's Work. The Department shall develop plans and policies to be put into effect through the action of the Board. The Department shall conduct its work in two sections, namely, the Section of Home Work and the Section of Foreign Work."

Amend paragraph 479 on pages 222 and 223 so that it shall read:

"Paragraph 479. A deaconess shall be a single woman or a widow not less than twenty-three years of age, nor more than fifty, when accepted for service. She must be a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. She must be in good standing, and must have shown fitness for her duties by active service in some Christian work. Relinquishing all other pursuits, she shall devote herself to such work as the Church may determine. She shall be recommended for consecration by a Quarterly

Conference. The duties of a deaconess shall be to engage in Christian social service. No vows of life service shall be exacted of a deaconess, but anyone applying for a recommendation from a Quarterly Conference should have considered this step carefully and believe herself called of God to this work."

On pages 224 and 225, Paragraph 481, Article X, amend the paragraph so that the last sentence of the paragraph, beginning near the bottom of page 224, shall read:

"The salaries of the Secretaries shall be fixed by the Board, and all necessary traveling expenses shall be allowed, provided that the salaries of the Women Secretaries shall be recommended by the Department of Woman's Work."

Amend Paragraph 488, Article XVII, which begins on page 226, so that the paragraph shall read:

"Paragraph 488, Article XVII. The Treasurers shall hold the funds in safe deposit in the name of the Board of Missions, subject to the drafts of the Administrative Secretaries designated by the Board, on recommendation of their respective departments, payable when countersigned by the Treasurer. They shall also furnish an annual report to be published with that of the Secretaries, and perform such other duties as the Board may direct. The salary of the Treasurer, General Work, and of the Treasurer, Woman's Work, shall be fixed by the Board, provided that the Woman's Missionary Council shall recommend to the Department of Woman's Work the salary of the Treasurer, Woman's Work, and each shall give bond to the Board in such sum and upon such conditions as the Board may fix. The accounts of the Board shall be examined at least annually by a public accountant, and a report of the examination made to the Board."

On page 230, paragraph 491, article XX, amend the paragraph after the word "Conference" in line eleven of the paragraph, so that the clause beginning with the word "together" in the tenth line, to the end of the sentence, shall read:

"Together with the Conference representative on the Board of Missions and the Conference Lay Leader, who shall be members, *ex officio*, of the Annual Conference Board of Missions."

On page 235, Paragraph 500, Article XXIX, amend the paragraph by the addition of the following sentence after the word "society," which is the last word of the paragraph in the Discipline:

"At the annual meeting of each Conference Woman's Missionary Society, immediately preceding the General Conference, a woman shall be nominated to the General Conference as a candidate for membership on the Board of Missions."

Amend Paragraph 501, Article XXX, on page 235, in the thirteenth and fourteenth lines of the paragraph, by striking out the following words:

"The General Secretary of the Epworth League Board."

Amend paragraph 502, Article XXXI, beginning on page 235, by striking out the last sentence of the paragraph and substituting for it the

following: "Through a committee of the *de facto* members of the Council who are members of the Board of Missions, it shall make recommendations to the Woman's Department for the appointment of deaconesses and home missionaries," so that it shall read:

"Paragraph 502, Article XXXI. The Council shall hold annual meetings, to hear reports from the fields, Home and Foreign, and from the societies, to consider the fields, lines of work, the various enterprises, and the amounts needed for them; to make recommendations to the Board of Missions, through the Committee on Estimates, to be considered with other estimates of the Board for final determination; the women who have been accepted for service. Through a committee of the *de facto* members of the Council who are members of the Board of Missions, it shall make recommendations to the Woman's Department for the appointment of deaconesses and home missionaries." The Executive Committee of the Council shall arrange for the consecration of missionaries and deaconesses *ad interim* in case of emergency."

On page 249, paragraph 527, answer 4, amend the paragraph by adding at the end of the paragraph after the word "preachers" the following clause:

"And the Superintendent of Social Service of the Conference Woman's Missionary Society."

The Committee requested Mrs. F. F. Stephens and Mrs. J. C. Handy to cooperate in making an analysis of that part of the report of the Commission on the Reorganization of the Boards of the Church which refers to the Board of Missions, and recommended that this analysis be given to the Council for information.

MRS. F. F. STEPHENS, *Chairman*;
MISS ESTER CASE, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE ON BIBLE TEACHERS AND RELIGIOUS WORKERS IN STATE INSTITUTIONS.

In view of the fact that there are more Methodist students in tax-supported institutions than in institutions supported by the Church; and inasmuch as there is a demand for religious workers in State institutions; and in consideration of the work that is being done at present by the Board of Education in supporting student pastors or part-time religious workers in fourteen institutions the Committee on Bible Teachers and Religious Workers in State Institutions recommend:

That in this work the Board of Missions and the Board of Education may cooperate as they have opportunity.

Furthermore, that as we now have Bible teachers or religious workers in six institutions and no definite policy for the conduct of the work, we recommend:

That it shall be the duty of the Bible teacher or religious worker to guide, in so far as it is practicable, the religious life and activities of the students of her group in addition to classroom work.

Ten per cent of the net income of the dormitory shall constitute a sinking fund to be held in the treasury of the Dormitory Board for use in emergency or as the Board directs, and any fund accumulating outside of this shall be returned to the Treasurer of the Council to be used in building other dormitories or for such purposes as the Council may direct. A dormitory shall not be operated at an expense which cannot be met from its income.

RESIDENT MEMBERS.

The resident members of the Board shall make an inventory of equipment annually, reporting condition of equipment to the Board at each annual session, and shall make such recommendations in this report as seem necessary.

DIRECTOR AND MANAGER.

The person or persons in charge of the dormitory shall be known as the Director of the Hall and the Business Manager. Monthly reports in duplicate shall be sent by the Business Manager to the chairman of the Board and the Administrative Secretary of the Woman's Department of the Board of Missions in whose territory the dormitory is located.

RELIGIOUS LIFE.

Since the sole purpose of the establishment of these dormitories in connection with State Institutions is to conserve the spiritual life and development of women students, opportunities shall be given for Bible study, vesper services, quiet hour periods, and such religious activities as may seem best to the Director.

DETAILED RULES AND REGULATIONS.

The rules and regulations for the internal management of the dormitory shall be in accord with the rules and regulations of the Board of Control and in harmony with the conduct of the Institutions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

MRS. J. A. MERCER, *Chairman*;
MRS. T. A. BROWN, *Secretary*.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE DEFINING THE FUNCTIONS OF ADVISORY BOARDS OF HOME MISSION INSTITUTIONS.

HOME MISSION SCHOOLS.

(Holding Institute, Sue Bennett, Brevard, Houma, Vashti, Virginia K. Johnson.)

1. Advisory Boards shall be composed of not less than three nor more than seven members, two of whom shall be members of the Woman's Missionary Council, preferably from the Conference in which the institution is located or adjacent thereto. These shall be nominated by the Committee on Home Field and elected by the Council in quadrennial session, the other members to be chosen conjointly by these two and the Administrative Secretary in whose division the institution is located.

The Administrative Secretary shall be a member of the Board *ex officio*.

2. Members shall serve throughout the quadrennium. Vacancies occurring during the quadrennium shall be filled, in the case of Council members, by the Council at its next session.

3. The Board shall hold an annual meeting at the institution at such time as shall be determined by the Boards in consultation with the Administrative Secretary and the head of the institution. The expenses of this meeting shall be met from funds of the institution.

Other meetings may be held at the call of the chairman of the Board and the Administrative Secretary.

4. It shall be the duty of the head of the institution and the Administrative Secretary to make a report to the members of the Board prior to the Annual Meeting of the Board. This report shall present the facts concerning the institution necessary for their information.

5. It shall be the duty of the Board to study the condition, needs, and finances of the institution which it represents: its resources, clientele, buildings, grounds, equipment, and curriculum; to consider any matters brought before it by the head of the institution and Administrative Secretary, and to make such recommendations to the Administrative Secretary as shall advance the interests of the institution.

It shall further be the duty of the Board to consider the appointment of the members of the faculty of the institution on nomination of the head of the institution except such members as are appointed by the Woman's Missionary Council.

6. By-laws for the regulation of the business of the Board may be created by the Board as needed.

CONCERNING DORMITORIES.

In view of the fact that a committee was appointed two years ago to draft a policy for the conduct of dormitories at State universities and colleges, it was voted that no policy for the conduct of dormitories be prepared at this time.

CONCERNING WESLEY HOUSES, BETHLEHEM HOUSES, AND CO-OPERATIVE HOMES

Inasmuch as the Council has worked for several years perfecting Constitutions for City Mission Boards related to Wesley Houses, Bethlehem Houses, and Coöperative Homes, and, inasmuch as a new Manual for the conduct of City Mission Boards has been recently issued, it was voted that it is unnecessary to present any new policy at this time.

MRS. W. A. NEWELL, *Chairman*;

MRS. NAT G. ROLLINS, *Secretary*.

COMMISSION ON STATUS OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

At the 1923 session of the Woman's Missionary Council a resolution was presented by the Epworth League Board asking that a committee

of three be appointed to act with a like committee from the Epworth League to consider the grounds for coöperation or unification and to devise ways and means for such procedure. The resolution was adopted with the amendment that the report should be referred back to the Council at its next session. The committee appointed by the Council was as follows: Mrs. D. N. Bourne, Mrs. P. L. Cobb, and Mrs. W. J. Piggott.

The joint committee failed to agree on a plan, but the negotiations revealed to your committee the need for a broader and more exact knowledge of our fields as related to the activities of young people. To meet this need the names of Mrs. Lee Britt, Mrs. Althea Jones, Mrs. C. F. Elza, and Miss Esther Case were added to the original committee, thus creating a Commission on Status of Young People's Work whose task should be to study the situation and make recommendations.

As the initial step in the study a questionnaire was sent to all the Conferences that the status of the work with young people might be discovered. The Conference officers and District Secretaries with but a few exceptions gave such ready and efficient response that your Commission was able to separate fears and rumors from facts. A brief summing up of the evidence indicated a majority in favor of closer affiliation between existing agencies in the local Church, provided the spirit and purpose of the Woman's Missionary Society should be preserved.

Though the Commission was limited somewhat in its opportunities for study because of the firm conviction that rigid economy must be practiced in view of the great needs of the mission fields, the organizations for young people in other denominations have been studied and our denominational activities for youth have been carefully considered.

As the study progressed the conviction grew upon the majority of the Commission that the duplication of effort grew out of the operations of three directing agencies for the local Church, therefore a larger service might be rendered to the young people and the Church if the three agencies dealing with the religious education of youth—namely, the Epworth League, the Sunday School, and the Woman's Missionary Council into one large Board of Religious Education for Young People which would preserve the essential values of each agency.

Moved by this conviction the Commission presented a recommendation to the 1924 session of the Woman's Missionary Council, which was adopted, calling upon the Epworth League to unite in an invitation to the Sunday School Board to enter into negotiations with a view to merging the activities of the three agencies into one large Board. This overture was rejected by the Epworth League. Your Commission then sent the recommendation to the General Conference Commission on Reorganization of Boards as an indication of willingness to lose life as direct promoters of missionary cultivation for young people if we might find it again in a large unified Board of Religious Education for Young People which might make possible a greater service to the kingdom of God.

At a meeting of your Commission held in Nashville immediately following the November meeting of the Executive Committee of the Wom-

an's Missionary Council, Mrs. J. C. Handy was present, having been appointed to serve in the place of Mrs. C. F. Elza, in whose lamentable death the Commission had sustained a severe loss.

At this meeting subcommittees reported investigations and submitted a unified plan involving reorganization of the General Boards dealing with activities for youth. This plan was considered, and in accordance with the recommendation adopted by the 1925 session of the Woman's Missionary Council it was referred to the Committee on General Conference Legislation.

The findings of the meeting and the plan for the unified board were also submitted for information to the commission to act with other agencies in coördinating religious education in the local Church.

Your Commission has during the three years endeavored to conduct its work on a plane of detachment from the much-loved organization of which it is a part. It has been sustained in its labors by a consciousness of the prayers and sympathetic interest of the women who sit in this body.

It has carefully taken note of the urgent missionary appeal from the fields as well as of the conditions as they exist in the majority of our Churches.

It has therefore become a deep conviction that the present situation demands not only more earnest prayer and renewed faith but also redoubled effort for the special missionary training of those on whom will soon be placed the responsibility of leadership in and maintenance of the work of the kingdom.

Therefore we recommend:

1. That the Departments of Young People's and Children's Work be merged into a Department of Young People's Work.

2. That a full-time superintendent be elected to direct the Department of Young People's Work.

3. That the Superintendent of the Young People's Department nominate to the Council an Assistant Superintendent especially qualified to develop the Children's Division of this Department.

4. That the necessary appropriation be allowed to meet the expenses of this new Department of Young People's Work.

5. That Conference officers systematically cultivate the areas unoccupied by special organizations for young people and children, thus endeavoring to meet the responsibility laid upon the Woman's Missionary Society by the General Conference.

In case our Young People's Work should be merged into a new Board of Religious Education, we recommend:

1. That the essential values of the program, contributions, and achievements, and the funds of the Woman's Missionary Council be preserved.

2. That the missionary women of the Church be given a fair representation on this Board.

3. That some plan be provided so to coördinate the work of the Woman's Missionary Council with that of the new Board as to secure to the Council a future constituency.

MRS. J. J. PIGGOTT, *Chairman*;
MRS. P. L. COBB, *Secretary*.

**COMMISSION ON COÖRDINATION OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
IN THE LOCAL CHURCH.**

Your Commission organized for the task committed to it in December, 1925. At the first meeting the Commission on Status of Young People's Work presented for information a paper in which certain principles were set forth, together with a plan for a unified Board of Religious Education for Young People, both of which were considered.

Since a unified program of service and study for young people involves not only our own organization but the two General Boards directing such work in the local Church, it was agreed to accept an invitation issued by the Sunday School Council to hold a joint meeting with a group from the Sunday School Council and the Epworth League Conference Presidents to consider the grounds upon which a unified program of study and service for young people might be built.

This joint committee consisted of the five members of your Commission, seven from the Sunday School Council, and two from the Epworth League staff.

In the discussions held by this joint committee, it was apparent that plans for coördinated program of religious education for young people necessarily involved the General Boards and the Conference Boards dealing with the various phases of an educational program.

In the initial meeting of the joint committee it was voted to discuss some educational principles upon which to base a unified program, not for the young people only, but for the entire Church group. It was agreed by the majority that these principles as amended were sound educationally and that it would be in order to consider a suggested plan for the reorganization of the educational work in the local Church founded on these principles.

The committee was not a unit, since one of the members of the Epworth League group was unable fully to subscribe to the educational principles, therefore could not agree to a scheme of reorganization of boards which was founded on these principles.

Since the members of the Committee representing the Epworth League favored coöperation rather than union, it was agreed that a plan for closer coöperation should be presented by the Epworth League unit at the next meeting of the Joint Committee.

At the next final meeting of the Joint Committee, the representatives of the Epworth League were not present; therefore the discussions proceeded upon the expediency and wisdom of completing and offering the plan for unifying the educational work of the local Church.

From the discussion certain conclusions were evolved which may be stated as follows:

1. A unified plan of education for the entire local Church group involving other Boards, which had not been invited to the discussions, should not be recommended without further study by a larger and more representative committee.
2. That such a committee should be chosen from the Boards and agencies

directing phases of religious education, with additional members from other groups selected on the basis of their knowledge of and their experience in the work of religious education.

3. That such a commission should be a quadrennium experiment in selected locations with any plans agreed upon and should be ready to report the results of such experiments at the General Conference of 1930.

Your commission is now convinced that recommendations involving radical changes are unwise at present.

The Church is large and very diverse in the situation and character of its constituency; and it is apparent that the majority of the Churches have not at present the trained leadership nor the equipment essential to the successful development of an inclusive, unified program of religious education for the whole Church.

It is therefore the conviction of your Commission that the quadrennium will be well spent in the continued steady development of a better-trained leadership for the local Church.

Your Commission has made this inclusive study without bias, but with a deep concern for the present as well as for the future interests of the Church, and we therefore recommend that this Council memorialize the General Conference:

1. To appoint a Commission which shall be authorized to study and report a plan for the reorganization of the work of the local Church and of the Conference and general agencies which function in the local Church.

2. That said Commission shall consist of fifteen members to be nominated as follows: three members nominated by the General Conference Committee on Sunday Schools, three members nominated by General Conference Committee on Epworth League, three members nominated by the Woman's Missionary Council, three active pastors and three laymen at large nominated by General Conference Committee on Nominations.

3. That this Commission shall be governed by the principles of organization and education set forth in the following items:

(1) Any plan looking to the unification of a program of work and study, worship and play for the local Church must be based upon and grow out of the needs of the constituency of the local Church and must consider existing agencies and programs of secondary importance.

(2) Any plan of reorganization purporting to unify the educational work of the Church must be based on the principle that education is itself a unifying process of life development, and that the program and curriculum of education in the local Church must be so knit together that the elements of instruction, worship, play, and service shall not be set one over against the other, but shall be dealt with as a single process.

(3) The principles of gradation and of uninterrupted and progressive development must be accepted in a sound educational policy.

(4) A unified plan would conserve the elements and values of the existing agencies and should be free to discard terminology and nomenclature that will militate against proper unification.

(5) An adequate plan for unifying educational processes should provide for the reorganization of the General Boards and Conference Boards dealing with these processes as well as with the reorganization of the local Church. A mere tying together of existing organizations will not solve the problem of overlapping nor provide a uniform program for the local Church.

MRS. W. J. PIGGOTT, *Chairman*;

MRS. P. L. COBB, *Secretary*.

COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE THE STANDING COMMITTEES.

Your Committee recommend the following:

1. *Committee on Deaconess and City Mission Work*.—Mrs. F. F. Stephens, President of Woman's Missionary Council; five members of the Subcommittee on Deaconess Work of the Woman's Department of the Board of Missions; Chairman of Woman's Department of Board of Missions, Mrs. Luke G. Johnson; Mrs. Nat G. Rollins, Mrs. Lee Britt, Mrs. J. W. Mills, Miss Estelle Haskin, Mrs. J. W. Downs.

From the Council: Mrs. M. L. Gibson, Mrs. Preston Hatcher, Mrs. D. Beach Carré, Mrs. J. M. Gross, Mrs. E. B. Watson.

2. *Constitution and By-Laws*.—Miss Emma V. Pepler, Mrs. F. S. Parker, Mrs. L. A. Tynes, Mrs. A. B. Smith, Mrs. C. W. Nichols, Miss Julia Durham.

3. *Committee on Literature*.—Superintendents of Bureaus. Secretary of Home Cultivation in Charge of Literature, Miss Estelle Haskin, Mrs. W. J. Piggott, Mrs. R. H. Emberson.

4. *Committee on Laws*.—Mrs. J. C. Handy, Mrs. Harvey Boney, Mrs. J. H. Stewart.

5. *Committee on Social Service*.—Mrs. W. A. Newell, Miss Estelle Haskin, Mrs. J. N. McEachern, Mrs. J. W. Perry, Mrs. H. L. Rimmel, Mrs. T. M. Clark, Mrs. H. A. Dunham.

6. *Committee on Lectureships*.—President of Woman's Missionary Council, Mrs. F. F. Stephens; President of Scarritt College, Dr. J. L. Cuninggim; Miss Mabel K. Howell, Mrs. J. W. Downs, Mrs. H. R. Steele.

7. *Committee on Retirement and Relief*.—Mrs. Ina D. Fulton, Administrative Secretary Home Department, Miss Esther Case, Miss Daisy Davies, Mrs. Fred Lamb.

This report is submitted with the understanding that it is subject to such changes as are made necessary by General Conference legislation.

MRS. J. W. PERRY, *Chairman*;

MRS. NAT G. ROLLINS, *Secretary*.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.

Before the first public meeting and organization of the sixteenth annual session of the Woman's Missionary Council, the members met in Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh, N. C., at four o'clock, Wednesday afternoon, March 10, 1926, to pay loving tribute to the honored

members and workers who since the last meeting of the Council had entered the more abundant life. This sacred service was led by Miss Maria L. Gibson. After prayer and the hymn, "Crown Him with Many Crowns," the company stood while the secretary read the memorial roll:

MRS. F. A. BUTLER,
 MRS. C. F. ELZA, MISS ALMA BRANDT,
 MISS PAULINE GLASS RANDLE,
 REV. WILLIAM ACTON, MISS DELIA HOLDING,
 MRS. EMMA VIRGINIA CARROLL.

Miss Gibson, in a memorial address, spoke briefly of the life and work of each one and lifted hearts and thoughts of all in contemplation of the joys of the blessed. After the hymn, "Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand," the service closed with prayer.

This was immediately followed by the celebration of the holy communion, which was conducted by the Rev. M. T. Plyler, presiding elder, assisted by the pastors of the city.

MEMOIRS.

MRS. F. A. BUTLER.

Mrs. F. A. Butler was born December 28, 1830, at Strawberry Plains, Tenn., her parents being the Rev. Thomas Stringfield and Sarah Williams Stringfield.

An ancestry of strong citizens and soldiers, who had borne their share in building the new nation and in setting up the Church in the new settlements both east and west of the Blue Ridge, endowed her with culture, refinement, and Christian graces that marked her as a rare and beautiful character.

An omnivorous reader from childhood, she was possessed of breadth of thought and understanding to which was added the charm of mental alertness. These qualities proved her fitness for the work into which she was called, when, her children grown older, she was able to lay aside some of the cares of the home and of a large family.

Characteristic of her is this from her own pen: "It is not strange that in my bewildering search for a beginning in self-help I should find this sentence so in unison with my own mind: 'Get your spindle and your distaff ready, and God will send the flax.' My spindle—a pen; my distaff—paper, ink, books, close study, and hard work. No other answer came, and I trusted to this as the solution of the problem which in silence I had stated to myself, and in silence I worked on."

In due time this parable opened before her; and she whose cradle had rocked in the pioneer home became one of the pioneers in the development of the Woman's Missionary Work of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Her especial work was the creating of the paper, the organ of the Woman's Work which gave material aid to the growth of the organization in the cultivation of missionary intelligence. This effort called for courage,

for she said: "My heart quails at the thought, . . . but I do wish I could edit a paper which all of our members would be proud of, rejoice in, and love for Christ's sake."

In the summer of 1878 she was pressed into the service of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions as Corresponding Secretary of the Church Street Auxiliary, Knoxville, Tenn. The following October she was appointed Corresponding Secretary of the Holston Conference Society and held this office four years. She attended the first annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, in Louisville, Ky., May, 1879. Here she was elected Recording Secretary of the Board, which office she held for four years. In 1880 she was elected editor of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*. In this work she proved her capability as a pioneer as well as her ability as an editor, nurturing the infant periodical until it attained the success and sturdy strength of thirty years, endearing editor and paper to the womanhood of the Church. At the close of this period, May, 1910, she retired from office.

The years of inactivity that followed were marked by patience and gentleness, when so full of days and of good works the sweetness of her personality impressed itself upon all who touched her life. And it was with happiness in anticipation of reunions on the other side and confidence in the love of Jesus that she victoriously entered into the new life April 5, 1925.

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MRS. C. F. ELZA.

At midnight of March 30, 1925, a few days after the close of the Council meeting, Mrs. Charles Frederick Elza passed into life eternal, and the Council lost one of its most brilliant and effective members.

Well trained, of attractive personality, and devoted to her Church and Lord, she had early become a leader among the women whose aims were like hers. For ten years she had been a Conference officer, serving as Superintendent of Young People, as Vice President, and as President of the Little Rock Conference Missionary Society. It was while representing her Conference at the Council meeting in Tulsa that she was stricken.

She was a member of the Board of Trustees of Scarritt College, President of the Board of Control for the Woman's Building at Mount Sequoyah, a member of the General Conference at Hot Springs and at Chattanooga, chairman of the Council Committee on Constitution and By-Laws, and served on many important special committees. Her last work was for the Mount Sequoyah Woman's Building, and it is fitting that her name shall be given to the structure.

It was seen from the first time she appeared in the Council that hers was a rare spirit. With a flashing mind, a real talent for generous appreciation of her sister workers, an unusual sense of humor, and a love for her Master's service which was a passion, she was soon recognized as one both willing and fitted for the tasks which fall to the organization. She was gifted in speech, and one of the most inspirational reports of the Washing-

ton Foreign Missions Conference was given by her at the meeting in Tulsa.

She was young in years, and a brilliant and useful career seemed opening to her. She had thrown herself into the work of the Church with enthusiasm and was giving to it her best thought and strength, but the rather frail body was not equal to the demands made upon it by the eager outreaching of the spirit. Her passing may seem untimely, but her memory will be an inspiration. One of her friends, thinking of her brief life and her conspicuous service, quoted of her:

"If life be not in length of days,
In silvered locks and furrowed brow,
But living to the Saviour's praise,
How few have lived so long as thou!"

MRS. F. F. S.

MISS DELIA HOLDING.

Although the dates, 1892-1913, indicate twenty-one years of missionary service, Miss Delia Holding served in the spirit of a true missionary for thirty years. When Miss Nannie Emory Holding was appointed to the Mexican Border Mission as principal of Laredo Seminary in 1883, "Miss Delia" accompanied her and became a member of the faculty of the school.

The following quotation from a letter she wrote to Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Secretary, after having held this relation for nine years, shows the spirit in which she served: "But for the interest I have in my sister's work, I would not dare to seek to assume the name of 'missionary.' . . . For her sake and that of the work into which I feel I have grown, I have come to you for admission into your circle of laborers. I trust it is also with some sense of the debt I owe my Lord and Saviour."

In 1913 Miss Holding and "Miss Delia" voluntarily retired from active service, and, with a married sister, they established their home in Covington, Ky.

After years of suffering, her spirit left her body just after the clock tolled the hour of twelve on the morning of Thursday, January 28, 1926.

E. C.

REV. WILLIAM ACTON.

Rev. William Acton was born in England in 1848. He came to the United States when he was five years old, landing in California; he spent his life there. In his young manhood he did newspaper work and taught in the public schools of California. He joined the Pacific Conference in 1894 and served as pastor until 1910, when he was made superintendent of the Oriental Mission, succeeding Dr. Reed. It was perhaps in this relation that he rendered his greatest service.

Brother Acton was always kind, patient, and loving in his service, and the people with whom he worked had the highest appreciation of him and were his devoted friends to the end of his life.

Brother Acton died on October 3, 1925, after a short illness—just one year after he had retired from the superintendency of the Oriental Work. Bravely and proudly he went out to join the choir invisible, whose music is the gladness of the world.

MRS. J. W. D.

PAULINE GLASS RANDLE.

On May 19, 1925, in Severance Hospital, Seoul, Korea, Miss Pauline Glass Randle passed away. She suffered from an acute attack of appendicitis and died two days after the operation.

Miss Randle was the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Robert Randle, of the Louisiana Conference. She went to Korea for the first time in August, 1918, returning on her first furlough in the summer of 1923. Miss Randle was a student. She was always eager to take advantage of every opportunity that came to her. She was granted an extension of time for her furlough that she might receive her master's degree at Emory University. She returned to Korea, January 20, 1925, and had started upon her second term of service at Chulwon as companion of Miss Cordelia Erwin when she passed to the life beyond.

During Miss Randle's first period of service she served at Choonchun and Songdo. While Miss Randle was splendidly equipped for educational work, she had always expressed a preference for evangelistic work and served in that field.

In the death of Miss Randle the Korea Mission lost one of its best-equipped workers, and the Woman's Missionary Council suffered a great loss also. Miss Randle made a marked success in acquiring the Korean language, having taken her third year's examination at the close of her second year and having given evidence of marked ability. She was thus prepared to render a large service. She was a graduate of Mansfield College and also of Scarritt. She had been a student at Tulane and had her master's degree from Emory University. She was also trained in business, having graduated from business college. She was gifted in music and art.

Miss Randle was laid to rest on May 21, 1925, in Seoul, Korea, by the side of that other choice missionary spirit, Miss Ruby Kendrick. She gave her life for missions and fell at the post of duty.

M. K. H.

MISS ALMA BRANDT.

On Easter morning, 1925, Miss Alma Brandt passed away in Margaret Williamson Hospital, Shanghai, China, and was laid to rest in the cemetery in Shanghai at the side of the other noble missionaries who have fallen at the front. She was survived by two aunts, Mrs. Alfred Brandt, of Oxnard, Calif., and Mrs. Fred Peters, of Appleton, Wis.

Miss Alma Brandt was a missionary nurse. She sailed for China on August 18, 1923, and had served less than two full years at the time of her death. A long letter, dated March 26, 1925, describing how happy she was in her opportunity to serve in China at Margaret Williamson, came to the office of the secretary after the cable had come announcing

her death. Dr. Josephine Lawney was the attending physician at the time of her illness and death.

Miss Brandt was reared in Appleton, Wis., attended school in both Appleton and Racine, was graduated both from high school and from business college, and had considerable business experience. In 1913 she entered Wesley Hospital, Kansas City, Mo., and began her training to become a nurse. It was during her second year of nurse training that she was converted. At once she volunteered for missionary work.

After graduating from Wesley Hospital in 1917, she accepted an administrative position in the City Hospital in Dallas, Tex., where she served for a year. In 1918 she volunteered for war service. She was accepted and served one year at Fort Riley and at Base Hospital No. 40, in the Surgical Department. At the close of the war she entered private nursing in St. Louis, becoming an active member of Centenary Church and of the famous Anchor Class. It was from Centenary Church that Miss Brandt entered Scarritt for her Bible training, where she studied one year before being accepted for Margaret Williamson Hospital. Her first year in China was spent in Nanking in language school. The year of her death she was back in the hospital doing her first work as a missionary nurse.

It is hard to understand why Miss Brandt was taken just in the beginning of her missionary service. She wanted to serve and looked forward to years of ministry to the sick. In her going she served royally. She bore witness in death to her wonderful faith. The Chinese fellow workers were deeply touched by her trust and quietness in facing death. She bore witness to the reality of her Christian convictions at this crucial hour. She left behind her in Margaret Williamson the fragrance of a radiant Christian life.

M. K. H.

MRS. F. B. CARROLL.

After a lingering illness Mrs. F. B. Carroll entered into rest on February 24, 1926, at Colorado Springs, Colo.

Accompanied by her son, Mr. William Carroll, of Tampico, Mexico, and daughter, Miss Retta Carroll, the body was brought to Denton, Tex., and was laid to rest beside the graves of her husband, Dr. Francis B. Carroll and son, Dr. Charles Carroll.

Mrs. Carroll, whose maiden name was Emma Virginia Wise, was born in 1853 in the State of Virginia. In early young womanhood she was married to the Rev. F. B. Carroll and with him she shared the fortunes of an itinerant Methodist preacher in the States of Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Colorado, and Texas. Coming to the latter State some twenty-five or more years ago, both Dr. and Mrs. Carroll filled various positions of honor and trust under the Church. Mrs. Carroll was the second President of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the North Texas Conference and was also Vice President of the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

In 1906 the North Texas Conference Woman's Home Mission Society, under the leadership of Mrs. L. P. Smith, undertook the establishment

of a dormitory for students at the College of Industrial Arts (the State College for Women) at Denton, and Dr. and Mrs. Carroll were secured as managers of the pioneer institution. After only a few years of service in this capacity Dr. Carroll passed into the higher life, but the aroma of his influence abides in the hearts of the students who came in contact with this godly man. Mrs. Carroll continued to administer the affairs of the dormitory (now known as Smith-Carroll Hall) with such signal success that, upon her retirement in 1924, at the close of her eighteenth year of continuous service, universal regret was expressed by her friends. Mrs. Carroll's love of beauty was expressed in her development of the lawn surrounding the dormitory, and the "Methodist Garden" became one of the show places of Denton. She was interested in all the religious activities of the students, and for years was chairman of the Advisory Board of the Y. W. C. A. in the college. She was loved and honored by students and faculty, in witness whereof a college community house that was established during last year was given the name, "Virginia Carroll Lodge." In the large living room of this memorial the body lay in state, and there the funeral services were held by Bishop John M. Moore, assisted by Rev. L. P. Smith. Mrs. Carroll was the last of her family, two brothers, both of whom were high officials in the United States navy, having died within the last few years.

MRS. J. S. T.

REPORTS FROM THE HOME FIELD

IMMIGRANT PORT WORK.

Galveston, Tex.—Immigrant Work.

REV. J. E. REIFSCHNEIDER, PORT MISSIONARY.

The year 1925 has been full of work and of blessings. The days were often not long enough to do all that I should have liked to do. The routine of my work has been much the same as in 1924. The official immigration records show that from January 1, 1925, to December 31, 1925, inclusive: Number of vessels arriving, 1,184; number of members of the crew United States citizens, 12,342; aliens, 31,326; total, 43,668; number of passengers, including United States citizens, also aliens touching en route foreign ports, 1,873; excluded, 71 (mostly stowaways); deported, 1,084. The Galveston Immigration District handled 1,733 vessels, having on board 61,510 crew members. Vessels sailing coastwise from January 1, 1925, to January 31, 1925, from New York to Galveston, Tex., number of passenger vessels arriving, 94; number of passengers (incoming, 4,308; outgoing 3,923), 8,231.

"Limited immigration on the percentage basis should be a permanent policy of our nation." In 1914, with no limit placed on immigration, 1,175,015 came into the United States. The war caused a drop in 1918 to 110,618, but in 1921 the number again grew to 805,228. In 1922 the first quota law took effect, limiting the number to 358,995, but so great was the fear of debarment in Europe that only 243,953 applied for admission. In 1923 and 1924 the quota allowance was 357,803 and was practically filled in both years, while the present total admission allowed is only 164,667, dropping to 150,000 after June 30, 1927.

The system of more rigidly examining immigrants in the nation of their origin to see if they may qualify for entering the United States before granting them consular visas has proved a pronounced success where it has been given a thorough trial. It is now the law that immigration visas shall not be issued to immigrants unless the American consul abroad is satisfied that the applicant may be passed on this side of the waters. This law has proved a blessing to thousand of poor aliens, who formerly spent their last dollar for a steamship ticket, only to be refused admission on arrival in the United States.

CUBAN WORK.

Tampa, Fla.—Wolff Settlement.

DEACONESS ADELINE M. PEEPLES, HEAD RESIDENT; MISS MARTHA J. LEWIS, KINDERGARTNER; MISS CARRIE A. PORTER, GIRL'S CLUB WORKER; MRS. MARY BALMECEDA, DAY NURSERY MATRON.

Miss Peeples reports:

After a year's absence, I am in the work again. I came in midsummer and found myself among a people to whom I was a stranger, never having worked among Spanish-speaking folk before. Getting acquainted, learning something of their customs and way of living, takes time; even to-day I find much to learn regarding this extremely temperamental people.

We are in the midst of Catholicism, much of it merely a name, with utter

indifference to any religious life stamped upon it. Studying this field, I am convinced more and more that intensive evangelism is necessary to arouse this state of indifference. Ybor City is a little Cuba, with Cuban ideas, Cuban food, and Cuban customs. Both fathers and mothers often work in the cigar factories as a means of support for their large and growing families. Through the public schools the children are learning our customs and language, and becoming the interpreters for their parents.

We are affiliated with San Marcos Church. Spanish services are held for the older people, and Sunday school and Epworth League are conducted in English. There are some bright and interesting young people, loyal in Church attendance and giving liberally to the Church. I have an interesting Sunday school class of boys, whom I hope to lead to the Saviour and into the Church.

Wolf Settlement has about twenty-four Boy Scouts, meeting regularly the entire year. They have won honors and prizes which have put Troup 41 on the Tampa map. I have noted with interest the development of the boys in a class of parliamentary law. They can now conduct a meeting very nicely. The Junior Boys' Athletic Club is doing good work. The Mothers' Club has enrolled about sixty members. The ladies of Tampa Heights Methodist Church complimented this group with a lovely supper in December. A beautiful spirit prevailed between members and visitors alike, and a number of after-dinner speeches enlivened the evening's program.

Mrs. Balmeceada, the nursery matron, has been away a month because of illness. Her devotion to little children has won them, and they seem very happy singing, playing their little games, doing good turns, and learning something of our American home life.

The Hillsboro County Federation of Women's Clubs has a milk station here, for the benefit of under-nourished and tubercular children. This has been a blessing to this community.

Through the Florida Conference Missionary Societies, Wolf Settlement has been well supplied with boxes of clothing for our people. They have also sent boxes of fruit and checks, which help in carrying on the work, and we realize they are interested in the development of the Master's vineyard just outside their doors.

Miss Lewis reports:

Each year other public welfare institutions of the city are doing more and more for our people. We are glad of this, for we can now give our time and strength more directly to the upbuilding of the spiritual life of the community. By friendly visits in the homes, by teaching Sunday school classes, and by personal work, we hope to add to the interest and in attendance of the Church activities, as well as to those of the settlement.

Miss Porter reports:

This year has brought a number of changes in our work at Wolf Settlement. Since the public school is putting in domestic arts as a part of their course, we found it unnecessary to continue our cooking class. Also the Opportunity School has moved into new quarters where they can care for their millinery and dress-making classes, relieving us of the oversight of them. This does not mean, however, that our hands and hearts are empty, new needs are continually arising.

This is my first year with the Junior Boys' Club, and I find them highly interesting and entertaining. The Girl Reserves are steadily progressing, having recently organized a first aid class from which we expect to be greatly benefited.

Our work in the Epworth League is a constant joy, for it is in the young people that our hope of uplifting our Latins lies. Our pledge to the Africa Special this year is four times as large as for the previous one. Our

League is also leading the county in efficiency, as it has won the pin for twelve consecutive months. The Junior Missionary Society is training leaders for work in the Adult Society so that in the course of a few years there will not be such a dearth of capable officers in our local society.

Tampa, Fla.—Urban Bird Clinic and Settlement.

MRS. SUSIE R. GRIFFITH.

As you know, I came here November 1 as a Social or Club Worker. There was not a single club or class in operation except the Boy Scouts and Senior League. Everything had to be reorganized. This is a great field for work. You will see from the report that several classes have been organized, and I think will bear fruit.

There have been many changes in our departments and many obstacles to be overcome, yet an honest effort is being made. The people are very responsive and very appreciative, and are reaching out for something better. The community needs a strong Church worker in addition to the club worker, one that can play and understands music. Surely this is a very needy field, and I thank God for the privilege of laboring, even for a short time, in this very difficult field.

West Tampa, Fla.—Rosa Valdez Settlement.

MRS. NELLIE O'BEIRNE, HEAD RESIDENT; MISS GOLDA L. RUNKLE, CLUB WORKER; MRS. ALLEN DAY, KINDERGARTNER.

Miss O'Beirne reports:

Did you ever lose something precious and find it again? I did; three things—my health, my work, and my dear Latin people. The last report I wrote was in Mexico, several years ago. I am now working with the Cubans and find my Spanish tongue almost as useful as I did in Mexico. I have felt at home from the first day and never enjoyed four months more than these that have just passed. The splendid plant here, the climate, opportunity, coöperation from other agencies, as well as my own Board and coworkers, combine in making this a very enjoyable work.

In addition to the activities of last year for women, girls, and children, we have playground supervision, at no cost to us, by the Tampa Playground Commission. But the coöperative work, surpassing our fondest dreams, is the Boys' Club Work, sponsored and financed by the Tampa Rotary Club, with a budget of \$6,000 for 1926. Our large gymnasium, showers, clubrooms, and playground are to be used five nights a week for boys only, with from two to three trained men on duty each night with games, reading room, manual training, athletics, etc. The boys are given credit for attendance at Sunday school. The judge of the Juvenile Court and several Christian business men helped us to bring about this splendid piece of coöperative work. I have the honor to be the "Madrina"—godmother—of the Boys' Club. God bless them—these potential American citizens, who shall be our preachers, teachers, statesmen, and business men of the near future.

Mrs. Day reports:

The kindergarten at the Rosa Valdez Settlement, after having been closed for a year, has been reorganized this season with an enrollment of forty children.

This is my first opportunity of working with Latin children, and I find that they are especially interesting and receptive. I believe that these Cuban and Spanish children need the kindergarten even more than do the American children, for it is here that they first come in contact with the English language, and receive their first lessons in Americanization, this contact enabling them to get a better start in the public schools later on.

Our goal is, of course, to bring these children and their parents to the Church and to God, and we are striving very hard to have our daily program carry on in every way the work of the Church and Sunday school.

At the present time we are making a great effort to build up the health of the children in our kindergarten, giving milk to the entire number and giving hot cereal with cream, in addition to the milk, to those children who are under weight. During the month of December we found that the children gained weight rapidly, so we are continuing with the present plan of nourishment.

The Latin people seem to appreciate greatly all that is being done for them by the Church and by the Settlement, and their spirit of friendliness, willingness, and coöperation is such that I am sure they are deserving of all the good which comes to them through these institutions of the Methodist Church.

Key West Fla.—Ruth Hargrove Settlement and School.

DEACONESS LAURA HARRIS, HEAD RESIDENT; MISS VERDIE ANDERSON, MISS LOTTIE GREEN.

In this delightful climate, where "summer spends the winter," it is hard to realize that the year is gone and report time comes again.

I suppose very few of us ever feel perfectly satisfied with our efforts when we come to where we must look back over the year's work and try to tell something of what has been done or at least of what we have tried to do, and sometimes we realize that the "try" has been the most of it, for we can see so little that has been accomplished.

In the work here, as in other places, there is such a sameness from year to year that one hesitates to tell of it lest it be only a repetition of the previous year.

The attendance of the two Sunday schools has not been so large as last year, but while not as large, has been pretty regular.

The Christmas entertainment for the El Salvador Sunday school was said to be one of the very best that has ever been given, for which Miss Green deserves and has the thanks of the community.

A treat of apples, oranges, and candy was given each child, also a simple toy. A Cuban merchant gave the toys and a barrel of apples.

The entertainment at the La Trinidad Sunday school was also good, and the children received the same treat of apples, oranges, and candy.

The Home Department of the Sunday school is keeping up remarkably well. The contribution they make more than pays for their literature.

The attendance of the Church services is small, but the faithful few are always there unless unavoidably kept away.

Our small library has been liberally patronized. More reading would be done if we had a larger and better selections of books.

A rummage sale of second-hand clothing netted us quite a nice little sum.

Miss Anderson reports:

It makes me happy to have a kindergarten to report this year. The enrollment at the opening session was small; but considering that new work oftentimes has crude beginnings, we were not discouraged. We have never received such coöperation as that which the Florida missionary women have given us in the upkeep and equipment of the school and kindergarten. Without their checks and materials, I hardly know what we would have done.

The younger girls' club has been quite well attended. These girls are learning something of handwork, the rudiments of parliamentary proceedings, hygiene, and citizenship. This is a fun-loving, wholesome group. Their eagerness for knowledge and their quick response inspire me to more untiring efforts to meet their many needs.

Visiting in the homes of these people brings a real joy and enables us to understand and appreciate them in a deeper sense.

Miss Green reports:

When Mrs. McCoy was here in the spring it was decided that a kindergarten should be put in the following term in our little mission school. In order to do this, it was necessary in September to send the children of the third, fourth, and fifth grades to the public schools.

It is remarkable how fast the primary pupils and kindergartners are learning. It is a real inspiration to watch their faces as they sing their songs and repeat their Bible verses. December was a joyous month. Pictures, poems, songs, stories, and sand table made the Christmas story real.

The Boys' Club is composed of boys from nine to fourteen years of age. The first part of the club hour is spent in a devotional and business meeting—the latter in physical exercises and games. A gymnasium is badly needed.

Not any phase of this varied work gives more joy and a greater opportunity for Christian leadership than the El Salvador League. It is made up largely of adolescent girls who are enthusiastic and eager to work. The pageant, "Bethlehem," put on by them at Christmas, would have been a credit to any group of young people. The Leaguers seem to have realized that it was a real privilege to present the Christmas message. A spirit of worship prevailed throughout the program.

ITALIAN AND FRENCH WORK.

Kansas City, Mo.—Institutional Church.

DEACONESS FLORENCE BLACKWELL, HEAD RESIDENT; DEACONESS DOROTHY DODD, ITALIAN WORKER; DEACONESS LILA MAY CAMPBELL, CHILDREN'S WORK; DEACONESS HELEN REEVES, YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK; MISS FERN METHENY, BABY WELFARE WORK; MRS. JEANETTE CAVANAUGH, SECRETARY.

When we come to sum up the year's work in a brief statement it seems an impossible task, and we can think only of God's goodness and thank him for letting us have a part in helping the world to know him.

We count our work a success only as far as it results in lives given to him and finding a place to serve in his kingdom and growing in this service that they may reach the full stature of manhood and womanhood in Christ Jesus.

The activities of the year have been practically the same as last year, with growth in each department. The boys' department particularly has grown under the leadership of a part-time director.

Our children of the Saturday Afternoon Bible School will never forget our Christmas party, when we had a visit from Santa Claus with his really, truly reindeer. The children said: "We had the real Santa Claus, not just a man dressed up."

The crowning event of the year's work was on the Sunday before Christmas, when we had our White Gift service, and a number of babies were baptized, and children, young people, and adults dedicated their lives to Christ and came into the Church. The day closed with a pageant at the twilight hour, which was a beautiful adaptation of the Christmas story in five episodes; about seventy children and young people took part.

Miss Dodd reports work with Italian mothers and girls:

Looking back over the year's work, it seems that the high points are the following:

1. Sixteen of our Girls' Reserve with one of their mothers, who is our

local adviser for our triangle here at Institutional, went to Camp Washita, the Y. W. C. A. camp. Every one of us had a good time, especially that one mother. One evening she prepared and served an Italian dinner to all the girls in camp. Many of these American girls were from our most cultured homes, and how lovely they were with their crisp, snappy, pep songs, which they sang to this Italian mother, and such fun we had eating spaghetti and polpette; and the Bible lessons and friendships meant so much in camp.

2. The Bible work in our Saturday Afternoon and Daily Vacation Bible School—this is real joy!

3. Our Italian Mothers' Club banquet at Thanksgiving was a lovely affair in every way. The mothers themselves planned and prepared this dinner themselves. The spiritual messages and fellowship will long be remembered by our Italian mothers and their husbands.

4. My Sunday school class of Italian girls—this class is a direct result of our Daily Vacation Bible School. These are wide-awake high-school girls, and there is always something new and interesting about them. It is my prayer and heart's desire to bring His word each Sunday morning, that these girls will love it and live by it.

5. Brother Cameron baptized three young Italian mothers and two of their little children at our Christmas service. I felt so honored that I was asked to stand as godmother for these two children. It has been another happy year of service for him, and he has made us glad. "For the joy of the Lord is our strength."

Miss Campbell reports for children:

Through the influence of the Children's Department at Institutional Church, we have been able to accomplish some things for the Master. By throwing a religious influence around the nursery mothers and children we feel that a great many have been strengthened morally and spiritually.

The nursery children entertained their mothers and school-teachers with a Christmas dinner and a Christmas play, entitled "Bird's Christmas Carol," by Kate Douglas Wiggin. We feel by bringing the mothers and teachers together (since the teachers never see the mothers during the week) that we have a closer coöperation between them, and as a result the children are so greatly benefitted.

One day a little mother, who was distressed came to the clinic with her four-months-old baby covered with eczema and very much undernourished. She had tried in many ways to cure him and had heard about our Baby Clinic, and since April has been coming regularly every two weeks. She says the clinic has surely taught her how to care for her baby properly.

Miss Reeves reports the Young People's Work:

We have a splendid though small group of young people, and I find it a great pleasure to work with them. Our program aims to develop the spiritual, physical, mental, and social life of each young person in our midst, and they are equally responsive to each phase of it. The annual banquet held during Christmas week was a howling success. Some of the young folk planned and gave the program, including music, reading, and stunts, and the rest of us fairly howled with delight. A prominent Presbyterian minister of the city gave a most helpful address on "Youth at Its Best."

In the fall I organized a Camp Fire group, which consists of seven girls, ages eleven to fourteen years. We have great times in our meetings and hiking and some real amusing experiences in outdoor cooking.

Birmingham, Ala.—Ensley Community House.

DOROTHY L. CRIM, HEAD RESIDENT; CARABELL HOLLINGSWORTH, KINDERGARTNER; MAUD BUCK, CLUB DIRECTOR; RUTH M'BATH, DOMESTIC SCIENCE; IDRIS JONES, PHYSICAL DIRECTOR.

To the residents of the Ensley Community House there seemed to be no greater need in our community than a real, up-to-date public school building. A series of meetings was held at the House to see what the neighborhood wanted and would demand. Committees were appointed, and everybody set to work, and the long-promised school is now being erected.

The House had charge this year of the Better Homes Demonstration and won first place in honorable mention, the exhibit being the first of the kind held in Ensley.

The supplementing of funds raised by our Board by the Community Chest has given us a resident club worker, better equipment in almost all departments, etc. In the Domestic Science Department we have entirely new equipment.

Although the Trinity Community House, a Roman Catholic house in our midst, has been quite active, nevertheless we have had a most hearty response from our neighborhood. This was due greatly to the long service of our House.

MEN AND BOYS.

We have had a better attendance in Night School than in years. It is a great opportunity to teach these men. From fifteen to twenty-five young men come at night to our club and reading room.

The Young Men's Athletic Club has given almost all the parties for the young people. It is an honor to be a member of the Athletic Club.

No troop could boast of a better Scout master than Troop 39. The fine spirit of these Scouts is one of the joys of the house.

The boys from six to twelve years are in five groups and are under the club director who does constructive and recreational work with these boys. Their interest in the hero stories of the Bible has been quite marked.

WOMEN AND GIRLS.

Our Mothers' Club is a remarkable club from a standpoint of attendance, coöperation with all activities of the house, and their great love for the devotionals given at each meeting. Seventy-five mothers were active during 1925.

The Young Ladies' Club is very promising, Miss McBath reports. The Domestic Science Department is open to girls who want to learn sewing, housekeeping, and cooking. During the past year one hundred and sixty-two were enrolled in sewing, forty-two in cooking, and seventy-seven in housekeeping. It is proving helpful to them, for they are putting methods into practice by carrying them into their homes. This will help them to make stronger and wiser home makers and in this way they will be giving service, not only in their own homes, but also in the world in building a stronger race.

Miss Hollingsworth reports:

We reach many homes through our kindergarten, and the coöperation and response of the parents which has been so marked this year shows that it not only has a place in the hearts of the little ones, but also a place in the hearts of the parents. We have had an average daily attendance of forty-nine, representing forty-eight homes.

The Daily Vacation School, where one hundred and sixteen were enrolled, had a gratifying, faithful attendance.

Our clinics—baby, pre-natal, eye, ear, nose, and throat—have done untold good and ministers to many a long distance from us.

The playground had a director this summer from the Recreational Board of the city. At night the lights were on and the ground was enjoyed by many.

Perhaps the greatest service we share is the personal contact with our neighbors, more especially as they come with their joys and sorrows. We feel that we are in partnership with them.

Our Italian Church is active and growing. If they were not so bound by superstition and fear of being ostracized, more would come. Nevertheless, the spirit of God—which is love—is growing in the hearts of many of our children and older ones.

Houma, La.—French Work, MacDonell Wesley Community House and School.

DEACONESS ELLA K. HOOPER, HEAD RESIDENT; MISS EFFIE K. FAUVER, MISS LUCY KAGEY.

Miss Hooper reports:

The unfolding years bring more and more vividly the realization that God's work for the French people came not by chance, and that its growth and welfare is not left to frail human vision and judgment. It is a challenging thought, and sustaining, that God looked down upon the needs of this people in years long past, and planned to send deliverance when he could prepare them to be delivered. In the fullness of time he sent the first gospel messenger, and, as the time was ripe for each new step his plan was ready and some one prepared to do the work, whether small or great, whether a task of vision, of leadership, of humble personal service, or even just the giving out of one small Bible portion destined to awaken a soul to its need of God. "All things work together for good" to the steady fulfillment of God's purposes in the French work. It is "like a tree planted by the rivers of water," like an oak tree whose growth is slow, but mighty to endure. The year 1925 has added its quota of growth to root, branch, and beauty.

Miss Fauver reports:

My work for the past year has been as housekeeper in the school building and boys' dormitory, teaching the primary grades in the mornings from eight to twelve, and an industrial class for boys in the afternoons from 1:15 to 4. I am chairman of the Recreation Committee of the school, and have some work with the local Sunday school and Missionary Society.

Miss Kagey reports:

The greater part of my time is taken up with my school work. I teach the fourth and fifth grades in the forenoon, and have charge of some of the boys during industrial period three evenings in the week. Besides teaching, I have charge of the house cleaning in the Wesley House and do some clerical work. Also teach a class of intermediate girls in Sunday school, which gives me a contact with teen-age girls outside of our school.

It is true that the classroom work is important, but it is only one of the great responsibilities of our work here. Our greatest responsibility is that of building strong Christian characters in our boys and girls in order that they may become leaders in the kingdom of God. There is such a great work to be done among their people. Each contact, whether in the classroom, at play, in industrial work, or elsewhere gives an opportunity to teach something that will help them make better homes. Each contact is an opportunity to teach Jesus Christ. In many instances great improvement can be seen in the children within a short time. I consider it a great privilege to be one of the workers in an institution that is doing such a great work for God and man.

New Orleans, La.—St. Mark's Settlement.

DEACONESS BERTA ELLISON, HEAD RESIDENT; DEACONESS MARGARET YOUNG, MISS ANNIE M'IVER ROGERS.

Miss Ellison reports:

This has not been a year of great growth in numbers, but it has been a time of development in individuals and groups. Having in mind our juniors and intermediates, there comes before me the picture of a flower bed in early spring. Flowers, grass, and weeds look so nearly alike it is risky for any but an experienced gardener to care for it. One might easily pull up flowers for weeds in the early stages of growth. Children are much the same. Not that any are worthless like weeds, they are all flowers of some kind, but one cannot tell for a while whether the life will be beautiful like a rose, lily, or carnation or not so pretty like a hollyhock or sunflower. Those in charge of the groups mentioned above are beginning to see promise now of definite results from efforts put forth in Junior Church, Junior prayer meeting, Junior and Intermediates League, as well as other activities carried on with the same boys and girls from time to time. Speaking in terms of flowers again, they can see whether "Arkansas" is growing into a larkspur or a sweet-william and whether Leona will be a black-eyed susan or a dark, red rose. Interesting, isn't it, to be a gardener?

The spirit of the community is changing toward St. Mark's. Not so many broken window panes, stealing, and other signs of gang depredations. Governor Nicholl's Street gang, a notorious one, in the early fall was invited into an attractive game room two nights a week. They came. Some of the workers and five or six Epworth Leaguers furnished by the City Union each time gave splendid supervision and help to the boys in their games. Caroms is most popular, and fortunately we workers specialized in this particular game when we were younger. The worst boy in the gang can't help having a secret admiration for us when we beat him playing as frequently happens when an extra one is needed to make up a table; otherwise we do not take part. This accounts largely for the changed attitude mentioned above.

Entering the Community Chest has given a certain standing or recognition that was needed in the city at large. It will mean better business methods in the institution and also in the local board.

Visitors often remark about the commanding appearance of our building from the exterior and also commend the interior for neatness and cleanliness. Many have come and gone this year from practically all over the country, and most, if not all of them, have been impressed with the large place given to Bible teaching in our program. Taking a retrospective view of the year just passed it is only fitting to say good, honest work has been done, and there is nothing but appreciation and praise for my coworkers. Even strangers notice a spirit of unity among us; this, coupled with sincere appreciation from the people we serve, makes a home atmosphere and comradeship most desirable indeed.

Miss Young reports:

Looking back over the past year there have been many things I see that should have been done. This brings regret and a deeper desire to be sufficient for the needs of the coming year. In this inventory there has also been encouraging things.

I like to think of one of the young women in my Gymnastic Club. A little over a year ago I had to call her down many times during an evening for taking God's name in vain. At Easter she was converted. Her first thought after her conversion was for her little boy. The other day in the dressing room one girl used language she should not. Florence was the one who spoke to her about it.

Realizing that the hope of St. Mark's is in the children and young people,

I have spent much of my time and thought on religious education. In the Sewing School, Manual Training School, as well as the Week-Day School of Religious Education, the Bible has been used as a text to teach the Jesus way of living. Much joy has come to me in helping Miss Rogers in Junior Church and prayer meeting.

Looking back into the past and hoping for the future, I think I can say with Pippa: "God's in his heaven, All's well with the world."

Miss Rogers reports:

Some one had the vision to "attempt great things for God" in New Orleans. This beautiful, well-equipped building is the result. Some one had faith to "expect great things from God." Slowly but surely, it seems to me, this faith is being rewarded. But we need more faith. If we had "faith as a grain of mustard seed," what might we not accomplish here in the Master's name?

Miss Young and I are encouraged by the progress of the Junior Church. In the months of October, November, and December we had an average attendance of over forty. Several times we had over fifty. The program is planned to meet the needs of boys and girls from eight to fifteen. Last year we did not succeed in reaching many of the older ones. But this year those of intermediate age make up at least half of our junior congregation.

I believe the part of my work which interests me most, and which lies nearest my heart, is my Sunday school class. In this class, which I took last spring, are twelve boys from twelve to fifteen years old. Most of these are of either French or Syrian descent; one is of Czechoslovakian parentage. They are as bright and attractive a group as can be found anywhere; unlimited possibilities are bound up in their lives. Once a week they come to play in the gymnasium, after which they study the lesson for the following Sunday. They are regular attendants at Junior Church and Junior prayer meeting; in fact, most of them can be counted on whenever needed. Our great desire and prayer is that they may take the Christ as their ideal and become true followers of him.

Terry, Tex.—Japanese and French Colony.

MISS VIRGINIA HICKS.

I have been teaching the Japanese mothers to cook American dishes. Sometimes we have the kitchen full, and again the attendance is small. There are so many things to keep the mothers at home that we feel it is real sacrifice on their part to come.

We have had two lovely gifts recently. Sledd Memorial Church, Danville, Va., gave us a communion set, and Lee Street Church, Greenville, Tex., gave us a pulpit. We are indeed grateful and know that God is good to us. We have had sacrament once, and it was an inspiring sight to see a whole table of adult Japanese who responded to the invitation: "All ye who feel the need of Christ." One man was holding his baby, who was asleep, and when I offered to take it he said: "No, Jimmie needs Christ too."

Our statistical report is as follows: Sunday school enrollment, 80; Sunday school average attendance, 65; Sunday school average offering, \$5.50; Kindergarten enrollment—Japanese, 9; French, 5; Mexican, 5; American, 2; total kindergarten enrollment, 21; Music pupils, 13; Epworth League enrollment (attendance perfect), 25; Bible school enrollment, Terry, 22; Oilla, 37; Duncan Woods, 39; total Bible school enrollment, 98; Clinic (held once a month), average attendance, 25.

MEXICAN WORK.

Dallas, Tex.—Wesley Chapel.

MISS ANNIE PRICE, MISS LULA BELL.

Miss Price reports:

Since coming to the Mexican Mission, September 10, 1925, work has been a real joy.

Ours is a community of some ten thousand Mexican people. The field is indeed white and ripe unto harvest. Large numbers come to us daily.

With doctors to be called, sick to be visited, funerals to be arranged, and people to be taken to hospitals; with kindergarten in the forenoons, and clinics, missionary society, rummage sale, and sewing school in the several afternoons, it is impossible to meet the real needs of this people with only two workers.

We have, however, wonderful faith in Dallas Methodism. People who, unsolicited, will look after our people in such a wonderful way as did they at the Christmas season will also tide us over the trying times throughout the year. We trust this year will not only bring us another worker, but a nice, new building in which to carry on this great work. Never have I so come to dwell upon the Scarritt motto: "Attempt great things; expect great things."

Our Church, with the Rev. E. Guerra as pastor, is building both spiritually and financially as well it seems. Brother Guerra is enthusiastic and efficient, and the people are rallying to his leaderships. His constant aim is to lead his people to become self-supporting as a Church.

With such opportunities for service and with such a ready harvest, who should be more happy than the workers at the Dallas Mexican Mission?

Miss Bell Reports.

This is my second year at the Mexican Mission. There have been some changes since I came here. We have enlarged the kindergarten room, built a new church, and added a dental clinic to the work. The work is growing more interesting and, I think, more stable. We may not have increased greatly in numbers, but to me it is more worth while.

This year we have had an enrollment of eighty-one in our kindergarten. We could have had more if we had had room for them, and the time to hunt them up, but we have not; therefore what we have just came to us. We hope to have a new building some day. This year the children are cleaner and more capable than they were two years ago, yet a great many of them are from the same families. I find these children very bright and interesting to work with, and I am very happy to be one of the workers at the Mexican Mission. With the teaching of the kindergarten, helping with the clinics, clubs, sewing school, the driving of the mission car, etc., I find myself kept pretty busy most of the time.

Los Angeles, Calif.—Homer Toberman Mission and Clinic.

DEACONESS JOSEPHINE BERGLUND, HEAD RESIDENT; MISS MURIEL BELL, R.N.; DEACONESS LEXIE VIVIAN AND MISS O'LULA HANNA, CLUB DIRECTORS; REV. RICARDO M. DIAZ, PASTOR; SR. MOSEIS GARDEA, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR.

Two new projects of the year are the dental clinic and the employment bureau. The first has become an established factor in one of the suburban districts, and the service which it has rendered has even exceeded our expectations. The patronage at the employment bureau is daily increasing. Mrs. Ruth Biddings, who is in charge, reported one hundred

and twenty-six persons placed in December, and January it seems will be much better. We expect this to become one of the most helpful features of our work.

The musical programs inaugurated by our girls' Glee Club will be given monthly during 1926.

A member of our Church, who has a moving picture machine, entertained us one evening a week for several months with educational and religious pictures.

It is delightful to see the boys on the playground in their well-organized groups under the leadership of Sr. Moseis Gardea, the son of one of our Mexican preachers.

We have nine boys and girls in Christian schools whose tuitions are being paid by the women of the Southern division of the Pacific Conference. The women of this Conference are in every way giving us their splendid support as usual.

We have four Sunday schools, one in the city and three in different suburbs. One of these branch Sunday schools is held in a small chapel, and the two others are held in homes and with almost no equipment. Nevertheless they not only continue, but grow. For these congregations we are very much in need of one large church and two small chapels.

Our pastor, Rev. Diaz, visits the clinic, preaching to the patients while they wait for the doctors. He does not preach, but talks to those who wait in the employment office. Also, besides six regular Church services, he holds four cottage prayer meetings each week and is planning to hold a noon Bible hour in one of the railroad shop yards.

The days have been full, perhaps sometimes too full for us to seek sufficiently the better part, but we pray that the Master will use that which is usable and that he will help us in the present year to trust not so much in might nor in power, but more in his Spirit.

Miss Bell reports:

Just a few words about our clinic in Belvedere, about five miles from the Mission. With the volunteer services of six doctors we have run the clinic three days in the week—one day for general medical, one for nose and throat, and one for dentistry. In August we discontinued the general medical and gave the day to dentistry, because we had more dental patients than one doctor could handle in one day. Now the two days are so full that we will soon have to open a third day. Eliminating from the systems the poison caused by bad teeth, pyorrhea, and Vincent's Angina, the women are relieved of so many aches and pains that they almost feel that they have found the fountain of youth.

I enjoy my Sunday school work and Epworth League work, but I am happiest when I am visiting those who need my services and doing little kindnesses for them and doing it as unto Him.

Miss Vivian reports:

In many ways my second year at the Mission has brought to me even greater happiness than did the preceding year. I have learned to know and to understand the Mexican people a little better, and to know them is to love them; to work with them is a rare privilege.

I consider my Daily Vacation Bible School of last summer the most constructive work that I have done here. Both teachers and pupils were earnest, enthusiastic workers throughout the term. Seven Bibles were awarded for Bible memory work; fifteen Bible storybooks were given for attendance. Our Southern Methodist Missionary Societies of this Conference furnished teachers, Bibles, and other supplies for the school.

Realizing the absence of wholesome recreation for the older girls of the community, we organized a Choral Club. Two students from the university, well trained in this work, are devoting an evening a week to

the girls, who seem to be enjoying the study of good music. During the Christmas holidays the Club gave a musical program which was attended by a large audience.

Taking advantage of holiday prices, we bought new books for the library, which is now open at regular hours to the children of the community. Here they can spend their time reading good books, playing games, and listening to interesting stories told by a young woman from the university—one who is in sympathy with every opportunity given to the Mexican children.

My Junior League continues to grow in numbers and interest. It is a real joy to work with such responsive boys and girls. They are doing well with their memory work from the Bible, and in their devotional meetings they are having the practice that will help them to become leaders in the Church activities when they grow up.

More of my time has been given to the numerous, unexpected calls of each day than to the regular activities. Therefore, I have not accomplished as much as I had hoped with my children. But one of the joys of settlement work is the privilege and opportunity of ministering to those who come to us for advice, for help, for sympathy, and for various other reasons, and I'm glad that I had a little part in that kind of service.

Miss Hanna reports:

After being removed from the field of missionary activity, in an official way, for some three years, I find myself back in it with, I believe, a more thorough joy than ever before.

I find myself led into the very needy home field this time, and at present am enjoying my place of service at Homer Toberman Mission, "way out here on the west coast." My work is so much of "this and that" that I can't really give a name to it. I am connected with two Sunday schools and one Church organization in an official way. I touch the work of the clinic and the employment bureau by giving part time to each—teach English classes three nights a week—have the devotional period of the Wednesday afternoon sewing school. I enjoy the variety of it all very much.

The innermost joy of doing it all comes when you realize that you are molding character for citizenship, Christian citizenship, for the time when the great ideal, that of world brotherhood, shall come to pass.

Glad to be in your ranks again.

Houston, Tex.—Mexican Work.

MISS NELLIE M'CLAIN.

We were one month late in opening kindergarten, but it has made the children and parents even more appreciative of it than before, for they feared there would be none this year. There has been a splendid average attendance and many visitors, both Mexican parents and Americans, from the different Churches.

The children and mothers had a most happy Christmas, due to our many good friends from the American Churches.

The women are taking an active interest in our "Mothers' Club."

I enjoy very much my Beginner class in Sunday school and the work of the Cradle Roll Department.

San Antonio, Tex.—Wesley Community House.

DEACONESS EUGENIA SMITH, HEAD RESIDENT; MISS EULA M'COY, KINDERGARTNER; MISS ELMA MORGAN, CLUB WORKER.

Miss Smith reports:

"The field is the world." "The seed is the Word."

We often feel like saying, "What are we among so many?" yet in all our departments of work we are trying faithfully to sow the seed, realizing that it is the power of God unto salvation.

Each month we enroll about sixty-five children in the Day Nursery. It is a joy to hear them sing and pray and repeat memory verses and carry the message home. Several mothers have been converted and joined our Church. More than twenty-eight hundred have been ministered to through our clinic. This gives us a wonderful opportunity to go into their homes and help them when they most need us.

We cooperate with and hold our Church membership in our Mexican Church. It is one of the most liberal and most spiritual Churches I have ever known. Almost every Sunday people are baptized and received into the Church on profession of faith in Jesus Christ.

February, 1925, was the month for self-denial to support a Bible woman in Korea. It was easily done in the one month, and all obligations were met in full at home. It was done so joyfully, and now they want to do it permanently each February. At the beginning of 1926, our Church is paying their entire missionary assessments for the year.

We have an afternoon Sunday school at the Wesley House for those who will not attend the one in the church. We had a yearly average of one hundred each Sunday. Many of them are becoming so regular and established, and others have started to Church.

How I wish we could do all that we see that needs to be done! We are just touching it. Yet day by day we have the privilege of loving, serving, "chauffeur" for Him, and we are so happy to do it, for his "yoke is easy and his burden is light" and if he wills, we will be glad to serve another year.

Miss McCoy reports:

We have limited the enrollment in the kindergarten to sixty. The average daily attendance is forty-three. Special emphasis is placed on the religious teaching, and much time is given to the memorizing of Scripture verses and religious songs. All our work is done in English. We have a conversation period each day, and some of the children are learning rapidly to speak English.

We are able to carry out what others term a very fine daily program. We find that our kindergarten is being held up as a model, and others have asked for some of our methods. We report this in the spirit of deepest humility, for we know that we could not do the work alone; but it is the Spirit of God that worketh in and through us.

At Christmas time we had our tree as usual, and the children gave a short program, a part of which was the Christmas story from the second chapter of Luke, recited in unison and from memory. The children from the kindergarten and primary school at Westmoorland College furnished toys and treats for our children. One of the college girls has been assisting us one day per week.

We have had our kindergarten mothers' meeting each month, with a program by the children, and a speaker from the outside.

We teach a class of Junior boys in the afternoon Sunday school. This class also meets on Saturday morning, when we have a Bible lesson and a lesson in morals and good citizenship.

We had a Daily Vacation Bible School with an enrollment of one hundred and eighteen pupils from six to fourteen years of age, in which most splendid work was done.

Miss Morgan reports:

The Mothers' Club, which was organized last summer, has sixty-two members at present, with new members coming in each time. Only a few of these are Christians in name, yet they have taken up a definite

Bible study course and are doing some splendid social service as well as some real missionary work.

The Girl Reserves have also been doing a good bit of service in looking after some needy families near us and in sending dolls to the Indian children in a school in New Mexico. They had a White Christmas.

In the sewing school we have been having especially fine Bible stories and Bible drills by Deaconess Henry. For the majority who do not read English we have a consecrated member of our Mexican Church who teaches them in Spanish.

We have thirty boys from twelve to sixteen years of age enrolled in our afternoon Sunday school, as a result of our Sunday School Basket Ball League. These are boys who have never attended Sunday school before, and are all from Roman Catholic homes. We have an average of more than fifty boys here four evenings in the week. The attendance at the Thursday night Bible lesson is always good and the attention fine. On Thanksgiving at our boys' service, every one of them came up and knelt for prayer; and at our Christmas service for them, when we asked how many would like to give their lives to Jesus as the best gift to be given, all stood up—at least twenty. We are praying that this may lead to a definite decision for Christ.

WORK AMONG MINERS.

Kimball, W. Va.—Coal Fields.

DEACONESS MOLLIE WOMACK.

With the promise, "Lo, I am with you," continually before me, another pleasant year has passed. If anything has been accomplished for the Master, it is because of his presence.

An enlarged Sunday school room is the result of our ever-growing Sunday school.

A revival meeting in the spring conducted by our pastor resulted in several conversions and additions to the Church.

The Vacation Bible School was greatly enjoyed by the boys and girls this summer. Many of the mothers expressed themselves as being pleased with the work accomplished by the children. The forty-two Girl Scouts who had the privilege of going camping last summer not only had a good time, but under the instruction of five competent teachers finished their secondclass requirements.

At Christmas time the Scouts carried baskets to five poor mountain families who otherwise would have had no Christmas joys; and on Christmas Eve, after the program and distribution of gifts, these girls walked through three mining camps and the town of Kimball, singing Christmas carols.

A Junior Missionary Society has just been organized. The children are our stand-bys in Church, prayer meetings, Bible studies—in fact, in everything we undertake. The children of the foreign homes like to attend the services just as all the American children do. Out of an enrollment of one hundred and sixty-five in Sunday school, seventy-four are foreign.

War, W. Va.—Coal Fields.

DEACONESS MARY A. STOKES.

I came to War July 1. There have been three different workers here with me since that time. At first the main work was with the Sunday school. I have had charge of the primary department.

We spent most of our time visiting people and becoming acquainted with their needs.

In September we organized Saturday afternoon Bible schools at Warrior and John's Branch, and kindergarten in the basement of the Community House.

About two hundred garments have been given, and we have gone wherever the need has been in six surrounding camps.

We had a white Christmas service in Sunday school and had members of the Sunday school carry toys and other things to people around us who would not have had any Christmas.

On the whole, these months in service have been filled with much joy. The need is great, and I long to be able to do my very best in this part of the Master's vineyard.

Hemphill, W. Va.—Coal Fields.

MISS HYDA HEARD, MISS CATHERINE PARHAM.

Miss Heard reports:

It seems my second year at Hemphill has been such a short twelve months. It has passed too swiftly. But it has been a wonderful year, for the work has been a real joy, and I find my affections more deeply rooted in the coal fields than ever before.

Visiting in the homes under all conditions and holding cottage prayer meetings over the camp bring us in close touch with the older people, for the work with the adult life is important. Yet the most vital work we are doing is with the youth.

Our Sunday school has steadily grown until we have a very substantial increase in attendance and interest.

The year 1926 finds me with a fine group in my Young People's Missionary Society. They are doing the best work they have ever done, and I am trusting this year will bring many definite decisions for Christ among them.

Perhaps the most enjoyable work of the year was the Daily Vacation Bible School, with my primary and junior girls and boys, held in my own little home, the only available place. Meeting with these children was indeed a privilege, and it was here I reached a number of boys I had not touched so personally before.

We have a Woman's Missionary Society, Epworth League, and Junior Missionary Society, thus touching various groups with Church work.

While we have many needs in our camps, the most outstanding is a spiritual awakening, and that is our prayer for 1926.

Miss Parham reports:

It is with a heart of sincere thankfulness to our Father that I have been permitted to serve him here. This has been a blessed year, filled with many wonderful experiences. Capels, the coal camp in which I work, is a field full of opportunities for service. Our Sunday school, Epworth League, prayer meetings, missionary societies, and clubs work into most of the homes, and by visiting in all the homes we try to touch the entire community with the spirit of Christ.

A partial week-day program of religious education is carried on through a small kindergarten group, a Junior Girls' Club, and a Young People's Society. As yet this work is only in the embryonic stage, but through faith, prayer, and work in His name we shall "undertake great things for God and expect great things from God."

Christ is our supreme need, and I feel that if our whole community can be inspired to feel as one of my little kindergarten boys felt when he said, "I wish I were like Jesus," the kingdom of God will truly come in Capels.

Eckman, Tex.—Coal Fields.

DEACONESS ELLEN G. WRIGHT.

On August 1, 1925, I came to the Bluefield District. I substituted for Miss Heard at the Hemphill Community House until September 9. Then I went to Eckman, where I stayed until December 1; at that time I came over to War Community House to take Miss Hennen's place. In all three places my work has been similar, visiting in the homes, taking part in all.

Thurber, Tex.—Wesley House

DEACONESS RHODA DRAGOO, HEAD RESIDENT.

This has been a good year for the work in Thurber. The Church was organized in February. The company fitted up a cozy little church of which we are very proud. Seventy-five were enrolled in the Sunday school, and the interest has been good throughout the year.

A six-week Daily Vacation Bible School was held in the summer with an enrollment of one hundred and four. The average daily attendance was eighty-five in spite of the heat.

The most satisfying feature of the work is the kindergarten, which has a great influence over the home life. The parents are very appreciative of the work done for their children.

The Wesley House coöperates with the public school in keeping the children in school. Three nights in the week the miners who wish to learn English come to the Wesley House.

The two boys' clubs—Mexican and Italian—and the sewing school complete our schedule of work.

Two entertainments—one at Christmas, given in the Mexican Salon, and the other at Easter, given on the Play Park—attracted people from surrounding towns.

Hartshorne, Okla.—Brooks.

MATTIE M. CUNNINGHAM, DEACONESS.

This new year I am looking back upon the past as the most successful of the years spent in the work here. Children have done better—more intensive work in Bible memory work, both in sewing school and Daily Vacation Bible School. Mothers who were studying English have been happy to take up Bible study in simple form—telling the stories to their children, and their response in public programs has been gratifying. They have read passages and told Bible stories with great gladness. The increasing attendance at these public programs has spoken for the progress in the work.

The present pastor was here ten years ago when the work was opened. He speaks in most encouraging words of the development.

POLYGLOT WORK.**Fort Worth, Tex.—Wesley Community House.**RENA J. MURPHY, HEAD RESIDENT; PEARLE SCARLETT, GIRLS' DEPARTMENT;
EDNA EVANS, KINDERGARTNER.

The work has prospered this year, we are glad to report. We have nine organized clubs all doing splendid work. We have a Boys' Department for the first time, which is meeting a great need in the community. It has a total enrollment of forty-one. A local music club is giving a concert once a month, which is greatly appreciated by our foreign people. A

number of our young people have been converted and joined the Church this year, and many others are interested, which is a great source of encouragement, for this is surely the ultimate aim of our work. We do not ask for results, but God always does "exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think."

Miss Evans, Kindergartener:

Our attendance at kindergarten has been fine. Enrollment now fifty-five. The regular daily attendance from forty-six to forty-nine a greater part of the time. We serve them milk and graham crackers at 10:30 each day. We weigh them each month and find almost all of them gain some each month. They had a nice time Christmas and started the new year with fine attendance.

Miss Pearle Scarlett, Girls' Department:

The Girls' Department is doing splendid work. Our classes in cooking and sewing were a little late in opening because of the change of workers. Our volunteer teachers are very efficient, the girls are very interested, and we feel that very creditable work is being done in class. We have tried to plan practical lessons, the girls are urged to put in practice the things learned. In this way we hope to be of real benefit to the homes. We have a night class for the girls who work. In this class a general course in cooking and sewing is being given, covering as nearly as we can the things the girls feel they need and want. Our ultimate aim is to help them know more of the light and life that Christ came to give.

St. Joseph, Mo.—Wesley Community House.

MISS SUSIE MITCHELL, HEAD RESIDENT; DEACONESS MARY HASLER, KINDERGARTNER; MISS LUCY BELL, CLUB WORKER.

Miss Mitchell reports:

The past year has been characterized by increased interest in the various departments of the work. The attendance and also work being done in the sewing school is much better than last year. The Boy Scouts are doing so well under their splendid new Scout master.

At times I almost despaired of the Mothers' Club ever doing anything worth while. We decided to try a new plan this fall. We are studying "Mother Teacher of Religion," by Betts. In this we study the home, the parent, and the child. When studying the physical conditions we invite the visiting nurse and physicians to talk to the mothers. The second meeting of each month is business meeting, and we also look over the linen chest and check up the things that are out and sew on buttons and do any mending that is needed. The fourth meeting is social meeting, and we have a real party, play games, etc., and they have enjoyed them so much.

Miss Hasler reports:

It has been a great pleasure to see the development of these little folks this past year. There has been an average of thirty-eight in attendance every day. As the different nationalities gathered, each in its own peculiar way seeking that in life which meant greater lives, greater experiences, and a greater joy because they were coming in contact with that which pointed them to the Master: thus it was that it meant so much to see their progress. There are Americans, Roumanians, Serbians, Hungarians, and Mexicans in kindergarten. Our band has had many engagements this past year at community gatherings and missionary societies.

Night school has been an inspiration, and it would do you so much good to see the light which shows on their faces as they come to know and understand new words and phrases.

Miss Bell reports:

The Girls' Clubs are doing splendid work and are manifesting a wonderful spirit in their work and play.

The Kitchen Garden Club children are becoming little model house-keepers and also learning the truths of the Master.

The Girl Reserves are getting a keener insight into what life really is—also a knowledge of habits and thoughts that will help them to become fit temples for our Master's spirit.

Biloxi, Miss.—Wesley Community House.

DEACONESS ELIZABETH TAYLOR, HEAD RESIDENT; MISS SALLIE ELLIS, BOYS' WORKER; MISS SOPHIE KUNTZ, GIRLS' WORKER; MISS PRISCILLA FREELAND, DAY NURSERY MATRON.

Miss Priscilla Freeland, Day Nursery Matron:

As the time for the "Annual" comes, the fact that we are facing changing conditions is forced upon us. Formerly a night school was an outstanding need; now the Womans' Club cooperating with the public school authorities conduct night school.

Until recently—*viz.*, the seasons of 1924-25—the majority of the workers in the shrimp and oyster canneries were brought from Louisiana and Baltimore and other places by the carloads. To-day these workers, nine times out of ten, are resident citizens, and a small per cent of the French spend the summer months with kindred and friends in Louisiana.

Biloxi is rapidly becoming a fashionable resort for the summer as well as the winter months. Large real estate deals are of daily occurrence; hotels are increasing their capacity and others are in course of construction; while the Chamber of Commerce is pleading for housing room for tourists, and industrial conditions are changing, and one can only surmise the final ending.

Work in the canneries has been unusually scarce, oyster packing beginning January 1. One cannot help but wonder how the people in the camps live, yet we have few calls for help.

The year has been marked by a successful Daily Vacation Bible School—the first for the community. The average attendance was seventy-three. The usual Daily Vacation Bible School program was followed, the boys and girls doing creditable work.

The Day Nursery reaches nearly one hundred homes. This added to those touched by the boys' and girls' departments makes possible a Christian contact we would be unable to reach.

The Sunday school, Epworth League, Junior Church, and the regular Church services are closely allied with the activities of the Wesley House.

Some needed repairs to the nursery rooms, papering living rooms, etc., has been done, a heater installed, and a good secondhand piano bought, and the interior of the church redecorated; the grand old, live oak trees trimmed and treated by a "tree surgeon" with the hope of prolonging their life and beauty.

The playground needs new and modern equipment, and the fence inclosing the grounds needs to be replaced by a new one.

The work on Back Bay is developing; a neat, little church has been erected, and a cottage adjoining is being remodeled and equipped for day nursery and other features of the work. This is a strategic location for a community center; it is surrounded by hundreds of tiny cottages and camp buildings, housing the workers in the large shrimp and oyster canneries in this section of the city. Under the leadership of Rev. W. W. Moore, a small Church has been organized; a Sunday school has been carried on for over a year; Miss Kuntz has a sewing school of thirty-five little girls; the Church has been named Epworth, and with the Church

connected with the Wesley Community House comprise the Wesley Memorial charge. The pastor, Rev. D. L. Daniels, gives equal time to the two Churches.

"A great door" is opened in that part of Biloxi, and we dare not close it; rather, shall we not "go in and possess the land" for our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

Miss Ellis reports:

Another year, I am glad to report, finds me still working with the boys. If you're tired, weary, and distressed, just work with the boys, and you'll feel at rest. If you want to keep young, happy, and gay, just work with the boys, and they'll keep you that way.

The boys have been more interested in manual training this year than in any other work. They love to make things, and I believe their parents appreciate what they are doing.

It is also a joy when I think of the thirty-seven children that I was able to get in the public schools this year. Some of these children would not have been in any school, if we had not been able to help them.

As I look back over the year's work, I feel like saying: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name."

Miss Kuntz reports:

This year's work has been that of building upon foundations laid last year. I feel that there has been an increase in efficiency among the club girls and the development of a sense of loyalty among some of them, at least. Only those who work among such conditions as we have here know what this loyalty can cost those who give it.

It is also my pleasure to report a growing Epworth League. Connected with the League is a newly organized Coast Union in which I have a very definite part.

My work is not only among the girls of the Wesley House Community, but in the new field that has been opened in another section. This work is a little over a year old and comparatively small, yet encouraging. The Sunday school is more thoroughly organized now and the attendance of a more substantial nature. The sewing school has tripled itself over last year. Among these girls I find that Bible stories are eagerly listened to, and there is manifested a great desire to learn—not only sewing, but something of a higher nature.

RURAL WORK.

Helena District, North Arkansas Conference.

MINNIE LEE EJDSON, RURAL MISSIONARY.

Like the character in the parable of the pounds, the powers that be said to me this year, "Have thou authority over five cities," having, presumably, been faithful over one. In this instance the five cities are five small communities known in Methodist parlance as a circuit.

The work of a circuit rider missionary is varied. During this year it has been my privilege to assist in revivals over the district. I have helped Sunday schools, Leagues, and Missionary Societies to organize and to plan and carry out special programs. Through one of these—a Sunday School Day program—sixteen persons found their way to Christ and to membership in the Church.

A Daily Vacation Bible School was conducted in one of the communities in July. A Baptist church was used for the meetings in order that a group of children not previously interested in the children's work might attend, as the school was brought nearer to them by this arrangement. Three children cared enough about attending to ride, all on one horse,

a distance of five miles, and rarely did one of them miss. Children paid for the materials used, and young ladies of the community were faithful and efficient teachers.

At present this circuit has two Woman's Missionary Societies, two Senior Leagues, one Junior Missionary Society, and five Sunday schools, all doing creditable work under difficulties.

Besides the work on this circuit, I have had the pleasure of presenting the need and opportunities of rural work in Conferences in and out of the State, and of assisting as a member of the faculty at League and missionary conferences.

Jonesboro District, North Arkansas Conference.

MISS BESSIE BUNN.

It may be of interest to many to know something of our rural Board meetings, held each quarter in different towns where representatives from the twenty-four societies over the district meet in all day session and discuss different phases of our work.

Our first one in 1925 was held in Osceola, seventy-five being present. This day was so full of inspiration and power and joy that it stands out as a mountain-top experience to all present, and gave impetus to the meetings that followed. At the last one, held in Blytheville, interest was still fine. Through Mr. Mann, of Hendrix College, the women were given a broader vision of the rural needs.

Strengthening the Churches through its many departments has been one continued duty throughout the year, as the pastors could not be on the ground except at certain times.

In spite of the many distractions, the Leagues at Leachville took the two weeks' course of young people's revival, as outlined in the *Era*, and it was beautiful to see them trying to comprehend the things of God and their duty to him and his Church.

The Summer Conference of Young People at Mount Petit Jean, where I taught a group of sixteen young women in home missions, convinced me of the earnestness of the young people in wanting to be of value in the upbuilding of God's kingdom on earth.

The Junior Missionary Society of Leachville deserves special mention because of the quality of leadership it promises to the Church. Within its membership, it could rely on its own pianist, choir director and song leader, public speaker, and those who could lead in public prayers, besides having a tithing club of about eight or ten members and one life service volunteer.

In addition to visiting and regular duties of the Church, I have attended sixty-five miscellaneous meetings, addressed thirty-five special groups, attended ten Conferences, one Standard Training School for credit, Council at Tulsa. As the old year closed with a watch night service, my compass was pointing to the Young People's Convention at Memphis, where I knew I would gain much inspiration for the new year's work.

Shuford Circuit.—North Mississippi Conference.

MISS BESSIE MILLER.

The rural Ford and I have seen few idle days since our arrival on Shuford Circuit in July. There has been nothing of monotony in our labors, for we have visited the sick, quilted for the orphans and needy of the community, collected "poundings" for the pastor, gathered up chickens for a church painting fund, peddled flavoring extract for some other cause, and so on. With so much going and such duties, I hardly know which title would best suit—that of "beggar," "peddler," or "chauffeur."

Since the above-mentioned tasks have for the most part been per-

formed in the name of the Missionary Society, you see others have been busy as well as myself. We have four adult auxiliaries and a "Circuit Society" composed of the four. Then we have our Junior Societies, Epworth Leagues, and Sunday school. I have had charge of three Church services in the absence of the pastor.

Aside from my work on Shuford Circuit I have visited some over the district with our district secretary. Have attended six zone meetings and assisted in organizing five auxiliaries. I love my work and am thankful for the privilege that is mine of laboring in this field for my Master.

NEGRO WORK.

Nashville, Tenn.—Bethlehem Center.

MISS MARTHA NUTT, HEAD RESIDENT; MISS THELMA HARRISON, KINDERGARTNER; MISS JEANNE B. OSBY, CLUB WORKER.

As we close the book for 1925 we would give you a brief look-in. As we look back we are reminded that there have been many recurring factors and we have become more sensitized in the presence of facts faced, and the web of relationships. As we have come to know the community more intimately they have tested us and let us share so that we see more of the real situation to-day than ever before concerning maladjustments. Our community has many broken homes. Fathers have left the burden of responsibility on the women. Children are left all day while the mother wins the necessary bread. These and many other things have brought many disorders, including crowded living conditions, low economic standards, delinquency, parental neglect. We are constantly mobilizing influences by establishing relationships as we are able to see needs and find a remedy.

We have made contacts with the Censor Board who are responsible for the type of picture that demoralizes. No responsibility up to this date has ever been carried for *the colored* movie. When this was discussed some of the men seemed sort o' shocked that they had not assumed any responsibility and promised better things.

A recent calling together of the colored preachers sought their co-operation in a moral clean-up. The average colored boy is exposed to vice and immorality as a natural thing for him.

Health. The statistical report is not ready, but there is no marked decrease in the death rate. Nashville still leads in typhoid fever, and her tuberculosis record is not much more enviable. Miss McKinney checked up on the tuberculosis patients under observation a year ago and finds only one has survived. This may be due to one of two things: the cases are not reported until hopeless and living conditions are conducive to the rapid growth of tuberculosis germs. From the clinical side the records show that we gave last year 4,899 treatments. Many of these cases have been referred to hospitals. We have weekly five general, two baby, one prenatal, one eye, ear, nose, and throat clinic.

The holidays were crowded with cheer and good will as our colored friends shared with the Big Brothers both in the sale of the Sunday paper and turned in at the close of the day \$250. In return Bethlehem Center, with the help of our friends, delivered 260 well-filled baskets into worthy, needy homes. We made a dinner for 57 children from the alleys.

A larger staff is needed that the many calls might be met. Our institution is recognized as the *social* consciousness for the community. As its workers we are trying to grasp the needs and handicaps and putting ourselves to the tremendous tasks, but as we survey it all we feel as if we have a real appreciation of the question asked many years ago: "What are

these among so many?" If the whole community could get the picture given by Dickens when he said, "There is not an atom of Tom's slime, not a cubic inch of any pestilential gas in which he lives, not an obscenity or degradation about him, not an ignorance nor a wickedness, not a brutality of his committing, but shall work a retribution through every order of society up to the proudest of the proud and the highest of the high"! If this awakening might come, then the barriers would be removed. We are facing two ways, *do the job* and interest as many others as we can.

Miss Harrison reports:

The kindergarten reopened the second week of September, 1925, with an enrollment of twenty children, which, with the proper amount of visitation, was soon increased to an enrollment of forty-three, and an average attendance of about thirty-five.

I first became connected with the Bethlehem Center Kindergarten in the year 1924-25 as Miss Minnie Webb's assistant when I was a resident-fellowship student at Bethlehem Center and doing my senior work at Fisk University.

After my invaluable experience in the kindergarten as Miss Webb's assistant, and after receiving my degree at Fisk, I wanted to further study kindergarten methods and get some new inspiration; so I borrowed the money from the Board and attended the University of Chicago during the summer session of 1925, then returned to Bethlehem Center, September 1, 1925, as kindergarten, very much inspired and full of new ideas that I had a desire to put into effect all at once, but decided that a gradual adoption would be the better method. However, we did get several improvements for the kindergarten, among which were a victrola with some new records which the children could play themselves, some new floor blocks, some new special kindergarten pictures in lovely frames, kiddie kars, paper towel racks with paper towels for the children to use, and an especially made board with bright hooks placed low in the cloak room on which they might, themselves, hang their wraps. We were already quite proud of our large kindergarten room with its many windows, hardwood floor, and adjoining lavatories and supply closets. These improvements added happily to the efficiency of our work.

Another feature which has been quite a help in the work is the giving of milk to the kindergarten by some of the women's clubs of the city. This has caused an improvement in the health of the children which is evidenced in their increase in weight from month to month on our health bulletin.

I have had some very interested and helpful assistants in the kindergarten on different days in the persons of two young women from Fisk University, two from Scarritt College, and two of the fellowship students here in the House. Their assistance is quite a help to me and the children, as well as a source of experience and inspiration to them as potential workers. Every one seems to be interested in the little folk and their welfare, and it is sometimes hard to get the girls to leave the kindergarten to go on other duties.

At Christmas time the Sunday school of West End Methodist Episcopal Church came in person and presented the kindergarten children with a large basket of gifts, enough for all, which were placed on our large and beautiful Christmas tree. The Sunday school children visited the kindergarten for a while. We sang some for them, and they in turn sang for us, and all were well pleased.

The Mothers' Club which meets twice a month is an important adjunct of the kindergarten. The mothers that attend are very much interested. We try to have programs and lectures that will be helpful to the mothers in their home making and child rearing. We also have a program for raising money which is used in assisting Bethlehem Center or the kindergarten.

Last year we pieced and quilted a quilt to sell for our treasury. This year we have decided to work on individual pieces and have a bazaar in the spring. Then there is the social side of the club which is personally helpful to the mothers.

Miss Osby reports:

This has indeed been an interesting and full term for me. I began work here in the Center on October 1, 1926, succeeding Mrs. Guerney D. Holloway, whose resignation went into effect on October 1.

As Girls' Worker, it was my first duty to inspect and reorganize our files, grouping names and addresses of girls who had been connected with the Center, systematizing them for friendly visiting.

Next, a schedule of classes was planned, and then the real work began. Classes were opened the second week of October, and the young people began literally to pour into us. We had arranged for the following classes:

Monday.—Glee Club, Cooking Class, Home Nursing Group, Brownie Club. The latter is, as you may know, an organized group of small girls who are in actual preparation for later Scout training.

Tuesday.—Small Housekeepers, Group, in which we teach the fundamentals of good housekeeping with limited facilities. Cooking Class, Recreation Group.

Wednesday.—Girl Scout Troop meeting, Cooking Class, Club of Girls.

Thursday.—Group of girls taking Scout training, Cooking Class, Recreation Group.

Friday.—I have organized an extension club of Brownies which meets in one of the churches in East Nashville. There is a very great need of organized community work in East Nashville. Some of the children are very interested, and they are too small to cross the city in transit. We were fortunate in securing the coöperation of a minister and the use of his church, which is located adjoining the playground of a public school and is thus convenient for the little ones who can remain for their club hour after school. We are quite willing to organize more extension work in connection with the public schools, but we are prevented by regulations and lack of coöperation on the part of the local board of education.

Having the Brownie Club well under way, it was assigned to two very splendid assistants, Miss June Cason of Fisk, and Miss Lelia Page of Scarritt College, and I undertook the organization of an athletic club, for the benefit of a certain group of unfortunate girls. This Jewel Club, as I have affectionately dubbed it, is serving its purpose in attracting the interest of these "dust-covered jewels of the alleyways," and is pointing out new interests to them in a freer, healthier, more vigorous mode of life.

Saturday Morning.—A sewing school is held.

We carry on, besides the regular classes, daily vacation visits among the absentees which helps to keep down the number of absentees and shows an interest in the girl and in her background, which in turn motivates an increasing interest on the part of the family in the activities of our girls.

The average daily attendance in the girls' department is about forty. Through the splendid coöperation of the social and religious majors of Fisk and Scarritt, we are enabled to carry on our classes efficiently.

We have about three hundred and fifty names on our files. The field is large, and there is great need for at least two full-time workers. Our Center is so well equipped and so comfortable that it is an inspiration to work and serve here.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—Bethlehem House.

MRS. MATTIE MOORE, HEAD RESIDENT.

Closing 1925 we look back with thanksgiving.

In interest, coöperation, and sympathy there has been a decided growth in the Bethlehem work. The spirit of the City Mission Board in operating this work has been beautiful. They feel it is the Lord's work, and because of this I feel sure their efforts will be blessed.

Our Day Nursery has an enrollment of one hundred and nine children, with an average attendance of seventy-five, and is a great necessity where mothers must leave their children to help make a living.

We recently organized a teen-age Girls' Club, which is doing a good work under the splendid leadership of Mrs. Rossie Thompson Hollis, a public school teacher. They are planning worth-while things which will meet the great need in their lives. The Boys' Club is doing good work under the leadership of Rev. J. G. Hollis, pastor of Phillips Temple C. M. E. Church. The Mothers' Club is a most important work and also one of the most difficult to carry out regularly because of irregular hours and different occupations.

We have had several volunteer helpers in each department during the year. At Easter time the different bands of the Woman's Missionary Society of Centenary Church donated one hundred and forty-four dozen eggs for the children, after which an egg hunt was given. This was greatly enjoyed. The Daily Vacation Bible School was conducted in a most creditable manner, Miss Daisy Duncan, Rev. J. G. Hollis, and Miss Inez Rowe assisting. The only school had an enrollment of eighty-nine on account of illness of the worker. The average attendance was seventy-five. The teaching of the Bible was emphasized more than in any previous year. The school closed with an exhibition of the work and a program followed by a picnic.

Too much cannot be said of Miss Mary Caldwell, the founder of the Bethlehem work in this city and present superintendent of the Bethlehem House. She is a moving spirit in the work. In October she entertained our children with a Halloween party which they enjoyed greatly. The Missionary Society of Centenary Church, of which she is a member, invited the children to give them a few numbers on their Harvest Day program, which they did with great pleasure. The Bible work done by these little tots would have done credit to adults, so says the *Martin Class News*. The superintendent requested that none of our children receive anything for Thanksgiving, but be taught the spirit of giving and being thankful; so they made up a donation and presented it to a poor widow.

At Christmas time the Jones Wesley Class, Beginner, and Primary Departments made it possible for the children to enjoy the most beautiful Christmas tree they have ever seen. Three large tables were piled high with gifts for the children. One hundred and seventy-five children were made happy, and many baskets coming from different departments of Centenary Methodist Church and bags of potatoes distributed to needy families in our community made seventy-five families happy. This would not have been were it not for the City Mission Board fostering this work.

We thank God for his presence with us and look forward with hope and courage to the future.

Augusta, Ga.—Bethlehem House.

SARAH K. LOWDER, HEAD RESIDENT.

The past year at Bethlehem House has shown some progress, for which we thank God and take courage. Our problems are legion, but we realize that the battle is not ours, but the Lord's.

Our activities for the year have been kindergarten, first grade school work, industrial classes, playground, night school, Daily Vacation Bible School, and some relief work. In our clubs and classes 765 have been enrolled, showing a net gain of 316.

Our Daily Vacation Bible School was very successful this year. We conducted it for five weeks in midsummer, with an enrollment of 170. Twelve secured Bibles for perfect attendance. The closing exercises were held at Paine College, with a religious pageant called "The Hebrew Children of the Bible." A large exhibit of handwork was shown, which received much interest and commendation.

The holidays of the year have been celebrated. A May Day program marked the close of our spring term of school work. Promotion certificates were given those completing the First Grade Course.

We are fortunate to have two resident colored workers. One is a Fisk student and has had one year at Nashville Bethlehem House. We believe these two workers will be vital factors in helping meet some of the needs.

We are trying to do all we can to establish mutual understanding and good will and leave the future to an all wise God.

Dallas, Tex.—Wesley Community House.

MISS ALICE M'LARTY, NEGRO WORK.

I am thankful for another year of service and feel very much encouraged as we face a new year, a year which promises to be one of opportunities.

We feel the success of this work is measured not so much by the numbers who attend as by the spirit of coöperation and understanding, which has greatly increased during the past year. Besides our regular activities, Kindergarten, Library, Clinic, Mothers' Club, Boys' Club, Millinery, Cooking, Girl Reserves, Sewing Classes, Art Classes, and Story Hour, the Red Cross furnished instructors in first aid and dietetics. Twenty of the class received certificates.

The Daily Vacation Bible Schools were a decided success. Training classes for teachers were held for two months before the schools opened. We had an enrollment of three hundred and fifty children and twelve volunteer colored teachers.

The coöperation and help given by the students of Southern Methodist University has been very gratifying.

Our aim in all this work is to create a sympathetic understanding between the races, to develop a truer, deeper love for God, and to give the Negro boys and girls a chance for the highest Christian development possible.

COTTON MILL WORK.

Columbia, S. C.—Glencoe Community House.

MISS EDITH LEIGHTY.

Early in the year, one of the pastors of the city conducted a series of services, which resulted in the conversion of several of our young people for whom we had been praying. As we have no Church of any denomination that serves our people, an effort was made to organize a Church, and a number of Baptists and Lutherans said they would cast their lot in with us if we effected the organization; but no place could be secured, and the mill refused to allow us to hold services in the community house, if we organized. Although we have had preaching services once a week by our pastor, we cannot develop the people, nor keep them together, nor make them feel their responsibility as we should when there is no church. We have already started a building fund and hope the day will

not be far away when we shall own a building which can be used as we think best.

As a result of our meeting, an Epworth League was organized; the most outstanding bit of work which this little band of young people did was to present the Pageant of Methodism in several of our neighboring villages.

Until this year, the Christmas season has always been a great receiving time for the children of the Sunday school. This year, we had two trees, one marked "For Him," and one "For Us"; and, while their eyes danced with delight as they looked at the good things piled around the latter tree, I believe their little hearts were strangely warmed as they marched up and presented their little white bags of pennies to Him on His birthday. Over ninety per cent of the whole Sunday school responded, and I was very happy, as it was a goal toward which I had been working a long time.

We have long wished for a kindergarten; this year arrangements were made so that volunteers with cars have carried ten of our little ones to the kindergarten some distance away. Scholarships were secured, and three of the young women and one young man from the night school were sent to the Opportunity Schools at Anderson and Due West last summer for a period of four weeks.

Mobile, Ala.—Dumas Institutional Church.

DORA HOOVER, DEACONESS.

The year 1925 has been one of steady progress in the work here.

The growth in Christian character is apparent in the Church membership, and especially is this true of the women comprising the missionary society.

There is a more regular attendance in Sunday school and an improvement in the conduct of all those who attend.

The moral tone of the community has been raised.

Two revival meetings during the year have quickened the spiritual life of the Church, and twenty new members have been added to the Church roll.

Through the untiring efforts of a volunteer worker from one of the city Churches, the Epworth League is making a success.

The Junior Missionary Society is showing results. Three of its members, seven and eight years of age, united with the Church. Their perception of the world's need of the gospel is evidenced by their earnestness in getting up their programs, paying what they are able, and in their heartfelt prayers.

A Sunday school pageant, "The Voice of the Future," was given by the members of the school. A full house, giving breathless attention, was evidence that it was appreciated. The lesson taught, none could fail to get. New members for the Sunday school was the immediate result.

Both parents and children are interested in the Sewing School. The mothers are surprised and delighted at the progress their children have made in sewing.

The Girls' Reserve, under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A., is developing our girls.

The Boy Scouts have disbanded for lack of leadership, but a club is organized for the smaller boys.

Social gatherings on Saturday evenings furnish entertainment for the young people. The addition of a victrola has enhanced their pleasure.

A small garden has furnished much happiness and exercise for a group of children and also has been used as a text for many short talks and illustrations.

Interest has been added to the Mothers' Club by a contest for securing new members. The contest closed with a large Thanksgiving dinner.

Santa Claus paid a visit to the children of the Sunday school, bringing much happiness with his bounties.

The health officers, together with a baby specialist and a visiting nurse, are conducting a well baby clinic and a pre-school clinic, the object being to correct any defect in the child and to instruct the mother how to properly feed and care for her child. All babies are weighed, measured, and thoroughly examined at each monthly meeting. About eighty children have been enrolled.

Many of our mothers are keenly interested in this new phase of our work. The outlook for the new year is most promising.

Danville, Va — Wesley Community House.

MISS JANE WILKINSON, MISS FRANCES HOWARD, MISS AGNES WIDMEYER.

Through its various activities the Wesley House is reaching practically every family in the community and is meeting some of the community needs.

I came to the Wesley House in July. In July and August my work consisted mainly of playground work, visiting, and learning the people and the community. The playground is well equipped and is quite an asset to the Wesley House.

In the early fall we began the regular activities. We feel that there has been a steady growth in all departments.

One of the fields of greatest need has been among the boys. The way having been prepared by the workers last year, early in September the boys of the community were organized into a Scout Troop by Mr. Whittington, Boys' Worker of the Y. M. C. A. We now have a good Scout Troop which meets at the Wesley House every Friday night and is sponsored by the American Legion. We hope this will be a great thing for the boys.

Our greatest outlook now is a program of week-day religious education which we expect to put on before or by the first of February. We find it somewhat difficult to secure the needed volunteer workers, but with the prayers and efforts of our Board and the friends of the Wesley House we believe the way will be opened.

We are so thankful that God has been with us, and we would strive to honor and glorify him always.

Miss Howard reports:

I became a member of Wesley House family last August, hence, in four months' time there is not much to relate. I assisted with the survey which was my first duty.

Much interest is being manifested by the girls in the sewing class. I have three cooking classes, and the attendance is good.

A club for the working girls was recently organized with an enrollment of nineteen.

I am glad to have an active part in the Church work. I am superintendent of the Beginner Department in the Sunday school and assist with the Junior Missionary work.

Miss Widmeyer reports:

Our kindergarten opened this year with the largest enrollment in its history—eighty-five children who have been both faithful and happy. Through one mission board we are able to give them milk each day, and the money brought by the children buys the cakes that complete their daily lunch.

Besides the kindergartner there are two paid assistants this year.

Christmas found every child well and in his place ready for Santa.

A lovely tree and Santa with a gift for each child made it a happy morning for the visitors as well as for the children.

I have a Sunday school class of boys who are just at present interested in plans for making money for the new church under construction in our neighborhood.

Dallas, Tex.—Wesley Community House.

ELAH CANNON.

The workers at Wesley House feel that they have enjoyed the great privilege of working with the Dallas Board of City Missions for another year. Without the support, love, and loyalty of this group of Christian women, a worker could not do her best work, but one could not ask for more loyal support than is realized from the Board and Churches of Dallas.

The work in its entirety has gone forward at its steady pace with a degree of gradual growth. All clubs for boys, girls, men, and women have been directed to meet the need of the hour, and we feel that such efforts have not been in vain, as our purpose is to build the fourfold man—physically, mentally, morally, and spiritually—continually feeding them into the Church and Sunday school and bringing them to Christ, if possible. For the past year the Church and Sunday school have overfilled their buildings, which made a crying demand for added Sunday school space. This being faced by the Church and the Sunday school, they began a steady paying of pledges to raise a building fund. At this time the total in bank is \$1,001, and the building is being constructed with an expectation of being in it by January 10.

In addition to the new building and the flood of joy in service that naturally comes at the Christmas season in any settlement, the workers each received a Christmas check and a home, all made fresh and clean inside with new paint, paper, furniture, and floor coverings; so we are thanking God for all the blessings that come to make us happy and comfortable at home.

Our department of Goodwill Industries has realized a gradual growth during the past year. It has opened up two other stores, one in the Mexican district in North Dallas and one in a Negro community in East Dallas; also added a part-time man to its staff, and in all of its activities through the workshop, where from five to nine women work daily, and in the sales rooms, where the crowds drift through to buy, it has made more real its touch with people in a helpful way. Mrs. Thomas, a wonderful Christian and wise director of the work, whose heart understands and metes out the tender compassion of Jesus, wields a great influence for the Christian way of living upon all people touched. She has supervised the working over and selling at a low cost of 19,454 garments to 12,460 customers; given 1,109 days of work to an average of eight women and men daily; received \$4,831.62; paid out for labor \$2,130.36, for salaries \$850, for rent \$640, and for equipment \$640.60, leaving a balance of \$570.67. Best of all, at the beginning of each day a half hour of the work time is taken for a devotional—Bible reading and prayer. At this time all hearts, whether they have come to buy or to work, are lifted to God.

Our Daily Vacation Bible School was a greater success than we had ever expected. We had a four-week school with a hundred and fifty-five children on roll, an average daily attendance of ninety-seven. These children did beautiful work in memorizing five typewritten pages of carefully selected songs, hymns, psalms, Bible verses, and stories; making each day beautiful articles, such as paper dolls, flowers, paper and paper-ropes baskets, while the boys, equally skilled with their saws, hammers, and nails, built bookshelves, book ends, cake boards, animals, etc. The three resident workers in charge, two regular and one volunteering

her services as a full-time worker, were assisted by ten and fourteen volunteer workers from the Churches of Dallas. Each Friday the children enjoyed a surprise in the form of ice cream cones, cold drinks, picnics, etc., while each day was filled with pep and friendly competition in work and play that made each heart glad that it was living. After a session of Bible school each Saturday morning through the winter months and the four-week summer school, we closed with both children and parents asking that the school be continued. In the coming year we are looking forward to greater results for our Bible school, as our new Sunday school building will add from twelve to fifteen classrooms.

This added building will also bring growth in the interest and activity in our entertainments, banquets, and parties, as we expect to utilize it for that purpose. During the past year we have entertained the people of our neighborhood with eighty-four banquets, parties, and entertainments and outings, ranging from fifteen to two hundred and fifty in number. Some of these times were enjoyed with groups on hikes or truck picnics into the great out of doors, or on a craw fishing trip with fifteen or twenty boys. Others are such times when two hundred passed in and out of a well-ordered Halloween party, a Thanksgiving banquet where burdened hearts but bright faces made merry together. Or when the church was crowded to the overflow, while the Daily Vacation Bible School children took charge of two evening Church services, giving a program of their work for their parents, Church members, and visitors; and, best of all, when after a Christmas pageant, given by the children, in which the spirit of Christ lived, and after they had brought their White Gifts for the Waco Orphanage, old Santa came to bring fruit to each Sunday school child.

All of these times are a joy, but nothing is such a benediction and blessing to both worker and individual as the times when they have met for a visit in the quiet of the home. It is there that hearts pour out their burdens in that trustful way to a friend who knows the Great Physician for all ills, heartaches, sin, or indifference. As we have gone for 3,967 such visits in the homes and 262 in Wesley House, we have realized the words of the song writer who said: "Tempted and tried, we need a great Saviour." How happy people are when they realize that they have such a Saviour!

We are trusting that in the coming year we may live more and more the true spirit of love and compassion of this great Saviour among a people who are needy for the bread of eternal life.

Meridian, Miss.—Wesley Community House.

MRS. J. C. FIELD, HEAD RESIDENT; MISS MAUD BUCK, INDORSED WORKER.

Since our last report, one year ago, the City Mission Board has made some much-needed repairs and improvements on our Wesley House. On the interior, all walls and ceilings were painted in old ivory, with woodwork in brown. Several pieces of new furniture replaced the old; art squares and linoleum were placed on all the floors, while new shades and curtains adorn some of the windows. On the outside a new front porch, larger in every way, was built, with brick columns, and front cement steps, walk, and sidewalk were made; new full length window screens added and the entire house painted white; now it is the prettiest home in all this cotton mill village.

The enrollment in all our clubs and classes is larger than last year, and we have splendid volunteer teachers who come from the Churches in town and are doing splendid work. Each day is so full, with the various activities, here in the home, till we do not have time to visit in the community as we would like to do. A great deal of time has to be given to opening the boxes, assorting and giving out the clothing that they con-

tain, but it is an important part of the work, as quite a few of our people are practically clothed from this source. To those who can pay, we require a small amount, so as not to pauperize, and to those who cannot pay, we give them what they need. Last fall several children were supplied with clothing from this source and furnished books so they could start to school.

Our Mothers' Club has greatly improved, and its good influence is felt throughout the community. We gave them a beautiful Thanksgiving dinner—had turkey and all good things usually served with it. Had a good program suitable for the occasion, and all enjoyed it very much.

In October Miss Maude Buck, our new worker, came and has rendered most valuable help in every phase of the work.

Miss Buck reports:

Although it has been my privilege to have been here only three months, I have found the work intensely interesting. The people of this community love the Wesley House, and are responsive to its clubs and classes, as is shown by the large membership in each one.

The boys are organized in clubs and Boy Scouts. We have a very fine leader in our Scout Master and the boys are very enthusiastic over Scouting.

Character development is the purpose of each club, and every program is planned with this aim as its basis. In every activity, recreational or devotional, principles of clean thinking, clean speaking, and clean living have been stressed. The boys are loyal to their clubs; the attendance has been splendid, and I believe they are striving to measure up to the ideals and standards set forth in their codes and mottoes.

One of the interesting features of the Christmas activities was the program of the Boys' Clubs on Sunday afternoon, at which time the president of the older Boys' Club presided. The parents of the members were their guests.

In all of the clubs and classes in the Girls' Department memory work and Bible drills have formed a part of the courses. Among the passages of Scripture the Christmas story, several psalms, and the Beatitudes have been learned.

This community presents a vast field of opportunity. The unlimited possibilities enfolded within the lives of these boys and girls constitute a challenge and an inspiration to greater effort and consecration on the part of those of us who are interested in this responsibility of sowing in God's vineyard.

Spartanburg, S. C.—Wesley Community House.

AGNES J. STACKHOUSE, HEAD RESIDENT AND JUNIOR GIRLS' WORKER; MARY ANDERSON LEE, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR AND SENIOR GIRLS' WORKER; MRS. HEWITT CALDWELL, KINDERGARTNER; IRMA J. BOWMAN, COMMUNITY NURSE AND MOTHERS' CLUB WORKER; MISS EDITH MARSH, ASSISTANT KINDERGARTNER.

The beginning of the year 1925 found us housed in our beautiful new community building adequately equipped and commodious enough to accommodate all activities on a very much larger scale than ever before, the thing that we had so earnestly prayed for; therefore we return thanks to our Father in heaven for answering our prayers in such a marvelous way.

Early in the year we put on a membership drive, setting as our goal five hundred new members for our clubs and classes at the Wesley House. This drive was conducted by two contesting sides with a captain and thirteen workers on each side. A local bakery, becoming very much interested in the drive, offered \$25 in gold as prizes. The two sides were

named for the bread and cake made by the bakery, which also furnished the rolls and cakes for the suppers which were given from time to time during the contest. The campaign was closed with a mock wedding uniting the two sides as one, the bride and groom bearing the names of the bread and cake made by the bakery. When the final count was made it was found that we had gone far beyond the five-hundred goal and had reached the high mark of nine hundred and forty, including fifty kindergarten children.

This contest greatly increased the influence of the Wesley House in the community, extending its Christlike and uplifting influence into many homes that had hitherto been untouched by its service.

A most delightful mother-and-daughter banquet was held in May, three hundred guests participating. During the evening music was furnished by the daughters and toasts given by both mothers and daughters. One of the special features of the evening was an inspiring address made by one of the honor guests, Mrs. D. N. Bourne, President of the Upper South Carolina Conference Woman's Missionary Society.

The banquet was served by fourteen little girls from the Domestic Science Department of the Wesley House.

The four-week Daily Vacation Bible School, the first ever put on in our community, was the main feature of our summer work. A carefully planned program was followed each day. Throughout we sought to reach and develop the child's fourfold nature—his mental, moral, physical, and spiritual nature. In the school we had a staff of ten teachers and an enrollment of one hundred and seventy-five children.

By far the largest community enterprise ever put on in the history of the Wesley House was a community fair held during the month of October. Its success was largely due to the splendid coöperation of the committees composed of both men and women. Exhibits were made of poultry, gardening, flowers, cooking, canning, curios, and handwork. All exhibits made a splendid showing and would have done credit to a county fair. Its outstanding feature was the demonstration of a "Practical Home." For this purpose one of the new mill houses was used, a five-room, concrete bungalow. It was furnished throughout with attractive yet practical and inexpensive furniture, some of the kitchen, bathroom, and bedroom furniture being homemade. More than two thousand people visited the home during the two days of the fair. We feel that some splendid results have been accomplished through the "Practical Home" demonstration, for throughout the community we see evidences of better-kept homes and gardens being beautified and kept clean.

We closed the year's work with the usual Christmas activities, which consisted of a Christmas tree and carols by the club girls and boys on Christmas night; a Christmas tree for the kindergarten and sewing school children; parties for the senior girls and for the mothers. A Christmas supper was given to the senior cooking school girls and basket ball teams. The real Christmas spirit was carried out in the remembrance of some needy families in the village and in playing Santa Claus to children whose fathers had been ill for many months.

We return thanks to our Heavenly Father for making our Wesley House a blessing to the community during the Christmas season and throughout the entire year, and with his guidance and his blessing we are praying that we may serve in a larger way through the coming year.

Orangeburg, S. C.—Wesley Community House.

DEACONESS GERTRUDE GRIZZARD, MISS ATHALIA BAKER.

We are thankful to our Heavenly Father that we have been permitted to see some of the fruits of our labors during the past year. The Lord is crowning our feeble efforts day by day and year by year in the de-

velopment of these people whom we serve. There is so much to be thankful for in the work. Our Sunday school is splendid in attendance; the average for the year was one hundred, with an enrollment of one hundred and seventeen. Two years ago in the Women's Bible Class there were nine women enrolled, with an average attendance of three and four, and now we have twenty-seven enrolled and an average of twenty each Sunday, the same faithful teacher having had the class all the while.

Our Church is three years old. Not having grown in large numbers, we feel we have grown in the knowledge of the things of God. It is blessed to hear our people testify to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, when a few years ago only one or two would own Christ as their Lord.

The children enjoy their class work very much. If for any reason a class has to be called off, they are disappointed.

Along with all the good things and encouraging features come the many disappointments, difficulties, trials, and heartaches, but our God is sufficient for these things. The soul's best tonic lies in the blessed assurance from our Lord: "My grace is sufficient for thee."

Miss Baker reports:

The past year has witnessed some decided advances in our work. We have been enabled to open up work in a district where the people were reached only through social visiting before. The room for this work was furnished by one of the mill families, and we are looking forward for great things from this home.

Then, too, a second adult Bible class has been organized. The members of this class are the young business men and wives from the Churches of the city. Almost all are the converts of the Ham-Ramsey Revival held last spring. It has been a great joy to teach this class. I am more thankful each day that I was sent to this work, and my one aim is to serve Him to the best of my ability as the years go by. Truly I can say: "I am happy in the service of the King."

Charlotte, N. C.—Duncan Memorial Church.

DEACONESS FANNIE BAME.

During the year 1925 we have had the joy of seeing our work progress in almost every line.

All financial obligations of the Church were met in full in spite of the fact that a number of our people had work only a part of the year. The Woman's Missionary Society overpaid its pledge.

The membership of our two Leagues has grown. The desire for service has been deepened. The Junior League has done unusually good work. Fifty-two certificates were given by the Epworth League Board for Bible and Church study work done. The League had charge of three Sunday evening Church services, and also gave a Christmas program at the County Home, taking with them a quantity of fruit. The Junior League bought two Easter lilies for the church Easter Sunday morning, then carried one to a local hospital for colored people and the other to a crippled child.

Sewing school and Boys' Club work has improved during the year. It has been our custom for each child in the sewing school to make one piece for some institution. Last year fifty-four pieces were sent to Brevard Institute, Vashti School, Conference Children's Home, Orthopedic Hospital, and Scarritt College.

Through the generosity of the Charlotte people, we have been able to bring joy into the lives of many people this Christmas time.

We are grateful to our Heavenly Father for the opportunities for service that have been ours during the past year.

North Charlotte, N. C.—Spencer Memorial M. E. Church, South.
 MISS HENRIETTA LOGAN, MISSION WORKER AND PASTOR'S ASSISTANT.

Our work during the greater part of the past year has been seriously handicapped because of the illness of our pastor, Rev. R. E. Hinshaw, and the fact that our large mill has been closed, causing considerable distress among the people and many families to move elsewhere. God has marvelously taken care of conditions, however, through the generosity of the merchants of the village, who credited the people for food as long as possible, and three grocers have had to go out of business for this reason.

Our Church work, however, has been maintained in spite of adverse influences, and forty-one have been received into membership. Our Church organizations have made some progress, and we are trusting God more than ever because of the tests through which he has brought us. Two more of our young people, both of whom are missionary volunteers, have entered a Christian school. We now have seven in preparation for service.

“Sunshine and shadow have mingled
 In the year that has passed away.
 Sunshine and shadow will mingle
 In the year that we meet to-day;
 But hand in hand with the Master
 We fear not what it may bring.
 He knows, he cares, and he loves us,
 And God is in everything.”

Montgomery, Ala.—Settlement House.

DEACONESS CONSTANCE PALMORE, WORKER.

This is my second year in Montgomery, and it has been a year filled with blessings from our Father. There have been times of discouragement, for I have not been able to accomplish the many things I wanted to do. Our work here progresses slowly but surely.

Monday has been my rest day. On Tuesday, I had a sewing class for the older girls. They sewed entirely for themselves, making an undergarment and two dresses during the year.

On Wednesday, I have a cooking class for the junior girls and also a chorus class for the same group, taught by a splendid volunteer helper. The children enjoy singing the hymns of the Church.

Thursday has belonged to the boys. They come and we have a good story and play games. Sometimes we pop corn or make candy. They are always ready for weenies and rolls.

Friday is sewing school day for the younger girls. Last year all except the smallest ones made a very simple little dress for themselves. They seemed to enjoy wearing their own dresses. During the fall months they made garments for a little orphan at our orphanage.

Saturday afternoon, we have the Mothers' Club meeting followed by a sale of secondhand clothing. We are using the *Home Quarterly*, and the mothers like it. I teach the Bible lesson as given in the *Quarterly*, and we very often discuss some other good article.

We have a very good Sunday school, with one hundred and twelve in all departments. Three young ladies from the Woman's College teach, and the other teachers are from our own community. We have attained progressive rank two consecutive years. We have a good consecrated man for pastor.

The work is progressing nicely, but my earnest prayer and desire for the coming year is that we may see many of our people accept Christ as their personal Saviour.

OTHER ENGLISH-SPEAKING INDUSTRIAL CENTERS.**Baltimore, Md.—Wilkins Avenue Methodist
Episcopal Church, South.**

MISS WILHELMINA WAHLROOS.

The many years of service in Wilkins Avenue Church and community have greatly enriched my own life and strengthened my faith. As in the past, my work has largely been on the outside, ministering to the poor, the sick, the shut-ins, and the dying, as well as to the mothers in the home where often under a bright face, a heavy sorrow is being carried. It has been my joy to share these burdens, also to point them to the great Burden Bearer. I am beginning to realize more than ever that love and sympathy are the only weapons strong enough to open doors and break down hard hearts. Over and over again I have seen faces soften and tears stream down the faces of some of the women I have come into contact with in the home. During the winter months, when there was so much distress and suffering because of unemployment, many hundreds of warm garments as well as food and fuel were distributed—fruits, flowers, and jellies taken to the sick, and prayer offered in many homes.

Some of the many activities that have been mine during the year are: Teacher of the Ladies' Bible Class, worker in the Girls' Club, member of the Missionary Society, Home Department, attending the annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society as well as district meetings, besides making many talks in behalf of the work.

Richmond, Va.—Trinity Institutional Church.

DEACONESS MARY NICHOLS, MISS RUTH CARROLL WYATT.

At the beginning of the year the staff of workers spent almost the entire month of September working on a fourfold plan of organization for the Church and Community House. Because of lack of funds and coöperation, we have not been able to carry out the plan as we would like, but we feel that surely as the work grows and is laid upon the hearts of the people they will respond both with themselves and their means.

The Woman's Club is growing into a wonderful organization. They are beginning to feel their responsibility to their Church and community and are responding to all calls wherever they can serve.

Although we do not have as large an enrollment in our Week-Day Bible School as last year, we feel that we are doing more intensive work and really reaching the children better.

The Cooking Classes and Sewing Classes under Miss Watson are gradually increasing in number and are doing good work.

The Boys' Work under Mr. Gresham has been along the usual lines—woodwork, scouting, and athletics. He seems to be getting a wonderful hold upon the "older boys" of the community and has organized them into a music club, and later he hopes to get them interested in athletics and the Church.

Miss Wyatt reports:

During the past year I continued to direct the girls' work here. This program has included Senior and Junior Scouts, Cooking and Sewing Classes, Intermediate-Senior Service Leagues, and the Week-Day School of Religious Education. We are especially thankful for the results in the Intermediate-Senior Leagues, our newest organization. This group has responded well. At first the directors led the devotional service and game period, but now our young people are doing this. We have been greatly handicapped because of lack of money and workers to carry

out the desired program, yet we have rejoiced often in the results which God has permitted us to see, and are thankful for the opportunities to serve. I was happiest last year at Easter when I stood with six of my girls when they united with our Church.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—Wesley Community Center.

MRS. SELDEN BRYAN, HEAD RESIDENT.

A fairy wand has touched our settlement this year, and this City Mission Board has waved it. The first part of the year gravel walks were laid bordered with brick set in cement, next the houses were painted outside and papered inside. As spring came, grass was planted, and shrubbery put around, and later the workers with the help of the children, always found around Wesley Houses, put flowers all along walks and against the houses. In summer the place looked like fairyland. The neighbors began to call it "the park." The clubs and classes grew in attendance as the place grew in beauty.

This fall the president of the City Mission Board planned to have the thirteen Churches of the city each sponsor and finance a club in the settlement. That plan is working fine, there is better work and money to spend where needed and the Churches are feeling more that the work is, their very own. At Christmas the parties for the different groups were divided up among the Churches, and the responsibility of getting, wrapping, and labeling presents was taken off the shoulders of the missionaries. It was a wonderful success in every way. The Churches sent baskets to needy families whose names had been turned in from the settlement. Nobody in our neighborhood lacked for the things that make Christmas happy.

Our clinic has grown steadily. The City Mission Board spent several hundred dollars in equipment so that operations in our clinic are just as safe as in any other operating room in the city. We have a nutrition class in connection with the clinic. All children who are underweight belong to this class. They are given health instruction. Milk is given them daily; a record is kept of their weight from week to week. The children drink the milk at the free milk station, thus giving the assurance that they are getting it. The class of thirty-two started three months ago has built up so rapidly that now not a half dozen are as much as five pounds underweight.

The kindergarten is doing a splendid work, with Mrs. M. M. Goodman as kindergartner. She is giving these little children training that will be a help to them as long as they live.

The Goodwill Industries, under Mr. C. W. Whitehead, has grown by leaps and bounds. In October we bought out the Methodist Episcopal Church Goodwill Industries and moved up to their storeroom, which was much better located than ours. Now we get material from all over the city. Employment is given to many who come seeking, and the poor, in being allowed for a small price to buy our fixed-over things, are given "not charity, but a chance," a chance to keep their self-respect and yet not lack for good clothes.

Miss D. Brooksie Davenport reports:

Looking back over the few months that I have been here I can say: "The Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad." Six months ago when we looked out upon the field about us so ripe unto harvest we were wont to cry out, "What are we among so many?" but taking as our motto, "Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit saith the Lord," we have gone forward.

It is a wonderful privilege to be a girls' worker in a community center. In this department of our work we have eighty-five girls enrolled, aged six years to early twenties. They are organized into Girl Scouts, Little

Home Makers, Cooking School, Sewing School, and Girls' Clubs. We pay special attention to all holidays and usually have two parties, one for the younger girls and one for the older ones. I am interested in girls of all ages, but those nearest my heart are the teen-aged girls.

My Sunday school class of intermediate girls has grown rapidly in numbers and interest since its beginning in September. We have many opportunities for service in all departments of our Church as well as through our club work and visiting.

Louisville, Ky.—Wesley Community House.

DEACONESS ELLEN D. GAINNEY, HEAD RESIDENT; DEACONESS ROSALEE RIGGIN, GIRLS' WORKER; MISS BESS RHODES, BOYS' WORKER.

The outstanding event of our work this year has been the changing of its location from Main Street to Washington Street. This is the third time in its history that Wesley House location has been changed, and each time the move has been to larger quarters and northward toward that section of the city known as the Point. There is room on the new lot for a gymnasium, which we hope to see built in the near future.

CLUB WORK.

There has been a fine spirit in the several clubs this year. The development of the social consciousness in some of the groups has been really wonderful, and has manifested itself in various forms of unselfish service.

The Mothers' Club has spent the larger part of its funds in helping others, some in the city, and some "even unto the uttermost" have been the recipients of their love. The Wesley girls gave music lessons all the year to a talented girl who had no funds to pay for lessons. Several groups gave to Community Chest Fund, and provided Christmas cheer for families in need. Thus have they found the blessedness of giving.

We boast two Girl Reserve Corps this year, and these enthusiastic girls from twelve to sixteen find that the Girl Reserve program meets the fourfold needs of their eager young lives.

Finding it so difficult to secure a Scout Master who could give sufficient time to scouting to make it go here, the Boys' Worker this year has substituted the Pioneer and Friendly Indians organization for boys from ten to sixteen. The new plan seems to be working very well.

The older boys are organized into athletic groups; and while they have not won any pennants, they have stood for clean sportsmanship and have played the game squarely.

CLASSES.

Our industrial classes, cooking and sewing for the girls, cooking and woodwork for the boys, have been well attended and have done good work.

Music classes under the leadership of a student from Conservatory of Music are held two afternoons each week.

SUMMER WORK.

The Daily Vacation Bible School was the best feature of the summer work. It had an enrollment of one hundred and thirty-two and an attendance as large as our working force could take care of. The yard was wired so that it could be used as playground at night.

Fifty-three persons were sent to camp or to the country. The usual picnics and outings also helped relieve the tedium of the long hot months. On several occasions friends brought their automobiles to take groups out.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

Several creditable entertainments were given by various groups, noticeably the Carlisle and Scout Minstrels, the May Day entertainment given by the children of the industrial, music, and dramatic classes, and the Jamboree put on by the Wesley girls.

The missionary auxiliaries and Sunday school classes take care of our Christmas banquets and parties, and this year their response was lovely as usual.

As in former years, our volunteers have done much to make our heavy schedule possible, and we thank God for their faithfulness and loyalty.

A number of cottage prayer meetings have been held in the homes of shut-ins.

Several persons have united with the Church through Wesley House influence, and many more have been encouraged to attend Church and Sunday school with greater regularity. Definite Christian education is undertaken in several of the groups, and in all the work we endeavor to keep before us that our great objective is to reveal Jesus Christ to the boys and girls and men and women who come to Wesley House.

Murfreesboro, Tenn.—Wesley Community House.

MISS MAGGIE M. COX.

We are closing up our fourth year's work here, and are glad to report that we are going onward and upward. Within the last two years, our population has considerably increased.

Our various activities are well attended, giving a place to every person in the community, from the tiny baby on the Cradle Roll to the old man in the Men's Bible Class. Our Sunday school is flourishing, having an enrollment of one hundred and forty.

About twenty volunteer workers have rendered valuable assistance during the year, and we greatly appreciate the support of our splendid City Mission Board.

Our greatest desire in our work is the conversion of the lost, and for this we are praying and working.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—Wesley Community House.

MISS DOROTHEA M. REID, HEAD RESIDENT; MISS ELSA MAE LEE, CLUB WORKER.

Miss Reid reports:

Four months spent in Nashville at the beginning of 1925 have meant much to me. The joy of serving in a needy field, the pleasant association with "kindred" spirits, a sympathetic and loyal group of board women made me want to stay there always.

My appointment to Oklahoma City has also brought abundant joy. Work in a new field with a lovely coworker and a splendid group of Christian board women who give freely of themselves and their means to the Lord's work, a fine spirit of coöperation among Church and civic organizations in our city is a continual help. I consider building on the good foundation laid by my beloved predecessor, Miss Annie L. Trawick, a privilege. I pray daily that I may have strength and courage to carry on this great work for our Lord and Master.

Miss Lee reports:

From the time of my appointment to our Wesley House here, I have been happy. Last year I loved the work; this year, I love it still more.

It is a real pleasure to coöperate with my Head Resident in the different

activities and feel that we are coworkers of our Heavenly Father. We are deeply grateful to him for his many blessings to us this year.

It is a privilege to have a place in our splendid Sunday school, as secretary of the primary department, and greet the little ones. To supplement our Sunday work with these children, ages six to nine, we conduct a story hour every Thursday afternoon. We always have a worship service with Bible story, and then other stories. Our average attendance is thirty-five. We are very fortunate in having two volunteer workers who help with their stories and music to make this a happy hour for the boys and girls.

Likewise, to supplement the work of the Junior Department of Sunday school, we have a Saturday morning sewing school, the chief aim of which is to give religious education. However, the thirty girls who have attended regularly have done very good work in their sewing.

For six months of the year, we have had a Girl Reserve Club with young business girls. While this group was small, only twelve in number, our program of worship, recreation, and service meant a great deal to us, as we learned better how to find and give our best.

Truly our Father has blessed this work here, for it has grown from a small beginning to a work whose influence in the lives of the community people cannot be measured. They express in many ways the appreciation of the work in their midst.

We are trusting God that this community center may in the coming year serve its people in a greater way and bring many souls to know the "Jesus way of living."

Nashville, Tenn.—Wesley House.

MRS. NELLE WYNN DUDLEY, HEAD RESIDENT; MISS LORA LONG, CLUB WORKER; DEACONESS MAMIE ROBINSON, SOCIAL WORKER FOR ANNEX; MISS LAWLER CLENDENEN, WESLEY HOUSE KINDERGARTNER; MISS MAY COBURN; LUCY HOLT MOORE, KINDERGARTNER.

Mrs. Dudley reports:

Since I last reported my name has been changed, but my interest in the work has surely not been lessened.

The work during the past year has made fair progress in all the departments. There has been a marked interest manifested on the part of many of the Board members as well as the people in the community, that has hitherto not been seen. Viewing the situation from many angles, we feel that while not everything has been accomplished that we had hoped to see, yet in many respects results are very gratifying, and we praise our Father that we have been permitted to work in such a great field. This is my third year of work here; each year has brought to light some new and interesting feature. For this past year the opening of the Wesley House Annex Work in an outlying section of our district, known as Black Bottom, has been the outstanding feature and has surely proved to be a very worth-while venture. Miss Mamie Robinson, an experienced and very efficient worker, is giving her full time to this new branch of our work, and you will see from her report below something of the rapid development of this needy section.

Our corps of workers has been increased from four to five full-time paid workers; we have five part-time paid workers and a large group of volunteer helpers. Scarritt College has been very kind in furnishing student workers, and to this faithful group of workers we owe much of the progress that has been made in many lines. They form a band that can always be depended upon. Besides these, we have many other very fine and faithful helpers. A group that deserves special mention is the Sunday school class of Mrs. Wendell Levine, of West End Church. These

young ladies have for a number of years assumed complete responsibility for our Little Mothers' Club.

Much of our attention at present is centered on the work in the Lucy Holt Community, for we feel that our largest opportunity lies in this section. We are hoping that soon we shall have a building in that portion of our district that shall be adequate to take care of the work that forces itself upon us there.

We lay special emphasis on work in the homes. Visitation therefore is a very outstanding feature of our work. During the year the workers report 2,263 visits in the homes. These figures do not include visits made by nurses and volunteer helpers.

The work of the clinic has grown, this work being fostered by the Public Health Department of the city. Our nurses are reaching and helping all the needy sick in our community. Besides we have the services of a physician once each week.

A great many beautiful things are constantly being done for us in our work, and many lovely gifts come to us constantly. Just here we wish to mention the gift of a splendid sum that was left by a friend of the institution in his will. This magnificent gift will enable us to reach out and do larger things than we have hitherto been able to do.

Not all of the work in a Wesley House is bright and encouraging, always there are many families with whom we labor for years and still do not see any marked development in them, but there are many more that have responded, and have delighted us because we have seen in them the uplift, socially, materially, and religiously, that we have been laboring to bring about. There are those who, being lifted from the very depths, have been helped to become splendid, self-respecting citizens.

As we think over the work of the year, we are forced to say: "Surely God's smile of approval has been resting upon us, and in spite of disappointments and heartaches, happy results may be seen." We are praying and expecting that the future for this work may be even greater than it has been heretofore.

Miss Long reports:

For years I had looked forward to the time when I might do some special Christian work. When I arrived in Nashville, September 1, to begin my work at Wesley House, I felt that at last my dream was coming true. Surely the Lord was good to me in sending me here to serve my first year. With such a pretty apartment, a congenial Wesley House family, and a well-organized Mission Board, all these have helped to make these four months very happy ones.

As I was to have charge of the club work, I spent the most of September visiting in the homes and getting acquainted with the club boys and girls. Our cooking classes were organized in September; and as we could take only a limited number, how hard it was to turn them away when they were so eager to cook. The Little Mothers' Club is a very interesting feature of our work. A consecrated Sunday school teacher and her class of fine young women have charge of this club. What good times these little girls have as they learn to make beds, wash dishes, and do other household tasks! At every meeting they serve sweet milk and graham crackers.

One of the finest clubs we have is our Girl Reserves. The supervisor and four group leaders are from Scarritt College. They are so interested in the girls and plan many nice surprises for them. In December we had a lovely banquet at the Y. W. C. A., for all the grade school Girl Reserves of the city. Each school represented some country. Our club was Japan, and how sweet our little toastmistress looked in her real Japanese costume!

We have a large number of real live boys in our Boys' Clubs, which

meet four nights each week. Our enrollment in the Sewing School has reached a hundred, and with a splendid supervisor and plenty of teachers the work is running smoothly.

We are fortunate in having so many volunteer helpers from Scarritt and Peabody Colleges and the different Churches.

Surely God has blessed us, and we are most happy in the work.

Miss Clendenen reports:

The enrollment and average attendance of Wesley House Kindergarten has been good throughout the year. Our children have been well and happy. Many good things have come our way, a beautiful victrola and lovely kindergarten records, toys, picnics, parties, and other pleasures given by our committee and friends.

We have a large enrollment in Story Hour. One of the Young People's Societies gives us a good program twice a month. The Story Hour children assist at other times.

The Primary Department of Filmore Street Church, of which I am superintendent, assisted by two of the girls from Scarritt College, is growing in interest and numbers. We have a live Junior League. In December we won the banner at the League Union. We hope in the future to do more. Our aim is to have every member join the Church and become a worker in the Master's vineyard.

Miss Robinson reports:

We reached here September 1, and were rejoiced to learn that many remembered us, as we had worked here for six months during 1919. We found the Wesley House Annex afternoon Sunday school well attended, with preaching services held each month by a local minister. A class of Juniors who are real boys were given to me.

During the first month we were assisted by our Sunday school superintendent and Head Resident in making a survey of the Annex district. Many new families were found and told about our work. We also spent many afternoons in the city park getting acquainted with the boys and girls.

We have reorganized the Sewing School, Story Hour, and Cooking Class. The Cooking Class meets at the Wesley House. We have organized prayer meeting for Thursday evenings, also a little home makers class and a boys' woodwork class. With a splendid band of helpers, we have had very profitable classes, with a marked improvement in their work.

While the lessons learned during the week-day classes are valuable, we feel that our greatest permanent good will come through our efforts to teach the children to know the One in whose name we serve.

Miss Coburn reports:

This has been the fullest year that we have ever experienced in the Lucy Holt Moore work. Our kindergarten has enrolled eighty-four, while in Story Hour we have an enrollment of one hundred and forty.

Twelve children finished the two-year course in kindergarten and were awarded diplomas. To these little ones this diploma means quite as much as the high-school sheepskin does to the older boy or girl. Prizes were given to several children who had made a perfect attendance record for the year. Two of our children had not missed a day for two years. At our closing in May, the children gave a pageant, entitled "The Awakening of Spring." Fifty-three children took part in this program.

I am superintendent of the Primary Department of the Humphrey Street Sunday School. Have an enrollment of one hundred and forty-

three in this department. In the Sunday school, as well as in the Story Hour work, I have received valuable aid from the Scarritt students.

Our volunteer help this year has been very efficient, and it is to a very great extent through their assistance that we have been enabled to reach out and accomplish some very gratifying results.

Memphis, Tenn.—Wesley Institute.

CONNIE B. FAGAN, DEACONESS.

Surely God has blessed those of us whose privilege it has been to labor for him in his kingdom.

The Adult Missionary Society is increasing in membership and interest. The Social Service Committee has helped others several times.

Very active work has been done among the young people, boys and girls' clubs.

Many children have been cared for in the Day Nursery, which is very helpful to the mothers.

The kindergarten is well attended, and much interest is manifested by the parents and children. Enrollment is the largest it has ever been.

A Daily Vacation Bible School was held in June. Much interest was shown and good work done by the children.

Every week the doctors give their services for work in the adult, baby, and dental clinic.

The Christmas trees and parties which were given here were enjoyed by all who attended.

The superintendent and pastor has charge of the Sunday school and Church services, and attendance upon these are very good.

St. Louis, Mo.—Kingdom House.

DEACONESS ANNIE ALFORD, HEAD RESIDENT; DEACONESS CRYSTAL HARRISON, GIRLS' WORKER; MR. E. L. HERSCHER, BOYS' DIRECTOR; MISS JANET HEAD, NURSE; MRS. JEAN NAUMAN, DAY NURSERY MATRON; MRS. GORRELL CLINGER, SECRETARY.

Miss Alford reports:

As we came to Kingdom House in the first month of 1925, we took hold with greater faith that promise of long ago: "As I was with Moses, so I will be with thee." This promise has been verified throughout the year, and we know it stands true for the future.

A new member was added to the staff in a splendid Christian young man as Director of the Boys' Department.

Being new, our first work was to get acquainted with our territory and our people. The home visiting is a privilege we very much enjoy, for nowhere are friendships more deeply and quickly formed than in the home or at the sick bed in the hospital.

Our weekly salesroom gives us an opportunity to meet many mothers we otherwise could not. Some come for the social hour there, but most all come for the things they need.

Our library has had many good books added during this year, and it is an interesting sight to see the boys and girls coming in on library afternoons to change or check out a book, or perhaps to sit in the library and read. In the free milk station which is maintained in our building, we are privileged to minister in this small way to many undernourished babies of the community, bringing them back to life and health, and giving them a chance. More than five thousand bottles have been given out this year.

A white room has been fitted up and added to the day nursery department where any child who has symptoms of illness is placed until the

clinic hour; thus protecting the large number of children who might be endangered. Our hearts have rejoiced in the opportunities of the day nursery department, yet many times they have ached as we were forced to say to some needy mother: "We cannot possibly take your child now." We are looking forward to the day when we shall have adequate room and equipment to meet this great need. This department is very largely supported by the generous gifts and donations of clothing and choice home canned fruits and vegetables which come from auxiliaries over the S. Louis and Illinois Conferences.

The Woman's Club has been reorganized and has a large increase in membership and interest, bringing together many mothers of the community who have no other social or educational contact.

The Woman's Missionary Society has also done excellent work, doing its part to send the gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth.

Kingdom House playground was a great treat to the people of this community during the hot summer months. Many families and groups of friends from near-by tenements would be on the lawn until a late hour, or turning out the lights, parents resting while the children rolled and tumbled on the grass. Our Board has recently repainted and decorated the interior of the chapel. Our pastor is earnest and sincere in his preaching, and the Lord is blessing the services in the saving of souls. A number of men and women have been moved to consecrate themselves and their children to the Master's service.

Miss Harrison reports:

"And he brought me forth into a big place." This was the first thought that came to me when I received my appointment to Kingdom House. And the same thought has come over and over again since beginning my work here.

On June 30 I arrived at Kingdom House almost overwhelmed by the bigness of the work which was to be mine. But believing that God does not give us any work so great but that he will give us strength to accomplish that work, I entered my field of service happy to have been chosen to work with him.

I came here just in the midst of the Daily Vacation Bible School, and found the girls very much interested in seeing who could memorize the most Bible verses and names of the books of the Bible—each one hoping to win the Bible that had been offered as a reward. In addition to the Bible study, the girls were given instruction in sewing, waxwork, and home nursing.

After the close of the school, the following weeks were spent in just getting acquainted with folk and in sending children to summer camps. And how I enjoyed those days!

The fall work opened with a big "get-together" party—ninety-eight girls, between the ages of eight and sixteen, being present. Some one has said: "Somewhere in the secret of every soul is the hidden gleam of a perfect life." And, as I looked upon that vast group of girls that day, I wondered just what possibilities were stored away in their lives, and prayed that God might work mightily through me in the unfolding of these lives.

The sewing school opened the last week in September with an enrollment of twenty-one pupils and four volunteer helpers. New pupils have been enrolled almost every week, until at the present time there are fifty-five enrolled. One other volunteer worker has been secured. The girls, as a whole, are doing good work, and we are looking forward to bigger and better things in the months to come.

One afternoon each week a Washington University graduate has Story Hour with the girls. She not only tells them stories, but gives them

a chance for self-expression by permitting the girls themselves to tell stories.

Several of the girls are availing themselves of the opportunity for taking piano lessons at small cost to them. These lessons are given by one of our faithful music teachers, who has given her services for several years to the work at Kingdom House.

Four cooking classes are held each week, with an enrollment of twelve in each class. Several girls are on the waiting list begging for places in the classes. The girls are permitted to take home whatever they cook, and oftentimes their mothers send them back to get the recipe. In this way we feel we are helping not only the girls, but the mothers and other members of the family as well. One special feature of the cooking school was a chicken dinner cooked and served by the Syrian girls to the members of the Kingdom House staff and eight of the Syrian girls.

A Junior chorus has been organized to furnish special music and lead the singing for the Sunday evening Church services. One evening each week we have a choir rehearsal and social time together. The girls love to sing and are rendering a great service through song, and through their services our Church attendance has been more than doubled.

At Christmas time a very beautiful and impressive pageant, "White Gifts for the King," was presented, the theme being "From the Manger to the Cross."

The white gifts that were brought by the members of the Sunday school and laid at the foot of the manger were later taken to the Methodist Orphanage.

One special feature of the program was the Junior chorus processional led by a little nine-year-old girl. As they marched in singing "Silent Night, Holy Night," a hush fell over the audience, and the hearts of parents and friends were brought closer to Him whose birthday we were celebrating.

Through the Girl Reserve Club, with an enrollment of twenty, I hope to develop the teen-age girls in health, knowledge, service, and spirit, and to teach them to "find and give the best" in life.

It is a great privilege to work with girls. And my prayer is—that I may grow up with them—grow up in understanding, in love, in faith, in belief, in knowledge; play together, work together, weep together, worship together; and that each one of them may learn to know the living Christ and accept him as her personal Saviour, Friend, and Guide.

Miss Head reports:

During the year our clinic department has been much improved, we have added a third room to our unit, and this as well as the two rooms already in use, has been cleaned and repainted. The hall which we use as a waiting room has been redecorated so that we have an attractive place for our patients to wait. I have several instructive health posters on the walls in the hall; they are read by both mothers and children.

Beginning with September, we have had an excellent staff of fourteen doctors, who can take care of any kind of special treatment needed for our patients. We have splendid coöperation with the Evangelical Deaconess Hospital, and can have any of our clinic patients admitted there without charge, if that is necessary. The municipal visiting nurses of St. Louis have rendered very valuable aid to our clinic during the past year.

A most important part of my work is the follow-up visiting of clinic patients. I try to cover this vast field of work as thoroughly as I have time, but when one considers that we have had 184 clinics during this year with an attendance of 1,453 patients, it can be realized that that cannot be covered completely by one worker.

I have the supervision of the health of the Day Nursery children. Once

a month we have a social time with the Day Nursery mothers and the children, when we serve supper and then invite them to be our guests at our picture show.

I have a Sunday school class of second year Junior girls; we have twenty-seven enrolled and are having a most interesting time with our work.

I have been most happy in my work at Kingdom House and feel that I have been able to extend the field of the Master in my work.

Mr. Herscher reports:

The year was indeed a very happy one to me, and the experiences gained very beneficial. Attendance in all activities for boys for the year was 6,391. During the year one hundred and fifty-four club meetings were held, and many prominent men were the guests at various times.

Hearty coöperation with the Y. M. C. A. made it possible for me to form clubs and programs with definite programs of religious education, a challenge to build a boy's life foursquare—mentally, physically, socially, and devotionally. A program which correlates the work of the home, school, and the Church. Service is at the very heart of the program.

Out of this foundation I organized two Pioneer Clubs, two Employed Boys' Brotherhood Clubs, a foursquare club, and other groups using the challenge.

The Syrian Pioneers attended in a body, the Y. M. C. A. Fruit Tree Planting fête at Eureka, Mo., in May. Members of the Optimist provided auto transportation.

The American Pioneer Club enjoyed a ten-day Y. M. C. A. camp in June and were very fortunate in having a full-blooded Ojibway Indian, fresh from the wilds of Canada, as the camp leader. The boys will never forget his leadership and instructions.

The Boy Scout Troop took part in the annual Scout Circus and won many achievement honors. Hikes and first-aid demonstrations were held in the summer season.

A grand parade around the community streets with boys carrying banners and beating drums, tin cans, and whatnot helped to advertise the Daily Vacation Bible School. Many interesting wood novelties were made by the boys during the school term.

The Frank Wyman Outing Farm at Eureka entertained about thirty boys for two weeks in July and August.

Our Employed Boys' Brotherhood Clubs have been exercising their prestige in the Indoor Baseball League of the city and have come out victorious. Five members attended an Older Boys' Conference at Cape Girardeau, Mo. The wonderful inspiration and religious ideas gathered at this conference will forever bear fruit in the minds of these worthy boys.

Parties and many social events, combined with athletic competition with other civic organizations, provided the hundreds of boys in Kingdom House neighborhood many happy and never-to-be-forgotten hours.

Roanoke, Va.—Norwich Community House.

DEACONESS KATE WALKER.

So many opportunities for service present themselves during the year, that we often wonder if we have used them wisely and made the most of each. Reviewing the work of the year with the purpose of reporting, brings the wonderful vision of God going before, revealing and even enlarging plans for his work. We also feel anew the tremendous need of lives willing to have but the one purpose—to live in the dark places when there is so much sin, shame, heartache, and misery, to let the Eternal Light of heaven's love (Jesus) shine through our life and service into their life and home.

The year brings blessings to the work and workmen along with its heartaches. We see the ravages and disaster of the powers of darkness and the terribleness of their force as we have to solve community problems, the wrecked home life in all members of the family for many generations because they have left God out of their lives. So ignorant, yet, wise in the ways of the world, yielded to deception and untruth; lives so wasted and blighted by sin. But the great Power that always strengthens and sustains is ever present to give counsel and to redeem and lift up those who will be helped. The great consolation to the ones who see such wasting of life and continues in the battle is that God knows and understands it all, and is working with his children.

There has been progress and advancement in all our club work. The mothers enjoy their Monday afternoons together, working in such harmony and entering into the Bible class work with enthusiasm. The interest shown by the committee in the work of this club is very gratifying.

The classes in Home Economics have been well attended. The teachers in this department have worked faithfully to promote the interest of each child.

Interest in reading has been stimulated by the many books loaned from our library and the magazines given away. Over two thousand calls have been made to the House by the people of the community. All our efforts in the club work are to touch the entire family and lead them into better thinking.

Nothing could be more gratifying than the work with the little ones in the kindergarten, training and teaching them with one purpose ever before us—to bring them in the knowledge of God our Father and to awaken their love and reverence for him, that no matter what the home influence and their lack of such teaching in the home, their little lives will have begun to yield to his love and power.

Portsmouth, Va.—City Mission Clinic.

V. MAUDE FAIL, DEACONESS.

As in former years, the city mission clinic has undertaken three types of work.

The Milk Department was the first effort in Portsmouth to put certified milk in the city. The effort has been very successful, as you now can buy certified milk wherever milk is sold. By cooperating with the Rotary Club, milk is given to babies and the sick who are not able to pay for it. The babies who receive free milk are under the doctor's care in the clinic.

The Clinic Department is perhaps the most far-reaching in its ministry, as our clinic does the only Infant Welfare work, and has the only free ear, eye, and nose clinic in the city. We have a splendid corps of specialists who render volunteer service. We have a full-time and two part-time nurses, two white and one colored. One hundred and twenty-six operations for tonsils and adenoids were performed during 1925. One thousand four hundred and twenty-nine patients attended the clinic during the year.

The deaconess's particular work is in the Relief Department. This department had been without an employed worker for almost a year when I came. In the four months that I have been here I have made four hundred and seventy-eight visits and received one thousand two hundred and forty-one; have given \$1,106.59 worth of groceries, clothing, shoes, fuel, rent, etc.

Portsmouth is most generous in remembering the poor at the Christmas season. We were besieged with calls from Sunday school classes and other organizations to supply names for less fortunate people for these groups to provide Christmas cheer. Because of this splendid spirit our people were well taken care of.

Since coming to Portsmouth I have been able to place one boy at Ferrum Training School. The scholarship of \$100 was given by the Sunday school class of which I am a member in Monumental Church. Reports from Ferrum testify to the fact that this investment was worth while.

I want to express my appreciation for the beautiful spirit of coöperation on the part of the Methodist Churches in Portsmouth, which has helped to smooth the rough places when the way seemed hard.

CO-OPERATIVE HOMES.

San Francisco, Calif.—Mary Elizabeth Inn.

DEACONESS ETHEL JACKSON.

I came to San Francisco almost ten years ago with two words dominating my thought and life—faith and responsibility. They were put to the test far beyond what I then felt. Faith in my task has made the responsibility a pleasure; faith in my God has helped me shoulder that responsibility, and whatever of success there has been is because he has not failed me.

I am glad the Master did not say, "Be thou successful," but, "Be thou faithful." That, with all my power, I have endeavored to be.

In a family of one hundred and seven, this task of being father, mother, business manager, counselor, friend, and servant is no child's play.

D. L. Moody once said: "The reward for service is greater service." The past year has afforded abundant opportunities, somewhat as of other years, yet different in that we deal with new girls to a large extent. Out of the two hundred and eight permanent group, one hundred and twenty-four have been new girls. Then a large number of transients has touched us and passed on, we trust, blessed for the little time in our home.

An unusually kind spirit, a spirit of helpfulness, has pervaded the home. One of the great joys that come to a worker is to watch the adjustment of the new girl as she comes into the family and to assist a bit. Some beautiful friendships are made that I am sure will last through life. These young women have much to contribute from their varied talents. Some come to give, others to receive; while a few live seemingly to themselves, and yet we know that is impossible, for "no man liveth to himself."

The interest in things eternal has not been all I have coveted and prayed for. I have tried to sow the seed and till my soil, and I am looking to God to give the increase.

Many times I have been driven to the great Source of all Power for strength and guidance, and the way has opened, the strength has been given.

The outstanding event in this year was the building and opening up of the Holiday House in Mill Valley, equipped to comfortably house twelve at the time. We are guarding the small group idea, to preserve the first ideal to get away from the crowd, and day after day when the furnishings were being put in as I went from kitchen to sleeping porch a little snatch of song kept coming: "O, it's quiet out here." And then I could hear the Master saying to tired, busy followers: "Come ye yourselves apart into a quiet place and rest awhile." I thank God we have the Holiday House. Space forbids my going into detail about the groups going there. At Thanksgiving a group took their beaux and proved to them they knew how to cook and serve a Thanksgiving dinner. They reported the best time of their lives; not even the blessing was forgotten at their feast.

Another occasion was a Sunday school group which spent a week-end and had a beautiful service at ten o'clock. The heart-searching prayers

of the girls gave the teacher a glimpse into the hearts of her girls she had not known before. And again I said: "Thank God for the Holiday House."

Special days here as of old are outstanding occasions. At Thanksgiving the roll call at dinner found thirty-two States and five countries represented. Several toasts were given in other languages, some dressed in native costume.

I count it a great privilege to carry on out here where the fight is strong. Pray that mine shall be a consecrated leadership, and whatsoever He saith unto me that I may do it.

Richmond, Va.—The Wilson Inn.

MARY E. DANIEL, DEACONESS IN CHARGE.

Some one has said that each day should be a challenge to interest and effort, since we know not just how much of adventure, of service, joy, or sorrow it may hold for us within its twenty-four hours. Particularly true do I think this of the days spent within a girls' coöperative boarding home where, living together as one family, we have girls from so many different homes—girls with different ambitions, different dispositions, privileged girls, and handicapped girls. No two days in such a household are ever alike.

The year 1925 has been a happy, satisfactory year in many respects for the one hundred girls who have spent from a few days to the entire year in Wilson Inn.

In the spring, illness made necessary a change of workers, but this was accomplished with little confusion, and the work did not seem to suffer.

At Easter time, one of our two girls, not affiliated with any Church, was baptized and joined Trinity.

Four weddings from the household caused quite a bit of pleasurable excitement, and offered an opportunity for the home to serve in yet another way.

The Federation of Home Departments of Methodist Sunday schools has, for the last five years, mothered the Wilson Inn, and the latter part of November restocked the pantry shelves with all sorts of good things. It is through their gifts of money at such times that many improvements and comforts are made possible. Under the leadership of their efficient superintendent and secretary and treasurer, their annual visit, entertainment, and shower from that large Richmond organization has become an event to which our household looks forward.

One of the bright spots in 1925 at Wilson Inn was when we had the privilege of having the president of the Virginia Missionary Conference and her executive body at dinner with us. We won't soon forget the helpful message given by Mrs. Britt at the vesper service, nor the real fellowship with all the body and the social time that followed. We feel that our missionary women, who give so unstintedly of their time to forward the cause, deserve to see "missions in action" and that such contact must be mutually helpful.

A number of improvements have been made this year that have added much of beauty and comfort to our home, and nothing that will give greater joy than the enlarged new front porch.

Recreation has had its place, as usual, in our program, and has been through parties, weiner roasts, and hikes.

Life at Wilson Inn is busy, but happy.

Over the exit of Harvard University is this admonition, "Depart to serve better thy country and kind," and we would have such conditions, such a real Christian atmosphere that the girls who stay with us, whether a short or a long while, may be able to serve better for having been here.

Houston, Tex.—Young Women's Co-operative Home.

MISS WHITESIDE, HEAD RESIDENT; MRS. EUGENIA YOUNG, SOCIAL SECRETARY.

More and more we realize that if we would render the best service to the girls in our home we cannot deal with them as isolated, or look upon our opportunities and problems as confined within our own walls.

It is important to help our girls find wholesome outside contacts, and we try to do this through their attendance in Sunday school and Church, and other activities described by Mrs. Young in her report.

It is also important for us to have a part, if possible, in any program of general welfare leading to reform in conditions of industry and recreation which are a menace to all girls, and make our home problems difficult.

The unequipped, untrained girl looking for a job is an index to the need of well-enforced laws for compulsory education and vocational training and the underpaid girl a constant witness to the need of a minimum wage law.

The flapperish young divorcee beginning an independent career is a good text for a sermon on better marriage and divorce laws.

Sometimes we are brought face to face with the sad need of the enforcement of the prohibition laws.

We cannot mother our own brood and seek to cover them with the sheltering wings of Christian love without becoming champions of every cause affecting the life of young womanhood.

Day by day we seek to build up in our girls those living principles which will make them strong in the evil day.

Through daily prayer in the dining room, regular Sunday morning devotional and occasional inspirational talks on "home nights," and most of all through a prayer circle conducted by the girls some of our aims are realized.

During a recent revival six girls united with a near-by Methodist Church, and we also have a faithful group of Baptists and some girls attending other Churches.

One girl is leaving soon to begin preparation for life service.

There have been material improvements during the past year. A handsome new rug for the large assembly room, canvas curtains for the sleeping porches, a new Ford in exchange for an old one, and just at Christmas a beautiful new lamp for the library, all giving evidence of the progressive spirit of our Board.

A new bookkeeping system has been installed under the instruction of an auditor employed by the Community Chest to introduce uniform records in all institutions of the city which receive aid from that source.

While there was much time consumed in making the change, we now have a more efficient method of handling business and a capable office assistant.

In solving our many problems and meeting our many opportunities, we realize our weakness, but have the confident assurance, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit," saith the Lord of hosts.

Mrs. Young reports:

Who says that girls do not appreciate loving service? I am made glad each day by some of my precious girls in some way; they have filled my life with love these months while I have served as employment and social secretary, also as house director.

One of the most important parts of my work is that with the Epworth League of the North Side Church. In our community this Church has a large field of service. Car service is furnished us regularly by this League. At times we give the program. This League with others joined in giving

parties in our home, also aided us financially in building a basket ball court.

The Department of City Recreation makes possible much good training for our team; the Y. W. C. A. also furnished us a splendid coach. Now we have a splendid team and are entered with the Inter-Community Girls' League. There has come about a wholesome spirit of unity through playing together, and more attention is given to health principles. It is my duty to sponsor all games and to supply players, as we lose good players by changes in location, illness, etc. Epworth League work and basket ball are new activities here; we hope to add tennis in the near future.

The social activities are varied. Birthdays grouped in quarters and holidays are celebrated with decoration, programs, and dinners in which all join with much enjoyment. Often educational and other programs are furnished by outside talent.

Many kinds of employment are represented: P. O. clerk, bookkeepers, stenographers, cashiers, business college students, telephone operators, comptometer operator, salesgirls, general office work, factory operators, waitresses, advertising, laundry operators, and home work. Wages range from \$5 to \$20 per week.

Employment managers give fine response to my interviews in interest of our girls, often expressing desire to employ girls from this home only. In some instances I have succeeded in raising the wage for deserving girls.

The details of this large home keep me busy, often with nursing sick girls included. The standard must be kept in cleanliness and neatness of girls' rooms as well as superintending maid's service in general. By consecrating material service such contacts become spiritual blessings; never have I been so busy nor so happy.

Waco, Tex.—Rebecca Sparks Inn.

MISS SUE COLE.

It is a privilege to live in this day and be associated with young people and try to have a part in shaping their ideals.

During the past year over one hundred girls found shelter in our Inn.

The spirit of cooperation has been splendid as well as a growth in loyalty to the ideals of the Inn, which has been manifested a number of times by former residents, who have visited us and showed their appreciation in various ways.

The missionary auxiliaries throughout the Conference have been good to send us supplies of canned goods, also along many other lines. We would not fail to mention our Board president, Mrs. W. J. Wigley, who has given us swiss curtains for all of our bedrooms and several beautiful pieces of furniture. Mr. E. J. Sparks, the son of Mrs. Rebecca Sparks, has given us two hundred dollars, which we paid on our street paving bill. One thousand dollars was received from the estate of Mrs. Jennie Myers. This amount is out on interest and will be used for our building fund.

We are looking forward to a building campaign which we hope to begin in the future. In order that the burden may be eliminated of buying new furniture all at one time, we have begun to refurnish our rooms in a splendid walnut design which will be uniform throughout the house.

The social life has not been neglected; parties, picnics, showers, and drives in the woods have featured our entertainments.

Christmas was a joyous time in the Inn. After the lesson on the Nativity was given by the youngest member of our family, many lovely gifts were distributed from the tree. We were impressed with the beautiful handmade gifts with which the girls remembered one another. Many of them spent most of their winter evenings at home sewing on these things.

Again this year our girls were enthusiastic over their poor family, for whom they provided Christmas cheer with toys, food, and clothing.

The religious life is good; every girl attends Church and Sunday school regularly. Each one leads in prayer in the dining room and takes her turn in leading our vesper service. Several have joined the Church during the year. Some are Sunday school teachers; others have official places in the young people's organizations.

On the whole, it has been a year filled with joyous service. We have tried to make those whose lives we have touched know that "life is more than meat and the body is more than raiment."

Lexington, Ky.—Wesley Hall (Coöperative Home).

MARIA M. ELLIOTT, HEAD RESIDENT.

At the time of making my last year's report we were rejoicing in the hope of securing a beautiful new home, and this new year finds us rejoicing in the happy fulfillment of that hope. It is a large, substantial brick residence with ample grounds, in a quiet, pleasant neighborhood within easy walking distance of the business center of town and is in fact all that can be desired for a home. In keeping with its dignity and to perpetuate our Methodist traditions, we have named our new home "Wesley Hall."

There were many trying though unavoidable delays before the purchase could finally be arranged, but at last it was done, and after some necessary alterations were made we moved in the last of May just in time to escape the terrible heat of this past summer. It was like moving to another climate the difference was so great between the air here and at our former home, where we were surrounded by brick walls and with the front door opening onto the sidewalk. Here we are on a corner set in the midst of a wide, grassy lawn and with abundant shade trees surrounding us. The house is steam heated also, and has every modern convenience.

It has been a real joy to see the happiness of the girls in their new, beautiful surroundings. Beauty has a decidedly uplifting influence always, and it has not failed to work some decided changes here.

During the seven months since moving here, we have had almost twice as many applicants for admittance as we were able to take, although we have really crowded the house almost beyond its limit most of the time.

Moving a household of thirty or more people is a rather strenuous task, and when it was over I was badly in need of a rest; so as it was time for my furlough, I took the last four months of the year for that purpose, leaving Mrs. F. T. McIntire as housemother in my absence. For family reasons she was obliged to give it up after a season of admirable service, and Mrs. D. W. Batson kindly took up the work for the rest of the time. Much credit is due Miss Ida Lewis, our housekeeper, for the efficient way in which she has kept the household machinery running smoothly through all the various changes in management, and I can hardly say enough in praise of our City Mission Board, who with such faith and courage, have undertaken this larger program of service and are standing by it so nobly.

Our health record, especially since the move, has been exceptionally good, and the spirit of helpfulness and fellowship among the girls is encouraging.

We are a very happy household and can say with the psalmist: "Jehovah hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

Kansas City, Mo.—Spofford Home.

MISS NETTIE STROUP, HEAD RESIDENT.

The year just passed has been full of interest. Just after school closed in June, ten of the older boys went to camp and remained most of the summer. Several of the smaller boys and girls had nice vacations in different private homes. All were back ready to enter school in September. The children have presented pageants during the year at Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. They have also given several religious dramas and in some instances have taken over an entire evening Church service in the absence of the pastor.

The children's teachers from the different schools were entertained at dinner one evening. It was a very happy occasion for each child, as they felt the evening belonged to them. The teachers were very interested to know something about the home life of the children.

The older girls belong to a Scout Troop, and the younger ones are Brownies. Four of the girls are taking piano lessons, and one boy studies violin.

We had a wonderful time Christmas. Several different clubs entertained the children, and nothing was left undone that could be done to add to their happiness.

REPORTS OF THE CHURCH DEACONESSES AND PASTORS' ASSISTANTS.
St. Louis, Mo.—Centenary Church.

DEACONESS MABEL KENNEDY, DEACONESS GAYE HOKE.

Miss Kennedy reports:

Centenary Church has inherited a great obligation as well as an unlimited opportunity for Christian service. Never in our history have we been so ready to meet the challenge of our community and city. Our new building has provided for the much-needed equipment, and our ever-growing membership with the constant system of training has developed a large group of workers who are giving themselves to the various tasks.

Our goal of five hundred new members was reached. Much personal work is done by the classes working as units in the cause of evangelism. We are constantly building up through these units a greater loyalty to Christ and the Church. Our wonderful pastor, Dr. C. W. Tadlock, has so wisely guided our efforts toward this goal.

Our missionary societies have grown under the circle plan to double its number and money. Next year we have bigger goals yet to reach. The Epworth League is doing more than usual in their fourfold way to further the kingdom. The gymnasium is a great help in the provision for the physical and recreational life of our people. Almost every night it is being used by some classes.

The Sunday school is going forward in a bigger and a better way, having as its goal an average attendance of 1,200 by Easter. Our classrooms make our work more satisfactory in every way.

My relation to this great Church is such that every department is a part of my responsibility. I have my special obligations to my large Sunday school class, sponsor of the Young People's Department, etc., but my time is given as advisory in all the councils of the various organizations. I am very happy that God has provided such an abundant harvest as a result of our efforts in his name. I am glad to have a place in his vineyard.

Miss Hoke reports:

My report for the past year will not be as full as formerly due to the fact that last year was my time for a four-month vacation.

The vacation months given to me were June, July, August, and September. I attended the summer session at Northwestern University, taking three graduate courses in religious education under Professors Stout and Richardson. It was indeed a privilege for me to get back in school and spend awhile taking in and trying to better fit myself for the time when I should again give out. I found there the climate very invigorating and the Michigan shore scenery beautiful and inspiring.

I enjoyed my school work immensely and felt greatly benefited by it. The remainder of my vacation was spent at my home near White Sulphur Springs, W. Va. I came back to my work at Centenary Church October 1, feeling much rested and better prepared to take on the many duties and responsibilities that awaited me.

During the past year I have made six hundred and thirty visits to Church members and prospective Church members, ninety-nine visits to the sick, thirty to institutions, and twenty-three to places of business. During the year, fifty persons have been won to Christ and his Church under my ministry. I have located one hundred and one prospective members, secured about forty Sunday school scholars, and located about one hundred and five others. I have attended eleven funerals and conducted one. Have placed two children in an orphans' home and placed one delinquent girl. Much has been done for the poor and needy by myself and through my Bible class and other organizations with which I work. One thousand dollars' worth was given in relief and Christmas cheer through the different organizations of our Church.

I have assisted and planned for banquets, socials, happy hours, programs, entertainment, bazaars, missionary circles, committee meetings, and classes of various sorts. I have found many problems and difficulties along the way as well as many joys. I trust that I may be such a worker as God can use effectively next year.

Bristol, Va.—State Street Church.

DEACONESS JENNIE DUCKER.

The outstanding feature of the year has been the construction of a modern Sunday school annex, wisely planned and well equipped. With this addition, we are preparing to "lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes." During the past year the death angel entered our ranks and took more than a score, many of whom were active in the work of the Church, some being faithful leaders in the several activities of the Church. The going of these seemed to be a challenge to the younger women of the Church. It is surprising just how much we can accomplish after we have caught the vision. They have set apart one day in each week for visiting, chiefly among the poor, sick, shut-ins. They read the Scriptures, pray, and incidentally find the real needs of the family, which are supplied. One day in each month we meet in one of the homes, where we patch, darn, cut down or make over old clothing which is given where it is most needed. We also visit the jails, read the Scriptures, pray with the prisoners, leave portions of the Scriptures, literature, and things that will make them comfortable. At the request of the American Bible Society, we have canvassed the town to find families needing a Bible. We found forty-one without a Bible. We are prepared to supply these. I continue to sponsor the Epworth League, teach a class of boys in the Intermediate Department of the Sunday school, visit strangers, prospective Church members, sick, aged, and business places where women are employed. We have been responsible for placing three children in orphanages.

When I have an opportunity, I visit rural Churches and other Churches of the city where I can lend a helping hand. For any advancement that has been made through our efforts, we gratefully give the praise to our Heavenly Father.

Chattanooga, Tenn.—Centenary Church.

HELEN O. GIBSON, DEACONESS.

Our staff of workers consists of a pastor, a director of religious education, a financial secretary, a Church secretary, and a deaconess. The duties of each are clearly defined. We have staff meetings each week and bring in reports. As deaconess I look after the social service of the Church. This includes the relief work. The money for needy received on communion day is given to me to use for the poor of our own Church. We are also starting a loan fund. Among other duties are visiting sick, shut-ins, new members, prospective members, and hospitals. I mail out a large number of Church bulletins each week. These go to sick, shut-ins, and members who are out of the city temporarily. The pastor has me cooperate with all the women's work of the Church. I have charge of the local work of the Woman's Missionary Society, make monthly assignments to members. (I am also responsible for the social programs of the society which are designed to reach new members.)

During our annual revival we divide the city into districts and have mission bands responsible for one each. The deaconess supervises this work, making daily assignments and receiving daily reports. The deaconess assists with all the altar work each Sabbath. It is a busy life but one full of real joy.

Houston, Tex.—First Methodist Church.

BITHIAH REED, CHURCH DEACONESS.

Our one big achievement is religious education in First Church. This year was the Vacation Bible School. To those who have been having them this way seem to be trivial, but it is sometimes harder to get new things into a big Church than elsewhere. With the fine supervision of the director of religious education, the school became the best organized in the city. By using the volunteer teachers in the Sunday school, the departments were carefully worked out. The attendance and interest far exceeded our wildest ambitions. Commencement night was conclusive proof that the parents want and appreciate the training their children received.

My visits this year have included all the sick folk registered at the hospitals as Methodist. Many helpful contacts have been made there. Our visitors' organization did a fine piece of work in the spring. They made more than a thousand calls each, in the three months they worked.

The Missionary Society of this Church is outstanding in the spirit of the circle workers. They have this year reached the hundred per cent mark, the first in the history of the Conference. It is a joy to work with women who, facing all obstacles, carry on to such fine completion. It has been my privilege to give the stewardship lessons for the year.

The missionary programs are being given in each department of the Sunday school.

It has been my pleasure to assist Mrs. Nelms in the weekly socials at the Church for our young people.

Baltimore, Md.—Wilkins Avenue Methodist Church, South.

MISS CAROBEL SHEAROUSE, PASTOR'S ASSISTANT.

Joy and gratitude come at the close of another busy year with the consciousness that it has been one more year's work for Jesus. This has by

no means been an easy year, but it has been a good one, because under the Captain's leadership victories have been won for Him. My work in the homes, with various organizations, etc., has continued, with the addition of one new organization—an old-time Methodist class meeting for boys and girls. Realizing the great truth of the statement, "The nation moves forward on the feet of little children," more time than usual has been devoted to them, and results have been very gratifying.

Three revivals have been conducted in our church during the year, and it has been wonderful to see people really "pray through" and experience the saving and sanctifying power of God.

During the Christmas season the spirit of giving was practiced by our people to such a large extent among shut-ins, orphans, and other lonely ones, that great joy came to us in return.

Baltimore, Md.—Frederick Avenue Church.

DEACONESS JENNIE C. CONGLETON.

I can scarcely realize that I have been at Frederick Avenue Church two and a half years. I have kept so busy and have been so happy in the work the time has seemed very short.

At our last Conference we lost our pastor who had been here five years, and was much loved by the people, but as is always the case, his successor soon won his way into the hearts of the people. His wife is also very active, and it is a pleasure to work with her.

I feel that my efforts in the children's work are bearing fruit, and it makes my heart rejoice to know that others recognize this. The parents are very grateful for what the League is meaning to their little ones. I have not the help I need in this work, but God has wonderfully blessed me in it. A very large per cent of the children have given themselves to the Saviour.

As superintendent of the Young People's Department and teacher of a group of young women, I have been able to help in the Sunday school; but feel that I have gotten great good out of this personally.

Our Missionary Society has done good work this year, and we still have the same splendid group of young people. Visiting is a very important part of my work, as people are moving in and out of our community constantly.

In many ways a finer group of people cannot be found than at Frederick Avenue, and I thank God for giving me this opportunity of knowing and serving them.

Crossett, Ark.—First Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

DEACONESS CORNELIA GOBBEY, PASTOR'S ASSISTANT.

The first six months of the year were spent in Crossett, Ark., where I was engaged in Church deaconess work. My work there was very pleasant, consisting as it did of Church visiting, helping in the different organizations of the Church, doing some little relief work, and conducting a small Junior Church.

The latter work gave me much pleasure, and was, I believe, very helpful to the children. We had an average attendance of about thirty-five, and after a few weeks of "beginnings," I had no difficulty in holding the attention of the children and winning their entire coöperation, while their attitude was very earnest and reverent. I believe it was a well worthwhile work.

Phoenix, Ariz.—Central and Bethel Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

MINNIE M. WEBB, DEACONESS.

Thank God for having made the great West! We are coping with an unparalleled situation in our "Baby Conference," which should challenge our Church as one of the fields in which lies the greatest spiritual need. In our capital city, Phoenix, there are more Church members out of the Church than there are in the Church. And aside from the indifference in our work, the people are laboring under a building program. So all in all our people are to be commended for their fortitude and achievements.

This year our women paid in full for their Bible woman, assumed their share in the Belle Bennett Memorial and the Conference scholarship in Scarritt College. Central women had a budget of \$1,900. They met all connectional and local pledges and had left \$144.42 to begin the year 1926.

Our three Epworth Leagues in Central have grown spiritually and in efficiency. There is room yet for growth, but think of three Epworth Leagues in one Church!

The Junior Church at Bethel has been a source of real joy, and the boys and girls have done splendid work.

Central has featured a School of Missions, a Daily Vacation Bible School, a School of Stewardship, and now we are starting Church Night.

I thank God that you let me serve as the first deaconess in our baby Conference.

Fort Worth, Tex.—First Methodist Church.

DEACONESS IDA M. STEVENS.

The past year has been a busy, happy one in this big down-town Church.

The specific work required of me was to visit the sick and shut-ins, strangers and new members, prospective members, new Sunday school folk, and carry the personal touch with the Church into the hearts and homes. To get the new people, and many of the old members, connected with the working groups of Sunday school, Epworth League, and Woman's Missionary Societies; comfort and strengthen the sick and sorrowing, and give material help where needed—just a blessed, wonderful service for the King, sustained and made possible by the finest men and women one could find anywhere.

To make the work easier and increase my efficiency, a dear little Ford coupé has been provided me. I've named it "Cherio," and look forward to a new year of greater things with Cherio to help me.

Charlottesville, Va.—First Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

MISS HELEN A. GARDNER.

The past year has seen us well established in our beautiful new church edifice, a large well-equipped Sunday school building and a handsome, worshipful auditorium. Our school measures up in every way to the requirements of an A-type school, and we are endeavoring, not only to reach a high grade in this standard, but to make the school count for genuine religious education in the community. I have charge of the Senior Department. We have a large social hall which is constantly being used for entertainments, dramatics, and physical education. My work is mostly with the young people and in the field of religious education and recreational activities. I also have the privilege of working with practically all of the organizations of the Church. My office work is heavy, as it includes that of financial secretary and the keeping of all the Church

files. The days have been full to overflowing, but there has been joy in service, and I have felt the Master's presence and strength for every task. To him I am grateful for what I have been able to do in the past year for the furtherance of his kingdom at this place.

Owensboro, Ky.—Settle Memorial Methodist Church.

MISS ANNIE VICK, PASTOR'S ASSISTANT.

I have been in this place of service a little over three months, and in this comparatively short time I have come to know a great number of the people and to feel at home in my Church in Owensboro.

My work here as pastor's assistant naturally falls into three divisions: office work, work with the young people, and visiting. The office work consists of getting out the Church *Bulletin*, writing business letters, keeping the Church records, and doing the many other things which present themselves daily.

My work with the young people includes the supervision of the League, helping with the teen-age girl missionary society, and in fact guiding the young people in their various activities. We have organized one study class and are planning to begin another one this week. We have organized a League Union, and thus we are keeping in touch with the smaller Leagues in Owensboro.

Every afternoon I visit among the Church members, giving special attention to the sick and shut-ins. I really believe that I enjoy this part of my work most of all. The people here are so lovely and are appreciative of every attention given them. I know a great many of them look forward to my visits, not for myself alone, but because they know I am from Settle Memorial and am coming in the interest of the Church and in the name of Him whom the Church represents.

I love Owensboro, and I thank God every day for this opportunity of service in his name.

Memphis, Tenn.—First Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

MRS. GRACE M. DRIVER, WORKER.

The outstanding single feature of the year's program was perhaps our Daily Vacation Bible School, which we held from the middle of June to July 10. One hundred and fifty boys and girls were in regular attendance, and did creditable work both in Bible study and handcraft. The singing period under our musical director proved a very helpful and delightful half hour. The closing exercises held in the open-air auditorium in the evening gave the parents and many grown-up friends of the children an opportunity to know something of the things accomplished. We had Jewish and Catholic children studying and working side by side with our own Church children.

Much relief to the poor has been given through the social worker and in cooperation with the women of the Missionary Society. Whether or not in this report is the time and place for praise, I want to give it to the women of our local auxiliary. Never in the period of my service with this Church have they shown such interest and such activity in social service. Women who a few years ago were quite satisfied with their missionary work if they listened to a missionary talk at the regular meeting are now, like their Master, going out and giving themselves in unselfish service to those who need them.

As I review my work of the past year and look out upon another—untried, untrodden—the beautiful words of Gladden find their echo in my heart:

“O Master, let me walk with thee
 In lowly paths of service free;
 Tell me thy secret; help me bear
 The strain of toil, the fret of care.
 Teach me thy patience; still with thee
 In closer, dearer company,
 In work that keeps faith sweet and strong
 In trust that triumphs over wrong.”

Jackson, Miss.—Galloway Memorial Church.

DEACONESS MAMIE J. CHANDLER.

My work as Church deaconess at Galloway Memorial, Jackson, Miss., began August 24, 1925. I found here a Church with a membership of two thousand, splendidly organized in all departments, with a beautiful, well-equipped building. The pastor and congregation gave me a cordial welcome and have accorded me a large place in the life and work of the Church. My few months of service here have been a joy. Naturally they have been months of adjustment to a new work, but the Lord has been with me in a truly wonderful way and has led me into service with him.

Much of my time is spent in visiting the Church members, the sick, and the shut-ins. I also assist with the clerical work of the Church. There are so many splendid young people in the membership of this Church, who have every opportunity and advantage, and who only need to be led to see how much they have to bring to the service of the Lord. Most of my attention is given to them. The Church is ministering in a large way to the students of Millsaps and Belhaven Colleges here in the city. The Epworth League and Young People's Department of the Sunday school, through their spiritual and recreational programs are bringing these young people into wholesome association with one another and furnishing them avenues for the expression of their growing spiritual life.

It is my privilege to teach a Bible class in one of the circles of the Woman's Missionary Society, and also to lead weekly prayer meetings in homes of the community. I keep in touch with all the organizations of the Church and cooperate with them in every way possible.

Every day brings new and varied opportunities; every hour is filled to the brim, and I am learning in a new and more wonderful way what it means to be a worker "together with Him," as I trust to His leadership in the task to which He has called me.

Johnson City, Tenn.—Munsey Memorial Church.

DEACONESS PATTIE L. ALLEN.

The work in Munsey Memorial Church as deaconess, presents a varied demand for service. This Church endeavors to carry out a program that will emphasize duly all of the departments of our Church work.

It is my privilege to work with the children and young people in the Junior and Senior Epworth Leagues and the Missionary Societies, teach in the Sunday school, work with the Woman's Missionary Societies, and assist the pastor in the general work of the Church.

Much pleasure comes from visiting the homes of the people, touching many homes that have no Church connections, the homes of strangers, shut-ins, the poor, the sick, administering relief to the distressed and needy, cooperating with the Associated Charities, Red Cross, and city schools, and, above all, trying to lead the people to know our Heavenly Father in a richer, fuller way.

EDUCATIONAL WORK.

London, Ky.—Sue Bennett Memorial School.

K. C. EAST, PRESIDENT.

The school year of 1924-25 has been another year of progress for Sue Bennett Memorial School. Of the seven departments, including the summer session, there were substantial increases in enrollment in all but two. In the college department there was a twenty-five per cent increase, and a thirty-three per cent increase in the normal department. For the present school year the State Department of Education has been issuing the following certificates to our students: Elementary Certificate, First Class; Standard Elementary Certificate; College Elementary Certificate; and High School Certificate. One hundred and two of our last session's students went out as teachers into the mountainous sections of this part of Kentucky. All of these teachers received their training and certificates through our Sue Bennett School. Two of our college graduates of last session are teaching in the local high school. Of the thirty-three graduates of our high school for the session of 1924-25, twenty-five are in college and normal schools for this session.

A number of improvements have been made since our last report. The president's home and the six cottages for teachers were given two coats of paint during the summer vacation months. Additional equipment was placed in the chemical and physical laboratories. We lost our hall for boys by fire the first day of this past May. This hall has been replaced by a modern building which will accommodate seventy-five boys. This building makes an ideal home for our boys, and we are truly thankful to the Council for making it possible for us to have this building. Furniture to the amount of about \$1,000 has been placed in this building. We hope to begin work on our gymnasium within a very short time. This building has been made possible by the Week of Prayer offering. We hope to tell you more about this building and what it means to our school in our next report.

For the present school year we have the following Council workers: Deaconess Emma Burton, Deaconess Susie Teel, Miss Emily Dorsey, Miss Pearl McCain, and Miss Ethel Cunningham. These helpers have meant much to us in our work this year. Each of them will give an account of their work in a special report.

As usual, special emphasis has been laid on social and religious phases of school life. We have followed the same plan as given in our former reports. Dr. C. G. Hounshell conducted our school revival for us, and many conversions and reclamations were the results of his efforts. He has been invited to be back with us for the school revival for the present session. We sincerely hope he will find time to come to us.

Miss Emma Burton reports:

My work here is so very different from that done by most of our Council workers that I am at a loss to know what and how to report.

No material change has been made in the regular routine of office work, except that we have enlarged our sales department of school supplies. This has been for the convenience of students and teachers, also for the financial profit to the school.

There is little to say except that I keep the books, help with the correspondence, and sell school supplies. This does not sound like very much when put into a report, but all who know me can testify that I have been very busy from early to late. I live in the girls' hall and try to be a real friend to the students. I teach a Sunday school class and try to help with the local Church work as much as time will permit.

I have tried to live up to my motto of the past year: "Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as unto the Lord."

Miss Susie Teel reports:

I am very grateful for the privilege of serving at Sue Bennett. My work as teacher has been very interesting, and I have been happy in it. I am sorry to have to report that I have done little outside of the duties relating to my classroom. I have been acting as supply teacher in Sunday school, and recently have joined with some others in holding services on Sunday afternoons at the jail. I am deeply interested in every phase of the work here, in Sue Bennett and in the local Church, and I count it a great joy to serve anywhere I can.

Miss Emily Dorsey reports:

The months that I have spent at Sue Bennett School have indeed been happy ones for me. My work as dean of women and teacher of second year high-school English and Bible has been interesting and, I trust, profitable. As I now have charge of the girls' dormitory, my opportunity to know and help the girls is much greater. Of course I still enjoy my teaching and am indeed glad to be able to continue working with my students of last year.

Through classroom work, personal association, private conferences, our student prayer meetings, the Hi-Y, and social gatherings I am trying to understand the students and let them know that I love them and want to help them. I feel that my work has been worth while, for it has been my privilege to lead quite a number of my students to accept Christ as their personal Saviour and Guide. Several of our students are planning to give their lives in definite Christian service. A few came to Sue Bennett with that intention, but a larger number have reached this decision since enrolling here. Year after next we are expecting to be well represented at Scarritt College.

In addition to my work at Sue Bennett, I am superintendent of the Primary and Junior Departments of our Sunday school. These departments, and the Church as a whole, are growing both in numbers and interest.

Miss Ethel Cunningham reports:

Though I regretted to leave the work in Birmingham, I was glad when I reached Sue Bennett to find such a Christlike spirit in teachers and students. I love it here and appreciate the privilege of associating with students who are trying to prepare for a large and useful place in life. It is my desire to help them attain the highest ideals of Christian service. As dietitian it has been my aim so to minister to the physical needs as to help in the development and expression of the mental and spiritual life.

Miss Pearle McCain reports:

This, my first year of work under the Council, has been happy indeed. I rejoice in the opportunity for service which is mine in Sue Bennett. It is a real joy to work with these mountain boys and girls. In the classroom, through the study of history, English, and Bible, we try to interpret events from the Christian point of view and to get a philosophy of life which will inspire one to noble and useful endeavor.

Feeling that the work of the classroom is only a means of attaining our goal, I rejoice in the privilege of coming into contact with the students in the Hi-Y and Life Service Band and on the basket ball court. In each of these there is an opportunity to assist in the development of a Christlike character.

Living in the hall, associating with girls daily as they work and play, discussing their problems with them, and entering into their lives bring such joy as the Master promised those who would serve him.

In addition to my work in Sue Bennett, I assist in the Epworth League and other activities of the local Church.

As I mingle with my friends and acquaintances, I am seeking to live so "that in all things He may have preëminence."

Brevard, N. C.—Brevard Institute.

O. H. ORR, SUPERINTENDENT.

This is a great year with us. We have a splendid enrollment, an excellent student body, and a congenial and helpful corps of teachers. The health situation has been good. The students have been so happy and contented that few have dropped out of school. A large number are getting on the honor roll, and great interest is being shown in things divine.

The Missionary Societies of the Western North Carolina Conference have been very liberal in contributing money and supplies. They are getting us well equipped with linens, and they have donated about \$1,000 to help pay for our much-needed laundry equipment. We also have had some contributions from the Missionary Societies of other Conferences. The Brevard Missionary Society has recently added a large number of utensils to our domestic science kitchen, and Mrs. L. A. Falls, a former member of our faculty, has given us a sewing machine to be used in the dressmaking department.

While we rejoice for the blessings mentioned above, we have had a few very severe reverses. A late freeze in the spring destroyed our apple crop, which amounts to about four hundred bushels during a normal season. The long drought during the summer destroyed practically all of our vegetables, and reduced our yield of corn about five hundred bushels. We had such a good yield of wheat, rye, and hay that we think the farm will not have a deficit.

We have with us Council workers as follows: Miss Esther Boggs, book-keeper; Miss Ruby Berkley, teacher of Latin; Miss Lillie Hendricks, teacher of mathematics; Miss Emma R. Miller, supervisor of young women; Miss Iva Mae Pierce, teacher of English. Miss Boggs is supervisor of the Life Service Band; Miss Berkley teaches an afternoon Sunday school class in the country; Miss Hendricks teaches an afternoon Sunday school class in the mill village and does community work; Miss Pierce supervises the Junior Epworth League; Miss Miller is supervisor of the class three times each week, and each one has a morning Sunday school class.

If the school continues to function as it should, it is very necessary that we have a gymnasium. We have so much rain and snow during the fall and winter seasons that our students find it impossible to get the proper amount of exercise. Taylor Hall should be repaired before the beginning of another school year, or we should have a new building in its place. The other large buildings are in good shape. An attractive, well-equipped school building is an inspiration to any youth, though he be born in a hut, a house, or a palace.

Laredo, Tex.—Holding Institute.

JAMES M. SKINNER, SUPERINTENDENT.

INTRODUCTION.

I am happy to make this thirteenth annual report to you, and to make a few suggestions pertinent to the work. I have no apologies to offer. For many months Southwest Texas and Mexico were without rain. Multiplied thousands of acres have given nothing to the planter for his seed and labor, while cattle have died in the pastures for lack of food and water. Under such heroic conditions, men are sending their children to school. Holding has had a very good attendance, with collections all right.

TEACHERS.

It is rather unfortunate that the calendar year embraces parts of two school years. What would apply to the teachers of one part of the year might not apply to those of the other part. However, in general, the teaching force in Holding is about as good as the best, considering requirements, salary, etc. The teachers are alive to their opportunities, and spend themselves for the welfare of the children.

STATE AFFILIATION.

An ambition of the years has been realized in gaining State recognition for our work. We now have an affiliation credit of twenty units, with a few more to work for. This is a distinct recognition that ought to be highly appreciated by all our friends, for it gives us a standing among all the schools of the State, so that our graduates may enter the freshman class in college or university. Our work has been standardized by experts.

ORPHANAGE.

I cannot refrain from mentioning this important matter. The city has many orphans, with no provision for their welfare. Throughout this section, there are many others in like condition. The Catholics are making scant provision for such children, and the Protestants none at all. If we had a small plant near the Institute, the educational part could be taken care of by the Institute, and the children would be the wards of the Church. To begin with, it could be planned to take twenty-five, or some fixed number, with minimum and maximum ages. As the ability to care for the children increased, the plant could be enlarged. Frankly, I believe it a great opportunity, and I would be delighted to assist in launching such a project.

HOME FOR CHILDREN WITH BROKEN HOME TIES.

Will you indulge me in a few words in behalf of the pseudo orphan—the child, homeless, perhaps, with parents not living together, and with love unknown? There are many such in this section, as well as in other sections of our fair land. The father, or mother, as the case might be, would gladly pay, and pay well, to have the child cared for, so that it might have a taste of real home life, although denied such at the hands of those who are responsible for its being in the world. I merely mention this in passing.

CHRISTIAN WORK.

Conduct has been called three-fourths of life. Christian conduct, engendered by daily contact with Christian people, ought to be that, and plus. The youth who has a Christian environment, and who turns aside every day, from set tasks in arithmetic and whatnot, to sing the songs of Zion, attend upon prayer, and to hear the reading of the Word, can never return to the pit of thought and action whence "he was digged." He will be a changed individual. Permit me to say that the trumpet gives no uncertain sound in Holding, and all religious activities are carried on with persistent fidelity, whether in Bible study in classes, Sunday school, Epworth League, or preaching service. Our annual revival is a most gracious occasion, when many are brought from the darkness of sin into the marvelous light of sonship with God, through Jesus, the Christ. Dr. Onderdonk is in high favor with the student body, and preaches a full salvation through faith in the Saviour.

BUILDING NEEDS.

It is indeed a pleasure to call your attention to this urgent need. Our schoolrooms are small and very inconvenient. The high school is small, and the rooms set apart for it meet the demands reasonably well

except in the matter of laboratories. But the grade rooms are very full. The seventh grade room is fifteen feet by nineteen feet, and has twenty-four students in it, and the other rooms are very much the same. With the years of development and the standardizing of instruction under affiliation with the State schools, there is a growing need for more room. The State officials are demanding that the public schools must provide room and equipment, as may be necessary, and they see no reason why private schools should be excused, if they are to reap the same credit benefits, and really be in opposition to the public schools. We have been warned that we must provide more room. So, I am trusting, hoping, praying, that very soon we shall see the long-wished-for building.

AUXILIARY PACKAGES.

In 1924 we received thirty-nine packages of clothing, sheets, tablecloths, towels, etc., and seven checks, with which to purchase supplies as might be necessary. In 1925 we have received thirty-six packages and six checks. Thirty-one packages came from Texas points, three from Missouri, one from Arkansas, and one from New Mexico. Five of the checks came from Texas, and one from Arkansas. These packages are highly prized, for from them is obtained the linen supply for dining room, as well as clothing for the poorer children. Our girls are taught to sew, and are able to dress neatly from good cast-off garments. However, it is useless to send garments that are worn out.

ENROLLMENT.

The enrollment for 1925 is three hundred and four—a little short of other years. However, the crops have been short, too. The boarding attendance has been something more than two hundred, on the average, and the best work will always be obtained from those who are here in our dormitories.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, may the blessings of God rest upon you in your efforts for advancing the work of the kingdom. I count it a great privilege to be associated with you in this plant by the Rio Grande, watered by the prayers of our blessed women, and trust that the school will continue to minister to the highest and best interests of our Mexican patronage.

Miss McQueen Weir reports:

The Christian Life Service Group has met regularly every two weeks during the quarter. The attendance has varied from twelve to twenty-five or more. There are a number of very earnest student volunteers and some very fine Methodist girls among them. Both officers, president and secretary, for the coming year are Methodists.

The college is obtaining a number of books for the Bible Department. It has also provided me with a student assistant to help to grade papers.

My outside speaking this fall has consisted of two Bible addresses at the Interdenominational Missionary Conference at Dallas, one to the Girl Scouts of C. I. A., and one at the Christian Church of Denton.

The outlook for the next two quarters is very bright. The missionary group is looking forward to bigger things, and there is every sign of a large increase in the enrollment in the college Bible classes.

Miss Ura Leveridge reports:

My report this year is very much the same as in previous years. My school work is almost the same, as I teach classes in both the seventh grade and the high school. The work of my classes is more interesting this year due to the fact that the classes are larger and better prepared.

As to my work along definitely religious lines, I am teaching a class of

twelve junior girls, which I enjoy very much. I am responsible for the devotional programs of the League, and have charge of the Life Service Band. The Life Service Band has about fifteen members, all of whom are girls. The girls are seemingly much interested in the work. In other years they have been timid about leading the meetings; this year I have had no trouble along that line. One of our number is now taking a course in nurse training in the Monterrey Hospital, and expects to work among her people in Mexico.

Again I thank you for the privilege of working at Holding Institute.

Miss Frances Denton reports:

Mexicans from Mexico predominate in our school this year, at least among the girls; and as Mexico, like China and India, is striving eagerly and sometimes precipitately to express herself nationally, we feel that history and civics may be made an important means of teaching, especially those that persevere until they become high school students, the true foundations of national greatness. I find that our eighth grade boys, who have generally had considerable school work in Spanish before coming to us, keep up with newspaper accounts of international relations. In the Bible lessons, I am illustrating basic texts by the work of such representative men as John Eagan and Jacob Riis. I expect to have the pupils connect the memory texts by arranging acrostics for their names, and I am teaching with each the book and chapter in which it is found.

Miss Mae C. Sells reports:

This year I have been president of the Epworth League, teacher of a most interesting Sunday school class of teen-age girls, and have taken turn with the others in conducting the chapel exercises which we have daily for the entire school. But the work which has occupied the most of my time for the year has been the cataloguing and indexing of the books in our library. We have 2,350 carefully selected books, of which 134 volumes are in Spanish. I have just completed cataloguing them according to the Dewey Decimal System, and indexing them in a dictionary card catalogue, according to author, title, and subject matter. This makes the resources of the library available to both teachers and students. Our library also subscribes to twenty-four papers and magazines. Our present room is small, and will accommodate only four tables, so that as a reading room it is often crowded, and sometimes all of those who come cannot be admitted. It has been a pleasure to me to introduce the children to the books, and to watch their interest and appreciation of reading develop from month to month.

Augusta, Ga.—Paine College, Paine Annex.

REV. RAY S. TOMLIN, PRESIDENT.

The usual thought of the efforts of the Woman's Department at Paine College is Bennett Hall. It is a splendid building in its remodeled condition and furnishes the girls with an up-to-date dormitory. But Paine Annex means more than merely a dormitory. It means the industrial work for the girls, a standard two-year normal, music training, and a two-year Home Economics Department. As a further material showing of their efforts than merely that of Bennett Hall and two frame buildings we now have the Home Economics Building nearly completed. It is a splendid three-story building and will house all the industrial work for the girls, including their personal laundry provisions, the normal department, the home economics department, and the music department.

The enrollment this year has reached three hundred and sixteen, as against two hundred and eighty-nine of last year. There are one hundred and eighty-one girls and one hundred and thirty-five boys. Of these,

ninety-eight are boarding girls and eighty-two are boarding boys. All our available space has been taken for girls' living quarters. The college department has an enrollment of sixty-six—an increase of 25% over that of last year. This includes the twelve girls in the normal and home economics departments which are of college grade so far as their two-year courses take them. Students are admitted to these departments with the same requirement of high school credit as for regular college work—namely, fifteen units. There are three candidates for graduation from the normal department and three from the home economics department. Eighteen girls are taking regular college work. We hope to have eight graduates from the college department proper.

The teachers of Paine Annex are: Miss Carmen Blessing, Miss Mary Ella McCall, Miss Mary C. Gartrell, Miss Dorotha W. Jones, Mrs. Mary S. Ward, Miss Irsle Flipper, Miss Lola I. Cade. Miss Blessing is Dean of Women and teacher of English. She is a conscientious and efficient worker whom the Church may be justly proud of as her representative to the colored people. Miss McCall is one of our best workers, teaching music and serving efficiently in every way. Miss Gartrell is entering on her second year as matron of the girls and is well liked by all. She gives highly satisfactory service. Miss Jones has charge of the normal department. She is a good teacher and is giving good service. Mrs. Ward has charge of the Home Economics Department and is doing much toward establishing this new work in the school. Miss Flipper is student assistant for girls' high school sewing classes. Miss Cade is student assistant for girls' high school cooking classes. We are also receiving efficient and hearty assistance from Miss Emma C. W. Gray, who is principal of the junior high school and spares enough of her energies to act as preceptress of the college girls who live in one of the frame cottages.

All classes other than industrial, normal, home economics, and music meet in regular assembly where girls and boys recite in the same classes.

The question of moving Paine College seems to have been finally settled. It has been constantly coming to the front for many years. But the erection of the splendid new dormitory for the boys by the General Home Board and of the Home Economics building by the Woman's Department has done more than any number of decisions handed down by committees and boards. The people in Augusta who favor our work are proud of our progress, and those who will only tolerate it are none the less tolerant. The stand of the Board of Missions of our Church, including the Woman's Department, and of other outstanding members of our Church in contending for a square deal for the colored man has gone a long way toward showing our true interest and toward a better understanding between the races.

Miss Carmen Blessing reports:

An increase in the number of students enrolled and the erection of two new buildings add materially to our feeling at Paine College of going forward. My routine work has consisted in teaching fifteen hours of English and philosophy and three classes in physical education. Other duties connected with school life and work have kept the time more than filled; these, I feel, are often of more importance than classroom work. We here at Paine rejoice in the opportunity we have, not only of helping to prepare for life the students who are our immediate concern, but of helping to do something much bigger, to show that Jesus and his principles are adequate for the solving of interracial problems.

Miss Mary Ella McCall reports:

This has been a year not different in many respects from the past three years. Have had an unusually large class of piano students—in fact, one of the other teachers had to come to my rescue and take some of the

pupils. My time has been largely filled with routine teaching work, and yet there has been a great joy in it all and a sense of gratitude for the privilege of being able to work.

Nashville, Tenn.—Scarritt College for Christian Workers.

DEACONESS MARY ORA DURHAM, STUDENT COUNSELOR.

Another year of service for the Master has come to a close. Each year spent at Scarritt brings something new into my life for who can live in daily contact with young life and not have new experiences. Yet these experiences are not such that can be put into any written report. The change from the training school in Kansas City to the college in Nashville brought with it many interesting features. We established a happy group life in each of the nine residences presided over by a competent hostess. At the same time the spirit of unity which has always characterized Scarritt was maintained as we met together as a large family for worship, for recreation, for our meals and social life. Students and faculty are seeking to more fully express Jesus Christ through their lives as they are lived at Scarritt College.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION.

Denton, Tex.—Department of Bible, College of Industrial Arts.

MISS M'QUEEN WEIR, PROFESSOR.

The year has been one of opportunity, joy, and progress. The Bible Department of the college continues steadily to increase. This year's enrollment in the college classes is as follows: Fall quarter, 208; winter quarter, 242; last spring quarter, 234; total, 684 for the three quarters. With so large a number of students, the correcting and grading of papers and notebooks, with many other details, has become too heavy a load for one person to carry and the college very kindly has provided a student assistant.

The personnel of the classes is always interesting. As usual there are several adults, women of the town, who are active in the various Churches; a number of students preparing for Christian service at home and in the foreign fields; many seniors, especially, in the winter and spring quarters; a few students unable to register for credit enrolled as noncredit students; young women who have been school-teachers and have returned for further study. Practically all the students are preparing to use their Bible study at present or in the future in the work of the various Church organizations. The former college president, Dr. Bralley, said that he never counted the number of students benefited by the Bible courses the same as the number of registrants. He always multiplied that number by at least three, for all the Bible students have roommates and intimate friends with whom they discuss the study.

Many personal conferences are held with the students concerning their work in college and in the Church. Addresses on the Bible have been given in Dallas at the Interdenominational Missionary Conference, in the assembly of the college and to Church and student organizations.

The courses taught this year are: The Life of Christ, A Survey of the Bible, The Psalms, The Wisdom Books, History and Prophecy in the Old Testament, Rise of the Christian Church (The Acts), The Teachings of Jesus Christ.

The college is doing much to forward the work of the Bible department by giving the department its own classroom, by the purchase of library books and any needed supplies.

The Christian Life Service Volunteers meet every two weeks. Their

program varies from year to year. The study of the lives of missionaries and reports from the various Young People's Conferences attended have absorbed the time this year. Some practical Christian service is wrought. Now a collection among the students of all surplus materials is being made for foreign missionaries.

One rejoices at the great opportunity the college offers and at the blessing which God is pouring down upon us in creating in hundreds of lives new faith and consecration, true love for the Bible, and eagerness for service to a living Christ.

Durant, Okla.—Southeastern State Teachers' College.

OSCIE SANDERS, INSTRUCTOR IN BIBLE.

The courses in Bible offered at Southeastern State Teachers' College are listed in the department of English and two hours' credit is allowed for each course. There has been an increase in the number of students taught this year. This is due to an increased interest in Bible and the addition of two courses, one in sociology and the other in English.

The instructor in Bible has promoted the work of the Young Woman's Christian Association. This organization has made a place for itself on the campus by seeking to serve the girls on the campus. It has held regular meetings, fostered discussion groups, and brought speakers to the campus.

Participation in Church activities has been confined to work with young people in the League and the Sunday school.

Williamsburg, Va.—William and Mary College.

MISS OLIVE W. DOWING.

The "ancient and honorable college of William and Mary in Virginia" offers an unusual opportunity to Southern Methodism. Founded in 1693, of Episcopalian ancestry, it soon became a State institution, but not until within the last decade has the college admitted women, as students, into its walls—the oldest standing college walls in the United States. During these same few years, it has taken on new life and development—now having an enrollment of 1,048. Of this number, 443 are women—the largest group of women attending any coeducational college in the Old Dominion. These students have enrolled themselves as follows: United Brethren, 1; Russelite, 1; Friends, 2; Christian Science, 2; Reformed, 3; Congregational, 6; Lutheran, 12; Jewish, 20; Christian, 44; no preference, 76; Presbyterian, 95; Episcopal, 169; Baptist, 260; Methodist, 312. Thus the ratio of Methodist students remains approximately the same—1 to 3.

My contact with these students comes primarily through class instruction (the first semester, two courses of three hours each, with full college credit in the Department of Biblical Literature and Religious Education; the second semester, four courses with the same amount of credit will be offered); through the Young People's Department of the Church—as teacher and counselor in the Sunday school and Epworth League; through mingling in the campus activities, as the Y. W. C. A., Morning Watch, etc.; and through personal interviews and friendly visits in the dormitories. Incidentally, it has been a pleasure to cooperate with the organizations of the local Church, and with the pastor who has rendered such inestimable service in the promulgation and standardization of this work.

May we all rejoice then in the new \$125,000 church plant (now under construction), which will enable us to more adequately serve these young people. And, in this connection, may I mention the strategic site adjacent the Church property, for the purchase of which the Woman's Council is now negotiating, as a suitable location for the erection of a Methodist

girls' dormitory. Thus we are anticipating very presently a dormitory which shall not merely "house" the college girl, but will furnish a stimulus to the "life more abundant"—a stimulus which shall remain vital and abiding long after the completion of college days.

Columbia, Mo.—University of Missouri.

HELEN STAFFORD, PROFESSOR.

This report of my work is for the first semester of the school year. The work of the Bible college follows that of the university, of course, in the division into two semesters for the year, instead of quarters as in some institutions. The first semester closes the last of this month. My report cannot differ materially at this time, of course, from the one I sent earlier in the school year, in which I gave the names of the courses with the enrollment in each. I am giving these again. History of the Church enrollment, 12. Origins of Christianity enrollment, 8. History of the Hebrews enrollment, 4.

I have an office in the Bible college building in which I can see students during my office hours each day to talk about the work or about any problems which they may wish to discuss.

As to my work with the students outside of my courses in the Bible College, I included in the last report I gave the mention of the group which I have in Sunday school in studies in Christian leadership. A book is being studied which will give credit for those who wish it in the Educational Department of the Church.

I am very much interested just now in the possibility of an active group among the girls of Stephens' College which will probably take the course outlined for the Young People's Missionary Society. They will meet monthly in the homes of women of the Church.

I am advising and helping the girls of Hendrix Hall in the vesper services which we have every Sunday afternoon and which we hope to make a permanent and vital part of the life of the hall.

Ada, Okla.—Bible Work in State College.

MISS ZOANNA DAVIS.

The Department of Religious Education in the East Central College is meeting a real need, and we shall rejoice when these courses become required subjects of the prescribed course of study. Owing to the fact that the work is elective, the class enrollment has been small.

The kindest interest and most helpful coöperation have been shown by the college officials, and we are striving to make the work very beneficial.

Aside from regular classroom work, I have had an active part in the college Y. W. C. A. work and in the organizations of the local Church.

Nashville, Tenn.—Work of Travelers' Aid.

DEACONESS CORNELIA GODBEY.

On July 1, 1925, I reached Nashville to take up the work of Travelers' Aid at the Tennessee Central Depot.

I have found this work very interesting in many respects. The Tennessee Central Railway finds its way into the very heart of the mountain district of East Tennessee and many come to the city, or have to transfer to the other station, who have never been on a train or in a city before. These, of course, need help in getting their bearings in a strange place. During the past six months I have helped in some way an average of about two hundred and seventy-five people each month. Much of this has been merely to give advice or information as to trains, transfer, how to get

about in the city, etc. But along with this bulk of the work, I have picked up and returned to their homes two runaway girls; have had a number of destitute cases; have helped a goodly number to find friends who had failed to meet them; and have had four cases of known immorality which have had to be taken to the police courts or turned over to the police women for final solution of the problems involved. In all this I have met with the coöperation of the station employees, and I believe there is, on the whole, a much cleaner and more wholesome atmosphere about the depot than formerly.

Nashville, Tenn.—Annual Report of United Charities.

Fannie Battle Day Home for Children of Working Mothers. Mrs. Lucy Cage, Matron.

John B. Ransom, Kindergarten, West Nashville. Miss Eva Hendricks, teacher at both West Nashville and Day Home Kindergartens.

John W. Thomas, Fresh Air Camp, Permanent Home for Homeless Children and Summer Camp. Mr. F. M. Houser, Superintendent and Miss Laura Stanfield, Matron.

BESSIE ALLEN, GENERAL SECRETARY; MRS. JENNIE KIRBY,
ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

I came to the office of General Secretary the middle of January, 1925, succeeding the late Miss Fannie Battle, who filled the office almost forty years.

The year has in some respects been a trying one; no one could ever fill another's place, especially if that one had been as successful and great in her work, as was Miss Fannie. I did not even hope to do so, but have endeavored to conscientiously carry on the work that she began, and believe in a measure have succeeded.

The Fannie Battle Day Home has had an average of sixty children; as large attendance as the year before, although there has been a change of workers and an agreeable disposition made of twelve of the thirteen permanent children found in the Day Home. There is only one permanent protégé in the Day Home now, and she graduates from Hume-Fogg High School in June. Of her we are very proud, and she would be an addition to any home.

Last spring the Fannie Battle Social Workers painted the woodwork, papered the walls, and finished the floors of the entire Home, thus furnishing a model home that could appeal to the children's esthetic natures and create in them the right ideals of a home.

The Altrusa Club furnished anew the office sitting room in memory of Miss Fannie Battle, who was a member of their club. Messrs. Manthy and Kelly, two of our directors, secured the money from friends, pointed up and painted the outside of the house. So it is now outside, as well as inside, beautifully fresh and clean, testifying to all who pass by the interest and care taken to make it an ideal home. Mrs. O'Conner and McIntyre Floral Company donated shrubs for the yard. Mrs. W. P. Rutland donated a roller top desk for the office, and Mrs. R. M. Herriges kindly donated an ice box. Gas stoves were given by C. C. Ridley, Jr.

Our matron, nurse, and playground teacher devote eleven hours a day to the care of the children of working mothers while they work. The children have well-balanced meals, two baths a week for older children, a daily bath for the babies. A morning devotional is conducted by the General Secretary; it included Bible drill, singing, prayer, and memory work.

A Mothers' Club at the Day Home and one at John B. Ransom Kindergarten, Fifty-First Street, West Nashville, were organized early in the

year, and are very well attended. Volunteer workers from Scarritt College assist with these clubs.

A Little Housekeepers' Club for training the girls in house work, a carpentry class for boys, a story hour and games are all maintained and conducted by volunteer workers from Peabody and Scarritt Colleges. We also cooperate with the Martha O'Bryan Settlement House, sending our children to their clubs and classes.

There have been only two cases of serious sickness and one death of a very young baby among our children this year. The city nurse visits us each week, and some of the finest physicians in the city give us their services and direct the feeding of the children.

Friends and the Fannie Battle Social Workers have given us a number of entertainments all through the year, and Christmas we were overwhelmed with love, kindness, and gifts; the children are still happy over it. The Elks, Eagles, Y. W. C. A., Social Workers, and Ward Belmont College girls all contributed to our good cheer.

The old Day Home, at 510 Seventeenth Avenue North, has been thoroughly renovated, papered and painted and made into a home for Day Home mothers. There are seven families in it paying rent from \$1 to \$2.50 a week. They are required to keep bathrooms, halls, yard, steps, and their rooms clean and sanitary. When they are sick or out of work they do not pay rent.

JOHN W. THOMAS FRESH AIR CAMP

F. M. HOUSER, SUPERINTENDENT; MISS LAURA STANFIELD, MATRON.

The Camp was established to furnish a summer outing and refuge from the city's heat for invalids, sick children, tired working women, and their families.

Out of this work has grown a permanent Home for homeless children and elementary school, where the children finish the eighth grade, and are prepared for high school.

January 1, 1925, there was sixty-four children and twelve employed workers at the Camp, and eleven Camp children in the Day Home for the winter. (They returned to the Camp June 1.) Of these children one has been adopted in a good home; one placed in a home; thirty-four have been restored to their parents; one has married; two girls have been placed in Fanning's School, their expenses being paid by philanthropic friends, and one in Sue Bennett Memorial School, London, Ky., by Mr. and Mrs. Houser.

We have a promising girl and boy finishing the eighth grade this year, and are very anxious to have some one help us to place them in a good school next year.

The summer Camp entertained about two hundred and fifty mothers and children for two weeks each; fifty were taken out every two weeks from different sections of the city, the Community Houses, Day Homes, and city nurses furnishing the families and children. We had an abundance of fresh vegetables from our own gardens and plenty of milk from the dairy.

We have not had a serious case of sickness during the year. Two fractured arms are all the casualties for 1925.

Dr. Haggard presented us two beautiful Jersey cows and calves. The Big Brothers gave us a washing machine and paid the salary of our nurse for the summer.

The Camp Thomas Social Workers pay \$20 a month on our teacher's salary and the salary of our playground worker in the summer. They have equipped an up-to-date playground for us, helped build a blacksmith shop, they contributed ice cream and cake for our Thanksgiving

dinner, and gave us a beautiful Christmas tree with lovely gifts for all the household.

The Elks sent out the same wonderful bags that they gave the city children. The Ward Belmont girls sent gifts, and Phillips Trawick and Williams Market, too, contributed to our Christmas cheer. W. T. Cheek gave a stove for the laundry.

Friends, we are doing the best we can at the Camp making bricks without straw. There is a wonderful work we can do, but we must have equipment and more room. The only place the children have to play is in the narrow, dark halls without ventilation, or their dormitories, and there are no chairs in either place, only the floor to sit on, for they are not allowed to sit on the beds. The walls are dingy and dark, not any attractive or pretty things in the house but their little white beds. Part of our school classes must be taught in the little girls' dormitory, sitting on a bench without a back, too high for most of the children; they must write on their laps and study anywhere they can. We have neither sitting room nor play room. Would you like to have your little ones doomed to such a life?

Our imperative need is a number of interested wide-awake directors, who will attend our meetings, help us plan, and so execute those plans that we will be able to equip our work, so we can train our girls and boys for life and good citizenship. Will you be one? If so, come to our meeting at the Commercial Club, Thursday afternoon, 1:30 o'clock, January 14, 1926.

METHODIST DORMITORIES.

Denton, Tex.—Smith-Carroll Hall.

MRS. BELLE STANIFORTH, MANAGER.

Am glad to report fifty-nine fine young women in our dormitory this year. Our girls seem so happy and satisfied, and we strive day by day to help them to realize that all of the deeper things of knowledge are not found in textbooks, but the life we live and the lessons we learn from our daily contact with each other are going to prove to be the *big things* of life. Our slogan is: "Do unto others as you would that they should do unto you." It is our privilege to note the cultural and spiritual development of our girls day by day.

Smith-Carroll Hall has meant a great deal to the young women of Texas.

Norman, Okla.—Agnes Moore Hall.

DEACONESS GRACE GATEWOOD.

Morning, afternoon, night. Morning, afternoon, night. Morning afternoon, night—with just such regularity and in such order the days go by at Agnes Moore Hall, the Methodist Dormitory at the University of Oklahoma. It sounds monotonous, and would be if in planning three meals every day the only idea was so many calories, so many vitamins, so much sugar and starch; but when the meals are planned to give health and strength to friends, then it is no more drudgery, but joy.

The young women who attended the university here and live at Agnes Moore are capable, aggressive young women, and the house mother has felt it was her place to be ready with advice and counsel, with sympathy and understanding, when it was wanted, but in no sense has she felt like imposing her opinions on her girls. The Hall is organized along student government ideas, with a president, vice president, secretary, and monitors.

The spirit of the Hall has been fine this year. Every effort has been made to make the place homelike. The University calendar offers many

opportunities to do the unusual. On "Dad's Day" eight of the fathers came as our guests. Home Coming Day was another gala occasion. Special days have been featured; for instance, Armistice Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. We have had several birthday parties and a senior "line" party.

If a girl needs her mother while she is at home, and if that mother feels her place a real necessity in the girl's life, then it is just as necessary for her to have a house mother while in school, and the office of house mother requires the same love, sympathy, understanding, and patience that the mother at home had to have.

Austin, Tex.—Helen M. Kirby Hall.

MRS. JOHN W. ROBBINS, DIRECTOR.

The Methodist Dormitory, Kirby Hall, began its second year in September, 1925, under very promising conditions. With a capacity of one hundred girls it has maintained about this number. The girls represent a high type of young womanhood. Most of the Protestant denominations are represented, but the Methodist predominates. They are an unusually happy group, and the dormitory is to them not merely a place for food and shelter, but a real home, where they enjoy all the privileges of a Christian home.

Although they are very busy, the girls find time for wholesome recreations. One of the things they enjoy is the birthday party each month, at which all girls having birthdays that month are honored. At the December party there were eighteen present at the birthday table. The girls each Sunday morning gather in the social room immediately after breakfast and have a little service of their own, at which a large part of the household is always present.

So the girls of the Methodist Dormitory are a well-rounded group, combining the spiritual, the social, and the educational, and are a credit to their families, the Church, and the University.

Columbia, Mo.—Hendrix Hall.

MRS. LENORA B. DAWES, DIRECTOR.

Since the opening of the Hall in May, 1925, one hundred and fifty-three girls have been accommodated and out of this number only two, who because of unwholesome attitude and influence were, upon the advice of the Dean of Women of the University and the Women's Self-Government Association, asked to move to their sorority houses. Otherwise, it would be hard to find a more congenial group of its size.

There are many talented girls among them, one of whom produced the pageant at the Christmas vesper service. The spirit, too, is fine, expressing itself in a unanimous vote to observe a "Golden Rule" dinner and in registering 80% for membership in the University Y. W. C. A. drive.

We expect from the waiting list to fill any vacancies made the second semester by those who will want to move to sorority houses.

On every hand we hear that Hendrix Hall is meeting a great need at Missouri University.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Thomasville, Ga.—Vashti Industrial School for Dependent Girls.

MISS CHARLOTTE DYE, PRINCIPAL.

Vashti has closed a successful school year. Several improvements worthy of note have been made.

A new dining hall and kitchen, built from funds contributed during the 1921 Week of Prayer, was completed and occupied September 1. It is a pleasure to operate this department for it is well equipped and complete in every respect.

An improvement in the appearance of the grounds has been made by the construction of a general utility and garage building which takes the place of several old sheds which were torn down.

Mr. C. L. Thompson of the Thomasville Iron Works presented the school three White Way light posts. This enables us to have the necessary lights on the grounds.

The farm crops, notwithstanding the extreme drought during almost the entire summer, were fairly good.

Our Jersey herd has increased in an unusual way. We now have nine registered Jersey animals. We have also three grade Jersey cows.

The school work has moved along satisfactorily. A class of twenty girls finished the course, many of whom are continuing their school work in other schools of several States.

The health of the school has been fairly good. An epidemic of colds prevalent in many sections of the country also reached both faculty and students, causing some annoyance, and there were an unusual number of surgical operations—*viz.*, tonsillectomy and appendectomy.

We have carefully looked after eyes, ears, noses, and throats. The Thomasville physicians have given, as usual, their services gratis. Our bills at the hospital have been larger than in any year previous, but the Rotarians are helping us to defray them.

We have had wonderful support by the citizenry of Thomasville regardless of Church affiliations. We have had many large contributions of fruit and other food supplies; the students have been favored in many ways—*viz.*, they have been brought home from Church during all hot and rainy weather, and have been given free entrance to Chautauquas and picture shows.

We have received splendid contributions and support from many Churches and missionary societies throughout the South.

Deaconess Moselle Eubanks reports:

My fourth year at Vashti has been similar to the other years I have spent here. The work has been the same—industrial work and the supervision of a dormitory of thirty girls. There have been opportunities for personal work with the girls, and it has been a blessed privilege to watch some of them grow into earnest Christians.

In my work with the Junior League, I have used the regular League program and also the work outlined for Bible study and memory work. We hope that all our Leaguers will get their credit on this course of study for the year. I have found real joy in my work here, and I am grateful to the Father for allowing me to be his colaborer here.

Miss Ola Gilbert reports:

My work this year at Vashti has been matron of a cottage for thirty-four girls. I enjoy my work very much.

It is my duty to give these girls all of the home life possible, and in doing this I have an opportunity to reach many of them spiritually. I am sure my opportunities are more than I meet, but I pray that God will make me a better worker each year.

Dallas, Tex.—The Virginia K. Johnson Home and Training School.

DEACONESS ELIZABETH COX, SUPERINTENDENT; MRS. W. H. JOHNSON, LITERARY DEPARTMENT, MISS JOHANNNA LINKE, HIGH SCHOOL; MISS NELLIE DENTON, GRADE SCHOOL; MISS FRANCES COX, SEWING AND LAUNDRY; MRS. TOMMIE S. MOORE, DOMESTIC SCIENCE; MISS EMMA VOGEL, R.N., IN CHARGE OF HOSPITAL.

Miss Cox reports:

Another year's record has been added to the work of the Virginia K. Johnson Home and Training School—a year filled with sad stories of broken hearts and homes, but through all the sorrow we see the love of Christ shining through and hear his voice saying, "Go, and sin no more."

I believe the spiritual life of the home has been deepened. Rev. Bill Wallace held a series of services the week before Christmas and closed with a consecration service on Sunday afternoon. Every girl in the home was reconsecrated.

Miss Linke reports:

Beginning July 1 we started our summer school patterned somewhat on the order of a Daily Vacation Bible School. We had one volunteer teacher for handwork. The other handwork, sewing and Bible, was taught by Misses Denton, O'Bryant, and me.

The first week in October we began our regular work. All of the classes in this department, with the exception of Bible, are taught by young women from the Southern Methodist University who are majoring in education. We are trying to meet the educational needs of the girls to the best of our ability with the equipment we have at our disposal. The group is divided into two classes, the eight grade and tenth grade. They are kept busy with their school work, recreation, sewing, and handwork and as a result have little time to be homesick or lonesome.

Miss Vogel reports:

Six months ago I came to the Virginia K. Johnson Home and was pleased to find a well-equipped modern hospital department. In October the rooms were replastered and painted and the entire hospital made beautifully clean.

Mrs. Moore reports:

I have had the Domestic Science Department since July 15, 1925. It has been a wonderful opportunity for real service. I have tried to teach the girls the practical everyday methods of cooking. I have also tried to teach them to be economical and to use the left-over food in the most wholesome way.

The work is arranged so as to give each girl in the home a chance to learn to cook and keep house. We have six girls on cooking for a month, two for each meal, and in addition we have one for housekeeper.

I have tried to have a sympathetic understanding of each girl's ability and previous training. This is a great field for Christian service, and I am praying daily that I may by my life among them point them to "the Bread of Life."

Miss Frances Cox reports:

We have had a young woman from Southern Methodist University to give class lessons in sewing, and I have supervised the making of uniforms and house sewing. I have also superintended the girls' house work except in the basement, which was Mrs. Moore's department.

Miss Denton reports:

I teach the pupils in the Elementary section. Most of them are in the sixth grade, but a few are in much lower grades, so we have to adapt the work to suit their needs. This section is in school all the morning; in the afternoon they have manual work with physical training three times a week.

The class have selected two mottoes for their year's work; they are: "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again" and "It is better to be trusted than to be loved."

Nashville, Tenn.—Department of Literature, Board of Missions.

DEACONESS EMILY OLMSTEAD.

Looking back on the work of the past year, varied as it always is, one finds it indeed difficult to decide just what to incorporate in a report. In our Literature Department, the preparation of the new Yearbooks, the make-up of the monthly *Bulletin of Missionary News*, the writing of the monthly program leaflets, the keeping of books, the necessary correspondence—all of these things form a part of the routine work of our department every year. Yet each new day in the year brings new ideas, new opportunities, new contacts, and new inspiration, so that each year's work varies. There is never a dull moment in the work of our department. Indeed, I have not found it hard to train myself in that aspect of faith which Father Bull had when he counseled his friends "to cultivate a buoyant expectation of the improbable that refuses the dull estimates of common sense and joyfully expects in the future what is not suggested by the experience of the past."

Soon after Miss Haskin's return from South America in the latter part of 1924, she was requested by the Missionary Education Movement of New York to write a mission study book for Junior leaders on Latin America. Miss Alleine Fridy and I both had a part in the writing of this book, "Building the Americas," which we considered a delightful privilege.

On the whole, the year has been a very happy one as well as a very full one.

HOME WORKERS OF THE COUNCIL.

DEACONESES.

Year Conse- crated.	Name and Field Address.	Home Address.
1909.	Allen, Miss Bessie	Hendersonville, N. C.
1922.	Allen, Miss Pattie	Knoxville, Tenn.
1919.	Alford, Miss Annie	Del Rio, Tex.
1922.	Bame, Miss Fannie	Salisbury, N. C.
1917.	Berglund, Miss Josephine	Springfield, Mo.
1906.	Blackwell, Miss Florence	Kirksville, Mo.
1909.	Borchers, Miss Cora (leave of absence)	Birmingham, Ala.
1916.	Bryan, Mrs. Selden	Kingstree, S. C.
1909.	Burton, Miss Emma	Kansas City, Mo.
1923.	Campbell, Miss Lila Mae	Memphis, Tenn.
1922.	Cantrell, Miss Rachel	Roanoke, Va.
1920.	Cannon, Miss Elah	Hemingway, S. C.
1925.	Chandler, Miss Mamie	Sumter, S. C.
1926.	Clendenning, Miss Mary	Palmyra, Mo.
1922.	Congleton, Miss Jennie	Greenville, N. C.
1913.	Cooper, Miss Hazel (leave of absence)	Linden, Ala.
1922.	Cox, Miss Bertha	Sedalia, Mo.
1912.	Cunningham, Miss Mattie	Columbia, Mo.
1910.	Daniel, Miss Mary	Washington, La.
1925.	Davenport, Miss Brooksie	Ware Shoals, S. C.
1903.	Davis, Miss Elizabeth (retired)	Arcola, N. C.
1920.	Dodd, Miss Dorothy	Hartsville, Tenn.
1909.	Dragoo, Miss Rhoda (leave of absence)	Palmetto, Fla.
1915.	Dreyer, Miss Josephine (leave of absence)	St. Louis, Mo.
1909.	Ducker, Miss Jennie	Hopkinsville, Ky.
1910.	Durham, Miss Mary Ora	Danville, Ky.
1922.	Duncan, Miss Willia	Maceo, Ky.
1922.	Eaton, Miss Bess	Staffordsville, Va.
1904.	Elliott, Miss Maria	Dallas, Tex.
1914.	Ellison, Miss Berta	Franklinville, N. C.
1922.	Eubanks, Miss Moselle	Rome, Ga.
1911.	Fagan, Miss Connie	Savannah, Ga.
1915.	Fail, Miss Maude	Hattiesburg, Miss.
1922.	Freeman, Mrs. Mary Etta (leave of absence)	Carlton, Ga.
1910.	Gainey, Miss Ellen	Fayetteville, N. C.
1915.	Gatewood, Miss Grace	Myra, Tex.
1908.	Gibson, Miss Helen	St. Louis, Mo.
1911.	Godbey, Miss Cornelia	Marietta, Ohio
1912.	Graham, Miss Aletha (leave of absence)	Shellmound, Tenn.
1923.	Greely, Miss Addie	Jackson, Miss.
1911.	Grizzard, Miss Gertrude	Nashville, Tenn.
1910.	Harris, Miss Laura	Chattanooga, Tenn.
1925.	Harrison, Miss Crystal	Sedalia, Mo.
1914.	Hasler, Miss Mary	Springfield, Mo.
1925.	Heflin, Miss Ruth	Forest, Miss.
1909.	Henry, Miss Willena (leave of absence)	Rice, Tex.
1922.	Hill, Miss Juanita	Campbellsburg, Ky.
1920.	Hoke, Miss Gaye	Second Creek, W. Va.
1919.	Hooper, Miss Ella K.	Houma, La.
1914.	Hoover, Miss Dora	Mobile, Ala.
1921.	Howard, Miss Frances	Blytheville, Ark.
1907.	Jackson, Miss Ethel	Lancaster, S. C.
1922.	Kennedy, Miss Cleta (leave of absence)	Galveston, Tex.
1905.	Kennedy, Miss Mabel	St. Louis, Mo.
1915.	Lowder, Miss Sarah K.	Elizabeth City, N. C.
1906.	Mann, Miss Frances (retired)	Winters, Tex.
1922.	McCall, Miss Mary Ella	Fairfield, N. C.
1906.	Monohan, Miss Selina (retired)	St. Louis, Mo.
1922.	Moore, Miss Glenn	Little Rock, Ark.
1922.	Nichols, Miss Mary	Roxboro, N. C.
1918.	Olmstead, Miss Emily	Louisville, Ky.
1909.	Palmore, Miss Constance	Lynchburg, Va.
1925.	Parbam, Miss Martha C.	College Park, Ga.
1914.	Parker, Miss Lillian (leave of absence)	Lindale, Tex.
1908.	Peeples, Miss Adeline	St. Louis, Mo.
1923.	Price, Miss Annie	Bee House, Tex.
1908.	Ragland, Miss Margaret (leave of absence)	San Angelo, Tex.
1921.	Reed, Miss Bithiah, (leave of absence)	Chattanooga, Tenn.
1924.	Reeves, Miss Helen	St. Louis, Mo.
1913.	Richardson, Miss Falla	Corinth, Miss.
1922.	Riggin, Miss Rosalie	Arkadelphia, Ark.

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1915.	Ritter, Miss Daisy	Columbia, S. C.
1923.	Robinson, Miss Mamie	Killeen, Tex.
1926.	Robinson, Miss Martha	Jackson, Tenn.
1926.	Sargent, Miss Bess	Haleyville, Tenn.
1922.	Sells, Miss Mae	Wiggins, Miss.
1910.	Sheider, Miss Alice (retired)	Concord, Ga.
1909.	Smith, Miss Eugenia	Union, S. C.
1907.	Stevens, Miss Ida M.	Nova Scotia
1925.	Stokes, Miss Mary	Nadawah, Ala.
1904.	Taylor, Miss Elizabeth	Lamar, Mo.
1925.	Teel, Miss Susie	Waco, Tex.
1912.	Tinsley, Miss Lois (leave of absence)	Leslie, Ga.
1906.	Trawick, Miss Annie	Opelika, Ala.
1924.	Vivian, Miss Lexie	Carrizo Springs, Tex.
1919.	Vogel, Miss Emma	Linn, Mo.
1911.	Waddell, Miss Evelyn	Knoxville, Tenn.
1911.	Wahlroos, Miss Wilhelmina	Louisville, Ky.
1914.	Walker, Miss Kate	Comanche, Tex.
1926.	Wall, Miss Emma	Morristown, Tenn.
1923.	Webb, Miss Minnie	Prairie Grove, Ark.
1922.	Wilkinson, Miss Jane	Union Level, Va.
1911.	Womack, Miss Mollie	Nacona, Tex.
1903.	Wright, Miss Mattie (retired)	Santa Ana, Calif.
1923.	Young, Miss Margaret	Luray, Va.

HOME MISSIONARIES.

1910.	Acton, Mrs. Julia (retired)	Berkeley, Calif.
1926.	Ader, Miss Edith Beatrice	Weaverville, N. C.
1909.	Alexander, Mrs. Mary B. (retired)	Tampa, Fla.
1924.	Anderson, Miss Verdie	Spartanburg, S. C.
1921.	Arnold, Miss Katherine (leave of absence)	Louisville, Ky.
1923.	Bell, Miss Muriel	Temple, Tex.
1924.	Berkley, Miss Ruby (leave of absence)	Red Banks, Miss.
1923.	Blessing, Miss Carmen	Berkeley, Calif.
1924.	Boggs, Miss Esther	Greenville, S. C.
1911.	Bowden, Miss Ella	Brownwood, Tex.
1917.	Bunn, Miss Bessie	Little Rock, Ark.
1915.	Coburn, Miss Mae	Birmingham, Ala.
1917.	Cole, Miss Sue	Glenn Cove, Tex.
1907.	Crim, Miss Dorothy	Atlanta, Ga.
1922.	Davis, Miss Minnie (leave of absence)	Houston, Tex.
1924.	Davis, Miss Myrta	Houston, Tex.
1924.	Dorsey, Miss Emily	Dallas, Tex.
1909.	Denton, Miss Frances	Fort Smith, Ark.
1917.	Driver, Mrs. Grace	Walnut Ridge, Ark.
1926.	Edwards, Miss Pearle	Perry, Ga.
1917.	Eidson, Miss Minnie Lee	Jonesboro, Ark.
1920.	Field, Mrs. J. C.	Americus, Ga.
1910.	Ford, Miss Sue T. (retired)	Paris, Ky.
1915.	Gardner, Miss Helen	St. Louis, Mo.
1923.	Filbert, Miss Ola	Marianna, Fla.
1922.	Gill, Miss Jessie Drew (leave of absence)	Tuskegee, Ala.
1924.	Green, Miss Lottie	Bransford, Fla.
1926.	Hall, Miss Virginia	Barboursville, W. Va.
1923.	Hendricks, Miss Lillie	Oneonta, Ala.
1923.	Hennen, Miss Belle	Fairmont, W. Va.
1923.	Howard, Miss Nellie	Louisville, Ky.
1925.	Kagey, Miss Lula M.	Norfolk, Va.
1925.	Kee, Miss Sarah J.	Rodman, S. C.
1924.	Kuntz, Miss Sophie	New Orleans, La.
1922.	Leighty, Miss Edith	St. Joseph, Mo.
1924.	Lehnhoff, Miss Lillian	Salisbury, Mo.
1922.	Leveridge, Miss Ura	Cisco, Tex.
1923.	Lewis, Miss Annie	Lexington, Ky.
1920.	Lewis, Miss Martha	Tampa, Fla.
1924.	Lockwood, Miss Elizabeth (leave of absence)	Birmingham, Ala.
1926.	Long, Miss Lena Viola	Trenton, S. C.
1925.	Long, Miss Lora	Vernon, Tex.
1926.	Matkins, Miss Iva Lou	Enloe, Tex.
1913.	McClain, Miss Nelle (leave of absence)	Martin, Tenn.
1923.	McLarty, Miss Alice	Vernon, Tex.
1911.	Mitchell, Miss Susie	Arlington, Tex.
1922.	Moore, Miss Ida J. (leave of absence)	Valley Head, Ala.
1924.	Morgan, Miss Elma	Stephens, Ark.
1909.	Nuti, Miss Martha	Granbery, Tex.
1924.	O'Bryant, Miss Eunice	Earle, Ark.

Year Conse- crated.	Name and Field Address.	Home Address.
1926.	Ormond, Miss Myra Crawford	Wilmington, N. C.
1923.	Phillips, Miss Eva Joe	Houston, Tex.
1925.	Pierce, Miss Iva Mae	Marthaville, La.
1922.	Porter, Miss Carrie	Zwolle, La.
1923.	Ragan, Miss Mildred	Worthville, Ky.
1924.	Reid, Miss Dorothea	St. Louis, Mo.
1926.	Reynolds, Miss Birdie	Newport, Va.
1923.	Rogers, Miss Annie	Spartanburg, S. C.
1921.	Rowland, Miss Grace (leave of absence)	Carrollton, Ky.
1926.	Russell, Miss Elizabeth	Green Bay, Miss.
1922.	Sanders, Miss Oscie (leave of absence)	Houston, Tex.
1923.	Sitton, Mrs. Lena (leave of absence)	Talladega, Ala.
	Souby, Mrs. E. L. (leave of absence)	Nashville, Tenn.
1920.	Stackhouse, Miss Agnes	Columbia, S. C.
1919.	Stroup, Miss Nettie (leave of absence)	Farmersville, Tex.
1921.	Wagoner, Miss Estelle	Alaska, W. Va.
1923.	Wells, Miss Ethel	Lockney, Tex.
1918.	White, Mrs. Laura	Rome, Ga.
1915.	Whiteside, Miss Florence	Pine Bluff, Ark.
1925.	Young, Mrs. Eugenia	Plattsburg, Mo.

FOREIGN MISSIONARIES OF THE COUNCIL.

Year Conse- crated.	CHINA.	Name and Field Address.	Home Address.
1878.	Miss	Lochie Rankin (Emeritus), Shanghai	Milan, Tenn.
1884.	Miss	Virginia Atkinson, Soochow	Atlanta, Ga.
1892.	Miss	Alice G. Waters, Nanziang	Murray, Ky.
1892.	Mrs.	Julia A. Gaither (Emeritus), Soochow	Atlanta, Ga.
1892.	Miss	Martha E. Pyle, Shanghai	Kansas City, Mo.
1892.	Miss	Mildred B. Bomar, Shanghai	Richmond, Va.
1894.	Miss	Clara E. Steger, Changchow	Mountain Grove, Va.
1896.	Miss	Ella D. Leveritt (furlough)	Monroe, Ga.
1899.	Miss	Mary M. Tarrant, Soochow	St. Louis, Mo.
1901.	Miss	Ida Anderson, Wushih	Jackson, Miss.
1901.	Miss	Mary Culler White, Sungkiang	Nashville, Tenn.
1904.	Miss	Maggie J. Rogers, Soochow	Marlin, Tex.
1905.	Miss	Elizabeth Claiborne, Soochow	Jackson, Tenn.
1906.	Miss	Nettie Peacock, Sungkiang	Macon, Ga.
1906.	Miss	Mary Lou White (furlough)	Norfolk, Va.
1906.	Miss	Emma Lester, Shanghai	Augusta, Ga.
1907.	Miss	Nell D. Drake, Sungkiang	Port Gibson, Miss.
1908.	Miss	Julia Wasson, Shanghai	Ethel, Miss.
1909.	Miss	Maryl Hood, R.N. (furlough)	Brownsville, Tenn.
1909.	Miss	Clara Park (extended furlough)	Sandersville, Ga.
1909.	Miss	Leila J. Tuttle, Shanghai	Lenoir, S. C.
1911.	Miss	Mittie Shelton, Huchow	Lorena, Tex.
1911.	Miss	Annie Bradshaw, Soochow	Lynch Station, Va.
1911.	Miss	Bessie B. Combs (extended furlough)	St. Joseph, Mo.
1912.	Miss	Alice Green (furlough)	Jonesboro, N. C.
1912.	Miss	Nina W. Troy (furlough)	Greensboro, N. C.
1912.	Miss	Frances Burkhead (furlough)	Raleigh, N. C.
1913.	Miss	Lela M. Bliler, Wuchen	Kansas City, Mo.
1913.	Miss	Hattie F. Love, M.D., Changchow	Sweetwater, Tenn.
1913.	Miss	Laura V. Mitchell (extended furlough)	Arcadia, Fla.
1913.	Miss	May Hixson, Shanghai	Des Moines, Iowa
1914.	Miss	Muriel Smith (contract), Shanghai	England
1914.	Miss	Louise Robinson, Soochow	New Decatur, Ala.
1914.	Miss	Sue Stanford, Huchow	Waco, Tex.
1914.	Miss	Nina M. Stallings, Soochow	Mexico, Mo.
1915.	Miss	Kate Hackney, Soochow	Asheville, N. C.
1915.	Miss	Ruth Brittain, Nanking	Birmingham, Ala.
1916.	Miss	Mary Blackford, Huchow	St. Louis, Mo.
1917.	Miss	Sallie Lou MacKinnon, Shanghai	Maxton, N. C.
1917.	Dr.	Louise M. Ingersoll (contract, furlough)	Asheville, N. C.
1918.	Miss	Alma Pitts, R.N. (extended furlough)	Cottonton, Ala.
1919.	Miss	Alice Alsop, Shanghai	Maypearl, Tex.
1919.	Miss	Marguerite H. Clarke (furlough)	Sunny Side, Va.
1920.	Miss	Floss McKnight (extended furlough)	Chaffee, Mo.
1921.	Miss	Ella M. Hanawalt, Nanking	Galva, Ill.
1921.	Miss	Lillian Knobles, Soochow	State Line, Miss.
1921.	Miss	Jessie Bloodworth, Shanghai	Hartshorne, Okla.
1921.	Miss	Mary Dill Overall, Changchow	Dyer, Tenn.
1922.	Miss	Lucy Jim Webb, Shanghai	Forsyth, Ga.
1922.	Miss	Susan W. Brown, M.D., Shanghai	Columbia, Mo.
1922.	Miss	Margaret Rue, Changchow	Norfolk, Va.
1922.	Miss	Lois Cooper (contract, furlough)	Brookhaven, Miss.
1923.	Miss	Cornelia Crozier, Sungkiang	Fayetteville, Ark.
1923.	Miss	Mary Bell Winn, Soochow	Ridgeway, S. C.
1924.	Miss	Mary E. McDaniel, M.D., Shanghai	Savannah, Mo.
1924.	Miss	Sadie Mai Wilson, Soochow	Nashville, Tenn.
1924.	Miss	Eda Cade, Huchow	Lono, Ark.
1925.	Miss	Anne E. Herbert, R.N., Nanking	Bennettsville, S. C.
1925.	Miss	Ethel Wytelle Bost, Soochow	Cornelius, N. C.
1925.	Miss	Naomie Howie, Soochow	Waynesville, N. C.
1926.	Miss	Lorena Foster, R.N., Changchow	Pearsall, Tex.

KOREA.

1904.	Miss	Ellasue Wagner, Wonsan	Chilhowie, Va.
1905.	Miss	Cordelia Erwin (furlough)	Murray, Ky.
1906.	Miss	Mamie D. Myers, Choon Chun	Waycross, Ga.
1906.	Miss	Lillian E. Nichols, Songdo	Savannah, Ga.
1908.	Miss	Kate Cooper, Wonsan	Douglasville, Ga.
1909.	Miss	Hallie Buie, Seoul	Wesson, Miss.
1909.	Miss	Laura E. Edwards, Seoul	Hereford, Tex.
1910.	Miss	Bertha A. Smith, Songdo	Marshall, Mo.

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Year Conse- crated.	Name and Field Address.	Home Address
1911.	Miss Carrie Una Jackson, Choon Chun	Arlington, Ky.
1911.	Miss Ida Hankins, Songdo	Wilmington, N. C.
1911.	Miss Hortense Tinsley, Seoul	Americus, Ga.
1912.	Miss Bessie Oliver (furlough)	Unadilla, Ga.
1913.	Miss Agnes Graham, Songdo	Comanche, Tex.
1916.	Miss Rosa M. Lowder, R.N., Songdo	Rutherford College
1921.	Miss Mary Vic Mauk, Songdo	Troy, Ala.
1921.	Miss Annie Justice Hanson (extended furlough)	Clifton, Tex.
1921.	Miss Alice E. Furry, R.N., Choon Chun	Van Buren, Ark.
1921.	Mrs. Velma H. Maynor, Seoul	Oneonta, Ala.
1922.	Miss Rubie K. Lee, Seoul	Statesboro, Ga.
1922.	Miss Alice McMakin (contract), Songdo	Wellford, S. C.
1923.	Miss Clara Howard, Songdo	Kathleen, Ga.
1923.	Miss Blanche Hauser, R.N., Wonsan	Pfafftown, N. C.
1924.	Miss Sadie Maud Moore, Wonsan	Statesboro, Ga.
1924.	Miss Mary Helen Rosser, R.N., Songdo	Macon, Ga.
1924.	Miss Nannie Gilder Black, Wonsan	Chester, S. C.
1925.	Miss Olive Lee Smith, Choon Chun	Reidsville, N. C.
1925.	Miss Eulne E. Smith, Songdo	Hamlet, N. C.
1926.	Miss Ruth Diggs (not yet appointed)	Spartanburg, S. C.
1926.	Miss Lucy Bouldin (not yet appointed)	Batesville, Va.

JAPAN.

1896.	Miss Ida M. Worth, Ashiya	Tallula, Ill.
1903.	Miss Margaret M. Cook, Osaka	Newnan, Ga.
1910.	Miss Annie Bell Williams (furlough)	Charleston, S. C.
1913.	Miss Ethel Newcomb (furlough)	St. Louis, Mo.
1915.	Miss Annette Gist, Oita	McIntosh, Fla.
1915.	Miss Charlie Holland, Kobe	Moscow, Tex.
1917.	Miss Mabel Whitehead, Osaka	Birmingham, Ala.
1919.	Miss Blanche D. Hager, Osaka	Kobe, Japan
1920.	Miss Mary Searcy (furlough)	Columbia, Mo.
1922.	Miss Myra Pauline Anderson, Kobe	Anderson, S. C.
1923.	Miss M. Elston Rowland, Kure	Washington, D. C.
1923.	Miss Anne Peavy, Kure	Byron, Ga.
1923.	Miss Mozelle Tumlin, Oita	Marietta, Ga.
1924.	Miss Ida Lois Maddox, Kure	Madison, Ga.
1925.	Miss Mary Douglas Finch, Kobe	Chase City, Va.
1926.	Miss Sallie Elizabeth Carroll (not yet appointed)	Batesville, Va.

MANCHURIA-SIBERIA.

1923.	Miss Constance Rumbough, Harbin	Lynchburg, Va.
1923.	Miss Lillian Wahl, Harbin	Paris, Ark.
1926.	Miss Sallie Lewis Brown, Harbin	Sussex, Va.

BRAZIL.

1894.	Miss Layona Glenn, Rio de Janeiro	Conyers, Ga.
1895.	Miss Eliza Perkinson (furlough)	Paola, Kans.
1896.	Miss Lily A. Stradley, Piracicaba	Lewisburg, Ohio
1901.	Miss Helen Johnston, Bello Horizonte	Sebastian, Fla.
1903.	Miss Emma Christine, Bello Horizonte	Kenwood Springs, Mo.
1907.	Miss Eunice F. Andrew (furlough)	St. Louis, Mo.
1911.	Miss Rachel Jarrett, Ribeirao Preto	Redwater, Tex.
1911.	Miss Leila F. Epps, Sao Paulo	Kingstree, S. C.
1911.	Miss Lydia Ferguson (furlough)	Belton, Tex.
1911.	Miss Sophia Schalch, Piracicaba	Brazil
1912.	Miss Eva Louise Hyde (furlough)	Fulton, Mo.
1913.	Miss Mary Jane Baxter (furlough)	Huntsville, Ala.
1914.	Miss Elma Morgan (extended furlough)	Stephens, Ark.
1914.	Miss Gertrude Kennedy (furlough)	Kenbridge, Va.
1915.	Miss Maud Mathis, Rio de Janeiro	Texarkana, Tex.
1915.	Miss Mary Sue Brown, Porto Alegre	Gatesville, Tex.
1916.	Miss Lela Putnam (extended furlough)	Albany, Tex.
1916.	Miss Nancy R. Holt, Rio de Janeiro	Norfolk, Va.
1918.	Miss Mary Alice Lamar, Rio de Janeiro	Houston, Tex.
1918.	Miss Pearl O. Hicks (extended furlough)	Shawnee, Okla.
1921.	Miss Louise Best, Santa Maria	Saluda, S. C.
1921.	Miss Viola Matthews, Ribeirao Preto	Charley Hope, Va.
1921.	Miss Lucy Belle Morgan, Bello Horizonte	Georgetown, Tex.
1922.	Miss Jessie Moore, Ribeirao Preto	Batesville, Ark.
1922.	Miss Rosalie Brown, Santa Maria	Atlanta, Ga.
1923.	Miss Annie Donovan (contract), Rio de Janeiro	Huntsville, Tex.
1924.	Miss Alice Bertha Denison, Piracicaba	Waco, Tex.
1924.	Miss Ruth Audrey Kellogg, Sao Paulo	Boyle, Miss.
1925.	Miss Mabel Jetton, Santa Maria	Washington, D. C.

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Name and Field Address.

Home Address.

1925.	Miss Daisye I. Ferguson, Rio de Janeiro	Woodville, Miss.
1925.	Miss Ruth W. Merritt, Piracicaba	Yanceyville, N. C.
1925.	Miss Susie J. Pruitt, Porto Alegre	Iva, S. C.
1925.	Mary Hinton, Piracicaba	Ethelville, Ala.
1926.	Miss Verda Norene Farrar (not appointed)	Advance, Mo.

MEXICO.

1887.	Miss Leila Roberts (Emeritus), Saltillo	Bonham, Tex.
1889.	Miss Ellie B. Tydings, Parral	Ocala, Fla.
1896.	Miss Edith Park, Saltillo	Amarillo, Tex.
1898.	Miss Laura V. Wright (furlough)	Baltimore, Md.
1901.	Miss Norwood E. Wynn, Chihuahua	Dallas, Tex.
1908.	Miss Mary E. Massey (furlough)	Iuka, Miss.
1911.	Miss Virginia Booth, Saltillo	Austin, Tex.
1912.	Miss Lillie F. Fox, Chihuahua	Odessa, Mo.
1912.	Miss Charley May Cunningham (extended furlough)	Lindsay, Calif.
1913.	Miss Ethel McCaughan, Durango	Corpus Christi, Tex.
1914.	Miss Sarah E. Warne, Monterrey (1909-1913, Brazil)	Santa Ana, Calif.
1919.	Miss Dora L. Ingram, Monterrey	Centralia, Mo.
1919.	Miss Hope Jack (contract), Chihuahua	Canada
1921.	Miss Annie M. Craig, Chihuahua (1919-1920, Cuba)	Austin, Tex.
1921.	Miss Emma L. Eldridge, Chihuahua	Wichita, Kans.
1921.	Miss Myrtle Pollard, Durango	Batesville, Miss.
1921.	Miss Myrtle James, Monterrey	Devine, Tex.
1922.	Miss Irne Matlock (contract), Chihuahua	Amarillo, Tex.
1922.	Miss Lorraine Buck, Saltillo	Bessemer, Ala.
1922.	Miss Naomi Chapman, R.N., Monterrey	New Orleans, La.
1923.	Miss Ruth Byerly, Durango	Shepherdstown, W. Va.
1923.	Miss Edna Potthoff, R.N., Chihuahua	Houston, Tex.
1923.	Miss Eva Massey, Chihuahua	White Post, Va.
1923.	Mrs. Helen M. Lang, R.N. (contract), Torreon	El Paso, Tex.
1923.	Miss Anna Belle Dyck (contract), Chihuahua	Halstead, Kans.
1924.	Miss Amy Jo Burns, Monterrey	Boneler Springs, Va.
1924.	Miss Pearl Hall, R.N., Monterrey	Dodson, Va.
1924.	Miss Angela Chappelle, Durango	San Antonio, Tex.
1924.	Miss Bessie Baldwin, R.N. (contract), Torreon	Curville, Va.
1925.	Miss Ellen B. Cloud, R.N., Chihuahua (1912-1924, deaconess)	Pembroke, Ky.
1925.	Miss Vada Gilliland, Parral	Georgetown, Tex.
1925.	Miss Eula Winn, Saltillo	Columbia, S. C.
1926.	Miss M. Belle Markey, Chihuahua (1920-1925, Cuba)	Cleveland, Tenn.
1926.	Miss Irene Nixon (not appointed)	Georgetown, Tex.
1926.	Miss Helen Hodgson (not appointed)	Oroville, Calif.

CUBA.

1901.	Miss Rebecca Toland (Emeritus), Matanzas (1881-1901, Mexico)	Beeville, Tex.
1914.	Miss Frances B. Moling, Cienfuegos (1899-1914, Mexico)	Kansas City, Mo.
1914.	Miss Laura Lee, Cienfuegos (1908-1914, Mexico, contract)	Nashville, Tenn.
1916.	Miss Annie Churchill, Cienfuegos (1897-1916, Mexico)	Burnet, Tex.
1921.	Miss Clara Chalmers, Matanzas	New Orleans, La.
1922.	Miss Junia Jones, Havana	Montgomery, Ala.
1924.	Miss Bertha Tucker, Matanzas (1911-1923, Korea)	Crawfordville, Ga.
1925.	Miss Anne Deavours, Havana (1923-1925, Mexico)	Paulding, Miss.
1925.	Miss Ione Clay, Havana (1921-1922, Cuba; 1923-1925, Mexico)	Dublin, Tex.
1925.	Miss Dreta Sharpe, Havana	Ogeechee, Ga.
1925.	Miss May Johnson, Matanzas	Winchester, Ky.
1925.	Miss Lucile Lewis (contract), Havana	Dawson, Ga.
1926.	Miss Edith Bayne (not appointed)	Macon, Ga.

CONGO BELGE.

1920.	Miss Flora Foreman, R.N., Tunda	Stratford, Tex.
1922.	Miss Christine Allen (furlough)	Crowell, Tex.
1922.	Mrs. Fannie B. Warren, R.N. (extended furlough)	Tulsa, Okla.
1925.	Miss Dora Jane Armstrong, R.N., Wembo Nyama	Clifton Forge, Va.
1926.	Miss Myrtle Bryant (not appointed)	Collins, Miss.
1926.	Miss Elizabeth Bass, R.N. (not appointed)	Wilson, N. C.

FOREIGN MISSIONARIES BUT NOT NOW ACTIVE IN THE SERVICE.

Appointed	Name and Former Residence.	Conference.
1879.	Miss Dora Rankin,* Milan, Tenn.	Memphis
1881.	Miss Annie Williams,† Chapel Hill, Tex.	Texas
1881.	Miss Mattie Watts,* Louisville, Ky.	Louisville
1882.	Miss Anna J. Muse,† Atlanta, Ga.	North Georgia

*Deceased. †Married.

Appointed.	Name and Former Residence.	Conference.
1882.	Miss Blanche Gilbert, Roanoke, Va.	Baltimore
1882.	Mrs. Sara Burford, Georgetown, Tex.	Northwest Texas
1883.	Miss Nannie E. Holding† (Emeritus), Latonia, Ky.	Kentucky
1883.	Miss Mattie B. Jones, Norcross, Ga.	North Georgia
1883.	Miss Jennie C. Wolf, Pensacola, Fla.	Alabama
1884.	Miss Laura A. Haygood,* Atlanta, Ga.	North Georgia
1884.	Miss Dona Hamilton,* Paris, Tex.	North Texas
1884.	Miss Mildred M. Phillips, M.D.,† California, Mo.	Southwest, Missouri
1884.	Miss Lou E. Phillips, California, Mo.	Southwest Missouri
1884.	Miss Mary W. Bruce,† Plattsburg, Mo.	Missouri
1887.	Mrs. Josephine Campbell,* New York City.	Los Angeles
1887.	Miss Emma E. Kerr,† Brownsville, Tenn.	Memphis
1887.	Miss Kate R. Roberts,* Nashville, Tenn.	Tennessee
1887.	Miss Addie F. Gordon,* Port Gibson, Miss.	North Mississippi
1887.	Miss Elizabeth Hughes,† Meridian, Miss.	Mississippi
1887.	Miss Lula H. Lipscomb,* Columbus, Miss.	North Mississippi
1887.	Miss Ada Reagan,† Nashville, Tenn.	Tennessee
1887.	Miss Marcia Marvin,* St. Louis, Mo.	St. Louis
1888.	Miss Augusta V. Wilson,* Charleston, W. Va.	Baltimore
1888.	Miss Mary McClellan,† Brookhaven, Miss.	Mississippi
1888.	Miss Ella Granberry,† St. Louis, Mo.	St. Louis
1889.	Mrs. E. A. McClendon,† West Point, Ga.	North Georgia
1889.	Miss A. Clara Chrisman,* Beauregard, Miss.	Mississippi
1889.	Miss Ella Yarrell,* Emporia, Va.	Virginia ✓
1889.	Miss Lida Howell,* Duluth, Ga.	North Georgia
1889.	Miss Flora Baker,* West Point, Ga.	North Georgia
1889.	Miss Lula Ross, Greensboro, Ala.	Alabama
1889.	Miss Sallie M. Phillips, Homer, La.	Louisiana
1889.	Miss Lizzie Wilson,* Newport, Ky.	Kentucky
1890.	Miss Mattie Dorsey,† Charlestown, W. Va.	Baltimore
1890.	Mrs. E. E. Brelsford, Princeton, Ky.	Louisville
1890.	Miss May Littleton Smithy,* Jettersville, Va.	Virginia ✓
1890.	Miss Mary Turner,† Sharpburg, Ky.	Kentucky
1890.	Miss Kate P. Fannin,† Blountsville, Fla.	Florida
1890.	Miss Helen Lee Richardson,* St. Louis, Mo.	St. Louis
1890.	Miss Lucy Harper,† Georgetown, Tex.	Central Texas
1891.	Miss Mollie F. Brown, Austin, Tex.	West Texas
1891.	Miss Kate C. McFarren,* Durango, Mexico.	New Jersey
1892.	Miss Delia Holding,* Latonia, Ky.	Kentucky
1892.	Miss Sue P. Blake,† Miccosukee, Fla.	Florida
1892.	Miss Emma Gary,† Elberton, Ga.	North Georgia
1892.	Miss Sallie B. Reynolds,† Columbia, S. C.	South Carolina
1892.	Miss Alice Moore, Oxford, Ga.	North Georgia
1892.	Miss Susan Littlejohn,† Pacolet, S. C.	South Carolina
1892.	Miss Bessie Moore,† Savannah, Tenn.	Tennessee
1892.	Miss Amelia Elerding,† Chicago, Ill.	Illinois
1892.	Miss Annie Walter, M.D.,† Holly Springs, Miss.	North Mississippi
1894.	Miss Ella Coffey,† Long Mount, Va.	Virginia ✓
1894.	Miss Esther Case, Batesville, Ark.	North Arkansas
1895.	Miss Willie Bowman,† St. Louis, Mo.	Missouri
1895.	Miss May Umberger,† Wytheville, Va.	Holston
1895.	Miss Viola Blackburn,* Holly Springs, Miss.	North Mississippi
1895.	Miss Hattie G. Carson,† Savannah, Ga.	South Georgia
1896.	Miss Lizzie Martin,† Chapel Hill, N. C.	North Carolina
1896.	Miss Johnnie Sanders,† Union, S. C.	South Carolina
1896.	Miss Margaret Polk, M.D., Peryville, Ky.	Kentucky
1896.	Miss Ida Shaffer, Carrollton, Mo.	Missouri
1897.	Miss Susie E. Williams,† San Francisco, Calif.	Los Angeles
1897.	Miss Mary L. Richardson,* St. Louis, Mo.	St. Louis
1897.	Miss Leonora D. Smith,† Eclectic, Ala.	Alabama
1898.	Miss Fannie Hinds,† Mount Sterling, Ky.	Kentucky
1898.	Miss Mary Pescud,† Raleigh, N. C.	North Carolina
1899.	Miss Arrena Carroll,† Mount Crawford, Va.	Baltimore
1899.	Miss Lela McNemar, Edwards, Miss.	Mississippi
1899.	Miss Clara B. Fullerton, Louisville, Ky.	Louisville
1899.	Miss Maude Bonnell,* Muskogee, Okla.	East Oklahoma
1900.	Miss Sadie Harbaugh,† Washington, D. C.	Baltimore
1900.	Miss Elizabeth Davis,† Durham, N. C.	North Carolina
1900.	Miss Alice Griffith,† Marion, Ky.	Louisville
1900.	Miss June Nicholson,* Edgefield, S. C.	South Carolina
1900.	Miss Mollie Cessna,† Utica, Miss.	North Mississippi
1900.	Miss Sue Ford, Paris, Ky.	Kentucky
1901.	Miss Maidee Smith, LaGrange, Ga.	North Georgia
1901.	Miss Orient Alexander,* Brookfield, Mo.	Missouri
1901.	Miss Mary Knowles,† Macon, Ga.	South Georgia

*Deceased. †Married. ‡Retired.

Appointed.	Name and Former Residence.	Conference.
1901. Miss	Ida May Stewart, Leesburg, Fla.	Florida
1901. Miss	Lily Whitman, Eupora, Miss.	North Mississippi
1901. Mrs.	Elen B. Carney, Plant City, Fla.	Florida
1901. Miss	Della V. Wright, Anderson, S. C.	South Carolina
1901. Miss	May Treadwell, Edgewood, Ga.	North Georgia
1902. Miss	Josephine Hounshell,† Cornth, Va.	Holston
1902. Miss	Blanche Howel,† Asheville, N. C.	Western North Carolina
1902. Miss	Loula M. Norville,† Livingston, Ala.	Alabama
1903. Miss	Ara Riggins,* Pasadena, Calif.	Los Angeles
1904. Miss	Ada Parker,† New Orleans, La.	Louisiana
1904. Miss	Janie Watkins,† Jackson, Miss.	Mississippi
1904. Miss	Mattie M. Ivey,* Calvert, Tex.	Texas
1905. Miss	Elizabeth Lamb,† Fayetteville, N. C.	North Carolina
1905. Mrs.	F. K. Brown,† Knoxville, Tenn.	Holston
1905. Miss	Irene King, Holden, Mo.	Southwest Missouri
1905. Miss	Eleanor Dye,† Evansville, Miss.	North Mississippi
1906. Miss	Sophia Mann,* Mexia, Tex.	Northwest Texas
1906. Miss	Agnes Ruff, Wallaceville, S. C.	South Carolina
1906. Miss	Estelle Hood, Commerce, Ga.	North Georgia
1907. Mrs.	S. S. Harris, Citra, Fla.	Florida
1907. Mrs.	Emily Runyon, M.D., Richmond, Va.	Virginia
1907. Miss	Ruby Kendrick,* Plano, Tex.	Northwest Texas
1907. Miss	Martha Ivie Batey,† Murfreesboro, Tenn.	Tennessee
1907. Miss	Ruby Lilly,† Whitman, Ga.	South Georgia
1907. Miss	Augusta May Dye,† Plano, Tex.	Northwest Texas
1907. Miss	Emma I. Steger,† Mountain Grove, Mo.	Southwest Missouri
1907. Miss	Linnie Barcroft, Tupelo, Miss.	Mississippi
1908. Miss	Kate Smallwood,† New Albany, Miss.	North Mississippi
1908. Miss	Bessie Houser,† Perry, Ga.	South Georgia
1908. Miss	Daisy Pyles,† Juiz de Fora, Brazil.	Brazil
1908. Miss	Mary F. Johnstone,† Dawson, Ga.	South Georgia
1908. Miss	Alma Jones, Webb City, Mo.	Missouri
1908. Mrs.	Nellie O'Bierne.	Louisiana
1908. Miss	Trulie Richmond, Ennis, Tex.	Central Texas
1908. Miss	Mamie Fenley,† Ribeirao Preto, Brazil.	Brazil
1909. Miss	Hardynia Norville, Livingston, Ala.	Alabama
1909. Miss	Martha Nutt, Granbury, Tex.	Central Texas
1909. Miss	Valeria Vollmer,† Porto Alegre, Brazil.	Brazil
1909. Miss	Minnie Vorner, Greenville, Ala.	Alabama
1909. Miss	Elsie Lowe,† Midlothian, Tex.	Central Texas
1909. Miss	Tommie Foster, Techula, Miss.	Mississippi
1909. Miss	Helen Hickman, Sherman, Tex.	North Texas
1909. Miss	Terrie Etta Buttrick, Asheville, N. C.	Western North Carolina
1910. Miss	Marie Wightman Capers,† Charleston, S. C.	South Carolina
1910. Miss	Margaret Beadle,† Austin, Tex.	West Texas
1910. Miss	Nevada Martin,† Pelahatchie, Miss.	Mississippi
1910. Miss	Dora Otis,† Hopkinsville, Mo.	Missouri
1910. Miss	Gilberta Harris, Arkadelphia, Ark.	Little Rock
1910. Miss	Nellie Bennett, Blackstone, Va.	Virginia
1910. Miss	Johnnie Pierson, Hamilton, Tex.	Northwest Texas
1910. Miss	Sallie J. Smith,† Richmond, Va.	Virginia
1910. Miss	Ellen Alfter,* Warrensburg, Mo.	Southwest Missouri
1910. Miss	Alice Dean Noyes, Macon, Ga.	South Georgia
1910. Miss	Virginia Howell, Lamasco, Tex.	North Texas
1911. Miss	Clare Beverly Cain, Los Angeles, Calif.	Los Angeles
1911. Miss	Myrtle Barker,† Warsaw, Ky.	Kentucky
1911. Miss	Miriam Steele, Brownwood, Tex.	Northwest Texas
1911. Miss	Frankie Hooper, St. Joseph, Mo.	Missouri
1911. Miss	Margaret Simpson, Little Rock, Ark.	Arkansas
1911. Miss	Lillie Reed,† Waco, Tex.	East Oklahoma
1911. Miss	Florence Barton, Frederickstown, Mo.	St. Louis
1912. Miss	Mae Owings, Fountain Inn, S. C.	South Carolina
1912. Miss	Flora Herndon,† Elberton, Ga.	North Georgia
1912. Miss	Maggie Lee Kenney,† Los Angeles, Calif.	Los Angeles
1912. Miss	Laura V. Summers, Barnesville, Ga.	North Georgia
1912. Miss	Lucy Henderson, Murfreesboro, Tenn.	South Georgia
1912. Miss	Bessie Lee Wilson,† College Grove, Tenn.	Tennessee
1912. Miss	Theodosia Wales,† Binghamton, N. Y.	New Jersey
1912. Miss	Edith Hayes,† Birmingham, Ala.	North Alabama
1912. Dr.	Ethel Polk,† Kansas City, Mo.	Southwest Missouri
1912. Miss	Jennie Stradley,† Granbery, Tex.	Central Texas
1913. Miss	Blanche Webb,† Chattanooga, Tenn.	Holston
1913. Miss	Bertha O. Attaway,† Oswego, S. C.	South Carolina
1913. Miss	Bessie Hardie,† Korea.	South Georgia
1913. Miss	Margaret Webster, Ennis, Tex.	Central Texas

*Deceased. †Married. ‡Retired.

Appointed.	Name and Former Residence.	Conference.
1913.	Miss Edith Brittingham, Portsmouth, Va.	Virginia ✓
1913.	Miss Eva Hardy, † Oak Park, Ill.	Illinois
1914.	Miss Manelle Forster, † Macon, Ga.	South Georgia
1914.	Miss Elizabeth Love, † Sweetwater, Tenn.	Holston
1914.	Miss Allene Pearce, Danville, Ky.	Kentucky
1915.	Miss Olive Lipscomb, † Nashville, Tenn.	Tennessee
1915.	Miss Ellie Gray, LaGrange, Ga.	North Georgia
1915.	Miss Ethel Brown, Petersburg, Va.	Virginia ✓
1916.	Miss Myra Olive, Seattle, Wash.	Northwest ✓
1917.	Miss Etha Mills, † Apple Grove, Va.	Virginia
1917.	Miss Etta Lee Woolsey, † Bay City, Tex.	Texas
1917.	Miss Grace McCubbens, † Salisbury, N. C.	Western North Carolina
1917.	Miss Katherine Hatcher, † Harlem, Ga.	North Georgia
1917.	Miss Sarah Vandyke Stout, † Clarksville, Tenn.	Tennessee
1917.	Miss Kathron Wilson, R.N., † Dodd City, Tex.	North Texas
1917.	Miss Marie Raffo, † Tampa, Fla.	Florida
1918.	Miss Pauline Glass Randle, * New Orleans, La.	Louisiana
1918.	Miss Edna Booker, † Los Angeles, Calif.	Los Angeles
1918.	Miss Jessie Drew Gull, Tuskegee, Ala.	Alabama
1919.	Miss Teresa Whittal, Chicago, Ill.	Illinois
1919.	Miss Fannie Scott, † Toney Creek, S. C.	Upper South Carolina
1919.	Miss Nora E. Darwin, Fort Worth, Tex.	Central Texas
1919.	Miss Carrie Turner, † R.N.	Bremont, Tex.
1920.	Miss Eliza Iles, † Dry Creek, La.	Louisiana
1920.	Miss Marzie Hall, † Walnut Grove, Miss.	Mississippi
1920.	Miss Ruth Henderson, † Richmond, Va.	Virginia
1920.	Miss Jean Callahan, † Orlando, Fla.	Japan
1920.	Miss Sarah Brinkley, † Jewell, Ga.	Mississippi
1920.	Miss Ruby Van Hooser.	Florida
1921.	Miss Willie G. Hall, † Walnut Grove, Miss.	Mississippi
1922.	Miss Cornelia Godbey, Morristown, Mo.	Southwest Missouri
1922.	Miss Dora O'Lula Hanna.	Sapulpa, Okla.
1922.	Miss Cavie Clark.	Mize, Miss.
1922.	Miss Helen Hardy, †	Benns Church, Va. ✓
1923.	Miss Margaret P. Light, †	Romney, W. Va.
1923.	Miss Alma Brandt, R.N.*	Appleton, Wis.
1923.	Miss Florence Powell, † Dallas, Tex.	North Texas

*Deceased. †Married. ‡Retired.

REPORTS FROM THE FOREIGN FIELDS.

CHINA MISSION.

McTYEIRE SCHOOL, SHANGHAI.

SALLIE LOU MCKINNON, PRINCIPAL.

My report of McTyeire School can cover only the autumn of 1925, as I came to the school just before the opening of the autumn term.

Last summer schools in China closed under the shadow of May 30, so educators all over China wondered what the enrollment in Christian schools in the autumn would be. We are grateful that here at McTyeire the enrollment is normal, and we are even more grateful that the normal spirit of coöperation and friendliness seems to prevail in the student body and in the faculty. In the high school and in the primary schools together we have this fall an enrollment of 654.

At Mission meeting Miss Mo Kyl Yoong was made assistant principal of McTyeire School. Miss Mo has been in the school for twenty-five years and has served as treasurer and in many other ways. She is loved and trusted by students and faculty, and, indeed, by all who know her. Many of the duties of the principal she can perform much more acceptably than the foreign principal, and, as assistant principal, she is invaluable.

Miss Sze Vong Pau, who for a number of years has been principal of Primary School No. 1, is in America studying this year. The school is very fortunate in having Mrs. C. C. Lin serve as supervisor this year for the two primary schools.

Another step forward has been made in the appointment of a religious work director. Miss Bloodworth returned from furlough in September and was appointed to this work. Other teachers help in the direction of religious activities and teach some of the curriculum courses in religion, but the religious work director will head up and correlate all the social service and religious activities of the school.

I think there have not been any very large changes in the other departments of the school. Naturally, I have spent most of my time in beginning to get acquainted with the school, the faculty, and the students, and the months have been pleasant ones.

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE SOCIETY AND CHINA CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

MARTHA E. PYLE.

Notwithstanding the various matters that have agitated the Chinese during the year, the Christian Literature Society has had no falling off in its sales; to the contrary, there has been the normal increase. This indicates, I think, the part that Christian literature is destined to play through all the mental ferment that may come and go. People search for solutions in Christianity. A series of booklets especially adapted to meet the anti-Christian propaganda has been prepared by the members of the staff and sold in large numbers. My booklet in that series is "The Christian School—A Distinctive Contribution." Other booklets of the series are: "Religion and Progress"; "Do Mission Schools Denationalize?" and the like, eight in all.

In the absence of Mrs. MacGillivray, I edited for a year and a half

Happy Childhood a popular story paper, illustrated. I also designed the Christian Literature Society art calendar for 1926. The Christian Literature sells thirty thousand of these calendars annually. This year the central figure is Holman Hunt's "The Light of the World" in exquisite coloring. It is worked into Chinese setting through a typical border in which is placed appropriate scripture texts.

Other work done by my writers and myself are translations—Louise Alcott's "Little Women"; "The Temple," a book of prayers by Mr. Orchard. This is designed to be a book of devotion for students and a handbook of prayer for the Christian teacher; selections of sermons that are especially suited to Chinese thinking at the present time from those published in the *Christian Century* by the twenty-five most popular preachers of America; these articles have been used, first of all, in the *Woman's Messenger*, edited by Miss White, and in *Shining Light*, another paper published by the Christian Literature Society, and circulated in all the schools; a booklet, "A Message to Garcia"; Jane Austin's "Sense and Sensibility"; Eleanor Porter's "Laddie"; this book is designed to show that country life may hold culture and dignity and true religion; four Bible plays: "The Living Water," "The Seeing Heart," "In His Strength," and "Whom Jesus Loved"; an adaptation of an old English story to Chinese setting, "The Minister's Daughter." This story, with the scene laid in Hangchow, pictures the Chinese parsonage where the pastor and his wife are busy with the various visitors that come for comfort and to attend Church service. The sons and daughters in mission schools; the activities and enjoyments of the vacation when all are at home; there is a love story to carry interest, and the whole shows a high type of living and enjoyment and of service—the ideal Christian living.

The many orders that have come in for Christmas stories this year show us the need of more Christmas stories for another year. All Christmas programs now include the telling of a Christmas story instead of a sermon. We shall prepare some, and see that a wee sermon gets in through the story.

I have carried on the work of the *China Christian Advocate* in association with the other editors. There is not much need of this paper on the part of the Southern Methodist Mission, and, in view of the increased cost of printing since the strikes of June, 1925, it appears that our mission may in the near future discontinue connection with the paper.

DAY SCHOOLS AND EVANGELISTIC WORK—CHANGSHU CIRCUIT.

VIRGINIA M. ATKINSON, SUPERVISOR.

My heart is full of thanksgiving at the end of another year that I have been permitted to labor among the people of this circuit and to be a co-laborer for another year with our devoted Bible Women and the school-teachers. The school work has been quite interesting, and I hope progress has been made. When the time came to open in the spring we were practically shut up in Soochow on account of the wars in this region. Changshu teachers nearly all live in Soochow, and since Soochow is my headquarters, they and I were almost all here. It seemed impossible for us to think of opening, because it was hard to get away from here on account of the scattered soldiers. Finally, however, we decided to row through on the Mission boat. The Changshu preachers, who were also down here, and an Episcopal Mission friend took a private boat and rowed alongside of us. It was a cold, windy day, and there were many obstructions, and it was a thirteen-hour trip. We arrived in safety, about 8 o'clock that night. We were greatly pleased to be able to open our schools for the spring term. Faith Johnson School, which was in its new building, soon

had an enrollment of one hundred and thirty; Theodosia Wailes School enrolled something over one hundred, and Reavis School, at the town of Bah Mau, had an enrollment of eighty-five for the spring term, which is the largest enrollment in its history. So though wars were threatening in other parts of the country, we were able to carry on. We tried to bring our curriculum for the kindergarten and the six primary grades up equal to the Laura Haygood Normal School for such grades. Changshu is behind other cities educationally, because it is not on the railroad, and so it was not easy to introduce new books and new methods. Some mothers even stopped their children from school because they were unwilling to buy new books. The spring term passed uneventfully until the echoes of the May 30 shooting affair in Shanghai reached us. We were greatly troubled, because of the sorrow and confusion which came to China because of this unjust affair. Our Changshu people held some public meetings, and posters were put up over the city. Our schools sent representatives to the meetings, and they reported that there were no anti-Christian sentiments and very little that was antiforeign was said in the meetings. The principal speaker reminded the crowds that the missionaries in Changshu were their loyal friends and were Americans, so our work did not suffer from any demonstrations or wild propaganda. The enrollment for the autumn was not so large as for the spring term. This may be partly because of anti-Christian feeling; but the adding of a junior high school department to a girls' school near us is largely responsible for our old girls not returning in the autumn. Large mothers' meetings were held in the spring, which were well attended, and the graduation exercises in June were satisfactory. Boxes of dolls came to us for Christmas from two Birmingham Churches and also from New York. These were much appreciated, and the Christmas exercises were well attended and were quiet, though numbers of anti-Christians had up their threatening posters on many of the walls in the city and outside. We feel that God has been with us, protecting and encouraging his children.

LAURA HAYGOOD NORMAL SCHOOL, SOOCHOW.

LOUISE ROBINSON, PRINCIPAL.

In view of the fact that 1925 has been a most unusual year so far as events in China go and as these events have been brought to the attention of the people in the homeland through newspaper, magazine, and personal representative, it may be interesting to the women of the Church to know something of the influence of these events on the life of our group here at the Laura Haygood Normal School. Our faculty numbers thirty-one—twenty-five Chinese teachers and six American teachers.

The year has brought soldiers to Soochow, a little skirmishing outside the city, a great many rumors as to what was going to happen to the city—and did not! The Shanghai incident of May 30, which caused people to give expression to a long-standing sense of injustice, the subsequent strike of laborers in Shanghai, backed by students all over China, an intense nationalistic spirit, a testing of lifelong friendships—these things and many more have made this year a most unusual one. When the last week in June rolled round and when, in spite of war and soldiers and strain and stress of mind, body, and spirit our graduation exercises were over and the Chinese pastor had pronounced the benediction in the old familiar words, "And now may the grace of God," etc., then, and not until then, did we have time to think things over and to realize something of what had happened during the preceding months. Our students had taken part in the student activities following May 30; they, too, had felt resentment; they, too, had been a part of the movement asking for justice not only in the particular event, but for that larger justice which China

is now demanding of the world. When the girls had gone, we realized how wise the young Chinese women on the faculty had been; we knew that we had kept a spirit of unity in the school—in fact, we had been drawn more closely together. Since the reopening of school this fall we have had a fine spirit of coöperation between faculty and students.

When Bishop Boaz was here recently, he asked us what we considered most important in making a school Christian, and we replied that a Christian faculty seemed to us the most important condition to a school's becoming Christian. We have only four teachers who are not members of the Church, and they are very sympathetic with the Christian cause. We ask for your prayers that we may be living witnesses to the fact that we are all children of one Father.

In so brief a report it will be impossible to go into detail concerning the year's work. However, there are a few things that deserve special mention.

1. We have been able to secure a young woman, a graduate of McTyeire, whom we have sent to summer school for special work in library methods. Miss Longden, of the Soochow University Library, comes over a while every day and is helping Miss Hsu catalogue our library according to the Dewey system. While we are making only a beginning in some departments, we feel that the library is going to become the center of our school. We have just had word that a friend in Virginia is sending to our library a gift of \$250 in memory of her daughter. This gift comes to us at a time of great need, and we are, indeed, grateful for it.

2. The appointing of Miss Wilson to the school as Director of Religious Education marks the beginning of a new day in this field. We trust that it will mean that the other members of the faculty will do more, not less, work in this department because we have a leader who can give her whole thought to this work.

3. Two of our former students have returned to be on our faculty, Miss Han with the B.S. degree from Southeastern University, and Miss Tsao after a year's work at Shanghai College. Since our greatest need is well-trained Chinese women, we are especially happy to have these young women with us.

4. The new Demonstration School building is proving a joy to both faculty and children.

5. In spite of anti-Christian propaganda and a great deal of criticism of Church schools, we have been treated in a most friendly manner by the faculties of the government normal schools in Soochow. During Christmas week one of the faculty brought over some twenty students from the women's normal to see our new building, and they were very much interested in the Christmas celebration at the kindergarten!

We have had a very lovely Christmas together. The kindergartens and the Demonstration School had their celebrations in their own buildings. The older girls had a candle and song service which was very impressive. After dinner the Juniors, and Seniors under Miss Bradshaw's direction, gave the "Bluebird," and then in the dining room we had our tree and Christmas party. Everybody had some part in getting ready for our celebration, and we really felt like one big family.

A two-week visit to Peking last vacation intensified the conviction that the Chinese people are a great people and that every gift of love sent to China will some day be given back to the world immeasurably enriched.

KATE B. HACKNEY, VICE PRINCIPAL AND HEAD OF DEPARTMENT OF KINDERGARTEN EDUCATION.

The Kindergarten Department has had no especially thrilling experiences this year, but has moved steadily along in its regular line of work.

The number of children in the kindergarten is better than last year, but not yet up to the number we had before the war.

Every year we have numbers of visitors, students from other normal schools and colleges, and, in spite of the disturbed conditions throughout the country, we have had numbers of visitors again this year. Sometimes the visits are written up by the students or teachers in the Chinese educational magazines, and we have come in for our share of criticism and comment, which, on the whole, has been favorable and fair. We have also been asked for reports of our kindergartens and articles on educational subjects to be published in the *New Education*, a magazine issued by the National Bureau of Education.

The senior class of last year asked if it would be possible to give them a few domestic science lessons in order that they might be able to prepare food for children who were sick or undernourished, prepare soups and other light diet for sick people, and to make some kind of cakes and candies to serve when entertaining friends. We started a class of this kind, and this year the girls were able to make their own refreshments for the Christmas party. This domestic science class bids fair to become a popular class.

But the best thing that has happened to us this year is the return of Miss Han. Miss Han took the kindergarten course here, and, after graduating, went to Teachers' College, Nanking, graduating from there last June. She comes back to us to help in the Teacher-Training Department, and we feel that she is a great addition to our faculty.

MARIE RAFFO, PRINCIPAL OF DEMONSTRATION SCHOOL.

The year 1925 marks a red-letter year in the history of our Demonstration School because this is the year we moved into our new building. We feel we are now really an institution. The first half of the year we spent getting ready for our new home. We wanted to be as fine as our new home, so we began a house cleaning, which included everything from supply closets to system of reports and methods of teaching. In fact, we decided to revise our entire plan of teaching in the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades. We tried to find out what other schools were doing and visited as many schools as we could. Last spring our entire demonstration school staff went to Shanghai together to visit some modern Chinese elementary schools. We spent several days there and felt well repaid for our visit.

This year we are doing many new things and many of the old things in new ways. One new plan we are pleased with is this—instead of having one teacher teach everything in the grade, we are working on the plan of having one teacher teach one or two subjects and teach everything that comes under those subjects in the fourth, fifth, and sixth grades. This plan has saved greatly in equipment and added largely to the richness of the courses.

In the fall of 1925 we moved into our new building. It is the joy of our lives. There never has been a building anywhere that was appreciated more thoroughly than this one is. From principal to janitor, every one shows, by her care of the building and interest in the work, a genuine appreciation. To me, there could be no better expression of gratitude for this gift to us than the spirit manifested every day in our work together.

Beside the classrooms, we have a few special rooms which we treasure. One is the play room on the southeast corner of the building between the first- and second-grade rooms. For the smaller children, this is the choice spot in the entire plant. Here are large floor blocks, dolls, small furniture, games, storybooks, etc. The only restrictions we have are that they must handle things with care, be considerate of others, and put things in their proper places when they have finished playing. I consider this room the greatest success in our building. For the older children, we have a

social room, which is our chapel and assembly room combined. The fifth and sixth grades took this room for their project in handwork this term and have made window curtains, which are double hemstitched, cushions for every chair and each one embroidered, and two crochet rugs for the floor. A visit to this room would show perhaps a group of girls sewing or reading or playing some quiet games together, or perhaps another group at the piano picking out a song they all know. The room is greatly admired by all who see it.

We have also a teachers' rest room in which we have fitted up a kitchenette with charcoal burners, pots, chopsticks, and bowls. Once a month we have what we call a "cultural" meeting of the faculty. We serve some very light refreshments and then listen to a special speaker, who brings us something new to think about. Our meetings are held in the social hall, sometimes around an open fire in the big stone fireplace.

On December 22 we held the formal opening of our new building. In the morning we had our formal program; in the afternoon a Christmas party for our patrons, our graduates, and our present student body. That night we had a program and play. All day the building was open to visitors, and many came. According to custom here, invitations were sent out, and in response many gifts were sent to us. Our walls are very festive with the many red and gold scrolls and framed poems of good meaning which were sent to us by friends and from various other elementary schools in the city. There were other gifts too—a croquet set for the lawn, a new ping-pong set for the game room, toys for the playroom, vases for the classrooms, new records for the victrola, a big new guest book for the office, and, lastly, perhaps the loveliest of all, twelve beautiful pictures of places in China for our social room and the teachers' office.

The year 1925 has brought us changes and many new things, but we feel we are in readiness to enter the new year in a way that should make it the very best year of work we have ever known in the history of our school. We sincerely trust it may prove so.

This gift of yours to us was a prayer gift. We desire that you continue to keep it as such, for in this spirit we have received it and want always to use it.

ANNIE ELOISE BRADSHAW, DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY.

In the days of criticism of mission schools, it is a very satisfying thing to be able to walk into a Laura Haygood classroom with a battery of tests—the same that have been used in hundreds of government schools—and to find that our schools register far above the average obtained from the schools of China, and equal or exceed the standards set for these tests by the National Association for the Advancement of Education. One of the slurs cast upon mission schools by the anti-Christian movement is that "they denationalize their students, giving English and Western culture to the exclusion of Chinese." It is a good thing at present to have an instrument that automatically registers the fact that in Chinese our students are three years above the average and almost a year ahead of the National Association for the Advancement of Education standards. It is also an interesting thing to find that our day schools, not so adequately staffed and equipped as the boarding schools, are at least not below the average of the government schools.

The movement for educational measurement has had its entire development in China since 1922, the year which Professor McCall, of Teachers' College, spent in China. Professor McCall remarked early in the year that the National Association for the Advancement of Education had undertaken a year's program of test construction which had required a hundred psychologists ten years to accomplish in America, and that he really believed they were going to succeed. In 1924 an educational survey

of the most gigantic proportions that had ever been attempted was carried out by the National Association for the Advancement of Education, when the elementary schools of thirty-three cities were tested. The record of this survey gives a basis for comparison when tests are given in our schools now.

My teaching program has been light this year in order that I may have time for studying into some of the problems of educational measurement. A part of my work has been testing the tests, for they are still new enough in China to require much experimentation before definite interpretation can be made of results. Another task has been to give these tests not only in Laura Haygood, but in other schools of our Mission. I have been to three schools this fall, and I hope to get to them all in the next year or two. The third and most important task is research into the problems which the tests bring to light. The method of thoroughness and objective evaluation of results has made me replan the course in Bible I am teaching this year. Our teachers are becoming interested in constructing tests on a term's work which are equally comprehensive and objective; this makes them think definitely of grade goals and will lead to definiteness in planning and in instruction. The method has possibilities for the solution of many problems in our educational work.

FLORENCE POWELL, ENGLISH DEPARTMENT.

English in the Laura Haygood Normal School is taught as a foreign language. In several Mission schools English is used as the medium of instruction throughout the school. In this school, we have found that English is the language, other than the Chinese, which is most needed by the young ladies who graduate and who go out to teach in China. All subjects except English are taught in Chinese, and in a large percentage of cases by native Chinese teachers who may not understand English. The girls come to the English class just as in America students attend a French or a Spanish class. They leave the class and begin to speak Chinese immediately they are out of the room. The majority of the students hear no English until class the following day.

As a foreign language, I have used the direct method of instruction almost entirely. In the third- and fourth-year Normal School the work follows the college entrance requirements for high schools in the United States and, therefore, needs no explanation here.

In the Junior Middle School and the first-year Normal School the work takes on a very different aspect. It consists of a continuous study, with varying methods used for the sake of interest and variety, of the formation of the most commonly used grammatical constructions. It has been interesting to pay particular attention to the constructions in English, which are, from the nature of the Chinese language, radically different from those in the English language. My chief concern has been to begin with the lowest class in the Junior Middle School (the seventh grade) and insist on establishing the use of correct English as a habit, no matter how simple or how difficult the sentence.

To obtain this, two things are particularly necessary, (1) a clear idea in the mind of the student of what he wishes to say, and (2) to learn to form the sentence in *English* which expresses this idea for him. Complete ideas can only be expressed in complete sentences. The variation, however, of time ideas and the corresponding tenses in English which are involved in expressing these ideas are very difficult for the Chinese. The Chinese language expresses ideas of the past, present, and the future, but with fewer shades of time expressed. Consequently, for a student to establish a correct habit in this phase of English alone requires several years of constant and careful work on the part of both the student and the teacher.

We have been working on a plan to give the girls a working knowledge of the correct use in composition and conversation of a simple, direct English by the time they finish the first year of the Normal School. This will then allow more time to be spent on the study of English Literature and the Teaching of English in the upper years of the Normal School.

SADIE MAI WILSON, DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.

Most of my time during the past year has been given to language study, but this fall I have just "begun to commence to prepare to study" the organization of our new department of Religious Education. Religious Education as a department of study is a comparatively new field at home and is in an even more embryonic state in China, but it is a field of education which promises "to become"—well, the goal, who can determine the limits? It seems to me that though we have our mission schools, which are here for a definite religious purpose, yet the department of definite religious instruction is one of the most poorly organized. By that no criticism is meant for those who have done the work; it isn't quality of instruction, but lack of coördination—both coördination within a school and coördination between schools. At present, leaders in China are realizing that and are almost tempted to the other extreme of having conferences, committees, plans, and programs too numerous to be assimilated. But all this indicates an awakening, a consciousness of the vital place which religious education has in the curriculum, the need for definite organization of the work, a planning for one director to assume this responsibility. It does not necessarily mean the teaching of a certain number of Bible classes a week, but the functioning as religious director in the sense that a definite plan or course of study is determined, student fellowship is cultivated, and the impetus or dynamic which religion can give is put into all of the school activities—chapel, student organizations, athletics, glee clubs, etc., with one person responsible for the unity of the whole. He may have an advisory council, but the responsibility is his for the carrying out of the program.

It would seem that never has there been a more opportune time for Christians to prove their faith than now, especially in China. They are being questioned, and their answers are being weighed. I quote two or three questions handed in by high school seniors.

"Believing in Christ will give me what help in my daily life?"

"Why didn't Christ by his power convince men of his mission? Didn't his crucifixion add to their sins instead of saving men from their sins?"

"One man says, 'I am a son of God; Christ lives in me,' but he does not act it. Can we believe what he says? Another does not claim to be a Christian, but has the spirit of Christianity. Which is the better? If a Christian gets his power from God, where does the non-Christian get his?"

"If God depends on man to show forth his power, then doesn't man after all depend upon himself?"

These indicate that they are really thinking earnestly about these things.

In Laura Haygood we are training teachers. They are going out to train the new China. They must know the meaning of the great issues we face in China to-day—the Anti-Christian Movement, the Nationalist Movement, the evils of militarism, the influence of Bolshevism, international conferences—numerous tendencies both good and bad—and we must help in the interpretation of these issues. Sometimes we find that Christianity, organized Christianity, fails in its interpretation, and then we must go deeper and find what Christ himself reveals, for there must be a solid foundation for these builders of the new China, and we can't always leave them to the shifting sands of public opinion, even when it is supposed to be Christian, for oftentimes the sands of opinion have so

accumulated that they bury the solid rock which underlies it all. I am not suggesting that missionaries have a monopoly on the interpretation, they have a part in it, but more and more are capable Chinese leaders coming to the forefront and giving to their people that guidance which only they can give.

We, too, like schools at home, have the problems of voluntary or compulsory chapel attendance, church attendance, unifying the religious work in the school, etc. We had a conference in Shanghai, November 20, 21, 1925, on Methods of Religious Work. About fifty Chinese, and thirty-three foreign delegates of East China—directors of religious education, principals, and others—met for discussion. Though they first met in two sections (for convenience in use of the two languages), there was a remarkable unanimity of thought, as was revealed in the joint session which followed. This conference revealed the fact that, to a large extent, religious workers were facing the same general problems, and it emphasized especially the need for definite trained religious work directors, of which there are all too few.

Thus you see that my first statement was not exaggerated. I am truly "beginning to commence." The whole field is so new. We lack definitely organized courses of study, and there is a great need for suitable texts in Chinese. This fall in my half-time work (half being given to language study) I have had some English teaching and a class on "Comparative Religion, Christian Fundamentals, and Teaching on Religion." My extra-curricula activities have been in leading the Glee Club and as Adviser to the Y. W. C. A. Here one can find broader contacts in cultivating the friendship of the girls. Our Y. W. C. A. has many interesting forms of service. The girls have been conducting classes for our school servants. On Christmas they had them (the servants) sing "Silent Night" as a special number for the sacred program of the school. The Y. W. assumes responsibility for providing Christmas presents for an Old Ladies' Home where over two hundred and twenty old ladies live with scarcely the bare necessities of living. This year a delegation of students and teachers took servants bearing big baskets containing various packages—cakes and candy, soap (which is greatly prized, as one cake, costing about two cents, American money, lasts the recipient half a year, if reports be true!), and little bundles of coppers amounting to five or ten cents each, American money. The visitors sang hymns, had a talk and prayer, and came home delighted with their visit and the appreciation of the old ladies. I speak of these things because they are done wholly through student initiative.

I have not attempted to list the problems to be faced in the particular field of religious education, such as the question of the indigenous Church, theological controversies, etc. They are here, as would be expected, but suffice it to say that the challenge but proves the mettle. It would be hard to convince me that there is a bigger opportunity anywhere than that which faces us in China now; and I may be prejudiced, but I don't think one could present a field of service more fascinating than that in which I am privileged to work. There is no greater responsibility than that which is on the religious teacher (especially the teacher of religion) as he tries to interpret the Master Teacher to those who are studying his way of life.

"For it isn't the gale,
It's the set of the sail,
That determines the way 'they'll' go."

There are many gales blowing in China, but it is a great joy to be in the midst of them. I recommend them as "freshening" for dusty brains, rejuvenating for aging minds, inspiring for lackadaisical youth, and convincing for those who would test their faith. Christ is moving in China to-day!

MOKA GARDEN EMBROIDERY MISSION, SOOCHOW.

MRS. JULIA A. GAITHER, BIBLE TEACHER.

The past year has been full of opportunities. Progress has been made. I am thankful to my Heavenly Father for his blessings.

My Bible classes are all in the morning. The women in these classes are members of the Church, except two. One of these wants to be a Christian. However, she has united with others in an Ancestral Hall. If she gives it up, all the money that she has put into it will be lost. She says that is the only way she can be released. How can she be willing to lose her soul for her property? I think she is a real believer. Pray for this dear woman.

My afternoons are given to evangelistic work—meetings and house-to-house visiting. I am very fond of personal work. In John 15:16 Jesus told his disciples to “go and bring forth fruit.” This is just what I am laboring to do. I am thankful because some have joined the Church, and, as far as I know, they are trying to lead a Christian life. Two women are to be received into the Church next Sunday. This gives me joy.

Two days in every week I go outside the city and teach a class in the Bible. The women are doing nicely. I commenced with the Sermon on the Mount. Their next lesson begins with the second chapter of Thesalonians. I hope that they will go through the New Testament before China New Year. One woman who was in my class has joined the Church. I do so hope that others will give up idolatry.

The new missionary society outside the city meets once a month in the room where I teach my Bible class. We have twenty-one members. This work is greatly needed, because we have no pastor and no Christian school outside this gate of the city. Please pray for this work. God “giveth the increase.” John 15:5: “I am the vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in me and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.”

I am so thankful because I have a part in this blessed work.

ATKINSON ACADEMY, SOOCHOW.

MARY MINOR TARRANT, PRINCIPAL.

War clouds gathered again at the beginning of January, and the Anti-Christian Movement staged a week of demonstrations at the end of December. The affair of May 30 caused such an upheaval that it seemed best to close school a little earlier in June than the date announced. Whether there would be any students for the fall term was a question. Through all the months of excitement and danger “the good hand of our God was upon us.” The soldiers did not loot Soochow. The students did not go on strike. Our enrollment this fall is a little larger than it was in the spring.

In July Miss Allen left us for her furlough. We were sorry to see her go, and we greatly miss her. She was a dear friend and a helpful colaborer. The Lord has most wonderfully answered our prayers for the right woman to take her place in sending us Miss Annie E. Campbell.

The work this fall has progressed without interruptions. The spirit of the students is good. We hope and pray that as teachers we may not lose any opportunity to help these dear young people to prepare themselves for a life of loyalty to God and their country.

Christmas Sunday several of the boys joined the Church. One of these, in writing a composition on “How I Spent Christmas Day,” says: “I really felt joyful because I could enjoy the hours heartily, as I had been baptized recently, and I thought I should be happy on the birthday of my Heavenly Brother. I took my breakfast at half before eight, as I did on usual time, but those matters on that day seemed to be more bright.

Even a humble bowl looked more beautiful, and the porridge that I ate was the sweetest. "Others longed to be received on that day, but could not get the consent of their parents. Two of these are meeting every Sunday morning for special prayer for their parents.

This summer one of the graduates of three years ago asked to be baptized on his dying bed. One who graduated this June was received into the Church last Sunday. The change in him during these three years past from a hard non-Christian to an earnest worker is a cause of joy and thanksgiving.

There have been always a few Student Volunteers in the school. This fall in the midst of the Anti-Christian Movement the Secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement organized a band of twenty-one of our students. They are meeting every week and are trying to start regular work among the chair bearers and ricksha coolies.

DAVIDSON GIRLS' SCHOOL, SOOCHOW.

LILLIAN KNOBLES, PRINCIPAL.

This year conditions have been constantly changing. In January and February there was civil war again in this part of the country. The result was a longer winter vacation and a small attendance at the beginning of the spring term.

The tragedy of March 30 filled us with regret and much concern. During the antiforeign agitation which followed, our teachers and students showed their loyalty to us and their confidence in us in many little ways that touched us deeply. Now they are full of the new spirit of nationalism and are most patriotic, but they know that we, too, love their country, and truly have its interests at heart. There are no strained relations, and we are working together in harmony.

We spent a very happy Christmas this year. On Christmas Sunday two of our teachers and three students united with the Church. Our Sunday school department carried Christmas gifts to the inmates of one of the prisons in the city and also contributed money for the needs of some of the poorest families in our immediate neighborhood. One of the little kindergarten children gave a Christmas party at her home for her teachers and classmates. This was quite a novel experience for them, for children's parties are new in China. This is the first one I have known to be given in a private home since I have been in China.

Our enrollment for the year is two hundred and sixty-one, including thirty-four kindergarten children. We feel that we have had a very good year, indeed, in the face of many difficulties, and that we have cause for much rejoicing and thanksgiving.

We hope that the time when the Embroidery Mission building will house the Junior Middle School is in the very near future. As it is now, we have not enough room for the proper development of the Middle School, and it is really suffering because of its cramped quarters.

MARY WINN, TEACHER OF ENGLISH.

We come to the end of this year, rejoicing that we have been able to carry on our work with so few interruptions. Most of my work is teaching English. I have one class in the higher primary and three classes in the Junior Middle School. I also have one Bible Class of Christian girls in the Junior Middle School. We have studied the work of Paul and the life of the early Church and have tried to see this in its relation to the developing Church of China.

I have a Sunday school class of the older non-Christian girls. Some of these girls are really Christian at heart, but they cannot unite with the Church because of the opposition of their families.

During the spring and fall terms the Y. W. C. A. has been conducting a night school for the servants. On Christmas Day they gave the servants a party. All present, young and old, entered into the games, and there was much fun. A small gift was presented to every servant. Early Christmas morning the Y. W. C. A. also gave a program for the students and teachers, when we sang together the Christmas songs and felt the Christmas spirit as it was demonstrated to us in a little play.

On Christmas Eve the senior class gave a party for the boarding students. This was their own idea, and they asked permission to do this because they wanted to help make Christmas a happy time for the whole school. They did all the planning and preparation by themselves, with the help of their grade teacher. The principal feature of the evening was the dramatization of the Christmas scene from "Little Women."

We have had two mothers' meetings during the autumn. Two primary grades and two middle school grades worked together to prepare the programs. They were well attended not only by the mothers, but also by the fathers of many of our students.

MARIA L. GIBSON DAY SCHOOL, KONG HONG, SOOCHOW.

ELIZABETH CLAIBORNE, PRINCIPAL.

This work, which is no longer a "Settlement," since all the features belonging to that particular kind of work have been carried to the church building and are reported under the work done by Kong Hong Institutional Church, is a day school in an old Chinese house; the kind of house most of the students live in. It is unfitted to the use of a school and is a real parable of the way the Westerner and the Oriental minds adjust and readjust to each other, each making a contribution of give and take to the other. For instance, there is no playground. To the mind free in the air and sunshine of the American public school, this seems fundamental, and it looks as if there could be nothing done unless the roof of some of the dark rooms could be opened up. To those who are afraid of direct sunlight and whose eyes have been trained for shadows, whose shoes and clothes are made to absorb the oft-pouring rain there must be cover. The canyon is abridged by opening the roof in small squares and setting in panes of glass and taking out the shell windows in exchange for some more small panes of glass. This gradually makes way for the playground we hope to have some day.

We have been able to add to the course of study this year by giving each grade lessons in practical civics and personal hygiene. The nurse for the Institutional Church teaches the hygiene, and the civics is in the hands of the regular faculty. We have made it possible for each child to have part in a tooth-brushing drill once a day.

The graduates from the sixth grade took and passed the high school entrance examinations at the close of the term in the summer, and two were admitted to the Laura Haygood Junior I Class. Three more would like to have entered the Davidson School, but there was no room for them. They are studying in the Soochow provincial schools.

The needs of the school are for the *playground* and a dentist. The first is paramount.

VIRGINIA SCHOOL, HUCHOW.

SUE E. STANFORD, PRINCIPAL.

This year is the twentieth anniversary of Virginia School. The growth of the school during these years has been very slow, but steady. The first student body numbered twenty; the last before the war numbered four hundred and thirty-five. The first building, which served all purposes, is now used entirely as a dormitory for Middle School students, as is also the

former faculty home, Ivey Home. The Bible School building is used for the primary department, and the home for evangelistic workers for the faculty. The new Middle School classroom building is a Centenary gift. It was several years after the school opened before the first girl from the city entered. Now more than two-thirds of the total enrollment is from Huchow families.

We planned a special program in the spring to celebrate the anniversary and expected a large number of graduates, former students, and faculty members, but, because of conditions, very few could come. Many gifts were sent in—pictures, scrolls, etc. The graduates gave a fund for the Home Economics cottage, and the students gave chairs for the social hall.

We opened school in the spring later than we had planned because of war rumors, but most of our old students came back, and some new ones. The month of June was a trying one for all because of the political situation, but the students and Chinese teachers were loyal and tried in every way to show their appreciation of the school and what it meant to them. The girls joined the student union of the city and took part in all committee meetings, but did not consider any activities that would interfere with regular school work.

We opened school this fall with faith that we would have students, as only a very few had matriculated. When the day came, however, most of the old girls appeared and about as many new students. The work in all departments has been carried on as usual. We have missed Misses White, Brinkley, Smith, and McKinnon, but have been glad to have Misses Pilley and Clark with us. We have two Chinese college women this fall and are able to give more of the subjects in Junior Middle School in Chinese and to enrich the courses for other students who are hampered by a limited knowledge of English. In our Chinese department, we are fortunate to have a man who for a number of years was principal of a private school. He has worked hard on the Chinese course and has greatly raised the standard of that work. We have this year a regular teacher for physical education. She is young and inexperienced, but she has made the work interesting, and the girls enjoy their exercise. Our nurse has been so efficient in preventive work that we have had almost no sickness. After the girls had physical examinations, she followed up the recommendations made by the doctors and carefully watched those who needed special attention.

The student organizations have taken on new life this term. The Self-Government Association was reorganized at the beginning of the term, and a Chinese teacher appointed faculty adviser. The Literary Society, which was organized for practice in the public use of English, was also revised and now includes Chinese programs. The Y. W. C. A., the Christian student organization, is doing good work, and is a real force in the school.

The spirit of the institution is good and in many respects much more Christlike. With almost half of the students new this term, there was danger of the spirit that we had so earnestly fostered changing, but the old girls have exerted a very strong influence and have held the student body steady.

MARY BLACKFORD, HISTORY DEPARTMENT.

This past year my work has been divided between the History Department and the supervision of the Primary Department of Virginia School and our two day schools. Last year most of the time was given to bringing our day schools up to the standard of Virginia School Primary. This term we are making our course of study practically identical with the new requirements prescribed by the government. The principal problem which lies out before us now is working out content for these courses.

The Primary Department has taken on more character of its own since

it has been more completely separated from the other departments of the school. The enrollment in the upper grades is more this term than it has ever been. We are very happy over this, for it means that we are getting more and more Huchow children after they have completed the local lower primary schools. It is very interesting to see how the health work which we began last year is bearing fruit. Fewer of the children are underweight, and their general health seems much better this term. Miss Au, school nurse, has been giving daily treatment to all children who have trachoma.

This is a wonderful time to be teaching modern world history and world relationships. In my Bible class we are studying the teachings of Jesus and trying to apply them to daily living and to present everyday problems. The girls are most in earnest, and I think we are all realizing a bit more what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

EDA CADE, ENGLISH DEPARTMENT.

My year and a half of teaching in China has been all that I hoped for, and more. There has certainly been no monotony in life here.

When I reached Shanghai in September, 1924, I learned that war had begun just a few days before between Chekiang and Kiangsu Provinces, making it practically impossible to go into the interior or to open school there. Mission households in Shanghai opened their doors to the new people who had come and to those from the interior who were unable to return to their stations. I was taken to McTyeire School until I could get to Huchow, and, since it seemed that the war would last for some time, I was glad to help a little with the work of the school. Fighting came near enough to the Settlement for us to hear the cannon and machine gun fire of one or two battles, but, aside from seeing a city full of refugees, that was all we experienced of the war.

About the first of November things became quiet enough for school to be opened in Huchow, so we came here. I was given classes in English and in mathematics.

From the beginning, the work has been interesting. The girls are delightful to teach. Students in China are face to face with big problems whose existence Western students are scarcely aware of. Their part in helping the rest of the world to see conditions as they really are in China has not been small. In spite of mistakes, their youthful zeal has had its weight, and it has been a privilege to be in touch with them as they attempted to think through world problems as they affect China.

This fall we were able to begin school on time and to continue without interruption. In addition to the English and mathematics classes, I have a Bible class. We are trying to get a better understanding of Christ and how his principles may be applied to daily life.

While there have necessarily been difficulties in getting adjusted to a new environment, the joy of working with these splendid girls makes the difficulties negligible. Truly, it is good to be here.

LUCIE CLARK, MUSIC DEPARTMENT.

The Music Department of Virginia School is keeping up its well-earned reputation for excellent work. My very efficient assistants are Misses Sung Tse Tsung and Wang Sieu Pau, who are graduates of this school and experienced teachers. We have fifty-three piano pupils, besides public school music, which is taught in each grade from the kindergarten to the senior class.

The outline of the work, as arranged by Miss Lillian Smith, now home on furlough, calls for special work in theory for beginners and on through first year harmony, one year of history of music, and a normal course for

piano seniors, with a musical appreciation course for the junior and senior choral classes.

Many of them have real ability and are unusually musical; the great majority are good workers, even in winter when the practice rooms are never heated. Several of our girls sang in the Union Choir, composed of nearly one hundred Chinese from the different missions in the city, when they gave a very superior Christmas program.

We have given a preparatory and one public recital this term which would have done credit to any of our Church schools in America. It means much for me to add that ragtime and jazz are unknown quantities!

Perhaps our greatest need is good records for our graphophone so the girls may become familiar with the music of our great composers and artists.

TRINITY INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH, CHANGCHOW.

MISS MARGARET M. RUE, WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

Are you weary of hearing of wars and rumors of war? They are very real to us. Usually they have come suddenly, have swept like a cyclone over the country, and then have subsided gradually, leaving the people frightened and discouraged. We have so much to be thankful for as we have passed through so many experiences, but the protection of our Heavenly Father has been felt so constantly. We have come to the end of the year with joy in our hearts. Our work has been stopped three times, but is now going on, our property is safe, and our workers have been protected.

During the war last January we helped hundreds of refugees. We found safe places for all our workers, helped to keep the soldiers from using Mission homes and compounds for barracks, and then settled down patiently to wait for the citizens to open up their homes and venture on the streets again. Those who were in the city fled to the country, and those who were in the country ran to the city; the shops were closed for weeks, and everything looked desolate. It was like spring in our hearts when we were able to go on with our work.

Our first evangelistic campaign was a source of joy to us. A group of splendid young women from the Nanking Bible School came to Changchow during their vacation and gave us great inspiration by conducting a series of evangelistic services in which many pledged themselves to follow Christ.

Each week our Baby Clinic seemed to increase in interest. Health lectures were given to the mothers by the doctors of the city, and instruction for the care of the little ones was given by the nurses of our Mission hospital. A health play was presented by the children of the neighborhood at the annual meeting of the mothers, and prizes were awarded to the babies who had the best records for the year.

The conference for the Institutional Church workers, which was held at Zang Zoh, was attended by all our workers and several volunteer workers. This was very helpful, as problems of all kinds were discussed. Two of our workers were sent to the training institute at Nanking for two weeks, and they felt that this was a great benefit to them.

Then came the May 30 affair, with its tragic results, its anti-foreign feeling, its persecution of Christians, and a general slump in the work. A month later Changchow felt itself very fortunate when prominent citizens volunteered to carry on the Christian and social work during the summer. Many of the volunteers were non-Christians, but they were eager to help their fellow citizens. The Institutional Church roof garden was fitted up with chairs, tables, flowers, etc., into an attractive meeting place, and special organizations conducted campaigns during the hot summer evenings. These campaigns included sanitation, anti-opium and anti-

cigarette meetings, educational features, as well as religious services. A Daily Vacation Bible School of over a hundred children was organized at Trinity Church, and this church became the headquarters for twenty-six other Daily Vacation Bible Schools that it organized throughout the city and surrounding country.

During the early fall it seemed as if there was more idol worship than ever before. A heavy cholera epidemic and threats of another war seemed to turn the heads of the people. Christian work was carried on with great difficulty. Processions with idols and public demonstrations were found all over the city. School registrations were smaller, and it seemed harder than before to interest the people in Christian work. Much of our time was spent in gathering the children of the neighborhood into the church each day to teach them the Bible and to sing and play. The work among the children has changed the feeling of the community concerning the Church. We are working in a section of the city where there has been very little Church work, and the neighborhood is just beginning to understand the gospel that we are trying to bring them. We have been able to enlist a number of probationers in the Church, but it is very difficult to get them to take the stand as Church members, as there is so much persecution in the homes. The grandmothers hold sway, and they bitterly oppose the young people who wish to be baptized and join the Church. We can only sow the seed and pray for the harvest. Some of the young people in our English classes are from the finest homes in the city, and we are so glad for the opportunity to teach them the Bible on week days as well as at Sunday school. Graded lessons have been introduced into the Sunday school.

Our first Thanksgiving service was a time of rejoicing for us. The whole city was invited to Trinity Church for an afternoon service. Gifts for the poor were brought by young and old. The platform looked like a real American Harvest Home. One little old lady brought one egg, and a dear old Christian man who makes silk thread brought some of his thread to give to some one poorer than himself. After the service a dinner was served to more than one hundred persons. A Thanksgiving dinner, eaten with chopsticks, can be enjoyed thoroughly.

Special work has been done at the Old Ladies' Home this year. This is a most pathetic place, and the work is much appreciated. Personal work and house-to-house visiting, with weekly services for old and young, have brought a new vision into the lives of many. Our eyes and hearts are turned toward the new year with great longing and hope.

HUMBERT SCHOOL, CHANGCHOW.

MARY DILL OVERALL, PRINCIPAL.

This has been a varied year. This time last year this part of the country was upset by wars and looting. Instead of having a well-organized school running six days in the week, we were organized for refugee work, and our schoolgirls were afraid to step outside their doors lest they should be harmed by the soldiers.

It was during this war that Miss Rue, Mrs. Williston, and I were caught in Changchow. Mrs. Williston was sick in the hospital and Miss Rue and I were over on our compound. We thought that since we were in the city, we had better stay by our property. Dr. Shipley and Mr. Steele worked their way up to us, and only two nights after they came the soldiers came and demanded entrance into the compound. If we had not been here, they would have forced an entrance and destroyed a great deal of property on this compound. It was just after this that Dr. Russell died of typhus fever. The whole of Changchow mourned our loss.

Our spring term did not open until about the middle of March, and then

things were not settled and many of the girls did not return. It was just about two months then until the May 30 affair in Shanghai. Things were very unsettled from then on until the close of the term, but we managed to hold most of our students and did some very good school work. We had to close about two weeks earlier than planned for fear of student trouble. In April we had a week of revival meetings in our school, and about fourteen girls indicated their desire to become Christians.

My vacation was spent in Korea and Japan. It was the best I have had in the Orient. The Korean missionaries are fine people, and were most kind to us. We spent about three weeks on Wan San Beach, one week in the Diamond Mountains, and three days at Unzen, in Japan.

The fall term opened on September 4. About one hundred and fifty girls registered and have attended regularly. There was quite a war scare for a week or two, but it passed us by, causing no harm except the loss of three days of school. This was not on account of any fighting near us, but because of troop movements through the city. We have had four full months of good school work this fall and feel that we have not only done the work of this term, but made up most of the work of the spring term. Tuition has come in easier this fall in spite of the fact that it was raised for some of the grades. After consulting with some of the older and wiser members of the Mission, we added, temporarily, the eighth grade. We are now doing two years of Middle School work, and we raised the tuition for these two grades to \$8 (Mexican) a term. There are twenty-one girls in these two grades, and this fall the Mission voted to raise Humbert School to the standard of a Junior Middle School as soon as the requirements can be met.

The money for our new school building has come to the field, but for several reasons the building has not been started. One very important reason is that we have not been able to purchase land on which to build. We are certainly grateful to the Church at home for sending out the money for the building.

We have practically the same faculty we have had for two years with the exception of the classics teacher. They are a fine faculty of young teachers, and I am enjoying my work with them very much.

We ask you to pray with us that we may live the Christ life in our classroom every day and thus make him attractive to those who do not know him.

WOMAN'S EVANGELISTIC WORK, WUSIH.

IDA L. ANDERSON, SUPERVISOR.

On my return from furlough in September, I was impressed with the faithfulness of our little group of Christian workers in Wusih. In spite of the tenseness of the situation and the anti-Christian feeling, they were quietly showing their faith by earnest service, and through the months I have rejoiced more and more as I see that they feel that greater is He who is with us than they who are against us.

The first news that greeted me was the death of Mr. Shu, who had opened a social center for us among the factory employees and had said that we could put in all the Christianity we wished. I feared that his death might make a change in our work at this center, but the factory has decided to continue their interest and support as a memorial to Mr. Shu. In every way they are helping us and showing an interest.

As to the work at this center, in the day school, the night school, and the kindergarten I noted progress; not in a larger attendance, but in a more regular attendance. And I noted progress in the gospel, too. In the night school the girls were leading meetings, and many of them were leading in prayer, and many of the day school children led in prayer, too.

The hearts of these young people are open to the truth, and, in spite of poverty and superstition, they are becoming Christians. It would be discouraging in all of our schools if we measured results by the number who join the Church; but when we measure by the many to whom we have given the Living Word, and when we hear them pray and see the gospel influencing their lives, we are not discouraged, for we know that in spite of superstition and opposition, the living seed has been planted and faith will be the victory. Here we have six Christian workers, four in the school and kindergarten and two giving their time to evangelistic work.

In the new school which we opened two years ago, we find the gospel making progress, too. The boys and girls are responsive, and we make this an evangelistic center, too. The man who gives us the furnished schoolhouse at Christmas paid for the bags of candy and fruit which we distributed to the pupils and expressed himself as wanting to do more for the school.

At our Virginia Nabors School, I found not so many pupils as formerly, but a fine interest. The Christian teachers were meeting with the evangelistic workers for voluntary Bible study. The pupils were having prayer circles and showing an interest in the Christian activities of the school.

Our four evangelistic workers—two at each center—are teaching Bible in the homes and in the schools, in the city and in the country. It is a joy to be associated with them in service. We are rejoicing in the hope of having a new home in the autumn which we can use as an evangelistic and social center.

JAPAN MISSION.

LAMBUTH TRAINING SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS, OSAKA.

REV. M. AKAZAWA, P.RESIDENT.

1. The students of the Lambuth Training School for Christian Workers, at present number forty-nine. They are divided between the two departments and classes in the departments as follows:

Biblical Department.—First year, four regular students; second year, five regular students; third year, three regular students; first year, two irregular students.

Kindergarten Department.—First year, twenty-one regular students; second year, fourteen regular students.

Total, forty-nine students.

2. General status of the student body.

(1) *Educational Qualifications.*—All of the students in the kindergarten department are graduates of Koto Jogakko (five-year high school course), but in the Biblical Department only three are Koto Jogakko graduates. However, these non-Koto Jogakko graduates have pretty good general knowledge and reading ability, and so I believe they can become useful workers after three years of training.

(2) *Religious Status.*—From this year we made it our principle to admit, even to the kindergarten department, only those who are baptized Christians or who were ready for baptism, giving evidence of deep faith and firm conviction. So this year we have only one nonbaptized Christian, and she is ready at any time for baptism. In my class in ethics I have a great deal of time to talk on religious faith, and the students seem to appreciate and to respond well to it.

(3) *Health Condition.*—Owing to the fact that Dr. Kume takes very strict care at the time of admittance of a student to the school, the general health of the student body has been very good this year. Thus far there has been more freedom from sickness than during any previous year.

3. About our teaching force.

We have had considerable changes this year in our staff. Among the missionaries, Miss Williams, went home on furlough, and in her place we now have Miss Whitehead. Miss Peavy went to Kure after one year of faithful service, and now we have Miss Cook and Miss Hager back from their furlough. Both Miss Cook and Miss Hager brought back with them much new information in the respective lines of study. With the return of Miss Cook and Miss Hager and the coming of Miss Whitehead, we are greatly encouraged. Miss Field has come for a year's visit to Japan, and particularly for a visit with Miss Cook. I understand that she is willing to help us out in the teaching at Lambuth in any way she can. This will be a good contribution to our needs.

As to the Japanese staff, the biggest loss to us this year is Mr. Asahi's resignation on account of his moving to Manshu Kyo-ikusenmongakko. He has been with us four years and has been one of the most faithful and reliable teachers in Lambuth. He took a great deal of responsibility in our office. So at present we are greatly handicapped in this respect. The subjects which Mr. Asahi has been teaching are being handled by two other teachers. At present our Japanese staff consists mostly of those who are giving us part of their time. Right here lies our greatest defect and handicap. We need at least three teachers, two for the kindergarten department and one for the Biblical department whom we may call our own and whose time belongs entirely to us.

Among our faculty there is a general desire to adopt the unit system at Lambuth. This is really an urgent need. In my opinion, by the adoption of this system we will attract much better-prepared students to the school, and a greater number. Consequently, we will have more and better-prepared workers for the field. We hope that you will help us to study out a practical plan of adopting this system in the immediate future.

MABEL WHITEHEAD, BIBLICAL DEPARTMENT.

My appointment to Lambuth was received last June, and the change was made before summer vacation. The work here is intensely interesting, and I am as happy as the day is long. Opportunity is written large over the school not only in what it might mean to the students, but also to the city of Osaka, the economical center of Japan. Already a beginning has been made toward converting our immediate neighborhood, and we have visions of a Christian Church here in the school for the community.

The fourteen girls in the Biblical Department bid fair to become useful Bible women filled with the spirit of the Master. The number is smaller than usual, but the quality is here. We hope for a larger number next year.

The faculty are bending their efforts toward establishing the unit system in the school. It is believed that this will help to make our course more attractive to advanced students, those who have already had some college training. Japan is at present very much interested in social problems, and we hope that a strong course in sociology will help in the development of Christian workers in factories and places of large industries. Every member of the faculty is wide awake and planning large things for the kingdom. This is your work as well as ours, and we need your zeal in prayer to back us up in our forward march.

The high cost of building prevented many necessary conveniences from being supplied when our new plant was erected a few years ago. The advantage of good exchange has given us a surplus this past year that, with the backing of the Mission, is enabling us to supply much of this needed equipment. The girls are rejoicing over their social room and are using it more than ever before. They took great pride in making the cushions and curtains, for which we supplied the material. The new gate house, that will enable us to use our front entrance, is well under way. The

gardeners are at work transplanting a base of shrubbery around the building that will make our campus a joy to walk on. New books are going into the library that will make real study possible. Here and there a bit of missing furniture is being added, and all are working together to make Lambuth a beautiful place in which to work.

SOCIAL EVANGELISTIC CENTER (AIRIN KWAN), OITA.

ANNETTE GIST, HEAD RESIDENT.

"Be strong!
We are not here to drift, to dream, to faint;
We have hard work to do and loads to lift.
Shun not the struggle; face it: 'tis God's gift.
Be strong! Be strong!"

The words of this hymn have been with me a great many times this year and have, indeed, been strength to me. At Mission meeting time the first of the year, Miss Whitehead was taken away from us, which left Miss Tumlin, a full-time language student, and me to carry on the work of two whole-time missionaries. Miss Tumlin helped me out in spirit, even when her study and language limitations would not permit her to do so in other ways. Many things had to go undone, and still do, though Miss Tumlin's taking up half-time work with the beginning of her third year in Japan in September has helped our situation out tremendously. She has charge of the Beppu work, of which she will report for herself.

The latter months of the year have also brought great encouragement in the character of our work. In June, a tragic thing happened. One of the strongest young women who came here for Bible teaching, the leader among the Christians in the Girls' Normal, was accused of taking money. At first, she fiercely denied it, but, when persuaded that she might be able to save the reputation of the school and of the poor girl who had done the thing, she admitted taking the money, feeling that in this way she could to a limited measure, help bear the cross of Christ. Afterwards she saw wherein she had been mistaken and was quite repentant, but that was too late to save her from being expelled from the school. In the wake of this tragic happening, all the girls from her school who had been so faithful in attending my Bible classes and Church services *stopped*. The girls from one of the other schools had previously been forbidden to come here. So my work for girls just disappeared overnight, so to speak. However, since September, a select group of girls has been coming for English, and now they and their friends are coming regularly for the Sunday morning Bible class, after which we all go to church together. We easily fill the three front rows at the church, which makes the pastor as well as the missionary very happy indeed. And as to the girl who was expelled! The governor of the province has taken the matter in hand, and, thanks to his efforts in her behalf, the disgrace has been swept away, and this strong girl will be back in school again after Christmas. She has learned her lesson that a lie never pays, no matter how unselfish may be your motive, and now declares her intention of fitting herself for Christian work.

Our kindergarten is in fine shape; our Sunday schools go on as usual; mothers' meeting and cooking classes are looked forward to by all; and two women connected with our work have been baptized. A four-day meeting in November led many who were interested in Christianity to decide definitely that they would put their very best into studying it. As a direct result of these meetings, some four young men have been received into the Church. We have a well-attended class for women probationers in the Airin Kwan once a week, and there will in time be a number baptized out of this group, I am sure.

As we reach the close of 1925 and look forward to 1926, we have every reason to be encouraged and to expect great things from our Father during the year so soon to come.

MOZELLE TUMLIN, LANGUAGE STUDY AND CLUB WORK.

My second year in Japan was devoted entirely to study of the language. I completed the second-year course and the first term's work of the third-year language course before the summer vacation.

Last September marked the beginning of my third year, so I began part-time work. Of course a great deal of my time even now is spent in language study, but, in addition, I have the supervision of one kindergarten, club work, visiting, etc.

I spend one morning each week with the teachers and children of the Beppu kindergarten. After the work is finished, the teachers and I have lunch together and then visit in the homes of the kindergarten children.

On Saturday afternoons I have a little English Club with some of the kindergarten graduates. The kindergarten teachers assist me in this work. We always have a little devotional period; Bible story and songs, in Japanese, of course. Then I teach the children a little English, using pictures and objects. It is remarkable how quickly they learn and how well they pronounce the English. They have learned two little songs in English, and they are very happy that they have been asked to sing these songs at the Christmas program. These little club folk pay their dues monthly, and we are planning to use this money in starting a library.

The pastor, Bible woman, and kindergarten teachers in Beppu are splendid, and I enjoy my association with them. We shall be very happy when it is possible for us to have an Institutional Church where we can do a larger and more efficient work.

SOCIAL EVANGELISTIC CENTER, KURE.

ELSTON ROWLAND, HEAD RESIDENT.

The first half of the year 1925 was given largely to language study and to doing what little I could to help Miss Whitehead with the work in Kure. It was quite a thrill to receive an appointment for part-time work from September, but the thrill was almost lost when Miss Whitehead left for Osaka the last of June and no one was sent to Kure to take the responsibility of the work here. With my knowledge of Japanese and no one here to take the lead, I must confess a slight desire to "take flight" when the front door bell rang. However, I gathered up all the courage I could and put in all the time possible for language study so that by the end of the year I find myself not quite so "scared to talk."

The work at Kure has been moving along about as usual, and we hope has grown a little. The various clubs, English classes, Bible classes, cooking class, etc., about ten a week in all, are growing in interest, and the real joy comes when you can see some results of your labors. A week-day English class for young men has been a feeder for a Sunday English Bible class. The same is true of a week-day English and Bible class for ladies. One could wish for full time to give to the work with high school girls. As they have come most faithfully twice a week for Bible study, English study, and various other things and for choral work, learning to sing Christian songs, and as they gradually, one by one, begin going to the Sunday morning Church service, one feels that the seed is not sown on barren ground. One wishes for more time to give to the mission Sunday schools, numbering four at present. The Bible Woman and pastor's wife, assisted by the kindergarten teachers, work most faithfully in these Sunday schools, but what an opportunity for a missionary to go in and help develop them! This simply means that we need more workers at Kure, and need them badly.

We had a concert last fall which brought out some interesting facts regarding the attitude to Christianity in Kure. The Church was not permitted to rent the public hall, so the concert was put on by the Gunjin Home, a Christian institution for sailors. The tickets did not sell, for three main reasons—first, the Gunjin Home is a Christian institution; second, Dr. Smith, who gave the main part of the program, is a Christian missionary; third, the anti-American feeling. In the end, the sailors were invited to come free so as to fill the house, and the big hall was practically filled. The concert was such a success that the change of attitude was wonderful. Although the financial returns were not so great, we felt that the concert was more than worth while, and we were made to realize more strongly than before the great challenge to Christianity that Kure presents.

The year has been full to overflowing, but we are happiest when we are busiest.

ANNE R. PEAVY, LANGUAGE STUDY AND CLUB WORK.

My work during the year 1925 was divided into two parts—part one, Osaka; part two, Kure.

Part one. It was a pleasure to be at "Lambuth" in Osaka, helping to fill some of the vacancies until the return of Miss Cook from furlough. At the beginning of the new term several of the kindergartens received many more applications than could be accepted. Most of our kindergartens are in need of larger playgrounds, so we were made very happy when this was made possible for two of the crowded ones. One was allowed to use what had once been a government school playground, while the other daily enjoyed the use of a small city park opened next door to the kindergarten.

As I worked with the teachers, we tried to put special emphasis on home visiting and mothers' meetings. I believe some worth-while work with the mothers was done in this way.

My two classes in the school, the English Club, and the Sunday Morning Bible class, were a source of great joy to me. With the funds from this last, we furnished a little crippled boy in the neighborhood with crutches.

Realizing the students' need for more recreation, we organized an athletic association, which brought them out-of-doors daily to play volley ball or captain ball.

When I heard that a number of the young men of the English Night School had signed as probationers, I was, indeed, glad that I had been able to give one night each week to the school.

Part two. Since coming to Kure, most of my time has been given to the study of the language. I am very grateful for more time for study, as I had little time for it last year. The work that I have done has been in the kindergarten and children's club, both of which are full of opportunities.

LOIS MADDOX, LANGUAGE STUDY AND CLUB WORK.

I can hardly realize that I have been in Japan more than a year. My first year was spent in Kobe attending the language school. While there I had the privilege of teaching one night each week at Palmore Night School. It was a joy to teach these young men.

Since September I have been in Kure, and have splendid teachers, Mr. and Mrs. Yasunaga, who taught for thirty years in Hiroshima Girls' School. Miss Peavy and I have an English Club of kindergarten graduates, and I look forward each week to teaching them. This has been one of the years of my life, and I am looking forward to the time when I can be of greater service in Japan.

PALMORE WOMAN'S ENGLISH INSTITUTE AND EVANGELISTIC PLANT, KOBE.

CHARLIE HOLLAND, HEAD RESIDENT.

This is our first report of Palmore Woman's English Institute as a separate institution, it having been a department in the Palmore Institute for young men for the past two years. The enrollment has been two hundred and forty since the school year, which opened in April making two hundred and sixty-six for the past calendar year. Sixty-nine of this number have entered the literary department, and one hundred and ninety-seven have entered the special courses in typewriting and shorthand. The entrance requirements for the regular courses being that of a high school graduate, and the English examination for entrance into the special courses, give us a good class of students usually. This year there are one hundred and forty-four high school graduates, and a number who have had more education than that. We graduated six young women in April from the literary department. They graduated from Palmore Institute, Woman's Department, which gave only two years above the five-year high schools in Japan, but our next graduates will have had three years above the five-year high schools and four years above the four-year high schools.

During this year we have had Japanese, French, German, Dutch, Swiss, Turkish, Russian, English, and American students enrolled in the typewriting course. These are but a part of the different nationalities represented in the city of Kobe. We have formed one English Club for the Russian women, and now they are asking for a second. A number of them come from our Methodist Institute in Harbin, so we are trying to follow up for them. There is no difference of feeling between these girls from these many countries. They all seem quite friendly in so far as they can communicate with each other.

There are eighty-seven Christians in school, and only six who have registered as Buddhists, and one as a Shintoist. They very often say that their parents are Buddhists, but they do not wish to register as such themselves. Sixteen of the Christians are Catholic, but those in the literary course attend chapel with the other students. We find no students who are openly opposed to Bible teaching in the school.

The largest day club in the literary department has become a Y. W. C. A. organization, and the girls are very much interested in the work. At present there are seven other clubs conducted by the school, reaching kindergarten graduates, nurses, Russian women, high school students, and commercial students from government schools. We have unusual opportunities for reaching the government schools and the business girls in our present work and location. Our greatest needs are a Coöperative Home for business women and one more full-time missionary.

MYRA P. ANDERSON, ASSISTANT.

The most important and most promising work which has come to me during the past year outside of my school work is that which I am doing with the nurses in the city. This club is small in number, but I have learned not to be discouraged over that. Out of fourteen nurses in Ton-den, the City Tuberculosis Hospital, eight have been attending our club, and seem thoroughly appreciative and interested. At first the Kenritsu Hospital—the largest, I believe, in the city—seemed closed to us, as the head nurse was heartily opposed to Christianity and gave us the cold shoulder when we went to invite the nurses to the meetings. However, through Dr. Shiba, a Christian doctor, who is a sister-in-law of Mr. Kagawa, we have been able to get four nurses from this hospital, and we hope and pray that these four may lead others to become interested. Now

we are working on a plan by which we hope to get the nurses from the hospital in the Eta District.

This work among the nurses must be done tactfully and patiently, but I feel that if we are giving the message to even a few in our touch with them, it will be most worth while.

MARY DOUGLAS FINCH, LANGUAGE STUDY.

Since I have been in Japan only five months, my report must be of Japan, and not of anything that I have done. Japan is all and more than I had expected. From the time I looked out across Yokohama Bay and caught my first glimpse of Mount Fuji against the glorious sunset, day by day I have been learning to love the Japanese and Japan. Her brown-eyed, black-haired babies, her eager, enthusiastic youth, whose very faces challenge one, and her fathers and mothers, who seem to be clinging to the old with one hand and grasping the new with the other—all are intensely interesting.

It is a high privilege to be here—this I am realizing more and more every day. The lives of the missionaries and of the Japanese Christians here in Kobe are a constant source of inspiration—inspiration that I shall carry through life. The meaning of John 4: 38 is clearer now than ever before, for certainly “others have labored and we are entered into their labors.”

While most of my time is spent in studying the language, I also have English and Bible classes at Palmore Institute. These I enjoy very much, especially my Bible Class on Sundays. My association with the students and faculty of Palmore is an experience that is enriching my life, and I am grateful for it.

It is with great joy that I look forward to coming years of service in Japan, yet with a deep sense of humility also. Although the Japanese, with their keen appreciation of the beautiful, are recognizing the superiority of the matchless life of the Christ, and are slowly but surely coming to give him rightful place in their hearts and lives, there is much to be done, and the need is great, greater than I am yet aware of, perhaps. The tasks ahead demand far more than I have, but, thank God, not more than he has. For he who said “Go,” also said, “Lo, I am with you always,” and I am trusting him.

KOREA MISSION.

CAROLINA INSTITUTE, SEOUL.

HALLIE BUIE, PRINCIPAL.

In giving this report, I feel just a little different to what I have ever felt in giving a report because there have been such definite answers to our prayers for the school this year and because we have received so many blessings from our Heavenly Father. My heart is filled with praise and gratitude, and, when I see the beautiful faith of our Korean friends, I feel very humble and realize more than ever before how unworthy I am to be his messenger to them.

CAROLINA INSTITUTE A CONFORMED SCHOOL.

The first thing for which we are truly thankful is that we have been able to meet all of the requirements of the government and become a conformed school. The whole school is very grateful to Bishop Boaz and Miss Howell for their timely assistance in bringing this to pass. For some years our mission thought it unnecessary for this school to conform to government regulations, as it was doing practically the same grade of work as the conformed schools, the only difference being that the course

in the Japanese language was not quite so heavy as in the conformed schools. But as our graduates were not allowed to enter higher schools, not even being allowed to take the entrance examinations in the schools that give government qualifications to teachers, nor were they permitted to enter the higher schools in Japan, our best pupils were leaving our school; after we had lost quite a number, our Mission realized that the school must become a conformed school if we expected to keep any pupils. Therefore, after complying with all the requirements, we were allowed to open our school as a conformed school in April, 1925; the school year here begins in April.

ENROLLMENT.

While for a few years we have not had many applicants for entrance to higher common school, this year we have had one hundred and fifty-eight applications for the first grade, and many of these from the best families: but as twenty from our common school were advanced into that grade, we had seats for only forty-four, so the other one hundred and fourteen had to be turned away. It was hard to see them weeping as they left. We could have taken more in the upper grades, but they were not prepared for the work there. And of the ones who have applied for entrance into the upper grades, only seven passed our entrance examinations. This makes a total of fifty-one new pupils received in our higher common school this year. As not being conformed caused us to lose many pupils, for about two years the number of pupils in our upper grades will be smaller than formerly. We had to give special examinations to our own girls for entrance to our school as conformed. These examinations were under the supervision of the government school inspectors; however, I am glad to say that only four of our girls failed to pass those examinations. That showed how our school stood in comparison to the conformed schools and that our teachers are doing good work. Our enrollment is:

Higher Common School.....	112
Common School.....	450
Kindergarten.....	90
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Total, Carolina Institute.....	652
Branch Day School, Quang Hei Moon.....	197
Soo Pyo Kyo Kindergarten.....	50
West Gate Union (we represent the woman's work, girls)	150
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Total.....	1 049

NEW BUILDINGS FOR HIGHER COMMON SCHOOL.

The thing for which we are most grateful is that we really are to have this new building. One of the requirements for becoming a conformed school was a building for the high school, to be completed in 1926. That building had been promised by the Council for several years, but it had been impossible to raise the funds for it. Our teachers here had been praying specially for a building ever since the fall of 1923, and many of the girls had joined in these prayers; so when we heard from Miss Howell saying that the Prayer Special for 1925 had been granted to Carolina Institute for the building, we had special cause for rejoicing, and the teachers and girls say they would rather have the Prayer Special money given for our building than any other fund, because they fully believe that it was granted to this school in answer to their special prayers for a building. And they are now praying that the offerings for the Prayer Special this year be larger than ever before, so that we may be able to furnish the building with that fund also.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT.

English is in great demand by the Koreans, which makes it one of our drawing cards, especially to the better families. Mrs. Maynor will report for this department.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Music is one of our important assets. In fact, it is almost necessary for our Christian schools to have a good music department. The Carolina Institute Chorus has been outstanding in the musicals in Seoul this year; for this we are indebted to Mrs. Kim, a graduate of Ewha College, who teaches in our music department. Miss Lee will report for this department.

RELIGIOUS DEPARTMENT

We feel that the school is specially blessed in its Bible teachers. Mr. Kim, who teaches in the higher common school department, besides giving good instruction in the Word, is a spiritual help to the girls. We often receive letters from our graduates thanking us for the spiritual help given them here, often saying that they didn't realize how much it meant to them until they got out in the world. Miss Yu, who is in the common school department, is winning the girls and, through them, getting in touch with the homes. She is doing a fine work. Mrs. Maynor and I each have a Bible class.

Last fall and winter, when there was so much suffering in Seoul on account of famine, our girls gave Y175 to the relief fund for the famine sufferers. And this summer letters have been coming to the school from our girls in homes not affected by the floods asking for good plans for giving relief to the people who have lost so much in the flood; some even suggesting that all who possibly can make clothing and bring when they return to school in the fall.

This spring, after receiving our new girls, we held a revival in the school, Mr. Stokes doing the preaching for us; as nearly all of our girls in the higher common school were converted last year, the number of conversions was not large. But from the testimonies of the girls, we realize that they were greatly strengthened. One thing that impressed me specially was the splendid personal work done by some of the girls. In the dormitory, the new girls are given to different ones in the highest grade to help in getting adjusted to the life of the school, and it was beautiful to see how anxious those older girls were that the new ones might learn more of Jesus and get a real personal experience.

Our Y. W. C. A. in the school is very enthusiastic and anxious to do all it can.

We have so many girls there isn't room at the church to conduct a Sunday school for them as it should be, so we, with the consent of the presiding elder, opened a Sunday school in our school building. The older girls teach in the primary department, and, with so much classroom space, we hope to have a truly model Sunday school. Already we have been able to do much in the way of improvement in methods.

The Teachers' Prayer Circle is still a source of spiritual strength to the school; every morning at six o'clock every member of the faculty is praying for the teachers and girls, and every Friday afternoon at four o'clock the faculty meets together for prayer, the teachers taking turns in leading. They say that this prayer circle makes them love each other better and, consequently, makes it easier to work together.

The girls have been influenced by this prayer circle, and many of them, of their own accord, have been keeping the hour of six as a time for prayer for each other and the faculty and the school.

ALUMNÆ.

The graduates of Carolina Institute now number one hundred and twenty-five; ten have died. As many of them live a long distance from Seoul, for several years the interest of the alumnae in the school has grown cold; but during the last two years, we have been making special efforts to get in touch with our graduates, and now they are becoming interested again. At the last meeting of the alumnae, they decided to do something special for the school, just what it is to be will be decided later. They say they want it to be something nice to put in the new building.

PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Our Parent-Teacher Association is still very enthusiastic. They have already given Y942.24 to the school for playground equipment and other things in order to help get the school ready to become a conformed school. And just before school closed this summer, they decided that they wanted to give something worth while, something they would be proud of, to put in the new school building; so they decided to raise Y1,000 with which to get a piano for the school. We appreciate the interest they are showing in the school even more than the financial help they are giving us.

For the good year we have had at Carolina Institute, we praise our Heavenly Father.

VELMA H. MAYNOR, DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH.

Ever since I have been in Korea, each succeeding year has seemed better to me, and this last year I am happier than ever before.

I have had sometimes three and sometimes five English classes during the last year, usually about fifteen hours a week of teaching. These I have enjoyed very, very much and have tried to give to my little girls the very best I had of instruction and help in learning English, and they have responded beautifully. During the last term of the year—that is, from April—I have had a class in Bible which I have enjoyed greatly. Sometimes it is pretty hard to muster enough Chosen Mal to get my message across to them, and at other times I have felt woefully the inability to explain the deep meaning to them as I would like to; but withal it has been a wonderful privilege to try to teach them.

The class work gives contacts that I like to follow up with individual conferences and visits in the homes as much as possible. I have been in quite a few of the girls' homes, and have always found a welcome, and usually more Korean food than I could manage. Sometimes our visiting is limited by our capacity for Korean food. You can eat so much, and then you have to come home for that day. Some of the mothers are Christians, but I was surprised at the number of non-Christian homes represented by the girls in our school. Some of the mothers do not seem to understand anything much about the Christian belief at all, and one must begin at the very beginning of the story that seems so familiar to us. How little we recognize our privileges, we who have heard the story at our mothers' knees! Besides the visiting in the homes, we sometimes have little visits by appointment with the individual girls of the classes. Then we look at pictures together, tell each other about our homes, parents, brothers and sisters, or anything else that girls like to talk about, always ending up with a little heart-to-heart talk about the Saviour and what he means to us, and then pray together. These little visits from the girls mean a great deal to me, and I hope that they enjoy them and get some benefit too.

I have attended a Korean Church on the other side of the city from our Church, and so have been able to go out there only on Sunday mornings for Sunday school and Church. I have a Sunday school class of dear little

girls every Sunday morning. I have visited in a very few homes with the Bible woman, and hope that I can do more of that this year.

My appointment for this year is exactly the same as last year, and I only hope that I can fill it much better than last year. I have passed the time. In addition to the study of Korean, I have taken up Japanese, and put about ten hours a week on it. I enjoy it very much, and the association with my Japanese teacher and knowing her beautiful Christian life has been a great help to me in appreciating the good in the Japanese people.

WOMAN'S (UNION) BIBLICAL SEMINARY.

HORTENSE TINSLEY, VICE PRINCIPAL.

It was with real joy that I returned to our Bible Training School last September after an absence of two years. I found forty young women enrolled, and was happy to see that each year the class which enters is a little better prepared than the class of the year before. Of the twelve in the higher department, the majority, having finished the higher common school, have had more or less experience in teaching before coming to us. Most of those in the lower department have finished the common school with the greatest sacrifice and effort in order that they might enter our school and prepare to do more efficient Christian work. Two years ago the Board decided that each girl should go out and do one year of satisfactory practical work before taking her last year of school work and graduating, so this year for the first time we have a class of seven out doing practical work. Of the four who graduated last spring, one is teaching Bible at Carolina Institute, one in the Bible Institute at the Evangelistic Center, one is doing Bible woman's work in our large Church in Seoul, and the one we have kept with us is rendering invaluable assistance as matron and student counselor. Though our school is so new, our graduates are occupying the places of Bible women in four of the Churches in Seoul, two in Songdo, and one in Wonsan, as well as Bible teachers and matrons, and the demand for them is much greater than we can fill. Feeling that we were pauperizing the girls by giving them everything, even their incidentals, we began a little over a year ago a bakery which is proving quite a success, not only in enabling the girls to earn part of their expenses, but gives them splendid training in domestic science and in business management. It also seems to be meeting a large need here in Seoul, for, besides our regular standing orders for thirty or so pounds of bread daily, we are asked to prepare the cakes and sandwiches for most of the teas and dinner parties, and often to provide large dinners and banquets, as for the Business Men's Club, Girl Reserves and Boy Scouts, Thanksgiving, etc. The only trouble is, as the little girl in our family remarked: "There isn't any fun in going anywhere any more, because the only things they have to eat are what came from our place."

Pray for us that God may move upon the hearts of more and more of the young women who are being educated in our Christian schools to dedicate their lives to definite Christian service, and, having come to us for training, we may send them out filled with the spirit of Christ and fully equipped to do the most efficient service.

EVANGELISTIC WORK FOR WOMEN, WONSAN.

KATE COOPER, SUPERVISOR.

Oftentimes in the country after a long, full day of traveling, house-to-house visitation, or teaching, I have come to the close of the last service for the day with the words of the song, "One More Day's Work for Jesus," ringing through my mind. As I attempt to make another annual report at the close of this, another, year, there comes to me a paraphrase on this

song, and I think of it as reading: "One more year's work for Jesus, one less of life for me; but heaven is nearer and Christ is dearer than last year to me."

Down through the years, having been engaged in the same kind of work, my reports have been very much the same. This year we have had great blessings in our country classes, an unusual retreat and Bible conference with the Bible women, an attendance of eighty-one at Bible Institute, and a larger night school than ever before; but new experiences have come to me also. One was having a new evangelistic worker appointed to Wonsan, for whom we were truly grateful, and another was coming into possession of a mountain site and also money to start work on our new Woman's Evangelistic Center building, so, to vary my report this year, I am going to tell you our secret, or, in other words, the story of how God worked all things together for our good, even a court trial, and to testify to the fulfillment of the promise that God is able to make all grace abound even when for a time everything may seem against you. "Surely the Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

Two years ago while on the mountain site back of the Bible School just after daybreak looking over the thatched roofs in the city of Wonsan and longing to do more to bring the people under these roofs to Christ, there came to me the assurance that God wanted us to have that mountain, for it was a spot where the Bible women visited as a place of prayer. Again, while visiting the same spot, I had a reassurance of God's promise; but at that time I never dreamed of the place as a location for our Evangelistic Center.

The owner of the site, an influential doctor, asked for a road down through the property of ours adjoining his in order that he might have an opening and build there residences for himself and others. The property committee, on account of the proximity of the school, did not grant the road, but, at his suggestion, offered to buy the land from him, and more than once it seemed that the sale was just about to be completed when something happened to interfere.

In the Centenary askings our Evangelistic Center building was granted for 1923. It was one of the last buildings on the list, and the money failed to come that year; neither did it come the next. When our women came into Bible School in the winter, we were crowded in the dormitory and the classrooms were well filled both day and night, as we used the same rooms for night school also. It seemed we were using all our available space, and that all the time, and needed more. Then we began to ask God more earnestly to give us our building soon, and we felt free to do this as long as we had made the best possible use of our present buildings. One Friday morning at daybreak prayer meeting several of the women, and especially one, caught the spirit of the promise that where two or three are agreed as touching anything they shall ask, it shall be done, and as she prayed so fervently I knew the Lord was hearing and would answer.

In the spring again the doctor insisted on his road, but not being able to obtain the road by request, a new house was built just behind the Bible School buildings and a suit was filed in court. The property adjoining his being in my name, I was the one summoned to the courthouse, but, not being in Wonsan the first day of the trial, others went in my stead. At a later day, I appeared in person, and, this being an unusual experience for me, I did not know just what to expect. Many of our single girls have been courted in a very pleasing way, and of their own accord, but it fell to my lot to have the new experience of having to go to court. This was so new to me that I made the mistake of thinking the lawyer on the opposing side was the judge. The lawyer was an elderly, dignified man, as some said masquerading in the robes of the judicial office, and the judge was so young that I just naturally supposed the judge was the secretary. So many customs in the East are the opposite of what might be at home, that

I thought the court would be that way, too. The judge advised a settlement out of court, and this we tried to make by having a number of conferences with the owner and others. In the meantime we prayed, but sometimes when everything was against us it seemed that after all we were not going to get the mountain, yet always there was the feeling that God meant us to have it.

Every attempt at settlement would seem to be going to work out just right until the time for final decision arrived, and then all would fail time and again. At last the only way open was to secure a lawyer and fight it out, which was the one thing we did not want to do at all. As the last resort, taking the matter to Seoul, we consulted with several who did all for us they could; but the lawyer told us we had no hope whatever. Just when everything had failed, a message came from Wonsan saying that the owner would sell for Y4,800. Some one suggested that was a large amount to put into the prayer ground for the women, and, of course, it was, but God had other plans for us which as yet had not been revealed. On returning to Wonsan, I found that over night I had become owner of the long-coveted mountain site, and the owner and I were friends as a result of the trial rather than enemies.

One of the first things the Koreans began to say after the trial was called off and the land purchased was: "Why not put your Center building on that site? There is not a better location in all Wonsan." For months the location of the building had been a problem, for the site down in the city proved undesirable, the mulberry patch was very unsatisfactory, and there seemed to be no good location in view. As we looked over the new property, the location grew more and more pleasing, until now we feel God had this plan all the time. One of the men who helped to clinch the purchase told me that when the owner asked why I had gone to Seoul at that time, he took occasion to tell how the women and others had been praying, and this seemed to almost frighten the doctor, and that very day he consented to sell.

The good part about the trial was that we came through it with the doctor as a friend, and also the judge. I had occasion to have two private interviews with him afterwards, for I wanted to know the condition of the soul of the man behind the cap and gown of his judicial office. He is not far from the kingdom of heaven.

The women in Wonsan and over the district, as well as the men, are rejoicing, for we felt on the day the trial was called off just like the Jews in the time of Esther when the day that was appointed as the time of death for them proved to be a day of victory and joy. All understand now why it was so hard, for the best things are not secured without a price often much dearer than money. Looking back over all the experience of buying our property and starting our building, I can see it was a mountain moved by faith and prayer, and now we not only have a building site for our Woman's Evangelistic Center, but the prayer ground remains intact.

The common question concerning the Center that was so often asked was, "When will you get the money to build you Tai Wha Yer Cha Kwan?" which is the name for the Center in Seoul, and they all termed ours by the same name, not realizing that we would have a different one. To get a similar name, I have thought of ours as the Pyun Wha Yer Cha Kwan, for we want it truly to be a place where all the women who come to us are transfigured and changed into such Christian lives that each woman shall go back down from the mountain having had a vision of Christ and ready to serve in all the needy places in the valleys and country villages. Certainly a city set on a hill cannot be hid.

SADIE MAUD MOORE, ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR.

Continually the new missionary faces the fact that her presence on the mission field is of little value to the work. At the same time, I am sure

that these days of preparation, language study, and such contacts with the work as can be had are of inestimable value to her.

My main task thus far has been language study. I have been able to complete the first year's work in full and the first term of the second year's work in the language school in Seoul. I am very grateful for the time and opportunities we are given to get the language, and I find the work a real joy. The association with other missionaries in the school means much, and the contacts with the Koreans as I have come back to Wonsan and tried to teach in Sunday school and make a few Bible talks have not only been a help in the language, but a means of sympathetic contact that I so long to have with the people.

One of the most interesting and helpful experiences I have had this first year was a ten-day trip of country itinerating I took with Miss Cooper last April. Going from village to village, holding services, visiting in the homes, and seeing the beautiful spirit of service, sacrifice, and devotion that characterizes so many of these Christians was a blessed experience, and I thank God that he has called me to have a part in telling some of these little ones about him.

We feel very grateful to our Heavenly Father and to those at home who have made possible the building of our Woman's Evangelistic Center here in Wonsan. The good fall weather has enabled the workmen to make splendid progress, and we hope to be in it before many months.

I am still well and happy, enjoying the best of health and rejoicing in the love of Him who said "Go" and promises "Lo, I am with you always."

WOMAN'S EVANGELISTIC CENTER, SONGDO

ELLASUE WAGNER, SUPERVISOR.

Two busy years, two very happy years, have passed since I returned to Korea, and as I review the conditions in the Songdo Woman's Evangelistic Center, I thank God for his goodness in establishing this work for the women and girls of that city. I believe that splendid, helpful work has been done there and that the future holds brighter promise of great things.

The various departments of the Center all continue in good condition. In the educational work, including the night school, day classes, kindergarten and Bible Institute, the development has been satisfactory, and attendance good. The new head teacher, Mr. Chang, has been with us since April, and is already proving himself invaluable in organizing and directing this department. He has been in the employment of the government school for girls in Songdo for several years and had already found a prominent place as a leader in the Church, making him a noted addition to our staff.

At the close of the last school year in March, we graduated our first class from the night school. What this meant to those four girls it is hard for us to realize; night study has many drawbacks—late hours of hard study after long days of task work under the critical eyes of a mother-in-law. Two of these girls earned their way in school by working in our self-help department in the mornings; two of them were from among the wealthiest homes of Songdo, and their respective husbands are both studying at Tokyo University. During my years in Korea I have passed hundreds of certificates, but as I gave these students their well-earned prize, I felt that it was probably the most precious to the recipients, because dearest won.

Miss Mauk will report the work done in the music department.

The sewing and cooking classes have been a great pleasure. We have two classes in sewing, one for the women of the city who wish to learn to do their own sewing and to use sewing machines; the other for students in the night school as a self-help department, wherein they were able to earn

sufficient by their work during the day to keep them in school. In this latter the girls have made a great many articles during the year.

Teaching foreign cookery requires quite a bit of preparation and adjustment; at first I was perplexed to know how to do this, and, although I tried at various schools and elsewhere to get suggestions from those who had done this work, I did not succeed in getting any help, so, necessity being the mother of invention, I had to devise a method of my own. At the exhibit of their work at the close of the class in July, the girls were able to produce quite a praiseworthy display of foods prepared by them. Also, each of them had an attractive book of recipes, each dish studied being illustrated by pictures cut from magazines. The women of this cooking class were ladies from the best homes of Songdo, teachers' wives, teachers, preachers' wives, and others.

The evangelistic work in the city is a more promising field than ever before; the hearts of the students are most responsive, the homes are open as never before, and there is much less opposition and persecution in the non-Christian homes than formerly.

The public health and medical department, including the dispensary and baby clinic, has been an addition and development of the past year, and we believe holds the promise of becoming one of the most useful and important branches of our work. We had felt for quite a while the need of a woman doctor—the best part of the first floor had been given over to a dispensary under the direction of Dr. Reid, in Ivey Hospital, with a man doctor in charge. Very few women came, the patients being mostly men and boys. Because of a shortage of Korean doctors, it seemed advisable to Dr. Reid to turn over the management of this dispensary to us. The middle of April we were fortunate in securing Dr. Ko, a graduate of this year from the Government Medical College. We have all been pleased with her poise, dignity, and attitude toward her work. The first month she treated between four hundred and fifty and five hundred women and children, while there have been that many more visitors. Although this is just begun, the receipts meet about half the expenses, and we have every reason to believe that in the future this department may become entirely self-supporting. Dr. Reid continues his deep, personal interest in the doctor and the dispensary, aiding in every way possible, this being still registered as a Branch Dispensary of Ivey Hospital.

The Baby Clinic remains one of the most interesting features. We know of quite a number of children whose lives were doubtless saved by this agency; others were saved from blindness and from fates worse than death by this timely ministry. Not a few are now strong, healthy babies instead of the puny, sickly little things that were first brought to the clinic. Miss Lowder's multiplied tasks at the hospital have made it impossible for her to supervise this work, which she so ably began last year. We are looking forward to the time when her trained hand may again direct this important phase of the Center activities, for she has been greatly missed.

The country keulpangs, or village schools, in the two Songdo Districts have not had the supervision and direction that they need. But with the pressure of work in institutional work, it has not seemed advisable to take many long country trips. I have visited a number personally, but Mr. Chung has made two visits to all the keulpangs in the two districts, and they are all doing good work. The preachers and Bible women continue to speak in highest terms of these little candles set in the darkened corners of our field. A village Church with a little school and an earnest, helpful teacher in attendance is always a wide-awake, thriving Church, and the difference between these villages and those without such help is most manifest. There can be no doubt that these teachers are doing a unique and difficult work, but one that will surely win large results in bringing Korea out into the light of a new day. In each of our keulpangs

the local Church and villagers pay one-third of the teacher's salary and all the running and incidental expenses, so that they are really their own schools, and the local organization sees to it that they get their money's worth. During the year we have had to close some that were not up to the mark and have opened others to fill in the ranks. The applications for new keulpangs are coming in constantly, and if we had the funds we could quickly place the money to advantage.

The woman's work in the country on the Songdo District and the North Songdo District will be reported by Miss Bertha Smith.

WOMAN'S EVANGELISTIC CENTER, CHULWON.

CORDELIA ERWIN, SUPERVISOR.

At the close of Mission meeting last year I was left the only missionary in this station, owing to illness and removals. When our good bishop asked me if I wanted to leave, my heart surged with compassion as I thought of the multitudes here, as sheep without a shepherd. People are flocking here from all over Korea, the place is growing by leaps and bounds, and sin flaunts itself on all sides. I felt the Church could not retrench; so I told the bishop I very much wanted to stay; and O, what a glorious year I have had with my Master here! Living in the center of this great district, in the heart of Korea, with a constant stream of people coming to my door, I feel as if "I'm sitting on top o' the world." It is rumored there are some who are "sorry" for me; but there's none I envy, none with whom I'd change places, for I've found happiness, peace, joy, and contentment.

A semipolitical organization, and the most powerful one in Chulwon, wanted to use our church for one of their meetings. When the pastor refused, they insisted. He came to me, and I urged they be refused, and they were. They brought all kinds of pressure to bear upon us, but by the help of the Lord we withstood them. Immediately they began to persecute the Christians. Accidentally I came upon a group of them in a Christian's store, storming and raging. One young hot-headed leader was swearing by heaven and earth they were "going to put the Church out of business!" How I wanted to say: "Sonny, kings and emperors have tried that—they are gone and forgotten, but the Church of the living God is marching on!"

The middle of September Kim Ik-do, the Billy Sunday of Korea, came and held a meeting for us. A deeply spiritual man, a living miracle of redeeming grace. Before his conversion he was a powerful desperado, terrorizing a whole big province, till God Almighty touched him. Since then he has been a flaming evangel of righteousness. While life shall last I cannot forget his sermon on Redeeming Grace. For years the Bible woman and I had been visiting a well-to-do widow, who received us gladly and agreed with everything we said, but could not give up ancestral worship. She was converted during this meeting, and gave the spirit case to me. It has been in use for five generations. I am taking it to America. They are awfully hard to get.

October was spent among the country Churches. The preachers, Bible women, teachers, and colporteurs want and need sympathy, encouragement, counsel, and comradeship with the missionary out in the field as they work. Walking with them from village to village, they get to unburden their hearts and to feel that the missionary understands their problems. The missionary has delightful, intimate, Christian fellowship.

The first of November the Tri-Provincial Fair began in Chulwon, and our W. C. T. U. put up a booth and did demonstration all day and sold temperance literature. Posters filled with scientific temperance instruction were explained, and really great temperance lectures given. While we were working the hardest at this, my personal helper was ill, but worked

on, and when he did go to the hospital with acute appendicitis, it was too late. He died just after the operation, and so consecrated the cause of temperance in Korea with his precious young life.

An Oriental proverb declares, "One look is better than a thousand words," and teachers tell us that at least seventy per cent of all ideas come through the eye. At any and all kinds of meetings I've held, I've given at least one temperance demonstration. The most popular one is breaking an egg in a shallow dish and pouring alcohol over it and letting them watch it cook. Then touch a lighted match to the remaining alcohol and let them see it burn. This never fails to create the greatest interest and starts thought-provoking discussions in schools, churches, or anywhere. No other one thing has afforded more joy and satisfaction.

Early in January I went to Wonsan with my women for Bible Institute work. I very much enjoyed teaching Proverbs, Jeremiah, Samuel, Esther, Ruth, and James to women who were studying them for the first time. It made these books new to me also.

You can only faintly imagine how glad and happy I was the middle of February to welcome dear Miss Randle back from furlough and to have her in Chulwon. We were permitted three short months of beautiful comradeship, when suddenly the angels came and took her away, leaving me alone again, and this time with a deep sense of personal loss. She had entered into the work so whole-heartedly and was so beautifully prepared. I was in the midst of turning over all the woman's work of the district to her, as she had expected to stay on alone after I should have gone on furlough. Who will hold high the banner fallen from her hand?

At the close of the Kim Ik-do meetings, my one regret was that our "Bolshevist" had not been converted, but I ceased not to pray for him and to be nice to him every time I had a chance, for he only came to church to criticize and find fault. This spring a revival broke out in Chulwon with this young man's conversion. Many other conversions followed among the young men. Up to this time the young man in question had never made any financial contribution, had consistently opposed all such, and was the bitterest foe of the Tithing Band I was working on. After his conversion the first thing he did was to join the Tithing Band. "A new creature"—truly a miracle.

Our Bible women were lifted to a higher plane of Christian living and experience during the Bible Conference in Choon Chun. Some had to make restitution. Some confessed to a lack of zeal in the Lord's cause, some had harbored ill will. For various reasons we remained with many of them in after meetings till they all got peace in their hearts.

As yet we have no Church school in Chulwon, but have not given up hope. The Mission approves, but hasn't the finances. We are getting a playground under way and have the girls and boys come on alternate days after school, and they stay till dark. We have a Bible-story hour every day, and they come to our Children's Afternoon Sunday school. During the spring term when all the school children were ordered out to a Shinto shrine to worship, some of these children answered they could not go because they were Christians. They were severely scolded and threatened with punishment. They were finally given the option of going or doing the janitor's work for a month. They chose the latter.

In May I was able to lend a hand during the Baby Show in Seoul by explaining the charts to the mothers. This was a genuine delight.

The first two weeks of June were spent in Songdo teaching the Korean women how to make "Sun-kissed strawberry jam." The Agricultural Department of the boys' school had no quick market for fresh berries in bulk. The department decided to give the jam a test—so did the bees, for they came by twos, fives, tens, hundreds, thousands, ten thousands, hundred thousands, and *gorged!* All in three hours. However, the women learned to make the jam, for we had six hundred jars of jam and one thou-

sand bottles of strawberry crush for the season's work, and a new industry started.

I'm sore distressed over the wave of divorce that is now sweeping the country. Among the student class alone the percentage runs thus: five out of ten young men are not even going to try to live with their present wives; two out of ten young men are considering a divorce; while three out of ten are going to try to live with their wives. These women are not to blame that they are not educated, and so are filled with resentment and desolation. Many are destitute, heart-broken, and have no place to go. I find them on all sides.

Twenty years ago last month I arrived in Korea. As I was leaving Memphis, Mr. Pepper gave me the verse: "But He knoweth the way that I take" (Job 23: 10). This promise has been so abundantly fulfilled in my life I am constrained to say, I have received much more than I have been able to give. Though the year has been my most strenuous, it has been my best for many reasons, because of the experience I have had and the lessons I have learned in consequence; because I have felt the hand of God upon me; and because I have seen the power of God so markedly manifest.

I have had two furloughs, and now I am torn between the desire to go and see my aged father and to stay here with my dear adopted people.

"Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

NURSE TRAINING DEPARTMENT, IVEY HOSPITAL, SONGDO.

ROSA LOWDER, R.N., SUPERINTENDENT.

It has been a full year, yet my work seems so natural and commonplace to me that it is hard to find anything to say about it. The days have been filled with just doing each day the things that come next and in all trying to know Him and make him known. Yet no hospital day is without new opportunities, and monotony is impossible.

Although the year has seen many readjustments, we believe that it has been one of expansion, and we trust some real progress has been made.

We have a splendid corps of nurses now in training. This in spite of the difficulties due to change of doctors and dispensary arrangements. There are thirteen pupil nurses, five men and eight women. Throughout the year three of our own graduates, one woman and two men, have been with us, thus giving us sixteen nurses in all. As a whole, they have been faithful.

The class work has been good notwithstanding a period of shortage of Korean doctors. We are indeed grateful for the help given by Miss Wagner and Miss Smith. Both gave two hours a week to English, and Miss Smith taught Bible during a part of the year.

We have been greatly delighted with Miss Rosser, who came to us in September, 1924. During the autumn months of that year and the following spring, she attended language school in Seoul, completing her first year course. It is difficult to understand the Providence that permitted her to become ill and to have to be placed under medical supervision for several months. We prayed that His will might be done in this as in all things. He heard our prayers, and in September she began entering into hospital work. We rejoice in His goodness to us in her behalf.

We thank our Heavenly Father for the privilege of serving him another year.

NURSE TRAINING DEPARTMENT, WONSAN CHRISTIAN HOSPITAL.

BLANCHE HAUSER, R.N., SUPERINTENDENT.

The Nurse Training School of the Wonsan Christian Hospital had been organized a year or more when I came here. We have four very competent Korean doctors, who give the lectures, covering the subjects that are ordinarily taught in nurse training schools. I help the nurses in their practical nursing work and have two classes a week with them in English. We have three Korean nurses that were graduated at Severance Hospital, the largest hospital in Korea. One of these has charge of the operating room, while the other two do general duty over the entire hospital. This has been a great deal of help to me in allowing me more time for my language study.

These girls like music and especially enjoy singing. As the Christmas season drew near, they begged me to teach them an English song. So we have been studying "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear."

They are very appreciative, and I enjoy my work with them very much. It is my earnest desire, not only to help them to be good nurses, but to help them and the patients that come to the hospital to know more of our Saviour.

SEVERANCE HOSPITAL SCHOOL FOR NURSES AND MIDWIVES.

J. D. VAN BUSKIRK, VICE PRESIDENT.

School for Nurses and Midwives:

The year has seen our nurses' training school fully recognized by the Government General. The "regular" graduates of the three-year course will be licensed as nurses and as midwives without examination. This puts this school on a firm foundation. The enrollment for the year was twenty-eight, and six nurses were graduated. The Korean graduate nurses are taking an increasingly heavy share of the responsibility; several of them are head nurses, and we are proud of the way they meet the responsibility.

Promotion Work:

Dr. O. R. Avison has been in the United States all year to raise funds for the development of the institution. Part of the year he has been assisted by Mr. H. T. Owens, our treasurer. Besides a gift of \$100,000 for a first wing to the hospital, a gift to Mr. Severance and Mrs. Prentiss, he has secured a number of lesser gifts, and has the campaign so under way that further results should be soon forthcoming.

Evangelistic Work:

The hospital evangelist and two Bible women have been persistent in preaching. They have made greater efforts to follow up patients who are ready to accept Christ and have reported two hundred and thirty-three individuals followed to their homes and led into the Churches and put in care of the Church workers. This form of report has been made only for nine months; so the full results are not known. We are stressing the "follow-up" as the real test of the value of the work done. Thousands say they "will believe," but only those followed to their homes and introduced to the local Church offer much promise of real Christian faith.

Doctors, nurses, students, and helpers are many of them active in Church work. Only three medical students have not united with a Church, and all the nurses are Church members. Most any of our doctors could easily earn more than they get from Severance, but they gladly share with the missionaries in sacrifice to serve their people in the name of our Master, Christ.

EULINE ELIZABETH SMITH, LANGUAGE STUDY.

So I am to tell you about the language school. It is held upstairs at the foreign school. This fall there were three grades—first half first year, second half first year, and first half second year. Our class was the largest; so we met in the auditorium. On either side of the stage there is a small room, and the other two classes were held there. We walk there from Miss Tinsley's in from fifteen to twenty minutes. It is practically the same distance from the Bible School, the Center, and Carolina. Ours is the hardest walk because we have to climb the hill going home, but I think that is good for us. We go to school at two and get out at four-thirty. The class periods are forty minutes each, five minutes between classes, and fifteen minutes for chapel. The students lead chapel alphabetically, some of the wives not leading at all. We have three classes. Our first period we studied under Mr. Lee, who has studied in America. He helped us put English into Korean, and vice versa. He also explained grammar to us, following notes prepared by Mr. Koons. The second period our teacher was a Korean who knew no English, teaching us pronunciation only. Twice a week we had work under a foreigner who taught conversation. In that class we had to prepare conversations once and give before the class, Olive and I talking together. Then three times a week we had Mr. Koons, who straightened out the difficulties we were always in. We have taken half of the lessons in the book prepared by Sauer. School opens January 4. We expect to finish the book, read some in Mark, and I don't know what else. Koreans and foreigners teach there. During the morning we study, trying to learn our lessons for the afternoon.

I do have a good time studying the language. And you don't know how good I feel because I can at least try to talk to the people I know in Songdo. They are very much interested to know how much I have learned, and I can't keep quiet; so I show them how much I don't know. The servants and personal teachers of those living in the house are all trying to help me. If I don't learn, it is my own fault.

BRAZIL MISSION.
FIELD SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

ELIZA PERKINSON.

As Field Secretary and Treasurer my work has been limited to such service as could be rendered from the office in Rio de Janeiro. Selling the drafts and remitting the proceeds to the different stations in the Brazil and Central Brazil Conferences, assembling the reports and forwarding them to Nashville, the building program in Rio and the material development of Bennett College make up the sum total of the year's work.

The home for the parochial school in Villa Isabel has been finished and the school operating since June. It is modest, but neat and comfortable, and offers many advantages, not merely as a day school, but also for night classes, Sunday school rooms, and other Church activities. We kept within the limit of the money appropriated for the construction and equipment, so we have no financial problem to burden us at the end of the year. A full report of the work done has been filed in the Secretary's office, with the Board of Trustees at Villa Isabel, and forwarded to the head office in Nashville.

At Bennett College the new kitchen, serving room, and dining room have been a great blessing. Well planned, placed, and equipped, they serve their ends admirably and are the pride of the school.

Repairing and fitting up the house purchased at Marquez de Abrantes

No. 67 for the music and domestic science departments, providing dormitory space for a limited number of girls and teachers, servants' rooms and the laundry, was one of the achievements of the year. This building, with the playground at the back, has been a splendid asset. We wonder how we ever managed to get on without it.

Nothing, however, that we have done has been more useful or attracted more attention or received more unstinted praise than the covered passage ways that unite all the buildings on our lots and make them practically one. Broad, covered, and paved with red tiles, with porch boxes alternating with open spaces between the gray pillars, they are most attractive in appearance and add much to the comfort and health of the school family. In all this work we have remembered our financial limitations and kept free from debt. Full reports are filed at Bennett, and a copy has been forwarded to Miss Case at Nashville.

The new school building will be finished in January; the desks are on the field, and we hope to have all the available equipment in place by the last of February, so that the new term will begin under the most favorable conditions.

Plans and specifications for this splendid unit are already at Nashville, and our committees know how carefully every detail was studied and worked over for weeks before the decisions were made and the work finally begun. Bishop Dobbs, Ambassador Morgan, Sr. Erasmo Braga, and other sincere friends of the school were among the guests when the corner stone was laid on the 11th of August, 1925.

We know the school has done good work during these first five years of its history, when it was handicapped in so many ways. I am sure these years have taught us many useful lessons and have enabled us to adjust ourselves to conditions and complications in a large city, to win the confidence of many splendid Brazilian families, and to get a vision of the almost unequalled opportunity which God has given us. We are very happy because the school is in a position to accommodate a much larger number of pupils and to offer them the education they need to prepare them to meet the problems of life as it is to-day.

Late in December of last year and early in January of this, we succeeded in purchasing the garage property which joins us on the southeast. Although leased for two more years, it is *ours*, and the rent we get from it is a great help during these months when our expenses are exceedingly heavy and exchange unfavorable. When we finally get possession, it will materially enlarge our campus.

In March we bought the small lot behind us which fronts on Senador Vergueiro, and, with the one we already owned there, we have an attractive entrance on that fine old residence street. Bennett now owns four acres in one of the best districts in Rio de Janeiro.

In purchasing these last two lots, I discovered that there was a missing link or two in the titles to other pieces of ground we had bought. I submitted the business to Dr. Momsen, one of the leading lawyers of the city, and he made a thorough investigation. Saturday, after eleven months of effort, I got the last document, duly signed and registered. So far as I can determine, everything is now, legally, in order. It was a long, tedious process, but very interesting, and certainly necessary.

BENNETT COLLEGE, RIO DE JANEIRO.

EVA L. HYDE, PRINCIPAL.

The year 1925 has been one of widening contacts and, consequently, vision for me. Early in the year I had the great privilege of attending the Montevideo Congress on Christian Work in Latin America. Those days of intimacy with other missionaries, natives of the various South American republics, and great missionary leaders brought me many new ideas,

clarified already existing ones, and filled me anew with enthusiasm and vigor.

About the middle of the year, through the mediation of one of our Brazilian teachers, I had the good fortune to join one of the departments of the national Brazilian educational association. Later, Misses Mathis and Donovan and several of our young native teachers also joined this department, whose special aim is to bring about a greater coöperation between the home and the school, through the promotion of Parent-Teachers' Associations. After several months of work with this section, which is composed of earnest and energetic national educators, I had the honor of being elected a member of the "Conselho Director" (directing council) of the National Association.

Our school is now in intimate touch with the finest educational leaders of the country and, I believe will be able in coöperation with them to render a larger and more vital service to Brazil.

Our classroom work has been more satisfactory this year than in any previous one. This was due to the fact that all of our grade teachers were young women trained in our own schools, some here and some in the Piracicabano. They have given splendid service, and we are very proud of them. Another class of four received normal diplomas this year. One of them will teach at Bennett, one at the Isabella Hendrix, and one at the People's Central Institute.

Our ladies' missionary society has completed its first year of existence with real credit. It has forty members on the roll now, and they have all worked most enthusiastically. It has had as its special a part in the maintenance of a parochial school in one of the poorest and most wretched suburbs of the city. Two delegates attended the annual missionary conference in Bello Horizonte, where they both gave and received much inspiration. Four other members attended the Life Service Conference conducted by Mr. Hounshell at Juiz de Fora in the early part of the year, and all four signed pledge cards.

About the middle of the year we renewed our attempt to have a Parent-Teachers' Association. We had one the first year of the school's existence, but it dwindled down to only teachers, so was dropped. We now have the backing of the National Association of Education, which is putting forth much propaganda in favor of the movement; so we hope to get our parents really interested.

In regard to the material changes and progress in the matter of new buildings and grounds for the school, Miss Perkinson has reported fully. I need only add that these enlargements have given new life to our school and made the problem of classroom administration much easier. We are profoundly grateful for their accomplishment.

As I write, Miss Perkinson is on her homeward voyage, and in a few more weeks I, also, shall be leaving for my year's furlough. Before that time, however, Miss Lamar will have returned to Brazil, and we feel that in her capable hands, and with the splendid coöperation of Misses Mathis and Donovan and our new missionary, Miss Daisye Ferguson, Collegio Bennett will continue to progress and make an ever finer and more vital impress on the lives and hearts of Brazilian womanhood.

MAUD A. MATHIS, HOME ECONOMICS, BIBLE, AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION.

That "realization is better than anticipation" is no longer a debatable question in my mind: for since our new dining room, kitchen, and Home Economics Laboratory are finished many of the difficulties and annoyances of the past year have disappeared. Many have said that our kitchen and serving room are the most conveniently equipped in Rio de Janeiro. Our aim, however, was to make it efficient and hygienic.

My class work has been the same as last year—Foods and Cookery,

Hygiene, Bible, and Physical Training. The study of the Old Testament with the ninth-grade girls was the most interesting Bible work that I have ever had. As a member of the Parent-Teachers' Circle of the Brazilian Educational Association, I had the privilege of attending with my class on Civics and Home Hygiene a series of lectures on Child Welfare given by Dr. Melle Leitao, an eminent child specialist of the city.

I have also enjoyed very much my work in the Church. Two girls of my Sunday school class have taken the first step toward Church membership. Our Missionary Society appointed me to conduct a series of Bible studies on the women of the Bible. The attendance was small, though faithful.

ANNIE DONOVAN, ENGLISH.

My second year in Brazil has passed quickly and happily. I spent my first vacation in a Brazilian home, where I had an opportunity to study Portuguese intensively.

During the past session I taught seven English classes and one in Comparative Religions. I also continued my language study.

My Sunday school class, composed of ten fine girls, was a great joy to me. It is a privilege to have a little part in the Master's work here in Brazil.

PEOPLE'S CENTRAL INSTITUTE, RIO DE JANEIRO.

LAYONA GLENN, PRINCIPAL DAY SCHOOL.

I wish that I might have you to occupy a seat on the platform some morning when one of the teachers is giving a Bible lesson to the children and watch the bright faces eagerly turned to drink in her words! You would enjoy hearing the chorus of voices that call my attention to the fact that we have not had prayer, if by any chance I happen to even *seem* to forget to have prayer at the close of the chapel service.

My teachers have been loyal and sympathetic in their work, and the pupils have been, as a rule, well behaved and obedient, although the discipline has been somewhat more difficult than usual on account of the confusion caused by the occupation of the small playground incident to the building of the home for the superintendent, but, even so, it was not bad.

We had the unusual experience of working under three superintendents during the school year, having begun the year with Mr. Byers, then having Mr. Long for a few months before the arrival of Mr. Betts in September.

I have especially enjoyed my Bible Class work during the year. Besides my Normal Class for my teachers in the school at the Institute, I am teaching a Normal Class at the Villa Isabel Church, to which most of the Sunday school teachers belong. There are rarely less than thirty present, and often fifty, including listeners. In the classes I am giving a synthetic rather than analytic study, and as our people heretofore have followed the analytic treatment of the Bible as a study, they are coming to understand it, as they say, in a new light.

My work in the night school has not been as satisfactory as I would have liked, and I am hoping that next year it can be arranged so the work will be better organized and give better results.

NANCY R. HOLT, SOCIAL EVANGELISTIC WORK.

Perhaps the most encouraging result of my work this year has been the establishment of a Baby Welfare Clinic, under the auspices and at the expense of the Federal Government, at our Institute. We supply the rooms and they the rest, even to a visiting nurse in the community. Of course there is a great need of this kind of work in our neighborhood, and we feel it is a big step forward in social uplift.

And we are delighted to have the demonstration Daily Vacation Bible

School conducted by the Sunday School Union on our grounds this year. All is running so smoothly and with so much enthusiasm that we feel sure it has come to stay. It is richly blessing our community, and all the children are charmed and the teachers are enjoying it thoroughly.

During the year our day school teachers made three thousand five hundred and forty visits in the homes of their pupils. Our Bible woman who visits in connection with the Church did good work, but her work cannot make as much show because we use her principally for keeping in touch with members in the suburbs, and each visit consumes much time.

COLLEGIO ISABELLA HENDRIX, BELLO HORIZONTE.

EMMA CHRISTINE, PRINCIPAL.

The keynote of the year just closing seems to have been "Advancement Along All Lines."

It is a great satisfaction to see the rapid growth and development of this school from year to year. Its pulse is much stronger now than it was nine years ago. We say this, not boastfully, but gratefully, realizing that many elements have entered in to bring this about.

Perhaps the preponderant element in the present rapid development of our work here is the better preparation of the Brazilian members of the faculty, especially of the primary teachers. To Bennett College is due in part the glory. This year we had two teachers from there; next year we should have four.

Among the higher grade teachers, D. Ignacia Guimaraes, with her splendid preparation at Peabody College, deserves special mention. Her classes in geography were good publicity for the school. For the first time many of the pupils studied geography with real enjoyment.

Proof of the good work done this year was evident in the splendid exhibition of all kinds of class work—maps, graphs, boys' handwork, compositions, outlines, drawings, sewing, dressmaking, and embroidery; and, last, but not least, the display presented by the class in domestic economy under the able direction of Miss Helen Johnston. This display was the greatest novelty of the exposition, not only because of the appetizing display of cakes, candies, bread, etc., but because of the neat little kitchen, open for inspection, which is said to be the only one in the great State of Minas.

The afternoon program rendered by the pupils of the primary grades and the graduation exercises which closed the year's work were very favorably commented on by the official press of the city. The editor-in-chief of the official paper of this State was the valedictorian of the occasion, and, as his address appeared in full in the morning paper, our school was widely advertised.

Fourteen girls finished the course of study of seven grades this year, seven in June and seven in November. And now two years will pass before another class is ready to be graduated, for we finally received permission to add two more years to the course of study, thus giving us two years of Junior High. We are grateful to those who "put the bill through."

Friends of the school are constantly asking, "When will you begin the new building?" When, O when? That is what we want to know. Please God it may not be far away, for it is hard to keep up an appearance of respectability and good humor in our present crowded conditions. God has greatly honored, blessed, and cheered the work of this school, but, in order to maintain its present enviable position before the public, it should be better housed.

The matriculation this year was two hundred.

HELEN JOHNSTON, DOMESTIC SCIENCE AND ENGLISH.

My work for the past year has been practically what it was for the year before. In addition to the classes in Domestic Science, Bible, and English, I have taught Physiology and have had the supervision of the boys' playground.

In Sunday school I taught a class composed of the larger girls from our boarding department. Owing to the influence of one of the girls who is a very staunch Roman Catholic and also a leader among the girls, I am sorry to say that there were not the visible results from the teaching of the Word that I had hoped and prayed for. I trust though that seed may have been sown that will germinate and bring forth fruit in the future.

The pleasant events of the year were the entertaining of the ladies in Annual Meeting in January, and then the representatives of the Woman's Missionary Society in their conference in June. These women are very enthusiastic in their work, and are becoming very much more efficient.

Thankful for the opportunities for work, but feeling that perhaps all were not improved as they should have been, I pray for greater zeal in the work of the coming year.

LUCY BELLE MORGAN, ENGLISH.

During the four years that I have been in Collegio Isabella Hendrix, my school work has been Arithmetic, English, and games—the latter calling each year for a Field-Day Program. This year that was varied by a match game of basket ball—perhaps the first out-of-the-city one for girls in Brazil—with the Granbery students. We have had other match games, local.

Another department that has fallen to me, and a great joy it has been, is the Social Service work of the Young People's Missionary Society. As medical students of the city, being unbiased by our religious standing, are glad to give the discourses, we have had no trouble in arranging special meetings in Hygiene. In fact, since we are practically shut off from the factory girls, hospitals, orphanages, etc., about the only way we can serve is in Public Welfare campaigns along health lines in these small group meetings.

Another part of my work is the Life Service Movement for the Bello Horizonte District. Two precious girls have already signed the cards. Next year we hope to have a band with regular meetings for study and devotion. Pray that God's spirit may rest on this work, guiding the young women who should give their lives to this great cause.

I have not forgotten my Sunday school class. It has been an inspiration to me. Every one has shown great interest, and one girl has written for permission to join "our religion." Pray for them; pray for me.

COLLEGIO PIRACICABANO, PIRACICABA.

LILY A. STRADLEY, PRINCIPAL.

The year 1925 has been for the Piracicabano a year of unusual privileges and of intense activity. The school has been full. The boarding department has been always crowded to its utmost capacity and the day department well attended. Much good work has been done.

Six young women have finished our twelve-year course. All of them are members of our Church and have gone out to do active work.

At the exposition at the close of the year, there were excellent displays of sewing, cooking, notebooks from all classes, including the commercial work, and paintings, and fancy work of high grade. The music department is one of the best in Brazil. The final festivities were well attended, the official discourse being given by Coelho Netto, the greatest living Brazilian man of letters.

In addition to scholastic work, the Piracicabano has been very active in Church work. We are now occupying our beautiful new church, and much of the work in our fine Sunday school is done by the teachers and pupils of the Piracicabano.

During the year we have helped to entertain the Annual Conference, the Life Service Band, and the Woman's Missionary Congress of the Central Conference, and from all of them gained great profit and inspiration. Among the many visitors who were a blessing to us were Bishop Dobbs and Mr. and Mrs. Hounshell.

SOPHIA SCHALCH, PSYCHOLOGY AND PEDAGOGY.

We had a very busy year. At the opening of school two teachers did not come—one on account of sickness at home, and the other one could not continue on account of ill health herself. I substituted for them both until arrangements could be made to engage another teacher to substitute for one and until the other could come back.

I had also my regular classes—two Psychology classes, one Pedagogy class, one Bible class, and one General Science class besides the Normal Class in Sunday school.

We had a very good school year, and the school fiesta and graduation day of three of our girls was very much appreciated by the parents, and caused several parents to engage places for another school year.

The Manual Arts and Domestic Science expositions were also very much appreciated.

GERTRUDE KENNEDY, HIGH SCHOOL SUBJECTS.

My second five years of service ended November 23. The last year has been spent as other years except for a change in my work. I taught all my subjects, Bible, History, Hygiene, and Ethics, in Portuguese, and had only one small class in English. In some of my classes I have been highly gratified by the manifestation of real interest in the work on the part of the pupils.

I had one very encouraging class in Bible from one of the lower grades in the school. One day a very interesting thing happened after I had taught one of the classes in the Gospel of Matthew. A very earnest little girl often stayed after class to express her interest. On this particular day of which I write, it was a few minutes before the recreation hour, and I sat down by the table near the window to prepare my lessons for the afternoon session. In the midst of my work I heard a timid little voice saying, "O, Miss Kennedy, did they really kill him? I have been reading some of the chapters toward the end of the book, and it seems to me that they did." When I said, "Yes," she remarked earnestly, "O! how could they? He was so good." She read the story with the interest with which many people read stories of adventure.

I try to be a friend to the girls of all ages, especially to the little ones, and it is interesting to see how they unfold their little natures. In their intimate visits one often has the opportunity for some word of advice or affection. I have been both surprised and gratified to see how these little girls imbibe new ideas. They are so impressionable. I earnestly pray that I may be found worthy to lead other little feet into "paths of peace and righteousness."

ALICE DENISON, ENGLISH AND HOME ECONOMICS.

After five months devoted only to language study, I took up my work at Collegio Piracicabano, and continued language study.

The first term making the plan for the new Domestic Science kitchen and teaching two English and two Home Economics classes were my particular duties. The second semester I had three English classes and

two Home Economic classes. With the exception of taking charge at the chapel hour, I also took my "duty day," as do all teachers of our boarding schools.

All in all, in spite of some difficulties and handicaps which we have, I enjoyed my work immensely. Most of the girls are lovely and responsive. It has been a real pleasure to work with and for them.

Now, after three weeks' vacation at Collegio Americano, I expect to return with renewed spirit and strength for the coming year's tasks.

COLLEGIO METHODISTA, RIBEIRAO PRETO.

LYDIA FERGUSON, PRINCIPAL.

"The battle is not thine, but the Lord's" has been my refuge and strength during these months when the battle seemed too much for my feeble resources.

I began the year in Collegio Bennett with the most satisfying work I have ever had in Brazil. We missionaries who are not specialists, and even the specialists, have to teach subjects and do work we are not prepared to do because there is no one else at the time to do it. But at the beginning of this year I felt I was master of what I had to do. I knew the pupils and I knew the subjects I had to teach, but it did not continue thus. In June Miss Putnam had to leave Brazil. It was necessary, it seemed, for some one to come to Ribeirao Preto. I was the only one who could be spared from any other school to fill in until the end of the year.

The school here has had a very successful year. The enrollment has been fine; the music department is in a flourishing condition. The girls are interested in the Sunday school, and under the direction of Miss Matthews a large number work very enthusiastically in the Young Woman's Missionary Society. All in all, we have much to be thankful for, though everything has not been just as it should have been.

I am always humiliated when I look back and see so many mistakes and the work that should have been done better, but, knowing the battle is the Lord's, we commit our work to him, and, in the words of Van Dyck's evening prayer, implore:

All the good I've tried to do
Honor, bless, and carry through."

JESSIE MOORE, COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT.

My work this year has been very much like that of the preceding year. I had charge of the housekeeping, which included the buying for the house and the keeping of house accounts; also the buying for the girls and the keeping of girls' accounts. I had a Bible Class and classes in English and typewriting. I also kept the afternoon study hall each day.

It was a great pleasure to take part in the Church work. I helped in both the Woman's and the Young People's Societies. A Sunday school class of small girls was a joy. As superintendent of the Cradle Roll, I became better acquainted with the Church people. I succeeded in organizing a Mothers' Club, where we could discuss such things as would be of help and interest to mothers.

We have almost completed our new church building in Ribeirao Preto and are very proud, for it represents a lot of hard work, but we will all enjoy it.

I have enjoyed my work in Ribeirao Preto and am so glad that I am to continue there next year.

SAO PAULO.

LEILA F. EPPS, EDITORIAL AND EVANGELISTIC WORK.

Since Miss Perkinson is not in Brazil at present and since I could not go to our Annual Meeting this time, I am sending my report directly to our Secretary in Nashville. I hope that it will get there by the time that the others do that are sent from Santa Maria. It was, indeed, a great disappointment to me not to be able to attend our Annual Meeting this year. This is the first one that I have ever missed. Dr. Lane's statement will tell you why I am not there. He seems to think that I need a bit of real relaxation; therefore, I am going to Minas next week to have about two or three weeks of vacation. Then I expect to come back to "Story Land" just bubbling over with new strength and enthusiasm with which to face the battles of the new year. The closing year has been the most trying one that has ever come into my experience. The financial crisis through which our city has passed has been distressing. Never have I worried about personal finances, but when I see what our beloved little *Bem-te-vi* is facing, I simply cannot rest day or night. In order to let you see just exactly how we are using our money, I have made exact copies of my record book for October, November, and December. You will see that I am closing up the year with not one cent of money, and our *Bem-te-vi* is owing the Publishing House ten contos of reis—at the present exchange, that is about \$1,500. I have cut down our running expenses all that I possibly can without seriously injuring our work and am going to do my very best to pay off this deficit just as soon as possible. I realize the financial strain that our Board of Missions is facing; therefore, I dare not ask for larger appropriations for our Literature Department. I hope that through economy and new subscriptions to our magazine we shall be able to some day pay our debt to the Publishing House.

Thank you for my copy of the "Foreign Missionary Manual." It is so splendid, just what we need, and I am studying it very carefully. On page 32 I read about making appeals, and I want to ask how I can get permission to appeal to some personal friends in the homeland. I believe that if they knew of our *Bem-te-vi*, the great need for clean, Christian literature in Brazil, the poverty of Brazilian literature for children, and our deficit just now, there are a number who would contribute to help us pay this debt and put our little magazine on its feet. I would like to write up this appeal, if you will give me the permission. Let me know what you think about it. I love our *Bem-te-vi* more than anything else on earth and would gladly give my life to see it thoroughly established in the hearts and homes of the millions of little children in Brazil whose little minds and hearts are starving to death for clean mental and spiritual food. I am hoping and praying and working that I may be able to see this before I go home for my next furlough, which will be due in 1927.

Just as soon as I found that I could not attend our Annual Meeting, I sent my requests to the Estimates Committee in Santa Maria, but we have no assurance of mail being delivered. Therefore I shall repeat them here:

Living expenses in Sao Paulo have gone up so that, at the present exchange, I need \$260 instead of \$200 a year for room rent. I need the regular appropriations that you have been making plus money to buy a heavy new Underwood typewriter. I think that it would cost about a hundred dollars in the States, but, at the present exchange, it would cost about \$150 in Sao Paulo. (The very next time that we get rich I want a beautiful multigraph.)

August of 1927 will mark five years since I have been back in Brazil this time, and I shall be fully ready for my furlough by that time. The work will need a rest from me, too; so I want to go home just as soon as the time comes. There are so many things that I need to learn about how to make

up a magazine for children and how to get up material for Missionary Societies, and a thousand other things. I am delighted because Miss Kellogg is coming to help me real soon, and I am going to begin sharing work and responsibility with her just as soon as she arrives. I know that she will be ready to take over the work of "Story Land" real soon and let me go home to learn some things that are so very necessary. Thank you for sending her to me! May she be a great help in the development of this department of our mission work in Brazil.

You will be pleased to know that our second Mission Study Book, which is the life of John G. Paton, has finally come off the press and will be bound next week. O, I am so happy about it. This terrible delay was caused by the electric power crisis here in our city. From the first of March to the first of November we had electric power for our machines to run only about two or three days a week. Now we have power six days a week, and the hum of the presses is music to our hearts. We sincerely hope that the crisis is passed.

There are so many things that I should like to put in a descriptive report, but feel that the statistics just now are more necessary. I have had my book examined, and all of the additions done on the adding machine, and find that they are correct. I am trying very hard to use our money as wisely and as economically as possible, and the one desire of my heart is to develop our Literature Department and make it worth more and more to the women and children in our "Beautiful Brazil." Pray for me and help me all that you possibly can. O, I do feel so weak and so ignorant.

May our Father richly bless you every one and make you rich blessings to all with whom you come in contact during the new year is the prayer of my heart for you.

COLLEGIO CENTENARIO, SANTA MARIA.

EUNICE F. ANDREW, PRINCIPAL.

We have had four good years since the opening of Collegio Centenario. This one, 1925, has been the best of all. At the close of it comes my furlough. I have in view a trip to Europe; yet I find myself loath to leave.

In mission work, as in other things, there is an ebb and flow of trials and blessings. The tide seems turned into blessings now, as I sum up another term of service.

During the year a Life Service Conference was held in our auditorium by Dr. Hounshell. A number of students consecrated their lives to Christian service. Later we organized a group of our very own dear girls into a little band. They are always willing to do any line of Christian work, in the Church or in the school. Some teach in our Sunday school on Sunday mornings, and one teaches in a little mission on Sunday afternoons. They also work in the League, and with the missionary programs.

Our large auditorium was crowded at the closing exercises. Eight girls received certificates this year. They will enter high school next term. There are six girls in the tenth grade. With one exception, they are unusually bright and studious girls.

We have a very interesting Young Ladies' Missionary Society. The charter members were all students in Collegio Centenario. They are raising money to help support the school in Bento Gonçalves. Much of the work in our Sunday school, League, and visitation work is done by the teachers and pupils of our school.

Besides my work in Sunday school, I have worked in our local Missionary Society, both as Vice President and President. It has proved to be interesting work. I have labored with and taught these women, whom I have learned to love, both in the Missionary Society and Sunday school.

We are now in vacation. The painters are busy. The brick masons are at work with the drainage on our property. Much has been done, but there is much to be done yet.

The visits of Bishop Dobbs, and Dr. and Mrs. Hounshell proved to be a great spiritual blessing to us.

ROSALIE STEWART BROWN, GYMNASTICS AND GRADE SUBJECTS.

This year has passed so quickly! Time has, indeed, not been heavy on our hands. With English, gymnasium, manual training, writing classes, and one class each of Geography and History, my moments have been well filled.

A great inspiration to me was the Normal Class which I taught at Sunday school. There were fourteen young girls in this class. They studied a course of study which covered the Old and the New Testaments. We hope to have well-prepared Sunday school teachers in the future.

Another phase of my work has been to superintend a mission Sunday school. There is a great field for service in the community where it is held. The people are so ignorant of the Bible! It is such a privilege to try to teach them to know this wonderful Book, to know Jesus as their Saviour, and to know God as their true Father.

I am so thankful to have a part in the Master's work.

COLLEGIO AMERICANO, PORTO ALEGRE.

MARY SUE BROWN, PRINCIPAL.

The year has been an unusually good one from every point of view. The matriculation has increased considerably. Practically all of our old pupils returned, and the new ones who came in were very desirable. We received a number of advanced pupils from Protestant families.

The school has never had a better health record than it has had this year. The doctor came only one time during the entire nine months of school.

The grade of work done by both teachers and pupils has been above the average. The children are becoming more interested in the idea of completing the course of study. Heretofore, few girls cared to stay longer than the sixth grade. This year we have over twenty girls in the seventh grade. We hope all of these may complete the ninth grade in 1927.

A small building was constructed in July on the lower edge of the campus to be used for the music department. The release from the noise of the pianos was a great help to the teachers.

The financial condition of the school has been much better this year than last. Prices were raised a little in both board and tuition, and this helped a great deal. There have been no emergency expenses to set us back; so all was gain and nothing loss. The school also secured an immensely good housekeeper, who stopped many small, unnecessary expenses, and who has managed the household conscientiously.

During the year the school lost three teachers from the faculty, and their places were filled after considerable difficulty, but, in spite of these interruptions of school work, the year has been very satisfactory.

Misses Sikkelee and Pruitt will be ready for regular work in March, and, with the knowledge they have gained of the school and the city during their stay in Porto Alegre, they will be able to render valuable service in the school. All of us regret deeply the taking of Miss Kellogg from our group and feel that the school will suffer a real loss in not having her with us next year.

RUTH A. KELLOGG, ENGLISH.

A year ago I came to Collegio Americo in joyful anticipation of my work here. This has been a year of learning and of teaching. I have

continued my language study. I have learned to know more of Brazil, of our work here, and of the Brazilian child, whom to know is to love.

My teaching has included English, Science, and Bible. I have never found more joy in my work or pupils more responsive.

Many things have brought joy to us at Collegio Americano; the increased course of study, the desire of our girls to continue their studies, a good student body, signs of a school spirit, and the earnest helpful spirit of our Brazilian coworkers.

I wish I might give you a picture of a day in our school, and yet it would not be different from days in many other schools. Perhaps it is only as we live day by day with these children, try to satisfy their desire for knowledge and develop in them the highest and best that we find the joy and satisfaction in our work, the desire to "carry on" for the sake of God's kingdom in Brazil.

LANGUAGE STUDY.

DAISYE FERGUSON.

On August 13, 1925, I arrived in Rio. After spending a week in Collegio Bennett, it was my privilege to live in a Brazilian home in Rio for three months. While there, I had the opportunity to learn the customs and habits of the Brazilians. Miss Hinton was with me.

The 9th of December we moved out to Bennett, left on the 10th for the Institute for Teachers, which was held in Juiz de Fora.

I could not be situated more happily, because my three desires have been to come to Brazil, work in Bennett, and teach Physical Education, and I have all three.

As I look forward to the future, I hope that I may be able to serve Him in the greatest possible way.

MARY TURA HINTON.

The happiest days of my life were spent in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, beginning August 1, 1925. It was the realization of my long-cherished hopes of being able to work for Christ on a foreign field.

I spent three and a half months in a Brazilian home and had for my teacher Dona Amalia Andrade, of Nitheroy, who is experienced in teaching new missionaries. Although we do not speak the language fluently, we are not discouraged and know that it is not an impossibility to learn to speak the language of the people whom we have to serve.

During December we attended the Institute held by the Evangelical Churches of Brazil for the enlightenment of their teachers. One of the greatest gains here was the contact with our fellow workers.

MABEL JETTON.

At last my dream is being realized, and how happy I am that the path of God's choosing has led me to this beautiful land of Brazil, to Rio Grande do Sul in particular! I realize more and more what a "white field" is this for Christian service. I shall be so very glad when I shall be prepared to begin teaching. My time is now being devoted to language study. I find that Portuguese is a very beautiful and very interesting language.

CORNELIA SIKKELEE.

Shortly after my arrival in Porto Alegre, I began language study, spending the first two months in a Brazilian home.

In November I took up duties in Collegio Americano in order to get acquainted with the girls, the course of study, and general routine.

My first four months in Porto Alegre have been full of wonderful experiences, and I am looking forward to the work of the coming year.

SUSIE PRUITT.

I reached Porto Alegre on August 31, 1925. On September 2, 1925, I began the study of Portuguese, spending two months in a Brazilian home.

I returned to the college in November in order to learn something about its work before the departure of Miss Brown.

I like Brazil, its people, and its language, and am looking forward to the New Year with high hopes.

CONGO MISSION.

WEMBO NYAMA HOSPITAL.

KATHRON WILSON, REGISTERED NURSE.

We should, indeed, be ungrateful if our hearts were not full of gladness and praise for the blessings that have come to us this year.

Up until the close of the third quarter we had treated something like twelve thousand patients, having performed a number of major operations and many minor ones. We have had more cases come to us than we could possibly take care of, and some such distressing cases one can not describe.

To my mind, the training of a native staff is a wonderful part of the work. We have four nurses that we are very proud of—One young woman and three young men. The work and development of some of our girls and boys has been the most delightful and encouraging feature of the work. I would like to make mention of a young woman who entered our "Girls' Home" in 1919. She has developed into a beautiful Christian girl, and is one of our most efficient helpers in the hospital work. She is trusted not only in taking care of patients and assisting in the laboratory work, but is able to give the anæsthetics for major operations. She does it with dignity and poise.

It is perhaps a far cry from the little, crude, ignorant, black girls to the trained Christian women who shall go out as Bible women and nurses for their own people, but I have seen enough to know that such is not only a possibility, but will surely come if we are faithful to Him in our training of them.

REPORT OF BUSINESS DEPARTMENT, MINGA STATION.

CHRISTINE ALLEN.

Money, paper, books, mail, merchandise, etc., are all to be desired; yet such things are uninteresting subjects for a short paper. Although the general purpose of missions is to teach, preach, and heal, and, by these means, give a knowledge of Jesus Christ to souls who know him not, some time must be given to the various things mentioned above.

Such work in our Congo Mission is not chosen by lot. Nevertheless, a great part of it at Minga Station fell to me. There was money to collect, receive, and to give out to various departments in order that teaching, healing, and preaching might go on. In America the express wagon, general and special delivery, automobiles, express trains, etc., bring goods to your doors daily. In the Congo, in place of these conveniences, human beings must be called and sent on various missions in all directions over rough and steep paths, often many days away, in order that we may have our personal necessities and those for the work of the mission. To call men to be used as beasts of burden, give them money to buy food, tell them plainly what they are to do, examine the goods and pay them upon their return, is not always an easy task. Especially does the task become trying when you are not well and the men complain. There were men

sent out day after day. There were always from twenty-five to one hundred or more weekly.

To listen with interest to the story of Christ or to hear a good gospel sermon when one is hungry, cold, or naked is not always easy. Thus some of these material necessities must be provided. In order to meet this need a mission store is kept with things that the people want and need. It was my privilege to serve in this capacity. To carry on this work as well as medical, evangelistic, educational, and industrial, an accurate account must be kept of all money paid out and received as well as all goods bought and sold. Thus this Business Department must keep books. All of the incoming and outgoing mail for the entire mission comes through Minga. Even though such serving of tables day by day does grow monotonous, it must not be neglected, for all other departments draw from this and are more or less dependent upon it.

I left Minga last August. Did another person come to carry on this work? No. A man on the station, and already overworked, took all of this upon his shoulders, believing that in some way Christ would give him strength to do *all* of those things at hand. I taught in our morning school. When I left, who filled this place? A new or old well-trained worker? No. A little native boy of thirteen or fourteen years who had had a little training was left in charge. "A little child shall lead them."

What is the remedy for all of this? Can these conditions be relieved? Give, send, and pray, and these primitive conditions will be changed, and able but dormant souls will awaken and His kingdom will come and we shall all be brothers and sons of the Most High God.

CUBA MISSION.

COLEGIO BUENAVISTA, HAVANA.

IONE CLAY, PRINCIPAL.

The possession of a dual or perhaps a triple personality would seem an appropriate part of the equipment of this missionary, my work during the first part of last year having been that of filling the place of Miss Dora L. Ingrum in Monterrey, Mexico, and during the latter half of it of Miss M. Belle Markey in Havana. Since the former period will be covered by Miss Ingrum's report, I shall speak of just the work in Colegio Buenavista, where I have been since the first of August.

The pleasure of returning to Cuba, though mixed with regret on leaving people and work that I loved in Mexico, was heightened on arrival in Havana by the splendid condition in which I found the affairs of the school. Thanks to the foresight and the efficient administration of Miss Markey and to the excellent work done after her departure by Miss Jones, all indications pointed to a large enrollment for the new term and a year of progress. This outlook has been justified by the outcome thus far; one enrollment of one hundred and sixty-eight in 1925 was the largest to date in the history of the school, necessitating the purchase of new desks and beds, the utilization of practically all the vacant space in the two buildings, and the starting of a waiting list in the boarding and normal departments before the opening of classes. We have regretted very much the necessity of postponing admittance in the case of several earnest young women who are eager to fit themselves for positions as teachers, so much needed in our schools.

In the various phases of school work, both teachers and students have manifested a cordial spirit of coöperation. Since the transfer of Miss Chalmers to Matanzas, the position of Primary Supervisor has been ably filled by Miss Lucile Lewis. The Music Department is full, and plans

are already being made for a spring recital. The Athletic Association makes its influence felt, not only in the good health and spirits of the girls, but in the carrying over into other departments of school life something of the ideals of good sportsmanship. Srita. Adolfin del Pino, our first Normal graduate, is meeting with success in her teaching, while the three fine young women who finish their course of training next May are getting valuable experience in teaching under supervision. In the Elementary grades we note a steady increase in the per cent of pupils on the Honor Roll for good attendance, deportment, and scholarship, the number in December being twice as large as in September. A new departure in the program of the Loyal Temperance Legion has been the organization, initiated by members of the Legion itself, of special classes for study of the various aspects of the temperance question, in which all students in the school are enrolled.

All of our boarding students and more than half of the day pupils are members of the Leland Memorial Sunday School, in which six of the *normalistas* are teachers. But practically all of the student body, irrespective of Church affiliation, had a part in the Sunday school's Christmas offering to Orfila Mission, contributing altogether more than ninety-six dollars. I have never seen people give with more evident pleasure.

We have been happy in our work in Buenavista and expect next year to be better than the last.

JUNIA JONES, ENGLISH AND SCHOOL HYGIENE.

Each year my work becomes more interesting, though, for the most part, it remains the same—English classes, sports, in which Miss Sharpe is assisting, and supervision of the older girls in the dormitory.

School hygiene is an interesting addition to my schedule, and the first year Normal class likes it very much, since it gives them their first study of the child. The older Normal students in my Sunday school class have selected the characters they wish to study in the "Women of the Bible."

Last year our Athletic Club challenged the National University team to the first girls' intercollegiate basket ball series ever played in Cuba. Later we had the second Field Day ever held for girls in the Island.

DRETA SHARPE, ENGLISH.

It is hard to realize that almost four months have passed since our arrival in Havana, so full of pleasant and interesting experiences has this time been. I feel that it is a great privilege to be here, though it seems I have not as yet been much of an asset.

The morning hours are set aside for language study, and the afternoon for classes. One class in Bible, four classes in English, and one class each month in temperance instruction constitute my teaching work. I assist Miss Jones some in the athletic work and alternate with Miss Woodward, the music teacher, in duty work with the eight little girls who room on our floor. It is a great opportunity for service with even this number.

We see so much in the lives of these people that is attractive and worth while, and in this wonderful land, stamped with its historic quaintness and at the same time influenced by modern innovations; we long to see Cuba won to Christ. This is the day of opportunity; pray that we may be faithful in living and holding up the Christ in this land.

LUCILE LEWIS, PRIMARY METHODS.

My work at Colegio Buenavista has been as interesting as it has been varied. I have had English classes with the little children in the first and second grades. I have had, also, a class in penmanship with the fifth and sixth grades. Three times a week I have met the sixth-grade students

for a class in Bible study. Although I have felt deeply my limited knowledge of their language, yet with divine help we have learned great lessons from the Master Teacher. Once a month we devote a chapel period to the study of scientific temperance. This is a new phase of work, but, needless to say, it is a very important and worth-while study.

My work with the Normal students has also been very interesting and encouraging. I have had a class with the third-year Normal students in "Applied Pedagogy"; I have also been put in charge of the supervision of the practice teaching in the primary grades. I meet with these practice teachers on Mondays for a class in manual training; and, on three days in the week, we meet for the discussion of classroom problems and for planning their school work, etc. I have found these student teachers very ambitious and capable. They take an active part in all the school and Church activities.

I have enjoyed my work in the Sunday school. I am superintendent of the Primary Department. Sometimes on Saturday afternoon I have had the opportunity of visiting in the homes of our patrons and Sunday school members.

My first year in Cuba has been a very busy, but a very happy one!

CENTRAL PLANT, HAVANA.

ANNE DEAVOURS, EVANGELISTIC WORK.

I came to Havana the first of September and am just getting so I feel a bit at home. Since I had no special work assigned for me, I have been able to pick up some in connection with the Cuban Church and the school. I teach three small English classes in the school and have also three special pupils for English. I have organized two handwork clubs of small boys and one other such club for several little colored girls. The clubs meet once a week after school hours, and the children are very much interested in their work. During the club hours there are always a number of "waiters" on the outside who are in hopes of being permitted to take the place of some absent member. I have a very interesting Sunday school class of small boys and also work through the different organizations of the Church. The rest of my time I spend visiting for the pastor of the Cuban Church. There is still much work to be done in Havana, although three other Protestant denominations are at work here.

COLEGIO IRENE TOLAND, MATANZAS.

CLARA CHALMERS, PRINCIPAL.

Progress is the keynote at Irene Toland. Our children are enjoying a new covered walk between buildings, a covered stairway from dormitory to dining room, new playgrounds, including an additional lot, a basket ball court, and in a couple of weeks our new tennis court will be complete. We also have a new truck for our autobus which facilitates the transportation of our children to and from school.

We have a right to be proud of our native teachers. They have demonstrated a deep personal interest in the work and have investigated and practiced modern methods in the classroom. Their interest in the home spiritual life of their pupils has led them to visit in the homes of our children, disclosing a strong Catholic opposition.

Miss May Johnson, our new missionary, is enjoying her study of the fascinating Spanish language. She is also leading our girls in sports. The children enter whole-heartedly into the games, and we are looking forward to a field day in the spring.

Our piano department is our pride, and we believe its enrollment of forty-four for the year is one of the largest in the history of the school. The Cuban teacher is very efficient and loves her work.

The enrollment in our dormitories is larger than it has been in many years. We have enrolled fifty-six during the year.

This fall we stressed evangelistic work among our students, especially preparing our girls for the revival services at our Church. During these preparatory meetings, I preached my first real sermon, and to my own family of boarding girls. I was rewarded by every one coming up and saying that they wanted to live the Christ life, and that they wanted to investigate further what it meant to be a Christian and a Protestant.

Miss Bertha Tucker has been with us this year to open evangelistic work in Matanzas. The field is ripe unto the harvest. Matanzas needs and is ready for settlement work. Our prayers accompany our efforts to assist Miss Tucker in realizing this greatly needed third form of Christian service. Pray for a great Church, a great school, and a great Christian settlement in Matanzas to take Matanzas for Christ.

MAY JOHNSON, PHYSICAL EDUCATION.

I have been in Cuba four months, but in many ways it seems much longer than that. From the first, I have felt perfectly at home, and inability to speak the language has proved a much smaller handicap than I had expected. I love beautiful Cuba and its people and am very happy to have a part in the work of the kingdom here.

Of course the greater part of my time is given to language study. I have always been especially fond of languages and am finding my study of Spanish more fascinating all the time. It is a beautiful language and does not seem very difficult.

I teach four English classes, one of beginners, and the others of older girls, and, as this is my first teaching experience, it is proving very interesting indeed.

Each afternoon I have all the boarding students for sports, and this is the part of my work that I love best. It is something new here, and the girls have little idea of what real play is. They know nothing of team spirit, and sometimes the task looks rather discouraging, but already I can see great improvement. The girls are learning dodge ball, volley ball, basket ball, etc. They are divided in two teams and competing for a cup and working for individual monograms. I am hoping to be able to have a Field Day this spring. Since good sportsmanship is a necessary part of Christian character, the opportunity offered by the sports hour thrills me and challenges my best efforts.

It is a joy to live in the dormitory with the girls, and during these months when I could not speak for him, I have prayed that my life might daily witness for my Master. Through work with the choir, composed of some of the young people of the Church, and the Epworth League, I am already finding a small place that I can fill in the work of the Church.

These months in Cuba have been filled with such a wonderful joy. All around me I am daily seeing new needs and opportunities for service, but the Father has given perfect peace and patience during these days of waiting and further preparation for his service.

COLEGIO ELIZA BOWMAN, CIENFUEGOS.

FRANCES B. MOLING, PRINCIPAL.

I wish I might tell you the story of a completed task, but, instead of that, I tell the old story again "lest we forget" that our building is inadequate, is poorly arranged. We teach on corridors, under the trees, and in bed rooms. And let me add to that, we have given up our dormitory, turned away the few girls it would accommodate, and made of it a school-room, with space cut off at one end sufficient for a double-decker bed, a wardrobe and dresser for the accommodation of two girls who remain

this year to finish their second year high school. We have done this that we might send them to our Normal Department at Buenavista, Havana, the coming year.

Since we bought the property we now occupy, two large Catholic schools have been built; one, a boarding school for boys, occupying two blocks just east of us, and costing more than \$200,000, and another for girls, two blocks southwest of us, also at a great expenditure of money. Three blocks to the south stands the Jesuit school, which is quite as large as the first mentioned, if not so modern.

In comparison with what has been done by our other schools during the past three years, our work looks small. Within the Province live 35,425 girls of school age. A certain per cent may be found in the public schools, a larger per cent in the Catholic schools, and a small per cent in ours. We ought to be able to take our share. As for religious belief, the population is largely Catholic, but I think it may be said that many of our boys and girls have no religion and do not attend any church with regularity. We need an assembly hall or a clubroom, or something that would be conducive to promote the club spirit. A gymnasium would give us this opportunity, saying nothing of what it would mean to us to have a place where the whole school could be assembled every day. The children have done their level best this year to raise funds for a gymnasium. So have the teachers, raising nearly fifteen hundred dollars by their own special efforts, but we lack \$4,000 of having enough in spite of our efforts.

Some very necessary improvements have been made during the year, such as the placing of iron park seats upon cement squares under the large algarroba tree on the lawn, so that children who have to wait or come early may have a place to sit. We use these seats, also, for class work. A wire trellis has been placed before the unsightly tanks, fronting on Santa Elena Street, and a motor pump, so placed as to carry the water from a lower tank to a higher one where the pressure is sufficient to carry the water throughout the house.

Shall I tell you of some of our hopes? We hope a fund will be provided which will give us, at least, a part of the building we so much need, as well as a dormitory, that the cry of our children for room to grow and prepare themselves for the responsibilities of life may be met with a response from somewhere that shall be worthy of our Master's cause. We hope for a driveway, and that will cost us \$1,800. We hope for all these things because we believe in the children and young women of Cuba. And then we hope for a blessing that may surpass all we have received in grace and peace and joy and progress.

ANNIE CHURCHILL, BIBLE.

Another year has gone, and just such a one as I have not lived before—at home, meeting loved ones and old friends, telling of our Cuban mission to those who wished to learn how we carry on our work here, and attending the never-to-be-forgotten Council Meeting in Tulsa. How I wish all missionaries could attend these annual meetings often.

On my return to Cuba, in June, I remained in Matanzas during Miss Chalmers' vacation, coming to Cienfuegos early in August. It was like another homecoming, as I have been here on two other occasions, and friends were here to welcome me.

Our days are full, and sometimes hard. Still, every morning the promise "as thy day is, so shall thy strength be" is verified in us; so we are happy, and glad we have a part in this work.

I have two and one-half hours in the schoolroom, have oversight of the dining room and kitchen, and help wherever there is need.

My Bible class is composed of the four most advanced pupils. They are all active members of the Church and are much interested in their work.

We are planning to do some special work during the revival services in January.

In Sunday school my class is composed of English-speaking women. The work is pleasant. I arrived just as the former teacher was leaving the city, and, as all other classes are provided for, it must be my place, though I would like a class of Cuban girls.

During our annual meeting in Havana, plans were made to awaken interest among our missionary societies. Some are doing well, while others are losing interest, and we are striving to hold them true.

We are glad to know the new workers who came out this fall, and now as our force is doubled we should accomplish much more.

I am so happy to be back and at work again. Pray that our school here may continue to grow and be a blessing to many.

Laura Lee, Evangelistic Work.

My work has been in the city, and, with the help I have, we have more than doubled our enrollment in the Primary and Beginners' Departments since October besides forty-two new babies on the Cradle Roll. We have furnished our departments since May with chairs, blackboards, cabinet, tables, and other much-needed helps, amounting to \$121.04. Our Thanksgiving offering for the poor and shut-ins was \$86.07, and our Christmas offering was \$20, making a total of \$227.11. We did this without asking for a penny from the other part of the Sunday school.

MEXICO MISSION.

COLEGIO ROBERTS, SALTILLO.

Virginia Booth, Principal.

The past year was rich in blessings and rare opportunities. At its beginning, I had the delightful privilege of visiting the Holy Land, Egypt, and other Bible lands—an experience which enriched both mind and heart and made the teachings of the Scriptures so very real that I find myself day by day increasingly grateful for having had it. I feel that it was granted by a loving Providence that I might be enabled to interpret more clearly God's Word and the life of our blessed Saviour to those to whom he has sent me to minister.

Only one who has returned from a furlough could realize my joy on being back in my field of labor, in spite of the heavy responsibility which I found awaiting me. I am continuing my Bible classes in the Normal Department of Colegio Roberts, acting as principal during Miss Roberts's furlough and helping to direct the Student Volunteer work in the absence of Miss Wynn.

Our school is having a very prosperous year, and God is richly blessing us. Among our hundreds of students, there prevails a fine, wholesome atmosphere, and the work of God's spirit is manifest in the developing and deepening of their spiritual life. Twelve states and eight nationalities are represented in our student body.

Our Student Volunteer Band consists of twenty-five young women who have been sent from our various mission schools for training in special lines of Christian service—as evangelistic workers, teachers, business women, and some are specializing in Domestic Science.

We have nearly one hundred girls and young women in our boarding department, and many have had to be turned away; the need of a new and adequate dormitory is being felt more keenly each year as well as that of a chapel for assemblies of our student body. Such interest is manifested in our opening services that there is not room for those who

wish to attend. The Bible lessons given in these services are leaving deep impressions.

It is our earnest prayer that the good treasures of the written and living Word may so be opened to our hundreds of students that their lives shall be purified and that they shall become channels of blessing to others.

EDITH PARK, BIBLE AND OFFICE.

The year has slipped by so rapidly that it is almost impossible to realize that the time has come again to send in annual reports.

My classroom work from January to June consisted in Bible Classes in the Normal Grades. Miss Roberts's furlough beginning in July made necessary some shifting in the missionaries' duties, and, in her absence, the office work has been my portion, and I have shared the housekeeping with Miss Buck.

It was with regret that I left the classroom, but in the close contact with the girls in the direction of the domestic work the opportunity has come to know them even better and to help them in many ways. Even in the routine of the office work, opportunities present themselves for service, and it has been my prayer that every girl who came to my desk, for whatever purpose, with a request, a complaint, or a problem, might go away with higher ideals and stronger purposes. Our boarding department has increased in numbers, and there is a good spirit in the home.

As always, my part in the work in the Sunday school and Missionary Society has brought me individual blessings. I have taught the Bible Study Class in the Missionary Society during the past year. We have studied the Psalms, and the last service of the year was given to a memory contest; several of the women had memorized nearly all the Psalms that we had studied during the year.

LORRAINE BUCK, HOME ECONOMICS.

Since the last school year my duties have changed. Last year beside my Home Economics work I had classes in English. This year, because of the absence of Miss Martha Roberts, who has been the housekeeper for some time, Miss Park and I are sharing the household duties. I enjoy this very much, for it gives me a very good opportunity to correlate the classroom work with the work in the home. In this way it is so much easier to teach our girls that they can put into practice the theories that they learn in the schoolroom.

Only the last three Normal Grades take Home Economics, but we have also a more varied course for those who wish to specialize in this department. This year we have one young woman who is graduating. We are looking forward to the time when we can supply all of our schools and "Centro Cristianos" with housekeepers and teachers. Naturally, as the school grows, this department enlarges. This year two of the classes had to be divided into several groups. An addition that we have this year is a model dining room. Some day we hope to have a model home.

One of the most interesting as well as the most enjoyable parts of my work is my Sunday school class. I have the fourth-year Junior boys and girls, and you could not find a more precious group anywhere.

EULA WINN, ENGLISH.

In July I was appointed to Mexico, and since September I have been in Saltillo. My time has been divided between teaching and language study. I have been teaching English in the five years of the Normal Department. In these classes there are more than a hundred girls, the majority of whom are anxious to learn to speak and to read English, and some of them have begun to ask to be taught to read the Bible and books on the Bible in English. I have been teaching a Sunday school class of

American children whose interest in their work books and in the Bible stories is a delight. Also, I have helped with the routine work that always falls to the lot of those who live in a girls' boarding school.

These months have been most happy ones, and I hope that in the coming year I will be able to be of more use than I have been thus far.

INSTITUTO INGLES-ESPANOL, MONTERREY.

DORA L. INGRUM, PRINCIPAL.

Thinking back over the year 1925, it seems to have been one of varied occupations, opportunities, and responsibilities. The greater part of the first five months were spent in study and finishing the work required for my A.M. degree. One of the greatest privileges of the year was the opportunity to attend the Washington Convention of Missions. Since my return to Mexico, conditions have changed so rapidly that it seems that at times I would have been overwhelmed if I had not received the vision of mission work as presented at that great convention.

After graduation, I spent most of the two months which remained of my furlough year in my own home trying to take a much-needed rest. There is no need to tell how glad I was to return to Monterrey after the year's furlough.

Miss Ione Clay's going to Cuba seemed to be a great loss to our school, but Miss Myrtle James and Miss Vada Gilliland were here for the opening of school, and I find in them two competent coworkers.

Because of the Mexican laws, the success of the Spanish Department depends upon the work of the Mexican teachers. I appreciate the faithfulness of our entire faculty.

In spite of the national feeling that has probably grown more rapidly in Monterrey than in any other part of Mexico, I believe that God can use me here, and I am praying that I may be used by him in this time of crisis.

MYRTLE JAMES, ENGLISH.

To say that our room, which is called the "Willing Worker's" in appreciation of what the Willing Workers' Class of Plantersville, Miss., does for us, is full is no exaggeration when all classes are in there. As my girls eagerly grasp my language, I use every avenue available to help them grasp the right conception of my Saviour. The law prohibits teaching the Bible, but it cannot prohibit my Protestant pupils from introducing it to their Roman Catholic schoolmates in all its beauty. Some of our Roman Catholic pupils have begun to read the Bible, and all are singing our songs.

My close relationship with our boarders gives me an opportunity to know, as it were, their very heart throbs and their sincere desires for life's plan. The influence of one of these—a volunteer—has so permeated the lives of my pupils that the most frivolous, especially the ones she sits near, are being converted into strong characters.

The little park across the street, where I go for rest and inspiration, shopping, visiting—all open many a door for the distribution of leaflets and conversation about the great Creator.

VADA GILLILAND, ENGLISH.

Some one has said that "so long as we love, we serve." After all, love is the basis of all true service; and love, it seems to me, is the only solution to any problem that may arise in any mission field, and especially in the present crisis in Mexico. During this year there has come to me with greater force than ever before the true meaning of the thirteenth chapter of 1 Corinthians.

I love my work in Monterrey very much, and never have I had a more responsive group of pupils than the ones I have this year—pupils who are

intensely interested in their work. I love them very much and believe that I have won their love and confidence, so that now I have a basis on which to work to bring them to my Christ. A few of them know him, but the majority do not. It seems hard, at times, that the law prevents any religious teaching whatsoever in the schoolroom, but I am glad that there are many opportunities outside of school hours.

My language study is very enjoyable because I had a good foundation of Spanish on which to build, and it makes me happy that the means of communication with the people I love may be more quickly attained.

It is my prayer that as I go about my work, I may be so filled with the Spirit and love of my Master that I may truly represent him and may work on with faith that he will use my every effort for the advancement of his kingdom.

CENTRO CRISTIANO, MONTERREY.

SARAH E. WARNE, HEAD RESIDENT.

As we believed from the very opening of Centro Cristiano four years ago that the Lord would prosper this line of work, so now as we review the past, we rejoice in that all and even more than that we had hoped for has been granted.

Our purpose was to make our presence in the community felt through the spirit of love and service, and we truly feel that this has been realized to a great extent.

Extensive advertising is not necessary, as friends who have proved the institution bring their friends. Knowing us, they know the principle on which we work and are brought either directly or indirectly to a knowledge of the God we serve.

Of all the departments, that of Bible takes first place, the number enrolled during the year being one hundred and seventy. This work is in charge of one of the native-trained teachers, and she is a living testimony of the splendid work being done in the Bible Training Department of Colegio Roberts.

The cooking classes in charge of Miss Amy Jo Burns, assisted by our very able Mexican worker, Sra. A. A. de Reyes, have been and are continuing to be very popular; the number enrolled is one hundred and sixty-four.

English classes follow with an enrollment of one hundred and forty-eight; sewing, fifty-one; kindergarten, forty-eight; Spanish classes, forty-two; clubs, sixty, etc. The total enrollment has reached eight hundred and thirty-eight, not including playground activities.

We have been handicapped in expecting to get possession of Hospital Monterrey and not having any certainty as to when; thus we have lingered on two years longer in our cramped, rented quarters than we had hoped for. I trust that definite plans may be made for a larger place where the work may expand.

The Lord has been good, and we long to extend his kingdom when we feel that he has prepared the way already.

AMY JO BURNS, HOME ECONOMICS.

Seemingly just a few short months have gone by since I sent in my annual report, but, in reality, another year has passed into oblivion. What has been accomplished, I ask myself. Our cooking department has more than doubled its enrollment; our English department likewise. This year we have been able to give cooking classes for school girls ranging from eleven to fourteen years of age. It is a joy to work with these girls. They are so eager, so willing and ready to learn, and seem so very proud to exhibit the product of their labors. We now have about thirty-five enrolled in these classes, and their popularity is growing throughout the city.

Little by little the double wall of partition is breaking—we realize it, and yet we are almost afraid to make the advance, Catholicism is so deeply rooted, even in the very fibers of the lives of our people. This is a time when we need to be much in prayer, that He will lead and guide us aright, feeling assured that he makes no mistakes and resting secure in this faith.

HOSPITAL MONTERREY, MONTERREY.

NAOMI CHAPMAN, REGISTERED NURSE.

The work at Monterrey Hospital has been better in 1925 than any year since the hospital reopened. So many more Mexican doctors are bringing their patients here than ever before. There were twenty Mexican doctors who brought patients here during the year. We like to see them do it, because that gives us so many more people to work with. It also gives the nurses in training the chance of working for so many different doctors.

There has been much more charity and semi-charity work done the past year than ever before.

The Nurse Training Department has been given the most careful attention during this past year. As a whole, the nurses have done very good work in class and in practical work. All of our graduates have good positions, in private hospitals and working for the doctors in private duty. Two of our graduates have married. One of our Senior nurses has just married one of our prominent doctors here. He has always been a great help to the hospital. He is a graduate of Harvard. We feel elated because he chose one of our nurses for his wife, although we hated to give her up. They are both Presbyterians. The nurses in Mexico are still looked upon more or less as servants. We hope that this incident will raise the standard of nurses in the eyes of some of the people. At present we have thirteen nurses in training. We have a good, strong corps of teachers this year; so we expect to accomplish much more with the nurses than we have in former years.

I was very happy to be able to attend both the District and Annual Conferences this year for the first time since I came. I feel that I was very fortunate to be able to do so.

The X-ray Department has done a wonderful work. We have one of the best X-ray machines in the whole Republic of Mexico. We have our own laboratory also. So we are able to do all kinds of work.

We will be very happy when we can get our new hospital building. Monterrey has no modern hospital, and if we can have the first one, it will mean much.

I am very thankful that I have been here in the hospital to help carry on the Master's work. We need all of your prayers to help us.

PEARL L. HALL, REGISTERED NURSE.

My report is late going in, but, to be perfectly frank, I forgot all about it. I have nothing new to tell. The year's work has been simply a continuation of language study and operating-room work. There have been numbers of interesting experiences. It is good to have a share in doing worth-while things for the Mexicans who come under our care, and, best of all, to see Mexican girls develop in nursing technique.

INSTITUTO MACDONELL, DURANGO.

MYRTLE POLLARD, PRINCIPAL.

This was a year of change, of new adjustments, new responsibilities, and new joys. The first half of the year was spent in my quiet little classroom in Chihuahua, devoting much time to visiting in the homes of my pupils, happy in the fact that many of these children and their home people

were beginning to attend our Sunday school and Church. I was calmly completing plans for the enlargement of those activities for the coming school year when I found myself under appointment to Durango as principal of MacDonell Institute. Taking as my own the verse, "My God will supply all thy need," I came here to face the responsibility that was so gigantic for me. The task proved even greater than anyone had thought, because before a month was over my missionary comrade, Miss Charley Cunningham, had to leave the field on account of her health. Soon afterwards, two very helpful American teachers also had to return to the States. Since then, I have been the only American in the house, but so dear are some of my Mexican comrades that I am seldom conscious of the difference of nationality. In it all our Father has, indeed, met every need. We have always heard of Durango's being the most fanatical of all our mission stations in Mexico. That opposition is still intense, but in many hearts there is evidence of a deep spiritual hunger. A number of people have come here in the evenings saying frankly that they had come for us to tell them something about the gospel. Some young men in the evening English classes have been especially earnest in their questions, and several of them have already made the great decision. The government sends an examining committee to visit the school every two months, and, besides the satisfaction of the favorable report which they always render, we have the joy of seeing some of the members of these committees come into closer touch with our work in the Church and Sunday school. One man who first came in touch with us in that way has recently made his profession of faith. In the boarding department, here as in other institutions, the greatest opportunity for character development is found. Some of the girls at first disliked to attend Church and our family prayers, but as the weeks passed prejudice was broken down and they, together with the others, came to have a clearer understanding of the real meaning of the Christian life.

In working in these buildings there is inspiration in recalling some of the transformations which have taken place. What is now our living room was once a saloon; the library was a card room; the office was a billiard hall; and our assembly hall was originally a cockpit. As we kneel for family prayer in the room which was once a center of drunkenness and sin, and as we gather for our general assembly in the hall where crowds formerly gambled on fighting game cocks, we are thankful for these transformations and we think also of other transformations which have taken place in the hearts and lives of those who have yielded themselves to the Father's control.

With our increased enrollment each year, with a splendid group of graduate teachers, practically all of whom are products of our own mission schools, Instituto MacDonell looks backward to the work and plans of the martyr missionary whose name she bears and looks forward to the glorious task which awaits her, always confident that God will supply every need.

CENTRO CRISTIANO, DURANGO.

RUTH ELLYSON BYERLY, HEAD RESIDENT.

Of the early part of the year, spent in the Chihuahua Centro, I might say many things, but I shall mention only two that are unique in my experience as a foreign missionary. A three-day camping trip with twelve Campfire girls and three of us grown-ups, in which results were apparent, and a supper given by the six graduates of the kitchen-garden class to their mothers—the culmination of their two years' work and study.

The middle of July found me on my way to the new field, feeling absolutely unfit for the responsible position, but determined to "cast all my care upon Him" who has declared himself willing to bear our burdens.

In numberless ways this precious promise has been fulfilled during these months.

The foundation laid by Miss Deavours was thorough, and I found everything in good working order. Our building is beautiful and roomy, and little by little we are adding equipment and finishing work not yet completed on repairs. Electric lights have been installed on the first floor. We are gradually increasing the number of books in our small library and have numerous visitors to the reading room. Our Boys' Club Work had to be discontinued for lack of a prepared worker. Commercial classes and Domestic Science work are under the supervision of two young Mexican women. A new group of small girls has been organized into a kitchen-garden class. The English department is on a firm basis and brings in the largest returns financially. Several of these students have attended a Protestant Church for the first time since coming to us. The Woman's Missionary Society holds weekly meetings with us, and the Epworth Leagues occasionally have a social gathering here.

The most popular feature is the play hour, with as many as thirty boys at one time on their day, and a large enrollment of both sexes under the supervision of a Mexican teacher on another afternoon. A weekly play hour for Young People has been inaugurated, and though the attendance up to date has not been large, except on two special occasions, we feel it meets a need and will be more largely attended with better weather conditions. The Christmas parties were well attended and very successful.

Our Bible Woman, Srita. Maclovia Rivera, does a beautiful work in the homes of the people and in the missionary society, besides teaching Spanish classes at night. In one family the mother and two grown daughters will soon unite with the Church, and the very first touch they had with Protestantism was an English class in our Centro. The daughters are in my Sunday school class, and the first Sunday they attended, while giving out advance assignments, I urged the members of the class to read a certain chapter. This young woman read the whole book of Acts, and I have never seen people drink in the message so eagerly. They listen eagerly while one reads or prays and join in singing, begging that the visit be prolonged. Again I have the loved work of Junior League Superintendent with a small but earnest group of children.

One of the sweetest and most helpful occasions was our simple Christmas program, with the religious element decidedly emphasized. The house was crowded; a varied group, indeed, with many of our Church people, sympathizers and liberals, and many who for the first time heard the pure and simple Christmas story, told as it was in song and story. We, with three of our pupils, not Church members, formed a part of the committee to distribute supplies from the "White Christmas" celebrated for the first time by our Sunday school of our congregation. We enter the new year with hope and courage high, in spite of many adverse circumstances.

ANGELA CHAPPELLE, ENGLISH.

The year 1925 began with the most welcome responsibility of taking complete charge of the Centro during the month's absence of my Head Resident. I say "welcome" because I was fairly pining away after four months of almost complete idleness, with the exception of language study. After my Head Resident's return in February, I was permitted to organize a small class in sewing for beginners and to take two pupils for private classes in English. All of these and my class in Hygiene and Home Care of the Sick continued until the first part of May, when I left for my summer vacation. These were months of hard pulling, of veritable plodding, with scarcely any visible results, and only the comforting thought that the Father often blesses our efforts in a way which we cannot see and brings forth fruit from even the poorest sowing.

Classes opened again the first of August under the superintendence of a new Head Resident. As there seemed to be no call for a class in Hygiene this year, it was discontinued. Now, with the exception of two pupils, I have charge of the entire English Department. In this work, I am exceedingly interested and have found great joy in it. I have had opportunity, little by little, as I have come to know my pupils, to tell some of them of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and to invite them to our church, which several have attended. Through one of our pupils, we have succeeded in reaching practically the entire family, including the aged mother, and it is our great joy to know that it is their intention to join the Church as soon as they are prepared.

One of the most striking things about our work this year is that so many of our young people are coming to us athirst, inquiring and ready to receive the message which we have come to bring; and some of those who were with us last year are returning with a new attitude of trust and confidence, which was exceedingly rare before.

One of my greatest delights is that of taking children to and from play hours and helping to look after them while they are here. We had over sixty children present at our Christmas games. Young People's Night, once a week, is a happy time of games and play. There were about thirty-five present Christmas week.

I am a member of the Missionary Societies of both Churches, but take a really active part only in one. About six weeks ago it was my joy to have a part on the program for the first time, and just before Christmas I conducted a Christmas social which seemed to be enjoyed by all who attended.

It seems to be my lot to continually be finding folks who are in need of aid on account of poverty, sickness, or death; and several times we have helped such people through trying circumstances, thus winning their friendship. The heart-breaking thing about it is that we have no regular fund for such work and can do so little ourselves. One doctor here, a Canadian, has been exceedingly kind in contributing his services, and even medicine, when I have found it necessary to call him; but this is such a little part of what we could do if we had the means.

Of course the year has been full of uphill and downhill, sad things and funny things. (I'd be sorry for us if we couldn't see the funny side sometimes.) But I rejoice in the fact that since beginning in August my work has somehow seemed to have been largely uphill. So I am looking forward to the new year with a new joy, a new hope, and a great sense of gratitude to our Heavenly Father for his many, many blessings.

COLEGIO PROGRESO, PARRAL.

ELLIE B. TYDINGS, PRINCIPAL.

I am glad to tell you that God's richest blessings continue to rest upon Colegio Progreso.

So greatly have we grown that almost all our classrooms are full to overflowing. We outgrew the kitchen right away, and, with the financial assistance of a good friend and using adobes we made in the corral of the old school, we built a large, beautiful, well-ventilated kitchen, which is a constant joy.

Our one great need is an assembly hall. In the spring we had an unprecedented drouth, but the night of our June entertainment a torrential downpour began at 6 P.M. and lasted until midnight. Of course we thought scarcely anyone would venture out, and that our work of preparation had been in vain, but you can imagine our surprise when we found the theater so full that some of our patrons had to go to the dressing rooms to find seats. Twelve graduated from the Spanish department and two from the commercial.

The general in charge of this part of Mexico is one of our patrons, and sends the military band to help with the music. Another general from Jimenez has his children with us, and all say our boarding pupils are an exceptionally fine set. Quite a number are Christians and belong to the Volunteer Band.

During the year we have had under instruction four hundred and forty. Our Parent-Teachers' Association is one of the best to be found anywhere, and greatly interested in all that pertains to the welfare of the school. All of our faculty, except one, are earnest Christians and take an active part in the Church work. The one who is not a Christian has only two classes here each day, does fine work, and reads the Bible regularly. We are praying for his conversion and for many others here who are hungering and thirsting after righteousness.

CENTRO CRISTIANO, CHIHUAHUA.

LILLIE F. FOX, HEAD RESIDENT.

Five hundred pupils matriculated in various classes is not a bad record for the end of the sixth year in Centro Cristiano! What do you think? A gain of thirty over last year. This is the best year we have had.

These classes are given in English, Spanish, Commercial Work, Domestic Science, and Kindergarten, and also this number includes the Day Nursery children, the Camp Fire Girls and the Little Housekeepers. Three hundred and fifty-six more have come to us to the Woman's Missionary Society, the Daily Vacation Bible School, the Boy Scouts, Bible classes, and playground, thus making a total of eight hundred and fifty-six. We are grateful to our Heavenly Father for these blessings and for the opportunity he has given us to serve.

Our evangelistic work has been given emphasis through our special evangelistic worker, and also through the visiting nurse, Miss Ellen Cloud, who has been recently appointed to Chihuahua. After several years of special work in the States, she finds here a field "white unto the harvest." A number of our people have come into the Church, and the homes are open to us. We pray earnestly that, with the leading and help of the Holy Spirit, we may go in and possess them for the Master.

Splendid work is being done in all departments by capable, consecrated teachers, all of them strong Christian women, and all having in mind one thing—to influence the lives of their pupils for Christ.

The Camp Fire Girls, the Boy Scouts and the Little Housekeepers, each has its definite work among the boys and girls, and they are filling definite needs in their lives.

The Day Nursery continues its beautiful service for the little ones who have to be neglected in the homes because of a broken home. One mother recently brought us four, and among them a year-old baby that weighed only about eight pounds. It hardly looked like a baby, but now is gaining, weighing about twelve pounds, and doing splendidly.

The first of May we presented a program to our friends in the form of a simple pageant called the "Spirit of Centro Cristiano." All of our different departments gave certain numbers, which were explained by the Spirit of Centro Cristiano to a young woman wanting to know about the institution. It produced the effect that we hoped, and our visitors knew more about us when the program closed.

Centro Cristiano continues to house the English services and Sunday school, the Woman's Missionary Society, and Dr. Ray's downtown office. We are glad to be able to serve them all. Our work is the Lord's, and he is keeping it and using it to his name's honor and glory. We give him the praise and trust him for greater blessings as we attempt greater things for him.

ELLEN B. CLOUD, REGISTERED NURSE.

"Go ye therefore," and, "lo, I am with you always." The command, the privilege, and the assurance. These are the experiences of all who take up the cross and follow him who leads his own.

It was with a heart full of confidence and joy that I took up my work in Mexico, for I felt that it was His appointment, and he would show me his work. This confidence has grown in the few months of service, and my experience has been a deepened consciousness of his nearness and power.

Coming in July to Chihuahua, my work has been mostly that of supply at the hospital and getting acquainted, but all along I have had the pleasure of helping in the homes of the sick and seeing that the Great Physician treated the soul as well as the body. When I first arrived, a dear little child was dying with typhoid fever; she went home to her Heavenly Father. Her mother yielded her heart to God and is an inspiration to us all, for she has truly experienced the joy and hope of our faith and its power to help in time of need. The father is causing a great deal of trouble and sorrow; so we pray that he, too, will surrender himself to God's will.

After so many years out of the hospital, to be called on to take the responsibility of the nurse in charge of Sanatorio Palmore was a hard test, but rich with experience, and helped much to acquaint me with people and conditions. It also opened doors of service and friendship for the future. Surely there is much to be thankful for in having such an institution for the work here. There is no greater help for the advancement of the Church of Christ in Mexico. The general hospital service is not up to a desired standard; so good, Christian care of the sick brings grateful hearts, good ground for seed sowing.

Helping with the Day Nursery is another new work for me, but there is no greater joy than helping to care for children physically, mentally, and spiritually. Their quick comprehension of the necessity to obey when love commands, and their appreciation of attention, encourages much labor and love. And as we hear them sing, and learn Bible verses, we know that these little ones are learning of Him who loves them most. "A little child shall lead them" is a means often forgotten in the plans of older folks. We hope the parents of these little ones may come to know their Father God. The system and gentle firmness of the two Mexican mothers who care for these little ones, generally over twenty, is most admirable.

Thus we sow beside all waters and leave the reaping to the Lord of the harvest. "As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the Lord is round about his people from henceforth even forever." This promise came with my first view of Chihuahua, and I am constantly reminded of it, for truly the mountains are round about Chihuahua, and we know the Lord is also.

VIVIAN E. JOHNSTONE, ENGLISH.

During the past year I have worked at Centro Cristiano, Chihuahua, Mexico, as teacher of English afternoon and evening classes. I have also taught a class in the English Sunday school and taught English and played the piano in the kindergarten. This term I have been the guardian of the Camp Fire Girls. I have sixteen girls in Camp Fire work and forty-five English pupils.

Our work continues to grow, and more and more interest is being manifested. We feel that God has always blessed it and is still doing so; and we thank him that we can have a little part in bringing his kingdom in Mexico.

COLEGIO PALMORE, CHIHUAHUA.

EMMA L. ELDRIDGE, PRINCIPAL.

The growth that Colegio Palmore has seen in the past year has been the source of great joy to all of us who are connected with it. This growth has

taken place, not through the exercise of any human power, but only through the guidance, protecting care, and overruling power of our Father God. The school has passed great crises, financial and moral, and only divine power could have kept the work on a solid basis.

God's power is manifest in the fact that there has been growth in the spiritual life of both faculty and students. Greater emphasis has been given to the presentation of the gospel message, which is the one and only excuse for the existence of such an institution. The message has been presented in various ways. I think that each of us teachers has taken more seriously than ever the solemn responsibility of living the gospel before our pupils. More time and effort has been spent in talking with groups and with individuals. In our general assemblies it has been our purpose to lead our students to see that the distinguishing feature of Colegio Palmore is the development of Christian character. The Bible class in the Commercial Department is now a well-established course. There many young people who are new in the school become acquainted with the Bible for the first time.

It has long been our desire to establish Bible classes for children of the fifth and sixth grades, and even for the lower grades, making attendance voluntary and with the consent of the parents. Also, in order to comply with the law, it would be necessary to fix an hour outside of the regular school schedule. We have never put into effect this plan, partly for lack of a sufficient number of workers and partly because we did not know what response such a plan would receive from the parents. Recently, however, a man who is the father of five of our students came to us to demand that his children be given more religious teaching, and we have promised him that it shall be done. Since there has been growth in the things of primary importance, it is to be expected that there should be growth, also, in the secondary matters.

The enrollment of the present school year has already reached four hundred and eighty-four, which is equal to our total enrollment for all the past school year. The number would be greater still if we could admit all who come. The second, third, and fourth grades of the Spanish Department, the first grade of the English Department, and the first-year Commercial are so full that we have had to close the matriculation in these departments. The Commercial Department, which two years ago had only thirty students, now has seventy, and for that reason it will be necessary to add to the equipment several new typewriters and at least eight hundred pesos worth of new seats and desks.

Self-support is gradually being developed. We have explained to many parents that when they receive reduced rates the cost of the education of their children is not covered by what they pay, and the lack has to be supplied by some one from without the school. They have thus been led to make an effort to pay full prices. Reduced prices are still given to many because their financial condition does not permit them to pay more. And it is well worth while to help them, for among them are some of our best students. The boys and girls who are large enough to work help to pay their board and tuition by service in the school.

A Parent-Teachers' Association has been organized, and a most wholesome spirit of coöperation prevails between patrons and faculty.

We ask that the women of Methodism join us in prayer that Colegio Palmore may enter upon a year of still greater service.

EVA MASSEY, ENGLISH.

Time passes so swiftly that it is hard to realize that the year 1925 has really gone. Very true is the saying that "the days pass quickly when the heart is light." Perhaps it is not exactly correct to say that the heart has always been light, because the year has by no means been free from problems and difficulties, but I have been extremely happy in my work.

The first part of the year I taught Arithmetic, Language, and History in the upper grades of our English Department. This is very interesting work, because the children have advanced sufficiently with the language to have no trouble in grasping explanations and discussions.

After a delightful month's vacation in my home, I took up the work of the special English classes in the Commercial Department and upper grades of the Spanish Department. I have about one hundred and thirty pupils in my various classes, some of whom knew not a word of English at the beginning. It is work in which progress is sufficiently slow to guarantee against any feeling of pride or achievement on the part of the teacher, but, as the work becomes better organized, we are hoping that results may become more apparent.

As the need for another teacher in the boys' dormitory was so great, I was sent to make my home over here with the Mexican professor and his wife. And a very happy home it is. But as would be expected in a "family" of twenty-five real, live boys, there are problems to face and hard places to cross. I think the greatest lesson I have learned, at least in part, during the year is that it is through the difficult tasks, the tasks impossible in human strength—through these He teaches us to lean more heavily on the Everlasting Arms.

ANNIE M. CRAIG, PRIMARY WORK.

After a year's furlough, I came back to the same pupils in Colegio Palmore whom I had taught in the first grade year before last, now in the third grade. Several of them are from Protestant families, and some are from families without definite religious affiliation. Such a field for work is given as a trust from God. By visiting in their homes and instructing in Bible truths, I hope to sow the seed of the gospel of Christ our Saviour. Yesterday our class went out to the Civil Hospital and visited three wards. The patients and nurses received us and our Christmas service gratefully.

The Sunday School Primary Department has a large part of its membership from our school, as well as two of its teachers, who are boarding pupils. The little children, having their big room apart from the church auditorium, continue their exercises in a children's service while the eleven o'clock service is held. When asked to learn passages for the following Sunday, it has surprised us to hear little tots bring up their memory work as well as the bigger ones. Each child must sing the song we learn for an entertainment alone before he is admitted to the number who appear in public, which brings us better results in home instruction.

I praise the name of God for his mercy toward us.

HOPE JACK, KINDERGARTEN.

The hours fly by when in school work; one seems to have done little outside of the daily round of teaching, playing at services, visiting in the homes, etc., since my last report a year ago.

My kindergarten this past year was most encouraging. In June I promoted a class of thirty to first grade. The fact that nearly every one of them returned to our school in September is a satisfaction to us and speaks for the confidence their parents have in your school here in Mexico.

During summer vacation I spent part of the time helping in children's vacation school, taking care of the Colegio Palmore buildings and the few girls who remained with us during the summer.

The joy of service makes work a pleasure even under difficulties.

MILDRED BRYANT, ENGLISH.

His ways are past all understanding! I had always felt that my place was in some more remote field and, last of all, in Mexico. But He has given me a place right here "next door," and such a happy place it is.

Too, I had always thought of medical or evangelistic work, but He has given me educational work, and I have found in it the supreme joy and satisfaction. Each day as I have faced about forty-five intensely bright, responsive, promising boys and girls, ranging in ages from eleven to seventeen, there has come to me a renewing of the challenge to weave into life nothing but the strongest thread and most beautiful patterns. As I look into Mexico's future, my vision rests upon its lovable youth, and, hence, upon the work of the missionary teacher.

In my days of preparation, all doors except the physical have been opened wide to me. And now on the field itself God has at last opened that door. As I look through it into the future, I view with unsurpassing joy the new possibilities and opportunities that are held out to me anew. Truly, His ways are past finding out.

PIEDRAS NEGRAS.

LAURA V. WRIGHT, EVANGELISTIC WORK.

From the fourth of July of last year up until September, I had a place in the school in Parral.

My work there was varied. After I learned to know the streets, I visited among the people, helped sometimes in the kitchen, sewed for some of the needy girls, and, when school opened in September, I had charge of the boys in the boarding department. Another Mexican lady helped. This department was added to the school for the first time.

When school opened, I had a class of a few pupils who came from the kindergarten to study English, until the teacher reached us. After the teacher came, I then returned to my visiting during the day while the boys were in school, when not otherwise occupied. In March, there were other classes the teacher had to take in the afternoon; so, again, I had the little ones for the afternoon session. About the last of April, the teacher left us, and I had to take the class all day until the close of school.

From about the end of April, I had a Sunday school class, composed of some of the American ladies, every Sunday morning.

In July Miss Case informed me that the bishop had appointed me to help Brother Cox; so I wrote to him and he told me to go to Piedras Negras, and in September I came over to Piedras Negras. I found the pastor here, Brother Paz, had the work well established. After I learned to know the streets, which was about the last of September, I commenced visiting the people, distributing tracts, Testaments, and Gospels. I have made three hundred and sixty-six visits, distributed one thousand one hundred and forty-six tracts, *porciones* nineteen, and three Testaments. I also have charge of the Cradle Roll and the Home Department of the Sunday school.

In my visiting, I enter homes of many types—homes of cleanliness, homes of squalor, where poverty abounds, and how good it does seem sometimes to go into the homes of refinement and culture. In doing this work, I realize I am trying to follow Jesus where he leads me, and with it all I can say: "Surely goodness and mercy have followed me."

FOREIGN STATISTICS.

	When Founded.	Number of Grads.	Missionaries and American Teachers.	Native Teachers.	Boarding Pupils.	Day Pupils.	Total Pupils.	Native Receipts.
BRAZIL.								
Collegio Piracicabano, Piracicaba	1881	12	4	12	76	193	269	\$16,603 11
Collegio Methodista, Ribeirao Preto	1899	7	3	11	44	176	220	11,674 14
Collegio Americano, Porto Alegre	1901	8	2	12	43	107	150	11,292 75
Collegio Isabella Hendrix, Bello Horizonte	1904	8	2	18	54	146	200	9,386 52
Bennett College, Rio de Janeiro	1921	11	3	13	71	118	189	19,917 37
Collegio Centenario, Santa Maria	1922	10	3	12	45	105	150	6,330 00
Day School, People's Central Institute	.....	4	1	5	.....	247	247	.....
Night School, People's Central Institute	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	101	101	.....
Day School, Villa Isabel	1925	.....	.....	1	.....	15	15	.....
Day School, Institutional Church, Porto Alegre	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	237	237	.....
Total	.....	.....	19	97	333	1,445	1,778	\$75,203 89
CHINA.								
Laura Haygood Normal School, Soochow	1902	14	6	23	70	179	249	\$ 4,259 23
McTyeire School, Shanghai (High School)	1891	12	28	376	533	909	40,000 00	.....
Davidson School, Soochow (Junior High School)	1903	9	2	19	74	187	261	3,300 00
Susan B. Wilson, Sungkiang (Junior High School)	1903	9	3	11	63	104	167	1,955 00
Virginia School, Huchow (High School)	1905	12	9	18	109	116	225	5,272 00
Hayes-Wilkins Bible School, Sungkiang	1890	7	1	7	36	2	38	824 00
Dong Ding San Day School, Nanziang District	1920	6	1	5	.....	80	80	101 00
Zangshah School and Community Center, Nanziang District	1922	6	1	4	.....	72	72	108 00
Eslick Day School, Wuchen, Nanziang District	.....	7	1	7	.....	124	124	278 00
Wuchen Day School (West Branch), Nanziang District	1921	4	1	3	.....	60	60	40 00
Bennettsville Day School, Taichang District	1917	5	1	2	.....	40	40	40 00
Bei Pun Kindergarten, Taichang District	1915	1	1	1	.....	20	20	13 00
Shatow Kindergarten, Taichang District	1925	1	1	2	.....	15	15	15 00
Yo Teh Day School, Taichang District	1923	4	1	2	.....	30	30	15 00
James Fant Day School, Kauhli, Sungkiang District	1906	1	1	3	.....	56	56	56 00
How Memorial School, Kauhli, Sungkiang District	1906	1	1	1	.....	23	23	105 00
Allene Barcroft School, Tien Daung, Sungkiang District	1915	6	1	2	.....	40	40	38 00
Fort Royal School, Tukawe, Sungkiang District	1909	6	1	1	.....	30	30	27 00
Lucy Fant School, Sungkiang, Sungkiang District	1907	4	1	2	.....	40	40	42 00
Centenary Institute, Changchow	1909	10	2	11	.....	255	255	418 00
Humbert School, Changchow	1916	8	1	10	.....	165	165	386 00
McCall Day School, Nyishing	1920	6	1	6	.....	62	62	61 50
Bianche Fenness Day School, Huchow	1918	4	1	2	.....	44	44	71 46
Bennettsville Day School, Huchow	1918	4	1	2	.....	59	59	175 43
Maria L. Gibson School, Soochow	.....	6	1	10	.....	167	167	410 00
Atkinson Academy, Soochow (High School)	1896	12	2	16	.....	484	484	2,609 13
Reavis School, Bakman	1920	4	1	3	.....	85	85	30 00
Faith Johnson's School, Changchow	1916	6	1	9	.....	130	130	194 10
Theodosia Wales School, Changchow	1917	6	1	9	.....	106	106	160 00
Total	.....	.....	58	224	728	3,308	4,036	\$61,003 85
CUBA.								
Colegio Irene Toland, Matanzas	1899	9	3	9	56	108	164	\$17,242 20
Colegio Eliza Bowman, Cienfuegos	1899	8	5	8	2	217	219	6,695 00
Colegio Buenavista, Havana	1920	11	5	6	36	132	168	17,907 49
Total	.....	.....	13	23	94	457	551	\$41,844 69
JAPAN.								
Lambuth Training School, Osaka	1895	3	6	22	52	6	58	\$ 3,204 19
Kindergartens, Kobe District (9)	.....	1	5	9	.....	406	406	2,620 64
Kindergartens, Matsuyama District (6)	.....	1	5	16	.....	290	290	1,450 22
Kindergartens, Hiroshima District (8)	.....	1	6	12	.....	264	264	1,362 40
Total	.....	.....	22	59	52	966	1,018	\$ 8,637 45
KOREA.								
Carolina Institute, Seoul (High School)	1899	10	3	22	65	539	604	\$ 2,243 00
Holston Institute, Songdo (High School)	1904	10	5	34	89	1,087	1,176	9,520 00
Lucy Cuninggim and Francis Hitch, Wonsan (High School)	1903	10	2	20	427	447	447	2,899 16
Mary Helm Industrial School	1907	5	1	7	41	120	161	867 16
Ivey Hospital, Nurse Training School	.....	3	4	6	8	8	16	.....
Wonsan Christian Hospital, Nurse Training School	.....	3	1	.....	8	.....	8	.....
Wonsan District Day Schools or Keulpangs (8)	.....	3-6	1	18	.....	505	505	823 73
Songdo District Day Schools or Keulpangs (19)	.....	1-5	1	21	.....	613	613	2,128 40
Total	.....	.....	18	128	231	3,299	3,530	\$18,481 45
MEXICO.								
Colegio Roberts, Saltillo	1887	12	5	22	93	453	546	\$16,292 99
Colegio Pamore, Chihuahua	1890	10	8	14	68	428	496	19,393 97
Instituto MacDonell, Durango	1892	11	3	10	16	333	349	9,000 00
Instituto Ingles-Espanol, Monterrey	1919	9	4	12	10	155	165	7,054 97
Colegio Progreso, Parral (1887-1918 Congregational)	1887	7	4	11	38	402	440	9,957 00
Oak Cliff Day School, Saltillo	.....	2	.....	1	.....	49	49	.....
Total	.....	.....	24	70	225	1,820	2,045	\$61,698 93

[The Constitution of the Board of Missions is omitted because of possible changes which may be made by the General Conference while this report is on the press.—EDITOR'S NOTE.]

BY-LAWS OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL.

- President. 1. The President shall preside at the session and actively advance the interests of the Woman's Missionary Council.
- Vice President. 2. The Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President. She shall actively promote the interests of the Woman's Missionary Council.
- Treasurer. 3. The Treasurer shall hold the funds of the Council in safe deposit made by her as Treasurer subject to authenticated drafts and shall perform such other duties as usually pertain to the office of Treasurer. She shall make quarterly and annual reports.
- Home Cultivation and Candidate Cultivation Secretaries. 4. The Secretaries in Charge of Home Cultivation and Candidate Cultivation, who shall be nominated to the Board of Missions by the Council, shall provide suggestive plans and policies for the missionary education of the Church through the Woman's Missionary Societies.
- (1) The Home Cultivation Secretary in Charge of Organization of Missionary Societies shall promote the work through the Council and Conference Societies. She shall receive from the Conference Secretaries reports of their work, a summary of which shall be published quarterly and annually. She shall direct the work of the Conference Superintendents of Supplies. She shall develop spiritual resources, including intercession, family worship, and stewardship throughout the societies. She shall plan for conference and special meetings. She shall in every way practicable strengthen the Home Base.
- (2) The Home Cultivation Secretary in Charge of Publication and Publicity shall supervise the creation and publication of leaflet and other literature necessary for the missionary education of women, young people, and children. She shall direct the publicity work of the Council. She shall maintain a repository of missionary literature for sale and distribution, and shall superintend the distribution of literature and supplies necessary for the work of the Conferences.
- (3) The Home Cultivation Secretary in Charge of Missionary Education shall supervise mission study and Bible study. She shall plan for the systematic cultivation of students of Church and State schools. She shall cooperate with other boards of the Church and with other Christian agencies in the conduct of assemblies, conferences, and similar group meetings.
- (4) The Candidate Secretary shall have charge of the enlistment and cultivation of candidates for missionary work, at home and abroad. She shall plan for the systematic visitation of Church and State schools and shall cooperate with other boards of the Church and Christian agencies in the conduct of assemblies, conferences, and similar group meetings.
- Recording Secretary. 5. The Recording Secretary shall give notice of all sessions of the Council and shall keep the journal of the sessions in permanent record, the same to be signed by the President. She shall give notice of the mid-year meetings

of the Executive Committee. She shall send a copy of the minutes of the Executive Committee to each of the members of the committee. She shall prepare a condensed report of the called sessions of the Council and of the Executive Committee, to be presented to the annual session of the Council, and she shall present all recommendations of the Executive Committee to the Council.

6. The Superintendent of Young People's Work shall develop and direct the work of the young people. She shall publish quarterly and annual reports.

Superintendent
Young People's Work.

7. The Associate Superintendent of Young People's Work shall develop and direct the work of the children. She shall publish quarterly and annual reports.

Associate Superintendent of Young People's Work.

8. There shall be a Bureau of Social Service. The Bureau shall be in charge of a superintendent.

Bureau of Social Service

9. Bureaus may be created when new lines of work develop which shall require special supervision.

Additional Bureaus.

10. The ten women elected at large by the Council, known as Managers, shall extend the work by attending Conference, district, and other meetings when practicable, and shall seek to advance the interests of the work in every way possible. The election of any of these women to the Board of Missions shall not create a vacancy among the Managers.

Managers.

11. When vacancies among officers, Managers, or superintendents of bureaus or standing committees occur during the year, they shall be filled by the Executive Committee until the next annual session of the Council.

Supply of Vacancies.

12. (1) The Executive Committee of the Council shall be composed of the officers of the Council, the woman editor of *The Missionary Voice*, the Treasurer, Cultivation Secretaries, and Managers of the Council, the Chairman of the Department of the Woman's Work of the Board of Missions, and three additional members of that department, provided they are acting as President or Corresponding Secretary of their respective Conferences. The Council shall elect these three members by ballot.

Executive Committee.

(2) A majority of members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.

(3) The Secretaries for Woman's Work shall be notified of all meetings and requested to attend and present the work of their respective departments.

(4) This Committee shall hold a mid-year meeting to review the work of the year and to attend to any other necessary business.

13. (1) The Council in annual session shall recommend funds for the maintenance of its work in all fields, for the expense of administration, and for a contingent fund. These recommendations shall be submitted to the Board of Missions.

(2) Recommendations for one year shall not exceed the income of the previous year from all sources except annuities, bequests, devises, and the sale of property.

(3) The necessary expenses of the Executive Committee of the Council and the traveling expenses of officers, managers, superintendents of bureaus, candidates, returned missionaries, and speakers at the annual session of the Council shall be met from the treasury.

14. Extra sessions of the Council may be called upon the written request of seven officers or of twenty-seven members at large. This request must be in the hands of the Presi-

dent and Recording Secretary at least fifteen days before the meeting.

Standing Committees.

15. (1) There shall be such standing committees as shall be found necessary for the conduct of the business of the Council.

(2) The standing committees shall serve during the quadrennium. Each committee shall elect its own chairman.

(3) The chairman of a standing committee may hold one called meeting annually, the expenses of which shall be met from the treasury of the Council.

Committee on Candidates.

(1) There shall be a Committee on Candidates which shall consist of the women constituting the Subcommittee on Candidates of the Department of Woman's Work.

(2) It shall be the duty of this Committee to act upon applications from deaconesses and from foreign and home missionary candidates. Should the candidate meet the requirements adopted by the Council, her papers shall be accepted and she shall be accepted and referred with recommendations to the Committee on Missionary Candidates of the Board of Missions.

(3) It shall be the duty of this committee to examine the papers of applicants for scholarships. Applicants shall meet the requirements of the Council before being recommended for scholarships. An applicant either for a gift or loan scholarship shall present her papers to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference in which she lives. If the applicant meets the requirements of the Council, her papers shall be forwarded to the Candidate Secretary of the Board of Missions, Woman's Work, who shall present them to the Candidates Committee of the Board of Missions.

(4) It shall be the duty of this Committee to act on all applications for Conference scholarships for both home and foreign fields and to make recommendations to the Candidate Secretary of the Department of Woman's Work.

Committee on Deaconess and City Mission Work.

(1) There shall be a Standing Committee on Deaconess and City Mission Work, which shall consist of eleven members, one of whom shall be the President of the Council and five of whom shall be members of the Subcommittee on Deaconess Work of the Department of Woman's Work of the Board of Missions.

(2) It shall be the duty of this committee to arrange for the employment and support of deaconesses and home missionaries and to make recommendations to the Board of Missions through the Department of Woman's Work.

(3) It shall be the duty of the Committee to promote the deaconess movement and make such recommendations to the Woman's Missionary Council as will make effective the provisions for the deaconess work, set forth in Paragraph 479, Article VIII, Constitution of the Board of Missions.

Committee on Constitution and By-Laws.

(1) There shall be a Committee on Constitution and By-Laws of seven members.

(2) To this committee shall be sent, not later than sixty days before the annual session of the Council, all proposed amendments to any constitution or by-law made by the Council. A complete list of these proposed amendments, together with the recommendations of the committee, shall be sent to the members of the Council before its annual session.

Committee on Literature.

(1) There shall be a Standing Committee on Literature composed of the Superintendents of Bureaus, Secretary of

Home Cultivation in Charge of Publication, and two members from the Council.

(2) It shall be the duty of this Committee to plan the programs and literature ordered by the Council and to assist in their preparation.

(3) This Committee shall function through the Subcommittee on Home Cultivation of the Woman's Department of the Board of Missions.

There shall be a Standing Committee on Estimates for Home and Foreign Work, consisting of the President, the Vice President, and the Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Council, the Administrative Secretaries, and the Home Cultivation Secretaries of the Department of Woman's Work. Committee on Estimates.

(1) There shall be a Committee on Laws of three members. Committee on Laws.

(2) It shall be the duty of this committee to watch all proposed legislation and to call attention to any overlapping, conflicting, and unnecessary legislation.

(3) It shall be the further duty of this committee to prepare for use, under the proper headings in the Annual Report, a copy of all Standing Rules.

(1) There shall be a Standing Committee on Retirement and Relief composed of five members. Committee on Retirement and Relief.

(2) It shall be the duty of this Committee to increase the interest in this fund by keeping the subject before the Woman's Missionary Societies and before the men and women of the Church. It shall also recommend what home and foreign workers shall have the benefit of the Retirement and Relief Fund and to what extent.

(1) There shall be a Standing Committee on Scarritt College for Christian Workers consisting of the elected members of the Board of Managers who are also members of the Woman's Missionary Council and an equal number of the Conference Council members. Committee on Scarritt College for Christian Workers.

(2) It shall be the duty of this Committee to consider and report upon all matters relating to the Scarritt College for Christian Workers requiring action by the Council.

(1) There shall be a Standing Committee on Lectureships consisting of five members, one of whom shall be the President of the Council and one the President of the Scarritt College for Christian Workers. Committee on Lectureships.

(2) It shall be the duty of this Committee to direct the policies of all Council Lectureships, including the Bennett-Gibson Lectureship, to choose the lecturers, to decide upon the expediency of publication, to administer funds, and to report to the Woman's Missionary Council.

(1) There shall be a standing committee on Social Service, consisting of seven members. Committee on Social Service.

(2) It shall be the duty of this committee to outline the Social Service activities of the Woman's Missionary Council and to formulate plans for the prosecution of the same.

16. Such special or *ad interim* committees as may be deemed necessary may be ordered by the Council in annual session. The chairman of a standing or *ad interim* committee may hold one called meeting annually, the expenses to be met from the treasury of the Council. Special Committees.

17. (1) The work of the Woman's Missionary Council in an annual session shall be conducted by Session Committees appointed by the Executive Committee. Session Committees.

(2) Each Session Committee shall elect its own chairman and secretary, who shall be members of the Council with no secretarial relation to the Board of Missions.

(3) These committees shall receive recommendations from the women Secretaries of the Board of Missions.

Amendments to
By-Laws.

18. The By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual session.

No change which was not submitted to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws sixty days before the session shall be voted on at the session.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS FOR CONFERENCE SOCIETIES, ADULT, YOUNG PEOPLE'S, AND CHILDREN'S AUXILIARIES.

CONSTITUTION FOR CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

1. In each Annual Conference there shall be organized a Conference Society auxiliary to the Woman's Missionary Council.

2. The object of this society is to plan and direct the woman's missionary work of the Conference.

3. The Conference Society shall consist of:

(1) Auxiliary delegates representing one or more societies, the number to be determined by each Conference, according to its requirements.

(2) A District Secretary from each district.

(3) Any officer or manager of the Woman's Missionary Council residing within the bounds of the Conference.

(4) Any editor of the Woman's Department of the Church paper residing within the bounds of the Conference.

(5) Any President of a City Mission Board located within the Conference.

(6) And the following officers: A President, a Vice President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and Superintendents of Young People's Work, of Children's Work, of Study, of Literature and Publicity, of Social Service, and of Supplies.

BY-LAWS FOR CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

1. The Executive Committee shall transact business in the interim of the annual sessions. Five shall constitute a quorum.

2. The Conference officers shall be nominated and elected by ballot at an annual meeting. The election shall take place annually, biennially, or quadrennially, as the Conference shall decide. The officers shall constitute the Executive Committee. The President and the Corresponding Secretary shall be members of the Woman's Missionary Council. Only women residing within the bounds of the Conference shall be elected to Conference offices. If after election an officer moves outside the Conference bounds, such removal shall be considered her resignation from her Conference office.

3. Two members of the Executive Committee of the Conference shall be elected at each annual session as alternates to the Woman's Missionary Council. Alternates from Missionary Societies in foreign fields may be elected from among council missionaries at home on furlough.

4. The District Secretaries shall be nominated by a committee composed of the President, the Vice President, the Corresponding Secretary, and the Treasurer, and shall be elected by acclamation.

5. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Conference So-

ciefy and of the Executive Committee and shall actively advance the interests of the work. She shall sign all orders on the treasury.

6. The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in her absence and shall assist in actively promoting the interests of the Conference.

7. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the society and supply the auxiliaries with information. She shall promote Christian stewardship, shall use all possible means for the organization of Adult, Young People's, and Children's Auxiliaries in every charge of the Conference, and shall report each new organization to the Secretary of Home Cultivation in charge of organization, to whom she shall also make quarterly reports of the work of the Conference by the fifteenth day of April, July, October, and January. She shall make an annual report to the Conference Society and report the preceding session of the Woman's Missionary Council. She shall sign all orders on the treasury.

8. The Recording Secretary shall give notice of all meetings of the Conference Society and of the Executive Committee and keep the minutes of the same on record.

9. The Treasurer shall receive all funds of the society, keeping an account of each auxiliary and submitting the same annually to an auditor. She shall disburse the Conference expense funds on the written order of the President and the Corresponding Secretary. She shall make an annual report to the Conference Society and shall send itemized reports promptly, on the fifteenth day of April, July, October, and January, to the Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Council, therewith transmitting such funds as are collected for the general treasury. She shall also send an itemized statement to the Conference Corresponding Secretary and to the President.

10. The Superintendent of Young People's Work shall have charge of the young people's work and shall report quarterly to the Council Superintendent of Young People's Work and to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society.

11. The Superintendent of Children's Work shall have charge of the children's work and shall report quarterly to the Council Superintendent of Children's Work and to the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society.

12. The Superintendent of Study shall promote mission study and Bible study. She shall report quarterly to the Home Cultivation Secretary in Charge of Missionary Education.

13. The Superintendent of Literature and Publicity shall make a careful study of the literature published by the Woman's Department, Board of Missions, with reference to the needs of the Conference, and make recommendations to the Home Cultivation Secretary in Charge of Literature. She shall be responsible for the distribution of the literature throughout the Conference, shall promote the dissemination of missionary news through the Church and secular press, and shall collect clippings of missionary news to be forwarded to the Home Cultivation Secretary in Charge of Literature. She shall make quarterly reports to the Home Cultivation Secretary in Charge of Literature.

14. The Superintendent of Social Service shall stimulate and direct the study and investigation of social questions. She shall cooperate with the civic and social agencies for reform and shall seek to bring the women of the Conference into relation with them. She shall report quarterly to the Superintendent of Social Service.

15. The Superintendent of Supplies shall superintend the sending of boxes and needed supplies to ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and to institutions in the home and foreign fields under the direction of the Council. She shall report quarterly to the Home Cultivation Secretary in Charge of Organization.

16. The District Secretaries shall organize Adult, Young People's, and Children's Auxiliaries and use every available means to promote the work of the Woman's Missionary Society in their districts. They shall present a report of their work at the District Conference and shall hold annual meetings in the district and all-day meetings whenever practicable. They shall conduct the correspondence with auxiliaries and send a quarterly report to the Conference Corresponding Secretary and a copy of the same to the President of the Conference Society.

17. Conference Societies shall not project new work nor respond to special calls for aid unless authorized by the Woman's Missionary Council.

18. The membership funds of all auxiliary societies—Adult, Young People's, and Children's—also funds contributed to make life members, honorary life members, and honorary life patrons, are a part of the general fund, which cannot be directed by the Conference.

19. A Conference Expense Fund shall be provided by Conference assessment, the basis to be determined by each Conference according to the requirements. In no case shall membership dues or pledge funds be used for Conference expenses.

20. The thank offering during the Week of Prayer shall be applied to some specific object, to be determined each year by the Woman's Missionary Council in annual session.

21. The Conference Society may make such by-laws as the work demands, provided they do not conflict with those made by the Council.

22. The last half hour of each forenoon during the annual session of the Conference shall be devoted to Bible study.

ADULT AUXILIARIES.

CONSTITUTION.

Any number of women may form an Adult Society auxiliary to the Conference Woman's Missionary Society by adopting the following Constitution and By-Laws and electing the officers herein provided:

1. This society shall be called the Woman's Missionary Society of the — Church, auxiliary to — Conference Society of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

2. The object of this auxiliary is to hasten the coming of the kingdom of God throughout the world by enlisting the women, young people, and children in a study of the needs of the world in active missionary service; by raising funds for the evangelization of mission fields at home and abroad, for the maintenance of the institutions supported by the Woman's Missionary Council, and for the betterment of civic and social conditions.

The auxiliary shall engage in definite personal missionary work in its own community, such as systematic friendly visiting, Bible teaching, cottage prayer meetings, and other lines of missionary effort with the unchurched, the foreigners, and the negroes.

3. Anyone may become a member of this auxiliary by giving prayer, service, and a contribution to the annual auxiliary budget.

The auxiliary shall assume the responsibility of payment of a budget, the total amount of which shall include annual dues of \$2.40 per member, a contribution to the Conference Expense Fund from each member, and to the Retirement and Relief Fund from each member, and a pledge from the auxiliary. The dues, pledge, and any other undirected funds shall be prorated by the Council, forty per cent for the home and sixty per cent for the foreign work. Opportunities shall be given for offerings to be directed by individual donors for the support of special work. These special offerings by individuals shall not be prorated.

4. Every auxiliary shall appoint one or more committees to be known as extension committees. These committees shall group the entire Church membership so that every member may be reached and asked to take a part in the missionary work of the Church by giving prayer, service, or a contribution of money for the maintenance of the work in the home and foreign fields.

5. Anyone may become a life member of the auxiliary by the payment of twenty-five dollars, an honorary life member by the payment of one hundred dollars, and an honorary life patron by the payment of three hundred dollars, provided the money is paid for the special purpose. It shall not be included in the pledge nor in any special assumed by individuals or that has been assigned to the auxiliary. Such membership should be considered an honor and should not release the holders from the obligations of active membership.

6. A name may be placed on the Memorial Roll by the gift of twenty-five dollars for this specific purpose.

7. Every auxiliary member shall pay toward the Relief and Retirement Fund and the Conference Expense Fund.

8. The auxiliary shall carry on local work, which shall consist of the care of the parsonage and the charity work of the Church. This work may be done through a committee, the funds to be raised as the auxiliary directs.

9. The officers of the auxiliary shall be a President, one Vice President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, an Assistant Treasurer, and Superintendents of Young People's Work, of Children's Work, of Study, of Publicity, of Social Service, of Supplies, and of Local Work.

10. The auxiliary shall hold one or more meetings during the month for the transaction of business and for the study of the work. The first regular monthly meeting of the year shall be devoted to the consideration of plans and financial pledges for the new year and to the installation of officers. At the November business meeting, either annually or biennially, the election of officers shall be held.

BY-LAWS.

1. (1) The President shall preside at all meetings of the auxiliary and shall actively advance its interests. In her absence the Vice President shall assume her duties.

(2) The President by virtue of her office is a member of the Quarterly Conference. Where there is more than one adult auxiliary in a Church the President of the auxiliary first organized shall be the member of the Quarterly Conference.

2. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the auxiliary and shall develop spiritual resources, including intercession, family altars, and Christian stewardship. She shall send to the District Secretary full reports by the first of January, April, July, and October. She shall send to the District Secretary and Conference Corresponding Secretary the names and addresses of all newly elected officers of the auxiliary. She shall also send to the Conference Superintendents the names and addresses of their corresponding Auxiliary Superintendents. She shall send her books to the district meeting for examination.

3. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the regular and called meetings and see that each meeting is properly announced.

4. The Treasurer shall collect all moneys of the auxiliary, keep an account of the same, and make an itemized report monthly to the auxiliary. She shall remit to the Conference Treasurer on the first of January, April, July, and October, giving an itemized statement of the amount, a duplicate of the same to be furnished the Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary. The books of the Treasurer shall be audited annually.

5. The Assistant Treasurer shall have charge of local funds. She shall make a monthly report to the auxiliary, and she shall furnish the Treasurer a quarterly statement to be included in her report. She shall pay out money from the local treasury only upon an order signed by both the President of the auxiliary and the chairman of the local committee.

The auxiliary as a society shall not assume obligation for the assistance or support of outside organizations, such as orphanages, hospitals, travelers' aids, Y. M. C. A., etc.

6. The Superintendent of Young People's Work shall be responsible for the organization of the Young People's Auxiliary and shall develop and direct its work. She shall send reports when required by the Conference Superintendent of Young People's Work.

7. ~~The Superintendent of Children's Work shall be responsible for the organization of the Children's Auxiliary and shall develop and direct its work. She shall send a quarterly report to the Conference Superintendent of Children's Work.~~ cut
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8. The Superintendent of Study shall be responsible for the organization of mission study and Bible study classes and prayer circles. She shall report quarterly to the Conference Superintendent of Study.

9. The Superintendent of Publicity shall be responsible for the dissemination of missionary news throughout the Church and community. She shall present the *Missionary Bulletin* in the auxiliary meetings, send items to the Church and secular press, and collect clippings of missionary news to be forwarded to the Conference Publicity Superintendent. She shall make quarterly reports to the Conference Superintendent of Literature and Publicity.

In small auxiliaries the publicity work may be carried on by the Superintendent of Mission Study. She shall, however, send the report of her publicity work to the Conference Superintendent of Literature and Publicity.

10. (1) The Superintendent of Social Service shall stimulate and direct the study and investigation of social questions and shall seek to bring about social reforms by securing the participation of auxiliary members in the civic and social welfare movements of the community. She shall have charge of the Social Service studies and programs issued by the Council. She shall cooperate with the Superintendents of Young People's and Children's Work in planning for their Superintendents. She shall have supervision of whatever share the auxiliary may have in the constructive relief work of the Church. She shall report quarterly to the Conference Superintendent of Social Service.

(2) Funds for the use of Social Service in relief work or in social reform may be drawn from the local fund as authorized in By-Law 5, provided the use of the money does not conflict with By-Law 5.

11. The Superintendent of Supplies shall superintend the sending of boxes and necessary supplies to ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and to institutions in the home and foreign fields, under the direction of the Council. She shall report each box sent and its value to the Conference Superintendent of Supplies.

12. The Superintendent of Local Work shall have charge of the social features of the auxiliary. She shall supervise whatever share the auxiliary may have in the care of the church and the parsonage, and she shall give special attention to the shut-in and the unchurched. The Assistant Treasurer shall be a member of the Committee on Local Work.

13. The Secretary, Treasurer, and Superintendents shall make written reports at the regular meetings.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S AUXILIARIES.

CONSTITUTION.

1. This auxiliary shall be called the Young People's Society of — Church, auxiliary to — Conference Society of the Woman's Missionary Council, Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

2. The object of this auxiliary is to hasten the coming of the kingdom of God throughout the world by enlisting the young people in active missionary service, by raising funds for the evangelization of mission fields at home and abroad, for the maintenance of the institutions supported by the Woman's Missionary Council, and for the betterment of civic and social conditions.

3. Any young person ¹²fourteen years old and over may become a member of the auxiliary by giving regularly prayer, service, and a stated offering monthly or quarterly. At approximately the age of twenty-five, members shall transfer to the adult auxiliary. Each member shall be asked to make an offering for the maintenance or extension of such objects of the work in the home and foreign fields as are assigned to the young people by the Council. Such funds shall constitute the pledge of the auxiliary.

Membership funds and pledges shall be prorated by the Council Treasurer, forty per cent for the home and sixty per cent for the foreign work.

Each member shall be expected to contribute to the Retirement and Relief Fund and to the Conference Expense Fund.

4. Anyone may become a life member of the auxiliary by the payment of fifteen dollars, provided the money be paid for that special purpose. It shall not be included in the pledge nor in any special assumed by individuals or that has been assigned to the auxiliary.

5. A name may be placed on the Memorial Fund by the gift of fifteen dollars for this special purpose.

6. The officers of the auxiliary shall be a President, a Vice President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and the Superintendents of Study, of Publicity, of Social Service, and of Supplies.

7. The auxiliary shall hold one or more meetings during the month for the transaction of business and for the study of the work. At the last meeting of the fiscal year there shall be the annual election of officers. At the following meeting there shall be a full report of the year's work, installation of officers, and consideration of plans for work and financial pledges for the new year.

BY-LAWS.

1. The President shall preside at the meeting of the auxiliary and shall in every way advance its interests. In the absence of the President the Vice President shall preside.

2. The Vice President shall preside in the absence of the President and shall actively promote the interests of the auxiliary. She shall be agent for the *Voice* and the *Young Christian Worker*.

3. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the auxiliary and shall promote Christian stewardship. She shall report the full scope of the work quarterly to the Conference Superintendent of Young People's Work and to the District Secretary, to whom she shall send the names and addresses of the newly elected officers.

4. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the regular and called meetings and shall see that each meeting is properly announced.

5. The Treasurer shall collect all funds of the auxiliary, keeping a ledger account of the same, and remit to the Conference Treasurer on the first of January, April, July, and October.

6. The Superintendent of Study shall be responsible for the organization of mission study and Bible study classes, for prayer circles. She shall report quarterly on the first of January, April, July, and October to the Conference Superintendent of Study.

7. The Superintendent of Publicity shall be responsible for the dissemination of missionary news throughout the Church and community. She shall present the *Missionary Bulletin* in the auxiliary meetings, send items to the Church and secular press, and collect clippings of missionary news to be forwarded to the Conference Publicity Superintendent. She shall make quarterly reports to the Conference Superintendent of Literature and Publicity.

In small auxiliaries the publicity work may be carried on by the Superintendent of Mission Study. She shall, however, send the report of her publicity work to the Conference Superintendent of Literature and Publicity.

8. The Superintendent of Social Service shall have charge of social service studies issued by the Council. She shall cooperate in the social service movements of her Church and the community. She shall report quarterly on the first of January, April, July, and October to the Conference Superintendent of Social Service.

9. The Superintendent of Supplies shall superintend the packing and sending of boxes of supplies to institutions in the home and foreign fields under the direction of the Council. She shall report each box sent and its value to the Conference Superintendent of Supplies.

CHILDREN'S AUXILIARIES. *Helpful member*

CONSTITUTION.

1. This auxiliary shall be called the Children's Society of — Church auxiliary to — Conference Society of the Woman's Missionary Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

2. The object of the auxiliary is to hasten the coming of the kingdom of God throughout the world by giving the children of the Church missionary education, training them for Christian service, and by cultivating in them habits of liberal and systematic giving and of daily Bible study and prayer.

3. The Children's Auxiliary shall consist of Baby and Junior Divisions, under the direction of the Superintendent of Children's Work of the Woman's Missionary Auxiliary, whose work shall be correlated with that of the Conference Superintendent of Children's Work. All membership, mite box, and other undirected funds shall be sent through the Conference Treasurer, to be prorated by the Council on the basis of forty per cent to home and sixty per cent to foreign work.

Baby Division.

1. Any child six years of age or under may become a member of the Baby Division upon the payment of an enrollment fee of twenty-five cents. Each member of the Baby Division shall be given a certificate of membership and shall be furnished with a mite box for voluntary offerings. The mite boxes shall be opened and their contents sent quarterly by the Treasurer of the Junior Division to the Conference Treasurer. Where there is no Junior Division through which to report, the Superintendent of Children's Work of the Adult Auxiliary shall send the money of the Baby Division to the Conference Treasurer.

2. Anyone may become a life member of the Baby Division of the Children's Auxiliary by the payment of five dollars, provided the money be paid for that specific purpose. It shall not be included in the pledge nor in any special assumed by individuals or that has been assigned to the Baby Division of the Children's Auxiliary.

3. Names of children may be placed on the Memorial Roll by the gift of ten dollars.

4. Special meetings for the members of the Baby Division shall be arranged by the Superintendent of Children's Work of the Adult Auxiliary, at which time inspirational programs shall be presented.

5. Members of the Baby Division at the age of six years shall be promoted to the Junior Division and shall be given certificates of promotion.

6. The Superintendent of Children's Work of the Adult Auxiliary shall have charge of the Baby Division.

Junior Division.

1. Any child between the ages of six and fourteen may become a member of the Junior Division of the Children's Auxiliary by giving regularly prayer, service, and a stated monthly offering to missions. Each member of the Junior Division shall be furnished with a mite box for voluntary offerings. Mite boxes shall be opened quarterly, and the contents, with all other offerings, shall be sent to the Conference Treasurer.

2. Anyone may become a life member of the Junior Division of the Children's Auxiliary by the payment of ten dollars, provided the money be paid for that special purpose. It shall not be included in the pledge nor in any special assumed by individuals or that has been assigned to the Junior Division of the Children's Auxiliary.

3. Names of children may be placed on the Memorial Roll by the gift of ten dollars.

4. The officers of the Junior Division shall be a President, Vice President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and Superintendents of Study and Publicity and of Social Service. The officers, with the Superintendent of Children's Work, shall hold a meeting of the Committee of the Children's Auxiliary.

5. The Junior Division shall meet at least twice a month to transact necessary business and to follow the lines of study arranged by the Woman's Missionary Council, for which programs shall be furnished. At the close of each quarter the Superintendent of Children's Work of the Adult Auxiliary shall hold a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Junior Division to see that the work of the quarter is correctly and promptly reported to the proper officers. At the last meeting of the fiscal year there shall be the election of officers. The first regular monthly meeting of the year shall be devoted to making plans and financial pledges or the new year's work.

BY-LAWS.

1. The President shall preside at the meeting of the auxiliary and in every way advance its interests. In the absence of the President the Vice President shall preside.

2. The Vice President shall assist in the work of the Baby Division and shall be agent for the *Young Christian Worker*.

3. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the auxiliary and promote Christian stewardship and shall report quarterly to the District Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary shall send the names and addresses of all newly elected officers to the District Secretary.

4. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the regular and called meetings of the auxiliary and shall see that each meeting is properly announced.

5. The Treasurer shall collect all funds of the auxiliary, keeping a ledger account of the same, and shall remit to the Conference Treasurer quarterly. The Treasurer's books shall be audited annually.

6. The Superintendent of Study and Publicity shall assist in organ-

izing and developing mission study and Bible study classes and shall send items of missionary news to the *Young Christian Worker* and local papers. She shall report quarterly the first day of January, April, July, and October to the Conference Superintendent of Study and Publicity.

7. The Superintendent of Social Service shall assist in carrying out such lines of social service study and activity as are sent out by the Council. She shall report quarterly on the first day of January, April, July, and October to the Conference Superintendent of Social Service.

STANDING RULES.

1. Standing committees shall meet for organization before leaving the place of meeting of the Council. Each committee shall have the right to make its own quorum, with the provision that the quorum of no committee be less than three. The actions of the quorum of each committee shall be submitted to all members of each committee.

2. The Woman's Department in each Church paper shall be edited by one woman only. She shall be selected by the President and Corresponding Secretary of the patronizing Conference.

3. Candidates who meet all requirements educationally and physically, and who are recommended by the faculty as eligible, shall receive appointment at the beginning instead of at the close of the senior year, contingent on the indorsement of the faculty, medical examiners, and Committee on Missionary Candidates at the close of the senior year.

4. Scholarships shall not be granted for home mission workers by Council or Conference to young women who do not meet the educational requirements adopted by the Council.

5. In each Conference Society a committee of three, one of whom shall be the Corresponding Secretary, shall be elected to visit the home institutions within its boundary and coöperate with them for the advancement of their work.

6. No recommendations for action shall be placed in the body of the annual reports of the officers of the Council.

7. Each and every memorial or resolution referred to a session committee of the Council shall be listed and reported back to the Council in a committee report.

8. The chairman of the Session Committee on Laws shall be given supervision of the preparation of a collection of the Standing Rules to be printed in each annual report of the Council.

9. A campaign for mission study shall be urged in October and special effort made to organize classes in every Adult, Young People's, and Children's Auxiliary.

10. All manuals, booklets, helps, etc., ordered by the Committee on Literature shall be submitted to each member of the committee before going to print.

11. A yearbook of young people's programs shall be prepared annually by the Standing Committee on Literature and the Superintendent of Young People's Work of the Council.

12. A yearbook of children's programs shall be prepared annually by the Standing Committee on Literature and the Superintendent of Children's Work of the Council.

13. A yearbook of programs for Adult Auxiliaries shall be prepared annually by the Standing Committee on Literature and the Home Cultivation Secretary in Charge of Literature.

14. One handbook and one yearbook shall be furnished free to the President of each auxiliary.

15. Two copies of the booklet, "Helps," shall be furnished free of cost to each Adult, Young People's, or Children's Auxiliary.

16. The week beginning with the first Sunday in November shall be observed as a Week of Prayer.

17. Members of the Council at large shall give the pledges of the children separately from those of the adult and young people.

18. The pledges taken at the Council meeting shall include all funds for authorized Council work.

19. The Home Cultivation Secretary in Charge of Literature shall distribute literature for the United Day of Prayer appointed by the Federation of Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions and the Council of Women for Home Missions.

20. Auxiliaries attaining the Roll of Honor shall be given recognition at the annual meetings by the presentation of a token to be agreed upon by the Home Cultivation Secretary in charge of organization and the Conference Secretaries. The Conference having the largest number of auxiliaries reaching the standard shall receive recognition at the Council meeting.

21. The Council shall provide transfer cards for the use of members of the Missionary Society moving from one Church to another.

22. Unused balances and refunds in the regular appropriations each year shall be added to the basis of appropriation for the following year and be subject to reappropriation, it being understood that the amount shall not be added until the contingent fund shall have been estimated.

23. In accord with the Council policy of granting in occasional instances the taking of special objects of support by individuals, auxiliaries, districts, or Conferences, all money collected for specials shall be used for those objects directly authorized by the Council. In case any individual, auxiliary, district, or Conference desires to direct an offering to some particular activity in Council work, some arrangement to that end shall first be made with the Executive Secretary in charge of the field in which the activity is located.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

1. Wherever there are at least six young people in the Church a serious effort should be made to organize a Young People's Missionary Society.

2. All organizations must be reported under the name of Young People's Missionary Societies, even though they select for themselves a local name.

3. Good Friday shall be set apart as a day of special prayer for volunteers for both the home and foreign fields.

4. The Special for the Young People's Department for the ensuing year shall be made at each annual meeting of the Council, and shall be adopted by the Conferences as their special.

5. Every Conference shall be asked to make a place on its annual program for an inspirational presentation of "Young People's Missionary Work."

6. One afternoon of the Week of Prayer shall be given to the young people and the offering then taken shall go through the channel of the Young People's Society.

7. October shall be set apart as a special time for organizing mission study classes.

8. Cards shall be printed for the use of Young People's Societies upon which they may state at the beginning of each year the amount of their membership offering and the amount to be given toward the pledges fixed by the Council.

9. Leaflets shall be prepared to set forth the specials of the Young People's Department and to develop the Young People's work. One of these shall be on Christian Stewardship and shall be distributed in time for stewardship meeting in January.

10. Small numeral ribbon flyers shall be given each year to such Young People's Auxiliaries as attain the Standard of Excellence.

11. The work of the Young People's Missionary Society shall be emphasized in the district meetings by giving the young people and their work a place on the program.

12. The Conference President, the Superintendent of Young People's Work, and Corresponding Secretary shall constitute a committee whose duty it shall be to keep in touch with the Methodist college students within the bounds of their respective Conferences. A list of the volunteers in these colleges shall be furnished this committee, and they shall pray for them daily by name.

13. Where summer conferences or encampments are not practical in a Conference, group meetings, district rallies, and week-end conferences shall be held with inspirational, educational, and recreational features on the program.

14. A Probation List shall be made by Conference Superintendents of Young People on which shall be placed all new auxiliaries when organized. They shall remain there until they have reported for two quarters to the Conference Superintendent and at least once to the Conference Treasurer; they shall then be transferred to the permanent record book. Such auxiliaries shall receive all literature through the regular channels.

CHILDREN'S WORK.

1. A Certificate of Honor shall be granted at the close of each fiscal year to each auxiliary that has attained the Roll of Honor.

2. One day of the Week of Prayer shall be made a special day of prayer for the children, and a special program shall be prepared to be used by the children.

3. The offering of the children on Children's Day of the Week of Prayer shall go through the channels of the Children's Society.

4. Pictorial leaflets shall be prepared setting forth the specials for children.

5. Auxiliary Superintendents of Children's Work shall cooperate with other organizations of the Church in promoting missionary education and activity among the children.

6. An effort shall be made by Auxiliary Superintendents of Children's Work to establish missionary libraries and curio cabinets for the use of children in their missionary studies.

7. A full presentation of the children's work shall be made at annual and district meetings.

8. Each Superintendent of Children's Work shall endeavor to have the children's auxiliary give a demonstration of its work before the adult auxiliary once during the year.

9. The Conference Superintendents of Children's Work shall secure the help of District Secretaries in the appointment of Superintendents of Children's Work in each charge where there is no adult auxiliary.

10. The Conference Superintendent of Children's Work shall cooperate with the District Secretaries in planning the children's part of the program at the district meetings.

11. The Auxiliary Superintendent of Children's Work shall represent the children at the annual and district meetings, but the Junior Auxiliary shall be also urged to send one of its own members as delegate to the district meeting.

12. A special effort shall be made to secure trained leadership by conducting institutes and group meetings, encouraging attendance upon training schools and summer assemblies, and by promoting interdenominational conferences on children's work, even in the local community.

13. The Adult Auxiliary shall be asked to furnish the necessary equipment for children's work, financial assistance for social features, and delegate's expenses to Annual and District Conferences.

14. A standing committee on Children's Work shall be appointed in each auxiliary, the Superintendent of Children's Work to be the chairman of this committee.

15. There shall be a Conference Probation List on which shall be placed all new organizations there to remain until they have made two quarters reports to the Conference Superintendent, and at least one to the Conference Treasurer, after which they shall be referred to the permanent record book. When organized such auxiliaries shall be furnished the regular literature.

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