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The members of the Woman's Missionary Society are peculiarly set apart to "work together with God," and results have shown that co-operation with him is the only source of success in bringing benighted minds to the light of Christ.

Dr. Cuyler says: "The great demand of the times is for men and women who live near to God," and also that "the lifting power of the Church increases *directly in the ratio of its connection* with the source of all light and love and strength and holiness."

If we would have "men and women who live near to God" we must train the children of the Church and prepare them to fill the places their elders will soon leave vacant. Statistics show that the largest increase in numbers to the Society comes from the young people's and juvenile organizations.

The writer quoted above also says most aptly: "The Church that has no young blood in its veins is a withering fig-tree."

There is no better way of cultivating the vines and young growth in our part of the Lord's vineyard than to distribute the literature provided by the Woman's Board of Missions. Knowledge is the force that governs the world, and in missionary work it is the lever

resting on the fulcrum (faith) which shall remove the mountains of heathendom into the sea of God's love. As chairman of the Publishing Committee I call attention to the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* and to the missionary leaflets published for the Woman's Missionary Society.

At the last Annual Meeting it was decided to enlarge the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, and in the month of July it was changed from a sixteen-page paper to a thirty-two page magazine, beautiful in appearance, and much more desirable for reference and for binding. It publishes official reports from the foreign fields, delightful letters from the missionaries, interesting correspondence from the home workers, and miscellaneous missionary reading from all parts of the world. The circulation has increased to thirteen thousand six hundred, and the finances are in sound condition. It is ably edited by Mrs. F. A. Butler, and published monthly at fifty cents a year.

Leaflets and Programmes were issued quarterly for the use of the Societies, as ordered by the Board. One million seven hundred and forty thousand pages have been published the past year, and have been most helpful in the monthly meetings.

### MISSIONARIES.

The Woman's Board has twenty-nine representatives in foreign fields; three are at home on leave. Sickness and removal from the employment of the Board have reduced the number of missionaries, but ten young ladies were accepted the past year. Some of these have gone to their appointed fields, some are in training schools at home, one has withdrawn, and others will be appointed. Miss Lucy Harper, of Texas, went to Laredo Seminary; Miss Helen Richardson and Miss Mary Littleton Smithey sailed for China last September; Miss Mattie Dorsey, Miss Mary Turner, and Miss Kate Fannin went to Mexico. Early in the year Miss Yarrell returned from Brazil on account of ill health, Miss Lou Philips came from China, and toward the close of the year permission was given to Miss Mattie Jones to come home to recuperate.

### FOREIGN WORK.

All reports from the foreign fields are full of encouragement; schools are prospering, seeds of truth bearing fruit, and the opportunities for opening new work ever increasing.

The oft repeated cry for more workers comes from every field; the overburdened missionaries trying to hold the work already or-

ganized, seeing the necessities on every side and feeling their helplessness to meet them, are enduring a great strain, and exclaiming out of the fullness of their hearts: "What are we among so many?"

CHINA.—This was the first field occupied by the Woman's Board. The work has grown and prospered notwithstanding the great diminution of forces from sickness, death, and other causes. Shanghai, the largest center of work in this field, has suffered most from these changes; the schools are flourishing, but it is at the cost of health to the noble women who are keeping them up, one attempting the work of two or three.

The boarding-school at Nantziang has been closed; the day-schools, under faithful care, are accomplishing good.

The work at Kading is growing in interest.

In Suchow, the boarding and day schools and medical work more than fill the hands of the faithful few who have all in charge. The work in this capital city of the province only needs to be fully equipped to develop its grand possibilities.

MEXICAN WORK.—One can scarcely get a correct idea of the growth and promise of this work without carefully reading the reports fresh from the field. While the ravages of small-pox temporarily affected the schools and work among the women, the health of the missionaries has been exceptionally good and their hands and hearts have been fully occupied.

Laredo Seminary is the Pharos of the border, reflecting its light on both sides of the Rio Grande and sending out an influence for good that only eternity will unveil.

Saltillo is meeting the need in that city and vicinity. The missionaries have not been free from the persecutions of the fanatical officials, who have sought to hinder their work; but through firmness, patience, and faith have triumphed over the difficulties.

The work in Durango is growing in importance, and will be enlarged to suit the demands of that rich and beautiful city.

At Chihuahua the Board has come into possession of a fine property, and a school was opened there.

Work was re-opened last summer at San Luis Potosi, with every prospect of a bright future. Property has been purchased in an eligible locality, and boarding and day schools have been opened.

BRAZIL.—The college at Piracicaba has had an uninterrupted and successful year, and maintains its hold on the confidence of the people.

At Rio de Janeiro the "College on the Heights" is recovering from



the effects of the epidemic that passed over the city nearly two years ago, and has opened again with fair success. The strenuous call there for re-enforcements is repeated in every letter; without these the work cannot be sustained.

A fine school has been opened at Taubeté, which has been assisted this year by the Woman's Board, with the view of adopting it in the plans for the coming year.

INDIAN TERRITORY.—The school at Anadarko among the wild tribes was turned over to the Woman's Board of Missions by the General Board last May, partly in exchange for the Harrell Institute property. It is accomplishing much for the superstitious, helpless Indians in reach, and deserves the sympathy and generous support of the Woman's Board.

The cry that comes from every mission field for re-enforcements is almost appalling in its earnestness. Is the answer slow in coming because we at home do not pray aright that the Lord may "send forth laborers into his harvest?" Dr. Judson, when dying, said: "I never prayed sincerely and earnestly for any thing, but it came—in some shape, probably the last I should have devised, but it came."

Humanity is often too full of its own needs and selfish pleadings to rise to that higher plane where in humble, importunate prayer the Holy Spirit is invoked to move upon Christian hearts *to give* and *to go* that perishing millions may be saved. In proportion as we curtail the self-life we increase the Christ-life and the burning desire to bring every soul to accept him.

The great missionary movement of this century is the outgrowth of prayer, and one of the Secretaries of the American Board has well said: "A work conceived and born in prayer, as this missionary work assuredly was, must be sustained also and completed in prayer."

An account was recently given of a shipwreck which was thrilling in its details, and most appropriate in this connection. The wreck was seen from the shore, and a number of fishermen manned the only boat that could be found, and with great difficulty all were brought safely to land except three or four. The storm raged with great fury, and the men laid down exhausted upon the rock-bound coast as they landed, saying they could go no more to the wreck. An old man of eighty years was standing with a few others on the shore, and hearing them declare that they had made the last trip, he knelt and prayed; then said: "If four others will

go with me and row, I will steer the boat and bring off the captain and those that are left on the ship." Four young men at once said: "We will go; you stay on the rock and pray." On they went breasting the great waves, reached the ship, and brought the helpless ones to the shore in safety. So our work and our duty confront us. "On the wreck of heathendom not three or four, but millions upon millions of our race are sinking. The life-boat is going to and fro, but there is not strength enough; the hands employed are almost exhausted. Men and women of God, come to the rescue!"

## REPORT OF FOREIGN WORK.

### MISSIONARIES IN CHARGE OF CENTERS OF WORK.

CHINA.....MISS HAYGOOD, MRS. CAMPBELL.  
MEXICO AND BORDER.....MISS HOLDING.  
BRAZIL.....MISSSES WATTS AND BRUCE.  
INDIAN TERRITORY.....REV. J. J. METHVIN, SUPERINTENDENT.

## CHINA.

*Work commenced in 1878.*

Bishop Wilson, who has lately visited this field, says: "In all directions your work shows improvement in quality, and gives excellent promise for the coming time. You have lost workers, but have gained largely in every other respect. Those who are there are full of heart and hope, rich in experience and in full agreement with each other. Send more laborers to fill in the splendid outline of your plans. China is going to repay all your cares, labors, and expenditures. The McTyeire Home and School in Shanghai is a beautiful establishment, and will prove of untold value in the years to come. It is cheap, too, though it cost a little more than you appropriated, not more than was asked. They asked for \$ — in gold; you granted them in Mexican."

The details of the work are given in the reports of the missionaries.

## SHANGHAI.

### MISSIONARIES.

MISS HAYGOOD,  
MISS HUGHES,

MISS McCLELLAN,  
MISS RICHARDSON.

FROM MISS HAYGOOD.

With September 30 there closed the busiest year of my life, yet in it all



there seems so little worthy of record that I would gladly, if I might, leave its chronicles unwritten. Without much looking backward, without much looking forward, I have tried to stand in my place and to do day by day the work God gave. There have been times when "for many days neither sun nor stars appeared," but in the darkness there was a deep consciousness that God was still living and loving and ruling, and upon that consciousness my life was staid, else flesh and heart had failed me. Again, in times of sorest need, God's arm has been stretched out to save, and he has wrought for me deliverances that have filled my heart with "songs in the night-time." Through all the year, the promise "as thy days so shall thy strength be" has been made sweetly and wonderfully true for me.

During the earlier half of the year, assisted in day-school work by Miss Hamilton and Miss Lipscomb, I was able to give more time than ever to

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attending cottage prayer-meetings, visiting the women at their homes, and receiving them at our home. I have no sweeter memory of the year's work than of a series of visits paid to a very humble home where a Chinese woman, who had only a few months before received Christ as her Saviour, lay dying. It was a blessed privilege to see the seed of truth spring up in her heart and grow and bring forth fruit unto everlasting life as her love grew deeper and her faith grew stronger. As I read to her the "exceeding great and precious promises" they came to her heart and mine as fresh and sweet as if they had fallen then for the first time from the Master's lips for her and for me, and when, her feet having already entered the cold waters, she whispered, "I am not at all afraid, for Jesus is with me," I *knew* as never before how truly our Saviour is the Saviour of all the world.

My heart was greatly drawn out for them during these months of work with the women, and the conviction of last year deepened that there is no richer field opened to us than this. There are thousands of women here in Shanghai glad to listen to our message, ready to receive the truth, if only we had time to give it to them. "The harvest truly is plenteous." With stronger faith and more urgent entreaty let us cry "unto the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

During the latter half of the year I have been obliged to give so much of my time and strength to the schools and to business matters connected with building and repairs that work for women has only been incidental. In the

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there have been enrolled during the year two hundred and forty-six pupils—one hundred and thirty-one girls and one hundred and fifteen boys. There have been no material changes in methods of work, but persistent effort to inspire the teachers with greater zeal in carrying out methods already tried, and to lead them to do their work as "unto God and not unto men."

Our Saturday afternoon normal class, which has had few interruptions during the year, has been most helpful in reaching the teachers. We have had several changes among the teachers during the year. In February it seemed expedient for Mrs. Sz, the wife of our native pastor, and teacher of

the "Amos Wesley Jones School," because of increasing family cares, to retire from the work. For a time I supplied her place by one of the pupil teachers of Clopton School, Miss Woo; but finding after a few months that the young teacher was working at great disadvantage, in justice to her and in the best interests of the work, I closed the school, transferring most of the children to other schools.

In June I received from Mr. Reid a promising school for young boys that he had opened in connection with a new chapel, and to this school I transferred the name "Amos Wesley Jones" and the money which had been contributed for the support of this school.

Early in September Mrs. Kwauh, teacher of School No. 1, the "George Dillard," died, after a short illness. As it was not possible at this season to secure an altogether satisfactory teacher, I thought it best to close the school, transferring to the "Weaver School" such of the children as were willing to go. Mrs. Kwauh was educated in Clopton School under the care of Mrs. Lambuth; and while there became a Christian, and lived and died in the faith. She has been employed in our day-schools for seven or eight years, and has done much good work, though we have felt for the past three or four years that her usefulness was greatly impaired by her marriage to a heathen husband. I hope to open at China New-year, under more favorable conditions, a new school for girls to which the name and the money contributed for the "George Dillard School" may be transferred.

The close of the year finds us with only eight day-schools. The schools, as I have repeatedly said, may be increased indefinitely when we have workers to supervise them; but better acquaintance with Chinese teachers and longer experience in working with them has strengthened the conviction that it is not advisable to open day-schools at such places or under such conditions as make foreign supervision impossible. Yet more than ever during the past year I have realized the vital importance of teaching the *children* of Christ their Saviour, pre-occupying their minds with Christian truth. I would multiply our day-school work a hundred-fold if I could.

#### THE M'TYEIRE HOME AND SCHOOL.

The building, begun in August, 1889, was completed this autumn and occupied September 16. I had hoped to open the school this autumn, but as the year advanced I found that it could not be safely or wisely done. Our working force in Shanghai had been reduced to three ladies, our days were all filled to the brim with crowding duties, and I could not undertake new work without jeopardizing that already in hand. If it seems expedient, I will open the school at China New-year. I am glad to report increasing interest among our Chinese friends in the plans for the new school and in the work it proposes to do.

That the house, for which so many prayers have been offered and about which so many plans and hopes have been gathering during the past five years—plans that some of us have earnestly prayed that God would bring to naught if they were not his plans, hopes that we did not wish realized if they were outside his will for this work—that the house has been built we feel must be of God.

In opening the Home my supreme wish has been that it may be a home indeed worthy of his indwelling, made sweet and bright by the beauty and glory of his presence in the hearts and lives of all who shall be its inmates—a true witness for him as long as its walls endure.

In accordance with the original plan, and carrying out the instructions of the Board, two guest rooms have been provided and comfortably furnished. The furniture of one room is a gift from the Girls' Society of Trinity Church, Atlanta, Ga.; and the other was bought with a part of the furnishing fund appropriated by the Board. It is most earnestly desired that all ladies newly arrived upon the field, and ladies from the interior who, for health or rest or business, may find it desirable to live for a time in Shanghai will count these rooms as truly theirs and will share as freely and as fully all the privileges of the Home as if it all were their very own. In behalf of the ladies who may reside at the Home I pledge them at all times a sisterly welcome.

In connection with the McTyeire Home and School I wish to mention that I have applied toward putting the grounds in order a gift of one hundred dollars which came to me last year through the Missionary Society of the Church of the Strangers, New York, without specific directions as to its use.

As Agent of the Woman's Board of Missions for the Shanghai District, I can scarcely close my report without alluding to the fact that five of our workers have withdrawn from us during the year. Miss Hamilton left us in the spring, hoping to be able to engage in evangelistic work in the interior with the China Inland Mission. But it was even then evident to those of us who knew her best that God had other plans for her. He appointed to her long weeks of waiting and weakness, brought her into great peace of heart and mind about his will and his plans for her, and then gave her sweet release, on the morning of August 20, into the light and glory of heaven. She counted it a great joy to have had a part in God's work for China, and labored with a consuming zeal as long as she had strength. God owned and blessed her work in leading through her many of the boys whom she taught to know and love him.

It is scarcely possible that the others who have left us can know how deeply they are regretted, or how sorely they have been and are and will be missed in the work which they have left.

FROM MISS HUGHES.—CLOPTON SCHOOL.

The year which ended September 30, 1890, was full of almost as much waiting as of working on my part.

Returning from Japan in September of 1889, after having spent the summer vacation in rest of body and change of scene, the autumn session of Clopton School opened under most favorable auspices. The pupils, with two exceptions, returned on the day of opening, all well and in good spirits. I felt much restored and strengthened physically, and it was with a glad, hopeful heart that I resumed work among the girls to whom I was becoming warmly attached.

Of the two who did not return on the day of opening, one was detained

at home by the serious illness of her mother. She returned after little more than a week's absence, and readily fell into her appointed place in the school.

The circumstances which kept the other away have never been fully understood, and it has seemed best that we should not again receive her as a pupil, although after a few months' absence we learned that she desired to return, and that her parents no longer withheld their consent to her doing so. She was one of our brightest, most promising girls, and we are sorry indeed to have lost her. The family have moved their place of residence, living now about one hundred miles from Shanghai. I have not seen her since she went home more than a year ago, but our native pastor from Shanghai visited them in September, and reports that both the girl and her mother, although in the midst of heathen surroundings, cling steadfastly to their Christian faith. A bright little girl of eight years, from one of our day-schools, has been received to fill the vacancy, and our number of pupils continues the same.

During the year the pupils have for the most part been diligent and faithful in duty, and I have hope that progress has been made in every department, though in many instances that which I desired and expected has been far above what has been received.

Some of our older girls are growing quite womanly, and are helpful to us in many ways. The pupil teachers have been a special help and comfort during the past year. I scarcely see how the work of the school could have been carried on without the assistance of at least one of them.

Miss Mo ("Daisy Fant"), who during the year has been in charge of the primary department, has faithfully and efficiently performed her duties, and I am glad to report this one of the most encouraging departments of the school.

Music is the one branch in which we have felt the greatest need for help, the girls having received no instruction whatever in that line since the removal of Mrs. Campbell to Soochow two years ago. One of the pupil teachers has for some time been instructing some of the little girls in the rudiments of music, but being in need of a teacher herself, will not be able to take them very far. From lack of attention in this special department much which was formerly gained is being lost, and I sincerely hope that some one may be found who will give us the much needed help in this direction. If no one on the field is ready to take up this work, I trust that some warm-hearted, capable young lady in the home land may consecrate this beautiful talent to the Master's use and come to China to help us in a much needed service. Is not some one ready to do as much for our Central China Mission as Miss Tydings is doing on the Mexican Border?

While reading the report of Miss Tydings's first year's work in Mexico, I was especially struck with this significant remark in regard to the teaching of music: "While teaching the beauty of earthly melody and harmony, may I not also teach the far greater beauty of a heart in accord with God, and a soul attuned unto heavenly music?"

I should like to say something before closing of the spiritual growth of the pupils, but it is a subject difficult to manage, inasmuch as while I am



sometimes very much encouraged by some, others, alas! frequently grieve me by not coming up to the standard I feel is laid for them by Christ. Remembering, however, how few of those reared in Christian lands, surrounded by every helpful influence, reach this standard, we should be lenient in judgment, and at the same time hopeful and prayerful for the spiritual growth and welfare of those committed to our care.

During the year there has been a marked change in the lives of some, for which "I thank God and take courage." In regard to those who have not yet given evidence of a changed life I can only work, hope, trust, and wait. I should like to give some account of all there has been to encourage during the year, but will mention only a little prayer-meeting which the girls voluntarily organized among themselves last autumn. These meetings were instituted without a suggestion from me, which was a wonderful advance for the girls. It was only by accident that I found out the meetings were being held. For a long time they have had no special supervision in the evenings being left pretty much to themselves as they prepared the morrow's lessons. I used frequently to hear them singing in the school-room immediately after supper in the evenings, before their study-hour had begun; but thought nothing of it until one evening I chanced to look from my upper window, which commanded a view of the school-building, and saw that after the singing of the hymn they all knelt in prayer. A few days later one of the servant-women told me that the girls were holding a prayer-service together every night. I felt then that it was my duty to speak to them, giving a word of encouragement on the subject. I did so, and was pleased to find them truly in earnest. They had agreed among themselves that the six older girls—the first class, as we usually designate them—were to take turns in conducting these meetings. They said that because of the great distress in the land they felt that they must pray every day for God to have mercy upon the people and cause the rain to cease. They also wished to thank him as the Giver of all good, for having so bountifully supplied their own needs, giving them so many blessings in the school, while outside vast numbers of their fellow-countrymen were in want and misery. I attended more than one of these meetings, and enjoyed them very much. They never seemed constrained because of my presence, but led the meetings with as much or more composure than would have been expected from American girls under similar circumstances.

Having dwelt thus at length on the work of the year, I will now say something of the "waiting-time," which formed no small part of the experience of the year. From May until September I was forbidden of the doctor to do even the least work in the school, and early in June he decided that the wisest and most desirable thing for me was to leave Shanghai for a time. Of course it was no easy matter for me to do this, as the school was still in session. I desired most earnestly to continue the work until the close of the term, but the doctor said "No," while Miss Haygood added her entreaties to his commands, not only bringing her authority as Agent of the Shanghai District to bear upon me, but as a gentle, loving sister she counseled me, so between them they sent me away. I left Shanghai early in June, hoping

to return after a few weeks' rest, but those weeks lengthened into months before I was able to return.

My stay at the Sinking Hills, where I spent the greater part of the summer, was delightful in every respect except the separation from the work in which my heart so longed to be engaged.

One of the best and most lovable families of the M. E. Mission in Central China opened both home and hearts to receive me, and during the long weeks of my absence from Shanghai their house was a home to me, in which I received every care and attention heart could wish. I returned to Shanghai the latter part of August, very much strengthened and built up by the long rest.

The autumn session of the school opened soon after my return, and it was with great joy that I again entered upon regular work, even though it was with a modified programme, under the doctor's direction. I am still looking forward to the time when my strength shall be fully restored and I will be able to press forward the work with untiring energy. Truly the harvest is plenteous and the laborers few in our China Mission. Pray ye the Lord of the harvest that he will strengthen those of his laborers already in the field, and send forth others to the work.

FROM MISS McCLELLAN.

On the 15th of last October I went to Nantziang to take temporary charge of the day-schools, as it was imperative that Miss Reagan should rest. I remained there until China New-year, in January, when I returned to Shanghai. From January until June I was physically unable to work. In June I began singing with the children in the day-schools and to study two or three hours a day. I continued to do this through July. Since the re-opening of the day-schools in the first part of September I have taken regular classes in all of them, and I have enjoyed the work exceedingly. Feeling so fully restored to health, I cannot but hope that a year of active service is before me. I pray that it may be so.

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## NANTZIANG.

### MISSIONARIES.

MISS KATE ROBERTS,\*

MISS ADA REAGAN.\*

FROM MISS ROBERTS.—PLEASANT COLLEGE.

The beginning of this year found in the school just the number of girls for which the Board had made appropriation. A short time after the opening of the year one of the former pupils came back and asked to be re-admitted. As she was a very promising girl, I took her, believing that I could provide for twenty-one with the appropriation made for twenty. This I have been able to do without any inconvenience. This first part of the year I was able to give almost undivided attention to class-work and other departments of the school requiring my personal care. The work done during

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\* Married since the above reports were sent to the Secretary.



this time was the most satisfactory to me and the most profitable to the pupils that has been done since my connection with the school. The work with the little girls taken into the school the previous year has been full of interest and gratifying in results.

In the spring I was obliged to give up my classes, and since that time the work has been left too much to the care of native helpers to hope for such progress as we could wish; yet my Chinese assistants have been so efficient that I feel sure much good work was done during the months that I was able to do so little. Lollie Evans, the pupil teacher, who has always been my faithful helper in every department of the work, has shown a gratifying zeal in her efforts to keep up my work as well as her own, and has been invaluable.

In January I found it advisable to dismiss the Chinese man who has taught the native books in the school since its organization. The man engaged to take his place has proved very satisfactory, and in his department marked advancement has been made.

The matron, who has been with me more than two years, still does good work. During the year only one servant has been employed, and a large part of the work has been done by the girls themselves.

The school was closed for the summer vacation the latter part of July, and was not re-opened until September 22. One of the girls had been married during vacation; two others were very sick when school was opened; one staid at home because her mother was sick; another, who lives with her mother-in-law, was kept at home to help take care of the children; another I have not heard from. So the end of the year finds only fifteen girls in the school; but those who are kept away by sickness expect to return as soon as health will permit.

#### FROM MISS REAGAN.

About the middle of October last, in obedience to the doctor's orders, I came to Shanghai to leave study and work behind me until it should seem practicable to resume Chinese work of any kind. At the close of China New-year holidays I was grateful indeed to return to my post, though it was with the prospect of doing but little for awhile longer.

The day-schools opened with a larger number than usual enrolled. Our one little girls' school, however, had no additions, and I am sorry to say has not grown any in the meantime. Teachers and pupils have, I think, in no measure fallen below an average year's work. The examinations at the close of the last term proved that there had been at least some diligent study and faithful teaching.

The teacher who had been most useful to us has for some time been wanting to help in the evangelistic work, and in June Mr. Hill decided to give him the opportunity he desired. The man who was secured in his place proved unsatisfactory. So far as we could judge he was an earnest Christian, but was too old to manage his school, and of his own accord gave it up after a month's trial. The pupils were then divided between the other three teachers, and the school has not been re-opened.

At a joint session of the representatives of both Boards Bishop Wilson spoke of the necessity for closing the work of the Woman's Board in Nantziang, as he intended to transfer the work of the General Board from Nantziang to Ta Tsaung as the center of work for that region of country, and it is not advisable for the Woman's Board to carry on work where there are no representatives of the General Board.

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## KADING.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS RANKIN,

MISS KERR.

FROM MISS RANKIN.

The main features of this work remain unchanged. The class in English has been discontinued, and a primary school has been opened for the poor children of the immediate neighbors. This gave great relief in the classroom and enlarged the field of evangelical work, besides gratifying the Home Societies by being able to assign a school to each of those who applied for the privilege three years ago. And we are proud to say and humbly glad, that our work as it now stands reaches all classes. The gifted sons of officials, the shrewd, quick-witted children of trades-people, and the less brilliant sons of the day-laborers hear the old, old story with the poorest orphans among the heathen around us.

To each and all of these children committed to our care we have given a portion of every day—except four spent in Shanghai—often in weakness, always with fear and trembling, but seldom without something to cheer and much to encourage.

The care of the domestic department for twenty boarders has been a tax beyond expression and one we feel should not be continued. With this exception the year has been one of delightful, pleasurable work. There have been no cases of severe discipline, and the pupils have been uniformly observant of the school regulations.

Our methods of instruction have been such that we are brought into direct daily personal contact with each individual in the school. The object has been to develop and Christianize rather than model after any particular normal system. The majority of the advanced class are closely connected with Christian families, being the sons and nephews of preachers or Christian teachers. The year's work, therefore, has not been so much a time of sowing as one of pruning and fostering. We deem it worthy of note in this day of skepticism, indifference, and irreverence to be able to say that no sacred name has been lightly spoken in our presence, nor a Christian book roughly handled.

There has been no increase in the number of probationers or Church-members, but this is doubtless because no one has been asked. This we have ever regarded as the peculiar duty and prerogative of the ministry. More than one has given evidence of a deep interest in spiritual things.

As there has always seemed more or less misunderstanding in the minds of those at home about the Kading work, and especially its development, it

is but justice to the workers to make a brief statement of its general features during the past three years. It is no new station, as some seem to think. The work of the Woman's Board was opened in this city at the same time Pleasant College was commenced in Nantsiang. The beginning was a school for girls outside the South Gate. And while the boarding-school was struggling almost hopelessly to hold its one pupil, secured by an outlay of hundreds of dollars, the Kading school was full. As elsewhere, the great difficulty has been accommodating a lady teacher, the pastor's wife often being illiterate or unable to give sufficient time to teaching.

Ten years ago there was a large school for boys inside the city, but so terrible was the opposition to foreigners that only one visit was made to it, and so rapid was our entrance and exit that we do not now know its location. The pupils were brought to the chapel outside the city for service and examination in their religious studies. The teacher was a member of the Episcopal Church; but very soon it was reported that he smoked opium, and the school was discontinued until the spring of 1887, when another effort was made to enter this proud center of Confucian culture.

The next move was made by the Chinese themselves, who asked for a teacher in English. At the same time came letters from the Corresponding Secretary, containing names for a number of schools, and a request that they be opened as early as possible, either in Nantsiang or Kading as was judged better. It seemed a special providence; and we took courage, entered upon the old way so wonderfully opened up, and once more found ourselves within the walled city. The shouts and jeers of the multitude were no less than formerly; but the powers were on our side, and despite discouragements of almost every kind, we have not despaired, and to-day the Anglo-Chinese School of Kading numbers thirty-nine pupils in regular attendance, embraces all classes, and gives the foreigner in charge a field of labor limited only by her own strength. The three years of probation are past, and we feel at liberty to speak of some of the fruits of this one factor in the grand machinery of missionary work.

Of the original six who formed the English class of 1887, the names of three appear on the roll-book for this year: two as pupils and one teacher of the intermediate department. Of the remaining three, two are preparing for the Chinese examinations, and one has removed to Shanghai.

In the Anglo-Chinese School which was opened in 1888, of the original ten five are still in school. One of these is sufficiently advanced to take charge of the primary class in translation, which gives three hours for work among those who do not study English. The Customs and telegraph offices are our greatest enemies as well as best friends. If they would only allow us more time in which to develop the minds and mold the character of the children they in a measure prepare a way for, we would be less reluctant to see them go.

It has been our happy privilege this year to meet a number of the old pupils belonging to the Nantsiang school. All are occupying responsible positions, and none have forgotten the teacher or the truths taught. Nearly all of the teachers employed in the day-schools of the two stations were trained in these schools. How different twelve years ago, when we were compelled

to send across the river to the country for teachers who had never seen a foreigner! Time would fail to tell of the many evidences we have had of awakening minds or speak of the pupils individually as we have grown to know them in the class-room and love them for themselves. All have faults, but all give promise of becoming useful and intelligent men.

It is too old a story to need repeating here, that we gain entrance to the homes through the sons, but we seem to have been peculiarly happy in forming the acquaintance of the mothers connected with our schools. The house is constantly thronged with eager, questioning women, our tables and flower-stands loaded with tokens of their remembrance and appreciation. And during the dark hours this summer, when scarcely a home around us did not feel the heavy hand of sorrow or hear the dread summons, we counted it a peculiar privilege to weep with the stricken mothers and comfort the orphaned pupils. As of old, they begged for medicine; and although our hearts ached, and it was hard to deny, we felt sure it was better to make no attempt where the issues were so doubtful. But in the schools and among our immediate friends much was done in relieving suffering and furnishing nourishing food.

The class-room and dormitories are all well furnished with good, substantial native furniture, which may be roughly estimated at five hundred dollars. Every thing, except one foreign desk and chair, is arranged to suit the tastes and habits of the Chinese. There are no stoves, no wooden floors, only large, airy rooms, bright with sunshine in winter and cool in summer.

At even time it shall be light; and so we feel looking back over the twelve years to that dark, misty morning when we wondered so vaguely and so vainly what the Term Question and Shanghai Colloquial had to do with the salvation of a heathen nation. The Term Question remains unsettled, Shanghai Colloquial still defies all known grammatical laws; but God's Spirit, while using many, is independent of all, overrules our mistakes, and brings even the benighted, bigoted Chinaman to the glorious light and liberty of the gospel.

FROM MISS KERR.

With a glad heart we present the second annual report of day-schools. Dark days we have had, but the year has been one of advancement. In each school the improvement has been very marked, not only in deportment and ready compliance with regulations, but in better things. Our hearts have been gladdened by prompt attendance upon service and an increasing reverence for the Bible and Sabbath observances.

We ask the privilege of reporting each school separately.

No. 1, "*Eliza Walker School*," for boys.—The re-opening of this school was for a time a grave question. The distance from our home making daily foreign supervision impossible, it was deemed unwise to continue it with a heathen teacher. The opening was deferred until March, when satisfactory arrangements were made with the pastor's wife as teacher. The work has been left largely in her hands, as she is a competent Christian worker. Fourteen pupils have been enrolled during the year. The building is the property of the Woman's Board.

No. 2, "*Hendrix*."—This school, interesting and promising from the begin-



ning, has had a most prosperous year. There has been no falling off of pupils since the opening, two years ago, save a few undesirable ones whose places were immediately filled from the numerous applicants. After the spring opening more commodious quarters were desirable. A building large enough to accommodate two schools was rented, and by this arrangement the schools have foreign oversight six hours daily. The native pastor has assisted us greatly with this class. The pupils give ready answers when interrogated by him on scriptural truths. Of this school we are justly proud. The advanced class (boys of twelve, thirteen, and fourteen) have also made rapid and satisfactory progress in arithmetic. They are now working fractions neatly and intelligently. This is very gratifying, as day pupils usually go into business as soon as they have learned the rudiments of numeration. In this school we have teacher's sons as well as those of well-to-do shopkeepers.

No. 3, "*Philips School*," for girls.—The teacher of this school is an old lady of a highly connected literary family. The school is in her own home. Her teaching is thorough. She has manifested some interest in Christianity. The pupils, nine in number, are larger than we usually get in day-schools.

No. 4, "*Mary Sloan*."—We have asked largely of the Giver of all good for this school. Our prayer has been answered in full measure. As previously reported, the two schools for girls were combined for a few months last year; but at the opening of the spring term a different *regime* was adopted. As it is very difficult to secure teachers for girls, and our only available teacher being young and inexperienced, we were compelled to engage an experienced gentleman to do the necessary writing, marking of books, etc., and also to hear the recitations of the older girls and give the requisite explanations. But to secure his services he must be allowed to teach boys half the day. This further necessitated the opening of another department. Nine boys were therefore admitted. They pay board and tuition, study English half the day, and are reckoned the advance department of "*Mary Sloan School*." The girl's department is in our home and has constant supervision. The native teacher is a young girl who has been with us for three years, enjoying every possible advantage at our own expense. She is a Christian and teaches Christian books half the day. Taking charge as pupil teacher, trouble as to discipline was anticipated, but in a short time she proved herself a fine disciplinarian.

Twenty-five pupils, ranging in age from five to fourteen, have been enrolled. Average attendance, eighteen. Were the accommodations sufficient, the number could be easily doubled; indeed, the applications have been quite sufficient to do this. Five of the older girls have been with us three years. They have studied the prescribed catechisms, and are now studying the gospels in easy Wen-li, which they translate into colloquial.

For regular attendance this is a model school. We have never solicited pupils: they not only come of their own accord, but, according to Chinese custom, pay an entrance fee. This is by no means required, but the native teacher is allowed to receive it. The majority of the children came from families in comfortable circumstances, and that the parents appreciate our efforts for girls we have many evidences.

All of the schools have been refurnished during the year with neat, substantial furniture. The rooms are large and well ventilated. Special effort is made to render them attractive and inviting. That we succeed is attested by the number of bright, clean, intelligent children who come to us daily. We have been enabled, by a better acquaintance with the pupils and their parents, to overcome many of the difficulties under which we labored the previous year. We are greatly encouraged, for we *know* that our labor is not in vain. For the year ending September 30 the number of pupils enrolled were: Girls, 34; boys, 41. Total, 75.

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## SOOCHOW.

### MISSIONARIES.

DR. MILDRED PHILIPS,  
MISS SMITHEY,

MRS. J. P. CAMPBELL,  
MISS LOU PHILIPS.\*

FROM MRS. CAMPBELL.

At the close of another year, when we are to give an account of the work of our hands, and put in shape the efforts made to establish more firmly the doctrines of truth, we are solaced in weighing it all by remembering what one of our greatest philosophers has said: "Whoever is satisfied with what he does, has reached the culminating point: he will progress no more. Man's destiny is to be not dissatisfied, but forever unsatisfied." And surely no heart in this great work can ever be satisfied. As year by year we become better acquainted with the people, and greater needs are opened unto us, our hearts become more earnest in trying to supply the great fundamental need: a knowledge of our Lord and Saviour.

October 1, 1889, the Conference year opened favorably, with Miss Philips in charge of the boarding-school department, Miss Atkinson in charge of the day-schools, myself in charge of the hospital *pro tem.*, Dr. Philips being detained in Shanghai convalescing from scarlet fever; the result of which was her physician's ordering for her a decided change, which the Board granted, Dr. Park having previously consented to act as attending physician of the Woman's Hospital during her absence. Dr. Philips left Soochow for America December 19.

The Woman's Board having made me responsible for the distribution of the finances and service of the hospital, I changed some of its appointments, which made it much easier for me and perhaps better for the hospital. I found Dr. Park ever ready to advise in any perplexity, which was helpful. He had many interesting cases in the clinic, and also some in the wards. His faithful attention to them was repaid by seeing many of them restored to health. We were surprised in February to hear of Dr. Philips's return, knowing that she had not had time to reach her journey's end; and for reasons of her own she felt it was best, but we questioned it, as she had not regained her full strength. A month's rest and quiet, however, in her Soochow home made us to rejoice in seeing her so much improved that she was able to take Dr. Park's place in the hospital. "God's ways are not our ways."

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\* At home.



After the doctor's return, Miss Lou Philips felt the need of a change, and left February 28 for Japan, expecting to be gone only a short time; but a spell of sickness lengthened out her absence to some four months, during which time I had the oversight of her school. I could not give it the supervision it was wont to receive at her hand. As I expected her back from week to week, I did not prepare for it as I would have done could I have foreseen how things would be. The girls continued their studies and work as she had planned for them. The greatest anxiety was because of sickness: three cases of measles, one severe case of erysipelas, and more or less of malaria. After due consideration, we concluded to close the school earlier this year, it being in a somewhat unsettled state; and it was too near the end of the term to make new adjustments, so on the 24th of June the pupils were dismissed and sent to their respective homes.

These months of new duties were not without their gain to me, for after putting one's self in another's place we can better sympathize and understand the difficulties. I feel far better acquainted with Dr. Philips's work in the hospital than I ever could under former circumstances; and have become more intimately associated with the girls of the boarding-school, and feel now that there is a confidence between us that could not have been gained under other conditions. Our prayers together have not been in vain; our nursing together some sick pupil has given us something of a oneness of purpose.

The day-schools have made very gratifying progress this year, as we will hear from Miss Atkinson's report. Her constant, faithful work has had its merited influence on the schools, and God has wonderfully blessed her throughout the year in health and strength. We are looking forward to opening two more schools this year, having the opportunity of engaging a couple of well-trained women for teachers—that is, they were educated in Christian schools, and we are hoping in this way to have more girls numbered among our pupils.

The Sunday-school which we organized at Mo-lōng-ka, in the chapel adjoining the day-school, has given us cause to rejoice in seeing what a beautiful work awaits us there when we have time to visit regularly the homes of the people surrounding it. They have shown their willingness to come if we but do our part in reminding them. Sunday afternoon is devoted to this Sunday-school.

One hour on Friday afternoon is given to a woman's prayer-meeting, which was organized by Mrs. Parker and held at her home until she started for America, when we congregated in the hospital compound, either in our sitting-room or the chapel adjoining the hospital. Miss Atkinson, Miss Philips, two of the native women, and myself take it time about in leading it. Numbers of women have heard for the first time Christ's holy doctrines at these meetings, and I am sure it has been beneficial to the Church-women.

Our little morning service in the hospital has also been a means of blessing to us, though it is only attended by the assistants, nurses, and servants of the hospital and home. Most of the convalescing patients, too, in the hospital attend regularly while in the compound, and there learn to kneel

before the true God. The total number in attendance at this service is often as many as eighteen.

God has greatly blessed me this year in procuring a Bible-woman. She is one of Mrs. Lambuth's former pupils, and has two daughters in Clopton School; goes with me into the chapel, and helps me wonderfully in telling the story of the cross. We have also instituted this year a class for nurses in the hospital. We have already three studying, and two or three more have made application. I too am taking lessons with the class, Dr. Philips being our teacher. This is a question we wish to bring before the meeting as to what would be the most advisable plan for admission.

O friends, I could show to you other plans of untouched work! But what is the use? where are the workers? Our hands are simply full. My long-laid plans to work among the women in their homes, both in city and country, still remain unopened. My hours for the study of medicine are few and far between. We hold out arms of welcome to our newly arrived sisters, and will continue to welcome all who will come.

FROM MISS LOU PHILIPS.

I would feign take you with me through the year, beginning October 1, 1889, and closing October 1, 1890—a year of such wonderful grace to me that I feel unable to chronicle its events, for they were largely of that world where there is no length and depth or height and breadth, of that realm whose events are made up of such spiritual things as thanksgiving and praise of magnified mercy and of Jesus over all God blessed for evermore. Such things pass the power of human speech, and I stand before them with heart oppressed and voice hushed; and shall only trust that he who makes possible riches of grace according to his glory shall enable me so to live a life of purest breath that the abundance of his gift to me may minister grace to many.

As I look back to the beginning of October I see myself as one "faint, yet pursuing;" pressing toward the mark, yet not with that joy of the Lord which is such strength. Yet I knew too much of him to draw back; I knew that to the weak he would increase strength, and that I but had to walk by the same rule and mind the same thing which had enabled me already to attain any success in his kingdom. School work was going on the even tenor of its way; the pupils were busy and interested in their work; I felt that I could see a deepening of spiritual understanding, and a not ungrudging allegiance to spiritual claims. My every effort was for them to grow up into him, striving to lead them hour by hour into the will and work of God. Earthly ambition for them I had comparatively little, but for their conformity to the good, acceptable, and well-pleasing will of God I prayed and labored with an unwavering aim, searching the Scriptures on my knees daily and nightly for all light on the same, that neither I nor they should make a false step or lose a full reward of the Lord God. Ere its beginning, the year had been in a most unusual manner committed to him with strong crying, that he would show us what he would have us to do and *enable* us to do it. He never fails those that fear and cry, and I feel that the year has been a rich one in the inner life of the school. The desperate wickedness and the

deceitfulness of the human heart, the instability and untrustworthiness of all that is earthly and human, the only and unchanging sufficiency of the divine are among the lessons which I think the year's history has stamped on the hearts and consciences of my children. I have labored to teach them to live for others, that to give is to live;

That he doubles the length of the life's long ride  
Who gives his fortunate place to another,  
And that a hundred million lives are his  
Who carries the world in his sympathies.

I have dealt with the school as if they were my own children; I have striven to work together with God for the building up of spiritual temples for his indwelling. I ever regard a lesson in patience and kindness, in faith and love, as concerning us more than the dustlessness of a room, the newness of a garment, or a comprehension of the principles of mathematical and scientific truth. And if the last have seemed sometimes to suffer inattention, it has been only as an offering to the higher. Such are the principles which have ever governed my every action in connection with the school, at least every action not repented of. Knowing that my striving has been for the things often lightly esteemed among men, I yet rejoice in the measure of comprehension and appreciation of spiritual things which I find in them. Their ready, loving sympathy and prayers during some of the darkest hours of my life have been as balm of Gilead indeed to me: more precious than a comprehension of all carnal wisdom and earthly knowledge.

Still the past year has, I trust, been not unprofitable in the "other things." Mrs. Campbell in music, Mr. Se and myself, with some primary teacher help in the Bible, arithmetic, physiology, history, geography, and mandarin, have striven to make them useful, because intelligent women and girls. The needle work and house work of the school have been very cheerfully performed. The discipline of the school has been a burden light indeed. It is seldom there has been, during my presence with the school, so much as a look of resistance to rightful authority. There have been lapses from frailty of human nature, but seldom indeed from malice prepense.

I know not if during the year that has passed, of the great numbers who have come to our home and the school, one has been turned away empty. All have been greeted with a prayerful heart and an effort to supply to them some grace. The opportunities for preaching Christ have been countless and varied beyond expression, and more faithfully improved than during any previous year of my life. I have tried to spend and be spent, and spare not any thing that might bless or help those who have come to me. The blessing of God has accompanied the work; and life out of death, light out of darkness, comfort out of sorrow, help out of biting poverty have followed in the wake of every act of faith. I was not ashamed of their claim, and he remembered mine.

During the past few years my health had been far from what I could wish it; and, having been in China five years and never taken a health trip, and even during the weeks which for several summers I spent in Shanghai not really laying aside my harness, ever trying to do what I could day or night for the Chinese, I felt that God of his sovereign grace granted a greatly need-

ed "coming apart." Led and guided of him, I went to Japan. For that gift I can never be grateful enough; and while he had to "smite death's threatening wave before me," still that very experience has made every hour since richer in wisdom and sympathy, and I trust usefulness in his kingdom.

Reaching Shanghai a week before the General Conference, I remained to it, for I was still quite unable to stand the nervous strain of school work. Reaching Soochow, and glad indeed to once more put my foot on its dear soil, it was not many weeks ere word came to us of Miss Hamilton's sickness. Mrs. Campbell brought me the news, speaking at the same time of the scarcity of help in Shanghai, there being at the time only Miss Haygood among our number, Miss Hughes being away for greatly needed rest, and Miss McClellan temporarily quite ill. She had scarcely left the school-building when I felt that God would have me go for him and minister to her. We were expecting to close school within a week; and Mrs. Campbell, seeing how I felt about it, undertook to close up the school and see to the return of the pupils home. It was eight weeks from the day I left Soochow until I returned. Glad and grateful was I to minister in any wise to the comfort or necessity of one called by his name, thinking no sacrifice too dear to lay on such an altar; glad in any least way to show my gratitude for the help which he had supplied me in my need by serving another. I do not think those weeks were in vain.

Seeing my way quite plain to return to Soochow early in August, as Dr. Philips was the only foreigner left there, I bid good-by to Miss Hamilton and left for home. During the remaining days of August I gave any help I could to sister in the hospital, where there was an unusually heavy pressure of work, learning some useful lessons and getting no little comfort, inasmuch as it was unto him.

School opened early in September. I think I have never so enjoyed my work in the school as since the opening. All the pupils have returned except the oldest, who is expecting to be married to one of Dr. Parker's boys, who is at present teaching a day-school for Mrs. Campbell and Miss Atkinson, and one who is temporarily detained by sickness; and another who has been taken as a medical student at the Woman's Hospital, she having been recently betrothed to one of Dr. Park's assistants in the hospital, Lester Kennedy by name.

Mr. Sc being needed in Buffington College, Mrs. Campbell made arrangements to have Mr. Lee and his wife (my former assistant, Miss Clang) take work in his place and that of one of the girls who last year had filled the place of pupil teacher. This arrangement was made by Mrs. Campbell because I had rather hoped to get a trip home, and it seemed best that she should make any needed changes. The finances of the school, which she kindly took charge of during my absence in Japan, for the same reason it seemed best to leave in her hands; and when in July I had word from the Board that I could not go home at this time, I asked Mrs. Campbell to keep charge of that department of the work if she did not mind, which she kindly consented to do.

For all her kindness and help during the year I am deeply grateful. I could only have asked her to look after my work while I was away, because



I knew that if she or any other sister had needed a change I would gladly have given them. May the Lord reward her!

By my request Miss Atkinson left Day-school No. 4 in my charge, I desiring it because it would take me out for a walk—no small item in Soochow. But at China New-year, seeing that I really had no leisure for it, I felt it the right thing to ask her to take charge of it.

Notwithstanding the “days of danger” and the “nights of waking” which the year has seen, it has been a year when *the name*—the name of the “Lord God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and *abundant* in goodness and truth, keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquities of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children’s children, unto the third and to the fourth generation”—has been caused to pass before me in all the plenitude of its saving power! And I with him of old make haste and bow my head toward the earth and worship, saying evermore: “O Father, thy name be hallowed, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

#### FROM MISS ATKINSON.

I give a report of my work in the Soochow day-schools for the year just closed not because I feel that so much has been accomplished, or that the schools have attained to any degree of perfection, but because we are all justly expected to keep the Church at home informed as to our labors, whether we can make any improvement or not. I must here say that if success has blessed the schools in even a small measure, it is due greatly to Mrs Campbell’s wise forethought and her readiness to counsel with me at all times.

We have six schools to report at present, and I hope it will not consume too much time if I take them up separately, as the conditions and circumstances surrounding them are so widely different.

School No. 1 is the only girls’ school we have, and in order to get any girls at all we must offer to them unusual inducements, the learning not counting for any thing with Soochow parents because they are *girls*. We give them their noonday meal and an extra good teacher gives them lessons in embroidery for two hours three times a week. Some of them, having been in school for several years, do very beautiful work; but even with these two inducements, there have only been from ten to sixteen children during the year. The teacher, Mrs. —, is very old; and while she attends faithfully to what she considers her legitimate duties and the common courtesies of Soochow life, she is too old to learn new methods, and the school suffers from a superabundance of formality and too little real life. They study the Bible, Christian catechisms and primers, Old Testament stories, arithmetic, geography, and physiology, besides the Chinese classics, which have only been introduced this year. They can repeat some of the above books from cover to cover without a mistake, but when I ask them if Martha has six hundred and seventy-six chesnuts and Lena has two hundred and sixty-seven less than Martha, how many has Lena? they cannot tell me whether they would subtract or multiply to find out. They could learn to repeat the whole Gospel of Matthew quicker than to understand with their heads and hearts that only

"the pure in heart" shall see God. Things often look discouraging, yet I believe that God will surely water seeds when prayerfully sown.

School No. 2 is a very old one, and was not opened originally by our mission. It is situated in a little hamlet about six miles west of Soochow, just at the foot of some of the pretty hills. The teacher is not a Christian, but is favorable to the doctrine and I think understands it fairly well. He has the respect of the neighbors, and, I suppose with one or two exceptions, he is the best educated man in the place. Our visits there have necessarily been very few, so that I cannot give a lengthy account of what the children are doing. We receive monthly reports from the teacher, however, and they are favorable, considering the small amount of foreign supervision we have been able to give them.

No. 3 is one of the three schools which we received a year ago from Mrs. Parker. Much good work had been done there before we took charge, but much more remains to be done. The teacher is a Church-member, but it has been necessary to entreat him, to reason with him, to exhort him, and even to rebuke him severely at times. The school is one of the largest and the children attend very well, but they are constantly changing, so that not more than half the present number were members of the school a year ago. They study the Bible, catechisms, primers, arithmetic, physiology, and penmanship, besides quite a number of the native classics. The examination last winter showed that they had done good work in the latter. They are unusually responsive children, and I have found great pleasure in teaching them. The character and discipline of the school have improved very greatly during the past six months.

School No. 4, which was opened by Miss Philips eighteen months ago and superintended by her until China New-year, is one of the most satisfactory schools I have ever had under my charge. The teacher is a young man from Dr. Parker's school, is a Christian, and has the welfare of his pupils at heart. The situation is good, he keeps the entire place neat and clean, and his discipline is the best I have met with in China. The boys are older than the average Soochow day-school boys, and belong to somewhat better families. They have made gratifying progress in all their religious studies, and are doing especially well in arithmetic. They are never ashamed, when I am teaching them and speaking to them of their souls' interests, to own their Saviour and Redeemer. They stand up like little soldiers and say that Jesus is their King. This school has just lost one of its most advanced pupils. Little Yü Kiung-sung died of cholera on the 25th of September. He was an unusually thoughtful child, and we had hoped that with such a good teacher he would some day make his mark, but God knows best. The school is closed daily with prayers and the boys attend Sunday services in a body.

No. 5 was at the beginning of the year also taught by a young man who was a Church-member and very capable of doing all that was required of him; but he had an unfortunate disposition, and because of that and unfaithfulness to duty his school was almost broken up. We tried to get him to look up pupils, and pleaded with him to be more careful; but although a good teacher in some respects, his school decreased in numbers until it was scarcely worthy of being called a school. He was late in opening, early in



closing, and would not keep any rules whatever. Finally, after counseling over the matter, we felt that something must be done, so gave him notice that if he did not improve within a certain time he could not receive his full salary. He did not care, however, to be dismissed, so at his first convenience resigned. His place was soon filled by a young man who is not a Christian by profession and who has never received any Christian education. I was afraid the reputation was so injured that we would not for some time be able to do much, but the new teacher has common sense and energy, and is pleasing us very greatly. He soon learned our ways and plans, and one would scarcely believe that he has so recently come among us. The school is improving in numbers, and the boys' lessons are perfectly prepared. They are studying the usual books and are making good progress. Both pupils and teacher attend church-services. He is studying arithmetic, and at his own request I have given him a New Testament. It is my prayer that his heart may be soundly converted and that it may be his lot to return a new man to his friends, telling them what great things the Lord hath done for him.

No. 6 is also taught by a heathen; but good Christian teachers who will take day-schools are exceedingly scarce, and if we have the schools we must occasionally employ a man who is not a Christian. The pupils in this school have advanced very rapidly. The teacher is on the whole a good one and comes up to the requirements; but the school being in a new place, and where there is a great deal of prejudice against foreigners, we have not succeeded in getting the children willing to attend Sunday-school and preaching services. We dislike to force it, but think we will speak about it again after Conference. Bible history, "The Peep of Day," a Christian primer, and catechism, arithmetic, geography, penmanship, and the Chinese classics are taught. The prejudice of the people in this community is rapidly being overcome. They see me pass day by day, and know that I only go to the school and return; that I am not after any of their precious little sons and daughters to take to America, and that I am not seeking human eyes to make medicine, so my goings and comings are now comparatively unmolested.

Nos. 1, 4, 5, and 6 were much of the year on my programme for daily visiting, though indeed very often the routine was broken by rain, heat, and other engagements which could not wait. This constant visiting is of course beneficial, and has not been without its effect on the schools. The improvement has been slow, but steady.

No. 3 I have tried to visit twice a week. About one year ago Mrs. Campbell and I organized this school into a Sunday-school to meet on Sunday afternoons, as it was too far away to require the pupils to come to church regularly. They enjoy the services wonderfully, and are learning many things that are good to know and that we pray may remain with them always. For the past few weeks they have been coming to the church services, but we hope to begin the Sunday-school again very soon. They are fond of singing, and indeed enjoy all the services we hold with them.

During the autumn of last year, feeling that the schools lacked in proficiency, we drew up some rules and regulations governing the teachers which Dr. Parker, who is a critique on school questions, considered just. These rules stated clearly at what time school was to be opened and what holidays

were to be given during the year. The teacher was to be prompt in opening and not too prompt in closing school. He was to be at his post always during school hours, and if necessary to leave or close for any reason, notice must be given and permission asked. If one of these rules should be broken, a certain amount was to be deducted from the salary of the offending party. The heart of the celestial is easily moved by the "filthy lucre," and the plan has worked admirably, only two as yet having forfeited any thing.

Mrs. Campbell tried to arouse their ambition by describing to them our public school system at home, and promised them that if any should have more pupils than they could teach we would furnish extra teachers until the demands were supplied. School No. 4 has had to have an arrangement of that kind and another teacher employed to help for half the day. We like the plan very much. We also promised to add to their salaries a small amount each month for every pupil in average attendance over what we considered a fair average for a day-school in Soochow. They all expressed satisfaction with these changes, and the results are better discipline and a better grade of schools altogether.

The day-schools have taken my full time; and having been appointed to them and feeling myself better prepared for that work than any other, I attempted nothing more during the year except to take my turn with several others in leading the woman's prayer-meeting on Friday afternoons and the morning services in the hospital chapel.

The year was one of almost incessant toil, a constant sowing; but nothing more, for as yet it is only spring-time. Still my heart is full of thanks to-day for the privilege of sowing in China, and I am ready if it be God's will to go on in the same way, praying to live nearer the cross, studying "to show myself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth."

FROM DR. MILDRED PHILIPS.—MEDICAL WORK.

New patients treated in the dispensary.....	1,523
Cases recorded as returning for treatment.....	439
Stray patients treated.....	197
Patients treated on itinerating trips.....	3
Patients remaining in hospital from last year.....	4
Patients admitted during the year.....	56
Patients re-admitted during the year.....	2
Patients remaining in hospital at end of year.....	1
Number of professional calls.....	273
Total.....	2,498
Number of surgical operations and procedures.....	143

If the statistics of this year be compared with those of the previous year, some growth will be observed in nearly every department of the work.

There is noted an increase of over 100 patients in the last quarter over the third quarter—the entire number of treatments for the quarter being 953, the best record as to numbers the hospital has ever made.

The year has not been without its trials, its testings; but out of them all the Lord has brought me happier, better, and conscious of real good received. I have felt many times during the year that truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

The hospital affairs have been adjusted in these providences of God better than I should have adjusted them. In many little things our eyes have waited upon the eyes of our Master, wishing to know his will and what will build up the common work.

I am sure that those who have the religion, the philosophy, and the tact to work harmoniously together will have greater results than can be possible to the isolated worker. Already I see this in our work. And may God lay our foundation stones even broader, that he may rear thereupon a superstructure whose fame, together with that of the hospital of the Parent Board in our city, may be known up and down the lengths of this country!

As I hope shortly to have out a printed report of the surgical and medical work done this year, I will not now enter into details. The work that we have planned can more than occupy the time of the foreign workers on the field, and though not our immediate helper, we are glad to welcome the new physician that has been sent out to assist in this work.

God has greatly enlarged our borders in the direction of giving medical training to Chinese in China. And the day must soon come when this department of work will give a large increase to the working force of China. It has been especially laid upon my heart. For the women hitherto I have not sought it, but of late I cannot shut my eyes to the fact that it is an open door of rich promise. I hope to enter into it this year, beginning with the class on hand, with three others who will be available. Only last night I had a letter from Hangchow in which was the information that the parents of one of these young women gladly accepted the proposition for their daughter to begin studying, we furnishing her only her board (\$1.50 per month) and the \$1 which she could use in paying her tuition.

This summer I was especially impressed with the prayer of Jabez as recorded in 1 Chronicles iv.: "O that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me!" It has been said by some divine that this was a selfish prayer. Be that as it may, there is nothing in it that we are not fully justified in praying for. As I said, it impressed me very much, and not the least of it being the ending: "And God granted him that which he requested." A prayer that had received divine sanction once was not unfitting. And often in the crowded mornings during the summer, ere I left my room, that prayer went up to God.

## MEXICAN BORDER.

*Work commenced in 1887.*

### LAREDO.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS HOLDING,

MISS LIZZIE WILSON,

MISS HARPER.

FROM MISS HOLDING.—LAREDO SEMINARY.

"This is the Lord's doings; it is marvelous in our eyes." Our last annual report had barely time to reach you when over our home swept a spiritual wave of such wonderful power as to cause all to bow low at the feet of our

Lord and King. They came as penitents, and went away with that strange, sweet feeling in the soul when it for the first time can cry: "Abba, Father." We shall always remember the seventh year of our toil as the "harvest year." Nearly every child was converted and about forty were "added to the Church." With such a beginning the year has moved upon rapid wings. It has not been free from trials and cares, but these were as a "minor chord" which softened the jubilant ring of the triumphant notes of victory.

The extension of work took from our midst some of our most efficient workers. We hardly knew what we should do without them, but the "advance" needed them and we sent them forward with the "Godspeed." Fresh recruits from the home field fell into line, and in a short time the work was moving forward in its usual systematic way. We consider the work more thoroughly organized than ever before. We feel that every year leaves our work nearer perfect organization. We trust the inclosed reports from the different departments will show this, and that you may find them in every way satisfactory.

The day-school, under Mrs. McClendon with Señorita Lucia Harper, as native helper, has grown almost beyond our expectation. It has been able to reach many families which could not have been touched by other means. The day-school, Laredo, Mex., was opened for the purpose of guarding from Catholic influences the children of Protestant parents, members of our Mexican Church in that city. Though few in number, we thought it wise to make a beginning in order to place them under Christian training. This school was placed in charge of Señorita Petrita Gonzales, who did "what she could," and in a short time was able to attract children from the "outside." She now reports twenty-eight names upon the register. This school has been supported by contributions from the Seminary.

The woman's work which has so long been the subject of much prayer and thought was successfully organized in November, 1890. Dr. B. G. Allen kindly offered us a room free of rent. The Seminary furnished tables, chairs, sewing-machine, several bolts of calico and domestic. With these, the word of God in hand, and a prayer in the heart, the work was begun. We have endeavored to carry on the work upon the basis of the London Mission, "helping the poorest to help themselves." Nineteen women, besides a few children, have joined the class. We have had the satisfaction of seeing them with bodies more comfortably clad, faces brighter, and we trust with more peaceful souls. We gave Miss Wilson charge of the class. Aside from her many duties at the Seminary she finds time to give the class three lessons per week, three hours each. We feel sure this will become one of the most important as well as the most interesting parts of our mission work.

Miss Harper has had charge of the boys' school. You will see by inclosed report that her heart is with the boys. Our Church work, Sunday-school work, and the Children's Missionary Society, the "Laredo Band," continues to be full of interest. Although so many were "added to the Church," the register does not show a great increase in numbers, as many of our children remained in their own homes during the present term. The Sunday-school numbers over one hundred; the Missionary Society, seventy-five; and the Church, about fifty. Besides this work, we have organized a Missionary Society



among the women of the native Church in the city. Taking the work as a whole, it shows a healthy growth and continues to be "marvelous in our eyes."

FROM MISS LIZZIE WILSON.

As I have grown into the work at Laredo Seminary and the work has grown into my own heart, I find my time and hands filled with many things. I cannot tell every thing, but I should love to have you know a few of the many. One of the most responsible, as well as the most taxing, is the care of the sick. In this I, of course, have some help, but the responsibility and main part of the work is mine. At the seminary we are nearly always crowded. We do not often enjoy the pleasure of a room all to ourselves. In order to have this privilege once in awhile, I asked for the hospital, which was sometimes without an occupant. In this way the hospital work has fallen to me. I like it. The children love me, and I find many ways of binding them to me that I could not otherwise have. During the months of February and March many of the children were sick with la grippe. I think I may safely say we had one hundred cases during the winter.

In a family as large as ours every day brings some little ailments, which, however small, need care and attention. Though the illness may not be serious, still it is best to separate the patient from the rest of the family. We trust some day to have a hospital which will not be one only in name, but a hospital where we may care for thirty children at one time if need be. Our present hospital, my room, is small; we can only nurse two children comfortably. For this reason, during an epidemic such as la grippe or dengue, many children must remain in the dormitories, which is discomfort to them and added labor and care to those who nurse them.

Besides the hospital work I have had the sewing-class. The school is so organized that the classes go to sewing as to other recitations. I teach them plain sewing, the use of the machine, and fancy work. They are fond of sewing and quick to learn. Many of the larger girls make their own garments. Twenty-six of our children are clothed by Auxiliary Societies. This is a great help, a great saving of time, strength, and money. Yet with all this there are many garments to make, and much mending and darning to be done. During the year we have made about five hundred garments. Since Miss Holding organized our Woman's Class I have been kept very busy, but I am happy and the Lord gives me strength for daily need. This is a wonderful work, and it grows every day. I am sure the Lord is blessing it.

FROM MISS LUCY C. HARPER.—BOYS' SCHOOL.

I came here the last week of July, four days before the opening of school. It was very warm, and when I saw Mrs. Anderson out with her force, filling in her off hours in picking up every stone, stick, and string off the yard, and Miss Delia's brigade, armed with tubs of water, brooms, dust-pans, etc., I felt at once that I had got into a great big work, that there was much that could be done in English.

On the first night, the hardest, the pleasantest, and probably the most profitable part of my work was given me: the care of the boys and their dormitory. There was a long, clean south room with twenty white single beds

and one little lonesome boy for {a beginning. Since that time twenty-six boys have been at home there. We've been through much, the boys and I, and left behind us many a hard-fought field. They have made a good fight, and {have {disputed every inch of ground; but now we have comparative peace, comradeship, and a tacit agreement {that right shall rule. I am so much gratified in having a part in this branch of "woman's work for woman." It is just to my taste. I have long thought that if I had the bringing up of boys I could better the condition of woman here.

Miss Bennett told me, when {she was with us Christmas, that a certain African missionary said to her that of all the converts among women in his mission every one who married a savage went back to her former savage state. I have heard it alleged against woman in art that she is enthusiastic when under her teacher's influence, but lift that and she does not hold fast. I grant that for argument's sake, if for no other, and ask you to join most earnestly with us in our efforts to send out of this school Christian men who "will rule their households after them."

I {have often heard the women of Mexico were nearly all Catholics, the men mostly infidels. Some of my boys talk fearful infidelity with bold impertinence. I {don't have them all in my grade by any means, but I have them eighteen hours out of the twenty-four. They are full of life and energy; and if I don't provide agreeable employment for them, they get up work for me of quite a different character.

When Miss Holding told me that I must have the boys make their own beds, my heart sunk at the prospect; but some had been at the Seminary before, and they all have a disposition to make a "picnic" of a job if they see no way to get out of doing it; so I have taught them much besides bed-making. I have smiled the last few Saturdays at the sight of a cheerful circle of boys sewing on the buttons they had cut off their waists to gamble with.

Saturday night they were off duty, and I wish you could have looked in. Two or three were deep in some new books that Miss Holding had got for the primaries; three were turning out from their fingers, with great deftness, hollow peaches of kindergarten clay; two were down on the floor building bridges that had to stand up without other than terminal supports, and bear up weights beside; three more were deeply engaged in cutting, laying out, and pasting next week's kindergarten paper. The eagerness with which they threw themselves into these employments of the primaries made me glad. I knew that most of them were too old and well advanced for it to be of more than passing interest to them, and I knew the nice new dictionary and holder (provided by the primary department of the Georgetown Sunday-school), and the *St. Nicholas* and *Harper's Young People* in its brackets were felt by them to belong more to their new hopes of advancement in the line of boy's work; and I believe with them that we will surely have our training school for boys with employments suited to their mental growth and activity, and the peculiar talent for making and drawing that lies all undeveloped in Mexican fingers.

The question is not whether or not we will have a boys' school, but whether we will run it on the line most likely to secure success. This is a girls' school, but the boys are here, from San Luis, Lampasas, Mier, and else-



where, and the call is loud and persistent for the establishment of a manual school for them.

I do hope we will have next year the room for wood-work and suitable instruction in it, at regular periods each day. If the Board will give them that, I will do all in my power to make the investment bring in rich returns by helping the boys to love study; to love truth, honor, and honesty; to know what good books are and to love them; to know what a good home is and how to stay in it; and to know God and love his service.

I must give you an account of my grade: Seventy-two have entered my department since August. These were divided into first reader and chart classes, the latter taking all the kindergarten work that I was able to get in, and that is enough to make me feel hopeful "along that line." Twenty-one children have entered this division of the grade. Of the higher division a number of pupils were well advanced in Spanish, and most of these have passed into the next grade, leaving me but forty-four now on my roll.

FROM MRS. MCCLENDON.—LAREDO DAY-SCHOOL.

School opened August 4, 1890. Twenty pupils were enrolled the first day, and new scholars were received each day till by the opening of the second week I had quite a respectable school, in numbers. I say numbers, for could you see these children in their filthy homes no explanation would be necessary. However, in justice to the children and their parents, I must say the children were clean the *first day*. The majority of them knew little in books. A few could read in the Second Spanish Reader, and a few who had attended the public schools could read a little in English. About twenty of the children have Protestant parents; the rest are Catholics. I require all to learn the Catechism, the songs, attend the Bible reading, and repeat the Lord's Prayer each morning. Those who can read in Spanish read a portion of the Scriptures each day. The interest in the school is constantly increasing.

By the close of the first quarter, eighty pupils had been received; forty-two new pupils the second quarter; ten new pupils the present quarter. Average attendance up to last month, between 50 and 60.

On account of the small-pox many children do not come, and for the same reason I have refused to receive many new children who have applied during the present quarter. The public schools have been closed two months on account of this fearful disease, and I have been advised often to close. I was determined to stand by my post as long as possible. I am well protected by vaccination, and I have had all my pupils vaccinated. Mexicans will not keep away from the small-pox, so they are better off in school than roaming the streets. To please the authorities I closed school for over two weeks last month. But as the disease has not abated, nor does not seem likely to while there remains a Mexican who has not had it, I opened school again the second of this month. The children are so glad to get back!

I notice a marked improvement in my school: the children are clean and better clothed. For the last I have many friends to thank. There are twelve of the number received on the first day who have not missed a single day, except for sickness; eight of the twelve had the small-pox.

We want so many things I would be ashamed to mention them, but that I know our Father is rich. We want a comfortable school-room. We want money to pay for water and buy books. There are children enough in Laredo, destitute Mexican children, to have three mission schools. I try not to look beyond my schools, but to do faithfully my part, and trust God to send workers for the rest.

Miss Holding has been very kind and always wants to know what I need in my work, that she may supply me.

STATISTICS.—LAREDO.

Missionaries.....	3
Helper.....	1
Teachers ...	6
Native teachers.....	2
Pupils.....	183
Sunday-school pupils.....	100
Members Missionary Society.....	75
Communicants.....	50
Laredo day-school, missionary .....	1
Native teacher.....	1
Pupils.....	120
Neuvo Laredo, day-school teacher.....	1
Pupils.....	27

SALTILLO.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS LELIA ROBERTS,

MISS FANNIN,

MISS TYDINGS.

FROM MISS LELIA ROBERTS.—BOARDING AND DAY-SCHOOL.

You will find that this report indicates the fullest year of our work in Saltillo. The impressions of divine truths we are enabled by the help of the Spirit to stamp upon individual hearts day by day cannot be told in figures, nor even in words except as the heart impressed is moved to speak, so that a complete report cannot be given until God's book is opened and the secrets of all hearts are revealed. The material upon which we labored was:

Pupils of Colegio Ynglés.....	40
Pupils of charity school.....	32
Pupils of boys' school.....	17
Total.....	89
Mexican families visited.....	66

Our tracts have gone where we would not have been welcomed. On Sunday afternoons, whenever we think it prudent, some members of our household go through the different streets of the city giving tracts to those who will receive them. Some take them, read them, and ask for more; while a few take them for the sake of tearing them up before our eyes. We give an

average of fifty each afternoon, believing they will be as "bread upon the waters."

Colegio Ynglés is that part of our work known as the girls' boarding-school. Although most Mexicans prefer putting their girls in schools as boarders, that they may not be seen often on the street, still all our pupils are not boarders for several reasons. Some can afford to pay tuition who cannot afford to pay board; others fear our influence more when we have the children constantly under our care. We are trusting that soon it will become strictly what the name implies.

The patrons of this school paid us during this term \$839.55, which amount was used to carry forward the work wherever the demand for it was most urgent. Here Miss Tydings's music class of nineteen pupils has been an attraction, a financial help, and a spiritual benefit.

Our boys' school arose from force of circumstances. Heretofore we had taught a few small boys in our girls' school; but this being contrary to Mexican custom, our best friends advised us to separate them, assuring us that the girls' school would prosper more. Having the boys under our control, and not wanting to lose our influence over them and their families, we put them in a room to themselves, and provided them a teacher. The few small boys attracted other small boys, until we decided we were repaid for the extra work and expense. These were all day pupils, and the income from their tuition was \$93.75.

The charity school work was greatly interfered with by small-pox. Three of the pupils died of this disease during the year. Still we did not suspend the classes a single day.

The necessity for a building for this school within our own walls became evident. We trusted for it, and now it is built, situated in the most secluded part of our premises, where the children can receive at all times our personal care and protection. It is not finished, but can be used as it is until we are able to finish it.

In the same building we have provided a room to be used exclusively for the woman's work. We attempted to organize this society several months ago, but small-pox was so prevalent that we feared greater injury than good would be done the work already in hand by bringing into it a new element in which we knew the germs of the disease might be found. The cases here now are few, so we have completed the organization. At our first meeting we enrolled twelve members. Most of them are Roman Catholics, but they studied the scriptural texts and knelt in prayer as though they had all been Protestants. We hope to accomplish much by means of this society.

Thus you will see the principal part of our work can be comprehended under seven heads:

1. Colegio Ynglés, with its several departments.
2. Charity school for girls.
3. Boys' school.
4. Visiting from house to house.
5. Distributing religious literature.
6. Woman's Dorcas Society.
7. Assisting in all Church services.

## FROM MISS TYDINGS.

Since our last annual meeting we have had much to discourage us, and yet much for which to rejoice. Though still surrounded by foes whose chief delight is to speak evil of us and injure our work in every way possible, still we have been permitted to see many who one year ago were enemies become our friends. Still the deep-seated aversion to Protestants and their religion is so strong, and has been for many centuries so indelibly imprinted upon the minds of the people, that oftentimes we feel like exclaiming: "Our efforts are of no avail! How *can* we ever overcome all these things?" But when we remember that he at whose command we have come has said, "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?" and as we realize more and more each day their great spiritual darkness, and in our haste long to see all brought to the light without any delay, he seems to say: "My ways are not your ways," but "as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and peace to spring forth before all nations."

The piano sent us from Florida is a splendid instrument, and has been truly a joy to us all. It was in almost constant use from the day of its arrival until school closed.

Since the close of our scholastic year last November I have had a sweet but sad visit to the loved ones at home, and was permitted to be by my father's bedside one month before he was taken to the home above. But he who has said "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee" was faithful to his promise, and has brought me back with renewed health and strength, and a greater desire than ever before to spend and be spent in the service of the Master.

## FROM MISS FANNIN.

I reached Saltillo on the 6th of last September, and was so cordially adopted into my new home that I felt like one of the family right away. Being in need of a teacher for the boys, Miss Roberts put me in charge of their school, where I taught the English branches, including writing and drawing. I was in this department six weeks, when, upon the arrival of Miss Mattie Roberts, the boys were given to her, and I then assisted Miss Roberts with the girls; did most of the sewing for the household, kept account of household expenses, helping in the various duties of housekeeping, etc.

I like the work, I like my home, and my greatest desire is to do it all with an eye single to God's honor and glory.

At the close of school, at the earnest desire of Miss Holding, with Miss Roberts's consent, I came over to Laredo Seminary to take lessons in painting and crayon, also in the kindergarten. Since the 21st of November I have been closely engaged in the studio. I did not return at the opening of our school, as it was thought best to allow me still further instruction in painting. Nothing preventing, I will return to Saltillo the 1st of April, when we hope to be able to open an art department. Then I will take charge of the Woman's Sewing Society, resume the other household duties, and help in every way where I am needed.



To Miss Holding and Miss Delia I shall ever feel grateful for the loving care and attention received here, for the rare advantages I could not otherwise have enjoyed had they not generously given them to me.

I am glad and willing to be of use in the Master's work, glad to be under the direction of the Woman's Board, and pray that God may use me for himself.

STATISTICS.—SALTILLO.

Missionaries.....	2
Helper.....	1
Native Teacher.....	1
Pupils.....	89
Communicants.....	8

## NORTH-WEST MEXICO.

*Work Opened February, 1889.*

### DURANGO.

MISS MCFARREN, *Teacher.*

Miss Holding, Agent of the Board, writes of this work: "After nearly two years of waiting I have been able to visit the school at Durango. I found it in good working order, and the family a well-ordered one. Durango is a wealthy city. Though not favored with railroad communication, it shows more life and thrift than are usually found in Mexican cities. With proper school appliances, there is no reason why the Durango school should not in due time come to the front in your mission."

FROM MISS MCFARREN, *Teacher*.—BOARDING AND DAY SCHOOL.

The school was opened the first Monday of February. The following week we had to close for a short time on account of "la grippe," which attacked nearly every member of school and family. Thirty-nine children have been under instruction. We closed with a purely Mexican school.

During the year we had a few children who did not attend our services, but the greater number are from Protestant families. Five of the pupils are members of the Church. The school is divided into two departments.

Carmen Cervantes, my native teacher, has done good work. She had classes in reading, writing, Bible history, geography, and arithmetic. The examination in Bible history, conducted by their teacher, was remarkably good, little children from six to ten years of age giving many incidents of Bible history. The examination of the advanced grade was also satisfactory. Aside from these classes the children have done all of the domestic work of the home. This labor department has given care, but the result has been good. The children are stronger and happier for it, and are better prepared for the practical duties of life.

The sewing class must be mentioned. With one or two exceptions every

girl made the dress she wore at the examination. I was quite happy to have the dresses sought after as *patterns*. The pupils also had a pretty piece of thread-drawn work, crochet work, etc. I trust we have done a good year's work for the Master. We have had trials which have proved our blessing. Mrs. Elliott is with me now. She is proving herself a power for good. We trust the Lord will do great things for us next year.

STATISTICS.—DURANGO.

Teacher.....	1
Native teacher.....	1
Pupils.....	39
Communicants.....	5

CHIHUAHUA.

Work Opened in Summer of 1890.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS A. V. WILSON,

MISS DORSEY.

MISS ARRINGTON, *Teacher*.

Of this new work Miss Holding writes: "Until quite recently I had not the opportunity of visiting Chihuahua. I found Miss Wilson and her helpers cheerful and hopeful. The school, considering its newness, was in good condition. This is a beautiful city, with more than ordinary wealth and prosperity. The lot upon which it is proposed to build is finely located, and we hope the Board will favor the school so as to put it before the people in an attractive dress. There is no city in Mexico more ripe for the harvest than Chihuahua."

FROM MISS A. V. WILSON.

Six months of our school year have past, and we send you some account of our standing to-day. Beginning on the 1st of September with five pupils and a pupil teacher, we have kept on, with an intermission of one week during the session of our Conference and two days of holiday at Christmas.

We have had 42 pupils in the schools and 2 at their homes. Seven of these are English. The present number is 26. Our losses are caused by removals from the city.

The income of the school from seven English and three Mexican pupils has been small, yet sufficient to meet the incidental expenses. We have had sore trials and many perplexities, still have not once lost faith in the value of this work or the God who has so wonderfully favored us.

STATISTICS.—CHIHUAHUA.

Missionary.....	1
Helpers.....	2
Native teacher.....	1
Pupils.....	44

## CENTRAL MEXICO.

*Work Re-opened July, 1890.*

## SAN LUIS POTOSI.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS TOLAND,

MISS TURNER.

MISS MASON, *Teacher.*

In a late letter from the field Miss Holding says: "The outlook in San Luis Potosi fills my heart with joy. The missionaries were well, and work with enthusiasm. Their work is gaining in favor day by day."

FROM MISS TOLAND.

When I arrived at San Luis last July, I found Miss Holding here with every thing in readiness to welcome me. Already she had the *patio* adorned with beautiful pot-plants, and every thing looking bright and cheerful. She remained with me several days, until I could get every thing in hand and feel at home.

There is no nicer location than ours in the city. Our house is very cheerful and attractive, frescoed within and without after the Mexican style. Being on a corner, we have the advantage of fronting on two streets. In the house are five large rooms, four smaller ones, and a hall. The two *patios* and a large back yard give us plenty of outdoor room.

Miss Turner and Miss Mason joined me the last of August, and I was rejoiced at their coming. We have now been in San Luis seven months. The first month was spent in repairing and getting the house in order for opening school the 1st of August. At first we admitted no Americans. After a patient waiting for two weeks without a single pupil and no prospect of any, we then announced that we would receive Americans. The next Monday we had four pupils, and the week following that four more, three of whom were Mexicans. Up to the present date, February 7, we have enrolled thirty pupils, fifteen Mexicans and fifteen Americans.

Just before coming down here this promise came to me: "And the Lord, he it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee." In fulfillment of this promise we have met with only the kindest treatment from the people of San Luis. The Superintendent of Public Instruction has been very kind in noticing our school, and has accompanied us to many of the best schools under his supervision. We had circulars of our school freely distributed. One Mexican gentleman of high standing told me: "As soon as I saw your circular I said, 'I am their friend.'" He has proved to be such.

Miss Turner and Miss Mason enjoy distributing tracts. They find opportunity for doing this from our own windows and in their walks around the plazas. The last day they were out crowds gathered around them and were so eager for every tract that they could not hand them out fast enough. They have distributed two thousand.

Owing to a delay in building rooms, we have not been able to open the charity work, but now expect to have the rooms finished in a few weeks. We have had some applications for this school, and hope for a bright open-

ing in March. Eloisa Palacios has been with us from the first, and will take the work as soon as it is ready for her. In connection with the school-rooms we will have a room for opening woman's work. We hope to be assisted in this department by the wives of the native preachers and missionaries. We have much to encourage us in our work, and are thankful for the love and mercy that has been over us.

FROM MISS TURNER.

The train that arrived at San Luis Potosi August 28, 1890, from the States brought me to work for the Master among this people. Miss Toland, Mr. Norwood, and his little son Marvin met us at the depot. We took a coach, and in a few minutes were at home. I had often wondered and formed imaginary pictures of what this Mexican home of mine would be like, but, as often the case, fancies and realities are very unlike, so I was very agreeably surprised in it. I thought as I entered the *patio* that I had never seen any thing prettier and brighter than a Marguerite that was near the hall. It seemed that its myriad blossoms shed forth their beauty to add to our welcome. I like our home very much; to me it is one of the most desirable places in San Luis: it is bright and cheerful, and pleasantly situated.

We feel encouraged in regard to the progress of the school. In my fourth reader grade I have seven bright boys and one sweet little girl. I love the children, and my desire is that their minds and hearts may be opened to receive the great spiritual truths as they are taught, that they may prove blessings among the loved ones with whom they associate.

Miss Mason and I have given out two thousand tracts. We like to take them and walk around the plazas, where we find great numbers of men, women, and children that generally take them willingly. It does our hearts good to have grown men run across the street and ask for one. These tracts are only little seed that are sown; and although some may fall by the wayside and upon stony ground, still by the help of the Master we hope many of them will bring forth fruit to the "glory and honor of God." We have already seen a result from one which may be of interest to you. Not long ago a man was at the window selling dulce. We gave him a tract; the next day he came again and asked for another. We gave him the Gospel of St. Luke. In a day or so he returned and asked for a Bible, saying he "wanted to know all." We asked him to come to Sunday-school and church; his reply was that he would if he could get the consent of his wife and daughters. In a Sunday or two he came, and now he brings his family with him.

STATISTICS.—SAN LUIS POTOSI.

Missionaries.....	2
Helper.....	1
Native teacher.....	1
Pupils.....	30

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.—MEXICO.

Missionaries.....	10
Helpers.....	6
Teachers.....	6
Teachers, native.....	8
Total missionaries, teachers, and helpers in Mexican work	30
Pupils in Mexican work.....	531
Schools.....	10
Communicants.....	75
Value of property.....	\$66,300
Traacts distributed.....	5,400
In woman's class.....	32



## BRAZIL.

*Work commenced in 1881.*

Bishop Granbery, who visited the work while in Brazil, says:

Last summer I was in the schools at Piracicaba, Rio de Janeiro, and Taubaté. The college at Piracicaba was maintaining its high reputation and favor with the people. The ladies were faithfully and zealously working, and in good spirits over the success and prospects of the institution. At Rio the sisters were devoting themselves with not less diligence to the thirty or more pupils of the school; they longed and prayed for a larger patronage, but believed that patience would be rewarded by permanent success. The new school at Taubaté excited much interest and favor among influential families; had a very encouraging attendance of pupils at the start, and continued to grow up to my latest information.

Juiz de Fora, in the great State of Minas Geraes, is another city which needs a school of the Woman's Board of Missions. It is a growing town in a climate exceptionally fine and wholesome for Brazil, surrounded by mountains, seven hours distant by rail from Rio de Janeiro. There is the college which the General Board has established for the education of youths and of candidates for the itinerant ministry. I was assured that a number of pupils could be gotten at once for a girls' school. If schools can be maintained at Taubaté in connection with the college at Piracicaba, and at Juiz de Fora in connection with the college at Rio, it seems to me that great good may thus be accomplished.

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### PIRACICABA.

*MISSIONARIES.*

MISS WATTS,  
MISS PHILLIPS,

MISS HOWELL,  
MRS. BRELSFORD,

MISS ROSS.

FROM MISS WATTS.—PIRACICABA COLLEGE.

Having adopted the ten-months system, the school opened on the 18th of February, after a vacation of two months, to be closed on the 18th of December. Owing to this change, a new circular was needed, which was prepared and sent out. The matriculations during the first quarter amounted to eighty-six pupils in primary, secondary, and kindergarden departments. The teachers, numbering seven, had the assistance of several pupil teachers.

The second quarter the number of pupils, notwithstanding the withdrawals, went up to ninety; the corps of teachers being increased by the coming of Mrs. Brelsford. During the third quarter the matriculations increased the number to one hundred and fifteen; but fourteen withdrew, which left us with a hundred and one at the close of the quarter. Mrs. Brelsford took charge of the kindergarden July 1, with Miss Eugenia Smith as assistant and interpreter. Miss Ross came during this quarter, and in the beginning of September took work in the house, also having charge of the sewing class and the care of the children out of school except in the regular study hours. In the last quarter the matriculations and withdrawals were equal,

and at the close of the year the number was the same as at the close of the third quarter.

The closing exercises consisted of two days of public examination and one night of entertainment. The time given to the examination was inadequate to the demand, and many classes were not examined; but those that were examined gave general satisfaction. The Bible classes, being questioned in the Acts of the Apostles, acquitted themselves very creditably indeed, much to the satisfaction of the teacher and those who felt interested in the spiritual welfare of the pupils. The entertainment was enjoyed by a large audience.

Throughout the year the children manifested interest in their work; and though at times they seemed possessed with a spirit of mischief, in general they were well behaved. The teachers have been faithful, and the result of their labors was apparent at the examination.

Though my own work has been more arduous than ever before, and my body consequently the sufferer, I find, on looking back, that I have much to be thankful for in God's care over me and my work.

STATISTICS.—PIRACICABA.

Missionaries.....	5
Assistants, paid from school fund.....	4
Pupils matriculated.....	131
Pupils withdrawn.....	30
Pupils remaining at close of year.....	101
Pupils attending Sunday-school.....	45
Pupils members of Church (one new member).....	17
Pupils candidates for membership.....	5
Pupils favored.....	18
Pupils boarding in house during year.....	20

FROM MISS HOWELL.

My work for the past year, though constant and pleasant, has not been varied. I have had ten music pupils, two classes in English and one of small children, have taken charge of the study-hour before breakfast, which time was spent in the study of the language. I play the organ for public worship, sometimes on Sunday playing for five services. Visiting among the women I find to be difficult as yet on account of my limited knowledge of Portuguese. My health has been remarkably good since coming to Brazil. I sometimes think surely the Lord is better to me than to any one else. He has placed me where "the harvest truly is great," and has given me physical strength to do his work.

FROM MISS SALLIE M. PHILLIPS.

This year has been one of earnest and indefatigable labor. The endeavor to be helpful and the arduous preparation to become an effectual worker have absorbed all my time and heart. Ill health has impeded both usefulness in the work and progress in acquisition of the language.

Four months' study prior to the opening of work last February better fitted me for the school, consequently school-room duties have consumed the greater portion of each day, the work having been English and Portuguese combined.

The study of the language conformly to course suggested for new missionaries has been faithfully pursued as far as physical ability would admit.

Sunday-school work, some visiting to the women in their homes, and distributing tracts have been earnestly, prayerfully carried on.

Keeping vigilance during period for study at night with the children, and assisting in their control and supervision of the dormitories during the first session have also been a part of my work.

The distribution of labor has been nicely adjusted to the ability of all, and to me the work has proved both agreeable and profitable. How true it is that our Father smooths life's rugged pathway when we trust him!

Received of the Sea-shore Camp-ground Sunday-school, fifty dollars, as a gift to be used in my work here among the children. The money has been appropriated to furnish a Sunday-school room for small children.

FROM MISS ROSS.

At the beginning of the year it was deemed best to close the Boys' Home in Rio; and as I was not needed in the Eschola do Alto, where sickness had greatly diminished the number of pupils, I was sent to Taubaté to await orders from the Board. It was done with the hope that this work which promised so much would be taken up at once and a place in the new school assigned to me. The school has proved a decided success, but has not yet been adopted by the Woman's Board, and in July I was transferred to the Collegio Piracicabano, where I have been assisting Miss Watts. I have always tried to do with my might whatsoever my hand found to do, and I trust that when the Lord of the harvest comes he will find some of the few seed I have been able to scatter bearing precious fruit.

FROM MRS. BRELSFORD.

On the 30th of April, 1890, I arrived in Piracicaba, Brazil, thirty-three days from the time I left Louisville, Ky. This I consider one of the most interesting days of my life. One long month I had been tossing upon the mighty ocean, surrounded by dangers seen and unseen; but my Father had guided me safely to my final destination.

Eight months have come and gone since then, and now I must give a report of what I have accomplished. To learn the language was my first and greatest thought, and as soon as possible I began the difficult task. This had been one of the greatest obstacles in the way of my becoming a missionary. At one time when discouraged I had resolved to give up the thought, fearing a failure at this point; but the command, "Go work in my vineyard to-day," strengthened my faith in God, so I ventured out upon his promises.

I have translated the Gospel of Matthew from Portuguese into English. Mark and Luke, partly from English into Portuguese. The first two months I had no regular duties; but from the first of July carried on the work of the kindergarten department with the aid of an interpreter. The number of children enrolled was 22; average attendance, 20. Finding the kindergarten stock about exhausted, we asked an appropriation for a new supply. The Louisville Conference donated and sent the material specified, which amounted to one hundred and forty-one dollars.

The room designed for the kindergarten Sunday-school not being completed, I was assigned a class of American children from ten to fifteen years of age. Feeling impressed to do something outside our limited routine of work, I organized my class into a Flower Mission Band. They proved to be most enthusiastic workers. Almost every Sunday we visited the hospital, jail, and the leper's hospital alternately and also the poor and afflicted of our Church. Each one carried a bunch of flowers to which were attached cards upon which were written verses of scripture. We were greatly assisted by one of the native Christians, who accompanied us in our visits, reading, explaining, and praying with the poor unfortunates.

## RIO DE JANEIRO.

### MISSIONARIES.

MISS BRUCE,

MISS GRANBERY,

MISS MARVIN,

MISS JONES,

MISS YARRELL (*at home on leave*).

FROM MISS BRUCE.

Returning to the field so late in the year, August 7, my report must necessarily be meager. At once the same loved work, which is here a little, there a little, was resumed. Some housekeeping, some teaching, music, and general work have taken all my time and strength.

At my request, Miss Jones continued in charge of the school-room and class work, as her report will show. There have been discouragements; but God is with us, and the light shines through. My conviction is just as strong to-day as when we first came to Rio that we have a great work to do in this immense city; and what we need more than every thing else is faith to hold on in the face of difficulties and failure to see results, and the victory will be ours in the years to come. We have God's promises. The feeling that we are so few and reach so few weighs us down in the face of so many perishing souls; and we desire to try to reach some outside of this school, as the report will show.

The religious instruction of the school has been faithfully done, each teacher taking her hour, as also we all do in Sunday-school work, and there was a very good feeling among the girls in the house. As we have said before, the results show earlier and oftener in those who live with us than with the day pupils. One of our girls was received into the Church during the last term, and two others are candidates.

I cannot close without saying a word of appreciation of my co-laborers who have stood with me and in my absence together as one man against a common enemy.

The health of the city has been good this season, and consequently the outlook is hopeful. We expect greater things for the coming year. In all, we give thanks to God for his continued goodness and mercy.

FROM MISS JONES.

The third years' session of this school was opened February 24, 1890, after the long summer vacation. Miss Granbery, Miss Marvin, and myself re-



turned to the city fortified in health by a profitable season of rest, and with renewed determination to carry the work, if possible, through the difficulties that still beset it. Miss Yarrell remained in São Paulo, as it was not considered prudent for her to return to Rio during the hot season. Her health did not improve, and she finally decided to embark for the United States early in May.

The decrease of paying pupils, and large increase of expenses occasioned by the epidemic, had not been foreseen, and no appropriation for current expenses had been made for the work in Rio. It was found necessary to use all of the appropriation for repairs, which are constantly demanded on a large property entirely for the improvement of the drainage. In the boys' boarding department only two boys were left, one of whom was quite small enough to be admitted to the Alto. Under these circumstances it was thought best to give up the boys' house and ask permission to apply that rent to the Alto; while Miss Ross, who had been in charge of that department, should go to Taubaté with Mr. and Mrs. Kennedy, who had generously taken up that promising school to hold it for the Woman's Board of Missions.

Sickness re-appeared before we could organize our household, beginning with the man of all work, our only servant. Two little girls were dangerously ill in the house in March, and soon afterward Sister Mattison was seized with yellow fever. How joyously might we recount the victory over these trials had sickness been all! Time after time we had wrestled face to face with death, and the Lord of life had heard our prayers to turn him aside. But God had now other purposes than ours. Our mission family were all gathered in the lovely home on "the Height" in joyous gratitude for the recovery of Sister Mattison, when our brother was stricken down. He was in the truest, highest sense our friend; wise in counsel, just and gentle in reproof, strong and tender in sympathy, loving and joyous. The interest of our branch of the work was on his heart, and seemed ever present in his plans and purposes. No words here can express the tribute due his memory or irreparable loss. In less than a month we made another grave in beautiful Caju by the sea, a last resting-place for our little Paul, the lovely boy intrusted to our keeping while his mother took her older children across the sea to school.

After the second fatal case of fever, we were advised to close the house for thorough disinfecting, in order to avoid any suspicion of carelessness should sickness return. The school was therefore suspended on the 3d of June until July 1, after the vacation of St. John.

We were at this time eagerly expecting the return of Miss Bruce, in company with the bishop and other missionaries, but hope was deferred until the 7th of August. At this time the school numbered eleven boarders and fifteen day pupils. Since Miss Bruce's arrival I have been able to give all my time to the day-school, but with so short a time of uninterrupted work results have not been highly satisfactory. The friends and patrons of the school seemed much gratified, however, by the modest exhibition we made at the close, and kindly predict a successful future. We have matriculated during the year: Day pupils, 25; boarders, 16. Total number, 41.

The largest number of pupils in attendance at any one time was thirty-one. All the children boarding in the house are members of the Sunday-school except two little ones who are taken home on Saturday, and all the day pupils have attended the Church services from time to time. During the year two of the little girls have been received into full communion in the Church and two others on probation. Two promising pupil teachers are under our instruction, one for primary and one for kindergarten work, and I have been much encouraged by their spirit and progress. We have been and continue to be much straitened in spirit by the pressure of work outside the school, which appeals strongly to our judgment and sympathy, but for which our strength was not sufficient.

To friends in Rio we owe much for kindness shown to us in our times of trouble, and so in our losses we have gained something in the experience of helpful sympathy for love of our Master, and may still hope that some of the seed sown in tears may somewhere be reaped in joy.

FROM MISS GRANBERY.

I thank the God of all mercies for the continuance this year of health, strength, and many other blessings. While I have been called upon several times to wait on the sick in our school and in the homes of our friends, yet my own health has been good during the whole year.

My work has been chiefly in the school-room, in charge of the primary department. I had missed only a few weeks from the class-room when the school was broken up on account of sickness and the time which I spent with my father at Conference, the other ladies kindly assuming my duties during this time.

A part of the year I taught the Bible lessons in the school, and I have tried to seize every opportunity to impress upon the children the truths of the gospel. Many occasions occur, especially in the reading classes, for speaking on religious subjects, as we are obliged to use text-books prepared by Romanists, which often contain grave errors and false doctrines.

My most direct missionary work has been in Sunday-school, where I have an interesting class of boys. All my efforts seem to produce but little effect upon these boys, and I would often grow discouraged were it not for their regular attendance and my faith in him in whose name I teach. I pray God's blessing upon the boys, leaving the result with him. As one of the class understands only English and another only Portuguese, we have the lesson in both languages.

FROM MISS MARCIA MARVIN.

We believe there is no mission field where the task of teaching children work outside of the school-room ought to be considered more than in Brazil. The Brazilian habit of spending much time in idleness—spending hours listlessly gazing from their windows, or if engaged in any work it must be the lightest of fancy work—should suggest to us the importance of helping them into a better way. There certainly can be no true happiness in a home where mothers and sisters know nothing of the thousand touches of comfort they might give their homes in order to make them attractive to themselves and those around them. Trying to train these girls during the past year in

looking after their rooms, caring for their clothes, and the many other duties that come up in home and school life has required some thought and labor.

The sewing class has given me much pleasure, especially the work of the last four months. The girls have worked cheerfully, and show much interest in their work. There is no cause for shame, but reason to hope for better things in the future. In this class I found time to talk with the girls of their Bible lessons, or to teach them verses from the Bible, and in this way our hour passed before we were tired of the sewing.

The duties that have given me much pleasure have been the evening prayers and Sunday evenings at home. As it was not convenient to have all of the children go to Church on Sunday evenings, I have remained with them. Some of these evenings can never be forgotten. We believe the Holy Spirit was with us and blessed the words spoken for the Master.

"Line upon line, precept upon precept, here a little and there a little," has been our watch-word, with earnest prayer that God, our Father, would bless our poor efforts to his honor and glory and to the salvation of souls.

#### STATISTICS.—RIO GIRLS' SCHOOL.

Number of missionaries.....	3
Number of teachers employed.....	2
Number of pupils matriculated.....	36
Withdrawn by removal.....	4
Withdrawn for other causes.....	5
Pupils remaining April 1.....	27
Pupils members of Church.....	2
Candidates.....	2
Pupils who attend Sunday-school.....	22
Boarders.....	17
Day pupils.....	10
Total pupils.....	29

#### SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.—BRAZIL.

Missionaries.....	9
Assistants.....	6
Pupils.....	172
Attending Sunday-school.....	84
Communicants.....	20

## INDIAN TERRITORY.

*Work Commenced in 1882.*

### ANADARKO.

#### TEACHERS.

MRS. AVANT,

MISS GREGORY.

FROM REV. J. J. METHVIN, *Superintendent.*

I send the annual report of the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society among the wild tribes. In answer to my appeal for woman's work among this perishing people, Mrs. J. L. Avant was sent nearly two years ago by the Woman's Board to this field. Soon after arriving here, she began visiting the Indian women in their camps, and calling them together at the parsonage in little meetings, teaching them how to do things—such as cut-

ting, fitting, and making the wearing apparel of civilized life—and at the same time teaching them the religion of the Lord Jesus. This work and these meetings soon began to show beneficial results, notably in the increase of the congregations at our regular preaching times. This general field work was kept up till the school work was opened, and Mrs. Avant entered that department.

I want to call attention to the importance of this camp or general field work. I was sorry that it became necessary to abandon it to such an extent when the school work began. It should be revived; and if the Woman's Board could see its way to make an appropriation for this special cause, it would be money well and wisely spent. I want to give emphasis to this matter. Nobody knows, who has not been among them, how much encouragement these Indian women need, and how much may be accomplished for them by this camp and field work.

The school here has during the year done efficient work, although the patronage, on account of the so-called Messianic craze and other troubles, has not been by any means what was desired. The government uses force in filling the government schools; we use persuasion, consequently we do not gather the children as fast as the government nor as fast as we wish, but there is this compensation: using persuasion only, we get such pupils as a rule as we can hold and teach successfully. I do not apprehend the least difficulty in a short while in getting all the pupils we can make room for. The Messianic delusion has been dispelled, and the Indians are already seeing the superiority of Christian schools.

There has been a little increase in the patronage during the past month, and we have the promise of others soon. During the year three races have been represented in the school: whites, Indians, Mexicans; and of the Indians in attendance there are four tribes: Kiowas, Comanches, Caddoes, Delawares. The working force in the school the present term has been: Mrs. Avant, in the domestic department; Miss Gregory, in educational department; one cook and laundress, with such transient help as was necessary from time to time. I cannot commend too heartily the work of Mrs. Avant and Miss Gregory. Upon them I have had to depend for the interior detail workings of the school, and they should be credited with whatever measure of success the school has had.

This school, properly nurtured, will prove an instrument of much usefulness in this Indian work. Its capacity, therefore, and its working force should be increased. It will cost something to do this; but living enterprises always cost money, dead ones cost nothing, and besides money is not to be put into the balance against human souls.

The school-building needs painting and other improvements upon it. It has never had a completed job of painting either on the outside or inside. There should be at least one large audience-room added to the present building, with bed-rooms above. Several out-houses are needed—such as store-room, corn-crib, etc.

The quarter section of land belonging to the school is well-located, and is valuable. There are one hundred and sixty acres, about eighty acres of which is good bottom land, and the other eighty acres good upland, covered



with prairie grass, which will produce many tons of hay. We have been able to prepare only about twenty-six acres for cultivation the present season, which we rented to Mr. Y. L. Avant. We hope to have at least fifty acres under cultivation another year, when we can better carry out the industrial feature of the school by the employment of the boys during part of each day on the farm, tending the stock, etc. We carry out now as far as practicable the industrial feature—teaching the girls to make beds, sweep, clean house, sew—in fact do all work common to girls and women, and the boys such work as they should know how to do when they in the future make their own homes.

The Adult and Juvenile Societies of the Atlanta First Church sent a most excellent organ as a present to the school recently. It was a welcome gift, and aids us much in the school. Others have sent boxes of clothing, etc. These boxes of clothing are always gracious helps in supplying the necessary clothing for the children. Thus far the government has each week issued to us sufficient food for all the Indian children we have in school. This will, I suppose, be continued; but it will be required of us to keep the children properly clothed at our own expense. A few of the Indians will clothe their own children, but only a few are sufficiently advanced to do that. This demand may be largely met by these boxes of clothing sent from time to time, but some money will be required also.

Before closing this report there is one more important interest to which I would call attention, and to which I would solicit your aid. Twenty miles south-east of here, among the Comanches and Mexicans, on Little Washiti River, we have a church recently built. It is a strategic point. The natives there are much interested, and the work has developed there to such an extent that they are actually calling for a teacher that they *may have a day-school*. Brother Mercado, our Mexican preacher, lives there. The surroundings and conditions are such that a pioneer teacher is greatly needed. I know of no opening in which we may so freely enter and where a woman may do more good. It is pioneer work, and it will take a woman of a brave heart. It will not take much of an appropriation. Miss B., of Robard, Ky., who was out here last spring in the school, is ready to undertake that work. I would unhesitatingly and earnestly recommend her employment by your Board in that work. She is true and tried. The school work will be light, but whosoever goes there will couple with the school work the camp work, and blessed opportunity will be afforded for doing good in the homes of the people there. It is a golden opportunity, and I trust that your Board may be able to make the appropriation necessary to undertake that cause.

In conclusion, I would urge an increased interest in this Indian work. It is important that we do much *now*! Important changes are contemplated by the government, which will inevitably come in the course of a few more years. The molding process must be carried on vigorously now, or we lose much; and I may say, so far as our work among Indians is concerned, it must be now, *now*, now, and present work in this field is the key to all our work among the wild tribes in the future. We have the field here now; the Indians are turning to us for the gospel; and, already bound by every sacred obligation of our holy religion to give them the gospel, our responsibil-

ity is thus increased. This is the time of our visitation, so far as opportunity is concerned. God help us to see it and act!

STATISTICS.—INDIAN WORK.

Tribes represented (Kiowas, Comanches, Delawares, Caddoes)	4
Teacher.....	1
Helper.....	1
Pupils (variable owing to Messianic craze).....	16

PROPERTY OF WOMAN'S BOARD OF MISSIONS.

China.....	\$ 60,000
Mexico.....	66,300
Brazil.....	45,000
Indian Territory.....	5,000
Total.....	\$176,300

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# REPORT OF HOME WORK.

*MARY HELM, SECRETARY OF HOME AFFAIRS.*

The Woman's Missionary Society entered its fourth quadrennium on a rising tide, and wave after wave of progress has carried it forward each quarter until the close of the year marks a point never before reached in its history. More women are aroused to know and do their Lord's will; more young people and children are being trained for the service of the King, more money has been cast into the treasury than in any previous year. The novelty of the enterprise is no longer the inspiration of a fitful zeal. The enthusiasm of a deep-rooted principle is animating the people, and the impelling force of an accepted duty is the motive power.

While with thankful hearts we say, "Behold what the Lord hath wrought!" a glance at the membership of the Church shows how much yet remains to be done to bring this great company of women to publish the word the Lord has given. The great need of the hour finds its outward expression in "more laborers at home and abroad;" but below this is a deeper need that he alone can supply who has said: "All power is given unto me in heaven and earth," and "ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost has come upon you." Let all the members of the Woman's Missionary Society, "with one accord," ask and receive this endowment of "power from on high," and the need of laborers will be abundantly supplied by witnesses for Christ both in Jerusalem and "unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

## STATISTICS.

The statistics of the year are as follows: Auxiliary Societies, 2,148; increase, 162; members, 42,563; increase, 1,328; young people and children's societies, 1,124; increase, 129; members, 32,917; increase, 1,785. Total societies, 3,272; total increase, 291. Total membership, 75,480; total increase, 3,113. Life-members, 2,121; honorary life-members, 59; life patrons, 9.

## WEEK OF PRAYER.

The Week of Prayer and Self-denial brought forth fruit in due season, and left the people better for remembering "to give thanks

unto the Lord," of their substance. "Prayer as the great motor in the kingdom of God" is being gradually recognized by those who labor for Missions, and is taking its place in all their plans. "Let us linger before God until we get power, then life becomes grand."

#### THE SCARRITT BIBLE AND TRAINING SCHOOL.

This grand enterprise of the Woman's Board of Missions has grown in favor with the people, and has received many gifts during the year without diverting a dollar from the general treasury. A bond for the deed to the lot given by Dr. Scarritt has been duly executed by his heirs. The Board of Managers has accepted a plan for the building and has ordered its erection as soon as the \$25,000 pledged by the Woman's Board has been collected. The Woman's Board of Missions at its December meeting appointed Easter Sunday as a time for special services and collections in the interest of the school, and ordered the publication of programmes and collection cards for that purpose. These were freely circulated throughout the Church, trusting in the Lord for the result.



## SUMMARY OF HOME WORK FOR 1890-91.

CONFERENCE.	Number of Auxiliaries in the Conference.	Number of Members.	Number of Auxiliaries Organized During the Year.	Number of Members Added During the Year.	Number of Young People's and Juvenile Societies.	Number of Juvenile Members.	Number of Young People's and Juvenile Societies Organized During the Year.	Number of Juvenile Members Added During the Year.	Total Members.	Life-members.	Honorary Life-members.	Honorary Life Patrons.	Scholarships Supported.	Day-schools Supported.	Subscribers to Woman's Missionary Advocate.
Alabama.....	88	1,104	5	.....	40	1,290	6	468	2,333	22	1	1	1	.....	396
Arkansas.....	27	477	4	66	12	447	3	96	924	2	1	.....	1	.....	58
Baltimore.....	66	1,618	.....	26	22	781	3	86	2,399	119	2	2	4	.....	385
Denver.....	4	56	.....	.....	4	115	.....	7	171	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	32
East Texas.....	39	731	14	250	23	656	8	228	1,387	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	357
Florida.....	70	1,354	5	66	43	868	6	94	2,222	49	.....	.....	.....	.....	298
Holston.....	87	1,713	6	138	64	1,787	7	66	3,500	189	.....	.....	1	1	570
Indian Mission.....	3	25	.....	.....	2	20	.....	.....	45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16
Kentucky.....	68	1,370	7	103	32	700	6	76	2,070	132	5	2	1	.....	485
Little Rock.....	47	892	5	42	36	1,098	2	28	1,990	38	1	.....	.....	.....	235
Los Angeles.....	13	279	.....	.....	4	92	.....	.....	371	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	178
Louisville.....	58	1,050	9	2	49	968	.....	.....	2,018	50	.....	.....	3	1	210
Louisiana.....	44	876	6	.....	17	728	5	187	1,604	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	171
Memphis.....	51	1,052	.....	49	52	1,555	7	94	2,607	100	7	.....	2	1	352

Mississippi.....	80	1,232	17	13	20	300	.....	.....	1,532	31	.....	.....	.....	375
Missouri.....	82	1,469	7	38	40	943	8	18	2,412	81	1	.....	1	452
North Alabama.....	65	1,201	9	157	45	1,150	5	76	2,351	21	2	.....	2	360
North Carolina.....	60	1,529	10	214	83	2,888	32	1,218	4,417	13	.....	.....	1	345
North Georgia.....	194	3,739	15	285	94	2,708	15	372	6,447	156	8	3	2	1 800
North Mississippi.....	90	1,669	20	284	48	1,621	13	215	3,290	30	3	.....	.....	1 620
North Texas.....	39	723	10	124	6	303	2	226	1,026	44	.....	.....	.....	220
North-west Texas.....	45	932	14	287	18	867	9	356	1,799	23	13	.....	1	175
Pacific.....	16	371	3	38	12	346	3	114	717	3	.....	.....	.....	164
South Carolina.....	158	3,080	12	119	65	2,024	13	349	5,104	66	6	1	2	847
South Georgia.....	159	3,042	23	198	66	1,632	.....	.....	4,674	9	.....	.....	.....	1 600
South-west Missouri.....	80	1,553	9	353	59	1,685	10	413	3,238	179	3	.....	7	454
St. Louis.....	42	824	6	76	23	622	4	43	1,446	57	.....	.....	6	363
Tennessee.....	76	2,100	11	219	34	1,147	1	60	3,247	478	3	1	2	478
Texas.....	35	720	5	80	19	607	6	255	1,327	35	1	.....	.....	300
Virginia.....	120	3,030	25	193	5	193	.....	.....	3,223	47	.....	.....	2	610
Western.....	8	120	.....	.....	3	56	.....	.....	176	25	.....	.....	.....	30
Western North Carolina.....	64	1,400	5	221	38	1,684	2	71	3,084	30	.....	.....	1	231
Western Virginia.....	33	614	2	36	19	369	1	10	983	27	2	.....	.....	85
West Texas.....	15	260	.....	.....	7	290	.....	.....	550	18	.....	.....	.....	80
White River.....	22	358	14	98	10	438	6	231	796	9	.....	.....	1	57
Total.....	2,148	42,563	268	3,775	1,124	32,917	183	5,457	75,480	2,121	59	9	41	17 11,389

NOTE.—At the last General Conference the Western North Carolina Conference was organized, including in its territory parts of the North Carolina, Holston, and Virginia Conferences. Each of these Conferences lost in Auxiliaries and membership of the Woman's Missionary Society, thus diminishing their reports for this year.

# TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1890-91.

*MRS. H. N. McTYEIRE, JR., Treasurer, in account with Woman's  
Missionary Society, Methodist Episcopal Church, South.*

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1890.

## ALABAMA CONFERENCE.

June	1.	Received of Miss Lucy Buckalen Berganot.....	\$	6	68
	27.	Received of Mrs. C. M. Baker, Conference Treasurer.....		690	66
Aug.	16.	Received of Mrs. E. C. Dowdell, from Sea-shore Camp-meeting.....		105	00
Sept.	30.	Received of Mrs. C. M. Baker, Conference Treasurer.....		458	87
Nov.	25.	Received of Mrs. E. C. Dowdell.....		200	00
Dec.	29.	Received of Miss Mary Goodwin, Conference Treasurer.....		850	00
1891.					
Feb.	5.	By same.....		20	00
April	7.	By same.....		625	00
Total.....				\$	2,956 21
Of above, \$352.24, self-denial and thank offerings; \$120, scholarships; \$16.86, mite-box collections; \$48.40, piano at Saltillo; \$200, water supply at Saltillo; \$6.00 for piano for Indian Mission; \$26.05, Conference pledges; \$11, for Miss Rankin.					

1890.

## ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.

May	10.	Received of Mrs. Annie Nully, from Beebe Auxiliary....	\$	3	50
July	10.	Received of Mrs. Frank Parker, Conference Treasurer.....		46	71
Oct.	30.	By same.....		80	30
1891.					
Jan.	1.	By same.....		177	85
Total.....				\$	308 36

1890.

## BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.

July	1.	Received of Miss V. C. Massie, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	339	73
Aug.	11.	By same.....		105	00
Oct.	1.	By same.....		464	54
1891.					
Jan.	3.	By same.....		679	08
March	30.	By same.....		1,090	76
Total.....				\$	2,679 11
Of above, \$137.85, self-denial and thank offerings; \$151, scholarships; \$101.86, mite-box collections; \$84.50, Palmore Institute; \$20, for Bible-woman in China; \$7.25, Memorial Fund; \$29.52, for Mexico; \$5, for Miss Strider, in Japan; \$26, for Miss Blanche Gilbert; \$174.06, Conference pledge.					

1890.

## DENVER CONFERENCE.

July	14.	Received of Mrs. J. W. Collins.....	\$	11	60
Aug.	11.	Received of Mrs. Sue Morrison, from Juvenile Society in Denver.....		5	00
Sept.	22.	Received of Mrs. M. H. Crowe, Conference Treasurer.....		16	60
Dec.	20.	By same.....		6	15
	26.	By same.....		21	50
1891.					
March	23.	By same.....		10	30
Total.....				\$	71 15

Of above, \$4.95, self-denial and thank offerings; \$11.50, from Rev. Smith, Colorado Springs.

1890.

## EAST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

June	23.	Received of Mrs. R. T. Dorrough, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	123	00
July	1.	By same.....		23	30
Sept.	17.	By same.....		80	00
	25.	By same.....		48	55
Oct.	1.	Received of Mrs. W. G. Davis, Woodville, Tex.....		7	10
	6.	Received of Mrs. R. T. Dorrough, Conference Treasurer.....		76	05
Dec.	9.	By same.....		414	03

1891.			
Feb.	10.	By same.....	\$ 20 60
March	17.	By same.....	229 40
	24.	Received of Mrs. F. A. Heartsill, Secretary .....	5 60
	27.	Received of Mrs. R. T. Dorrough, Conference Treasurer .....	75 75
	31.	By same.....	55 45
April	3.	By same.....	3 97
	13.	By same.....	38 70
		Total.....	\$ 1,180 30
Of above, \$5, self-denial and thank offerings; \$31.35, mite-box collections; \$6.97, Memorial Fund; \$197.25, Conference pledge.			

1890.		FLORIDA CONFERENCE.	
June	23.	Received of Mrs. T. Hartridge, Conference Treasurer .....	\$ 400 00
Aug.	26.	By same.....	175 00
Oct.	1.	By same.....	225 60
Dec.	26.	By same.....	800 00
1891.			
April	1.	By same.....	550 00
		Total.....	\$ 2,150 00
Of above, \$190.87, self-denial and thank offerings; \$79.47, mite-box collections; \$125, stone wall in Mexico; \$50, freight on piano; \$54.84, for Miss Blake; \$24, for training school; \$111.54, Conference pledge.			

1890.		HOLSTON CONFERENCE.	
July	7.	Received of Mrs. N. S. Woodward, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 560 15
Sept.	24.	By same.....	609 20
	25.	By same.....	60 69
Oct.	14.	M. J. and A. E. Oliver .....	10 00
Dec.	1.	Received of Mattie Swafford, Ormes's Store ..	6 00
1891.			
Jan.	3.	Received of Mrs. N. S. Woodward, Conference Treasurer .....	1,069 95
	19.	Received of William B. McDaniel, Shellmound.....	50 00
April	3.	Received of Mrs. N. S. Woodward, Conference Treasurer.....	933 00
		Total.....	\$ 3,298 99
Of the above, \$454.36, self-denial and thank offerings; \$71.12, mite-box collections; \$25.60, Memorial Fund; \$100, day-school; \$10.50, for Brazil; \$188.75, Conference pledge.			

1890.		INDIAN MISSION CONFERENCE.	
May	5.	Received of Mrs. Dora Roberts, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 74 50
June	23.	By same.....	34 60
Sept.	24.	By same.....	33 35
Dec.	29.	By same.....	30 62
1891.			
March	24.	By same.....	8 45
	30.	By same.....	22 00
		Total.....	\$ 203 42
Of above, \$4.60, self-denial and thank offerings; \$29.27, mite-box collections.			

1890.		KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.	
June	13.	Received of Mrs. S. Noland, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 532 67
Sept.	19.	By same.....	456 74
Dec.	20.	By same.....	685 85
March	17.	By same.....	1,224 58
		Total.....	\$ 2,899 84
Of above, \$541.03, self-denial and thank offerings; \$83.24, mite-box collections; \$13.65, for training school; \$348.52, Conference pledge.			

1890.		LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.	
Aug.	16.	Received of Mrs. M. J. McAlmont, Conference Treasurer .....	\$ 200 00
Oct.	1.	By same.....	104 06
1891.			
Jan.	3.	By same.....	180 38
April	10.	By same.....	215 43
		Total.....	\$ 698 57
Of above, \$65.43, self-denial and thank offerings; \$12.42, mite-box collections; \$7.40, scholarship; \$10.10, for Anadarko.			



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1890.		LOS ANGELES CONFERENCE.	
June	27.	Received of Mrs. J. Hamilton, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 54 14
Sept.	25.	By same.....	55 40
Dec.	26.	By same.....	59 40
	29.	By same.....	19 60
1891.			
March	27.	By same.....	27 24
April	7.	By same.....	6 50
		Total.....	\$ 222 28
Of above, \$50.63, self-denial and thank offerings; \$1.81, mite-box collections; \$5, Memorial Fund; \$2.07, for Chihuahua.			

1890.		LOUISVILLE CONFERENCE.	
July	7.	Received of Mrs. M. K. Carter, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 454 35
Sept.	19.	By same.....	492 78
Dec.	20.	By same.....	623 47
1891.			
Feb.	1.	Received of Mrs. D. H. McGavock, from Mr. Moses Forte, for Miss Sallie Phillips.....	10 00
March	27.	Received of Mrs. M. K. Carter, Conference Treasurer.....	834 59
		Total.....	\$ 2,415 19
Of above, \$189.25, self-denial and thank offerings; \$80, scholarships; \$67.27, mite-box collections; 60 cents, for Memorial Fund; \$2, L. M. certificates; \$392.82, for Mrs. Brelsford; \$50, day-school; \$40, for Rio; \$14, for Indian work; \$11.94, for Laredo.			

1890.		LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.	
May	10.	Received of Mrs. S. B. McCutchen, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 282 79
July	1.	By same.....	334 77
Sept.	17.	Received of Rosa Guice, Water Proof, La.....	2 00
Oct.	24.	Received of Mrs. S. B. McCutchen, Conference Treasurer.....	116 62
Nov.	11.	Received of a friend in New Orleans.....	30 00
1891.			
Jan.	15.	Received of Mrs. S. B. McCutchen, Conference Treasurer.....	321 20
		Total.....	\$ 1,087 38
Of above, \$108.20, self-denial and thank offerings; \$37.90, mite-box collections; \$8.70, Memorial Fund; \$10.75, training-school.			

1890.		MEMPHIS CONFERENCE.	
June	23.	Received of Mrs. G. H. Ramsey, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 701 05
July	10.	By same.....	10 12
Oct.	1.	By same.....	518 90
Dec.	24.	By same.....	747 22
1891.			
Jan.	1.	By same.....	40 00
March	30.	By same.....	1,115 10
April	1.	Received of Lillie McSwain, Treasurer of Paris Juvenile Society.....	5 30
		Total.....	\$ 3,137 69
Of above, \$322.66, self-denial and thank offerings; \$231.25, scholarships; \$48.91, mite-box collections; \$10.12, Memorial Fund; \$476.33, new missionaries; \$1, training school; \$40, Miss Rankin; \$94.65, Dora Rankin Memorial; \$3, Miss Kate Roberts.			

1890.		MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.	
June	23.	Received of Mrs. A. DeMoss, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 232 85
Sept.	25.	By same.....	330 06
1891.			
Jan.	3.	By same.....	500 99
March	23.	By same.....	400 60
April	10.	By same.....	45 60
		Total.....	\$ 1,510 10
Of above, \$107.25, self-denial and thank offerings; \$108.28, mite-box collections; \$2, Memorial Fund; \$2.70, Mrs. McClelland; \$75.75, Miss Chrisman's outfit; \$28.55, training school.			

1890.		MISSOURI CONFERENCE.	
June	23.	Received of Mrs. A. Hendrix, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 66 12
July	1.	Received of Mrs. A. F. Davis, Conference Treasurer.....	533 00
Sept.	25.	By same.....	482 28

1890.			
Oct.	30.	Received of Mrs. J. M. Barker.....	\$ 3 00
Dec.	34.	Received of Mrs. A. F. Davis, Conference Treasurer.....	616 94
1891.			
March	27.	By same.....	661 97
	30.	Received of Mrs. S. R. Sullivan, Humphries Auxiliary.....	7 45

Total.....\$ 2,370 76

Of above, \$201.22, self-denial and thank offerings; \$40, scholarships; \$143.51, mite-box collections; \$75, for Kading; \$66.12, for Mexico; \$23.21 for Miss Bruce; \$12, training school; \$98.78, new missionaries.

1890. NORTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE.

June	23.	Received of Mrs. M. L. Butler, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 448 45
Sept.	22.	By same.....	472 63

1891.

Jan.	1.	By same.....	381 74
March	10.	Received of Mrs. F. Harrison, Atalla.....	6 87
	27.	Received of Mrs. M. L. Butler, Conference Treasurer.....	469 04

Total.....\$ 1,778 73

Of above, \$58.66, self-denial and thank offerings; \$29.03, mite-box collections; 95 cents, Memorial Fund; \$36.50, scholarships; 50 cents, L. M. certificate.

1890. NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

April	20.	Received of Mrs. E. J. Parrish, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 53 00
May	31.	Received of George Simmons.....	4 17
June	27.	Received of Mrs. E. J. Parrish, Conference Treasurer.....	663 59
Sept.	19.	Received of Mrs. W. S. Black.....	8 70
	24.	Received of Mrs. R. E. Lyon, Conference Treasurer.....	1,088 75
Dec.	26.	By same.....	695 09

1891.

March	27.	By same.....	776 22
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Total.....\$ 3,289 52

Of above, \$240.70, self-denial and thank offerings; \$67.05, mite-box collections; \$8.70, Memorial Fund; \$98.71, for Anadarko; \$275, for Miss Mary Turner; \$113.10, for sending out new missionaries.

1890. NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.

July	10.	Received of Miss Sallie V. Stewart, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 1,134 50
Oct.	3.	By same.....	1,296 28
Dec.	20.	By same.....	76 50

1891.

Jan.	1.	By same.....	2,267 20
Feb.	12.	By Mrs. Boyce Ficklin, Washington, Ga.....	11 00
April	1.	Miss Sallie V. Stewart, Conference Treasurer.....	2,149 44

Total.....\$ 6,934 92

Of above, \$397.31, self-denial and thank offerings; \$139.35, mite-box collections; \$3.55, Memorial Fund; \$101, scholarships; \$106.53, for day-schools; \$113.42, Conference pledge; \$27.03, Miss Mattie Jones; \$88.50, for Miss Haygood; \$9.50, for Miss Howell.

1890. NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.

July	14.	Received of Miss M. A. Clark, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 577 48
Oct.	6.	By same.....	412 84

1891.

Jan.	5.	By same.....	958 35
April	10.	By same.....	1,471 17

Total.....\$ 3,419 84

Of above, \$245 50, self-denial and thank offerings; \$181.54, mite-box collections; \$1, Memorial Fund; \$1,012.90, Conference pledge; \$3.32, for Anadarko; \$100, day-school; \$37.50, for Miss Rankin.

1890. NORTH-WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

June	27.	Received of Miss Lula Grant, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 235 05
Oct.	5.	By same.....	374 08

1891.

Jan.	3.	By same.....	521 79
	10.	By same.....	9 00
April	3.	By same.....	286 24

Total.....\$ 1,426 16

Of above, \$109.11, self-denial and thank offerings; \$22.25, scholarships; \$104.72, mite-box collections; \$4.85, Memorial Fund; \$5, for training school; \$52.05, Conference pledge; \$125.23, for wall at Saltillo; \$10.80, Bible-woman.

1890.

## NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

July	1.	Received of Mrs. W. H. Allen, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	254	24
Sept.	25.	By same.....		307	10
Dec.	29.	By same.....		274	35
1891.					
April	3.	By same.....		285	01

Total.....\$ 1,120 70

Of above, \$62.05, self-denial and thank offerings; \$8.50, scholarships; \$56.80, mite-box collections; \$54.80, for training school; \$80.65, scholarship in training school; \$106.57, Conference pledge; \$50, for Saltillo.

1890.

## PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

July	7.	Received of Mrs. M. A. Howard, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	88	55
Oct.	6.	By same.....		96	00
1891.					
Jan.	5	By same.....		268	85
March	17.	By Mrs. T. R. Menx.....		10	00
April	7.	By Mrs. M. A. Howard, Conference Treasurer.....		136	65

Total.....\$ 600 05

Of above, \$64.35, self-denial and thank offerings; \$18.40, mite-box collections; \$53, Memorial Fund; \$29.25, for Miss Bruce.

1890.

## SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.\*

Aug.	16.	Received of Mrs. M. G. Altman, Black Mingo.....	\$	4	00
Oct.	3.	Received of Mrs. E. S. Herbert, Conference Treasurer.....		508	08
	8.	By Miss Annie A. Warren, ex-Treasurer.....		119	22
1891.					
Jan.	5.	By Mrs. E. S. Herbert, Conference Treasurer.....		1,241	56
March	30.	By Miss Annie A. Warren, ex-Treasurer.....		879	80
April	7.	By Mrs. E. S. Herbert, Conference Treasurer.....		1,411	53

Total.....\$ 4,164 19

Of above, \$279.15, self-denial and thank offerings; \$129.89, mite-box collections; \$80, scholarships; \$130.44, Conference pledge.

1890.

## SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.

April	28.	Received of Mrs. W. D. Williams, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	828	43
June	27.	By same.....		865	17
Sept.	19.	By Mrs. W. A. Wimbish, Columbus.....		10	45
Oct.	6.	By Mrs. W. D. Williams, Conference Treasurer.....		899	60
1891.					
Jan.	5.	By same.....		1,550	91
March	30.	By same.....		1,346	26

Total.....\$ 5,500 82

Of above, \$127.41, self-denial and thank offerings; \$110, mite-box collections; \$8.75, Memorial Fund; \$1,202.74, for Durango; \$71.70, for Anadarko; \$10, Conference pledge.

1890.

## SOUTH-WEST MISSOURI CONFERENCE.

July	7.	Received of Mrs. R. F. Mastin, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	384	39
Oct.	1.	By Mr. A. S. Van Anglen, Marshall, Mo.....		42	79
	14.	By Mrs. R. F. Mastin, Conference Treasurer.....		633	24
1891.					
Jan.	6.	By same.....		946	01
March	17.	By same.....		805	92

Total.....\$ 2,812 35

Of above, \$291.50, self-denial and thank offerings; \$32.49, mite-box collections; \$3.25, Memorial Fund; \$282.79, scholarships; \$5, Miss Watkins's Organ Fund; \$4.70, for Miss Rankin; \$48, for Misses Philips; \$15, for Chihuahua; \$150, for day-schools; \$35.05, new missionaries.

1890.

## ST. LOUIS CONFERENCE.

June	27.	Received of Mrs. C. C. Anderson, Conference Treasurer.....	\$	430	87
Sept.	26.	By same.....		244	56
Dec.	26.	By same.....		540	83
1891.					
March	30.	By same.....		440	73

Total.....\$ 1,656 99

Of above, \$75.89, self-denial and thank offerings; \$4.63, mite-box collections; \$45, Memorial Fund; \$222.96, scholarships; \$46.43, new missionaries; \$21.40, for Miss Bruce.

\* \$173.85 due this year's account, but received too late for above report.

1890.

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.

July	1.	Received of Mrs. Annie Herring, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 1,426 25
Oct.	1.	By Miss Fannie Irwin, Conference Treasurer.....	438 25
1891.			
Jan.	10.	By same.....	1,070 16
March	1.	By Mrs. J. W. Adair, Mulberry, Tenn.....	15 35
	30.	By Miss Fannie Irwin, Conference Treasurer.....	990 45

Total.....\$ 3,940 46

Of above, \$475.93, self-denial offerings; \$200.49, mite-box collections; \$40, scholarship; \$273.40, for new missionaries; \$145.22, training school; \$9.75, for Miss Tydings; \$20, for Miss Reagan; \$57.43, for Miss Haygood; \$54, for Indian work; \$43.27, for Miss Bruce; \$46, Conference pledge.

1890.

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

June	23.	Received of Mrs. M. E. Steele, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 193 73
Sept.	24.	By same.....	262 50
Dec.	24.	By same.....	382 05

1891.

March	24.	By same.....	260 00
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Total.....\$ 1,098 28

Of above, \$54.60, self-denial and thank offerings; \$47.42, mite-box collections; \$5, Memorial Fund; 50 cents, L. M. certificate; 50 cents, training school; \$197.25, Conference pledge.

1890.

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

July	7.	Received of Mrs. John Bayley, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 700 60
Sept.	17.	By Mrs. W. H. Kirby, Jeffersonston, Va.....	2 48
Oct.	1.	By Mrs. John Bayley, Conference Treasurer.....	800 00

1891.

Jan.	3.	By same.....	1,879 03
March	31.	By same.....	764 41

Total.....\$ 4,146 61

Of above, \$252.30, self-denial and thank offerings; \$318.23, mite-box collections; \$75, scholarships; \$111, day-schools; \$46.25, new missionaries; \$199.39, training school; \$58.70, Conference pledge; \$2, Shanghai.

1890.

WESTERN CONFERENCE.

June	27.	Received of Mrs. M. E. Barker, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 38 96
Sept.	24.	By same.....	52 90
Dec.	24.	By same.....	34 67

1891.

March	27.	By same.....	47 32
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Total.....\$ 173 85

Of above, \$15.54, mite-box collections.

1890.

WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

April	27.	Received of Miss Addie M. Thornburg, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 10 06
July	1.	By same.....	161 96
Oct.	8.	By same.....	168 13

1891.

Jan.	3.	By same.....	254 34
	25.	By same.....	66 47
April	1.	By same.....	322 85

Total.....\$ 983 81

Of above, \$171.30, self-denial and thank offerings; \$24.55, mite-box collections; \$144.41, to buy stove for Miss Mason; \$249.50, Conference pledge; \$1, for Indian work.

1890.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

Sept.	22.	Received of Miss W. R. Odell, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 247 37
	22.	By F. A. Sondley, Attorney, Ashville.....	2,000 00 ✓
	24.	By Mrs. W. R. Odell, Conference Treasurer.....	144 30
Oct.	24.	By F. A. Sondley, Attorney.....	42 30 ✓
Dec.	24.	By Mrs. W. R. Odell, Conference Treasurer.....	944 52

1891.

April	31.	By same.....	818 56
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Total.....\$ 4,197 08

Of above, \$128.32, self-denial and thank offerings; \$6.56, mite-box collections; \$10, scholarship; \$165, for Haygood School; \$26.89, for Anadarko; \$31.93, new missionaries; \$1.50, for training school; \$13.25, Mrs. McClendon; \$40, Miss Rankin; \$2,042.34, Murray bequest; \$21.86, school in Brazil.



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## WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

July	1.	Received of Mrs. M. A. Rogan, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 77 29
Sept.	25.	By same.....	60 45
Dec.	9.	By same.....	41 99
1891.			
Jan.	3.	By Mrs. S. A. Davis, Conference Treasurer.....	263 70
March	30.	By same.....	137 50

Total.....\$ 580 93

Of above, \$118.60, self-denial and thank offerings; \$34.40, mite-box collections; \$28, Conference pledge.

1890.

## WHITE RIVER CONFERENCE.

June	2.	Received of Mrs. P. A. Robertson, Conference Treasurer.....	\$ 20 50
	27.	By same.....	58 59
Sept.	25.	By same.....	60 67
Oct.	17.	By same.....	40 00
Dec.	29.	By same.....	209 91
1891.			
April	1.	By same.....	174 76
	12.	By same.....	9 00

Total.....\$ 573 43

Of above, \$41.55, self-denial and thank offerings; \$41.67, mite-box collections; \$40, scholarship; \$3, Memorial Fund; 50 cents, L. M. certificate.

1890.

## MISCELLANEOUS.

April	29.	Interest on deposits.....	\$ 354 64
May	10.	Received of a friend in New Orleans.....	30 00
July	10.	By Miss Anna J. Muse.....	5 00
	10.	By F. E. Lemon.....	1 10
	14.	By Louis Groom, Orell, Ky.....	5 00
	25.	By T. B. Holt, Treasurer.....	300 00
Aug.	12.	By Miss Fannie Hinds.....	200 00
	16.	By Miss Anna J. Muse.....	237 50
Sept.	22.	By Miss Sallie Crushand, McDonald, Ga.....	2 00
	24.	By Mrs. H. M. Cargar, Chico, Cal.....	15 00
Oct.	16.	Interest on deposits.....	1,565 63
	24.	By Miss Bible H. Bennett, Agent.....	766 30
Nov.	26.	By Stanley C. Broome, Centerville, Tenn.....	8 00
Dec.	9.	By Mrs. S. W. Flemings, Center, Tex.....	6 10
	10.	By T. B. Holt, Treasurer.....	2,333 50
1891.			
Jan.	5.	By Miss N. E. Holding, Laredo, Tex.....	13 30
	5.	By Miss Laura Bradford, Secretary.....	200 00
	12.	By Mrs. Emily Shook, Bonham, Tex.....	2 00
	12.	By Mrs. W. H. Wilson, Wood Lawn, Ala.....	6 30
	13.	By Mrs. W. H. Thomas, La Grange, Tex.....	2 00
Feb.	21.	By Dr. I. G. John, Secretary.....	300 00
	26.	By Miss Laura Bradford, Secretary Memphis Conference.....	100 00
April	14.	By Miss N. E. Holding, Laredo, Tex.....	6 10
	15.	Interest on deposits.....	1,717 40

Total.....\$ 8,176 87

*MRS. H. N. McTYEIRE, Treasurer, in account with Woman's  
Missionary Society, Methodist Episcopal Church, South.*

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1890.	
April	15. Paid Mrs. Juliana Hayes, President.....\$ 75 00
	18. Paid draft for piano for Saltillo, Mexico..... 249 00
	21. Paid Miss Belle H. Bennett, Agent training school..... 2,946 29
May	1. Paid J. D. Barbee, Treasurer, for Anadarko..... 53 00
	1. Paid same, duty on piano..... 110 00
	31. Paid Western Union Telegraph Company..... 4 27
June	2. Paid Mrs. J. J. Tigert, L. M. certificate..... 50
	2. Paid Miss Mary Helm, Secretary Home Affairs..... 15 80
	3. Paid expenses of officers to Annual Meeting..... 177 50
	10. Paid Miss N. E. Holding, Laredo, Tex..... 1,063 75
	10. Paid Mrs. A. S. Andrews, account Miss Ross in Brazil..... 18 45
	10. Paid Miss M. W. Bruce, travel to Brazil..... 250 00
	10. Paid Miss B. Gilbert, expense to Board meeting..... 30 00
	10. Paid T. H. Ynn, for translating..... 10 00
	10. Paid Miss Annie Warren, for Harrell Institute..... 61 50
	10. Paid Mrs. J. J. Tigert, expense sending out literature..... 15 00
	11. Paid J. J. Methvin, for Anadarko..... 50 00
	13. Paid Barbee & Smith, Agents, postage, etc..... 7 77
	14. Paid Miss H. L. Richardson, outfit for China..... 200 00
	14. Paid Misses Harper, Smithy, and Hinds, outfit..... 600 00
	16. Paid Miss Belle H. Bennett, Agent..... 758 41
	16. Paid Miss M. W. Bruce, salary..... 187 50
	18. Paid A. V. Wilson, Mexico..... 362 50
	18. Paid Miss M. Turner, outfit for Mexico..... 200 00
	24. Paid Miss C. Arrington, travel to Chihuahua..... 85 00
	24. Paid E. Yarrell, return from Brazil..... 190 00
July	1. Paid M. B. Jones, fourth quarter for Rio..... 837 50
	1. Paid Miss Belle H. Bennett, for training school..... 69 25
	1. Paid Miss M. H. Watts, fourth quarter for Piracicaba..... 481 05
	1. Paid Miss N. E. Holding, fourth quarter for Mexican Border..... 2,447 50
	2. Paid Western Union Telegraph Company..... 6 15
	2. Paid Mrs. L. H. McHenry, for Harrell Institute..... 46 00
	7. Paid H. N. McTyre, advanced in emergency..... 25 00
	7. Paid Miss A. V. Wilson, for Chihuahua..... 100 00
	7. Paid Miss K. P. Fannin, Mexican Border..... 275 00
	7. Paid Miss Mary Helm, Secretary Home Affairs..... 100 00
	10. Paid Miss N. E. Holding, first quarter for Mexico..... 2,562 25
	10. Paid Mrs. S. C. Trueheart..... 11 39
	10. Paid Miss M. Turner, expense to San Luis Potosi, Mexico..... 100 00
	10. Paid Miss M. Mason, expense to San Luis Potosi, Mexico..... 100 00
	10. Paid J. J. Methvin, first quarter for Anadarko..... 750 00
	16. Paid G. S. Kilgore, for Chihuahua..... 66 12
	24. Paid Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Foreign Secretary..... 25 00
	26. Paid Miss Carrie Kennedy..... 350 00
	26. Paid Misses Richardson and Smithy, travel to China..... 800 00
	29. Paid Miss N. E. Holding, for Miss Gilbert..... 287 50
Aug.	1. Paid Miss A. V. Wilson, for Chihuahua, Mexico..... 1,500 00
	1. Paid Miss Sue P. Blake, Chicago..... 75 00
	1. Paid Miss N. E. Holding, for Miss Harper and duty on piano..... 150 75
	12. Paid Miss A. V. Wilson, for Palmore Institute..... 54 00
	12. Paid Miss Blanche Gilbert, from Baltimore Conference..... 76 00
	26. Paid Mrs. J. J. Tigert, expense in sending out literature..... 10 00
Sept.	3. Paid American Paper Company..... 95 85
	3. Paid Barbee & Smith, Agents..... 22 46
	3. Paid Andrasas Manufacturing Company, furniture for China..... 330 19
	3. Paid Miss M. H. Polk, medical course..... 250 00
	3. Paid Miss Carrie Kennedy, salary..... 50 00
	3. Paid Miss Alice Waters, course at training school..... 100 00
	8. Paid Fourth National Bank, for Mile. Rennott..... 187 50

1890.	
Sept.	17. Paid Miss N. E. Holding, for San Luis Potosi, Mexico.....\$ 4,750 00
	20. Paid Ducker Portable House Company, New York..... 475 00
	20. Paid Miss Ella Yarrell, half salary..... 187 50
	20. Paid Miss A. V. Wilson, special for Chihuahua..... 24 30
	20. Paid Miss N. E. Holding, for Saltillo, Mexico..... 294 75
	24. Paid Miss M. G. McTyeire, L. M. certificate and office expense..... 11 50
	25. Paid Miss A. V. Wilson, Chihuahua, Mexico..... 637 50
	25. Paid J. J. Methvin, Anadarko, I. T..... 250 00
	25. Paid Mlle. Rennott, salary of Miss Watts..... 187 50
	25. Paid Miss N. E. Holding, for San Luis Potosi, Mexico..... 812 50
	25. Paid same, Laredo, Saltillo, Durango..... 3,041 25
	25. Paid T. F. Brewer, fourth quarter for Harrell Institute..... 325 00
Oct.	5. Paid Mrs. D. H. McGavock, office expenses..... 30 00
	10. Paid First National Bank, protest for on South Carolina check..... 2 25
	14. Paid Miss Carrie Kennedy, salary..... 100 00
	14. Paid Miss Sue P. Blake, special from Florida..... 54 84
	14. Paid Ben C. Watts, on account Miss Howell..... 100 00
	14. Paid Barbee & Smith, Agents, leaflet bill..... 269 31
	14. Paid same, printing reports and Treasurer's account..... 696 38
	17. Paid Flexner & Staadeker, kindergarten material..... 141 11
Nov.	11. Paid Miss Belle H. Bennett, for training school..... 280 82
	12. Paid Miss Lelia Roberts, special from St. Louis Conference..... 69 04
	13. Paid C. B. Duncan, Cashier, China draft..... 4,153 75
	26. Paid Miss Lelia Roberts, for Saltillo, Mexico..... 200 00
	26. Paid Miss Blanche Gilbert, for Chihuahua..... 15 50
Dec.	1. Paid self, for postage..... 7 00
	4. Paid Miss Carrie Kennedy, salary..... 50 00
	10. Paid Barbee & Smith, Agents, leaflet bill and travel of Bishop Granbery..... 139 15
	11. Paid A. W. Harris, Cashier, draft for Brazil..... 1,675 00
	12. Paid Miss Sue P. Blake, at training school..... 50 00
	12. Paid J. J. Methvin, for Anadarko..... 250 00
	22. Paid Mrs. Juliana Hayes, President..... 60 00
	27. Paid American National Bank, draft for Brazil..... 778 95
1891.	
Jan.	3. Paid Miss A. V. Wilson, for Chihuahua, Mexico..... 425 00
	3. Paid J. J. Methvin, for Anadarko, I. T..... 250 00
	3. Paid Miss Ella Yarrell, home salary..... 93 75
	3. Paid Miss N. E. Holding, Laredo, Tex..... 3,603 75
	7. Paid Miss M. W. Bruce, Rio, Brazil..... 1,537 50
	7. Paid Miss M. H. Watts, Piracicaba, Brazil..... 931 35
	7. Paid Western Union Telegraph Company..... 1 19
	7. Paid Mrs. Brelsford, salary..... 93 75
	12. Paid Miss M. H. Polk, medical course..... 200 00
Feb.	4. Paid Miss Sallie M. Phillips, special..... 10 00
	4. Paid Miss Rebecca Toland, Saltillo, Mexico..... 89 86
	7. Paid Miss Carrie Kennedy, salary..... 100 00
	10. Paid Miss Mary McTyeire, L. M. certificate..... 1 00
	11. Paid F. Porterfield, Cashier, China draft..... 3,833 04
	28. Paid Miss N. E. Holding, for San Luis Potosi, Mexico..... 2,000 00
	28. Paid Miss M. G. McTyeire, office expenses..... 40 00
March	9. Paid Miss Alice G. Waters, expenses at Chicago..... 100 00
	16. Paid F. Porterfield, Cashier, China draft..... 676 50
	18. Paid Barbee & Smith, Agents..... 150 66
	19. Paid Miss Mary Helm, office expenses..... 100 00
	21. Paid Miss Lelia Roberts, Saltillo, Mexico..... 33 50
	30. Paid Mrs. Juliana Hayes, President..... 100 00
	30. Paid Mrs. D. H. McGavock, office expenses..... 25 00
	30. Paid Miss Carrie Kennedy, salary..... 100 00
April	1. Paid F. Porterfield, Cashier, China draft..... 3,879 25
	2. Paid M. W. Bruce, for Rio, Brazil..... 1,000 00
	2. Paid M. H. Watts, for Piracicaba, Brazil..... 1,056 25
	2. Paid J. J. Methvin, for Anadarko, I. T..... 250 00
	2. Paid Miss A. V. Wilson, Chihuahua, Mexico..... 425 00
	2. Paid N. E. Holding, Laredo, Tex..... 3,603 75
	7. Paid Western Union Telegraph Company..... 16 24
	14. Paid Mrs. L. H. McHenry, for Harrell Institute..... 8 00
	15. Paid Miss Sue P. Blake, expenses at Chicago..... 50 00
Total disbursements.....\$ 65,957 94	

## RECAPITULATION.

Amount collected from self-denial and thank offerings.....\$	5,946 29
Amount collected by mite-boxes.....	2,459 13 ✓

## CORRECTIONS.

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RECEIPTS SINCE ORGANIZATION, PAGE 63, SHOULD BE :

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
1887-88.....		69,729	65
1888-89.....		68,165	34
1889-90.....		75,476	54
1890-91.....	*	85,969	44
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Total.....	\$	584,957	09
On page 64 total last year should be.....	\$	75,476	54
Increase over last year....		8,389	18

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\* Memorial Fund included.





RECEIPTS SINCE ORGANIZATION.

Amount received for fiscal year 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 38
1884-85.....	52,652 12
1885-86.....	51,588 76
1886-87.....	50,092 63
1887-88.....	69,729 65
1888-89.....	68,165 34
1889-90.....	75,486 54
1890-91.....	83,865 72
Total receipts.....	\$582,863 37

MEMORIAL FUND.

Balance in treasury as reported by Mrs. Whitworth, April, 1882.....	\$ 186 30
Amount collected this year.....	287 07
Received of Miss M. Baker, ex-Treasurer, January 19, 1891.....	2,103 72
Interest to April 16, 1891.....	21 03
Total.....	\$ 2,598 12

NASHVILLE, TENN., April 16, 1891.

MRS. H. N. McTYEIRE, JR., *Treasurer.*

To the Woman's Board of Missions, M. E. Church, South:

The books of Mrs. H. N. McTyre, Jr., Treasurer, from April 10, 1890, to April 16, 1891, have been carefully examined and found correct, with vouchers on hand for all payments made.

Very respectfully,

J. D. HAMILTON, *Auditor.*

Nashville, Tenn., April 20, 1891.

T. B. HOLT, *Treasurer,*  
Board of Missions M. E. Church, South.

The following report is printed by order of the Woman's Board of Missions at their last Annual Meeting, held at Fort Worth, Tex.:

April 16, 1891. Amount on deposit in First National Bank.....	\$ 98,109 06
Amount on deposit in City Savings Bank.....	6,293 30

Total amount on deposit in banks April 16, 1891.....\$104,402 36

Rate of interest 4 per cent., payable 2 per cent. semi-annually. Money at all times subject to check.

Amount on hand April 10, 1890.....	\$ 83,390 86
Amount collected from April 10, 1890, to April 16, 1891.....	85,969 44

\$169,360 30

Disbursement from April 10, 1890, to April 16, 1891..... 64,957 94

Amount in banks April 16, 1891.....\$104,402 36

The Memorial Fund is included in balance of April 16, 1891, and the fourth quarter's appropriations of the past year must be paid out of it, as the fiscal year in the foreign field begins in October. Also those drafts sent to foreign fields in the third quarter's appropriations, which have not yet been returned for collection, hence stand as *bills payable*. In addition, as the appropriations for past three years for equipping and sending out new missionaries have not been used entirely, the balance unused is included in amount reported April 16, 1891.

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. H. N. McTYEIRE, JR., *Treasurer* W. B. M.

Total disbursement should be \$64,957.94, instead of \$65,957.94. (See page 62.)

## SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS FROM CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

*Receipts from April 9, 1890, to April 16, 1891.*

Alabama Conference.....	\$ 2,956 21	Pacific Conference.....	\$ 600 05
Arkansas Conference.....	308 36	South Carolina Conference.....	4,164 19
Baltimore Conference.....	2,679 11	South Georgia Conference.....	5,500 82
Denver Conference.....	71 15	South-west Missouri Conference.....	2,812 35
East Texas Conference.....	1,180 30	St. Louis Conference.....	1,656 99
Florida Conference.....	2,150 00	Tennessee Conference.....	3,940 46
Holston Conference.....	3,298 99	Texas Conference.....	1,098 28
Indian Mission Conference.....	203 42	Virginia Conference.....	4,146 61
Kentucky Conference.....	2,899 84	Western Conference.....	173 85
Little Rock Conference.....	698 57	Western Virginia Conference.....	983 81
Los Angeles Conference.....	222 28	Western North Carolina Conference.....	4,197 08
Louisville Conference.....	2,415 19	West Texas Conference.....	580 93
Louisiana Conference.....	1,087 38	White River Conference.....	573 43
Memphis Conference.....	3,137 69	Miscellaneous.....	8,176 87
Mississippi Conference.....	1,510 10	Memorial Fund.....	100 78
Missouri Conference.....	2,370 76	Total this year.....	\$83,865 72
North Alabama Conference.....	1,778 73	Total last year.....	75,846 44
North Carolina Conference.....	3,289 52	Increase.....	\$ 8,019 28
North Georgia Conference.....	6,934 92	Received of Miss Baker for Memorial Fund.....	\$ 2,103 72
North Mississippi Conference.....	3,419 84	Mrs. H. N. McTYRE, Treasurer.	
North Texas Conference.....	1,120 70	Nashville, Tenn., April 16, 1891.	
North-west Texas Conference.....	1,426 16		

**THIRTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING**  
OF THE  
**Woman's Board of Missions**  
OF THE  
**METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.**

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THE promise of Christ to be with his followers in all efforts to extend his kingdom was never more sorely needed or more urgently claimed than in the Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions; for, when the notes of preparation sounded out through the Conferences, it became evident that the leaders in the work (humanly speaking) would be absent; then, too, thoughts of Texas in midsummer, the long distance to be traveled, illness, and the financial depression of the country were barriers that presaged disaster. Cast down, but not dismayed, the members of the Board who were privileged to go committed their ways unto Him whose "Lo, I am with you alway" has ever been the key-note of cheer to his believing children.

Texas, in whose broad domain five Conference Societies give token of missionary zeal, for the first time extended hospitality to the Board, and welcomed its members as the messengers of Christ. Fort Worth, until then a speck on the map that meant nothing to most of the Board, became, in anticipation, a city of growing importance, and during the annual session it is just to say that its value enhanced during each passing hour, freighted with kindly acts and Christian courtesies.

Under the stress of untoward circumstances, it was well that the services of Sunday, June 7, proved so fitting a prelude for concerted action by the assembled representatives. Seldom has so inspiring a sermon aroused the energies of missionary workers as that of Rev. E. B. Chappell, of Austin, Tex., on Sunday morning. The seed thoughts sown by him that day must bear fruit.

A Sunday-school mass-meeting at 3 o'clock introduced Mrs. Juliana Hayes, the venerable President, Mrs. W. S. Black, and Mrs. E. C. Dowdell to the children of Fort Worth, and the speakers and hearers alike were blessed.

In the evening Rev. W. F. Lloyd, pastor of the Church in which



the session was held, preached with earnestness. His welcome to the Board in the name of the Lord received new emphasis each day of its stay from his kindly words and deeds.

The Committee of Arrangements had done its work well, preparing a programme for the week, which was distributed on Sunday morning as a guide to guests and residents—in fact, every detail for insuring the comfort of the Board in expediting business had received careful attention.

The anniversary meeting was held on Tuesday evening. Rev. C. O. Jones, of Dallas, Tex., delivered an able and eloquent address; and the annual reports of the Foreign Secretary, the Secretary of Home Affairs, and the Treasurer were presented. The reports showed the faithfulness and efficiency of these valued workers, and the growth and *status* of the Woman's Missionary Society. They were luminous and inspiring.

On Wednesday evening the missionary love-feast proved a spiritual help. The occasion was made solemn by the sudden and serious illness of the President, and the absence of those who, in other years, had spoken of the sweetness of redeeming love.

The memorial services on Thursday evening, held in loving remembrance of Mrs. E. F. Chilton, of Alabama; Mrs. F. H. Montague, of Missouri; and Miss Dona Hamilton, of Texas, a missionary of the Board in China, who have died since the last annual meeting, was an honor to the memory of the dead, and a comfort to the hearts of the living. The church was beautifully decorated by the local Committee of Arrangements. Golden letters giving the names and dates of death illumined the walls. On either side of the chancel, the initial letters "C" and "M" in choice flowers rested on shields of palm, upheld by white easels; while a pillow of *immortelles* adorned the pulpit, and bore the initial "H." Mrs. Trueheart, under whose direction Miss Hamilton's education was completed, presided. The choir rendered appropriate and beautiful musical selections. Mrs. E. J. Robinson pronounced a eulogy on Miss Hamilton, Mrs. J. G. Trowbridge paid tribute to Mrs. Montague, and Mrs. E. C. Dowdell and Mrs. M. S. Andrews read memorials of Mrs. Chilton. At the close, the Secretary, in the name of the absent President, gave loving testimony to the worth of the recipients of these well-deserved eulogies, and added a tribute to Miss Achsah Wilkins, whose patient, suffering life and loving service in the cause of Christ on earth ended during this year, but whose memorial remains in the Louise Wilkins Fund in China.

Miss Mattie B. Jones, missionary of the Board in Brazil, added much interest to the meeting by her presence. Her addresses were an inspi-

ration, and her words relative to the helpfulness of Christian communion led her hearers to value more highly this privilege.

On Sunday evening, June 14, by request of the pastor of the First Methodist Church, a closing meeting was held, addressed by Mrs. M. D. Wightman, Miss Belle H. Bennett, and Miss Maria L. Gibson. As the aim of the speakers was to enlist members for the Woman's Missionary Society, may the effect be an ingathering of earnest, active helpers for the auxiliaries of Fort Worth!

The absence of those on whom the Board had learned to depend was felt throughout the meeting. It could not be otherwise. The inspiration of their sanctified zeal and the wisdom of their counsels were missed; and yet the Master of assemblies was present, and his power was manifest. To him we commit the work done in his name; from him, await judgment.

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#### **PRELIMINARY MEETINGS AND OPENING SESSION.**

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At 9 A.M., Monday, June 8, 1891, the officers and managers of the Woman's Board of Missions met by invitation in the parlors of the First Presbyterian Church in Fort Worth, Tex. There were present Mrs. Juliana Hayes, President; Mrs. M. D. Wightman, Vice-president; Miss M. L. Gibson, Recording Secretary; and three managers, Mrs. E. C. Dowdell, Mrs. I. G. John, and Mrs. L. H. McHenry.

Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Foreign Secretary; Miss Mary Helen, Secretary of Home Affairs; Mrs. H. N. McTyeire, Treasurer; and Mrs. W. G. E. Cunyningham, Mrs. Adam Hendrix, and Miss Melissa Baker, managers, were absent—all detained by personal affliction and family cares.

The business of the meeting received attention, and standing committees were nominated subject to the approval of the Board.

At the same hour the Conference Corresponding Secretaries met in session at the First Methodist Church, Mrs. S. C. Trueheart presiding. The special needs of the home work were discussed, and plans were proposed for its advancement. An afternoon session was held to continue the deliberations on this important theme.

On Monday evening, June 9, 1891, at 8:15, the handsome First Methodist Church in Fort Worth was crowded with interested auditors to enjoy the opening session of the Thirteenth Annual Meeting. Appropriate mottoes shone out a welcome to the Board from chancel

and wall, while flowers perfumed the air, and sweet strains of music led the thoughts upward to him in whose name the Board was met.

### Programme.

1. VOLUNTARY: "How beautiful upon the mountains." Choir.
2. SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalms ii. Repeated in unison, led by Rev. J. Tinnon, of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church.
3. PRAYER. Rev. J. Tinnon.
4. DUET: "Raise me, Jesus, to thy bosom."
5. ADDRESS OF WELCOME to the city and Church of Fort Worth. Mrs. L. Calhoun.
6. ADDRESS on the part of the North-west Texas Conference. Mrs. S. S. Munger, President of the Conference Society.
7. RESPONSE FOR THE BOARD. Miss Laura Bradford, of the Memphis Conference Society.
8. HYMN: "From Greenland's Icy Mountains."
9. ADDRESS: "The Organization and Development of Woman's Work in Texas." Mrs. S. S. Park, of the Texas Conference Society.
10. PRAYER. Rev. Jerome Haralson.
11. DOXOLOGY.
12. BENEDICTION. Bishop Key.

The addresses of welcome were admirable. The words of Mrs. Calhoun, energized by the vigor of thought that coined them, were a spiritual and mental *stimulus* at once refreshing and uplifting. Mrs. Munger, speaking for the North-west Texas Conference, was earnest and effective, while gentle as the Spirit of the Master.

The response by Miss Bradford was chaste in language and rich in gratitude. It was pointed though brief, and met the wishes of the Board she represented.

The address of Mrs. Park was clear and forcible, holding the attention of the auditors while she traced Christian work in Texas to its beginning, one year after the declaration of Texan independence, when seven devoted Christians met in Washington, on the Brazos River. The Church thus begun was fostered under the care of three missionaries sent from the North, and has ever been progressive. The Woman's Missionary Society, established in 1879, has added to its strength and spirituality. It was encouraging to hear that every living female descendant of the seven organizers of Texas Christianity are now actively engaged in missionary work either at home or in the field, while five Conference Societies, that have sent to the treasury of the Woman's Missionary Society \$44,444, attest the growth and development of woman's work in Texas.

## OFFICIAL MINUTES.

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The Woman's Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, convened for its Thirteenth Annual Session on Tuesday, June 9, 1891, in the First Methodist Church, Fort Worth, Tex.

At 9:20 A.M., the President, Mrs. Juliana Hayes, took the chair and conducted the opening devotional exercises, reading as opening hymn No. 191: "O Spirit of the Living God." Mrs. M. D. Wightman, Vice-president, read a Scripture lesson from Isaiah xl., and Mrs. Hayes led in prayer.

The meeting was then called to order for business, and the members were enrolled as follows:

### *Officers.*

Mrs. Juliana Hayes,	Mrs. M. D. Wightman,
	Miss Maria L. Gibson.

### *Managers.*

Mrs. E. C. Dowdell,	Mrs. L. H. McHenry,
	Mrs. I. G. John.

### *Conference Corresponding Secretaries.*

Mrs. Mark S. Andrews,	Mrs. F. M. Bumpass,
Mrs. V. V. Harlan,	Mrs. W. S. Black,
Mrs. A. H. Strother,	Mrs. Morgan Callaway,
Mrs. F. E. Heartsill,	Mrs. J. B. Stone,
Mrs. A. E. Philips,	Mrs. E. J. Robinson,
Mrs. Matt McClung (reserve),	Mrs. S. V. Griffis,
Mrs. S. C. Trueheart,	Mrs. J. W. Humbert,
Mrs. J. R. Harvey,	Mrs. S. N. Jones (reserve).
Mrs. T. P. Fullilove (reserve),	Mrs. E. Avis,
Mrs. J. C. Barclay,	Mrs. Laura Plummer,
Miss Laura Bradford,	Mrs. H. C. Cheatham,
Miss Agnes Chrisman (reserve),	Mrs. H. T. Steele,
Mrs. J. G. Trowbridge (reserve),	Miss Emma Gibson,
Mrs. C. W. Brandon,	Miss Lida Moore,
	Mrs. S. S. Park.



Three officers and three managers were present. Twenty-four Conference Societies were represented by their Secretaries, five by reserve delegates, and six were without representation. The number enrolled was thirty-five.

On motion of Mrs. Park, Miss Belle H. Bennett, Agent and Treasurer of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, was invited to a seat with the Board and a voice in its proceedings.

The Chair appointed Mrs. L. Calhoun, of Fort Worth, and Mrs. F. E. Howell, of Dallas, Committee on Platform Courtesies.

The Rules of Order and Order of Business for daily sessions were read, and the minutes of the opening session were read and approved.

The annual address of the President followed. It was brief, but full of interest to the workers. For the second time in its history the Board had suffered the loss of members in active service, and the touching reference to their deaths, and to the absence of the Foreign Secretary and others long and intimately connected with the Board, was sadly emphasized by the feebleness of the President caused by recent illness. An account of the Students' Volunteer Movement formed part of the address, and was heard with interest.

Hymn 188: "Lord God, the Holy Ghost," was sung. Mrs. W. B. Farr, of Dallas, Tex., fraternal delegate from the Woman's Board of Missions of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, was introduced, and delivered an able address, to which the President made a fitting response.

Miss Mattie B. Jones, returned missionary of the Board from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, was also presented. The words of this earnest, enthusiastic worker breathed the true missionary spirit: an ardent desire for saving souls, and a consciousness of the responsibility laid on all workers for Christ. It was a pleasure to meet and greet this faithful missionary.

Bishop Key, so well known to the Board by virtue of his office, was introduced, and gave but a word in greeting, but that word was a blessing.

After this pleasant interchange of courtesies business was resumed, and the report of the preliminary meeting of officers and managers was read and approved, fixing the hours for daily sessions at 9 A.M. to 12 M., and designating the first two seats of the three central divisions of the church as the place to be occupied by delegates. The standing committees nominated were approved as follows:

*Committee on Missionary Candidates.*—Mrs. M. D. Wightman, Chairman; Mrs. S. S. Park, Mrs. F. M. Bumpass, Mrs. S. V. Griffis, Mrs.

J. C. Barclay, Mrs. J. R. Harvey, Mrs. W. S. Black, Mrs. H. T. Steele, Mrs. E. J. Robinson.

*On Extension of Work.*—Mrs. E. C. Dowdell, Chairman; Mrs. M. Callaway, Mrs. J. B. Stone, Mrs. A. H. Strother, Mrs. L. H. McHenry, Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Mrs. Matt McClung, Mrs. J. W. Humbert, Miss Laura Bradford.

*On Publication.*—Mrs. T. P. Fullilove, Chairman; Mrs. S. N. Jones, Mrs. I. G. John, Mrs. E. Avis, Mrs. F. E. Heartsill, Mrs. J. G. Trowbridge, Miss Emma Gibson, Miss Agnes Chrisman.

*On Finance.*—Mrs. C. W. Brandon, Chairman; Mrs. A. E. Philips, Mrs. M. S. Andrews, Mrs. L. Plummer, Mrs. H. C. Cheatham, Mrs. V. V. Harlan, Miss Lida Moore.

*Special Committee on Resolutions.*—Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Chairman; Mrs. L. H. McHenry, Mrs. A. H. Strother.

The report of the preliminary meeting of Conference Secretaries was presented by the Secretary, Miss L. Moore. Mrs. Park moved to accept the report. Mrs. Trueheart offered, as amendment, that it be referred to appropriate committees. In view of pending business, the Secretary offered as substitute that it be laid on the table. The substitute was adopted.

The report of the Local Board was presented by Mrs. John, and approved by the Board.

## Report of Called Meetings of the Woman's Board

*From May, 1890, to May, 1891.*

At the first meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions after the annual meeting, the report of the committee appointed by the Board to prepare the Constitution for the Training School was presented. We omit it here, as it will be incorporated in Miss Bennett's report.

In June Miss Dona Hamilton wrote to be allowed to return home on account of failing health. A letter from Miss Haygood pleaded that Miss Hamilton should be summoned by cablegram, as the case admitted no delay. The connection of Miss Hamilton with the Board had been dissolved by her own wish; yet, in view of her health, and the work she had done in China for six years, the Board instructed the Foreign Secretary to summon her home by cablegram, and to advise the Agent of the Board at Shanghai to advance the money for the trip. Our heavenly Father ordered it otherwise. She died August 26, 1890, and sleeps in the field where she labored for the Master. At a meeting of the Board held October 3, 1890, resolutions of regret for her early death were adopted.

Miss Sue Blake and Miss Kate Fannin, whose cases had been referred from the annual meeting to the Local Board, met the Educational Committee. After hearing its report, the Board decided to send Miss Fannin to

Saltillo to aid Miss Roberts in domestic affairs, and Miss Blake to Chicago to enter the nurse's training school department for a course of instruction preparatory to work in the hospital at Suchow, China. The work, however, proved too heavy for Miss Blake's physical strength, and she was compelled to abandon it. By the advice of Mrs. Meyer she entered the Training School to test her mental and physical ability for mission work.

At the same meeting Miss Margaret Polk was accepted as a Medical Missionary for Chicago, on condition that her eyes would prove equal to the strain of a four years' course in a medical school. She is now in a medical college, and, from reports received, is doing well.

Miss Lula B. Davis, of the Louisville Conference Society, was before the Board. After due consideration, it was decided that Miss Davis should pursue her studies during the summer; and if her examination is satisfactory, take the course in the Chicago Training School.

Miss Alice Farmer's papers are incomplete, but it was decided that she should be employed by Miss Holding for one year. If Miss Holding, after testing her ability, should recommend her, she may be accepted by the Board for the school in Durango.

The testimonials of Miss Mollie Brown, of Austin, Tex., proved to be of very superior character, meeting all the requirements of the Manual. She was requested to be present at the annual meeting in Fort Worth, and is recommended for appointment to Brazil.

Miss Kate McFarren, who has had long experience as a missionary in South America and Mexico, and who has been for some time in our service as a teacher in Durango, Mexico, was accepted by the Board as a missionary and recommended for appointment to Durango.

The testimonials of several candidates have been presented since the last annual meeting, which, though favorable in some respects, were unsatisfactory in others.

The resignation of Miss Anna Muse, who was for seven years a missionary in China, was received and accepted.

Miss Blanche Gilbert sent in her resignation in December, 1890. It was accepted by the Board.

Owing to the impaired health of Miss Lou Philips, Bishop Wilson gave her permission to come home.

A communication was received from the Secretary of the General Board relative to the payment of the outfit and traveling expenses of Misses Lipscomb, Roberts, and Reagan. It stated that: "On motion of Bishop Wilson, the sum of \$300 was appropriated to pay the Woman's Board for travel and outfit of Miss Lipscomb, now Mrs. Waters." She has refunded the balance of amount due.

Letters from Miss Roberts, now Mrs. Hearne, and Miss Reagan, now Mrs. Moseley, announce their intention to refund the amounts that may be due from them.

Rev. Mr. Methvin informed the Board that the appropriation made for Anadarko was inadequate to meet the actual expenses of carrying on the work. The Board instructed the Secretary and Treasurer to examine

the contingent fund, and, if possible, to furnish the \$500 needed for this purpose.

The Murry bequest of \$2,000 came to the Board chiefly through the efforts of Mrs. J. E. Ray and the services of Mr. Foster Sondley, of Asheville, N. C. The latter, without fee or reward, represented the Woman's Board in the suit. This kindness is considered worthy of special thanks, and a resolution to this effect was passed by the Local Board.

In view of the importance of raising the amount needed before work on the Training School could begin, the Board adopted resolutions urging increased activity on the part of Corresponding and District Secretaries, asking the co-operation of the pastors, and providing for special services and collections on Easter Sunday. The result has exceeded the hopes of even the most sanguine.

The Woman's Board of Missions was invited to send a representative to the Convention to be held in Cleveland, O., in the interest of the Students' Volunteer Movement. Mrs. Hayes, our honored President, was selected as the delegate, and Mrs. Scarritt as the reserve.

Mrs. Scarritt has called the attention of the Board to a Treasurer's book which has been in use in the South-west Missouri Conference Society. It has proved so useful that said Society suggests that it be adopted and published by the Board. The matter was referred to the annual meeting.

During the year the Board has been deprived of two valued members: Mrs. E. F. Chilton, and Mrs. F. H. Montague, Corresponding Secretaries of the Alabama and Missouri Conference Societies. In memory of these, and as a mark of loving esteem, the Local Board offered the following:

"The Woman's Board of Missions has heard with pain and sorrow that Mrs. E. F. Chilton has ceased to labor and to live.

"Mrs. Chilton was one of the original members of this body, and one of the most earnest, devoted friends that woman's work for woman has ever had.

"Modest and unassuming in character, she was led by the spirit of Him who was her life and her example, to lay her rare gifts of mind and heart upon his altar, and to follow the footsteps of him who gave his life for others. She heard his voice ringing through the ages, saying, 'Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature,' and recognized that the call was to her, as an individual, to do all she could to obey this command. Nobly and well she did her part. The Master owned her efforts, and after giving her to see some fruits of her sowing, has allowed her to enter into rest.

"The Board mourns the loss of one so faithful and efficient, but rejoices in the thought of her present bliss, and in the belief that the influences set in motion by her will continue to bless the world. To her family the Board extends kindly sympathy. One so greatly missed in outside work must be an irreparable loss to the home circle. May the Comforter be the guest of each heart, teaching faith in God, and inspiring her household to follow her as she followed Christ! At last may they be reunited in the Father's house above!

"The Woman's Board of Missions had hardly adjusted itself to the news



of Mrs. Chilton's death ere the tidings came that another of its members had been called to 'come up higher.'

"Mrs. F. H. Montague, of Glasgow, Mo., was laid to rest March 22, and we doubt not the halls of heaven still ring with the newborn melody that flooded her soul as she entered the eternal city. She loved to sing God's praises; and her tuneful voice, which so often led the Board in holy song, will be sadly missed.

"Missionary work, to which her attention had been called in a time of sorrow, became very dear to her heart. She found working for so loving and kind a Master a cure for earth's troubles, and in close fellowship with Jesus she lived and labored. Her earnest, cheerful spirit, her sound, sanctified common sense made her a valuable member of the Board. Her loss is deeply felt, but this loss is her gain. May God raise up a worthy successor!

"To her family the Board tenders sincere sympathy, with prayer that they may have the rich consolations of God's grace in their sorrow, and may get so close to the heavenly Father that the 'rod' may be transformed into the Shepherd's crook, drawing the wounded lambs to the bosom of the Saviour.

"MRS. L. H. MCHENRY, *President pro tem.*;

"MRS. D. H. MCGAVOCK, *Foreign Secretary*;

"MRS. H. N. MCTYEIRE, *Treasurer*;

"MRS. W. G. E. CUNNYNGHAM;

"MRS. RUTH SCARRITT;

"MRS. I. G. JOHN, *Rec. Sec. pro tem.*"

Since the last annual meeting, the families of two members of the Board, Mrs. McTyeire and Mrs. McHenry, have passed through the deep waters of earthly sorrow. A mother, venerated and loved, has been called from one home; a daughter, fondly cherished, from the other. May the wounded hearts feel the touch of the hand of the Great Physician!

The Local Board rejoices that the health of our Foreign Secretary has been so far restored that we may hope for her personal presence and counsel in our future meetings. Bearing, as she does, so many cares and responsibilities in behalf of our work, we invoke for her a special interest in the prayers of all the members of the Board during the present session.

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. I. G. JOHN, *Rec. Sec. pro tem.*

The report of Mrs. W. G. E. Cunnyngnam, Editor and Publisher of Leaflets, was read by the Secretary. Referred to Committees on Publication and Finance:

### Report of Editor and Publisher of Leaflets

*From September, 1890, to September, 1891.*

Twenty-four leaflets—twelve adult and twelve juvenile—and the same number of programmes for monthly meetings have been published and distributed. By order of the Board, a programme for the Week of Prayer was also prepared and published.

STATEMENT.

Number of adult leaflets issued.....	216,000
Number of juvenile leaflets issued.....	180,000
Total.....	396,000
Total number of programmes, including that for week of prayer.....	54,000
Total number pages of leaflets and programmes.....	1,740,000

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Amount appropriated.....	\$500 00
Contingent.....	50 00
Total.....	\$550 00
Amount expended for printing and mailing.....	526 50
Balance.....	\$ 23 50

ADDENDUM.

Receipts from sale of leaflets.....	\$ 6 00
Expended for mailing to individuals.....	3 16
Balance.....	\$ 2 84

In laying down this work (and this decision is final), the Editor would gratefully acknowledge the uniform kindness of the Woman's Missionary Society during her six years' service in this capacity. It has been a labor of love, oftentimes performed under great physical inability; and criticisms have been fewer than might have been expected. To have hoped to please every one would have been unreasonable, and the attempt to do so might have led to pleasing none. With thanks for the patience, forbearance, courtesy, and encouragement received, the Editor asks the privilege of making some suggestions in connection with this department of our work.

As missionary publications multiply, she believes that their circulation will give more information and arouse more general interest than a single leaflet read to a handful of members once a month can ever do. These leaflets have had their day and have been helpful, but they cannot give the variety that selections from our own *Woman's Missionary Advocate* and the *Missionary Reporter* furnish. If to these we add a first-class juvenile paper and the "Hand-book of Missions" which Dr. John proposes to publish monthly, a supply of good literature will be accessible to all. Again, all our Church papers have a missionary department. From these various sources, surely enough can be gleaned to supply the place of the leaflet now used.

The large amount of information contained in these publications is not being utilized as it should be. We fear it is true in some cases that an article read from the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* at a monthly meeting would be as new to some subscribers as to those who never see the paper, simply because they subscribed as an accommodation and not to learn of missions.

To make the contents of one of these papers the subject of free discussion might infuse new life into many auxiliaries that now depend on the President to make the meeting "interesting."

Our friends of the M. E. Church have long since ceased to furnish the monthly leaflet and programme, and have found that Auxiliaries, cast more upon their own resources, have been stimulated and benefited. When something specially good is found, it is published in leaflet form and *sold* to such as care enough for what it contains to pay for it. In this connection it is not amiss to mention that in heathen lands the gratuitous distribution of Bibles and tracts has given place to selling them for a small sum, missionaries having found that what *costs* something is valued more than a gift. The heathen had argued that such readiness to part with these things implied that they were of little worth. Leaflets made into lamp-lighters or cast into the wastebasket may teach the same lesson.

As to programmes, if they are still considered a necessity, let the outline be printed in the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, substituting "Report from Literary Committee" for "Leaflet," and leaving the selection of Scripture lessons and hymns to be made by the President or Lady Manager.

These hints are thrown out under the conviction that our people will never learn to "walk alone" until thrown upon their own resources and encouraged to think and act for themselves. Looking at it from a financial standpoint, it is the belief of the Editor that if the amount used in printing and mailing leaflets were put into a good juvenile paper the investment would prove far more profitable and the results much more satisfactory.

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. W. G. E. CUNNINGHAM.

Miss Belle H. Bennett, Agent, presented her report as follows:

### Second Annual Report of the Agent of the Scarritt Bible and Training School.

This report brings me to the end of a second year of prayer, thanksgiving, and labor for the Scarritt Bible and Training School; a year that has but deepened and intensified the conviction that the fullness of time had come for this work, and that God, seeing the need of his people, has set before them this "open and effectual door." Every year, every day increases the demand for trained and tried women in the mission fields. God has opened the doors of every heathen land but one to the preaching of the gospel, and from almost every field comes the solemn declaration that "if this land is to be permanently Christianized it must be done by the efforts of Christian women in the homes, and among the mothers and children." For every worker, stress is laid upon the *earnest, systematic study of the Bible*, and personal experience in Church and Mission work at home. I need but to refer to the growing desire among our women at home for larger and better opportunity of thorough Bible study. The leaven of God's word is among us, and it will grow and increase.

The establishment of a Bible and Training School was a necessity of the times; and as such, no work of the Board has excited greater interest, nor

met with warmer approval. Some one has said: "Not always nor often, indeed, does faith receive the full promise which it yearns for, however it may see it and greet it from afar; but a witness to its divine quality, an earnest of its sure fruition, *that* is seldom long wanting." How true this is! Those of you who knelt with me and committed this work to God with trembling faith two years ago cannot but say: "The witness has been given as clear as the dew upon Gideon's fleece, or the fiery element which licked the offering from Elijah's altar.

Early in the beginning of the past year, the three gentlemen to whom was referred the duty of preparing a Constitution for the Training School presented a finished instrument, together with a decree for incorporation under the laws of the State of Missouri. At a called meeting, held June 20, at McKendree Church, Nashville, Tenn., this report was accepted, and further directions given. (See page 97 of Twelfth Annual Report.) A few weeks later, papers of incorporation were filed, and the heirs of Dr. Scarritt sent to the Secretary of Home Affairs a bond for a deed to the property. All legal questions being settled, the work moved rapidly forward.

Owing to a prolonged absence from home, the Agent has been in the field only about five months during the past year. Six Conferences have been visited, but in none of them have more than three or four charges been canvassed. Tens of thousands of letters, leaflets, and circulars have been sent out.

On September 30, 1890, the first meeting of the Board of Managers of the Scarritt Bible and Training School was held at the home of Bishop Hendrix, in Kansas City. The time of service for each member, according to the Constitution, was decided by lot; and as the term of three of these members expires with this meeting of the Woman's Board, those vacancies must be filled. A new Building Committee was appointed, and vested with power to begin the building as soon as the terms of the Constitution had been met. A committee to draft a course of study, and report at the next meeting of the Board, was appointed.

In compliance with a resolution from the Local Board, plans were developed for the observance of Easter Sunday as a special Training School Day throughout the Church, and the Board was urged to fervent and constant prayer that God would raise up and fit a woman who would become a leader of this work of his hands.

On the 28th of May, the Chairman of the Building Committee having been notified ten days previously that the \$25,000 necessary to complete the building fund was in hand, a company of missionary women and interested friends assembled at the site; and, after solemn religious exercises, the ground was broken, and actual work on the Training School begun.

Five years were allowed us by the generous donor and founder of the institution to secure the \$25,000 necessary to comply with the conditions of his gift. God has given us to see it accomplished in two years. May his directing wisdom prevail in all further plans for its development, and his Holy Spirit baptize all who shall enter its doors!



## FINANCIAL REPORT.

Alabama Conference.....	\$ 969 09
Arkansas Conference.....	277 04
Baltimore Conference.....	346 44
Central Mexican Mission Conference.....	16 91
Columbia Conference.....	6 35
Denver Conference.....	36 35
East Texas Conference.....	844 60
Florida Conference.....	879 02
German Mission Conference.....	24 00
Holston Conference.....	633 97
Indiana Conference.....	8 67
Indian Mission Conference.....	83 90
Kentucky Conference.....	1,604 29
Little Rock Conference.....	536 70
Los Angeles Conference.....	74 09
Louisiana Conference.....	322 65
Louisville Conference.....	1,094 45
Memphis Conference.....	1,257 54
Mexican Border Mission Conference.....	10 00
Mississippi Conference.....	636 11
Missouri Conference.....	528 86
Montana Conference.....	9 00
New Mexico Conference.....	25 00
North Alabama Conference.....	539 36
North Carolina Conference.....	850 24
North Georgia Conference.....	1,557 84
North Mississippi Conference.....	1,141 45
North Texas Conference.....	556 75
North-west Texas Conference.....	618 00
Pacific Conference.....	136 26
South Carolina Conference.....	184 10
South Georgia Conference.....	1,141 74
South-west Missouri Conference.....	2,320 05
St. Louis Conference.....	599 63
Tennessee Conference.....	941 81
Texas Conference.....	541 27
Virginia Conference.....	311 91
West Texas Conference.....	239 95
Western Conference.....	89 48
Western Virginia Conference.....	204 95
Western North Carolina Conference.....	483 18
White River Conference.....	253 80
Unclassified.....	207 07
Special donations.....	100 00
Interest.....	91 65
Total receipts.....	\$23,335 52

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*Disbursements.*

Office and traveling expenses.....	\$ 405 89	
Architect, for plan of building.....	275 00	
Joseph S. Chick, Treasurer of Building Fund.....	1,000 00	
Printing and circulating Easter literature.....	269 45	
Additional expense for Easter literature.....	102 80	
Salary of book-keeper to May 10, 1891.....	400 00	
Payments made to the Agent on Mrs. M. D. Wightman's subscriptions, refunded May 11, 1891.....	152 50—\$	2,605 64
Balance 1890-91.....		\$20,729 88 =
Balance 1889-90.....		10,384 54
		<hr/> \$31,114 42

BELLE H. BENNETT, *Agent and Treasurer.*

Mrs. M. D. Wightman made her financial statement as Assistant in securing funds for the Training School.

*Mrs. M. D. Wightman, in account with the Scarritt Bible and Training School from May 14, 1890, to June 1, 1891.*

	Receipts.	Easter Offering.	Total.
South Carolina Conference.....	\$ 839 06	\$1,106 00	\$1,945 06
Baltimore Conference.....	178 00	18 72	196 72
Mississippi Conference.....	35 90	36 71	72 61
North Carolina Conference.....	428 00	.....	428 00
South Georgia Conference.....	126 75	.....	126 75
Louisiana Conference.....	46 00	.....	46 00
Little Rock Conference.....	77 50	.....	77 50
North Mississippi Conference.....	191 95	.....	191 95
Virginia Conference.....	580 00	.....	580 00
White River Conference.....	200 50	.....	200 50
	<hr/> \$2,703 66	<hr/> \$1,161 43	<hr/> \$3,865 09
Interest on deposit.....			64 07
Total.....			<hr/> \$3,927 16
Traveling expenses.....			70 10
Balance on deposit June 1, 1891.....			<hr/> \$3,859 06

MRS. M. D. WIGHTMAN.

Mrs. Trueheart asked that a special committee be appointed by the Chair to consider all matters pertaining to the Training School, and that the report of Miss Bennett as Agent be referred to it. Carried. The announcement of said committee was postponed owing to lack of time.

Papers and documents were given to the chairmen of committees, meetings of committees were announced, and after the doxology and

benediction by Rev. W. F. Lloyd the meeting adjourned to meet at 9 A.M. Wednesday.

## SECOND DAY.

The Woman's Board of Missions assembled at 9 o'clock on June 10, Mrs. M. D. Wightman, Vice-president, in the chair. The opening devotional service was conducted by Mrs. Thomas P. Fullilove, of Louisiana. Thirty-three members were present at roll-call.

The minutes of the first day were read and approved, and the unfinished business of the previous day was taken up.

The Committee on the Scarritt Bible and Training School asked for the first day was announced as follows:

### *Committee on Scarritt Bible and Training School.*

Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, Chairman; Mrs. S. N. Jones, Mrs. L. H. McHenry, Mrs. M. S. Andrews, Mrs. T. P. Fullilove, Mrs. J. W. Humbert, Mrs. H. C. Cheatham.

The report of Mrs. F. A. Butler, Editor and Agent of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, was presented.

### Report of Agent of Woman's Missionary Advocate.

#### *Dr.*

Balance on hand May 1, 1890.....	\$3,724 12
Receipts from May 1, 1890, to May 1, 1891.....	5,289 18
Interest on deposit.....	94 20
Total.....	\$9,107 50

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By amount paid per vouchers.....	5,225 24
Balance on hand May 1, 1891.....	\$3,882 26
Circulation, 13,600.	

Referred to Committee on Finance.

The Auditor's statement was also received:

To the Woman's Board of Missions.

I have examined the books of Mrs. F. A. Butler, Editor and Agent, from May 1, 1890, to May 1, 1891, and find them correct, with vouchers on hand for all payments made.

Very respectfully.

J. D. HAMILTON, *Auditor*.

Nashville, May 27, 1891.

Mrs. A. E. Philips moved that the President appoint a Committee on Revision of By-laws. The motion prevailed, and the committee was appointed.

*Committee on Revisal.*—Mrs. A. E. Philips, Chairman; Mrs. S. S. Park, Mrs. Morgan Callaway, Mrs. H. C. Cheatham, Mrs. Matt McClung.

The report of Miss Mary McTyeire as to missionary matter sent out by her was read by the Secretary.

The report was from September, 1890—the date at which Miss McTyeire assumed the duties on the removal of her sister, Mrs. Amelia McTyeire Tigert, to Kansas City—to May, 1891. It stated that 43 certificates of life-membership had been sold, for which \$21.50 was received, which amount would be sent to the Treasurer of the Board next quarter. The proceeds of sale of “Christian Womanhood” were \$67.94, which amount is on hand subject to the order of Miss Bennett. Number of mite-boxes sent out since September, 1890, 6,302. Expense of mailing mite-boxes, certificates, and annual reports about \$5 per month.

The report was referred to the Committees on Publication and Finance.

Mrs. Eunice Caster, fraternal delegate from the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of St. Paul's M. E. Church and President of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union at Fort Worth, was presented to the Board, and made a brief but effective address, to which the President made response.

Rev. J. J. Methvin, Superintendent of the school at Anadarko, I. T., belonging to the Woman's Board of Missions, addressed the Board by request. He answered many questions relative to the school and work among the Indians, and avowed it to be his purpose to fit the Indians for the civilization soon to be forced upon them. He spoke of the excellent work done by Mrs. Avant and Miss Gregory, and asked leave of absence for them should the Board employ them for the ensuing year. In conclusion, he urged some member of the Board to visit Anadarko after the adjournment of this meeting, saying that such a “living epistle” would prove to them more fully than any other act could do the interest of their white sisters in their welfare. The President asked for a volunteer, but owing to many hindering causes no representative could be appointed.

The following telegram was received:

RIVER JUNCTION, FLA., June 9.

To Woman's Board of Missions.

Tallahassee District Conference sends greeting from Woman's Missionary Society. We pray Philippians ii. 5.

The Secretary was instructed to answer.



Mrs. Roberts, mother of Miss Lelia Roberts, missionary of the Board at Saltillo, Mexico, was introduced. Mrs. Roberts spoke briefly, thanking the Board for its kindness to her daughter, and assuring its members that she never failed to pray daily for the blessing of God on them and their work.

Rev. C. O. Jones, Rev. B. H. Bounds, and Rev. S. L. Ball, of the North Texas Conference, were presented to the Board.

The report of the informal meeting of Conference Corresponding Secretaries, which had been tabled, was taken up and considered by items.

### Report of the Informal Meeting of Conference Corresponding Secretaries.

At an informal meeting of the Conference Corresponding Secretaries, which was held in the First Methodist Church at Fort Worth, Tex., June 8, 1891, important points were discussed, and the suggestions made for the sustaining and extending of the work were taken up separately and considered.

The following recommendations are presented to the Woman's Board of Missions for final action:

1. That the Board authorize the Conference Secretaries to legislate on the subject of an organizer as will best suit their work.

2. That the duties of the Secretary of Home Affairs be extended, that she visit the different Conference Societies to arouse interest, and in the best way advance home work.

3. That the subject of maps and literature be referred to the Committee on Publication.

4. That the Board project a juvenile paper.

5. That Article 3, page 110, Twelfth Annual Report, under the "Constitution of Auxiliary Societies," be changed, so that "*one dollar a year, or*" be eliminated.

6. That the Woman's Board of Missions observe next Easter for the benefit of the Training School.

7. That certificates of life-membership be held *gratis*.

8. That in Section 3 of Conference By-laws (page 109, Twelfth Annual Report), "*Secretary of Home Affairs*" be inserted instead of "Corresponding Secretary."

9. That the Board request the Foreign Secretary to communicate to the Home Secretary such items in regard to the foreign work as she may consider of interest and importance to the Corresponding Secretaries of the Conference Societies.

10. That a Treasurer's book, planned by the South-west Missouri Conference, be referred to the Committee on Publication.

MRS. S. C. TRUEHEART, *Chairman*;  
MISS LIDA G. MOORE, *Secretary*.

Item 1 was adopted; item 2, referred to the Committee on Finance; item 3, referred to the Committee on Publication; item 4, adopted, and referred to the Committee on Finance; item 5, not adopted; item 6, referred to the Committee on Training School; items 7, 8, 9, 10, adopted.

The Secretary read the following communication:

To the Woman's Board of Missions, M. E. Church, South.

I herewith tender you my resignation as Secretary of Home Affairs. I thank you for the confidence expressed in laying the duties of this office upon me, and for your kindness during my incumbency. May the blessing of God be with you and upon your work!

Respectfully, MARY HELM, *Secretary of Home Affairs.*

Mrs. Strother moved the acceptance of Miss Helm's resignation.

Mrs. Park offered a resolution giving the Secretary one year of rest from the duties of her office, and electing some one to serve during that time.

Mrs. Black offered a substitute, which was adopted:

Whereas the Board would like more information at this point;

*Resolved*, That the consideration of the resignation of the Secretary of Home Affairs be, for the present, deferred.

Mrs. W. S. BLACK,

Mrs. A. E. PHILIPS.

Mrs. Philips paid a high tribute to Miss Helm's long and faithful service.

A letter to the Board from Miss Bruce, and letters to the Foreign Secretary from Miss Lochie Rankin and Miss Laura Haygood, were read and heard with pleasure.

Rev. W. S. Wyatt and J. S. Ashburn, of North Texas Conference, were introduced. Rev. W. F. Lloyd, pastor of First Methodist Church, to whom the Board is debtor for many courtesies, also received greeting.

Mrs. Hayes gave to the Secretary a silver dollar, a gift to the Board from one of God's poor, with request that it be placed in the hands of the Treasurer at Nashville.

An invitation to the Board from Mrs. Burchill to visit the Orphans' Home was read. The Board expressed its appreciation of the courtesy and its desire to accept if business should permit.

After announcements of committee meetings, the benediction was pronounced by Rev. W. F. Wyatt, and the meeting adjourned to Thursday at 9 A.M.

## THIRD DAY.

The Woman's Board of Missions met at the appointed hour, Mrs. Wightman presiding, owing to the serious illness of the President.

Mrs. Matt McClung led the devotional exercises. Special prayers were offered for the recovery of the aged President.

The roll was called; all members were present except the President.

The minutes of the second day were read and approved.

Mrs. A. E. Phillips offered a resolution as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Woman's Board of Missions transmit, through the Recording Secretary, to the Foreign Secretary, Mrs. D. H. McGavock; the Secretary of Home Affairs, Miss Mary Helm; the Treasurer, Mrs. H. N. McTyeire; the Editor of Leaflets, Mrs. W. G. E. Cunnynggham, the kindly greetings of this body and best wishes for their welfare, temporal and spiritual.

Adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

The Committee on Extension of Work presented Report No. 1 through Mrs. Dowdell, Chairman. As it was but partially complete, on motion it was recommitted.

The Committee on Publication presented its report through Mrs. T. P. Fullilove, Chairman. It was considered *seriatim*. Every item was adopted as read except items 4 and 12. The former was amended; the latter recommitted. (See report, page 99.)

This report provoked a warm discussion, the point under debate being the publication of monthly leaflets and programmes. Some argued that they had served their purpose, and were no longer needed; others, the large majority, insisting on their continuance, and lauding their usefulness.

The Secretary moved to omit the report of the Local Board from the published minutes. Her motion did not prevail.

A resolution providing for an Examining Committee in each Conference Society was offered by Mrs. John. The Board favored the resolution, but was divided on the question as to who should compose the committee.

The resolution was amended as follows:

Whereas it is important that the Local Board be thoroughly informed respecting the qualifications of candidates for missionary work before they are accepted; therefore,

*Resolved*, That a Committee of Examination be formed in each Conference Society, composed of three of the executive officers of said Society, of which the Conference Corresponding Secretary shall be the Chairman. The duty of this committee shall be to examine each candidate, and to secure the needed information respecting her fitness for the work; and in case said committee recommend the candidate, the Chairman shall send a report of its action,

accompanied by the testimonials and other required papers, to the Foreign Secretary for transmission to the Board, which, after the usual examination of the candidate, shall take final action in the case.

Mrs. I. G. JOHN,

Mrs. L. H. McHENRY.

Adopted unanimously.

A letter of cordial greeting from Laredo Seminary, signed "The Seminary Family," was read by the Secretary, who was instructed to send reply in behalf of the Board.

The kind offer of the railroad authorities, through Capt. Veale, to take the Woman's Board of Missions to Laredo and a short trip into Mexico for one fare for the round trip, provided a party of thirty persons could be secured, was entertained, but the requisite number could not be obtained. The thanks of the Board were returned through Mrs. Wightman for the courtesy extended, with regrets that it could not accept.

Mrs. Helen N. Stoddard, of Fort Worth, President of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Texas, was introduced, and in a few telling words won the sympathy and interest of the Board in her earnest labors for Christ and humanity.

Miss Fannie Armstrong, of Dallas, Tex., was introduced to the Board. In a quaintly original talk she presented the claims of her book, "Children of the Bible," which has received indorsement from high authorities.

Mrs. J. W. Belding, President of West Texas Conference Society; Mrs. Abbie Allen, President of North Texas Conference Society; and Mrs. T. M. Marks, President of East Texas Conference Society, were received with pleasure by the Board.

Mrs. Strother moved that an executive session be held, the hour to be appointed by the presiding officer. The motion was lost.

Mrs. Robinson, on behalf of the Terrell Auxiliary Texas Conference Society, presented a beautiful silk quilt to Miss Bennett for the Scarritt Bible and Training School. Miss Bennett expressed her thanks for the gift.

Mrs. Strother moved that the Treasurer's report be read, on the ground that it should be presented at the business session of the Board.

Mrs. Philips spoke to the motion, but debate was cut off by adjournment.

After announcement of committees, the doxology was sung, and the benediction pronounced by Rev. J. J. Methvin, whereupon the meeting adjourned to Friday morning.



**FOURTH DAY.****MORNING SESSION.**

The Woman's Board of Missions convened at 9 A.M., June 12, Mrs. Hayes presiding.

The half-hour of worship was conducted by Mrs. W. S. Black, of North Carolina, who presented to the Board a Bible as the gift of Hinton Prichard, of Henderson, N. C. That little boy, six years of age, to whom the Bible had been given on his first birthday by his father, voluntarily sent it with the prayer that from its pages some heathen child might learn to know the Saviour he had learned to love.

The roll was called, and thirty-two members responded.

The minutes of the previous day were read, amended, and approved.

Mrs. Jones offered the following:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary be instructed to write letters conveying greetings and sympathy to our beloved and afflicted sisters, Mrs. Adam Hendrix and Miss Melissa Baker.

Adopted unanimously.

Mrs. McHenry moved that a committee be appointed by the President to express to Mr. Foster Sondley, of Asheville, N. C., in some substantial form, the high appreciation felt by the Board for his services given "without fee or reward" in securing the Murry Bequest. The motion was unanimously adopted, as the Board was glad thus to record its gratitude to Mr. Sondley for his valued services in its behalf.

The Chair appointed Mrs. L. H. McHenry, Mrs. Matt McClung, and Mrs. M. D. Wightman as the committee.

The unfinished business of Thursday's session was taken up.

Mrs. Strother's motion to have the Treasurer's report presented to the Board in business session was entertained and adopted, and 11 o'clock named as the hour for hearing it.

In response to a call for reports of Standing Committees, Mrs. Wightman presented the report of the Committee on Missionary Candidates. (See report, page 98.) The report was considered by items, and adopted.

A resolution from the Virginia Conference Society, asking the Board to project work in Japan, was offered by Mrs. Cheatham. Referred to the Committee on Extension of Work.

The Committee on Publication concluded its report by presenting the item recommitted at the previous day's session. It was approved, and the report as amended was approved.

Mrs. Philips offered the following:

*Resolved*, That all business pertaining to the home work—such as applications for and distribution of missionary matter, leaflets, mite-boxes, etc.—be transmitted through the Secretary of Home Affairs.

MRS. A. E. PHILIPS,  
MISS LIDA G. MOORE.

Adopted.

Mrs. Fullilove moved that all matters concerning the projected juvenile paper be intrusted to the Publishing Committee. Her motion prevailed. Mrs. Philips moved a reconsideration of this action, which being granted, she offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That all matters pertaining to the publication of the juvenile paper be referred to the editor of the same, who shall advise with the Publishing Committee.

Adopted.

A resolution was offered by Mrs. Callaway, as follows:

Inasmuch as this Board has recognized, and most earnestly responded to the urgent call for a Connectional juvenile paper; be it therefore

1. *Resolved*, That every member of this Board who feels the need of such a paper pledge herself to do all she can to increase its circulation.

2. That the Board, as a whole, give its most hearty support to the new organ, and make every endeavor to give it wide-spread circulation throughout its various Juvenile Societies.

MRS. MORGAN CALLAWAY,  
MRS. MATT. MCCLUNG.

Adopted.

Mrs. Andrews offered a resolution asking that the leaflets for Juvenile Societies be printed in larger type, and be illustrated. Referred to Committee on Publication.

In response to an inquiry, Mrs. Butler promised to supply the need of Conference Corresponding Secretaries requesting additional copies of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* for distribution.

A telegram in response to that sent by the Secretary on behalf of the Board was received from Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Foreign Secretary:

NASHVILLE, TENN., June 12.

Miss Maria Layng Gibson, Recording Secretary.

Affectionate greetings to the Woman's Board of Missions. See Ephesians iii. 16-20.

MRS. D. H. MCGAVOCK.

A telegram from Miss Helm, Secretary of Home Affairs, was also read:

To the Recording Secretary of the Woman's Board of Missions.

Love and Greetings. See Philippians i. 2-13.

MARY HELM.

Mrs. Wightman, Chairman of Committee on Missionary Candidates, presented Miss Mollie F. Brown, of Austin, Tex., and Miss Minnie Bomer, of Marshall, Tex., newly accepted missionaries of the Board, who repeated the pledge in its presence.

Mrs. Hayes, as President, very impressively delivered the charge to these missionaries, after which Mrs. Wightman asked all present who would promise to remember these missionaries in prayer to say audibly "I will." The response was general and emphatic. Prayer was offered by the President, after which members of the Board took their new missionaries by the hand to bid them godspeed. Mrs. Black presented Hinton Prichard's Bible to Miss Brown, who will sail for Brazil July 18.

The place of holding the Fourteenth Annual Meeting was next considered. Lexington, Ky.; Greenville, Miss.; Dallas, Tex.; and Anadarko, I. T., were placed in nomination and their advantages discussed. Lexington, Ky., having received the highest number of votes, was selected, and the choice made unanimous.

Mrs. McHenry moved that the committee having the authority to fix the date of the annual meeting be requested to hold it as early in the spring as possible. April and May were named, but no definite instructions given. The motion was adopted.

Mrs. Philips moved that in future, at each annual meeting, an executive session be held for the unrestrained consideration of all points that should not be discussed publicly. Carried.

The report of the Treasurer was read by Mrs. Trueheart. Inquiry was made as to the balance in the treasury which had been omitted from the Treasurer's report. It was stated that its publication had been withheld as a precaution against misconceptions—as the Board carried a large balance to provide against all possible contingencies, and its showing might, to superficial observers, suggest the idea of unlimited resources, and thus excite hopes that could not be met. The question was discussed, some favoring while others opposed its publication for prudential reasons.

Mrs. Cheatham offered the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Missions be requested to make a detailed exhibit of the balance now in the Treasury, showing where the same is deposited, and what rate of interest is received; that this statement be furnished the Recording Secretary of the Woman's Board of Missions for publication in the Thirteenth Annual Report.

2. That such a detailed account be presented yearly to the Woman's Board of Missions.

Adopted. (See statement, page 63.)

As the hour for adjournment had arrived, Mrs. McHenry moved that an afternoon session be held at 3 o'clock. Carried.

The doxology was sung and the meeting adjourned, after the benediction by Rev. W. F. Lloyd.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Woman's Board of Missions met at 3 P.M., Mrs. Wightman in the chair.

The devotions of the hour were led by Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, of Kentucky.

At roll-call thirty members were present. The minutes of the morning session were read, corrected, and approved.

Mrs. Dowdell, Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Extension of Work.

The reports on the various fields were considered separately and adopted. (See report, page 100 and "Appropriations," page 105.)

At the conclusion of the report on China, an extract from the Minutes of the China Mission was read relative to transfers of property in Shanghai and Suchow between the General Board and the Woman's Board of Missions, through Dr. Young J. Allen, Attorney of the Woman's Board.

Mrs. Stone offered the following resolution:

The Woman's Board of Missions has ever been debtor to Dr. Young J. Allen for unremitting kindness, able and valued assistance, and ceaseless watchfulness over its interests in China. Its members are grateful for every new token of his regard; therefore,

*Resolved*, That this Board expresses to Dr. Young J. Allen its gratitude for legal services, and for his attention to every interest connected with the work of the Woman's Missionary Society.

MRS. J. B. STONE,

MRS. L. W. PLUMMER.

Adopted unanimously.

In considering the Mexican Border field, \$150 additional was granted Miss Lizzie Wilson in consideration of her unusual ability as a Bible teacher and the great work she is doing among Mexican women at Laredo.

In discussing work in the Indian Territory, leave of absence was granted Mrs. Avant, and \$100 appropriated to defray the expense of her home trip.

Two hundred and fifty dollars were thus added to the appropriations recommended by the committee.

Miss Mattie Jones spoke on the work on Brazil. She invited ques-



tions, and the Board responded liberally. She gave an interesting account of her work, and described the advantages of Taubaté and Juis de Fora. Her words were listened to with great interest. In answer to her inquiry an interesting discussion took place as to the nature of the pledge and the terms involved in assuming its obligations; also as to the advisability of employing teachers as well as missionaries.

Mrs. C. L. Smith, President of the St. Louis Conference Society, was introduced. The Board greeted her very cordially as a worker beloved, whose interest in the missionary cause has led her to several meetings of the Board.

Rev. W. L. Nelms, presiding elder of Fort Worth District, spoke a few words of greeting.

Rev. J. J. Methvin thanked the Board for its liberality to the Indian Mission, and expressed himself as perfectly satisfied with the appropriation to that field.

Mrs. Park presented the Board with a painting as a present from Maria Harrera, a gifted pupil of Laredo Seminary.

This gift, which evinced the talent of the young artist, was appreciated as a token that the seed sown by the Woman's Missionary Society is bearing fruit. The San Marcos Auxiliary, West Texas Conference Society, undertook Maria's education when she was eight years old, and for four years contributed \$100 per year toward her support in the Seminary.

The Board honored itself and the giver by transferring the gift to its venerable President, who, in accepting, invoked a rich blessing on the young girl, to whom Mrs. Park was requested to give special thanks and greeting.

The kind invitation of Mrs. Burchill to visit the Orphans' Home was considered, and Saturday afternoon appointed as the time for accepting her courteous hospitality. Afterward, as that time was not convenient for those in charge of the institution, the Secretary was instructed to send a written expression of thanks to Mrs. Burchill, with regret that her invitation could not have been accepted at an earlier date.

Mrs. Brandon, Chairman, announced the Committee on Finance as prepared to report, but the lateness of the hour advised the propriety of adjournment.

After the doxology and benediction, pronounced by the pastor of the First Methodist Church, the meeting adjourned to 9 o'clock Saturday.

FIFTH DAY.

MORNING SESSION.

The Woman's Board of Missions met at First Methodist Church on Saturday, June 13, at 9 o'clock, Mrs. Hayes in the chair. Mrs. E. Avis, of St. Louis, Mo., the matriarch of the Board, eighty-three years of age, led the devotional services.

After roll-call, to which twenty-seven responded, the minutes of the previous session were read, amended, and approved.

A telegram from Mrs. H. N. McTyeire, Treasurer, was read by the Secretary:

TULLAHOMA, TENN., June 13.

To the Woman's Board of Missions.

I send greetings. See Ephesians i. 16-18.

MRS. H. N. MCTYEIRE.

Miss Bradford called attention to page 60 of the Thirteenth Annual Report, and explained that the \$300 mentioned in the miscellaneous items of the Treasurer as having been sent by the Secretary of the Memphis Conference Society is not Conference money, but a gift through Mrs. M. E. Taylor, of Memphis, from the Circle of Christian Love, the members of which are residents in every State of the Union except two. Miss Bradford asked the Conference Secretaries to make this statement at their annual meetings.

Mrs. Brandon, Chairman of the Committee on Finance, presented its report, which was considered item by item.

The item favoring non-concurrence with the section of the report of informal meeting of Conference Secretaries referred to it was adopted.

Item 1 recommended by the committee was amended by inserting the words, "in prosecuting the work," and adopted as amended.

Item 2 was amended by inserting the words "for clerical services and office expenses," and adopted.

Item 3 was amended by the insertion of "for office expenses," and the substitution of \$500 for \$250. The item thus amended was adopted.

Item 4 was amended by inserting the words "office expenses," and adopted as amended.

Items 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, were adopted as read.

Item 10 was amended by striking out the words "to be paid out of the proceeds of the paper," and inserting in their stead "to be paid out of the general treasury the ensuing year." Adopted as amended.

Item 11 was adopted.

Item 12 was added to the report and adopted.

The report as amended was adopted. (See report, page 99.)

Mrs. Trueheart offered a resolution suggesting that the Editor of "Bright Jewels," a juvenile paper, have editorial connection with the new paper projected by the Board.

Mrs. Callaway offered the following as substitute:

Recognizing the worth of the juvenile missionary paper, "Bright Jewels," published under the auspices of the two North Carolina Conference Societies, and the service it has been to the Woman's Missionary Society, this Board would express the desire that some arrangement looking to the uniting of this paper with the new juvenile paper may be made by the Publishing Committee.

MRS. MORGAN CALLAWAY,

MRS. J. W. HUMBERT,

MRS. S. S. PARK.

The substitute was adopted.

Mrs. Trueheart, Chairman, presented the report of special committee on the Scarritt Bible and Training School.

Time was extended to hear the first reading of this report, which was considered by items.

Item 1 was adopted.

Item 2 was discussed, but pending action, the motion to adjourn prevailed.

An invitation from the Manager of the Exhibit of the Products of Texas at the Union Depot to visit the hall containing the display was read and thanks returned for the courtesy of Mr. Graham, the Manager.

After the doxology and benediction, by Rev. W. L. Nelms, the meeting adjourned to a quarter before 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Woman's Board of Missions re-assembled for a closing session at 2:45 p.m., in the First Methodist Church, the President in the chair. Mrs. F. A. Bumpass, of North Carolina, loved and venerated as one of the aged members of the Board, conducted the opening half-hour of devotion.

The roll was called. Thirty members were present. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The unfinished business of the morning was taken up. Item 2 of report of Committee on Scarritt Bible and Training School was amended and adopted.

Items 3 and 4 were adopted.

Item 5 was amended by striking out the words, "an extra leaf be added at the expense of the Training School."

The remaining items of the report were adopted as read, and the report as amended was adopted.

### Report of Special Committee on Scarritt Bible and Training School.

Whereas the amount needed to secure Dr. Scarritt's kind and liberal donation to the Woman's Board has been collected and the time for building has come.

1. *Resolved*, That Miss Belle Bennett, Agent and Treasurer, turn over to the Treasurer of the Board of Managers, Mr. J. S. Chick, President of the National Bank, Kansas City, Mo., the \$25,000 on the building fund as soon as she can call in the notes, that said \$25,000 may be paid out by the Treasurer, Mr. Chick, on the order of the Building Committee as the work may require.

2. That hereafter all funds over and above the \$25,000 necessary to meet Dr. Scarritt's offer be paid over to the Treasurer of the Board of Managers, and safely invested by him, on complete security, to be held sacredly as an "Endowment Fund" for the Scarritt Bible and Training School, and said Treasurer annually report to this Board of said fund, how invested, with a statement of the income and disbursements, etc.

3. That the present Agents, Miss Belle Bennett and Mrs. M. D. Wightman, who have so faithfully and successfully discharged their duty, be continued, and that the prayers of this Board go with them, and all assistance needed in facilitating their work be accorded by every member of this Board.

4. That Miss Belle Bennett and Mrs. Wightman, out of the proceeds of the funds collected, meet expenses of travel and other necessary expenses, as well as a proper remuneration for their time and services, such remuneration not exceeding \$1,000 each.

5. That a monthly report of their work be prepared for publication, and appear in itemized form in the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*; and a full report, with statement of expenses, be brought annually to this Board, and that the same appear in the published Minutes.

6. That this Board request an Easter offering, to be raised by the children of the Church through their subscription cards provided for the purpose, which may also go toward the "Endowment Fund." We believe this offering will, if continued, keep the cause near the heart of the whole Church.

7. That lectureships and scholarships be solicited, the proceeds also going toward the "Endowment Fund," that well-qualified instructors and lecturers may be secured, and missionary and other Christian candidates be maintained. Scholarships may be taken by individual or Churches, and when such have no candidate ready, they may take a candidate from a Church not having a scholarship, or the income go to meet the expenses of missionary candidates not otherwise provided for.

8. That any person or persons wishing to furnish a room in the Scarritt Bible and Training School, send the amount, say \$75, to Miss Bennett or Mrs. Wightman, subject to the direction of the Board of Managers at their meeting in 1892.

9. That a committee of four be appointed by the Board of Managers to ar-

range a suitable course of study that will best meet the needs of candidates for admission to the Training School.

That said committee be ready to submit at the next annual meeting of the Board a report on this subject, as well as suggestions in regard to suitable text-books for the students; and to submit also suggestions as to management and regulations for students at that institution, as well as the fees to be required, and the length of time fixed for completion of the course.

10. That the three Managers to serve this year be re-appointed by this Board.

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. S. C. TRUEHEART,  
MRS. S. N. JONES,  
MRS. H. C. CHEATHAM,  
MRS. L. H. MCHENRY,  
MRS. T. P. FULLILOVE,  
MRS. J. W. HUMBERT.

Mrs. McHenry offered the following resolution:

The Woman's Board of Missions recognizes the fact that Rev. Sam Jones has given invaluable aid to the Agents of the Scarritt Bible and Training School; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That its members extend thanks to him, and pray that his useful life may long be given to the Church.

*Resolved*, That this Board also expresses its thanks to Miss Bennett and Mrs. Wightman, Agents of the Scarritt Bible and Training School in token of its appreciation of the satisfactory manner in which they have advanced the interests committed to their charge.

MRS. L. H. MCHENRY,  
MRS. S. C. TRUEHEART.

Mrs. Dowdell offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Woman's Board of Missions tender grateful acknowledgment to Miss Mary G. McTyeire for sending out mite-boxes, missionary literature, etc., especially the programmes and leaflets for the Easter service in the interest of the Training School. To Mrs. Amelia McTyeire Tigert, also, this Board is indebted for her kindness in sending out missionary literature prior to her removal to Kansas City, Mo.

*Resolved*, That Miss McTyeire be requested to continue her service during the ensuing year.

Adopted unanimously.

On motion of Mrs. McHenry, the Publishing Committee was increased, and the Committee elected as follows:

*Publishing Committee.*

Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Chairman; Mrs. W. G. E. Cunningham, Mrs. L. H. McHenry, Mrs. S. J. Keith, Mrs. I. G. John.

Mrs. Trueheart read a very interesting letter to the Board from Miss



Augusta V. Wilson, telling of the work in Chihuahua, Mexico. Mention was made of the valuable box sent by the Baltimore Conference Society, and Mrs. Dowdell moved that the thanks of the Board be given those who made so handsome a contribution toward furnishing the Missionaries' Home at Chihuahua.

The Secretary read the following:

Whereas the opening of the Columbian Exposition on the Sabbath-day is a misrepresentation of the Christian civilization of our country; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we, the Woman's Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in annual session assembled, do petition our Congress of the United States, and also the Board of Directors of the Columbian Exposition, to close said Columbian Exposition on all the Sundays of its continuance.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of this Board be instructed to forward a copy of this resolution to the proper authorities.

Adopted unanimously, and ordered to be signed by all the officers on behalf of the Board.

The following resolution was read by the Secretary:

Whereas our beloved Secretary of Home affairs has been moved to offer her resignation, fearing her impaired health might cause the work she loves so well to suffer loss; and whereas we are not willing to give her up; be it

*Resolved*, That we do not accept the resignation of the Secretary of Home Affairs; but instead, give her a year's rest, the Board electing one of its members to carry on this work during the year, or until Miss Helm is able to take up the work.

MRS. S. S. PARK,  
MRS. M. D. WIGHTMAN,  
MRS. J. W. HUMBERT,  
MRS. I. G. JOHN,  
MRS. J. C. BARCLAY,  
MRS. F. E. HEARTSILL,  
MRS. MATT MCCLUNG,  
MRS. F. M. BUMPASS,  
MRS. MORGAN CALLAWAY,  
MRS. J. B. STONE,  
MRS. E. J. ROBINSON,  
MRS. S. V. GRIFFIS,  
MRS. H. L. STEELE,  
MRS. LOUISE H. MCHENRY,  
MISS LIDA MOORE,  
MRS. S. C. TRUEHEART,  
MISS AGNES CHRISMAN,  
MISS MARIA LAYNG GIBSON,  
MRS. L. W. PLUMMER.

Adopted.

The election of the substitute to serve as Secretary of Home Affairs was proceeded with by ballot. Mrs. Nathan Scarritt, having received the majority of votes, was declared elected.

Mrs. McClung presented a resolution as follows:

*Resolved*, That the Recording Secretary of this Board be instructed to tender to the Parsonage and Home Missionary Society the sympathy and good wishes of the Woman's Board of Missions.

MRS. MATT MCCLUNG,  
MRS. M. D. WIGHTMAN,  
MRS. J. C. BARCLAY,  
MRS. I. G. JOHN,  
MRS. C. W. BRANDON,  
MRS. F. M. BUMPASS.

Adopted unanimously.

The report of the Committee on Revisal was called for, but owing to the absence of the chairman no report was presented.

It was moved that all revisals be deferred until the next annual session of the Board. Carried.

Mrs. McHenry, on behalf of the Kindergarten Association of Nashville, Tenn., offered a free course of instruction to any missionary candidate desiring to fit herself for such service in the field.

Recognizing the efficiency of the Kindergarten system as an educational agency, the Board was pleased to receive this generous offer.

Miss Lou Philips, late missionary of the Board in China, was presented, and spoke a few words of thanks to the Board for its kindness to her.

Mrs. S. C. Trueheart presented the report of the Committee on Resolutions.

Your committee begs leave to submit the following, thereby expressing the sentiment of hearts grateful for abundance of kindness:

*Resolved*, That the Woman's Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in annual session at Fort Worth, Tex., fully appreciates the great kindness accorded by the hospitable, warm-hearted people of this city. Their attentions have been unremitting, and as broad as the wonderful prairies of their grand Texas. May the blessing of God, in whose name they have received us, his messengers, abide in their hearts and in their homes until, in the fullness of time, hosts and guests may meet in the beautiful home above!

MRS. S. C. TRUEHEART,  
MRS. L. H. MCHENRY,  
MRS. A. H. STROTHER.

The Board, through this committee, also tendered special thanks to the Corresponding Secretary of the North-west Texas Conference Society, Mrs. S. V. Griffis, and the local committee, Mrs. Massey, Mrs. Young, and Mrs. Jones, of Fort Worth, for their success in securing the "best home" for each member; to the sweet little girls who acted as pages; to the pastor, Rev. W. F. Lloyd, for numberless attentions;

to the choir for sweet music at every service; to Rev. C. O. Jones for the intellectual treat furnished in his anniversary address; to Rev. E. C. Chappell for his inspiring sermon; to Bishop Key and all visiting ministers for their presence and words of cheer; to Mrs. Burchill, of the Orphans' Home, for her kind invitation; to the friends who so beautifully decorated the church in which the sessions were held; to the railroads for reduced fare; to the reporters for daily courtesies in giving accounts of the meeting to the public; and to the sexton for his cheerful attentions to every member of the Board.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved, thus closing the business.

The hymn "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love" was sung, after which Mrs. Wightman offered a prayer of thanksgiving for mercies received, and an earnest petition for the presence of the Spirit.

The parting hymn, "God be with you till we meet again," was sung with clasped hands, while thought was busy as to when and where that meeting will be.

The pastor of the First Methodist Church, Rev. W. F. Lloyd, asked God's blessing on the Board, its work and workers, then pronounced the benediction, and the Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, stood adjourned.

MISS MARIA LAYNG GIBSON, *Recording Secretary.*

MRS. JULIANA HAYES, *President.*

## REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

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### COMMITTEE ON MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

In view of the overtaxed missionaries in the field who have been pleading for help, and who are looking to this meeting of the Board to answer their need, your committee feels deep concern because so few candidates have been presented for its consideration.

1. Miss Mollie F. Brown, of Austin, Tex., presented by the North Texas Conference Society, and indorsed by the Local Board, was before the committee, which unanimously recommends her acceptance and her appointment to Brazil.

2. Miss Kate P. McFarren, whose application to the Local Board for appointment as a missionary of the Woman's Missionary Society met with its favor, is approved by this committee, and her continuance in Durango recommended. Miss McFarren was for some years in the employ of the Presbyterian Board of Missions in South America. A woman of mature age, she has given her time and service to the work of this Board with little if any remuneration since her removal to Mexico; being associated with Robert MacDonnell, after whose death she held the Church together, acting as its pastor until a missionary could be placed in charge. The committee rejoices in the accession of so valued a worker.

3. The papers of Miss Minnie Bomar, of Marshall, Tex., were before the committee, and duly considered. Miss Bomar also appeared before the committee, which recommends that she be accepted, and that she be allowed a course in a training school.

4. The papers of Miss Alcinda J. Allen, of Fayette, Mo., gave satisfaction; and your committee was pleased to be able to report a recruit for the crippled work in China, when, to its surprise and regret, a communication, accompanied by a physician's certificate, was received from Miss Allen withdrawing her application for the present on account of ill health. The committee expresses the hope that this hinderance may soon be removed, so that Miss Allen may be able to go out as a representative of the Woman's Board of Missions to that field now depleted and suffering.

5. The papers of two other candidates were before the committee; but as action in their cases was not favorable, their names are withheld.

MRS. M. D. WIGHTMAN, *Chairman.*

### COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

This committee, after careful consideration of the reports and suggestions laid before it, recommends:

1. That Mrs. F. A. Butler be re-elected Editor and Agent of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*.

2. That Mrs. Butler be empowered to retain an assistant, whose expenses must be paid from the funds accruing from the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*.

3. That a full statement of the financial condition of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* appear monthly on its pages.

4. That twelve thousand mite-boxes, of a more substantial construction than those used formerly, be provided, the style to be selected by the Secretary of Home Affairs.

5. That as many summarized reports, constitutions, blanks, and slips be provided as the Publishing Committee thinks necessary.

6. That eight thousand copies of the Thirteenth Annual Report, including minutes of the Thirteenth Annual Session of the Woman's Board of Missions, be published for distribution.

7. That twelve varieties of leaflets for Adult and Juvenile Societies each be issued; also programmes in leaflet form.

8. That maps of the mission stations and illustrations be introduced into our missionary literature wherever practicable.

9. That a juvenile connectional organ be published under the auspices of the Woman's Board of Missions.

10. That Miss Annie Maria Barnes be elected Editor and Manager of said juvenile paper.

11. That whereas Mrs. W. G. E. Cunnyingham has declined re-election to the position so long and ably filled by her as Editor and Publisher of Leaflets, this Board hereby records its indebtedness to her for the inestimable service she has rendered in the dissemination of missionary literature, and expresses its regret in being deprived of an editor of such faithfulness and ability.

12. That Miss Annie Maria Barnes be elected Editor and Publisher of leaflets.

13. That, whereas new Societies are being formed continuously, introducing inexperienced workers into the home field, it is deemed necessary not only to issue programmes in leaflet form, but to publish them also in the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* and in the juvenile paper.

14. While we appreciate the good accomplished by all missionary publications, we think it advisable for the Woman's Board of Missions to urge the zealous support of its own connectional organs.

15. That the "Treasurer's Book," laid before this committee by Mrs. Jones, of South-west Missouri Conference Society, and which can be procured from the Publishing House of the M. E. Church, South, at Nashville, Tenn., for fifty cents, is highly approved and recommended to all Auxiliaries of the Woman's Missionary Society.

MRS. THOMAS P. FULLILOVE, *Chairman*.

#### COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

This committee, after careful consideration of item 2 in report of preliminary meeting of Conference Secretaries, advising the extension of the functions of the office of Home Secretary so as to include the duties of General Organizer, does not recommend its adoption.

The committee respectfully recommends the following appropriations to meet the local expenses:

1. For the President, in prosecuting the work of the Board, \$250.



2. For clerical services and office expenses of Foreign Secretary, \$1,200.
3. For office expenses of Secretary of Home Affairs, \$500.
4. For office expenses of Treasurer, \$50.
5. For publications ordered by the Board, the Treasurer to meet the expenses of mailing the same, \$800. Contingent, \$100.
5. For publishing and mailing leaflets, \$500. Contingent, \$50.
7. For mite-boxes, \$175.
8. For Editor and Agent of *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, \$100 per month to be paid out of the proceeds of the paper.
9. For Assistant to the Editor and Agent of the above, to be met by the receipts of the paper, \$500.
10. For the Editor of juvenile paper, \$750, to be paid out of the General Treasury the ensuing year.
11. For sample copies of the July number of juvenile paper, to be sent to Conference Secretaries for distribution, \$125.
12. *Resolved*, That the Editor of juvenile paper be authorized to employ an assistant, paying her \$300 out of the proceeds of the paper.

MRS. C. W. BRANDON, *Chairman*.

#### COMMITTEE ON EXTENSION OF WORK.

The estimates presented by your Foreign Secretary, based on information of the necessities in the various fields, as made known to her through correspondence with the agents of the Woman's Board of Missions, have been carefully considered by the committee, and are now submitted for your further consideration.

##### CHINA.

##### *Shanghai.*

Despite the great losses sustained through death and marriage, our work in Shanghai has steadily advanced and developed under the efficient management of Miss Haygood. With gratitude to Him whose work it is, we would offer thanks that he has blessed us with so noble and so steadfast a worker.

##### *Käding.*

1. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Board are due Bishop Wilson for his kindness in permitting Miss Rankin to remain at Käding, thus allowing her prosperous work to continue under her own able management.

2. That our beloved workers in Käding have fully met the expectations of the Board in the prosecution of their work in this difficult field.

##### *Suchow.*

1. The efficient and untiring service of Mrs. Campbell commends her to our continued love and confidence. May the blessing of God abide with her in her arduous duties!

2. Your committee recommends that the resignation of Miss Lou Philips be accepted.

3. Dr. Mildred Philips has announced her intention to marry, and has given the required six months' notice preparatory to leaving the service of the Woman's Board of Missions.

The following extract from the minutes of the annual meeting in China was laid before your committee: "Miss Haygood stated that she thought the time had arrived in the history of the Mission when the workings of both Boards might be made more effective if the married ladies were recognized as helpers; and, furthermore, that their labors might affect more definite results if they would work in conjunction with the representatives of the Woman's Board."

At a later session, Miss Haygood read the following resolutions, which had been unanimously adopted by the committee:

"Whereas we believe the efficiency of the work for Chinese women and children may be increased by the co-operation of all the women of our Mission, whether wives of the missionaries or representatives of the Woman's Board of Missions, in prosecuting organized work; therefore,

"1. *Resolved*, That we, the representatives of the Woman's Board of Missions, wish hereby to express the pleasure that it will give us to receive the assistance of the wives of the missionaries in our work, so far as their obligation to other duties will allow, and that we cordially invite their co-operation wherever and whenever they are free to give it.

"2. That we respectfully request the Woman's Board of Missions to invite such co-operation from the wives of missionaries in foreign fields, and recognize them as associate missionaries, making them, whenever they are able to engage in full and regular work, members of the annual meetings held in the several fields, and requesting them to present reports at the annual meetings and to the Woman's Board of Missions.

"LAURA A. HAYGOOD,

"MARY McCLELLAN."

After carefully considering the same, your committee recommends the following action:

We have heard with pleasure the foregoing resolutions, and, in view of the same, be it

*Resolved*, That the wives of missionaries in the employ of the General Board be and are hereby cordially invited to give this Board all the assistance in their power, and to send reports at stated times to the Agents of the Woman's Board of Missions; also that they may have a part in all the proceeding of the annual meetings of the missionaries, with the restriction that they have not the power to vote.

Your committee recommends that Miss Haygood be instructed to sell the "Louise Home" in Nantziang at the best advantage, and to hold the funds as "Louise Wilkins Funds," to be appropriated as the Board shall hereafter direct.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Board be tendered Rev. W. B. Bonnell for his courteous service as Treasurer of the funds of the Woman's Board of Missions.

*Resolved*, That as we deem it unnecessary to further tax the kindness of Rev. W. B. Bonnell, we send hereafter all funds for the China Mission direct to our Agent, Miss Haygood.

While the health of Miss Hughes continues precarious, Clopton School will remain under the care of Miss Haygood, with Miss Richardson as her assistant, as directed by the bishop in charge.

*Mexico.*

Encouraging signs in this field give token of rich promise. Miss Holding, Agent of the Board in Mexico, has administered its affairs with wisdom and prudence.

This committee indorses her management, and expresses its regard for Miss Holding personally, its confidence in her, and its appreciation of her acts in her official relations.

*Laredo.*

The work at Laredo calls for high appreciation of the teachers and assistants at this important center.

The committee has heard with pleasure the communications from Candalaria Gutierrez, who has been teaching in Laredo Seminary for four years, and from Lucia Harper, teacher in the Mission school at Laredo. These reports are valued as evidence of the assistance that educated native helpers are giving in the evangelization of Mexico.

The report from Mrs. McClendon, concerning her work in the town of Laredo, is hopeful.

Your committee has considered the petition of Miss L. C. Harper for an appropriation of \$1,000 for her boys' school, and recommends non-compliance at this time.

*Saltillo.*

Letters placed before this committee show the faithfulness and consecration of the workers in charge.

A letter from Isabel Hill, a native helper in charge of the charity school at Saltillo, was heard with interest. This young girl, only seventeen years old, now a Christian helper, was one of the original seven pupils with whom Miss Holding began Laredo Seminary.

Truly the seed sown has brought forth abundant fruit!

*Durango.*

The report of Miss Holding, as Agent, concerning the hopeful indications at this point, makes it incumbent on this Board to grant her estimates, and to appropriate the amount asked for to extend as well as to sustain the work in Durango.

Miss McFarren, who, having done successful work as teacher, now enters on the new relation of missionary to this Board, is commended to it as deserving of love and gratitude.

Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Foreign Secretary, has suggested that the school at Durango be called the "MacDonnell Memorial School," that forever the memory of this sainted servant of God may be perpetuated. The committee recommends compliance.

*Chihuahua.*

This work was opened last year, and gives promise of ultimate success. Many trials and difficulties, which are not uncommon in the projection of new work, have been met and overcome.

Miss Holding sends unqualified indorsement of the work here, and recommends the Board to begin building at once.

The committee recommends that Mrs. S. S. Park, who supervised the building of Faith Hall, at Laredo, be appointed to give similar aid to the Board in the construction of the building at Chihuahua, and that an appropriation be made to meet this expense.

Rev. W. B. Palmore has the gratitude of the Board for liberality to this branch of the work. The committee recommends that the new school be called Collegio Palmoré.

The committee recommends the following:

Whereas Miss A. V. Wilson has conscientiously followed the instructions of the Woman's Board of Missions in the careful and economical use of funds and has faithfully endeavored to overcome such difficulties as surround all new work,

*Resolved*, That Miss Wilson's management of the school at Chihuahua is fully indorsed by the Woman's Board, and she is recommended for re-appointment as Principal of Collegio Palmoré.

The committee has also deliberated on the petition of Rev. J. D. Scoggins to the Board to inaugurate work in Guadalajara, Mexico; and while sympathizing with this earnest servant of God in his desire to have the Woman's Board "come up and occupy the land," yet justice to the work already organized and projected forbids compliance with his request; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Board respectfully declines to enter this inviting field.

#### BRAZIL.

##### *Piracicaba.*

The management of the work at Piracicaba merits and receives the highest commendation from the Board.

Collegio Piracicabano, in its continued success, attests the executive ability and spirituality of the Principal, Miss Mattie B. Watts, and her associates.

As Miss Watts, with the approval of the bishop, has made an earnest plea for the extension of the work to a new center, Jundiacy, the committee recommends that her request be granted. In furtherance of the same,

1. *Resolved*, That an appropriation be made for work at this point.

2. *Resolved*, That a contingent fund be placed at her disposal to open said school, Miss Watts to remain at Piracicaba, agent of the Board, but supervisor of the new work.

##### *Rio de Janeiro.*

The difficulties attending the work at this point have been great, but the faithfulness of the consecrated workers has proved equal to the call. Miss Bruce has the esteem and confidence of this Board as its Agent. As she thinks the time is favorable to begin work in Juis de Fora,

1. *Resolved*, That this new field be entered at once.

2. *Resolved*, That for the more thorough and more speedy enlargement of the work the Board employ teachers, said teachers to be required to pledge themselves for only three years' faithful Christian work.

3. We recommend that when such teachers are employed they be paid \$500 a year and board—or its equivalent—and their traveling expenses to the field.



4. We recommend that the Foreign Secretary and President of the Board confer with Christian teachers in our Church schools on this subject, and thus secure the best material for this department of the work.

5. *Resolved*, That said teachers be paid by the schools in which they are employed, the Board supplementing any unavoidable deficit.

6. Inasmuch as from information received from the bishop in charge, as well as from her own letters, it would appear that the health of Miss Yarrell unfits her for further missionary service, the committee, though with great regret, deems it best to retire her name from the list of missionaries of the Board.

7. *Resolved*, That to our beloved missionary, Miss Mattie B. Jones, present at this meeting of the Board, we accord heart-felt praise for her faithful performance of duty in the field. Our hearts and homes are open to her. We honor and appreciate her for the work she has done, and to God's blessing we commend her.

#### INDIAN TERRITORY.

The reports of Rev. J. J. Methvin on the condition of work in this field give a clear statement of the affairs of the Board, and offer promise of fine results.

His estimates for the work have been duly considered and fully met.

The teachers and assistants employed are worthy of confidence, and have the respect of the Indians.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Board are due Rev. J. J. Methvin for his oversight of the work at Anadarko, and that he be continued as its Agent.

#### JAPAN.

Your committee has considered with great care the memorial from the Virginia Conference Society to the Woman's Board of Missions to engage in work in Japan; and while appreciating the zeal of the workers for the extension of the work, cannot recommend its adoption, but submits the following as its action:

*Resolved*, That the appalling lack of missionaries and the great need of equipping work already opened make it unadvisable to enter this new field.

MRS. E. C. DOWDELL, *Chairman*.



## APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1891-92.

### CHINA.

#### *Shanghai.*

Salary of Miss Haygood .....	\$	750	
Salary of Miss Hughes .....		750	
Salary of Miss McClellan .....		750	
Salary of Miss Richardson .....		750	
Clopton boarding-school .....		800	
Day-schools .....	1,000		
Extension of work .....		500	
McTyeire home and school .....	1,500		
Taxes and repairs .....		500	
Contingent .....		600	
Sending three missionaries .....	4,050—	\$11,950	

#### *Nantziang.*

Day-schools .....	\$	300	
Taxes and repairs .....		50—	350

#### *Küding.*

Salary of Miss Rankin .....	\$	750	
Salary of Miss Kerr .....		750	
House-rent .....		120	
Anglo-Chinese school (Miss Rankin's work), salaries of four teachers .....		450	
Day-schools (Miss Kerr's work) .....		450	
Remodeling home of missionaries .....	200—		2,720

#### *Suchow.*

Salary of Mrs. Campbell .....	\$	750	
Salary of Dr. Philips (contingent) .....		750	
Salary of Miss Atkinson .....		750	
Salary of Miss Smitley .....		750	
Boarding-school .....		900	
Day-schools .....		600	
Hospital .....	1,000		
Medical assistants (two) .....		300	
Extension of work .....		500	
Taxes and repairs .....		150	
Sending two missionaries .....	2,700—		9,550

*General Fund for Mission.*

Contingent.....	\$ 500	
Printing.....	500	
Office and itinerating of Agents.....	100—	\$ 1,100
Total to China.....		\$25,670

## MEXICAN BORDER.

*Laredo Seminary.*

Salary of Miss N. E. Holding.....	\$ 750	
Salary of Miss Delia Holding.....	600	
Salary of Miss Lizzie Wilson.....	750	
Salary of Miss L. C. Harper.....	750	
Salary of matron.....	300	
Salary of extra teachers.....	600	
Medical attendance.....	250	
Repairs.....	200	
Literature.....	50	
Two native teachers.....	300	
Woman's work.....	150	
Current expenses.....	3,600	
Office and itinerating of Agent.....	300	
To repair damage of storm.....	800—	\$ 9,400

*Laredo Day-school.*

Salary of Mrs. McClendon.....	\$ 750	
Salary of native teacher.....	150	
House-rent.....	300—	1,200

*Nuevo Laredo Day-school.*

Native teacher....	\$ 150—	150
Total for Laredo.....		\$10,750

*Saltillo.*

Salary of Miss Lelia Roberts.....	\$ 750	
Salary of Miss Tydings.....	750	
Salary of Miss Fannin.....	600	
Native teacher.....	150	
Charity school.....	150	
Woman's work.....	150	
Literature.....	50	
Contingent, taxes, and repairs.....	500—	3,100

NORTH-WEST MEXICO.

*Durango.*

Salary of Miss McFarren.....	\$ 750
Salary of helper.....	600
Native teacher.....	240
House-rent (contingent).....	300
Purchase of property.....	5,500
Additional contingent.....	500—\$ 8,340

*Chihuahua.*

Salary of Miss A. V. Wilson.....	\$ 750
Sending missionary.....	1,000
Salary of Miss Dorsey.....	500
Salary of Miss Arrington (contingent) .....	600
Salary of native teacher .....	150
Charity school.....	150
Woman's work.....	150
Literature .....	50
Building Colegio Palmoré.....	7,000
For supervising building.....	400
Furnishing home and school.....	1,000
Contingent .....	500— 12,250

CENTRAL MEXICO.

*San Luis Potosi.*

Salary of Miss Toland.....	\$ 750
Salary of Miss Turner.....	750
Salary of Miss Mason.....	600
Salary of native teacher .....	150
Incidentals, taxes, and repairs.....	150
Woman's work.....	150
Charity school.....	150
Literature.....	50
To purchase two small houses adjoining property.....	1,000— 3,750
Total to Mexico.....	<hr/> \$38,190

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## BRAZIL.

*Piracicaba.*

Salary of Miss Watts.....	\$ 750	
Salary of Miss Howell .....	750	
Salary of Miss Ross.....	750	
Salary of Mrs. Brelsford.....	375	
Woman's work.....	500	
Addition to home.....	2,000—	\$ 5,125

*Rio de Janeiro.*

Salary of Miss Bruce.....	\$ 750	
Salary of Miss Jones (home salary).....	375	
Salary of Miss Marvin.....	300	
Salary of Miss Granbery.....	750	
Sending two missionaries.....	2,450	
Expenses of college.....	500	
Woman's work.....	500	
Incidentals, taxes, and repairs.....	500—	6,125

*Juis de Fora.*

Salary of missionary.....	\$ 750	
House-rent.....	500	
Furnishing home and school.....	1,000	
Itineration.....	300—	2,550

*Jundiahy.*

Salary of Miss Sallie Phillips.....	\$ 750	
Salary of teacher.....	600	
House-rent.....	500—	1,850

Total to Brazil .....		\$15,650
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## INDIAN MISSION

*Anadarko.*

Salary of Mrs. Avant.....	\$ 350
Salary of assistant teacher.....	350
Salary of matron.....	350
Service.....	300
Current expenses.....	400
Out-buildings.....	450
Well and cistern.....	100

Two horses for farm.....	\$ 200
Enlarging school-building.....	1,900
Bible-woman.....	300
Teacher for Little Washita.....	300
Home trip for Mrs. Avant.....	100— \$ 5,100

SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1891-92.

China.....	\$25,670
Mexico.....	38,190
Brazil.....	15,650
Indian Territory.....	5,100
Office, printing, contingent, and course of medical candidate.....	5,000
Assistance to juvenile paper.....	875
Grand total.....	<u>\$90,485</u>



Missionaries Employed by the Woman's Board of Missions, M. E. Church, South, Since It Was Organized.

MISSIONARIES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.	CONFERENCE SOCIETY.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	APP'T'D
Miss Loelie Rankin.....	Milan, Tenn.....	Memphis.....	Shanghai, China, Box 143.....	1878
Miss Dora Rankin *.....	Milan, Tenn.....	Memphis.....	.....	1879
Miss Mattie H. Watts.....	Louisville, Ky.....	Louisville.....	Piracicaba, State de Sao Paulo, Brazil, S. A.....	1881
Miss Annie Williams†.....	Georgetown, Tex.....	West Texas.....	.....	1881
Miss Rebecca Toland.....	Chappell Hill, Tex.....	North-west Texas.....	San Luis Potosi, Mexico.....	1881
Miss Anna J. Muse†.....	Atlanta, Ga.....	North Georgia.....	.....	1882
Miss Blanche Gilbert †.....	Roanoke, Va.....	Baltimore.....	.....	1882
Mrs. Sarah Buford †.....	Georgetown, Tex.....	Texas.....	.....	1882
Mrs. J. W. Lambuth †.....	China.....	.....	.....	....
Miss Nora Lambuth †.....	China.....	.....	.....	....
Mrs. A. P. Parker.....	China.....	.....	.....	....
Miss Mattie B. Jones.....	Norcross, Ga.....	North Georgia.....	96 Rua Larangeiras, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, S. A.....	1883
Miss Nannie E. Holding.....	Somerset, Ky.....	Kentucky.....	Laredo, Tex.....	1883
Miss Jennie C. Wolf†.....	Pensacola, Fla.....	Alabama.....	.....	1883
Miss Laura A. Haygood.....	Atlanta, Ga.....	North Georgia.....	Shanghai, China.....	1884
Miss Dona Hamilton *.....	Paris, Tex.....	North Texas.....	.....	1884
Miss Jennie M. Atkinson.....	Rock Mills, Ala.....	North Alabama.....	Suchow, China.....	1884
Miss Mildred M. Phillips, M.D.....	California, Mo.....	South-west Missouri.....	Suchow, China.....	1884
Miss Lou E. Phillips †.....	California, Mo.....	South-west Missouri.....	.....	1884
Miss Mary W. Bruce.....	Plattsburg, Mo.....	Missouri.....	96 Rua Larangeiras, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, S. A.....	1884
Miss Emma E. Kerr.....	Brownsville, Tenn.....	Memphis.....	Shanghai, China, Box 143.....	1887
Mrs. J. P. Campbell.....	Los Angeles, Cal.....	Los Angeles.....	.....	1887
Miss Kate R. Roberts†.....	Nashville, Tenn.....	Tennessee.....	Suchow, China.....	1887
Miss Addie F. Gordon†.....	Port Gibson, Miss.....	North Mississippi.....	.....	1887

Miss Bettie Hughes.....	Meridian, Miss.....	Mississippi.....	Shanghai, China.....	1887
Miss Lula H. Lipscomb †.....	Columbus, Miss.....	North Mississippi.....	.....	1887
Miss Ada Reagan †.....	Nashville, Tenn.....	Tennessee.....	.....	1887
Miss Lelia Roberts.....	Palo Pinto, Tex.....	Texas.....	Saltillo, Mexico.....	1887
Miss Marcia Marvin.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	St. Louis.....	Piracicaba, State de Sao Paulo, Brazil, S. A.....	1887
Miss Mary McClellan.....	Brookhaven, Miss.....	Mississippi.....	Shanghai, China.....	1888
Miss Augusta V. Wilson.....	Charlestown, W. Va.....	West Virginia.....	Chihuahua, Mexico.....	1888
Miss Ella Granbery.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	St. Louis.....	96 Rua Larangeiras, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, S. A.....	1888
Miss A. Clara Chrisman *.....	Beauregard, Miss.....	Mississippi.....	.....	1889
Miss Ella Yarrell †.....	Emporia, Va.....	Virginia.....	.....	1889
Miss Lida Howell.....	Duluth, Ga.....	North Georgia.....	Piracicaba, State de Sao Paulo, Brazil, S. A.....	1889
Miss Lizzie Wilson.....	Newport, Ky.....	Kentucky.....	Laredo, Tex.....	1889
Mrs. A. E. McClendon.....	West Point, Ga.....	North Georgia.....	Laredo, Tex.....	1889
Miss Ellie B. Tydings.....	Anthony, Fla.....	Florida.....	Saltillo, Mexico.....	1889
Miss Flora Baker.....	West Point, Ga.....	North Georgia.....	Not employed.....	1889
Miss Lula Ross.....	Greensboro, Ala.....	Alabama.....	96 Rua Larangeiras, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, S. A.....	1889
Miss Sallie M. Phillips.....	Homer, La.....	Louisiana.....	Piracicaba, State de Sao Paulo, Brazil, S. A.....	1889
Mrs. E. E. Brelsford.....	Princeton, Ky.....	Louisville.....	Piracicaba, State de Sao Paulo.....	1890
Miss May Littleton Smithley.....	Jetersville, Va.....	Virginia.....	Suchow, China.....	1890
Miss Helen L. Richardson.....	St. Louis, Mo.....	St. Louis.....	Suchow, China.....	1890
Miss Mary Turner.....	Sharpsburg, Ky.....	Kentucky.....	San Luis Potosi, Mexico.....	1890
Miss Lucy Harjer.....	Georgetown, Tex.....	Texas.....	Laredo, Tex.....	1890
Miss Kate P. Fannin.....	Blountstown, Fla.....	Florida.....	Saltillo, Mexico.....	1890
Miss Mollie F. Brown.....	Austin, Tex.....	North Texas.....	96 Rua Larangeiras, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, S. A.....	1891
Miss Kate C. McFarren.....	Durango, Mex.....	.....	Durango, Mexico.....	1891

\* Deceased. † Resigned. ‡ Married.

## CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS, ETC.

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### Constitution of the Woman's Missionary Society.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the "Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South."

ART. II. The object of this Society shall be to enlist and invite the efforts of women and children in sending the gospel to women and children in foreign lands, on our borders, and among the Indian tribes of our own country, through the agency of female missionaries, teachers, physicians, and Bible-readers. The missionaries, teachers, physicians, and Bible-readers employed by the Woman's Board shall be subject to the appointing power of the bishop having charge of the mission field in which they labor.

ART. III. The work shall be accomplished by organizing Societies in each charge, and Conference Societies in each Conference, and shall be controlled by an executive body to be known as the "Woman's Board of Missions."

ART. IV. The Board shall consist of a President, Vice-president, two Secretaries (one to administer the foreign, the other the home affairs of the Society), Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and six managers (to be elected quadrennially by the Woman's Board at the annual meeting next succeeding the General Conference), and the Corresponding Secretaries or alternates of the Conference Societies. The Secretaries of the Board of Missions shall be honorary members of the Woman's Board.

ART. V. The operations of this Woman's Board shall be conducted in connection with the Board of Missions and subject to its advice and approval. When appropriations are made, the funds shall be sent in such manner and to meet such purposes as the Woman's Board shall direct.

ART. VI. The Woman's Board shall meet annually to determine what fields shall be occupied, the number of persons to be employed in each, and to estimate and appropriate the amount necessary for the support of the missions under its charge. A majority shall constitute a quorum to transact business at the annual meetings; five shall be a quorum for monthly or called meetings. The transactions of the monthly or called meetings shall be subject to the approval or disapproval of the ensuing annual meeting.

ART. VII. The Woman's Board shall have authority to establish and maintain a Bible and training school under its auspices, control, and management, for the education of missionaries and other Christian workers, provided that the collections of this Society shall not be used for said school except such as may be specially given for that purpose.

ART. VIII. The funds of this Board shall be derived from private efforts, from membership fees, life and honorary membership fees, from devises and

bequests, and from public collections only at meetings appointed in behalf of the Society.

ART. IX. The President shall preside at all meetings, and countersign all orders on the treasury. In her absence the Vice-president shall preside, and in the absence of both a chairman shall be appointed *pro tem*.

ART. X. The Foreign Secretary shall conduct the correspondence and attend to the legal business of the foreign field, prepare the annual report, publish quarterly and annually a statement of the condition of the work, and give all orders on the Treasurer. The Foreign Secretary shall reside where the Board of Missions is located.

ART. XI. The Secretary for Home Affairs shall conduct the correspondence with the Societies, attend to the legal business of the same, and furnish for publication quarterly and annual statements of the work under her charge.

ART. XII. The Treasurer shall hold the funds of the Board in safe deposit, which deposit shall be made by her as Treasurer, subject to authenticated drafts. She shall furnish quarterly and annual reports to be published with those of the Foreign Secretary, and her accounts shall be audited by the Treasurer of the Board of Missions. The Treasurer shall reside where the Board of Missions is located.

ART. XIII. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings in a permanent record, and obtain the signature of the President as approved.

ART. XIV. An Auditor shall be elected to audit the accounts of the Society.

ART. XV. When vacancies occur in the interval of the annual meetings, the Board shall fill such vacancies until the next annual meeting.

ART. XVI. Three of the six managers shall be members of any one of the Auxiliary Societies at the place where the Board of Missions is located, and the remaining three shall represent severally the Eastern, the Southern, and the Western Societies of the Church.

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## By-laws of the Woman's Board of Missions.

1. The President and Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society in whose precincts the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions is to be held, after consulting with the executive officers of said Board, shall fix the date of meeting, and arrange for anniversary exercises.

2. The traveling expenses of officers and managers and returned missionaries to and from the meetings of the Board shall be paid from the treasury.

3. The opening exercises of each annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions shall be held the evening before the regular business meeting commences.

4. The officers and managers of the Woman's Board of Missions shall nominate the standing committees.

5. The By-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote.

If for any cause it should become necessary, in the interim of the annual meetings of the Woman's Board of Missions, to change the place selected to



hold the next annual meeting, it can be done by consent of the executive officers and managers of the Board.

#### RULES OF ORDER.

- (a) Each session shall open and close with devotional exercises.
- (b) All resolutions shall be presented in writing.
- (c) Ladies shall rise when they address the Chair.
- (d) No member shall leave the room without permission of the Chair.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS

*For Opening Business Sessions of Annual Meetings of Woman's Board of Missions.*

1. Roll-call.
2. Reading minutes of opening session.
3. Report of Local Board.
4. Announcement of standing committees.
5. Presentation of plans and estimates for foreign work, and papers to be referred to committee.
6. Miscellaneous business.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS

*For Regular Daily Sessions.*

1. Roll-call.
2. Reading of minutes.
3. Reports from standing committees.
4. Reports from special committees.
5. Miscellaneous business.

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### Conference Societies.

A Conference Society shall be formed by the election of a President, Vice-president, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and a Secretary for each district.

These shall be appointed in the first instance by the Annual Conference, or a convention called for the purpose of organizing, and then elected thereafter at the annual meetings by ballot.

#### BY-LAWS.

SECTION 1. The executive officers shall constitute a committee to transact business in the interval of the annual meetings. Three shall constitute a quorum. A reserve shall be elected to attend the meetings of the Woman's Board of Missions in the absence of the Corresponding Secretary. If the reserve elect cannot attend, another can be appointed by the President and Corresponding Secretary. The annual meetings of the Conference Societies shall be held as soon as practicable *after* (in no case prior to) the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions.

SEC. 2. The President (or Vice-president) shall preside at all meetings of the Conference Society and of the Executive Committee. The President shall countersign all drafts on the treasury for necessary Conference expenses.

SEC. 3. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of



the Society with the Auxiliaries, and shall herself (or through the District Secretary, as she may direct) supply them with such missionary matter as she may obtain for gratuitous distribution. It shall be her duty to use all practicable means for the organization of Auxiliaries, and forward promptly reports of organization and number of members to the Secretary of Home Affairs. She must send promptly quarterly reports to the Secretary of Home Affairs on the 20th of June, September, December, and March; also an annual report, giving all statistics in full, the last quarter preceding the annual meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions. She shall sign all drafts on the treasury.

SEC. 4. The Recording Secretary shall give notice of all the meetings of the Conference Society and of the Executive Committee, and keep the minutes of the same on record.

SEC. 5. The Treasurer shall receive and keep on deposit all funds of the Society, keeping an account with each Auxiliary, and submitting the same annually to the Auditor. She must send reports promptly on the 30th of June, September, December, and March, to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Missions, therewith transmitting all the funds in the treasury. She must keep an account of the expenses of the Conference Society, and send the same with her quarterly report to the Treasurer. An itemized copy of said reports must be furnished the Conference Corresponding Secretary.

SEC. 6. The District Secretary shall organize Auxiliaries, and use every available means to promote the advancement of the Woman's Missionary Society in her district. She (or a representative appointed by her) shall present a report of the work at the District Conference, and shall hold an annual meeting in the district (composed of delegates from Auxiliaries), and an all-day meeting whenever practicable. If the Conference Corresponding Secretary so direct, the District Secretary 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. It shall be her duty to do all in her power to obtain subscribers to the *Woman's Missionary Advocate*, and see to the collection of the contingent fund for Conference expenses.

SEC. 7. Conference and Auxiliary Societies shall not project new work in the mission fields.

SEC. 8. Conference Societies shall provide a contingent fund for defraying necessary expenses.

SEC. 9. The regular dues of the Auxiliary Societies, Adult and Juvenile, also funds contributed to make life-members, honorary life-members, and life-patrons, shall not be devoted to specific work.

SEC. 10. The funds, outside of dues collected within the Auxiliaries to the Woman's Missionary Society, Adult or Juvenile, shall not be directed to any specific work, without obtaining the consent of the Woman's Board, and with the understanding that such work is in accordance with the plans of this Board.

SEC. 11. Credit shall not be given nor vouchers accepted by the Treasurer of the Woman's Board for funds that have not been paid into the treasury of the same.

## Auxiliary Societies.

Any number of women may form an Auxiliary to the Conference Society, in any charge or circuit, by appointing a President, two or more Vice-presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer; these constituting a Local Executive Committee. Auxiliary Societies shall report to the Secretary of Home Affairs until Conference Societies may be formed in the Annual Conference wherein they are located.

### HOW TO ORGANIZE AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Whenever any number of ladies can be convened for the purpose, let the work be brought before them by the pastor or some lady, urging the claims of the Woman's Missionary Society; then organize by appointing a chairman and secretary *pro tem*.

Let one or more ladies pass around with slips of paper to secure members.

The chairman shall then call for a nominating committee preliminary to the election of officers; when the report of the nominating committee is adopted, the officers are elected.

The Constitution and By-laws provided for Auxiliaries should then be read and adopted. The time for holding the monthly meetings may be determined.

As soon as organized, the Corresponding Secretary of the Auxiliary shall fill a blank report of organization, and forward to the Conference Corresponding Secretary.

### CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

*Printed for Information and Use in the Organization of Auxiliaries.*

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called the "Woman's Missionary Society of ———, auxiliary to the ——— Conference Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South."

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be to aid Christian women and children in the evangelization of women and children in our mission fields, and to raise funds for this work.

ART. 3. Any person paying a regular subscription of one dollar a year, or ten cents a month, may become a member of this Society; and any person contributing five dollars per quarter for one year, or twenty dollars at one time, may be a life-member.

ART. 4. Meetings of the Society for business and communication of intelligence shall be held once a month. The anniversary of each Society shall, if practicable, be held in March, at which time the reports of the Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurers shall be read, and officers for the ensuing year be elected by ballot. The delegate and reserve to the annual meeting of the Conference Society shall be elected by ballot at the same time.

### BY-LAWS.

1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all the meetings of the Society, and to advance its general interests.

2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-president to perform the duties of the

President in the absence of that officer, and to aid in devising means for the efficiency of the Society.

3. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Society. It shall also be her duty to send quarterly reports not later than the 1st of June, September, December, and March, to the Conference Corresponding Secretary, or the District Secretary, as the Conference Secretary may direct. She (or the appointed agent) shall bring up the claims of the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* at every monthly meeting, and try to obtain subscribers.

4. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of each meeting, and to provide the pastor with written notices of meetings.

5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect the dues of members and to hold in trust the funds of the Society, keeping a book-account, and remitting to the Conference Treasurer not later than the 1st of June, September, December, and March; also at the same time to furnish the Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary a statement of amount remitted. Collectors may be appointed to assist the Treasurer.

6. There shall be a committee of three to provide missionary reading for monthly and quarterly meetings.

7. Once each quarter, if practicable, a public meeting shall be held, when reports of the work shall be read, addresses given, and every effort made to increase general missionary intelligence and zeal, as well as earnestness in the special work of the Society.

8. Each member of the Society shall try to induce others to become members, and do what she can to add to the interest, remembering in prayer her Society, its workers, the missionaries, schools, etc., connected with the general work.

9. If an office becomes vacant by death, resignation, or removal, such vacancy must be filled as soon as possible.

10. Order of exercises for monthly meetings: (1) Devotional exercises; (2) reading and approval of minutes; (3) report of Corresponding Secretary; (4) report of Treasurer; (5) report of Literary Committee; (6) miscellaneous business; (7) report of what each member has done for the Society during the month; (8) adjournment.

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## Young People's and Juvenile Societies.

### CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called ———.

ART. 2. Its objects shall be to aid the operations of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; to increase contributions; to cultivate piety, systematic giving, and to increase missionary intelligence.

ART. 3. Its officers shall be a President, two Vice-presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer.

ART. 4. A Lady Manager shall be elected by the Society to superintend its interests.

ART. 5. Every member of the Society must be pledged to contribute five cents monthly.

ART. 6. Any one may become an honorary member of the Society by the payment of five dollars, or a life-member by the payment of ten dollars.

#### BY-LAWS.

1. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all the meetings of the Society, and to advance its general interests.

2. It shall be the duty of the Vice-presidents to perform the duties of the President in the absence of that officer, and to aid in devising means for the efficiency of the Society.

3. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Society. It shall also be her duty to send quarterly reports not later than the 1st of June, September, December, and March, to the Conference Corresponding Secretary, giving the *status* of the Society. A copy of this report shall be sent to the District Secretary.

4. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of each meeting, and to provide the pastor with written notices of meetings.

5. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect the dues of members, and to hold in trust the funds of the Society, keeping a book-account, and remitting to the Conference Treasurer, not later than the first of June, September, December, and March; also at the same time to furnish the Auxiliary Corresponding Secretary a statement of amount remitted. Collectors may be appointed to assist the Treasurer.

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### Instructions to Missionaries.

1. All missionaries in the employ of the Woman's Board of Missions must work under the advice and approval of this Board, and conform to the general plan of work in the mission to which she is appointed.

2. To secure organization and unity in the mission field, every missionary of the Woman's Board is confidently expected to work in harmonious relation with the Agent appointed over that part of the field to which she has been assigned; also, that she will receive all instructions and all funds through this Agent, and send quarterly and annual reports through her to the Foreign Secretary of the Woman's Board.

3. Missionaries must give their entire time and attention to their legitimate work, as an ample salary to meet their temporal necessities is paid them by the Board.

4. Before sending their annual reports, the missionaries of the Woman's Board must hold an annual meeting, the minutes of which, including reports, plans, and estimates, must be forwarded promptly to the Foreign Secretary of the Board by the Agent. All the representatives must, if possible, attend this meeting to consider and compare methods of work in their several departments.

5. All donations received for the work must be mentioned in the annual reports.



6. The action of the Woman's Board will be communicated to the Agents officially by the Foreign Secretary of the Board.

7. Missionaries must not involve the Society in any expense, the estimate of which has not been submitted to and approved by the Board in annual session.

8. Under no circumstances shall new work be opened without the consent of the Woman's Board. Missionaries are not permitted to make public or private appeals for funds to aid in support of their work without the knowledge and approval of the Board, and such appeals must be made through the Foreign Secretary of this Board.

9. Medical missionaries must keep itemized accounts of receipts and disbursements, sending quarterly and annual reports of the same to the Foreign Secretary of the Board. Such receipts may be used by them for needful expenses in their work. If there is any surplus, it must be placed in the treasury in the field, and accredited as receipts arising from the practice of medical missionaries. The medical outfit is the property of the Board.

10. If a missionary in the employ of the Woman's Board, or an accepted candidate, evinces any unfitness for the work, the agreement may be canceled, and, after giving her three months' notice, she may be recalled by the Board; her expenses home will be paid, provided she returns within the time specified.

11. If it becomes necessary for a missionary to return home temporarily because of ill health, she must send a certificate to that effect from a physician and the Agent in charge of the district in which she is stationed. The Board in such cases agrees to meet the expenses of her travel home, and pay her half salary for one year, if she is in harmony with the Woman's Board.

12. Should a missionary desire her expenses paid to return home for any other cause than that of ill health, she must in every case give her reasons and obtain leave of absence from the Woman's Board through the Agent in charge of her field.

13. Every missionary is authorized to conduct the internal affairs of her department as she thinks best suited to the surroundings, and to secure good results; provided, always, that her plans meet the approval of the Woman's Board.

14. Every returned missionary is expected to be present at the first annual meeting of the Board after her arrival home. Her expenses to and from the place of meeting will be paid by the Board.

15. Every missionary employed by the Woman's Board is required to comply with the above conditions, and to remember always her promise given under head of "Questions to Missionary Candidates, No. 16."

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### Requirements of Missionary Candidates.

1. The papers of a missionary candidate must be presented through the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society in which she resides, to the Secretary of the Woman's Board, *not less than three months before the annual meeting of this Board.* If practicable, the Conference Secretary should



seek a personal acquaintance with the candidate before the papers are forwarded to the Secretary of the Board.

2. These papers must be references or testimonials from the pastor and Sunday-school Superintendent of the Church in which the candidate holds her membership; from the President of the college where she was educated, or where she has taught; the President of her Auxiliary Society, if connected with any; also of persons who have had opportunities for understanding character, acquirements, and capabilities. The candidate herself must write her application to the Board, giving some history of her life and religious experience.

3. A missionary candidate must feel that her heart is especially directed toward foreign missionary work, and that her only desire and purpose in offering herself is to serve God and obey the command, "Go teach all nations."

4. Some experience at home in teaching and in Christian work is necessary to show her capabilities for foreign service.

5. She must have executive ability and adaptability to surroundings. These are essential qualities in mission work.

6. The testimonials of a missionary candidate must include the following points: Evidences of religious experience, energy, and business capacity; good judgment and prudence; mental attainments and health.

7. The age of a candidate must not be less than twenty-five years nor more than thirty-five, unless she has superior qualifications, and circumstances justify a deviation from strict adherence to this rule.

8. She must furnish a health certificate from a competent physician, and answer satisfactorily the questions under that head, and where practicable be examined by a specialist for the eye, ear, throat, and lungs; also securing a certificate of the soundness of these organs.

9. No candidate will be accepted unless she will pledge herself not to leave the service of the Woman's Board within five years from the time she reaches the field, unless her health fails.

10. She, with two good securities, must sign a *pledge* to the effect that, if she leaves the service of the Woman's Board for any other cause than ill health, before the expiration of five years, she or her securities will refund to the Board the amount paid for her outfit and travel. This does not imply that her obligation to the Woman's Board ceases at the end of five years; but that she is bound to refund this amount if she voluntarily leaves the work of the Woman's Board of Missions before this stated time expires.

11. Her preferences for a field will be considered, but it is expected that she will acquiesce in the decision and judgment of the Board.

12. Every candidate is required to come before the Examining Committee and before the Woman's Board of Missions at a called meeting, or attend the annual meeting of the Board.

13. After a candidate is accepted, she must consider herself under the guidance of the Board in the interim of her departure for her appointed field.

14. The traveling expenses of an accepted candidate are paid from her home to the mission field, and \$200 is granted for her personal outfit. Her salary does not begin until she reaches her field of labor.

15. Every candidate is required to get *two good and sufficient securities* to join her in signing the

· PLEDGE.

I have avowed my intention to devote myself to the work of the Woman's Board of Missions as long as life and usefulness continue, and I hold myself morally bound to maintain this purpose; yet, in view of the changes to which all persons are liable, and recognizing the fact that the equipment of missionaries and the cost of travel to foreign countries constitute a large item of expense; also that the first year or two must be spent in preparation, I here pledge myself to give not less than five years' service to the Woman's Board.

Moreover, if I voluntarily leave this employ before the expiration of five years after my arrival in the field, I promise to refund the money expended for my outfit and travel. I promise, also, to give six months' notice of any change in my relations to the Board, or forfeit my salary for that length of time. I herewith sign my own name, with two *good and sufficient* securities, for the fulfillment of these promises.

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### Questions to Missionary Candidates.

1. Do you feel that your heart is moved by the Holy Spirit to take upon you the work of a foreign missionary?

2. (a) Are you a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South?  
(b) How long have you been a member?

3. Do you subscribe to the doctrines of this Church?

4. Is it your desire and intention to make the work of this Board your life-work?

5. Are you willing to go to any field?

6. Have you any experience in Christian work?

7. Have you a thorough English education?

8. (a) Have you studied any ancient or modern language? (b) Do you acquire such with ease?

9. Have you taught school, where, and with what success?

10. Can you teach music, vocal or instrumental?

11. What is the condition of your health? and are you predisposed to any physical weakness?

12. What is your age?

13. Have you ever been married? If so, is your husband living?

14. (a) Have you ever applied to other Mission Boards or Societies?  
(b) Were you refused? and for what cause?

15. Will you sign, with two sufficient securities, the pledge required of all missionary candidates?

16. Will you promise to keep the following conditions: "If you labor with us in the Lord's vineyard, it is needful that you should do that part of the work which we advise, at those times and places which we judge most for his glory?"

**Certificate of Health.***Questions to be answered by the Examining Physician.*

[It is not necessary that every question be answered favorably to receive an appointment.]

1. How long have you known this lady?
2. Has your acquaintance been such as to enable you to know particularly of her health and physical tendencies?
3. Are her habits active or sedentary?
4. (a) Has she had the usual diseases of childhood? (b) Have they affected her constitution in any way?
5. Has she had any serious illness, local disease, or personal injury? If so, of what nature? how long since? and has she entirely recovered from it?
6. Has she been successfully vaccinated?
7. (a) Have her grandparents, parents, brothers, or sisters ever had mental derangement, pulmonary complaint, scrofula, or other serious disease tending to shorten life? (b) Does she exhibit any tendency to these diseases?
8. Is she subject to heart-disease, or diseases peculiar to women?
9. Are her eyes in a healthy condition? and would they be liable, so far as can be seen, to any affection incident to change of climate?
10. Has she any tendency to deafness?
11. Is her constitution strong and vigorous at this time?
12. (a) What climate would be most suitable to her constitution? (b) Would a tropical climate in her case especially induce liver disease?

(Questions to be copied, and answers opposite each question.)

[Physician's signature.]

**WOMAN'S MISSIONARY ADVOCATE.**

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**LEAFLETS.**

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**PAYMENTS TO THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.**

The payment of \$1 a year or ten cents a month for adults, or five cents a month for juveniles, constitutes a member for twelve months.

The payment of \$20 constitutes a life-member.

The payment of \$100 constitutes an honorary life-member.

The payment of \$300 constitutes an honorary life-patron.

The payment of \$40 supports a scholarship in China.

**FORM OF BEQUEST.**

I hereby give and bequeath to the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, incorporated under the laws of the State of Tennessee, §—— or ——, to be paid or conveyed to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board of Missions (the executive body of the Society), whose receipt therefor shall be acquittance to my executors.

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**FORM OF DEVISE.**

I hereby give and devise absolutely and in fee simple to the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, incorporated under the laws of the State of Tennessee, the following real estate [adding such description as shall fully identify the particular real estate intended.]

NOTE.—Prompt notice of bequests and devises should be given to Mrs. D. H. McGavock, Foreign Secretary Woman's Board.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS RECOMMENDED FOR REFERENCE AND USE IN SOCIETIES.

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"Letters from the Orient," by Mrs. (Bishop) A. W. Wilson.

"Crises of Missions," by Rev. Arthur T. Pierson.

*Missionary Review of the World*, 18 and 20 Astor Place, New York.

*Woman's Work for Woman*, and *Our Mission Fields*, 53 Fifth Ave., New York.

*Life and Light for Woman*, Congregational House, Beacon Street, Boston, Mass.

*Heathen Woman's Friend*, Miss J. P. Walden, 36 Bromfield Street, Boston, Mass.

*Missionary Reporter*, Publishing House of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Nashville, Tenn.

*Missionary Herald*, American Board.

*Missionary Link*, W. U. M. S.

*Spirit of Missions*, Episcopal.

*Lutheran Missionary Journal*.

"Go or Send," by Bishop A. G. Haygood, Publishing House of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Nashville, Tenn.

"Protestant Foreign Missions," by Christlieb, Congregational House, Boston, Mass.

"Lectures on Missions," Max Müller.

"Women of the Orient," by Rev. Ross C. Houghton.

"Around the World," by Bishop Hendrix.

"To the East by Way of the West," by Bishop Marvin.

*Missionary Programmes*, by Miss Mary Helm. Price twenty-five cents. Order from Miss Mary Helm, Elizabethtown, Ky.

*Woman's Missionary Advocate*, Mrs. F. A. Butler, Publishing House of the M. E. Church, South, Nashville, Tenn.

*Little Worker*, Miss Annie Maria Barnes, Nashville, Tenn.

*Woman's Work in the Far East*, published quarterly, Shanghai, China.

Report of the Missionary Conference, London, 1888.

The above publications may be had by sending orders to BARBEE & SMITH, Agents, Publishing House of the M. E. Church, South, Nashville, Tenn.







