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Woman's Home Mission Society



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Twentieth Annual Report

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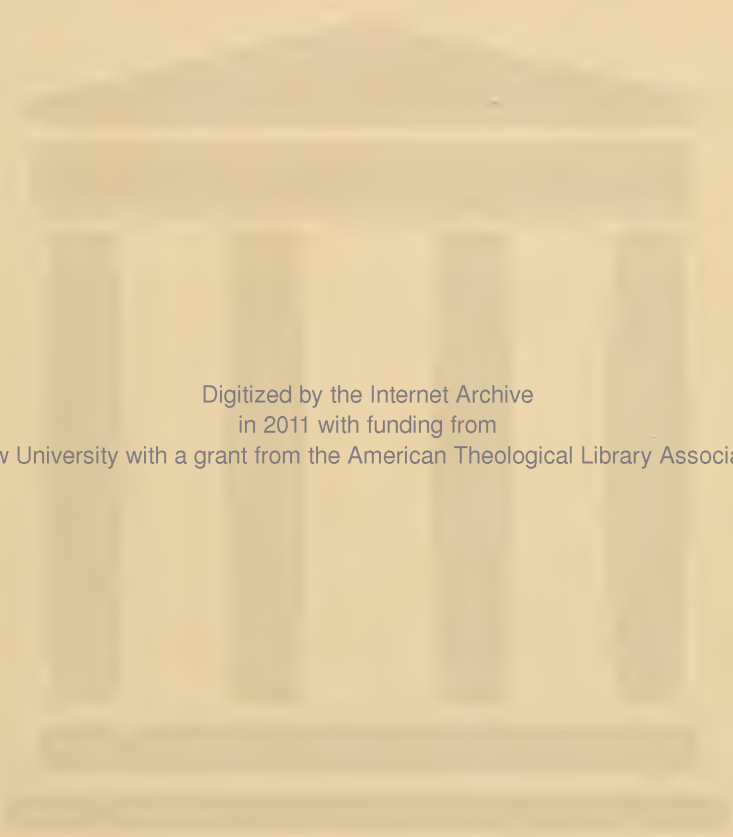
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Week of Prayer, October 7-13.
Ninth Annual Board Meeting, Houston, Tex.



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OF THE

WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY

OF THE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

Annual Meeting, Held at Asheville, N. C., April 26-May 2, 1906.

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INTRODUCTION.

Western North Carolina is famous throughout our great country for scenery wild enough to be enchanting, yet subdued into a serene beauty that brings balm and peace to the human spirit.

To those who know the Carolina mountains, every mood of the year is welcome, for each makes delightful revelations of the changeful beauty that haunts the peaks and valleys and streams. But the first blush of the year's new life seems, indeed, a breaking forth of God's glory in the "Land of the Sky."

The balmiest spring weather not only greeted the happy comers to Asheville for the eighth Annual Meeting of the Board, but it lingered throughout the entire week, with only brief showers now and then to make one know that April was not forgetting her time for making the world to blossom.

It was too late to find the trailing arbutus—that shy, sweet recluse of the rocks—and too early for the laurel and the rhododendron, but mountain sides and valleys were bright with violets and phlox and dogwood and the gorgeous wild azaleas. A great bunch of galax leaves, sent in one day to the body with the compliments of the Toxaway Company, brought visions of mountain streams and hiding places of beauty; and among the handsome palms in the church, purple lilacs and Easter lilies mingled their richness and purity.

Had no flowers been in evidence, they would scarcely have been missed, for Central Church in itself is a joy to the eyes. The exquisite taste in tone and style characterizing the whole interior, decorations and furnishings, makes a fit setting for the windows, which are remarkably beautiful in design and execution. Amid the busy work of the session it was restful and inspiring to look up at the great Gothic windows and have some sublime thought of the Master borne in upon the mind and heart. The windows below the gallery are not less beautiful, and in almost every window is seen some combination of the Easter lily, giving a unity of design most pleasing to the eye and the mind.

The congregation may well be proud of their church, with its modern conveniences and equipment. From the generous hospitality which they showered upon the Board, one cannot but believe that they are

learning how important a place they hold in Southern Methodism in helping to make at home the great crowd of strangers that flock to Asheville, and in holding them to the Church and to the Master during the holiday months. As we gathered day after day in the Epworth League room for luncheon, prepared and served with such skillful kindness by the Asheville hostesses, we realized how vast is the range of service opening up more and more to the churches of Asheville in that they minister to every section of our great country in the throngs of health seekers and pleasure seekers who are drawn hither year after year by the charm of scenery and the boon of a wonderful climate.

Many things conspired to make this the best Annual Meeting ever held by the Board. More Conferences were represented than at any previous session, the delegates were in place more promptly, and an unusually large number of visitors added pleasure and zest to the occasion.

Great regret was felt at the absence of Dr. Reid and of Mrs. Burks, who had expected to represent the work on the Pacific Coast, but were detained by the San Francisco disaster.

At the opening service on Thursday evening, Mrs. T. C. Smith, Jr., niece of Dr. David Morton, gave a beautiful greeting in behalf of Asheville Methodism; Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe, pastor of Central Church, as host, spoke welcome most cordially for himself and his people; Mrs. M. J. Branner, the beloved President of the Western North Carolina Conference Society, in her own warm-hearted way, opened wide the doors of North Carolina Methodism. To all of these Mrs. Bennett D. Bell, of Tennessee, responded most happily for the body.

On Friday night Dr. Julius Magath, the missionary of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to the Hebrews, preached. His subject was "The Debt of the Christian World to the Jew." His eloquent review of all that the Jewish race has given to the world and of the wrongs its people have suffered and still suffer will never be forgotten by those who heard him and who felt the passionate entreaty that thrilled in his voice; nor can they fail to put aside the indifference that has characterized the Christian Churches of America toward this gifted people.

Sunday a large congregation gathered to hear the much-beloved former pastor, Dr. Charles W. Byrd, now of Augusta, Ga., preach the annual sermon. For several reasons it had been decided that it was impracticable to have the consecration of deaconesses at the Annual Meeting, and that interesting service had been held a week before at the Scarritt Bible and Training School, with the General Secretary present to represent the Board. It was a great disappointment to the members of the body and to the people of Asheville and the visitors not to look into the faces of the deaconesses who had been so much in our thoughts and prayers, and to miss the inspiration of the public service which sets them apart for their self-sacrificing work. But we knew that they were with us in spirit; and Dr. Byrd's sermon made the rank and file of the workers feel the sacredness of the obligation of each worker to the great unreached masses.

The text was the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand, as found in Mark vi. 31-44. The preacher brought vividly to the mind the familiar scenes where the Master, Lord of life, himself the bread of life, had compassion upon the hungry multitudes. Along with the pictures came great lessons strikingly enforced:

Though weary and worn, Jesus welcomed the thronging multitudes.

1. The attitude of a Church or of an organization toward the people is the test of Christianity. Some fear, some scorn, some selfishly use the people; Jesus felt compassion for them. There is only one kind of Christianity above or below the stars; that is the power that makes us like Christ.

2. Jesus taught the people the mysteries of the kingdom of God. The gospel, which is the need of all, is a solid reality for busy men and women, not a dainty indulgence. New methods have their perils. While doing institutional church work we must not forget that teaching is fundamental.

3. Jesus gave the people the gospel in its variety and many-sidedness. The bright, young sunny-hearted women working in the slums bring the flowers of the gospel to the people.

4. The attitude of the disciples as they break in upon him is very different from that of the Master. They wish to send away from him—him the only source of power—the hungry people just as they would have sent away the little children who came in their mothers' arms for his blessing, or the importunate Syrophenician mother or helpless, blind Bartimeus. No patron saint, not even Peter or John, will do for a needy human being; he brushes them all aside that he may come direct to Jesus. Happy will be the day when the Church will answer every need of the individual and of the multitude.

The command is, "Give ye them to eat." God means the gospel to save, not only souls, but men and women—body, soul, and spirit. "The only soul I know is one with a mouth to feed and a back to put something on." What are golden streets to unshod feet and white robes to those who need gingham to go to work in?

Many a church has "Ichabod" written all over it because it has forgotten its mission. Christian parents must give their daughters to do work among the poor. Romanism gives its cultured women as sisters of mercy; shall Protestantism be less consecrated? The costliest and yet most wasted product is the average young woman whose whole life is buried in afternoon teas and social functions. Dissipation disqualifies for wifehood and motherhood. Why not let these capacities be developed for service to the people? The Master ever stands with open hand, open heart, smiling welcome to the people.

Sunday night Dr. Byrd discussed the subject of "City Evangelization." He developed the thought that the Church is not a theological institution to teach men what to think, not a school of morality to teach men what to do, but the depository of the life of Jesus Christ. The extreme conservatism of the average Church is the greatest barrier to the success of Christianity in the world. A church service that has only good music, a good crowd, an entertaining sermon, and a full basket is a miserable failure. The Church must go after the people, especially the little people, the children, and begin the kingdom of God in the cradle.

At the close of Dr. Byrd's address Miss Bennett made an impassioned appeal to the young women present to yield themselves to God in full and glad surrender, that he might use them for bringing in his kingdom.

On Monday night Mrs. Benton Hobbs gave an insight into the needs of New Orleans as a great strategic center, and Miss Haskin told of the work in the cities as it had come under her observation during the year.

On Tuesday night after the devotional services, led by Miss Gibson, the work done in the following cities was brought before an interested audience: Atlanta, by Mrs. McEachern; Jacksonville, by Mrs. Griffith; St. Louis, in a written report read by request by the Recording Secretary; Louisville, by the Head Resident, Miss Estelle Haskin; New Orleans, by Mrs. Hobbs; Nashville, by Mrs. Yarbrough; Rome, by Mrs. Powers; Kansas City, by Miss Howell; Richmond, by Miss Margaret Curley. The time for each seemed all too short because of the variety of work done, the earnestness and self-forgetfulness of the speaker, and the fact that each city had some one phase of work which was developed most strongly and successfully.

The absence from the session of Dr. Pinson, who was to discuss the "Boy Problem," and of Rev. Frank Siler, who was asked to lead the noon Bible studies, was much regretted. But our own Miss Howell gave, from day to day, deep draughts of spiritual truth from the Word of God, and the Spirit of all truth opened up new lessons of life and duty as together we studied the teachings of the Master.

There was throughout the session a deep sense of responsibility because the Board had ended a second quadrennium of service to the Church, four years signally blessed of God, and the report had already gone up to the great legislative body of the Church assembling in Birmingham just as our session closed. There was much prayer that God would help us to enter the wide-opening doors of opportunity, and there was given faith to plan larger things because we believed the Lord of hosts was speaking to us, bidding us go forward. The work of the committees was arduous, but it was diligently and faithfully done. The spirit of joyous service was everywhere manifest, with gratitude for all that God had wrought through us and an eager pressing forward unto the things that are before.

Some loved and honored members were missed from the body, but the new representatives were earnest and helpful; and while sorrow and loss had befallen some, the ranks had not been invaded by death.

The happy excursion to Brevard and Lake Toxaway, on Thursday after the meeting, gave opportunity, to all who could spare the time from work following the session, not only to see something of the famous Sapphire country, but to visit Brevard Institute, share in its hospitality, and see its noble teachers and students.

The meeting in Asheville will, in the memory of all who attended it, have always a peculiar charm. In each one's book of remembrance are written many things: the drive on Saturday morning through the famous Biltmore estate in that exhilarating mountain air; the gentle, gracious kindness manifested in their homes and at the church by the people of Asheville; the courtesy of the pastor, whose study became the workshop of the officers; the handsome souvenir programme, recalling that never-to-be-forgotten church, with its glorious background of mountain ranges and all its outer and inner beauty; the personal touch of friend with friend in the communion of saints; the manifest presence of that mighty, all-understanding Friend who stoops low to share our joys and sorrows, and uses us, with all our human incompleteness, to work the works of his Father with himself as Comrade.

May the gracious influences of the eighth Annual Meeting go out through all the ranks of our women to make us more truly coworkers with Jesus Christ, who came among us as he that serveth!

OFFICIAL MINUTES.

FIRST DAY, MORNING SESSION.

THE Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, met for the first business session of its eighth Annual Meeting Friday, April 26, 1906, in Central Church, Asheville, N. C. At 9:25 o'clock the President announced that the regular order of service of the Church would be followed in the opening of the session.

The hymn, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty," was sung. After earnest prayer Miss Bennett read a lesson from Isaiah vi. 1-9. This was followed by the "Gloria." A second lesson was read from Ephesians i. 3-23 and ii. 1-10, and Hymn 325 was sung.

The body then entered upon the work of organization. The roll was called and five general officers, twenty-eight Conference delegates, four editors and superintendents, and five committee members answered to their names, as follows:

Miss Belle H. Bennett, President; Mrs. L. P. Smith, First Vice President; Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, General Secretary; Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, General Treasurer; Mrs. Frank Siler, Recording Secretary.

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

Arkansas Conference: Mrs. R. A. Baird, First Vice President.

Baltimore Conference: Mrs. W. J. H. Robinson, Third Vice President.

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

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

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

Kentucky Conference: Miss Kate Petry, Corresponding Secretary.

Little Rock Conference: Mrs. W. H. Pemberton, Corresponding Secretary.

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

Louisville Conference: Miss Ada Lewis, Corresponding Secretary.

Mississippi Conference: Mrs. B. F. Lewis, Corresponding Secretary.

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

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

North Carolina Conference: Mrs. S. H. Scott, Corresponding Secretary.

North Georgia Conference: Mrs. R. P. Milam, Corresponding Secretary.

North Mississippi Conference: Mrs. L. C. Short, Corresponding Secretary.

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

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South Georgia Conference: Mrs. N. M. Blasingame, Corresponding Secretary.

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

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

Tennessee Conference: Mrs. B. D. Bell, Corresponding Secretary.

Texas Conference: Mrs. George Call, Corresponding Secretary.

Virginia Conference: Mrs. H. E. Wall, Recording Secretary.

West Texas Conference: Mrs. T. A. Brown, Corresponding Secretary.

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

Western Virginia Conference: Mrs. G. F. Adams, Corresponding Secretary.

White River Conference: Mrs. R. C. Morehead.

Miss Mary Helm, Editor of *Our Homes*; Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Agent of the Dallas Mission Home; Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, Superintendent of Supplies; Mrs. Mary Bruce Alexander, Superintendent of Cuban Work; Miss Mabel Howell, Teacher of Sociology in Scarritt Bible and Training School; Miss Maria Gibson, member of Committee on Deaconess Work; Mrs. Luke Johnson, member of Committee on Literature and Press Work; and Miss Estelle Haskin, visitor to City Mission Boards.

Upon motion, the first three rows of pews across the church were assigned the delegates. The rules of order were read by the Secretary.

The hours of session were fixed from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M.

The minutes of the called meeting of the Board were read by the General Secretary, as follows:

The Woman's Board of Home Missions met in called session at 10 A.M., March 7, 1906, in the bishops' room of the Methodist Publishing House, Nashville, Tenn. Members present were Miss Belle H. Bennett, Mrs. Frank Siler, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Miss Mary Helm, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, and Miss Maria Gibson, from Committee on Deaconess Work.

At invitation of the President, Miss Gibson opened the meeting with prayer.

The President called upon Miss Gibson for a report from the deaconess candidates in the Scarritt Bible and Training School. She gave a verbal report of the candidates the faculty would recommend for consecration, and also of the members of the graduating class who may be available for home mission work as missionaries.

The General Secretary reported eleven City Mission Boards as calling for trained leaders, and her utter inability to supply the demand. Correspondence with Dr. Meyer, of the Chicago Training School, with a view to seeking help from the M. E. Church, was submitted. The only available person recommended by Dr. Meyer was found unacceptable for any of these appointments.

After a discussion of the various annuity and loan funds of the organization, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved: 1. That all annuity funds not specifically directed to endowment or loan funds shall be used in the purchase or improvement of real estate belonging to the Woman's Board of Home Missions. Donors may direct such gifts.

2. That the total amount of such annuity funds received by the Board shall not exceed \$50,000, and the rate of interest shall be graded according to the age of the person—*i. e.*, three per cent when the age is between thirty and forty years, four per cent between forty and fifty, five per cent between fifty and fifty-five, and six per cent when the person is fifty years of age and upward. MRS. R. W. MACDONELL.
MRS. FRANK SILER.

Letters were read from Miss E. J. Reid, principal of Ruth Hargrove Seminary, Key West, Fla., showing the necessity of immediate enlargement. The letter showed that the cost of the new building, for which an appropriation of \$5,000 was made in annual session by the Board, would be \$12,000. The inability of the General Treasury to meet even the appropriation of \$5,000 was discussed, and the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That, in view of the immediate need for enlargement at Ruth Hargrove Seminary, Miss Reid be authorized to have a two-room cottage built at once which can accommodate the kindergarten and primary classes—the cottage to cost \$700.

Mrs. MacDonell read a letter from Miss Davis, teacher of Domestic Science at the Mission Home, Dallas, concerning the need of enlargement of the kitchen. Her request to be given the privilege of using the income from the sales of her department to enlarge the room and make it more comfortable was granted.

On motion, the Board adjourned.

The First Vice President was called to the chair, and the President read her message, outlining the vast range of organized activity possible and emphasizing the imperative call to personal consecration on the part of the workers. Upon motion, the message was referred to the various committees to which its sections belonged.

The Committee on Platform Courtesies was announced as follows: Mrs. W. B. Meacham, Mrs. Frank S. Smith, Mrs. W. W. Barnard, Mrs. J. A. Burroughs, and Mrs. E. C. Chambers.

The General Treasurer read her report, and, upon motion, it was adopted. (See report.)

The President called attention to the vast difference between the money raised in South Georgia for foreign missions and that for home mission work.

The General Secretary made her report, which, upon motion, was adopted.

Miss Helm made her report as Editor and Agent of *Our Homes*. It included a history of the paper and an outline of its purposes. The auditor's statement was read. By request of the body, the list of subscribers by Conferences was also read. Upon motion, the report was adopted. (See report.)

OUR HOMES—REPORT FOR 1905-06.

The first issue of *Our Homes* was in January, 1892, with Miss Lucinda B. Helm as editor and agent. Its purpose was to advance the cause of Christ through the women of the Southern Methodist Church; its only capital, the faith, courage, and brain of its founder; its possible constituency, a Home Mission membership of about 9,000. For some years

it had a struggling existence, but in answer to prayer and hard work the good hand of our God has been upon it to bless.

What It Stands For.

The name—"Our Homes"—has had a double significance from the beginning. The first work of the Society, and that toward which it continues to contribute more largely than toward any other cause, was the providing of homes for our preachers, and this furnished a reason for the name, but not only one nor the best reason. The paper, from the first, stood for the *Christian home* and all that it means to the family, to the Church, and to the country. Its purpose has been to quicken the sense of parental, as well as pastoral, responsibility in making and keeping the homes of our Church members centers of religious life where children will grow up loving and serving Christ. But the term "*Our Homes*" is not limited to those in which Christians *now* live, but *all* homes throughout the land where Christians *should* live. Its work has been to awaken and direct the interest and efforts of the women of our Church toward purifying and uplifting the homes and family life of the poor, the ignorant, the unfortunate. *Our Homes* holds in its name the real thought of God as *our Father*, and of all mankind as *our brethren*.

The homes in the back alley and in the mountain cove are as much *our* homes as those on the avenue, and the welfare of both are bound together and alike involve the future of our common country.

What It Has Done and Hopes to Do.

From month to month information has been given through the columns of *Our Homes*, not only of the work done by our own Home Mission Society, but of that done by other Churches and benevolent associations, that its readers might gain a broad knowledge of the combined work of God's forces. During the year just passed the plan of topical studies has been followed with such satisfaction to the subscribers that it will be continued through the coming year. The Bible study has been made a special feature of *Our Homes*, and will so continue, since it forms the basis of all Christian work. During this year this study will be devoted to the prophetic books and conducted by Rev. J. H. Stevenson, Ph.D., professor of Old Testament Languages and Literature in the Vanderbilt University. No text-book will be required except the Bible with its references and helps.

Financial.

Our Homes has been a financial success. Since November, 1898, it has been entirely self-supporting, and during the last quadrennium it has cleared above all expenses more than a thousand dollars annually. Of this money, \$1,300 was paid into the General Treasury for the use of the Society, and \$3,031.81 was invested in good securities paying five per cent interest. This investment is designed as an endowment or emergency fund.

The following report is presented with grateful appreciation of the help received from my faithful coworker, Mrs. S. P. Vaughan, our local agents, many friends who have contributed to its columns, and those who have printed the paper:

Balance in bank April 1, 1905.....	\$1,332 25
Receipts from subscriptions, April 1, 1905, to April 1, 1906....	6,046 26
Interest on bonds.....	100 00
Total	\$7,478 51
Expenses for April 1, 1905, to April 1, 1906.....	\$4,778 87
Purchased April 6, 1905, \$1,000 bond on Rochester (N. Y.) St. Ry.	1,021 39
Purchased March 30, 1906, \$1,000 bond on Springfield (Ill.) St. Ry.	1,010 42
Total disbursements.....	\$6,810 68
Balance in bank April 1, 1906.....	\$ 667 83
Three bonds on street railways.....	3,000 00
Total assets.....	\$3,667 83
Number of subscribers April 1, 1905.....	10,016
Number of subscribers April 1, 1906.....	11,964
Increase	1,948
Number of Record Books given as premiums.....	697
Number of other books given as premiums.....	132
Cost of premium books.....	\$ 176 56

I have examined the books of *Our Homes*, kept by Mrs. S. P. Vaughan, from April 1, 1905, to April 1, 1906, and find them correct. The checks and deposits agree with the books of the bank.

D. M. SMITH, Auditor.

SUBSCRIBERS BY CONFERENCES.

Alabama	272	North Carolina	269
Arkansas	164	North Georgia	595
Baltimore	277	North Mississippi	490
Columbia	47	North Texas	923
Denver	26	Northwest Texas	1,059
East Columbia	54	Pacific	141
Florida	399	St. Louis	251
Holston	613	South Carolina	161
Illinois	3	South Georgia	671
Indian Mission	353	Southwest Missouri	277
Kentucky	302	Tennessee	399
Little Rock	609	Texas	757
Los Angeles	236	Virginia	252
Louisiana	267	West Texas	290
Louisville	241	Western	9
Memphis	294	Western North Carolina ..	157
Mississippi	257	Western Virginia	73
Missouri	195	White River	153
Montana	36	Unknown	24
New Mexico	124		
North Alabama	344	Total	11,964

The following resolution was upon motion adopted. (No. 1).

Resolved, That the editor of *Our Homes*, the superintendents of departments, and members of standing committees be given the privilege of the floor.

MRS. W. H. PEMBERTON,
MRS. T. F. MARR.

Mrs. S. P. Burrus, of the general office corps, was introduced, and Miss Bennett stated that the Perry pictures of the Woman's Home Mission Society were ready for purchase, and that Mrs. Burrus would have them and other home mission supplies in charge during the meeting.

Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, Superintendent of Supplies, read her report, which was adopted.

The following persons were introduced: Mrs. M. J. Branner, President of the Western North Carolina Conference; Mrs. F. E. Ross, Treasurer of the Western North Carolina Conference; Mrs. W. L. Nicholson, Second Vice President of the Western North Carolina Conference; Rev. C. P. Moore, pastor of North Asheville Church; Prof. J. C. Lewis, principal of the Sue Bennett Memorial School, London, Ky.; Dr. Reagan, superannuate member of the Western North Carolina Conference; Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Financial Agent of the Dallas Mission Home and Training School, Dallas, Tex.; Dr. Julius Magath, missionary to the Hebrews; Rev. C. F. Sherrill, presiding elder of the Waynesville District; Mrs. R. W. Godbey, representative of the *Christian Advocate*; Mrs. T. R. Kendall, President of the Louisville Conference; Mrs. Alice Chapman, President of the Holston Conference; Mrs. Sullins, Superintendent of Supplies, Holston Conference; Mrs. Honaker, Treasurer of the Holston Conference; Mrs. R. L. Blevins, Superintendent of the Tithing Department; Mrs. A. N. Jackson, Third Vice President, Holston Conference; Mrs. A. A. Norris, Treasurer of the Louisville Conference; Rev. C. H. Neil, pastor Sulphur Springs Circuit; Mrs. G. B. Hester, ex-Treasurer of the Indian Mission Conference; Mrs. Princee, Treasurer of the North Carolina Conference; Mrs. J. H. Underwood, ex-President of the North Carolina Conference; Miss Annie Bevan, District Secretary of the Baltimore Conference.

Mrs. Chatfield stated that Mrs. J. T. Dumas, of Mobile, had been called home by a telegram stating that her aged mother had had a serious accident. Miss Bennett urged that Mrs. Dumas be remembered in prayer by the members of the Board.

The Secretary then read the committees as follows:

Committee on Appropriations and Extension of Work.—Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Mrs. T. F. Marr, Mrs. R. C. Morehead, Mrs. T. A. Brown, Mrs. H. D. Wall, Mrs. L. P. Norfleet, Mrs. J. T. Bloodworth, Mrs. E. K. Griffith, Mrs. A. A. Gibson, Mrs. R. P. Milam, Mrs. L. C. Short, Mrs. J. B. Chatfield, Mrs. J. M. Gross, Mrs. Baird, Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, Mrs. S. P. Wilfley, Mrs. G. F. Adams, Mrs. W. J. H. Robinson, Mrs. M. S. Palmer.

Committee on Memorials.—Mrs. W. H. Pemberton, Mrs. George Call, Mrs. N. M. Blasingame, Mrs. T. D. Power, Mrs. S. H. Scott, Mrs. B. F. Lewis, Mrs. M. S. Palmer.

Committee on By-Laws.—Mrs. L. P. Smith, Mrs. B. D. Bell, Mrs. R. P. Milam, Miss Ada Lewis, Mrs. George Call, Mrs. Frank Siler.

Committee on Resolutions.—Mrs. L. C. Short, Mrs. J. M. Gross, Mrs. R. C. Morehead, Mrs. T. D. Power, Mrs. Mary B. Alexander.

After announcements, the noon devotional service was led by Miss Howell.

SUBJECT: "SELF-DENIAL—THE TEST OF DISCIPLESHIP." (Matt. xvi. 24.)

A threefold test: (1) Let him deny himself; (2) let him take up his cross; (3) let him follow me. The passage can be understood only by a study of the circumstances that called forth this statement on the part of Jesus. It was as though he said: "Not only must I, Peter, bear the cross, but all who belong to Messiah's kingdom must bear the cross like the Messiah—with its resurrection to a new and glorious life. The cross is as essential to *discipleship* as to *Messiahship*." Self is another word for flesh (Rom. viii.), and manifests itself in many ways. It has peculiar characteristics, brings forth its own fruit (Gal. v.). To deny self is to say "no" to the self in us. A man's cross is the point where God's will for him and his will for himself meet and come in opposition. We shall not be able to conquer the world without till we are victorious on the battlefield of our hearts, till we have conquered self and enthroned Christ as Lord. Living up to the test in Matthew xvi. 24 is not only a *proof* of our discipleship, but is the *price* we pay for the life of privilege in Christ Jesus. If Christ be enthroned and self denied, then "out of us shall flow rivers of living water."

Rev. C. H. Neil pronounced the benediction.

FIRST DAY, AFTERNON SESSION.

At 2:15 o'clock the meeting was called to order by the President. Mrs. Mary B. Alexander led the devotional service, reading lessons from St. Mark (ii. 1-12) and St. John (xii. 20-26). She developed the thought that, as the great central point of all our work is to bring people to Jesus, all ordinary and extraordinary means must be used to accomplish that great purpose.

The roll was called. The reading of the minutes was deferred until Saturday's session. Mrs. T. R. Kendall, Mrs. Frank Smith, and Mrs. Margaret Spiers were announced as agents during the session for *Our Homes*.

Miss Mabel Howell, teacher of Sociology in the Scarritt Bible and Training School for Missionaries, read her report, which, upon motion, was adopted.

The General Secretary read the following letter from the Second Vice President of the Board, Mrs. John D. Hammond:

STEBEN SANITARIUM, April 24, 1906.

Dear Mrs. MacDonell: When the Board met a year ago I was looking forward to being at this meeting, well again, and doing my share of the work I love. Now I am saying "next year" again; and with more reason, too. I am getting well, only the road is longer than I thought. Will you give my love to the women of the Board, and tell them I am with them in spirit and in my prayers? I am so glad for all of you that you *can* work. I have learned the beauty of it as never before; and when I can do it again, I hope I shall never be ungrateful enough to lose the *freshness* of joy in it. And for all your work I pray that the beauty of the Lord may be on it, and that he may establish it forever. It has been a great comfort to me to know that so many of you pray for me. And I know your prayers are richly answered. I have so many comforts and joys. Such friends have been given to me among perfect strangers. And I know God is more real to me than ever before. "To those that look for him he shall appear," and I find him day and night.

With love,

MRS. L. H. HAMMOND.

The following resolution was offered and was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we miss the wise counsel and inspiring presence of our beloved Second Vice President, Mrs. John D. Hammond, and would send this message by wire: Philippians i. 3-7.

MRS. T. D. POWER,
MRS. M. S. PALMER.

Announcement was made that, by special request of the Asheville hostesses, Mr. Vanderbilt had given certain hours on Saturday morning during which the members of the Board and visitors would have the privilege of a ride through the famous Biltmore estate. As there was to be only one session on Saturday, it was decided to accept this opportunity for delightful recreation and to defer the business to the afternoon.

Prof. E. E. Bishop, principal of Brevard Industrial School, was introduced.

The session was adjourned with the benediction by Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

The session was opened at 1:30 o'clock with the President in the chair. The hymn, "O Happy Day," was sung, and prayer was led by Mrs. A. E. Pease, of Asheville. The roll was called, and the minutes were read and approved.

The report of the standing committee on Literature and Press Work was read by the General Secretary. Upon motion, it was adopted and referred to the various committees.

The Chair appointed the following ladies as an Auditing Committee: Mrs. N. M. Blasingame, Miss Ada Lewis, Mrs. R. P. Milam.

Memorials from the Tennessee, St. Louis, Texas, and Los Angeles Conferences were read, and referred to the Committee on Memorials.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

Resolved, That this body send a message of sympathy to Mrs. F. N. Hey, the Corresponding Secretary of the Northwest Texas Conference, who has recently been called upon to pass through deep sorrow, and who has been prevented from attending this session.

MRS. GEORGE CALL,
MRS. L. P. SMITH,
MRS. J. T. BLOODWORTH.

Mrs. Mary Bruce Alexander made her report as Superintendent of the Cuban and Italian Work. This report was very encouraging, and called forth many questions from the members of the Board as to the kind and number of foreigners in Florida. The President stressed the importance of each Conference Society's keeping informed as to the number and kind of foreigners within its own territory.

Prof. J. C. Lewis, principal of Sue Bennett Memorial School, London, Ky., made his report. He stated that this had been the best year in the history of the institution. The greatest need of the school is a \$10,000 building for industrial training. He said that the special aim of the faculty is that every student shall definitely give himself to God early in his school life, because that step is the only true beginning of real life. It clears away all the rubbish and sets the faculties free for the highest development. Questions asked by different members of the body brought out a fuller account of the work and scope of the institution.

Prof. E. E. Bishop, principal of the Brevard Industrial School, was asked to speak in its interest. He stated that the greatest need for next year was an electrical light plant. Miss Bennett asked the privilege of supplementing Mr. Bishop's presentation of his needs. She stated that the equipment of the school was entirely inadequate, and yet the work done was thorough, accurate, and of the highest quality spiritually.

Mrs. C. P. Moore, whose residence in Brevard for four years had brought her into close touch with the school, gave testimony as to the high worth of the work done and the heroic spirit of Professor Bishop and his colaborers.

Mrs. MacDonell asked that the members of the Board would pray for Professor Lewis and Professor Bishop and all the other leaders in these hard places of service.

Miss M. L. Gibson, principal of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, read a paper on the qualifications of a deaconess, entitled "The Ideal Deaconess," which was received with much enthusiasm. The body, by motion, decided that it should be published in *Our Homes* and be sent in leaflet form throughout our Church. By request, Miss Gibson told of the institutional church in Kansas City and its operations, especially as assisted by the students of the Scarritt Bible and Training School.

Miss Howell, in the devotional hour, developed from several passages the truth that obedience is the key which unlocks all the treasures of the spiritual life.

SUBJECT: "PROMISES TO OBEDIENCE."

Obedience is the key that unlocks for us a deeper abiding spiritual life. Some of the greatest spiritual blessings promised in the Word of God hinge on obedience. (1) In the first place, *spiritual insight into divine truth* depends upon obedience. (John vii. 17.) The people today interested in this promise are those who want to know something certain about the authority of doctrine of Christ. It is not in God's plan that we should be in the dark; and a willing obedience to his revealed will—to all the light we have—is the secret that dispels the darkness. (2) In the second place, *a fuller manifestation of Jesus Christ to us* depends upon obedience. (John xiv. 21.) Jesus says: "I will manifest myself to him that hath my commandments and keepeth them." Loving obedience to his revealed will is the secret of having Christ real in the life. The answer to "How to make Christ real" is obedience. (3) In the third place, the secret of the *abiding life* is obedience. (John xv. 10, 11.) Our fruitfulness as Christians depends on living an abiding life. Every act of disobedience, small as it may seem to be, may break the union, may put an end to abiding. (4) In the fourth place, *power in prayer* depends upon obedience. (1 John iii. 22.) We receive, John says, because we keep his commandments and do the things that are pleasing in his sight. (5) In the last place, obedience is the key to the *gift of the Holy Spirit*. (Acts v. 32.) The perpetual filling of the Holy Spirit is possible only to those that obey him. By disobedience we lose the gracious plenitude of the Spirit's power. A step of obedience on our part gives a waiting God a chance to fill us.

Rev. R. C. Morehead, of the White River Conference, was introduced.

Miss Mabel Head, teacher of pedagogy in La Grange College, La Grange, Ga., and many visitors from other Conferences were introduced.

The session was adjourned with the benediction by Rev. R. C. Morehead.

THIRD DAY, MORNING SESSION.

At 9:20 o'clock the meeting was called to order by the President. Hymn, "O Zion, Haste," was sung. (This is the hymn so frequently used in the Student Volunteer Convention, and selected by it as the one to be incorporated into the thought of the Church during the next four years.) Prayer was led by Mrs. Frank Siler. Instead of reading the Scripture lesson Miss Bennett asked that the members of the body give some passage containing a promise and that they would emphasize especially the conditions attached to the promise. These were given in quick succession and brought cheer, inspiration, and searching of hearts.

The roll was called, and the minutes of Saturday's session were read and approved.

The General Secretary read the report of Miss Ellen Young, teacher of industries at Paine Annex. Upon motion it was adopted. Dr. Chas.

W. Byrd was asked to tell of his personal observation of the work of the school. He paid a just tribute to the devotion of Dr. George Walker and his fellow-laborers, the capacity and attainments of the student body, and spoke especially of the scholarship and personal consecration of Prof. Gilbert. Miss Bennett bore testimony to the high character and unselfish spirit of Prof. Gilbert. She spoke also of the joy she had in her own Bible class of adult negroes on Sunday afternoons in Richmond, Ky., and how the fact that many of them prayed for her strengthened her when she was away from home; to one young negro woman especially, who was a deaconess in spirit among her own race, and who has marvelous power in prayer, she felt she was largely indebted. Mrs. MacDonell said she thought the Home Mission Society ought to feel grateful for the presence of such a woman as Ellen Young at Paine Annex. Mrs. Siler recalled the circumstances under which, four years ago, Miss Young was providentially found on a visit to Hampton Institute, and secured for the work in Georgia, and the devoted spirit of self-sacrifice with which she accepted the opportunity to work among her own race.

Miss Mabel Head addressed the body on the young life of the Church. She emphasized the loss of life and energy the Church sustains because there is most frequently an interval between child-training and adult service. It was a strong appeal to the Christian workers and to the young women who need to become Christian workers. At the close of Miss Head's address Miss Bennett called for testimony from the members of the body as to what had given them their first impulses to Christian service. Among the influences named were the following: Christian work in childhood among the slaves; home mission leaflets; biographies of pioneer preachers; companionship in childhood with consecrated pastors; life in parsonage homes; training under Christian women; the biography of Miss Lucinda B. Helm; personal touch with Mrs. McGavock, Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Hargrove, Miss Helm, Miss Bennett, and Miss Laura Haygood. Most of the evidence, however, was that Christian fathers and mothers had, by precept and example, led the way to service, and Miss Bennett reminded the mothers that the evangelization of the world lies in their hands.

Mrs. E. A. Pease, one of the mothers in Central Church, was introduced and asked to tell something of the devoted efforts of her long and preëminently useful life in bringing in the kingdom of the Prince of Peace. As she talked, one understood how it is that "they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength;" for, despite her eighty-three years, body and mind are characterized by unusual vigor. She told how fifty-five years ago she and her husband, the late Rev. L. M. Pease, began in New York City the Five Points Mission and laid, through much opposition and many hindrances, the foundation of the great work now known as the "Five Points House of Industry." She asked that Miss Stevenson, of the Home Industrial School, should

tell of the work accomplished by the Normal and Collegiate Institute, established by Mr. Pease. At the close of Mrs. Pease's modest talk the body gave her an enthusiastic Chautauqua salute.

Mrs. C. P. Moore, wife of the pastor of North Asheville Church, brought forward her little babe, Irene Brevard Moore, and presented her to the body. Mrs. Moore said it was her earnest prayer that this gift from God should be given back to him and be crowned with a glorious womanhood of service. She brought a gift of five dollars to the home mission work as her first offering. Miss Bennett offered an earnest prayer for God's gentlest blessings upon the little heart and life. It was suggested that the baby be made a life member of the Woman's Home Mission Society, and in a few minutes more the required ten dollars was given.

Miss Florence Stevenson gave greetings from the Presbyterian Woman's Board of Home Missions, with headquarters in New York City. She said that the work of the Home Industrial School, carried on by their Board in the mountains of Western North Carolina, was a result and really a continuation of the labors of Mrs. Pease and her consecrated husband in the great city of New York.

Miss Johns, of the Home Industrial School, was also introduced. The following visitors were presented to the body: Rev. A. W. Plyler, presiding elder of the Asheville District; Mrs. Lyons, Mrs. J. N. Hobbs, and Mrs. Girard, of New Orleans; Mrs. Powers and Mrs. Luke Johnson, of Rome, Ga.; Mrs. J. B. Jackson, of Alabama; and Mrs. Wm. Turner, of Asheville. Mrs. Turner said she had tried to be a missionary all her life, and hoped to be so to its end. She asked prayer for a woman prisoner now confined in the city of Asheville.

The following resolution was read and referred to the Committee on Literature and Press Work:

Resolved, That the Committee on Literature and Press Work outline a programme for the installation of officers to be used by the Auxiliaries.

MRS. GEO. CALL,
MRS. BENNETT BELL,
MRS. S. H. SCOTT.

Miss Howell conducted the Bible study of the devotional hour.

SUBJECT: "GOD'S PROGRAMME FOR THE EVANGELIZATION OF THE WORLD, AND OUR RELATIONSHIP TO IT."

There is a great need of getting a fresh vision of God's plan for the evangelization of the world, and in the light of that vision of examining the works of our hands. (1) *What was the programme?* (Matt. xxviii. 18; Luke xxiv. 45; Acts i. 7.) Men set on fire and empowered by the Holy Spirit were to begin at Jerusalem to be witnesses for Christ, and from there were to go to the uttermost ends of the earth. The plan was to conquer the world by the testimony of Spirit-filled men and women. (2) *Its magnitude* has no limit; it plans to take in all humanity. (3) *The way disciples regarded it.* They would have lim-

ited the blessings of the gospel to Judaism. Paul's thought went out to the whole world. (4) *The leader*. One who has all power and all authority. (5) *The forces upon which Jesus counted*. "Ye shall receive power; ye shall be my witnesses." To be a Christian means identification with the plan. (6) *Different types of disciples as viewed from the standpoint of the programme*. All Christians should belong to minor groups upon which He can count. (7) *Picture of the forces in the book of Revelation*. Jesus is counting on the Church with all its imperfections. (8) *What is Jesus counting upon us to do?* First, to give ourselves fully to him (2 Cor. viii. 5), to do his will. In the second place, to allow no one to touch our lives without hearing from us about him. In the third place, to look out upon the community in which we live to see if there is any place where we may extend the kingdom of God. In the last place, to turn our eyes to the uttermost ends of the earth. (9) *Certainty of victory as it is pictured in Revelation*. (Rev. vii. 9-17.) We must live in the consciousness of a beatific vision of an evangelized world.

The benediction was pronounced by Dr. Rowe.

THIRD DAY, AFTERNOON SESSION.

The President called the house to order at 2:10 o'clock. Miss Gibson conducted the devotional service. The conference hymn, 654, was sung. From the third chapter of First Corinthians the leader taught the great truth that it is not work, but coworking with God, that evidences spiritual life. She quoted J. Hudson Taylor as saying that early in his Christian work his prayer was, "O God, help me to do my work;" as he drew nearer to the Master the cry was changed to "O God, help me to do thy work;" as through years of toil he came to understand God and himself better, the voice of his heart was, "O God, work thou thy work in me." God's children are not only laborers with him, but laborers one with the other.

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

Prof. E. E. Bishop, of Brevard School, was asked to speak again in the interest of the school. He gave account of some heroic girls in the student body whose spirit of sacrifice and earnest devotion to duty has been an intellectual, moral, and spiritual power in the school. As the fact was brought out that a good library was one of the chief needs, Miss Helm offered to help collect books of the right sort. There was discussion as to the best way to provide for the summer expense of some half dozen or more girls in the institution who wanted homes and work for the summer. Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, of Louisiana, asked the privilege of contributing \$75 to the school. Miss Bennett stated that, while a collection could not be allowed, she would add \$25 to Mrs. Kennedy's gift.

The First Vice President, Mrs. L. P. Smith, was called to the chair and Miss Bennett made her report as Superintendent of Mountain Work, which, upon motion, was adopted. (See report.)

Mrs. Branner asked for opportunity to call attention to the special number of the *Western North Carolina Advocate* which was to be placed in the hands of each member of the Board. Besides having pictures of Central Church and Brevard School, it contained the picture of Ricardo Barrios, the Cuban boy being educated at Key West by the Western North Carolina Conference Society, and also an account of his conversion.

Miss Haskin made her report as visitor to the various Boards of City Missions. On motion, it was adopted and referred to the Committee on City Missions.

The first report of the standing committee on City Missions was read by Miss Helm, but action in regard to it was deferred.

The following telegram was read:

STOCKTON, CAL., April 26, 1906.

Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, *Methodist Missionary Conference, Asheville, N. C.*: All three missions standing. Will resume work at once.

C. F. REID.

After the spontaneous outburst of applause which greeted this telegram, the President asked, "Ought we not rather to sing, 'Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow?'" This was sung with glad and grateful hearts.

The session was adjourned at 3:30 o'clock with the benediction by Dr. Byrd.

FOURTH DAY, MORNING SESSION.

The meeting was opened at 9:20 o'clock with Miss Bennett in the chair. Miss Haskin led the devotional service. After Hymn 423 was sung, the 25th Psalm was read. A brief, earnest prayer was offered, and Hymn 654 was sung.

The roll was called, and the minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on City Missions was read again by Miss Helm. It was considered by items: Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 11 were, upon motion, adopted seriatim; Item 12 was adopted by a standing vote.

Mrs. W. H. Johnson made her statement as financial agent of the Dallas Mission Home and Training School. She stated that eight hundred girls and five hundred babies have been saved in that home during its existence. She gave the programme of the daily work. She told of the religious training in her home, and gave an account of a gracious service conducted by Bishop Duncan, who expressed his gratification at the ready and accurate knowledge these girls have of the Word of God. Her plan of a \$50,000 stock company, with shares at

one dollar each, organized with the hope of meeting the expenses of the institution, had not met with the success she had hoped. While she was not allowed to take a collection during the session of the Board, she urged that the members present do all in their power to secure stockholders after they went home. Subscription cards were distributed throughout the audience, and a large number were taken. When some one said that the salvation of one girl was worth every dollar that had been spent for the rescue home, Miss Bennett gave the earnest reminder that a soul cannot be valued in dollars and cents: "The only measure of the worth of a soul is the life and death of Jesus Christ." Mrs. L. P. Smith told of her observation of the inner life at the Home. The girls work hard and uncomplainingly; they are grateful for the door of opportunity—back into life and hope—given them by the Board, and they often manifest this gratitude by earnest prayer for the Home Mission workers. The President urged the duty of preventing the tempted one as a holier even than rescuing the fallen. She stated that she would like to help make the laws of our country as they affect womanhood and childhood, and insisted that the members of the Home Mission Society everywhere bring to bear all possible influence toward getting the age of consent law raised in each State.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

Resolved, That this Woman's Board of Home Missions pay five per cent interest on annuity funds received from persons from fifty-five to sixty years of age and six per cent to those from sixty to seventy years old.

MRS. W. H. PEMBERTON,
MRS. L. P. NORFLEET.

Mrs. Yarbrough was asked to make additional statements in regard to the Department of Supplies. She told of the excellent work done by some of the Conferences, and expressed gratification at the fact that they were putting more genuine love and thoughtfulness into the gifts they made. Only on this basis can they claim the divine commendation: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." Upon her statement that the department greatly needed a typewriter, several contributions were made.

Little Christine McEachern, the three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. McEachern, of Atlanta, Ga., was presented to the body.

The report of the special committee appointed at the session in Montgomery to confer with the other Boards of the Church in regard to unifying the work of the children was read by the Secretary:

Your committee appointed at last year's session of the Board to confer with the Epworth League Board, the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, and the Young People's Department of the Board of Missions would like to make the following report:

In March of this year this joint committee (the President taking the place of Mrs. L. P. Smith, who could not be present) met in the Publishing House at Nashville; and after a full and frank conference concerning the difficulties in the way of unification and the advantages

to be gained thereby, a plan of union was heartily agreed upon. Your committee was highly gratified at the spirit of mutual sympathy and understanding which resulted in the plan adopted. The plan is herein presented, and we are sure that most of you will heartily concur in the decision reached.

MRS. R. W. MACDONELL,
MRS. FRANK SILER,
MISS BELLE BENNETT.

A PLAN FOR THE UNIFICATION OF THE MISSIONARY WORK OF THE JUNIOR LEAGUES AND OTHER CHILDREN'S SOCIETIES.

In view of the conflicts of the interests of the several missionary societies in promoting missionary education and giving among children, and boys and girls of the Church, we deem it a consummation greatly to be desired that the Junior Leagues and Juvenile Missionary Societies be consolidated in so far as they include those of the junior age—say up to and including fifteen years.

We, the committee appointed in behalf of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, the Woman's Home Mission Society, the Young People's Department of the Board of Missions, and the Epworth League Board, recommend as a plan for bringing about the desired consolidation:

1. That the Junior League be so reorganized as to place its Fourth Department under the direction of the missionary leader, who shall also be a member of the League Cabinet, and who shall have entire charge of the monthly missionary meetings, the offerings, collections of dues (as the case may be) for the cause of missions, and of all related work in the Chapter.

2. That where there is an auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society or the Woman's Home Mission Society, or both, this missionary leader shall be appointed by the pastor on nomination of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, the Woman's Home Mission Society, or either if the other does not exist; or without nomination if neither exists.

3. That wherever there is a Junior League it include such children's, boys', and girls' societies as may be there under the women's societies; that wherever these societies exist, and there is no Junior League, they become a Junior League, the pastor appointing Junior leaders and the Lady Manager remaining in charge as missionary leader.

4. That the dues of the Junior League, as reorganized in accordance with the foregoing recommendation, be ten cents a month, and that they be distributed as follows: one-half to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, one-fourth to the Woman's Home Mission Society, and one-fourth to the local work of the Chapter. It is understood that the League Board and the Board of Missions make no claim whatever to the missionary offerings of the Junior League as thus reorganized; but that the Chapter shall still be expected to contribute (if asked by the League Board) to its Central Office funds at the rate of a dollar a year. In all cases specials given to the Woman's Board of Foreign

Missions or to the Woman's Board of Home Missions shall be applied to the specific objects for which they are given. All moneys intended for the Woman's Boards shall be sent to the respective Conference Treasurer quarterly.

5. That literature and helps be provided by a joint arrangement of the Woman's Boards, the monthly topic being named by a committee of the Woman's Foreign Board, the Woman's Home Board, and League Board, treated for the help of leaders in the *Era* and Junior publications of the League Board, and elsewhere as they may desire.

6. That legislation be asked of the coming General Conference by which the recommendations made herein may become effective through the Church.

7. That such legislation as may be deemed needful be prepared by Dr. Du Bose and presented to the next General Conference.

Several members of the Board expressed enthusiastically their hearty approval of the plan and their hope that it would be approved by the General Conference.

Mrs. James Atkins was introduced. She gave a beautiful greeting to the body, and expressed much joy at the growth of Home Mission work in the city of Asheville, so dear to her heart. Mrs. G. L. Wrenn, Superintendent of Press Work in the North Mississippi Conference, Miss Josephine Guffin, city missionary of Asheville, Mrs. M. E. Hilliard, Vice President of the Lindley Rescue Home of Asheville, Mrs. G. C. Rector, of Louisiana, Mrs. J. E. Ray, of Asheville, Mrs. Sluder, the oldest member of Central Church, Mrs. Aston, for fifty-eight years a member of Central Church, Mrs. Kope Elias, of Franklin, N. C., and Dr. D. Atkins, presiding elder of the Salisbury District, were introduced to the body.

The Bible study was conducted by Miss Howell.

SUBJECT: "FRIENDSHIP WITH JESUS." (John xv. 14, 15.)

Jesus proved his friendship for men during his life in three ways: (1) By his intimacy with men. (2) By the giving of his life for men. (3) By the statement of the fact. In John xv. 14 we have a full statement of the fact. He calls them friends, and not servants, because they do not do from commandment as a servant, but from intimate knowledge of their Master's wishes. Jesus made provision for a continuance of the friendship after his death. (John xvi. 13.) The Holy Spirit makes possible a living, continuous friendship between man and the Lord Jesus. The friendship of Jesus meant much to disciples. To Peter it meant a mission (John xxi. 15-17)—a mission to lambs and sheep. To him also it meant a character. We become like those with whom we associate. The transfiguring effect of friendship with Jesus shows forth in Peter of the Acts. To John friendship with Jesus meant also a character, for his very life partook of the sweetness of his Friend. To John also it meant a mission—"Son, behold thy mother." John also received from Jesus a message. That message he gave

the world in his Gospel, in the book of Revelation, and in his Epistles. How much we owe to the message that came to John from his friend Jesus! What are we receiving from Jesus? Are we getting, from association with him, a character, a mission, a message? Friendship with him is costly. The elements that enter into the cost are: (1) *Decision* to make the cultivation of his friendship the first thing in our lives. (2) *Eternal vigilance* in the cultivation of his friendship.

Hymn 325, "Break Thou the Bread of Life," was sung.

The benediction was pronounced by Dr. Atkins.

FOURTH DAY, AFTERNOON SESSION.

Miss Bennett called the meeting to order at 2:40 o'clock. Mrs. Luke Johnson led the devotional service. Hymn 654 was sung, and after prayers Mrs. Johnson brought briefly but earnestly a lesson from the Saviour's command concerning the loaves and fishes with which to feed the five thousand: "Bring them hither to me."

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The report of Dr. C. F. Reid, Superintendent of the Pacific Coast Work was read by the Secretary. Miss Bennett stated that Dr. Reid had come East expecting to attend this meeting of the Board, but had returned to California immediately upon receiving news of the terrible disaster at San Francisco.

Mrs. Evans, of Thomasville, Ga., gave an account of the Vashti Blasingame Home. Upon motion it was adopted. Mrs. Blasingame told of the rescue of two little girls from the county poorhouse, the marvelous development of their spiritual life, and the peculiar power in prayer possessed by one of them.

Dr. Lunsford, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Asheville, Rev. J. A. Cook, pastor of Haywood Church, and Rev. A. E. Harrison, pastor of Riverside Mission, were introduced.

The President stated that the Superintendent of the Department of Tithing had not yet sent in a full report. She asked that the Secretary read the partial report furnished for the Twentieth Annual. A discussion was had as to methods of tithing and benefits derived from it. Testimony was given by many members of the Board as to blessings in heart and life experienced from this practice.

The report of the Parsonage Department was read by the General Secretary and, upon motion, adopted. (See report.)

Report No. 2 on Literature and Press Work was read by Miss Helm. Items 1, 2, and 3 were adopted. Item 4 was referred to the Committee on Extension of Work and Appropriations. Item 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 were adopted and the report as a whole was adopted. (See report.)

The President stated that she held a copy of a bill in regard to the treatment of convicts, presented to the Legislature of Mississippi

by Senator Yarbrough, which she wished read to the body. It was so just and humane a measure that she desired the Home Mission workers to have the happiness of knowing that some legislators were taking thought for the unfortunate and criminal classes. The bill was read and, upon motion, the Secretary was instructed to write a letter of thanks in behalf of the Board to Senator Yarbrough.

The place for the next Annual Meeting was then considered. Mrs. S. P. Wilfley extended an invitation from St. John's Church, St. Louis, Mo.; Miss Ada Lewis, from Louisville; Mrs. W. H. Pemberton, from First Church, Little Rock; Mrs. B. F. Lewis, from Meridian, Miss.; Mrs. M. J. Branner, from Asheville; Mrs. J. T. Bloodworth, from Fort Worth, Tex.; and Mrs. George Call, from St. Paul's Church, Houston. As the majority voted for Houston, upon motion the vote was made unanimous for that city.

The President made mention of the recent death of Dr. P. H. Whisner, Secretary of the Board of Church Extension. Miss Helm, Miss Bevan, and Mrs. Siler were appointed a committee to take suitable action for the Board.

At 6 o'clock the meeting was adjourned by singing "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow," and repeating the Lord's Prayer in concert.

FIFTH DAY, MORNING SESSION.

At 9:20 o'clock the meeting was called to order by the President. Mrs. F. A. Lyons conducted the devotional service. After the singing of Hymn 325 and prayer, the 19th Psalm was read.

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

Upon motion, the second report of the Committee on Literature and Press Work was reconsidered. In the absence of the Vice President, the Recording Secretary was called to the chair in order that the President might make explanation as to the reason for this reconsideration. After stating the reasons, she moved that the body memorialize the General Conference to so change the Constitution of the Woman's Board of Home Missions as to provide an Associate Secretary. The motion was seconded and carried. The First Vice President came in and took the chair. Upon motion, the whole report was recommitted to be changed to suit the measure calling for an Associate Secretary. The President resumed the chair.

The report of the Superintendent of Press Work, Mrs. Franklin Moore, was read by Mrs. L. P. Smith. It was adopted, and suggestions contained therein referred to the Committee on Literature and Press Work.

The body rested from its more serious labors for a few moments, and indulged in the privilege of making the following children life-members of the Woman's Home Mission Society: Bettie Houston Moore,

little baby of Mrs. Franklin Moore; Christine, the little three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McEachern, of Atlanta, Ga., and John Newton, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. McEachern; Theodore Rowe, the baby boy of Rev. and Mrs. G. T. Rowe, of Central Church; and Susie Barnard, little daughter of Mrs. W. W. Barnard, of Asheville.

Upon motion, the Secretary was instructed to write a letter to Mrs. Franklin Moore, expressing the regret of the body at her absence and the appreciation by the Board of her faithful service.

The Committee on Memorials made its report through its Chairman, Mrs. W. H. Pemberton. The items were adopted seriatim, and the report as a whole was adopted. (See report.)

The report of the Auditing Committee was presented and, upon motion, adopted:

We, the Auditing Committee, have examined the books of the General Secretary, the Superintendent of Supplies, the Treasurer, and the President, and find these accounts correct. We take pleasure in calling attention to the thoroughly businesslike accounts of the General Secretary.

MRS. N. M. BLASINGAME,
MISS ADA LEWIS,
MRS. R. P. MILAM.

It was moved and carried that a committee be appointed to confer with the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions as to a change in the time of the Week of Prayer. Mrs. MacDonell and Mrs. Yarbrough were appointed on this committee.

The following resolution was presented and, upon motion, adopted:

Resolved, That the President and the General Secretary are hereby requested to attend the session of the General Conference at Birmingham, and are given full power to act for the Woman's Board of Home Missions in promoting its interests.

MRS. W. H. PEMBERTON,
MRS. W. J. H. ROBINSON.

The following resolution was, upon motion, adopted:

Believing that the time has come when our great Protestant Churches must take more active and intelligent interest in the matter of the public education of the children and young people of our country—as expressed in our splendid national school system—and must, if they would be true to God and their avowed religious convictions, inject into that school system by all lawful means religious teaching and Christian thought; therefore be it

Resolved, That we cordially indorse the building of the projected Home Mission dormitory at the seat of the State Industrial School in Denton, Tex.

The indorsement of this Board, however, carries with it the distinct understanding that no auxiliary of the Woman's Home Mission Society shall give any money for the building or furnishing of this dormitory until that auxiliary has paid in full its ten cents per member, its Conference contingent fund, and its "extra one dollar per member." In other words, this dormitory must be built with the freewill offerings of the Methodist people of Texas, and not with the money that ought to be turned into the regular collections of the Home Mission

Society to sustain the many institutions and missions which the Society has already established, and which it must support or see closed for lack of sufficient revenue.

MRS. R. P. MILAM,
MRS. L. P. SMITH,
MRS. GEORGE CALL.

Several members of the Board testified as to the splendid possibilities opening up by coördinating Christian work with State universities and other institutions.

Report' No. 1 of the Committee on Deaconess Control was read by the General Secretary. Its items were adopted seriatim, and the report as a whole adopted. (See report.)

The report of the Joint Committee on Deaconess Control and City Missions was read by the General Secretary and adopted. (See report.)

The President called the body to a season of prayer for the workers whose fields had been assigned them in this report. Earnest petitions were offered for the city missionaries, the deaconesses, the Boards and pastors employing them, and the people among whom they are to labor.

The following reports were presented and accepted:

Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, in account with the Woman's Board of Home Missions for Wolff Record Books:

Receipts.

Balance, April, 1905.....	\$370 10
Office sales	274 19
Sales through <i>Our Homes</i>	110 25—\$754 54

Disbursements.

For stamps	\$ 60 00
Envelopes	12 50
Printing Record Books.....	73 79—\$146 29
Balance	\$608 25

Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, in account with the Woman's Board of Home Missions for literature and printed matter:

Receipts.

Balance, April, 1905.....	\$ 864 12
Receipts from Conference Societies, 1905-06.....	1,063 52
Office sales, 1905-06.....	186 44—\$2,114 08

Disbursements.

Paid Mrs. W. D. Kirkland.....	\$ 993 91
Paid Record Books.....	40 00—\$1,033 91
Balance	\$1,080 17

The following resolution was, upon motion, adopted:

Whereas we have only two Deaconess Homes, and in the work they are now doing they do not need help from the Board; therefore be it

Resolved, That we rescind the action to return to Deaconess Homes twenty-five per cent of the money expended for the maintenance of these Homes.

MRS. L. P. SMITH,
MRS. FRANK SILER.

Miss Guffin, city missionary in Asheville, Rev. R. H. Parker, of Biltmore Circuit, Mrs. F. A. Hull, of Central Church, and Mrs. Marsh, wife of the pastor of Sylva and Dillsboro Circuit, were introduced to the body.

Miss Howell conducted the devotional service. Her subject was:

PAUL'S PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH OF EPHESUS. (Eph. i. 17-23.)

The purpose of the letter is to animate and strengthen the Christians at Ephesus. Paul does this by setting before them in his prayer for them a standard of Christian privilege. We need a *higher* standard: (1) That we may have something before us as an ideal; (2) that we may be kept humble. The secret of Paul's life was his humility, and the secret of his humility was his high ideal of Christian perfection. There are four petitions in his prayer: (1) That they might know *Him*; (2) that they might know the *hope of His calling*; (3) that they might know the *riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints*; (4) that they might know the *exceeding greatness of His power to usward*. The knowledge of God Paul desires for the Ephesians is the deepest desire of his own heart—is a knowledge that affects his life (Phil. i. 9) and is a *gift* from God (1 John v. 20; 2 Cor. iv. 6; 1 Cor. ii. 9). The calling of God is a calling from darkness to light (1 Pet. ii. 9), a calling to peace (Col. iii. 15), a calling to fellowship (1 Cor. i. 9), a calling to holiness of life (1 Thess. iv. 7), a calling to eternal glory (1 Pet. v. 20). His "power to usward" that Paul calls "exceeding great" is a power that *saves* (Rom. i. 16), a power that *keeps* (1 Pet. i. 5), and a power that transforms us (Phil. iii. 21). It is nothing less than resurrection power.

The session adjourned with the benediction by Dr. Rowe.

FIFTH DAY, AFTERNOON SESSION.

Mrs. W. D. Kirkland led the devotional service.

Miss Bennett took the chair and called the house to order at 3 o'clock. The roll call was omitted. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The report of the Committee on Education was read by the General Secretary and adopted.

A motion prevailed to reconsider the item as to naming the Brevard School, and, upon motion, the name was changed to Brevard Institute. The report as a whole was adopted as amended. (See report.)

The Committee on By-Laws made its report through its chairman, Mrs. L. P. Smith. It was read as a whole and considered by items. Item 1 was adopted as amended. Items 2 and 3 were adopted. Item 4 was recommitted. Item 5 was stricken from the report. Item 6 was adopted.

At this juncture, when the members of the Board were weary in body and mind, Miss Helm presented each one with a copy of the May

number of *Our Homes*. It was a delightful surprise in its new form, with its attractive cover and inviting contents. An enthusiastic Chau-tauqua salute was given to Miss Helm and *Our Homes*.

The General Treasurer, by request, made explanation as to the moneys which were subject to appropriation by the Board.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Extension of Work was read. Item 1 was adopted as amended. Item 2, was adopted, and the report as a whole was adopted as amended. (See report.)

Report No. 2 was read by items and adopted by items. The report as a whole was adopted. (See report.)

The recommitted report on Literature and Press Work was presented and, on motion, adopted. (See report.)

The following paper was presented and, upon motion, adopted:

Whereas one-half of our dues is kept by the Conference Societies to be appropriated to parsonages, and the Board of Home Missions also, yearly, makes generous appropriations to the Parsonage Department; and whereas as a Board we realize that our revenues are not only entirely inadequate to the present demands of our many departments and institutions, but make it impossible to enter other doors of effectual service; therefore be it

Resolved, That each member be asked for a freewill offering of one dollar annually; and that, when this is impossible for the individual member, the Auxiliary be expected to raise such an amount as will make an average of one dollar per member.

MRS. L. P. SMITH,
MRS. GEORGE CALL,
MRS. FRANK SILER.

Upon *motion*, it was decided to draft the resolution contained in the paper into a by-law. The General Secretary was requested to see that a leaflet was prepared explaining the call for the dollar extra per member.

Miss Helm made the following report as Chairman of the Committee on the Interdenominational Reading Course, and it was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INTERDENOMINATIONAL STUDY COURSE.

The third book in the course presented by the Interdenominational Committee, "Indians and Spanish Neighbors," by Miss Julia Johnston, was issued in October, and was well received. The fourth book, "The Incoming Millions," by Dr. Howard B. Gross, of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, will be ready for sale next October, and promises to be both timely and instructive since it deals with a subject of vital interest at the present time, and the author is conversant with his theme from large study and practical experience.

Your Committee had no representation at the one meeting of the Committee, October 11, but have corresponded freely upon the subject.

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

The report of the committee appointed to take suitable action in regard to the death of Dr. Whisner was read by Mrs. Siler. She stated that the committee had thought it better not to draft formal resolutions, but to give an appreciation, written by Miss Helm, of Dr. Whisner, which should appear on the memorial page of the Annual Report.

Mrs. W. H. Pemberton was made a member of the standing committee on Education.

Mrs. Warren L. Rohr, Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, and Miss Mabel Howell were elected members of the standing committee on City Missions.

Miss Mary Helm was elected editor of *Our Homes*. The following Superintendents were elected: Superintendent of Supplies, Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough; Superintendent of Mountain Work, Miss Belle Bennett; Superintendent of Cuban and Italian Work, Mrs. Mary B. Alexander; Superintendent of Tithing, Mrs. Luke Johnson; Associate Superintendent of Tithing, Miss Emma Tucker; Superintendent of the Pacific Coast Work, Dr. C. F. Reid; Financial Agent for the Dallas Mission Home and Training School, Mrs. W. H. Johnson. Mr. D. M. Smith and Dr. J. H. Kirkland were elected as Auditing Committee.

The following were appointed delegates to the Young People's Missionary Conference at Asheville, June 29-July 8: Miss Mabel Howell, Miss Fronie Webb, Miss Estelle Haskin, Miss Mabel Head, Miss Belle Bennett, and Mrs. N. M. Blasingame.

To the Young People's Meeting in Siloam Springs, Ark., in August: Mrs. L. P. Smith, Mrs. Ida Reeves, Miss Mabel Head, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, and Mrs. Alex Woldert were appointed. The President urged that any other members who found that they could attend these meetings should do so, notifying the General Secretary two weeks in advance.

The recommitted item in the report of the Committee on By-Laws was submitted and adopted. The report of the committee as a whole was adopted as amended. (See report.)

Report No. 2 was read and adopted.

Report No. 3 was read and adopted. (See reports.)

A recess of ten minutes was taken in order that names and money might be secured for the Thursday excursion to Brevard and Lake Toxaway.

Business being resumed, on motion, the General Secretary was instructed to send a telegram to Mrs. Burke, the delegate from the Pacific Coast, who had been detained by conditions incident to the San Francisco disaster.

A motion to send greetings to the General Conference at Birmingham prevailed, and the Secretary prepared the following message which she was instructed to send: "To the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in session at Birmingham, Ala., the Woman's Board of Home Missions, at the close of its eighth annual session, sends greetings. Read Hebrews xiii. 20, 21."

The Committee on Resolutions made its report through its chairman, Mrs. L. C. Short. It was adopted by a rising vote.

At the hour of six the final business of the closing session, the reading of the minutes, was called for. They were read and approved.

The President made a brief talk in which gratitude for this best session of the Board was mingled with loving exhortation to be "instant in season and out of season." She then announced as the parting hymn 399, "Go Labor On, Spend and Be Spent," the hymn which for two quadrenniums has served to remind the members of the Board as they separate of their high calling to be colaborers with the Lord of the harvest. After this was sung, the President led in earnest prayer, closing with the Lord's Prayer, in which the members of the Board joined.

The eighth session of the Woman's Home Mission Society stood adjourned.

MISS BELLE H. BENNETT, *President*;

MRS. FRANK SILER, *Secretary*.

ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT.

MISS BELLE H. BENNETT.

During the past year the Protestant Christianity of this country has witnessed anew to its steadfast belief in the ultimate triumph of Christ's kingdom upon the earth, through two of the most notable religious gatherings ever held on this continent.

The Inter-Church Conference on Federation, held in the city of New York in November last, was a practical confirmation of the increasing desire of the people of God to yield a more perfect obedience to him, and a determination to hasten the time when the prayer of our Lord shall be answered, and his people shall be one, in desire and in purpose, with himself and the Father.

The influence and results of this meeting are being felt to the uttermost parts of the earth. Religious denominations are forbearing more and more to accentuate their theological differences, and in a larger measure are seeking to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of a peace that is a prophecy of a far more acceptable service to God and man than the Church has ever yet rendered.

The organic union of large branches of Methodism has been effected in Canada and Japan, and a number of other denominations at home and abroad are putting aside nonessential differences and coming together on the one foundation of the Church—Jesus Christ the Lord.

Christian coöperation and Christian union for service are becoming the shibboleths of the advancing hosts of the Church militant.

The fifth and greatest of the Student Volunteer Conventions was held within the bounds of our own Church; and while it represented a force distinctly and peculiarly devoted to the evangelization of the heathen world, it magnified the duty and the power of the Church to preach Christ to the *whole* world, and to do it in *this* generation. It presented also another object lesson of what an undenominational organization has done in a few short years to arouse the educated and cultured young men and women of Christian lands to the great need of the world, and to enlist them in its service.

These interdenominational bodies, preceded many years by the British and American Bible Societies, the Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Association, the Woman's Christian Union, and others, have given the Church a splendid demonstration of what a united and divinely energized force can accomplish in the world. A new era of religious activity is upon us, and the Church is girding herself for the conquest of *Christendom*, as well as of *heathendom*.

Some members of this Board have attended these meetings, and all have felt the quickening power of the larger life generated by them. What will this mean to that part of the King's business which is given into our hands?

We have great reason to praise God for what has been done in and through the Woman's Home Mission Society since we met one year

ago, but we must press forward and do larger and better things another year. We have gained only 4,218 new members in this last twelve months, and at the close of the second decade of our existence as an organization we have less than fifty thousand members. Have we labored in our own strength and failed to give God the glory? Have we really *prayed* the Lord of the harvest to thrust forth laborers into the harvest? Let us examine our hearts as in his sight, and from this Annual Meeting let the members of this Board and of the Society as a whole go forth with prayer and thanksgiving and lay each new member, gained by personal effort, upon God's altar as a thank offering to him. The sweet savor of such an offering will go up as incense before him, and the blessing of those who turn many to righteousness will be our reward. The Master is willing to make us fishers of men in a far broader sense than we have ever known.

"Attempt great things for God; expect great things from God." Let us work and pray for twenty thousand new members this year.

In compliance with a resolution from this Board at its last annual session, a joint meeting of committees from the Epworth League Board, the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, and the Woman's Board of Home Missions was held in March to consider a plan for uniting the several juvenile societies connected with these organizations. A memorial was framed which will be put before you at this session, and with your indorsement will be submitted to the approaching General Conference for the necessary legislation. The passage of this measure will define for us another distinct department of work which will require the untiring efforts of the ablest woman this Board can secure.

The extent, diversity, and rapid development of the work now under the care of the Board make it impossible for the present corps of workers to meet even the *necessary* demands made upon them.

During the last calendar year your chairman was seven months in the field; and had her physical strength been equal to it, she might have filled twice the seven, answering legitimate calls and doing that which ought to be done for the best good of the cause.

You need a larger Executive Committee, and more women in that committee who can give their undivided time to field and office work. I would therefore suggest that you send a memorial to the General Conference, which will be in session at the close of this meeting, asking that an Associate Secretary be added to our executive force, and that in the same—or, if you think best, in a second—memorial you ask that the General Secretary and President of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions be made *ex officio* members of this Board, that the work of the two societies may be more closely and intelligently correlated.

The demand for skilled and experienced institutional workers in the cities will be brought before you by the Chairman of the Committee on City Missions, but there are two items relating to that work to which I personally desire to call your attention.

While studying methods of work in Chicago and New York, we

learned that the term Settlement House or Home was in decided disfavor among Church people in those sections. It was not difficult to find the cause. The Social Settlement preceded the Christian or Gospel Settlement, both in England and America, verifying again the scriptural truth that the children of this world are wiser in their day and generation than are the children of light.

A splendid humanitarian work has been done by this Social Agency. Money has been given for the support of the Settlements without stint, and men and women of education and culture have given their all of time and life and worldly store to the work done in them. But they are as entirely separated from Church and Church influences as are the public schools or city hospitals. The residents make no pretense of being religious teachers; indeed, as a rule, they exclude all forms of worship or religious teaching, and people of any faith or no faith constitute the working force. Yet to these social settlements the term settlement rightfully belongs, and the Churches are recognizing this, and are adopting other names.

The Presbyterians do their Settlement work in the downtown "Church House;" the Episcopalians, in the "Parish House;" and the Young Women's Christian Association, in an "Association House" or a "Christodora House."

We are in the infancy of our City Mission work. Let us take a distinctive name: Epworth Community House, Wesley Community House, or Methodist Community House. Let us have our own name, and do not let us grow up as either a Settlement or a Mission.

The next matter on which I sincerely hope this Board will take action is the stipend of the deaconess. Shall not the clauses limiting the financial allowance and promising life support after a certain term of service be stricken out of the statutes, and these self-sacrificing daughters of the Church be allowed to stand on their merits and work for the Church as do other missionaries, teachers, or preachers?

The old question of who constitutes the Executive Committee of the Conference Society still troubles our workers, and in the larger Conferences especially it seems desirable to limit the number to three or five.

The Board is also asked to state clearly if there is any reason other than the law of precedence why Conference officers should not be elected for four years.

The close of this Annual Meeting brings us to the opening of the General Conference. In that body we have neither voice nor vote, part nor lot, yet our existence as an organization is entirely subject to the will of the men who compose it. This may be our last meeting. But let the future bring what it may, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in time of trouble." The field is wide, the need is great. God loves us. Let us do the work he has committed to our hands during these days that we sit in council together, and let us be much in prayer for wisdom and guidance for ourselves and for the men who make the laws of the Church.

REPORT OF GENERAL SECRETARY.

MRS. R. W. MACDONELL.

THE Church of God stands for the spiritual development of the sons of men, the development of that spirit which lives always. So dependent is that spirit upon the mental and physical condition that we scarce know where the one begins or how to separate it from the other. The salvation of the spiritual man means the salvation of his mind and body. The Church, then, must reach out to help his social and industrial condition, to quicken his mental powers, and to help him "put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness."

One of the agencies set in operation to help hasten this salvation is the Woman's Home Mission Society. To it is given the privilege of revealing the practical teaching of the parable of the Good Samaritan with which our Lord enriched humanity; for through its broad charities not only are the hungry fed, the naked clothed, and the wandering reclaimed, but new hope, new purpose, enlarged opportunities, and broader life are opened to those who are in need.

The end of this fiscal year finishes the fifth quadrennium, when we are called upon to give an account of our stewardship to the General Conference of the Church. It is gratifying to note the growth in numbers of Auxiliaries and membership during these four years. In 1902 we reported 1,642 Auxiliaries, with 29,034 members; to-day our records show 2,365 Auxiliaries, with a membership of 47,518. The Conferences which show the most perceptible growth during the four years are the Indian Mission and South Georgia, which have very nearly tripled in membership. Close after these are the Texas Conferences, which have more than doubled, while Little Rock, North Carolina, and South Carolina have twice as many members.

Our Baby Roll has numbered 2,480 this year, and the collections from enrollment fees and mite boxes have amounted to \$2,158.95. During the quadrennium these little folks have added \$6,207.23 to the general treasury. There is a growing desire on the part of many Auxiliary Third Vice Presidents to have a specific object to which these gifts may be directed.

The Florine McEachern Brigade grows in favor with our children. The military features which many brigades introduce appeal to them, and they are ready to enlist in the war against evil and fight for the right. Since the Brigade was organized, three years ago, 8,555 children have enlisted, and their contributions have amounted to \$6,569.58. The recruits this year were 3,610, and their collections came to \$2,610.06.

It is the custom of Mr. and Mrs. McEachern to cover the collections yearly with dollar for dollar, at the return of little Florine's birthday. At present \$10,300 of this money is invested at an interest of six per cent. With a portion of the interest the Brigaders are keeping a deaconess in training at the Scarritt Bible and Training School. A vigorous effort to push this department ought to be made this year, in order that the conditions upon which the gift was made may be realized. Let the Brigades set \$3,500 as the amount to be raised.

A great part of our work, as home mission workers, must consist in disseminating facts concerning the conditions of our country and to awaken such a sense of the real dignity of human life and of the responsibility it puts upon us as will create that conviction which solves problems. To this end Home Mission Institutes were held at New Orleans and Mobile in January and February. Miss Bennett and Miss Helm, with Miss Haskin and others, gave efficient service at these Institutes, and good must result. The Institute at New Orleans was held in connection with the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

STATISTICS.

Adult Auxiliaries, 2,210; adult members, 44,117; Young People and Juvenile Auxiliaries, 155; Young People and Juvenile members, 3,301. Total members, 47,518. Auxiliaries organized during the year, 350; Baby Roll members, 2,480; members of Florine McEachern Mite Box Brigade, 3,610; day schools, 10; night schools, 5; pupils in schools, 1,914; teachers, missionaries, and deaconesses, 115; parsonages helped by Board, 29; parsonages helped by Conference Societies, 123. Total parsonages helped this year, 152. Cash collections for connectional work, \$79,975.74; collections reported by voucher, \$21,587.49. Total collections for connectional work, \$101,563.23. Value of supplies sent through Supply Department, \$24,213.04. Subscribers to *Our Homes*, 11,964.

LOCAL WORK.

The local committees, which look after the parsonages, care for the church, the benevolent work, the sick, and strangers who enter their communities, have done faithful work. During the year they have made the following record: Visits to sick and strangers, 263,621; cottage prayer meetings and Bible-readings, 5,924; garments in good condition distributed, 96,522; needy helped, 23,534; expended upon local work, \$190,245.72.

We have heard less of the friction between Home Mission Societies and local aids than in any previous year, which we believe means a better understanding of the duties of the First Vice President and the local committees of which she is chairman.

We should like to be able to report a larger number of our women as taking the Home Mission Reading Course. We cannot be "workers together with Him in knowledge" if we fail to know conditions about us.

which this course endeavors to give. Our report shows nine hundred less readers than we had a year ago.

PARSONAGES.

The hearts of those who are especially interested in the homes of our preachers must be made glad by the report of this department for 1906. The Board made 29 grants, worth \$4,327.60, and the Conference Societies made 123, valued at \$11,675.39, making a total of 152 parsonages helped by \$16,002.99. In the quadrennium we have helped 576 parsonages in the Church, granting to them \$54,908.61. This makes a larger donation by \$13,052.01 than in any of the previous four years. In the twenty years since organization we have helped 1,841 parsonages by donations amounting to \$172,192.84.

SUPPLIES.

The changing conditions of our country have augmented the importance of the Supply Department, and the record of the last year shows 825 boxes distributed, amounting in value to \$24,213.03. During the past four years the Society has thus distributed \$80,204.98, almost twice as much as was sent out in three previous quadrenniums.

SCHOOLS.

The Woman's Home Mission Society carries on fifteen schools, which have sixty-six teachers and a pupilage of 1,914. The cost of maintaining these schools has been \$26,781.15, and the income from fees was \$8,336.75. It will be seen that these institutions are in no sense self-supporting, and yet an effort is being made to develop the students by exacting what tuition is possible in each community. Perhaps no department is so far-reaching in development of character and good citizenship as this, and the money thus invested is yielding a larger percentage of good than in any other phase of work. Any investment, however, which produces a respect of self, a sense of the dignity of human life, some conception of the rights of others, and a capacity for righteous living cannot be measured by dollars and cents. Back of the money is the investment of human life with a passion for high ideals born of that love for which a man may "lay down his life." The self-sacrificing spirit and holy purpose of the faculties of our schools have wrought mightily in the young life committed to their care.

Cuban and Italian Schools.

There are four schools for Cubans and Italians located in Tampa, and one in Key West, Fla., making five for the Latin races enterprised by our Board.

The Wolff Mission School, at Ybor City, a suburb of Tampa, has undergone reconstruction this year. In September Miss Eva Poole, a graduate of Scarritt Bible and Training School, took charge as principal, and, with the efficient help of Mrs. F. C. Brooks, has gotten the work so sys-

tematized as to reach and help a larger number of Cubans. More than one hundred children are now enrolled.

The West Tampa School has enrolled 110 little Cubans, and, in spite of the long and severe illness of Mrs. Valdes, has gone forward in every department.

A day school for Italians has been opened during the year, which has an enthusiastic pupilage of 192. Rev. Mr. Ghidoni, the pastor of the Italian congregation, began the work in May, and later turned the major part over to an assistant. In September Miss Anna Brown, a graduate of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, was sent to assist in this rapidly growing institution, and has found already a place in the hearts and homes of the Italians. A new building, schoolroom furniture, and another teacher are their pressing needs. The success of the school has surpassed the most sanguine hope of the pastor and presiding elder, and has been augmented by the hearty coöperation of pastor and teachers.

The night school for Italian men has continued to grow in numbers and influence. Mrs. Mary Bruce Alexander has had the coöperation of all our mission force at Ybor City in the prosecution of this work. The beginning of our Italian work in Tampa was made in this night school before any other agency was employed.

Ruth Hargrove Seminary, Key West, Fla., has had a varied experience this year. The strike of the cigar factory employees threatened to reduce attendance for some months, but with the beginning of work again the school was crowded beyond anything of the past. More than 300 children were in attendance, one-third of whom are Cubans. It was found impossible to erect the character of building needed for this school with the \$5,000 appropriated by the Board, so it was determined to postpone building other than a two-room cottage for the kindergarten and primary grade until a larger sum was available. The campus has been enlarged by the purchase of an adjoining lot.

The demand of the work among these Latin people is the same as that made in our foreign fields, and must be met before we do most effective work.

Mountain Schools.

Sue Bennett Memorial School, at London, Ky., has enrolled 398 students, fifty more than were at school last year. The new dormitory for boys has proven of great value for this increased student body. It has been one of the most successful years in the history of this institution. An outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the winter months resulted in the conversion of seventy students.

The Brevard Normal and Industrial School has enjoyed continued prosperity, and numbers 160 scholars. The high standard of this school for the development of practical Christianity is telling upon the students. Thirty have already chosen their life work, and are directing their efforts at preparation thereto.

The Holston Industrial School, at Greeneville, Tenn., continues to

prosper under the control of Mrs. E. E. Wiley. Ninety little folks found home and mother's care at this school this year. The workers have pardonable pride in the development of each department.

Pacific Coast Schools.

Dr. Reid reports continued usefulness in our night schools on the Pacific Coast. At Oakland a Home for Japanese, conducted as at Alameda and San Francisco on a coöperative basis, has brought new interest. In the summer Mr. Yanagawara, our Japanese pastor, left to have a year in one of our Eastern colleges before returning home. His place has been filled by three students who have served as pastors at our three centers. The school at Alameda continues to lead in numbers and interest, as is demonstrated by the fifty-four students who have been enrolled. The Church membership has doubled through the year.

At San Francisco seventy-five students have come under our influence. Nine of these have been baptized and are members of our Church. Our first Japanese baby was baptized during the year, which completes our Church record.

At Los Angeles fifty-seven Chinese have been under the instruction of Miss Maria Elliott. The school has suffered at the hands of the officers who have sought to enforce the Chinese exclusion law, as many are leaving the city. A raid of the school one night brought panic to the hearts of our workers, but the ability to produce requisite documents of citizenship relieved the situation and the students were unmolested.

Vashti Blasingame Home.

This home and school for unprotected girls has had a period of test and trial since becoming one of the connectional institutions of the Woman's Home Mission Society. Three months of change were given Miss Heath while she studied institutional life in Chicago. Miss Margaret Chesnutt, one of the force in the General Office, kindly and ably supplied as principal in her absence. The building was enlarged by the addition of kitchen, dining room, and dormitory during the year, which added a little relief to the congested condition of the home.

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

Ninety-one girls were given refuge and training at this institution this fiscal year. Better order and system is reported as reigning here than ever before. Miss Elizabeth Davis was put in charge of the domestic science course in September, when Miss Kate Glazer, graduate nurse from the Scarritt Bible and Training School, took charge of the hospital department. Miss Quayle has charge of the sewing department, and Mrs. F. B. Rudolph continues to give those unfortunate girls something of the rudiments of an education.

Industrial Department, Paine Annex.

Congestion and crowded conditions seem to mark the record this year in our school department. At Paine Annex ten girls were turned away from our dormitories for lack of accommodation, while every nook and corner is filled. One hundred and seventy-two girls have been taught the domestic industries, which necessitated the introduction of two new teachers. The girls at our Annex seem imbued with a sense of race responsibility, and each is expecting and fitting herself to become a leader of her people.

The boarding department not only paid for itself last year, but added certain necessary improvements. An earnest effort is made by the teachers to develop the best that is in the students, and real character-building has been going on.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY.

Miss Mabel Howell, head of the Department of Sociology of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, reports advance throughout her work. Various lines of practical work have been carried on by the Home Mission students this year by parish visiting, noonday factory meetings, juvenile court work, and personal evangelistic meetings. An assistant in the industrial branches has been added to the department to give instruction in kitchen-gardening, sewing, basketry, etc. Most helpful syllabi of the lecture courses have been printed for the use of students in the class room, and we look forward to a time when an extension work may be undertaken for the help of Auxiliary members who are unable to take a regular sociological course. Five deaconesses and four city missionaries will graduate this year, and await appointment at our hands.

CITY MISSIONS.

The opening of new industrial centers and growing of slum districts in our cities and towns have stirred Methodist women to a new understanding of the meaning of being their "brother's keeper." To ignore these conditions involves his present moral and physical estate, and, as President Roosevelt said in his message two years ago, "the community will have to pay a terrible penalty of financial burden and social degradation in the to-morrow." City mission boards have been organized at six different cities during the year, while many more would come into existence if it were possible to provide trained workers to lead them. The only limitation placed upon this feature of our Church operations is the impossibility of supplying the trained workers. This fact became apparent early in the year, when Miss Haskin was appointed City Mission Board Visitor and Organizer. Demands for her presence came from all parts of the Church, but the inability to follow the organization of the City Mission Board with the trained leader caused the executive office of the General Board to plead with cities to postpone organization until a later date.

Miss Haskin visited and strengthened eleven cities during the year, and secured facts and suggestions from her experience which will be of invaluable service to future operations. At present our city mission work is carried on by twenty-three active City Mission Boards; two others are organized, but waiting for leaders to begin work. Five other cities have registered on our calendar as holding themselves in readiness to form an organization. It will be noticed that Birmingham, Pensacola, and Thomasville have suspended since last report. For a succinct statement of character and quantity of work enterprised by each of the City Mission Boards, see page 12.

DEACONESSSES.

This year brings us to the close of the first quadrennium in which we have been intrusted with the deaconess work of the Church. It may be of interest to make a record of the work as accomplished during these first four years. The whole development was committed to the Woman's Home Mission Society by the General Conference, with no provision for the funds necessary to prosecute it. Plans had to be made for its government, and printed matter calling the attention of the Church to this new field of service had to be made and scattered abroad, and ways and means devised to bear the cost of any who might be willing to become deaconesses.

Within three weeks after the adjournment of General Conference several applications for nurse deaconesses and pastors' assistants were placed on file, and we could have located a hundred the first year. Of course there were no deaconesses ready-made—they had to be made. One year after the creation of the office six deaconesses were consecrated, all of whom had been prepared at some duly accredited training school. Twelve months later four others were set apart, while last year four more were made deaconesses, and another came to us from the Methodist Episcopal Church. In these years one has died, another withdrawn on account of health, while a third has married. The other twelve were engaged the past year as follows: Pastors' assistants, 3; in Home Mission schools, 2; in city mission work, 6; in Korea, 1. Seven candidates are before us for acceptance and consecration at this session of the Board, thus making twenty-two within the quadrennium. This scholastic year there have been thirty-one young women at the Scarritt Bible and Training School preparing for home mission work, most of whom hope to become deaconesses. The development of the work has cost us more than \$6,600. Two Deaconess Homes have been donated to the Society, in which city mission work has been prosecuted.

PRESS DEPARTMENT.

Our Homes has had a year of enviable record. From all sections of the Church we hear commendations of its valuable editorials and suggestive articles. It has a circulation of \$11,964, an increase of more

STATISTICAL STATEMENT OF WORK ENTERPRISED BY CITY MISSION BOARDS.

City.	Peace-ness Settlement Homes.	Trained Workers.	Volunteer Workers.	Day Nurseries.	Children Cared for Daily in Day Nurseries.	Kindergartens.	Children Enrolled in Kindergarten.	Industrial Schools.	Children Enrolled in Industrial Schools.	Children Enrolled in Night Schools.	Students Enrolled in Night Schools.	Boys' Clubs.	Boys Enrolled in Clubs.	Girls' Clubs.	Girls Enrolled in Clubs.	Mothers' Clubs.	Women Attending Dispensaries.	Patients Treated.	Is There a Sabbath School Affiliated with Your Work?	Children Enrolled in Sabbath School.	Conversions.	Visits Made.	Visits Received.	Free Reading Rooms.	Persons Attending the Reading Rooms.	Papers and Tracts Distributed.	Garments Sold or Given.	Cash Distributed.	Current Expenses Reported by Voucher.		
Asheville, N. C.	1	1																													
Atlanta, Ga.	1	5	6	21	1	1	101	3	136	1	73	2	60	1	15	1	3	924	1	74	1	380	6	1	1	76	2,196	800	\$210 00	\$ 3,356 66	
Augusta, Ga.	1	1	2	12	1	1	34	1	85	1	30	1	42	1	18	1	11	3	924	1	175	722	763	1	1	173		800		1,049 75	
Cartersville, Ga.	1	1																													
Dallas, Tex.	1	3	4	25	1	1	60	2	25	1	25	1	60	2	64	1	39	1	67	1	60	2,857	2,045	435	1	1	3,000	1,500		1,425 04	
Houston, Tex.	1	3	3	10	2	2	140	2	90	1	90	1	25	1	20	1	9	12	12	1	60	745	435	1	1	3,400	1,500		1,527 80		
Jacksonville, Fla.	2	2	4																			430	35	1	1	1	1,560	921		1,766 74	
Kansas City, Mo.	3	2	25	1	25	1	200	1	200	1	25	3	35	1	20	1	39	1	39	1	10	450	35	1	1	226	200	7 00	1,906 60		
Los Angeles, Cal.	1	3	5	6																		318	174							834 94	
Louisville, Ky.	1	2																				2,294	1,850					600		1,640 01	
Macon, Ga.*	1																					2,294	1,850							1,981 20	
Memphis, Tenn.	1	2	3	9	1	1	24	1	55	1	14	2	10									133	223							1,235 11	
Mobile, Ala.	1	1																				180									
Mgomery, Ala.	1	1																				180									
New Orleans, La.	1	1																				180									
Nashville, Tenn.	1	2	3	25	1	1	50	1	30	1	60	1	16	1	10	1	22	60	1	65	16	440						525		355 28	
Portsmouth, Va.	1	1	1	3	1	1	50	1	60	1	50	1	16	1	10	1	20	60	1	14	4,590	13,950	1	16			2,493	261 81		1,440 01	
Richmond, Va.	1	1	1	30	1	1	20	1	20	1	20	1	12	1	12	1	18	12	1	6	1,320	12								312 61	
Rome, Ga.	1	1	1	30	1	1	50	1	50	1	50	1	18	1	18	2	18	18	1	1	75	1,539	350	1	50			149		469 92	
St. Louis, Mo.	1	1	4	6	1	1	75	1	80	1	80	1	39	1	35	1	39	39	1	1	450	1,900	2,500	1	1					2,330 41	
Tampa, Fla.	1	1	1	10	1	1	15	1	15	1	15	1	10	1	10	1	10	10	1	1	200									129 00	
Tyler, Tex.	1	1	1	10	1	1	10	1	35	1	35	1	10	1	10	1	10	10	1	1	150	20								100 00	
Waco, Tex.†	1	1	1	10	1	1	10	1	10	1	10	1	10	1	10	1	10	10	1	1	150	20								114 65	
Total	11,324	175	5	73	8	484	18	1,025	7	201	15	315	10	229	11	200	5	1,042	12	1,388	111	20,519	25,665	5	7,487	32,354	7,530	\$966 66	\$21,587 57		

* "Door of Hope" entered in Macon—39 girls admitted during year.

† Coöperative Home for working girls the feature of work at Waco.

‡ \$98.75 from Thomasville, Ga.

than 1,900 over that of last year, and wherever it goes it carries information and inspiration. It certainly has done more to shape the policy and effective work of the Woman's Home Mission Society than any one other agency.

The Bulletin, under the administration of Mrs. Franklin Moore, of Texas, carries the latest facts to 1,200 Auxiliaries which are used in monthly meetings. Two hundred and thirty Auxiliaries use these facts in the secular papers, thus giving out to busy people home mission items which are bound to instruct. Larger quantities of printed matter have been distributed from our office than ever before, owing to the change in manner of distribution. Leaflets amounting to 361,500 have been printed in addition to 3,000 each of twenty-six varieties which have been purchased from other boards. An effort has been made to advertise the leaflets among the Auxiliaries, for which end catalogues have been mailed direct to each president or corresponding secretary.

TITHING.

More inquiries have come to the executive office concerning this department than ever before. Reports of Conference Secretaries show an increase of more than 1,000 tithers over those of last year. Miss Emma Tucker, superintendent of this department, by convincing Bible-readings and forceful presentation of the subject, carries conviction wherever she goes, and a conscience is thus being created in many parts of the Church. Four new, strong leaflets on tithing have been issued this year, in addition to a reprint of Mrs. Ratcliffe's excellent booklet, "Tithing."

OUR NEEDS.

The past twelve months have often brought us financial embarrassment, and our workers have been handicapped by lack of that equipment which money could purchase. We need an enlarged treasury to meet present demands, to say nothing of entering the open doors which the problems of the day present. We need, then, a determination to raise \$100,000 cash for our connectional work next year, over and above that reported per voucher by City Mission Boards. Shall we not fix this definite sum and depend upon our Father to help us secure it?

It would seem that patriotism was at a low ebb in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, not to mention Christian charity, when one recalls that out of a million and a half members only 47,518 women and children have joined forces in the Woman's Home Mission Society to work for the spiritual, social, and industrial betterment of their neighbors. We need a larger membership, and that other large per cent of women who are not identified with this work need to know something of the joy of this service. Shall we not fix other definite figures before us? Definite purpose, dependence upon God, and determination will accomplish anything. We need to double our membership next year, and therefore one hundred thousand ought to be our goal.

Again, we plead for consecrated lives to be given for special training to go into the

"Crowded ways of life,
Where sound the cries of race and clan,"

and reveal the sweet compassion of the Christ. The Master calls through all this wayward, indifferent, suffering humanity to you. Will you not go or send?

A COMPARISON OF THE RESULTS OF THE QUADRENNIUMS.

	First.	Second.	Third.	Fourth.	Fifth.	Grand Total.
Total Auxiliaries.....	512	674	986	1,642	2,365	2,365
Total members.....	7,216	11,152	17,257	29,034	47,518	47,518
Subscribers to Our Homes.....	3,000	3,000	5,022	6,587	11,964	11,964
Total number of parsonages.....	90	225	463	487	576	1,841
Total donated to parsonages from general treasury.....	\$ 6,770 63	\$12,170 00	\$ 19,230 00	\$ 8,635 00	\$ 17,652 00	\$ 64,457 63
Total donated to parsonages from Conference Societies.....	9,888 94	15,057 56	22,627 00	22,904 50	37,256 01	106,754 61
Total loaned to parsonages from loan fund.....	2,500 00	4,630 00	11,875 00	18,035 00	14,550 00	52,650 00
Estimated value of supplies.....	11,312 34	17,712 56	15,948 57	28,002 43	80,194 99	125,116 05
Total receipts for connexional work.....	22,329 68	55,609 47	69,354 23	171,565 98	323,003 40	592,948 51
Total expended in local work.....	.....	.....	134,444 91	243,626 49	504,688 71	969,699 26
Total value of property.....	.....	.....	46,872 80	69,000 00	100,800 00	100,800 00
Total number of schools.....	.....	.....	6	9	13	15
Total number of teachers.....	.....	.....	19	.....	66	66
Total number of scholars.....	.....	.....	537	1,080	1,914	1,914
Total number of City Mission Boards.....	5	5	9	9	23	23
Total number of missionaries.....	7	7	14	14	49	49
Total expended by City Mission Boards.....	.....	.....	.....	\$22,010 97	\$58,553 69	\$83,842 66
Deaconess and Settlement Homes.....	.....	.....	.....	2	10	10
Kindergartens.....	.....	.....	1	3	8	8
Industrial schools.....	.....	.....	7	9	18	18
Night schools.....	.....	.....	.....	3	7	7
Number of tithees.....	.....	.....	.....	1,983	5,349	5,349

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION OF THE M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH, AS TRUSTEE OF THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY PARSONAGE DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1906.

I. PARSONAGE DONATIONS ACCOUNT, PARENT BOARD

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand March 31, 1905.....	\$ 850 00
Received from Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Treasurer.....	4,200 00
Received on refunding bonds.....	1,494 60—\$ 6,544 60

DISBURSEMENTS.

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

Alabama Conference: Dothan Circuit.....	\$ 100 00
Baltimore Conference: Cloverdale, Va.....	100 00
Royal Oak, Md.....	100 00
China Mission Conference: Huchow (special).....	100 00
Columbia Conference: Portland, Oregon.....	350 00
Florida Conference: Bowling Green Circuit.....	50 00
Tampa Mission	50 00
Crystal River	100 00
Ybor City and West Tampa.....	323 06
Holston Conference: Bull's Gap, Tenn.....	75 00
Athens, Tenn	200 00
Los Angeles Conference: Azusa, Cal.....	200 00
Long Beach, Cal	754 60
Mississippi Conference: New Augusta.....	100 00
New Mexico Conference: Odessa, Tex.....	100 00
Marfa, Tex	100 00
North Alabama Conference: Hanceville.....	75 00
Hoke's Bluff	150 00
North Texas Conference: Sulphur Springs District....	100 00
Northwest Texas Conference: Colorado District.....	150 00
Pacific Conference: Gilroy, Cal.....	200 00
Gridley, Cal	100 00
St. Louis Conference: Ste. Genevieve.....	150 00
South Carolina Conference: Scranton.....	100 00
Texas Conference: Livingstone	50 00
Western North Carolina Conference: Sylva.....	100 00
McAdenville	50 00
Glenville	100 00
White River Conference: North Jonesboro.....	125 00
Vilonica	75 00—\$ 4,327 60
Cash balance March 31, 1906.....	\$ 2,217 00

The following grants made by you two years ago have not been taken by the parties, and I recommend that you rescind them: Adger, Ala., \$75; West End, Meridian, Miss., \$75; Athens, W. Va., \$50. Total, \$200.

In the following cases I recommend that you give the parties further time in which to comply with the conditions: Corbin Park, Spokane, Wash., \$75; Carlsbad, N. Mex., \$175; Colorado Springs, Colo., \$300; El Paso District, Texas, \$300; Hope Mills, N. C., \$150; Sacramento, Cal., \$200; Centenary, San Francisco, Cal., \$200; Cason, Tex., \$75; Brevard Circuit, Calvert, N. C., \$100; Fifth Avenue, Montgomery, Ala., \$100. Total, \$1,675. This would leave you a balance of \$542 toward paying new grants to be made at your Annual Meeting this year.

II. PARSONAGE DONATIONS ACCOUNT, CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand March 31, 1905.....\$ 2,153 81
 Received from Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Treasurer..... 11,928 32—\$14,082 13

DISBURSEMENTS.

DONATIONS TO PARSONAGES.

Alabama Conference: Dothan	\$ 30 00
Coffeeville	60 00
Verbena	60 00
Denver Conference: Colorado Springs.....	100 00
East Columbia Conference: Richland, Oregon.....	50 00
Florida Conference: Nocatee	100 00
Tampa Heights	100 00
Tampa Mission	200 00
West Palm Beach	75 00
La Crosse	200 00
Holston Conference: Benham's, Va.....	100 00
Floyd, Va	100 00
Athens, Tenn	200 00
Coeburn, Va	100 00
Indian Mission Conference: Woodford, Ind. T.....	25 00
Bokchito, Ind. T.....	50 00
Earlboro, Okla	40 00
Duncan District, Ind. T.....	50 00
Antlers, Choctaw District, Ind. T.....	75 00
Francis, Okla	25 00
Wood, Okla	50 00
Texmo, Okla	75 00
Mutual, Okla	50 00
Snyder, Okla	50 00
Chapee, Ind. T.....	75 00
Rush Springs, Ind. T.....	100 00
Kentucky Conference: Campton	65 00
Corinth	200 00
Alexandria	100 00
Little Rock Conference: Janssen.....	75 00
Strong	75 00
Stamps	100 00
Parkdale	50 00
Gillham	75 00
Los Angeles Conference: Richland.....	100 00
San Diego	50 00
Solomonville, Ariz	50 00
Louisiana Conference: Winfield	100 00
Pleasant Hill	100 00
Louisville Conference: Campbellsville	50 00
Hawesville	100 00
Adairville	50 00
Memphis Conference: Olive Street, Memphis.....	75 00
South Memphis	125 00
Bath Springs, Tenn	50 00
Mississippi Conference: Taylorsville	50 00
Canton	100 00
Fifth Avenue, Laurel	75 00
Missouri Conference: Missouri City.....	75 00
Huntsville	50 00
Fulton	100 00
Montana Conference: Big Timber.....	75 00
New Mexico Conference: Marfa, Tex.....	25 00
North Alabama Conference: Hoke's Bluff.....	175 00
North Carolina Conference: Hobgood.....	55 00
Hope Mills	50 00
Tyner	100 00
Mt. Olive	100 00
Enfield	100 00
North Georgia Conference: Rome.....	100 00
Athens	150 00
Augusta	100 00
Rutledge	200 00
North Mississippi Conference: McCool.....	100 00
Tom Nolen	100 00

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North Texas Conference: Jacksboro.....	\$ 202 07
Rhame	125 00
Farmers' Branch	100 00
Randolph	100 00
Fate ^a	100 00
Copeville	100 00
Purley	100 00
Nocona	200 00
Northwest Texas Conference: Hico.....	200 00
Colorado	200 00
Clairemont	100 00
Gail	100 00
Graham	75 00
Dalhart	75 00
Paducah	50 00
Estelline	200 00
Dickens	75 00
Nugent	125 00
Quanah	50 00
Florence	75 00
Pacific Conference: Gridley, Cal.....	50 00
Gilroy, Cal	200 00
St. Louis Conference: Oran.....	50 00
Flat River	50 00
Piedmont	50 00
Morehouse	100 00
St. Clair	100 00
Hornersville	50 00
South Carolina Conference: Scranton.....	100 00
West Union	100 00
South Georgia Conference: Climax.....	50 00
Garfield	150 00
Graymont	150 00
Byronville	100 00
Southwest Missouri Conference: Mt. Washington.....	200 00
Lebanon	83 51
Seneca	150 00
Tennessee Conference: Santa Fé.....	100 00
Antioch	75 00
Whitehouse	50 00
Westmoreland	100 00
Waverly	50 00
Cumberland Furnace	125 00
Bethesda	50 00
Texas Conference: League City.....	150 00
Buckholts	50 00
Alvin	75 00
Davilla	50 00
Ratcliff	50 00
Virginia Conference: Hyco	125 00
Calloway	200 00
Western Conference: Atchison, Kans	29 81
West Texas Conference: Laredo.....	150 00
Leesville	100 00
Devine	50 00
Pontotoc	150 00
Palacios	150 00
White River Conference: Brinkley.....	100 00—\$11,675 39
Cash balance March 31, 1906.....	\$ 2,406 74

III. PARSONAGE LOAN FUND ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash balance on hand March 31, 1905.....	\$ 562 92
Collected on loans: Principal.....	3,873 63
Interest	893 19
Contributed to loan funds.....	173 65—\$ 5,503 39

DISBURSEMENTS.

LOANS TO PARSONAGES.

Indian Mission Conference: Wagoner, Ind. T.....	\$ 500 00
New Mexico Conference: Albuquerque.....	500 00
Northwest Texas Conference: Colorado District.....	300 00
Pittsburg District	1,000 00

Pacific Conference: Oakland, Cal.....	\$ 500 00
South Carolina Conference: Scranton.....	100 00
West Texas Conference: Leesville.....	200 00
Western North Carolina Conference: Sylva.....	200 00
Paid life annuitants	425 00
Interest remitted to Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Treasurer....	468 19—\$ 4,193 19
Cash balance March 31, 1906.....	\$ 1,310 20

Seven thousand dollars of the Parsonage Loan Funds has been invested through the Fidelity Trust Company, and has earned interest in the sum of \$336, which is embraced in the interest accounted for in the report of that company, which follows.

IV. EDUCATIONAL AND CITY MISSION ENDOWMENT FUND.

(Managed by the Fidelity Trust Company, of Louisville, Ky.)

1. Income Account.

RECEIPTS.

Interest received from March 31, 1905, to March 31, 1906	\$ 736 26
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DISBURSEMENTS.

Accrued interest on Sundry investments.....	\$ 18 31
Five per cent commission on income.....	35 91
Remitted to Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Treasurer.....	682 04—\$ 736 26

2. Principal Account.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand March 31, 1905:	
Educational and City Mission Fund.....	\$6,503 35
Parsonage Loan Fund.....	7,000 00
Received from Mrs. W. D. Kirkland.....	1,232 62—\$14,735 97

DISBURSEMENTS.

Sundry investments	\$14,167 50
Cash balance March 31, 1906.....	568 47—\$14,735 97

Respectfully submitted.

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

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

CONFERENCE.	Donations from Conference Societies.	Donations from Board.	Loans.
Alabama.....	14	3	4
Arkansas.....	5	13	2
Baltimore.....	18	12	3
Brazil Mission.....		1	
China Mission.....		1	
Columbia.....	14	17	
Denver.....	14	9	
East Columbia.....	7	9	
East Texas.....	74	5	
Florida.....	49	24	2
German Mission.....		1	
Holston.....	106	10	4
Illinois.....	1	2	
Indian Mission.....	71	66	1
Kentucky.....	33		2
Little Rock.....	62	4	5
Los Angeles.....	32	12	1
Louisiana.....	56	12	4
Louisville.....	35	1	4
Memphis.....	58	1	3
Mississippi.....	42	7	5
Missouri.....	13	6	1
Montana.....	31	13	
New Mexico.....	5	14	3
North Alabama.....	16	11	3
North Carolina.....	24	6	2
North Georgia.....	47	6	3
North Mississippi.....	30		2
North Texas.....	49	5	6
Northwest Mexican Mission.....		1	
Northwest Texas.....	79	12	6
Pacific.....	56	17	3
South Carolina.....	20	7	2
South Georgia.....	27	1	2
Southwest Missouri.....	35	5	2
St. Louis.....	53	4	2
Tennessee.....	51	6	1
Texas.....	69	5	6
Virginia.....	26	3	
West Texas.....	62	24	5
Western.....	6	4	1
Western North Carolina.....	17	10	2
Western Virginia.....	12		2
White River.....	8	7	5
Reported aid, names not given.....	34		
Total.....	1,464	377	99

Amount granted by Conference Societies, \$106,734.61; amount granted by Board, \$64,457.63. Total parsonages helped, 1,841; amount, \$171,192.24. Amount loaned parsonages, \$52,660.00.

HONORED LIST.

Honorary Life Members.

Mrs. S. A. Dryden,	Mrs. John A. Carter,	Miss Belle H. Bennett,
Bishop W. W. Duncan,	Mrs. M. E. W. Aycock,	Miss Emily Allen,
Mrs. Amelia Downing Kendrick,	Miss Lucinda B. Helm,	Mrs. T. R. Kendall,
Mrs. W. W. Duncan,	Mrs. R. K. Hargrove,	Mrs. W. B. Higginbotham,
Rev. Sam P. Jones,	Mrs. C. S. Strong,	Mrs. Harriet Downing,
Mrs. E. P. Chamberlain,	Mrs. Fannie P. Clarke,	Mrs. Viola Hunt,
Mrs. Georgia Allen,	Mrs. H. J. Salter,	Mrs. J. B. Chatfield.
Mrs. C. N. Vaught,	Mrs. Alice Johnson,	

Life Members.

1895-96.

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

1896-97.

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

1897-98.

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

1898-99.

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

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

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

1899-1900.

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

East Texas Conference.—Mrs. M. Haggard.

Florida Conference.—Mrs. D. A. Cook.

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

Indian Mission Conference.—Lucile Coppedge (Juvenile).

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

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

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

Mississippi Conference.—Mrs. Rebecca Parker Gay.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1900-01.

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

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

Holston Conference.—Mrs. Mattie White Hardaway.

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

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

Little Rock Conference.—Mrs. Dan Gilman.

Louisville Conference.—Mrs. Virgil Elgin.

Memphis Conference.—Mrs. Sue F. Mooney.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1901-02.

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

1902-03.

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

Virginia Conference.—Mrs. J. P. Williamson, Mrs. J. B. Winfree, Mrs. J. T. Mastin.
Western North Carolina Conference.—Mrs. S. E. Bass, Mrs. M. J. Branner.
White River Conference.—Mrs. S. H. Babcock.

1903-04.

Alabama Conference.—Mrs. J. H. Rice, Mrs. Henry Moore, Mrs. J. J. Flowers, Miss Sue Godwin, Claude Adams (child), Mrs. J. B. Cummings.

Baltimore Conference.—Mrs. W. J. H. Robinson, Mrs. J. T. Williams, Miss Alice Stanton, Miss Lou Mytenger, Jr.

East Texas Conference.—Mrs. George Call.

Holston Conference.—Rev. John P. Dickey, Mrs. W. H. Ford.

Indian Mission Conference.—Mrs. J. W. Stone, Mrs. A. J. Worley, Mrs. P. B. Satterfield.

Kentucky Conference.—Miss Mary Ralston, Miss May Clark, Mrs. U. G. Foote.

Little Rock Conference.—Mrs. D. J. Whitfield, Miss Ella Thomas, Mrs. W. R. Harrison, Mrs. Nellie Parkhurst, Mrs. Nannie Brinkley, Mrs. Horace Jewel, Mrs. Sam McMath.

Louisville Conference.—Mrs. H. M. Morrison, Mrs. Robert Todd, Mrs. R. S. Hughes, Miss Dellie Downing, Miss Ada Lewis, Mrs. C. H. Jenkin, Mrs. Walter Mathews, Mrs. John W. Brown, Mrs. Clara Johnson, Mrs. Foster Baird, Miss Loraine Norris, Mrs. N. B. Cooke, Mrs. H. A. Moore, Mrs. W. A. Grady, Mrs. Lucy A. Cooper, Mrs. C. S. Jarrett.

Louisiana Conference.—Mrs. Mary E. Carr, Chester Morley Carré, Hutson Carré.

Memphis Conference.—Mrs. J. T. Jones.

Mississippi Conference.—Mrs. Sophia Weems, Mrs. R. A. Drummond.

Missouri Conference.—Miss Bina Boulware, Mrs. H. E. Stout.

New Mexico Conference.—Mrs. Ada Cruickshank.

North Carolina Conference.—Mary Exum Rose (child), Mrs. G. V. Richardson, Mrs. I. M. Proctor, Mrs. J. E. Underwood, Miss Narcissa Hutchens.

North Georgia Conference.—Mrs. Lee Trammell, Mrs. Robert Fowler, Mrs. D. B. Freeman, Mrs. G. R. Bickers, Mrs. S. R. Fortson, Mrs. George Loehr, Sr., Mrs. Minnie Simons, Mrs. Mary Bass.

North Mississippi Conference.—Mrs. T. J. Binford, Mrs. L. C. Short.

North Texas Conference.—Mrs. J. W. Hill, Dr. G. W. Bedford, Mrs. Nannie Britton, Mrs. R. W. Knickerbocker, Mrs. Ira O. Wyse.

Northwest Texas Conference.—Mrs. Fred Flemming, Mrs. Julia Moores.

St. Louis Conference.—Mrs. James E. Abel, Mrs. W. D. Barnes, Mrs. G. F. Williams, Mrs. Zoe E. Farley, Mrs. Mary A. Andrews, Miss Sa Lee Kennard.

South Carolina Conference.—Mrs. W. L. Waite.

Tennessee Conference.—Mrs. W. G. E. Cunningham, Mrs. Volney James, William Scott Vaughn (child), Eloise Reid (child), Mrs. C. A. Locke, Mrs. William Green, Mrs. Lizzie West, Mrs. Bettie House Clay, Mrs. Mary E. Dandridge, Mrs. W. F. Tillet, Mrs. Lizzie Murry Williams, Mary Laura Benson (child), Mrs. L. T. Claiborne, Mrs. John M. Hudson, Mrs. Tom W. Carpenter, Mrs. J. J. Watkins, Mrs. Mattie G. Gear, Thomas Leonard Parks (child).

Texas Conference.—Mrs. O. T. Hotchkiss, Mrs. W. T. Cherry, Rev. R. A. Morris, Mrs. J. S. Giddings, Mrs. Mattie B. Pipkin, Mrs. L. R. Hare, Annie May Downs (child).

Virginia Conference.—Mrs. W. D. Ballington Bye, Mrs. W. C. Vaden, Mrs. J. C. Norworthy, Mrs. A. O. Leigh, Mrs. J. H. Hall.

Western North Carolina Conference.—Mrs. F. E. Ross.

Western Virginia Conference.—Mrs. H. F. Pfost

White River Conference.—Mrs. J. W. Fletcher, Mrs. J. S. Parsons, Miss Othelia May Bennett, Mrs. M. E. Umstadt, Mrs. J. W. Webster, Mrs. W. W. Bundy

1904-05.

Baltimore Conference.—Mrs. C. M. Hawkins, Mrs. D. H. Hearn.

Columbia Conference.—Miss Elsie Burkhart.

Holston Conference.—Mrs. A. N. Jackson, Mrs. M. A. Ault, Mrs. E. A. Gibson.

Little Rock Conference.—Mrs. Lizzie Mills, Mrs. Mary Linsey.

Louisiana Conference.—Mrs. L. B. Baynard.

Louisville Conference.—Mrs. William H. Johnson, Rev. J. B. Adams.

Missouri Conference.—Mrs. M. S. Palmer.

North Alabama Conference.—Rev. Anson West, D.D., Rev. T. J. Slaughter, Rev. V. O. Hawkins, Rev. J. W. Newman.

North Georgia Conference.—Mrs. W. R. Robinson.

North Mississippi Conference.—Mrs. C. B. Vance, Mrs. Liola Fulmer.

South Georgia Conference.—Lee Minor Paul (child), Frank Hook Paul (child).

Southwest Missouri Conference.—Miss Mabel Howell, Mrs. W. F. Lemmon.

St. Louis Conference.—Mrs. Luticia Williams, Mrs. S. B. Heslep, Mrs. Emma Elbert, Mrs. Sophronia Bishop, Mrs. Nancy Ann Chambers, Mrs. Caroline M. O'Tallon, Rev. M. T. Haw.

Tennessee Conference.—Street Coleman (child), Mrs. Delia B. Covington.

Virginia Conference.—Mrs. J. B. Martin.

Western Virginia Conference.—Lucy C. Thomas (child), Irene Nemberger (child).

West Texas Conference.—Mrs. T. F. Sessions.

White River Conference.—Mrs. Mary A. Neill, Mrs. J. L. Armstrong, Mrs. Virginia Fields.

1905-06.

Alabama Conference.—Mrs. M. H. Holt.

Denver Conference.—Mrs. Susan Thomas.

Holston Conference.—Mrs. J. H. Lotspeich, Mrs. W. B. Sullins.

Little Rock Conference.—Mrs. F. M. Williams, Mrs. W. H. Pemberton.

Los Angeles Conference.—Mrs. E. P. Ryland, Mrs. Fannie Kerns, Mrs. M. W. Hughes.

Louisiana Conference.—Walter Wingate Carré, Jr. (child), Lula Carré (child), Mrs. E. R. Kennedy, Mrs. Florence E. Russ.

Louisville Conference.—Mrs. John L. Wheat, Mrs. E. W. Burdette, Mrs. Sallie Deering, Mrs. A. A. Norris.

Missouri Conference.—Mrs. Mollie Luper Mumpower.

North Georgia Conference.—Mrs. Cynthia Bryson, Mrs. B. D. Lester, Mrs. R. B. Morris, Florence Weltner Lester (child), Mrs. Mattie E. Jackson.

North Texas Conference.—Mrs. Bettie Cheely, Mrs. W. D. Davis, Mrs. Rebecca Z. Swink.

Northwest Texas Conference.—Mrs. E. S. Graham, Mrs. E. V. Cox, Mrs. J. L. Duff.

St. Louis Conference.—Mrs. E. S. Shirley, Mrs. Hortense Glover, Mrs. J. H. Winenon.

South Carolina Conference.—Mrs. W. L. Wait.

Texas Conference.—Mrs. Elizabeth Hill, Mrs. Annie Kirk Goolsby.

West Texas Conference.—Mrs. B. M. Hines.

White River Conference.—Mrs. E. H. Monnier, Mrs. M. E. Dickson, Mrs. Helen Meniken.

Total number, 462.

MEMORIAL ROLL.

Los Angeles Conference.—Mrs. Virginia Bentley Thomas.

Louisville Conference.—James Lucas Carter.

North Carolina Conference.—Annie Brinkley (child).

North Mississippi Conference.—Mrs. Caledonia Clay.

Northwest Texas Conference.—Emily Mussett Bloodworth (child), Warner Wallace Bloodworth (child).

South Georgia Conference.—Mary Rogers Cates (child), Evelyn Cook (child).

Texas Conference.—Wilbur Richardson Rockwell (child).

NAMES ENROLLED ON EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND.

Arkansas Conference.—Rev. John Sharp.

Baltimore Conference.—Rev. J. H. Light, Rev. J. B. Hupman, Mrs. J. B. Hupman, Rev. William Stevens, Mrs. M. C. Walls, Rev. J. M. Cline, Mrs. Margaret Davis, Miss May Wilson, Rev. W. S. Neighbors, Rev. J. G. Jeter.

Little Rock Conference.—Rev. M. B. Corrigan.

Louisville Conference.—Dr. T. R. Kendall.

North Georgia Conference.—Rev. H. L. Embry.

North Mississippi Conference.—Mrs. G. L. Wrenne, Mrs. T. H. Brown, Mrs. R. A. Tucker, Mrs. J. N. Felts, Miss Nannie Collier, Rev. J. C. Brooks, Rev. R. J. Porter.

North Texas Conference.—Mrs. Henry Dorsey, Rev. John Roach, Mrs. T. S. Pyle, Mrs. Annie B. Foster, Mrs. O. S. Thomas.

St. Louis Conference.—Mrs. Fannie A. Van Gilder.

Virginia Conference.—Rev. J. W. Stiff, Rev. J. M. Latham.

PREACHERS' WIVES' LOAN FUND.

Baltimore Conference.—Rev. and Mrs. Kidner.

North Georgia Conference.—Mrs. Anna Brooks.

Northwest Texas Conference.—Mrs. C. N. N. Furguson, Mrs. J. M. Sweeton, Mrs. F. B. Bucan.

Texas Conference.—Mrs. M. E. Dorough.

Virginia Conference.—Mrs. M. H. Edwards.

GENERAL TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR 1905-06.

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

1. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, April salary.....	\$ 100 00
2. Miss Margaret Chesnutt, April salary.....	40 00
3. Bishop C. B. Galloway, traveling.....	25 00
4. Rev. E. O. Watson, traveling.....	25 00
5. Miss Mary Bruce, traveling.....	25 55
6. Miss Maria Gibson, traveling.....	31 25
7. Rev. H. S. Bradley, traveling.....	10 00
8. Miss Estelle Haskin, traveling.....	42 25
9. Miss Mabel Howell, traveling.....	34 15
10. Mrs. Frank Siler, traveling, etc.....	31 95
11. Mrs. Mary Carr, traveling.....	17 50
12. Miss Mabel Kennedy, traveling.....	29 50
13. Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, April salary and traveling.....	69 58
14. Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, April and May salary and traveling....	69 22
15. Rev. C. F. Reid, Pacific Coast, May and June.....	730 00
16. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, office, \$100, to Board and Atlanta....	131 50
17. Miss Mabel Howell, April and May.....	166 66
18. Miss Ellen Young, April and May.....	80 00
19. Miss Lucy Jones, April and May.....	60 00
20. Miss Emily Reid, Key West, ten teachers and incidentals....	1,180 00
21. Miss Lula Ford, April and May.....	90 00
22. Miss Johnson, April and May.....	30 00
23. Miss Bruce, April and May.....	140 00
24. Mrs. M. P. Cooper, April and May.....	90 00
25. Mrs. F. C. Brooks, April and May.....	60 00
26. Miss Emelina Valdes, April and May.....	120 00
27. Mrs. M. L. Stone and six helpers, April and May.....	285 00
28. Mrs. L. H. Potts, A. B. C. Home, April and May.....	400 00
29. Mrs. J. J. Dickey, deaconess bonnets.....	4 50
30. Mrs. Ed F. Cook, to Board.....	8 46
31. Mrs. Luke Johnson, to Board.....	8 10
32. Miss Estelle Haskin, to Florida.....	14 50
33. Prof. J. C. Lewis, incidentals and building.....	500 00
34. Prof. E. E. Bishop, April and May salaries.....	557 76
35. Prof. J. C. Lewis, April and May salaries, expenses to Board..	988 00
36. Mrs. W. H. Johnson, April and May.....	50 00
37. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, May salary.....	100 00
38. Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, May salary.....	50 00
39. Miss Margaret Chesnutt, May salary.....	40 00
40. Miss Estelle Haskin, May salary.....	50 00
41. Rev. George W. Walker, incidentals for Paine Annex.....	232 66
42. Carmello Maggio, Italian teacher.....	25 00
43. Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, June.....	25 00
44. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, June.....	100 00
45. Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, June.....	50 00
46. Miss Margaret Chesnutt, June.....	40 00
47. Rev. C. F. Reid, Pacific Coast, July.....	367 00
48. J. C. Lewis, June salary and incidentals.....	235 00
49. Miss Estelle Haskin, June salary.....	50 00
50. Miss Ellen Young, June salary.....	40 00
51. Miss Lucy Jones, June salary.....	30 00
52. Miss Mary Bruce, June salary.....	50 00
53. Mrs. L. H. Potts, A. B. C. Mission Home, June.....	200 00
54. Mrs. W. H. Johnson, June.....	25 00
55. Mrs. M. L. Stone, A. B. C. Mission Home salaries, June.....	135 00
56. J. C. Lewis, repairs at London, etc.....	836 62
57. American Paper Company, mite boxes.....	52 85
58. Miss E. Billingsley, to complete V. K. Johnson scholarship...	144 05

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59.	American National Bank, McEachern Fund.....	\$ 593 36
60.	First National Bank, 50 per cent dues, first quarter.....	4,806 10
61.	Rev. P. H. Whisner, L. F. & E. E. F., first quarter.....	103 45
62.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, office expenses.....	100 00
63.	Miss Howell, gift of Mrs. Murrell, St. Louis, for reference library	25 00
64.	Mrs. Franklin Moore, Press Department.....	25 00
65.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, July.....	100 00
66.	Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, July.....	50 00
67.	Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, July.....	25 00
68.	Mrs. L. H. Potts, insurance on A. B. C. Home.....	60 00
69.	Mrs. M. L. Stone, A. B. C. Home.....	290 00
70.	Mrs. W. H. Johnson, July.....	25 00
71.	Miss Margaret Chesnutt, July.....	40 00
72.	Miss Emily J. Reid, June.....	85 00
73.	Miss Mary Bruce, July.....	50 00
74.	Miss Ellen Young, July.....	40 00
75.	Miss Estelle Haskin, July salary, travel, etc.....	90 00
76.	Miss Maria Elliott, travel.....	60 00
77.	Rev. C. F. Reid, Pacific Coast, August expense.....	367 00
78.	Carmello Maggio, June.....	25 00
79.	Evaristo Ghidoni, July, Italian work.....	25 00
80.	Mrs. Mary F. Lewis.....	100 00
81.	Miss Mary Bruce, sewer connections, Ybor City.....	22 00
82.	Miss Belle H. Bennett, office.....	250 00
83.	Miss Emma Tucker, Tithing Department.....	25 00
84.	Mrs. Franklin Moore, Press Department.....	25 00
85.	Mrs. C. F. Carroll, Tampa and Jacksonville City Missions.....	50 18
86.	Mrs. S. A. Montgomery, New Orleans City Mission.....	11 50
87.	Mrs. A. A. Norris, Louisville City Mission.....	41 97
88.	Mrs. William Thomas, Mobile City Mission.....	19 17
89.	Mrs. C. S. Shivers, Kansas City Mission.....	40 98
90.	Mrs. J. G. Shelton, St. Louis City Mission.....	50 14
91.	Mrs. W. D. Sandwich, Macon and Thomasville City Missions..	29 40
92.	Mrs. R. I. Owen, Portsmouth and Richmond City Missions....	24 29
93.	Mrs. H. E. Jackson, Dallas City Mission.....	39 36
94.	Mrs. Nat G. Rollins, Waco Deaconess Home.....	50 49
95.	Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, Augusta and Atlanta City Missions....	84 38
96.	Mrs. W. H. Bumpas, Nashville City Mission.....	35 00
97.	Miss E. L. Hill, Tyler City Mission.....	5 35
98.	Mrs. J. H. Wilson, Homer Toberman Deaconess Home.....	53 48
99.	Miss Lula May, debt on millinery department, Dallas Home..	150 00
100.	Mrs. L. H. Leslie, debt on millinery department, Dallas Home.	150 00
101.	Miss E. J. Reid, lot at Key West.....	300 00
102.	Miss Belle H. Bennett, Memorial Hall, London.....	140 00
103.	Miss Mabel Howell, traveling.....	19 80
104.	Mrs. M. L. Stone, for girls (over forty in number) and Miss Davis \$10	210 00
105A.	Miss Mary Bruce, trip to Nashville.....	21 50
105B.	Miss Eva Poole, trip to Nashville.....	11 00
106.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, August salary and office.....	200 00
107.	Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, August salary.....	50 00
108.	Miss Chesnutt, August salary.....	40 00
109.	Smith & Lamar, printing.....	500 00
110.	Rev. C. F. Reid, Pacific Coast, September.....	442 00
111.	Miss Irene Crow, trip to Nashville.....	6 60
112.	Miss Elizabeth Taylor, trip to Corpus Christi.....	21 00
113.	Miss Estelle Haskin, August salary.....	50 70
114.	Miss Eva Poole, September salary.....	50 00
115.	Miss Anna Browne, September salary.....	40 00
116.	Miss Mary Bruce, August salary.....	50 00
117.	Mrs. Franklin Moore, Press Department.....	25 00
118.	Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, Supply Department.....	25 00
119.	Mrs. M. L. Stone, August expenses and repairs, Dallas Mission Home	560 00
120.	Mrs. W. H. Johnson, August.....	25 00
121.	Evaristo Ghidoni	25 00
122.	American National Bank, McEachern Fund.....	1,000 00
123.	Miss Eva Poole, repairs on Wolff Mission.....	50 00
124.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, September salary.....	100 00
125.	J. C. Lewis, incidentals.....	150 00
126.	Miss Emily J. Reid, repairs at Key West Summer School, etc..	300 00
127.	Mrs. J. E. Robison, Vashti Home.....	200 00
128.	Miss Mattie Wright, trip to deaconess convention.....	20 00
129.	Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, September.....	50 00
130.	Miss Chesnutt, September.....	40 00

131. Miss Moisselle Elliott, traveling.....	\$ 114 00
132. Thomas Kane, leaflets	29 00
133. Rev. C. F. Reid, Pacific Coast, October.....	387 00
134. Miss Emily Reid, September salaries, repairs, \$300.....	840 00
135. Mrs. J. E. Robison, Vashti Home.....	100 00
136. Mrs. W. H. Johnson.....	25 00
137. Mrs. M. L. Stone, Dallas Mission Home, September.....	546 00
138. Miss Mabel Howell, September.....	83 33
139. Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, September.....	25 00
140. Miss Estelle Haskin, September.....	50 00
141. Mrs. Franklin Moore, September.....	25 00
142. Miss Emelina Valdes, September.....	60 00
143. Miss Eva Poole, Wolff Mission, household expenses.....	20 00
144. Miss Adelina Salinas, September.....	40 00
145. Mrs. F. C. Brook, September.....	40 00
146. Miss Mary Bruce, September.....	50 00
147. Evaristo Ghidoni, September.....	25 00
148. Homer Eaton, tithing leaflets.....	25 20
149. J. C. Lewis, September salaries.....	612 21
150. Dr. P. H. Whisner, L. F. & E. E. F.....	32 20
151. American National Bank, McEachern Fund.....	641 08
152. First National Bank, 50 per cent dues, second quarter.....	3,823 78
153. Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, October.....	50 00
154. Miss Chesnutt, trip to Thomasville.....	15 00
155. Miss Belle H. Bennett, piano at Brevard.....	36 00
156. Dr. George Williams Walker, improvements at Paine.....	221 06
157. American Institute, social service leaflets.....	8 00
158. Presbyterian Woman's Board, home mission leaflets.....	12 00
159. Miss Annie Heath, trip to Chicago.....	100 00
160. E. E. Bishop, September and October salaries; \$10 for library.....	667 76
161. Miss Haskin, October salary and expenses.....	90 00
162. Miss Sue V. Herrick, deaconess training.....	80 00
163. Mrs. F. E. Ross, John Bennett Loan Fund.....	75 00
164. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, October.....	100 00
165. Miss Pearl Squires, October.....	30 00
166. Mrs. S. A. Gharbutt, money advanced to Mrs. Wilcox.....	50 00
167. Mrs. W. H. Johnson, October expense \$25, and Dallas shares \$38.15	63 15
168. Miss Billingsley, twenty-four deaconesses' expenses.....	1,880 00
169. Miss Emily Reid, October salaries and arrears.....	586 00
170. J. C. Lewis, October salaries.....	612 21
171. Miss Mabel Howell, October salary.....	83 33
172. Mrs. Franklin Moore, October salary.....	25 00
173. Miss Mary Bruce, October salary.....	25 00
174. Evaristo Ghidoni, October salary.....	25 00
175. Miss Ellen Young, October salaries.....	100 00
176. Mrs. J. E. Robison, Vashti Home.....	100 00
177. Mrs. M. L. Stone, October, Dallas Home.....	320 00
178. Miss Eva Poole, Wolff Mission, October.....	200 00
179. Miss Emelina Valdes, October.....	60 00
180. Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, October.....	25 00
181. Rev. C. F. Reid, Pacific Coast, November.....	367 00
182. Mrs. C. S. Shivers, Kansas City missions.....	40 98
183. Mrs. C. F. Carroll, Jacksonville and Tampa city missions.....	50 18
184. Mrs. R. C. Holt, New Orleans city missions.....	11 50
185. Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, Augusta and Atlanta city missions.....	84 39
186. Mrs. A. A. Norris, Louisville city mission.....	41 97
187. Mrs. William Thomas, Mobile city mission.....	19 17
188. Mrs. J. H. Wilson, Homer Toberman Deaconess Home.....	53 48
189. Miss E. L. Hill, Tyler city mission.....	5 35
190. Mrs. R. I. Owen, Richmond and Portsmouth city missions.....	24 29
191. Mrs. W. D. Sandwich, Macon and Thomasville city missions.....	29 40
192. Mrs. W. H. Bumpas, Nashville city mission.....	35 00
193. Mrs. J. G. Shelton, St. Louis city mission.....	50 00
194. Mrs. Nat G. Rollins, Rebecca Sparks Deaconess Home.....	50 46
195. Mrs. H. E. Jackson, Dallas city mission.....	39 36
196. J. C. Lewis, incidentals.....	150 00
197. Mrs. J. E. Robison, Vashti Home.....	100 00
198. Mrs. J. M. Blake, clerical.....	7 75
199. Mrs. Blanche Wilcox, travel to Thomasville.....	36 00
200. Miss Estelle Haskin, expenses.....	57 05
201. Miss Estelle Haskin, November salary.....	50 00
202. Miss Emelina Valdes, November salary.....	60 00
203. Miss Eva Poole, household.....	20 00
204. Miss Emily Reid, November salary and expenses.....	110 00
205. Miss Pearl Squires, November salary.....	30 00

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206. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, November salary.....	\$	100	00
207. J. C. Lewis, November salary.....		135	00
208. E. E. Bishop, November salary.....		88	88
209. Rev. C. F. Reid, Homer Toberman Deaconess Home from Kentucky		47	00
210. Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, for preacher.....		55	00
211. Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, November.....		50	00
212. Spencer Trask, Woman's Home Mission Society, membership in American Institute of Social Service.....		25	00
213. Miss Estelle Haskin, expenses.....		33	08
214. Miss Billingsley, for Miss Mann.....		5	00
215. Miss Margaret Chesnutt, travel.....		5	35
216. Mrs. J. J. Dickey, deaconess bonnet.....		2	50
217. American Paper Company, mite boxes.....		117	28
218. Miss Frances Fish, leaflets.....		10	79
219. Miss Alice Guernsey, leaflets.....		220	00
220. Presbyterian Home Mission Society, leaflets.....		6	00
221. Miss Mabel Howell, November and December.....		166	66
222. Rev. C. F. Reid, December and January, Pacific Coast.....		734	00
223. Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, November and December.....		50	00
224. Miss Estelle Haskin, December.....		50	00
225. Miss Pearl Squires, December.....		25	00
226. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, December salary and office.....		200	00
227. Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, December salary.....		50	00
228. Miss Ellen Young, November and December.....		200	00
229. Mrs. J. E. Robison, November and December, Vashti Home....		200	00
230. Mrs. Franklin Moore, November and December.....		50	00
231. Mrs. W. H. Johnson, November and December.....		50	00
232. Mrs. M. L. Stone, A. B. C. Mission Home and Training School, November and December		640	00
233. Miss Emelina Valdes, December.....		60	00
234. Miss Mary Bruce, November and December.....		75	00
235. Miss Emily Reid, November and December.....		990	00
236. Miss Eva Poole, November and December.....		370	00
237. Evaristo Ghidoni, November and December.....		50	00
238. E. E. Bishop, November and December.....		528	88
239. J. C. Lewis, November and December.....		1,089	42
240. Smith & Lamar, printing.....		1,900	19
241. Dr. Whisner, L. F. & E. E. F. City Mission Endowment Fund..		643	50
242. First National Bank, 50 per cent dues, third quarter.....		4,772	62
243. J. S. Groce & Co., insurance on Dallas Home.....		150	00
244. Mrs. F. E. Ross, insurance on Brevard Home.....		178	00
245. E. E. Bishop, balance due on salary.....		40	00
246. Miss Margaret Chesnutt, December salary.....		40	00
247. Miss Alice Guernsey, for reading course.....		3	00
248. J. C. Lewis, incidentals.....		300	00
249. Miss Belle H. Bennett, office.....		200	00
250. C. F. Reid, Pacific Coast, February.....		367	00
251. Evaristo Ghidoni, January		50	00
252. J. C. Lewis, January.....		612	21
253. E. E. Bishop, January.....		328	88
254. Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, January.....		25	00
255. Mrs. J. E. Robison, Vashti Home.....		200	00
256. Mrs. W. H. Johnson, January.....		25	00
257. Mrs. M. L. Stone, A. B. C., January.....		320	00
258. Mrs. Franklin Moore, January.....		25	00
259. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, January.....		100	00
260. Miss Ellen Young, January.....		100	00
261. Miss Emelina Valdes, January.....		60	00
262. Mrs. M. B. Alexander, January.....		25	00
263. Miss Eva Poole, January.....		195	00
264. Miss E. J. Reid, January.....		598	00
265. Miss Margaret Chesnutt, January.....		40	00
266. Miss Mabel Howell, January.....		83	33
267. Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, January, and office \$25.....		75	00
268. Mrs. F. E. Ross, balance on insurance on Brevard.....		20	00
269. Dr. Josiah Strong, rent of exhibit.....		50	00
270. Miss Estelle Haskin, January salary and expenses.....		90	00
271. Dr. Whisner, parsonage at Huchow, China.....		100	00
272. E. E. Bishop, special.....		29	75
273. J. C. Lewis, for two new teachers.....		80	00
274. Fleming H. Revell, books for library at Paine, gift of Mrs. L. P. Smith		55	49
275. George Williams Walker, for books for Paine, gift of Mrs. L. P. Smith		45	00
276. Miss E. J. Reid, Key West specials.....		189	50

277. Miss Alberta McClanahan, clerical help.....	28 30
278A. Miss Elizabeth Davis, incidentals.....	20 00
278B. Mr. Owen Lovejoy, expenses to New Orleans.....	96 75
279. Mr. E. M. Gardner, maps.....	11 00
280. Miss E. L. Hill, Tyler city mission.....	5 35
281. Mrs. A. A. Norris, Louisville mission.....	41 97
282. Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, Augusta and Atlanta missions.....	84 39
283. Mrs. W. H. Bumpas, Nashville mission.....	35 00
284. Mrs. F. W. Carroll, Tampa and Jacksonville missions.....	50 18
285. Mrs. R. I. Owen, Portsmouth and Richmond missions.....	24 29
286. Mrs. William Thomas, Mobile mission.....	19 17
287. Mrs. J. H. Wilson, Homer Toberman Deaconess Home.....	53 48
288. Mrs. W. D. Sandwich, Macon and Thomasville missions.....	29 40
289. Mrs. J. G. Shelton, St. Louis mission.....	50 14
290. Mrs. H. E. Jackson, Dallas mission.....	39 36
291. Mrs. Nat G. Rollins, R. S. D. H.....	50 46
292. Mrs. C. S. Shivers, Kansas City mission.....	40 98
293. Mrs. R. C. Holt, New Orleans mission.....	11 50
294. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, office.....	100 00
295. J. C. Lewis, incidentals.....	400 00
296. E. E. Bishop, repairs to heater.....	32 00
297. Mrs. J. E. Robison, Vashti Home.....	100 00
298. Mrs. W. H. Johnson.....	25 00
299. Mrs. M. L. Stone.....	320 00
300. Mrs. M. B. Alexander.....	25 00
301. Mrs. Franklin Moore.....	25 00
302. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell.....	100 00
303. Mrs. Burrus.....	32 00
304. Miss Margaret Chesnutt.....	40 00
305. Miss Estelle Haskin.....	81 30
306. Miss Ellen Young.....	125 00
307. Miss Eva Poole.....	195 00
308. Miss Emelina Valdes.....	66 00
309. Miss E. J. Reid.....	596 00
310. Miss Mabel Howell.....	83 33
311. Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough.....	25 00
312. Mrs. W. D. Kirkland.....	50 00
313. Evaristo Ghidoni.....	25 00
314. E. E. Bishop.....	328 88
315. J. C. Lewis.....	692 21
316. C. F. Reid.....	442 00
317. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell.....	100 00
318. Miss Billingsley.....	82 00
319. Mrs. Frank Siler.....	33 00
320. Dr. Whisner, appropriated to parsonages by Board.....	4,000 00
321. Miss Billingsley, deaconess scholarships.....	1,650 00
322. Mrs. Mary N. Carr, deaconess work.....	40 00
323. Mr. E. M. Gardner, charts.....	25 00
324. Miss Ellen Young.....	100 00
325. Miss Emelina Valdes.....	60 00
326. Mrs. M. B. Alexander, salary, insurance, and traveling.....	75 00
327. Evaristo Ghidoni.....	25 00
328. Miss Emily J. Reid.....	590 00
329. Miss Eva Poole.....	206 00
330. Dr. Whisner, interest on loans to Sue Bennett and Paine.....	270 00
331. Mrs. M. L. Stone.....	320 00
332. Mrs. W. H. Johnson.....	25 00
333. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, office.....	100 00
334. J. C. Lewis, March salaries.....	692 21
335. E. E. Bishop, March salaries.....	328 88
336. Miss Mabel Howell, March salary.....	83 33
337. Miss Margaret Chesnutt, March.....	40 00
338. Mrs. H. P. Burrus, March.....	25 00
339. Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, March.....	50 00
340. Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, March.....	25 00
341. Mrs. Franklin Moore, March.....	25 00
342. Miss Estelle Haskin, March.....	50 00
343. Rev. C. F. Reid.....	367 00
344. Miss E. L. H., Houston city mission.....	22 40
345. Mrs. J. H. Wilson, Homer Toberman Deaconess Home.....	53 48
346. Mrs. R. I. Owen, Portsmouth and Richmond city missions.....	24 29
347. Mrs. C. F. Carroll, Tampa and Jacksonville city missions.....	50 18
348. Mrs. W. D. Sandwich, Macon and Thomasville city missions.....	29 40
349. Mrs. J. G. Shelton, St. Louis city mission.....	50 14
350. Mrs. W. H. Bumpas, Nashville city mission.....	35 00
351. Mrs. Henry E. Jackson, Dallas city mission.....	39 36

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352. Mrs. Nat G. Rollins, R. S. D. Home.....	\$	50	46
353. Mrs. C. S. Shivers, Kansas City city mission.....		40	98
354. Mrs. R. C. Holt, New Orleans city mission.....		11	50
355. Mrs. A. A. Norris, Louisville city mission.....		41	97
356. Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, Augusta and Atlanta city missions....		84	39
357. Rev. G. S. Harmon, money sent in by mistake and returned...		6	40
358. American National Bank, McEachern, third quarter.....		608	63
359. J. E. McCulloch, booklets.....		195	00
360. Miss Helm, expenses to institutes.....		36	00
361. E. E. Bishop, incidentals.....		142	27
362. First National Bank, 50 per cent of dues.....		6,890	55
363. American National Bank, McEachern, fourth quarter.....		766	97
364. Dr. Whisner, P. W. L. F., \$15.50; Memorial, \$30; City Mission Endowment Fund, \$252; Educational Endowment Fund, \$315.40			90
365. Miss Billingsley, on deaconess scholarships.....		660	00
366. Mrs. Mary Cranston, expenses to Atlanta Institute.....		64	00
367. Miss Emily J. Reid, for building at Key West.....		700	00
368. Miss Belle H. Bennett, for building at Sue Bennett.....		385	54
Total		\$81,031	43

DISBURSEMENT OF CONFERENCE HALF OF DUES, 1905-06.

1. Mrs. W. H. Bumpas, Tennessee Conference.....	\$	50	00
2. Mrs. Nat G. Rollins, Northwest Texas Conference.....		384	50
3. Mrs. C. S. Shivers, Southwest Missouri Conference.....		85	00
4. Mrs. P. E. Northern, White River Conference.....		23	01
5. Miss E. L. Hill, Texas Conference.....		389	13
6. Mrs. Ella Flickenger, Little Rock Conference.....		245	65
7. Miss Newel Foster, Arkansas Conference.....		35	53
8. Dr. Whisner, Missouri City, Missouri Conference, \$75; Rhone Mission parsonage, North Texas Conference, \$125.....		200	00
9. Mrs. W. D. Sandwich, South Georgia Conference.....		150	00
10. Mrs. R. I. Owen, Virginia Conference.....		132	44
11. Dr. Whisner, Pleasant Hill, Louisiana Conference, \$100; Fate, North Texas Conference, \$100; Walhalla, South Carolina Conference, \$100; Bath Springs, Memphis Conference, \$50; Olive Street, Memphis Conference, \$75; South Memphis, Memphis Conference, \$125; Lexington District, Memphis Conference, \$50		600	00
12. Mrs. T. H. Temple, Memphis Conference.....		64	65
13. Dr. Whisner, West Franklin, Virginia Conference, \$200; Do- than Circuit, Alabama Conference, \$30; Coffeeville, Alabama Conference, \$60; Ventura, Alabama Conference, \$60; Brink- ley, White River Conference, \$100; Kinchel, White River Conference, \$50		500	00
14. Dr. Whisner, West Palm Beach, Florida Conference, \$75; No- cate, Florida Conference, \$100; Fulton Circuit, Missouri Conference, \$50; Hobgood, North Carolina Conference \$55..		280	00
15. Dr. Whisner, Laredo, West Texas Conference, \$150; Adairs- ville, Louisiana Conference, \$50; Campbellsville, Louisiana Conference, \$50; Haynesville, Louisiana Conference, \$100..		350	00
16. Mrs. William Thomas, Alabama Conference.....		64	14
17. Miss Mary S. Tucker, Baltimore Conference.....		257	76
18. Dr. Whisner, Bonham, Holston Conference, \$100; Santa Fé, Tennessee Conference, \$100; Pleasant Grove, Tennessee Con- ference, \$100; White House, Tennessee Conference, \$50; Wa- verly, Tennessee Conference, \$50; Cumberland Furnace, Ten- nessee Conference, \$125.....		525	00
19. Mrs. C. S. Jones, North Alabama Conference.....		119	81
20. Dr. Whisner, Floyd parsonage, Holston Conference.....		100	00
21. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, literature for East Columbia Confer- ence, \$5.60; Mississippi Conference, \$16.....		21	60
22. Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, North Georgia Conference.....		93	12
23. Dr. Whisner, Strong, Little Rock Conference.....		75	00
24. Mrs. F. E. Ross, Western North Carolina Conference.....		47	70
25. Mrs. M. H. Honaker, Holston Conference.....		100	00
26. Mrs. E. L. Prince, North Carolina Conference.....		100	00
27 and 28. Dr. Whisner, Canton, Mississippi Conference, \$100; Oco- nee Street, Athens, North Georgia Conference, \$150; Hico, Northwest Texas Conference, \$200; Clairemont, Northwest Texas Conference, \$100; Choctaw District, Indian Mission Conference, \$75; Persimmon, Indian Mission Conference, \$50; Earlboro, Indian Mission Conference, \$40; Wood, In- dian Mission Conference, \$50; Woodford, Indian Mission			

	Conference, \$25; Clinton, Indian Mission Conference, \$60; Grow charge, Indian Mission Conference, \$75; Bokchito, Indian Mission Conference, \$50; Duncan District, Indian Mission Conference, \$50; McCord, North Mississippi Conference, \$100; Stamps, Little Rock Conference, \$100.....	\$ 1,225 00
29.	Mrs. S. A. Montgomery, Louisiana Conference.....	21 76
30.	Mrs. W. H. Bumpas, Tennessee Conference.....	100 00
31.	Mrs. F. W. Carroll, Florida Conference.....	72 54
32.	Mrs. Mary F. Lewis, Mississippi Conference.....	11 35
33.	Mrs. J. G. Shelton, St. Louis Conference.....	50 00
34.	Dr. Whisner, Hope Mills, North Carolina Conference, \$50; Randolph, Northwest Texas Conference, \$100; Farmers' Branch, Northwest Texas Conference, \$100; Cokeville Mission, Northwest Texas Conference, \$100; Livingston, Montana Conference, \$75; Hoke's Bluff, North Alabama Conference, \$175; Gail, Northwest Texas Conference, \$100; Tampa Heights, Florida Conference, \$75; Hornersville, St. Louis Conference, \$50; Alvin, Texas Conference, \$75; Graymont, South Georgia Conference, \$150; Climax, South Georgia Conference, \$50; Deer Creek, Indian Mission Conference, \$25; Scranton, South Carolina Conference, \$100.....	1,225 00
35.	Mrs. Louie Bacon, Denver Conference.....	5 85
36.	Mrs. C. S. Shivers, Southwest Missouri Conference.....	40 00
37.	Mrs. A. P. Warren, Missouri Conference.....	42 14
38.	Mrs. J. W. Wolf, Western Virginia Conference.....	90 26
40.	Dr. Whisner, Snyder Circuit, Indian Mission Conference, \$50; Salinas, Indian Mission Conference, \$75.....	125 00
41.	Dr. Whisner, Tampa Heights, Florida Conference, \$25; Piedmont Circuit, St. Louis Conference, \$50.....	75 00
42.	Mrs. A. A. Norris, Louisville Conference.....	75 00
43.	Mrs. W. D. Sandwich, South Georgia Conference.....	150 00
44.	Dr. Whisner, Tom Nolen, North Mississippi Conference, \$100; Roanoke, Virginia Conference, \$125.....	225 00
45.	Mrs. W. A. Rogers, South Carolina Conference.....	95 25
46.	Mrs. M. H. Honaker, Holston Conference.....	100 00
47.	Miss Newel Foster, Arkansas Conference.....	35 00
48.	Mrs. Clara H. Cope, North Alabama Conference.....	96 56
49.	Mrs. Emma O. Burks, Pacific Conference.....	20 00
50.	Dr. Whisner, Athens, Holston Conference.....	200 00
51.	Mrs. Alfred P. Warren, Missouri Conference.....	33 85
52.	Mrs. F. E. Ross, Western North Carolina Conference.....	60 81
53.	Dr. Whisner, St. Luke's, Augusta, North Georgia Conference, \$100; Parkdale, Little Rock Conference, \$50; Atchinson parsonage, Western Conference, \$29.81.....	179 81
54.	Mrs. C. S. McCausland, Columbia Conference.....	27 72
55.	Mrs. Henry E. Jackson, North Texas Conference.....	200 00
56.	Miss Lena McIntyre, Kentucky Conference.....	68 49
57.	Dr. Whisner, Mt. Washington, Southwest Missouri Conference, \$200; Moorehouse, St. Louis Conference, \$100.....	300 00
58.	Mrs. F. M. Canfield, East Columbia Conference.....	20 00
59.	Mrs. C. S. Shivers, Southwest Missouri Conference.....	30 00
60.	Dr. Whisner, Rush Springs parsonage, Indian Mission Conference, \$100; Laurel, Mississippi Conference, \$75; San Diego, Los Angeles Conference, \$50; Solomonville, Los Angeles Conference, \$50.....	275 00
61.	Dr. Whisner, La Crosse, Florida Conference.....	150 00
62.	Dr. Whisner, Winfield, Louisiana Conference, \$100; Melville, Louisiana Conference, \$100.....	200 00
63.	Mrs. M. H. Honaker, Holston Conference.....	52 24
64.	Dr. Whisner, Vance, North Mississippi Conference, \$50; Garfield, South Georgia Conference, \$150; Pontotoc, West Texas Conference, \$150; Leesville, West Texas Conference, \$100..	450 00
65.	Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, North Georgia Conference.....	133 74
66.	Miss Lena McIntyre, Kentucky Conference.....	50 00
67.	Mrs. India P. Hennage, Baltimore Conference.....	203 32
68.	Dr. P. H. Whisner, Marfa and Fort Davis, New Mexico Conference.....	25 00
69.	Dr. P. H. Whisner, Estello, Northwest Texas Conference, \$200; Paducah, Northwest Texas Conference, \$50; Dalhart, Northwest Texas Conference, \$75; Graham, Northwest Texas Conference, \$75.....	400 00
70.	Mrs. A. A. Norris, Louisville Conference.....	75 00
71.	Dr. Whisner, Vandalia, Missouri Conference.....	100 00
72.	Mrs. W. D. Sandwich, South Georgia Conference.....	150 00
73.	Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, North Georgia Conference.....	54 21
74.	Mrs. E. L. Prince, North Carolina Conference.....	58 00

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75. Mrs. M. H. Honaker, Holston Conference.....	\$ 142 19
76. Mrs. A. P. Warren, Missouri Conference.....	10 06
77. Dr. Whisner, Center Hill and Edenton Evans, North Carolina Conference, \$100; Mt. Olive Circuit, North Carolina Conference, \$100	200 00
78. Dr. Whisner, Lebanon, Southwest Missouri Conference.....	83 51
79. Mrs. C. S. McCausland, Columbia Conference.....	24 17
80. Dr. Whisner, Devine, West Texas Conference, \$50; Rutledge, North Georgia Conference, \$200; Purdy Mission, North Texas Conference, \$100; Nocona, North Texas Conference, \$200; Centenary, San Francisco, Pacific Conference, \$200; Vance, North Mississippi Conference, \$50; Tampa Mission, Florida Conference, \$200; Coeburn, Holston Conference, \$100; Flat River, St. Louis Conference, \$50; St. Clair, St. Louis Conference, \$100; Seneca Pass, Southwest Missouri Conference, \$150; Granby, South Carolina Conference, \$200; Antioch, Tennessee Conference, \$75; Bellemont, Virginia Conference, \$200; Brevard, Western North Carolina Conference, \$50....	1,925 00
81. Dr. Whisner, Pomona, Los Angeles Conference.....	100 00
82. Dr. Whisner, Palacios, West Texas Conference.....	150 00
83. Mrs. Clara Cope, North Alabama Conference.....	111 65
84. Miss Lena McIntyre, Kentucky Conference.....	47 44
85. Miss R. C. Holt, Louisiana Conference.....	102 70
86. Dr. Whisner, Richland parsonage, East Columbia Conference, \$50; Gridley and Pennington, Pacific Conference, \$50.....	100 00
87. Dr. Whisner, La Crosse, Florida Conference, \$50; Dickens, Northwest Texas Conference, \$75; Florence, Northwest Texas Conference, \$75; Collins parsonage, Mississippi Conference, \$100	300 00
88. Mrs. J. W. Wolf, Western Virginia Conference.....	73 43
89. Dr. Whisner, Quannah, Mississippi Conference, \$125; Nugent (Truby), Mississippi Conference, \$50.....	175 00
90. Dr. Whisner, Compton, Kentucky Conference.....	65 00
91. Mrs. MacDonell, Baltimore Conference, literature.....	27 39
92. Dr. Whisner, Park Avenue, Hot Springs, Little Rock Conference, \$100; Huntsville, Missouri Conference, \$50.....	150 00
93. Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, North Georgia Conference.....	328 08
94. Mrs. J. G. Shelton, St. Louis Conference.....	231 93
95. Mrs. W. H. Bumpas, Tennessee Conference.....	50 00
96. Dr. Whisner, Byronville, South Georgia Conference, \$100; Holly Springs, Little Rock Conference, \$50; Pine Bluff, Little Rock Conference, \$100; Enfield and Halifax, North Carolina Conference, \$100; Alexandria, Kentucky Conference, \$100..	450 00
97. Mrs. William Thomas, Alabama Conference.....	50 00
98. Miss Lizzie McKennon, Little Rock Conference.....	209 65
99. Mrs. A. A. Norris, Louisville Conference.....	52 63
100. Mrs. Clara Cope	133 34
101. Mrs. Nat G. Rollins, Northwest Texas Conference.....	292 50
102. Mrs. T. H. Temple, Memphis Conference.....	50 00
103. Mrs. R. I. Owen, Virginia Conference.....	208 36
104. Mrs. Alfred P. Warren.....	147 17
105. Mrs. M. H. Honaker.....	138 42
106. Dr. Whisner, Hendersonville, Tennessee Conference, \$100; Bethesda, Tennessee Conference, \$50; Smyrna, Tennessee Conference, \$100; Livingston, Tennessee Conference, \$125..	375 00
107. Mrs. C. F. Carroll, Florida Conference.....	201 05
108. Mrs. C. S. Shivers, Southwest Missouri Conference.....	100 00
109. Dr. Whisner, Portageville, St. Louis Conference, \$75; Pembroke, South Georgia Conference, \$100.....	175 00
110. Mrs. F. E. Ross, Western North Carolina Conference.....	57 75
111. Dr. Whisner, St. Clair (Bull's Gap), Holston Conference, \$75; West Liberty, Kentucky Conference, \$190.....	265 00
112. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, literature bills, Southwest Missouri Conference, \$31.89; Denver Conference, \$5.46; White River Conference, \$5.17; New Mexico Conference, \$11.54; record book, Mrs. Carroll, \$20; Los Angeles Conference, \$8.47; Pacific Conference, \$9.33; Northwest Texas Conference, \$58.58; Western North Carolina Conference, \$23.03.....	153 67
113. Mrs. R. F. Scoffem, Indian Mission Conference.....	210 00
114. Dr. Whisner, Dermott's parsonage, Little Rock Conference....	75 00
Total	\$20,114 03

RECEIPTS.

CONFERENCE.	Dues.	Specials.	Loan Funds.	Educational Endowment Fund.	Total.	City Missions.
Alabama.....	\$ 790 97	\$1,106 54			\$1,897 51	\$ 1,235 11
Arkansas.....	274 43	59 63		\$ 20 00	354 06	
Baltimore.....	936 53	775 92	\$ 10 00	95 00	1,817 45	
Columbia.....	197 98	42 74			240 72	
Denver.....	165 70	113 65			279 35	
East Columbia.....	144 30	9 94			154 24	
Florida.....	1,547 59	561 57			2,109 16	1,895 74
German Mission.....						
Holston.....	2,007 15	1,242 94			3,250 09	
Indian Mission.....	2,113 09	408 93			2,522 02	
Kentucky.....	962 28	894 69			1,856 97	
Little Rock.....	1,369 32	990 12		5 00	2,364 44	
Los Angeles.....	529 86	229 93			759 79	834 94
Louisiana.....	945 62	616 58	33 45	2 00	1,597 65	355 28
Louisville.....	1,005 27	1,103 94	20 00	5 00	2,134 21	1,684 01
Memphis.....	991 16	573 88			1,565 04	
Mississippi.....	858 02	486 87			1,344 89	
Missouri.....	744 76	388 03	5 00		1,087 79	
Montana.....	141 00	82 15			223 15	
New Mexico.....	295 99	161 36			457 35	
North Alabama.....	922 74	319 12		1,000 00	2,241 86	
North Carolina.....	1,156 26	975 88			2,132 14	
North Georgia.....	2,118 33	2,976 91	5 00	5 00	5,105 24	5,044 16
North Mississippi.....	941 19	767 41		35 00	1,743 60	
North Texas.....	2,546 87	1,454 62	5 00	33 00	4,039 49	1,425 04
Northwest Texas.....	3,501 75	1,342 15	15 00		4,858 90	1,144 65
Pacific.....	713 30	163 46	5 00		881 76	
South Carolina.....	867 96	394 96			1,262 92	
South Georgia.....	2,004 17	1,628 03	10 00		3,642 20	981 20
Southwest Missouri.....	1,152 29	527 85			1,680 14	1,906 60
St. Louis.....	1,263 88	1,082 95		5 00	2,351 83	2,330 41
Tennessee.....	1,400 36	1,050 49			2,450 85	1,440 01
Texas.....	2,281 29	1,079 87	17 50	2 00	3,380 66	527 89
Virginia.....	1,058 71	940 12	25 00	10 00	2,033 83	782 53
West Texas.....	1,230 84	298 89	5 50	1 50	1,536 73	
Western.....	71 90	2 58			74 48	
Western North Carolina.....	632 61	307 26			939 90	
Western Virginia.....	295 52	166 37			461 89	
White River.....	507 21	424 29			931 50	
Other sources.....		12,209 94			12,209 94	
Total.....	\$40,688 23	\$37,912 56	\$156 45	\$1,218 50	\$79,975 74	\$21,587 57

RECAPITULATION.

Amount received from dues.....	\$ 40,688 23
Amount received from specials.....	37,912 56
Amount received from loan fund.....	156 45
Amount received from Educational Endowment Fund.....	1,218 50
Total.....	\$ 79,975 74
City missions, as per vouchers.....	21,587 57
Grand total.....	\$101,563 31
Balance 1904-05.....	\$ 5,698 30
Cash collections 1905-06.....	79,975 74
Total.....	\$85,674 04
Total expenditures.....	81,031 43
Balance April 1, 1906.....	\$ 4,642 61

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

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We have this day examined the books of the Treasurer of the Woman's Home Mission Society, and find proper vouchers and receipts for all money paid out.

J. H. KIRKLAND,
D. M. SMITH.

April 20, 1906.

ANNUAL REPORT OF LOCAL WORK BY CONFERENCE
TREASURERS.

CONFERENCE.	Amount Expended on Parsonages During the Year.	Total Amount Expended on Local Church Work, Such as Furnishing Churches, Etc.	Value of Supplies Given Locally.	Total Amount Raised and Expended for Relief of Needy.	Report Here All Special Work Not Included in Preceding Questions.
Alabama.....		\$ 3,282 10	\$ 830 33		
Arkansas.....					\$ 440 11
Baltimore.....					3,273 39
Columbia.....					822 30
Denver.....					
East Columbia.....	\$ 361 70	308 58	164 57	\$ 2 50	
Florida.....					6,773 25
German Mission.....					
Holston.....	2,572 63	903 30	796 68	845 81	139 24
Indian Mission.....	4,055 97	3,989 52	1,395 37	517 50	
Kentucky.....	785 79	1,110 40	100 00	250 00	
Little Rock.....	2,472 37	1,341 49	855 98	760 42	
Los Angeles.....					1,790 15
Louisiana.....					2,790 80
Louisville.....	616 38	987 53	213 32	296 87	
Memphis.....					6,256 65
Mississippi.....					2,554 78
Missouri.....	1,320 75	2,366 64	200 93	96 20	335 35
Montana.....					1,266 67
New Mexico.....					2,338 70
North Alabama.....	1,515 22	1,004 89	569 11	285 16	
North Carolina.....	1,017 57	1,729 64	467 81	680 80	
North Georgia.....	1,612 52	3,932 62	1,643 35	2,609 34	
North Mississippi.....	1,998 34	1,545 93	468 15	394 30	591 62
North Texas.....	4,376 94	2,638 30	1,462 64	1,416 05	
Northwest Texas.....	6,703 96	7,038 16	1,877 45	795 76	163 40
Pacific.....	1,589 46	677 59	364 60	141 06	66 50
South Carolina.....	355 65	317 63	50	150 89	
South Georgia.....	2,707 73	1,267 59	2,881 96	2,342 46	1,096 39
Southwest Missouri.....	1,490 19	3,478 13	460 60	450 30	
St. Louis.....					3,521 58
Tennessee.....					5,589 22
Texas.....	6,381 99	8,415 12	1,618 98	977 98	
Virginia.....	881 78	1,712 13	2,094 80	854 00	86 31
West Texas.....	3,029 72	2,040 31	170 60	325 55	159 77
Western.....					197 53
Western North Carolina.....	496 21	126 51	30 22	89 60	1,908 04
Western Virginia.....					1,574 15
White River.....	490 22	271 99		114 01	
Total.....	\$46,833 11	\$50,487 00	\$18,667 95	\$14,296 46	\$59,961 20

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

ANNUAL REPORT OF CONFERENCE CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.

FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1906.

CONFERENCE.	Adult Auxiliaries.	Adult Members.	Young People and Juvenile Auxiliaries.	Young People and Juvenile Members.	Total Members.	Life Members Added During the Year.	Members Added to Baby Roll During the Year.	Members of Births Metaphern Mite Box Brought Added During the Year.	Subscribers to Our Homes.	Taking Home Mission Reading Course.	Pledged to Tithing.	Bibles Supplied Sent Off Reported to Suppl. Suply Dept.	Papers and Leaflets Distributed.	Visits Made to Sick and Strangers.	Visits Made to Corrective or Benevolent Institutions.	Cottage Prayer Meetings Held or Bible-Readings Given.	Garnishes in Good Order Distributed.	Needy Assisted.	Auxiliaries Represented in City Mission Boards.	Observing Week of Prayer.
Alabama.....	41	1,030	1	44	1,074	1	62	130	272	45	128	15	7,504	6,711	173	151	3,342	1,429	8	16
Arkansas.....	25	600	2	60	660	460	16	148	164	26	28	26	2,828	1,318	5	26	404	135	10	10
Baltimore.....	67	1,168	6	201	1,369	.....	74	145	277	14	123	14	4,046	3,816	.....	20	1,690	260	.....	.....
California.....	19	535	.....	.....	535	.....	44	77	47	.....	14	.....	701	1,301	43	14	313	50	.....	.....
Denver.....	10	168	1	12	180	1	8	77	56	.....	11	.....	254	483	43	11	219	.....	.....	.....
East Columbia.....	15	175	.....	.....	175	.....	29	29	54	.....	.....	.....	20	61	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Florida.....	93	1,628	11	432	2,109	.....	80	151	393	11	260	9	8,357	9,418	326	178	4,073	1,021	18	25
Holston.....	105	2,121	6	135	2,256	2	378	103	613	77	491	200	16,944	10,568	397	438	4,027	1,570	65	65
Indiana.....	125	1,744	1	62	1,806	.....	6	6	353	53	108	8	2,386	11,859	30	142	2,789	856	26	26
Kentucky.....	56	755	14	177	902	45	119	302	57	177	22	16	2,350	4,030	20	76	1,760	299	30	30
Little Rock.....	70	1,500	15	130	1,630	2	20	17	609	103	231	10	2,450	8,455	32	130	3,083	657	19	19
Los Angeles.....	28	542	.....	.....	542	3	.....	29	236	17	92	2	2,404	5,439	51	52	1,644	206	12	8
Louisiana.....	45	1,083	8	147	1,230	4	.....	.....	267	3	129	2	4,201	2,757	208	171	1,999	313	8	20
Louisville.....	44	838	3	69	907	4	45	91	241	.....	324	23	2,099	5,269	473	95	5,932	535	8	13
Memphis.....	50	1,171	10	329	1,500	.....	20	54	294	3	340	8	5,572	7,631	.....	152	3,136	1,331	7	20
Mississippi.....	60	862	5	96	958	1	31	27	257	10	80	4	2,552	4,678	34	14	1,458	288	.....	.....
Missouri.....	46	945	1	21	966	.....	59	55	195	58	70	.....	5,326	9,743	50	4	5,395	685	.....	.....
Montana.....	4	62	.....	.....	62	.....	.....	.....	38	.....	4	.....	.....	839	.....	.....	125	91	.....	.....
New Mexico.....	19	283	.....	.....	283	.....	45	20	124	2	47	.....	2,107	3,006	7	135	882	135	.....	12
North Alabama.....	65	1,804	2	20	1,824	.....	126	85	344	91	81	13	2,377	5,682	186	128	941	483	.....	25
North Carolina.....	55	1,196	5	122	1,318	.....	48	29	3,204	.....	38	.....	3,204	3,792	14	38	563	266	.....	.....
North Georgia.....	83	2,268	4	163	2,431	5	176	740	595	35	439	50	16,403	11,866	998	528	10,103	2,726	21	47
North Mississippi.....	98	1,381	1	163	1,544	.....	91	197	490	20	58	48	3,448	3,965	60	55	1,263	357	22	47
North Texas.....	117	2,670	.....	.....	2,670	3	90	280	823	389	428	7	11,134	24,944	459	397	7,388	1,656	10	41
Northwest Texas.....	185	3,703	8	166	3,869	3	125	243	1,059	128	207	58	10,776	22,400	185	647	5,930	1,971	2	33
Pacific.....	41	833	.....	.....	833	.....	141	141	141	16	85	2	2,698	3,133	5	135	2,162	200	.....	14
South Carolina.....	44	1,082	1	59	1,141	1	111	72	161	50	166	16	6,000	17,201	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Georgia.....	106	2,312	14	330	2,642	.....	195	335	671	34	499	66	16,606	17,008	539	1,482	4,730	2,523	5	54
St. Louis.....	51	1,279	3	52	1,331	.....	46	46	277	.....	164	14	3,876	11,441	52	161	2,469	588	7	26
Southwest Missouri.....	53	1,240	.....	.....	1,240	.....	16	.....	251	27	127	16	13,652	9,475	554	9	4,349	540	13	10
Tennessee.....	60	1,431	11	169	1,600	.....	146	71	390	.....	140	5	22,559	12,213	705	264	6,710	1,398	15	33
Texas.....	121	2,376	2	45	2,421	2	125	4	757	120	311	43	5,937	20,089	158	336	4,331	831	8	56
Virginia.....	29	862	9	262	1,125	.....	.....	.....	252	31	66	29	12,882	4,874	292	28	1,646	563	11	20
West Texas.....	84	1,359	2	18	1,377	1	70	89	290	.....	71	26	2,526	9,532	180	86	1,325	217	.....	23
Western.....	9	92	.....	.....	92	.....	.....	.....	9	.....	.....	.....	73	565	.....	8	63	4	.....	2
Western North Carolina.....	35	619	.....	.....	619	.....	176	185	157	57	46	9	1,482	2,772	238	45	493	271	3	6
Western Virginia.....	32	450	.....	.....	450	.....	73	.....	114	10	14	3	400	784	.....	25	500	200	.....	.....
White River.....	17	440	.....	.....	440	.....	38	25	153	.....	14	1	.....	300	.....	.....	100	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	2,210	44,117	155	3,301	47,518	39	2,480	3,610	81,964	1,395	5,349	825	204,307	263,621	6,533	5,924	96,522	23,534	146	709

TREASURER'S STATEMENT

Of Receipts and Disbursements of Twentieth Century Fund.

RECEIPTS.

1899-1900.....	\$ 3,280 57
1900-01.....	17,919 77
1901-02.....	4,603 72
1902-03.....	3,060 11
1903-04.....	837 68
1904-05.....	526 65
Total.....	\$30,228 50

DISBURSEMENTS.

Ruth Hargrove Seminary.....	\$ 8,640 57
Ann Browder Cunningham Home.....	4,907 00
Sue Bennett School, London, Ky.....	7,754 77
Greenville (Tenn.) Orphanage.....	640 96
Students' Loan Fund, Scarritt Bible and Training School.....	2,000 00
Kansas City Day Nursery.....	185 00
Paine Annex (directed).....	4,262 00
Choctaw Indians (Miss.).....	80 00
College at Cuthbert, Ga.....	1 00
Negro Industrial School.....	10 00
School at El Paso.....	18 80
Vanderbilt University.....	12 50
Indian Industrial School.....	1 75
West Tampa.....	3 20
Used for general work from undirected funds, 1899-1900.....	1,394 15— 30,228 50

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

MONEY RAISED AND EXPENDED SINCE ORGANIZATION.

	Connectional Work.	Local Work.
1887.....	\$ 261 55	
1887-88.....	3,837 51	\$ 5,381 40
1888-89.....	4,258 40	5,348 85
1889-90.....	2,954 88	11,599 43
1890-91.....	4,361 48	6,144 16
1891-92.....	3,727 51	10,541 69
1892-93.....	4,628 20	23,824 69
1893-94.....	4,995 37	15,098 93
1894-95.....	10,377 64	9,580 16
1895-96.....	19,301 72	32,825 38
1896-97.....	18,703 68	43,210 49
1897-98.....	20,971 19	48,828 88
1898-99.....	31,566 82	34,180 55
1899-1900.....	39,314 96	56,441 55
1900-01.....	54,486 93	55,874 64
1901-02.....	50,383 39	97,129 75
1902-03.....	56,754 93	32,163 11
1903-04.....	70,525 21	122,164 32
1904-05.....	94,159 95	160,115 56
1905-06.....	101,563 31	190,245 72
Total.....	\$597,123 69	\$ 960,699 26
Grand total.....		1,557,833 89
Amount contributed to Loan Fund.....		29,545 82
Value of goods sent through Supply Department.....		125,126 04

STATISTICS FROM 1886 TO 1906.

Number of members	47,518
Receipts for connectional work.....\$	597,299 98
Receipts for local work.....	960,698 28
Total receipts	1,557,998 24
Number of parsonages built and aided.....	1,841
Money donated to parsonages.....	\$172,192 84
Value of supplies distributed outside of receipts above stated	125,126 04
Number of day schools supported.....	10
Number of night schools supported.....	5
Number of pupils enrolled.....	1,914
Number of missionaries and teachers employed.....	115
Number of City Mission Boards.....	23
Number of Rescue Homes and Doors of Hope.....	2

SOME FACTS FROM 1905-06.

The Society gave \$16,002.99 to parsonages last year, the largest sum ever granted in the same length of time. Sent 825 boxes of supplies, valued at \$24,238.04.

Mountain Schools.—Sue Bennett School, London, Ky. Enrolled 398 students. Thirteen teachers.

Brevard Industrial School, Brevard, N. C. Enrollment, 160. Six teachers. Holston Industrial School, Greeneville, Tenn. Enrolled 90 students.

Cuban Schools.—The three schools for Cubans enrolled 510 children.

Italian Schools.—An Italian day school opened, 192 scholars. Italian night school, 52.

Chinese and Japanese Schools.—Four night schools. Enrolled 232 students. Five teachers employed.

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

Vashti Blasingame Home and School, Thomasville, Ga.—For orphan girls, 29.

Paine Annex, Augusta, Ga.—Industrial work begun at Paine for negro girls, with 172 girls in the classes.

City mission work carried on in 23 cities, 49 missionaries being employed. Total cash receipts of the general treasury for all purposes amounted to \$79,975.74; vouchers for city mission work, \$21,587.49; reports of local work, \$190,245.72. Grand total, \$291,808.95.

VALUE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE SOCIETY.

Schools for Cubans, at Tampa, Fla.....	\$ 8,000
Sue Bennett Memorial School, at London, Ky.....	34,000
Rescue Home, at Dallas, Tex.....	15,000
Ruth Hargrove Institute, at Key West, Fla.....	12,300
Paine Annex, Augusta, Ga.....	7,000
Rebecca Sparks Deaconess Home, Waco, Tex.....	2,500
Homer Toberman Deaconess Home, Los Angeles, Cal.....	10,000
Brevard Industrial School, Brevard, N. C.....	12,000
Grand total	<u>\$100,800</u>

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

Department of Supplies.

MRS. J. H. YARBROUGH, SUPERINTENDENT.

This department has proved a blessing to the Church during the past year. It has made comfortable many of our preachers and their families on the frontier, the mountain circuits, and hard places in our various Conferences. It has made glad the hearts of the little, motherless ones in the Conference Orphanages, the needy ones in the districts of our Settlement Homes, and the inmates of our various Home Mission schools. It has enabled the sad-hearted ones in our Rescue Homes to realize that the members of the Home Mission Society are truly their friends and lovers of the blessed Master who said, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

A much larger number of boxes could have been sent the preachers if we could have secured the names of those needing help; and the work was, as usual, retarded by this lack of information coming early in the fall.

The special call for two hundred dollars, needed for the immediate relief of two of our preachers, was promptly responded to, and enough money secured to relieve three cases. Words could not express their appreciation of the help, so timely and so kindly given, Epworth Church, Norfolk, Va., having sent \$55, the largest single donation sent.

The Holston Conference sent the largest number of boxes—200; North Texas was second in number, having sent 70 donations. North Georgia stands first in point of value of donations, having sent 50, valued at \$3,129.03, and \$15 in cash. Louisville Conference sent 21 boxes to preachers, the largest number sent by any Conference. St. John's Church, St. Louis, sent six valuable boxes to preachers, and the St. Louis Conference as a Conference sent most useful and valuable boxes in every case supplied.

The work of securing the measures needed for the preparation of boxes requires much time, labor, and expense. The superintendent insists that more careful attention be paid to these measures, especially for the suits of clothes for the preachers. Many good garments were useless because they were too small; and if they are too large, a preacher away off in the country, who has neither money nor a tailor near by, cannot do much with them. Let each society look after this matter carefully.

As you will observe by the table below, we have largely increased this year in number of donations to preachers, and as a whole have sent 68 more donations than last year. The year's work shows the largest valuation we have ever had in the history of the department. The Conference Secretaries and Superintendents have been exceedingly kind and helpful to the General Superintendent, and she greatly appreciates their loving sympathy and help. It is not possible in this brief report to tell of the joy, comfort, and happiness this department has, during the year, carried into many hearts and homes. Let us praise God for this opportunity to minister to those needing our help, and may we do it as unto the Lord!

REPORT OF SUPPLIES BY CONFERENCES.

CONFERENCE.	Donations Sent Preachers.	Donations Sent H. M. Schools, City Miss'n Boards, and Rescue Homes.	Donations Sent Conference Orphanages.	Boxes Sent.	Value of Boxes.	Cash.
Alabama	4	3	8	15	\$ 302 93	\$ 25 80
Arkansas	1			1		3 25
Baltimore	9	4	1	14	245 23	42 00
Columbia						
Denver						
East Columbia.....						
Florida	2		7	9	98 55	5 00
Holston	3		197	200	2,678 28	6 00
Indian Mission.....	8			8	417 00	5 00
Kentucky	13	2	7	22	516 10	5 00
Little Rock.....	10			10	655 33	26 00
Los Angeles						
Louisiana		2		2	125 75	
Louisville.....	22	1		23	953 37	10 00
Memphis.....	8			8	254 00	19 00
Mississippi			4	4	114 85	
Missouri						
New Mexico.....	8	1		9	82 44	
North Alabama.....	8		5	13	797 25	9 00
North Carolina.....	2	1	26	29	519 15	
North Georgia.....	21	2	27	50	3,129 03	15 00
North Mississippi.....	2	1	45	48	1,617 95	
North Texas.....	18	32	20	70	2,460 30	50 45
Northwest Texas.....	19	26	13	58	981 41	7 10
Pacific	2			2		6 00
St. Louis	15	1		16	1,278 58	7 00
South Carolina.....	3		13	16	252 12	
South Georgia.....	10	29	37	66	2,042 08	10 00
Southwest Missouri.....	7	7		14	508 60	15 00
Tennessee.....	4	1		5	303 30	
Texas	16	16	13	45	1,572 30	9 00
Virginia.....	10	1	18	29	759 54	60 00
West Texas.....	4	13	9	26	727 50	1 30
Western North Carolina...	2	7		9	182 20	
Western Virginia.....	3			3	130 00	
White River.....		1		1	37 50	
Total.....	244	151	450	845	\$23,875 38	\$337 65

Grand total of value and cash, \$24,213.03.

Department of Tithing.

MISS EMMA L. TUCKER, SUPERINTENDENT.

The large increase in the number of tithers, with the multiplied call for new literature and the tithe conferences that are being held, indicates an unusual awakening in our department.

The weak link seems to be in the Auxiliary. Some of the Conference

Superintendents fail to report because they can get no statistics from their Auxiliaries.

With the offices of President and Second Vice President filled by women who practice and teach tithing, the trouble would be overcome, as this subject would occupy a place on the monthly programme.

Information results in enthusiasm; hence we recommend the following books for a circulating library: "The Path of Wealth;" "The Tithe," by Rev. E. B. Stewart; "The Victory of Mary Christopher," by H. R. Calkins (25 cents); "The Pocket Measure," by Pansy.

Being on the wing continually, it has been impossible to do any systematic correspondence, and the work done by your superintendent has been very unsatisfactory to herself.

CONFERENCE.	Members.	Auxiliaries.	Tithers.
Alabama	900	40	140
Arkansas			
Baltimore.....	1,492	67	140
Columbia			51
Denver			
East Columbia			
Florida	1,442	86	234
Holston	2,307	113	412
Indian Mission.....			46
Kentucky.....	1,055	75	185
Little Rock.....	1,224	77	250
Los Angeles.....	584		103
Louisiana.....			116
Louisville.....	1,008		98
Memphis.....		58	360
Mississippi.....		98	40
Missouri.....		47	65
Montana			
New Mexico	260	17	71
North Alabama.....		64	33
North Carolina.....			
North Georgia.....	1,891	72	400
North Mississippi.....			
North Texas.....			
Northwest Texas.....			473
Pacific.....			
South Carolina.....	1,012	46	80
South Georgia.....	1,890	85	400
Southwest Missouri.....			
St. Louis.....	1,290	60	150
Tennessee.....	1,517	70	126
Texas.....			122
Virginia.....			
West Texas.....	1,210	71	106
Western North Carolina.....			41
Western Virginia.....			
White River.....	393	18	11
Total	19,725	1,064	4,253

Department of Press Work.

MRS. FRANKLIN MOORE, SUPERINTENDENT.

When the Woman's Board of Home Missions closed its Annual Session at Montgomery, Ala., one year ago, without electing a Superintendent of Press Work, the disappointment was as an electric shock to the entire press work forces.

A realization of the fact that Mrs. Cook, whose faithful service, wise counsel, constant forethought, and untiring energy safely steered this newly launched bark of Home Mission enterprise during the year just closed, was not to continue as our General Superintendent brought to the entire body of Conference Superintendents a stroke almost akin to total paralysis. During the days that soon numbered weeks, we began to feel a sense of loneliness as of "sheep having no shepherd;" and while the Executive Committee were in search of a woman to whom they might intrust this department, we, along with scores of others, were eagerly and prayerfully awaiting their conclusion. At the close of about five weeks, on the morning of June 5, under circumstances the most peculiar for such, there came a message from the General Secretary, voicing the request of the Committee that we consent to become your servant as General Superintendent of Press Work. To us this was a season of trial and of test. Confronting us on one hand were the duties of Superintendent of Press Work for our own Conference, duties as the wife of a Methodist minister, family and domestic cares, the happy yet grave responsibility of a new-born treasure, together with physical conditions not altogether promising; on the other hand, a call from our great Leader, through the channel of Home Missions, to still broader and, in one sense, more important fields of labor. For twenty-four hours, with a yielding spirit, we pleaded our own case at the higher courts. To every assertion of hands and heart and life already full to overflowing, the "still small voice" made answer: "Lo, I am with you alway." The struggle ended. A message of acceptance was sent Mrs. MacDonell, and with this oft-tried and proven promise as our support we took up the work. Concerning the difficulties and achievements of the past eleven months, together with the outlook for the incoming year, do we come now to make annual report.

By a comparison of our statistical report, found below, with like statistics for last year, you will find we have had a good, healthy growth. Two Conferences, North Mississippi and Texas, have, through their Conference Superintendents of Press Work, issued Conference *Bulletins* each month. These have accompanied the General *Bulletin* to every Auxiliary in their respective Conferences. North Mississippi is the banner Conference in secular press work. Texas ranks third, thus proving the advisability of such issues.

During the year three special editions of secular newspapers have been gotten out—namely, Gainesville (Tex.) *Evening Messenger*, Denton (Tex.) *County News*, and Muskogee (Ind. T.) *Times-Democrat*. These are but the rich fruitage of the spirit and purpose of the secular press feature of this department. One newspaper has been established—the *Ruston Methodist*—by the Woman's Home Mission Society of Ruston, La. The original conception for this is likewise traceable to this feature of the press work.

The monthly *Bulletin* grows in favor everywhere. One thousand copies more are necessary now than were required one year ago, so great is the demand for this little messenger.

One of the most serious difficulties we have discovered is the *fre-*

quent changes of both Auxiliary and Conference Superintendents. This keeps both at a disadvantage, and renders the work very difficult.

The Trans-Siberian Railway, projected by Mrs. Johnson, has not yet reached her hoped-for destination; neither is its foundation of solid rock; but, with the advance guard of our secular press friends, we are extending the track, and with the "pickaxes and shovel" of *Bulletins*, Reading Course, Bible Study, and such like, we are making the foundation broad and sure. The "Great, Rugged Boulder," discovered by Mrs. Cook to be within our borders, and which she was pleased to term "indifference" (but defined as "ignorance"), still exists, and it will require yet many "choice seed thoughts" in order to transform this unsightly crag into a thing of "wondrous beauty."

Nevertheless, our Press Work Department is marching on with a firm, even tread, and will eventually surmount every obstacle. Already it is daring to lift the veil of mistrust, and remove the mists of prejudice from the scattered remnants of "The Ladies' Aids." Further, it is demonstrating, by its faithful, clear presentation of Home Mission work in so many places through the press, that *ours* is a mission far more excellent in purpose and effort than dominates any club of any name or order. Yet more: it is quietly, yet surely, gathering from *these* as *our* recruits the *very best material* on their file.

Our Conference Superintendents have been loyal, faithful, efficient coworkers, and to their united, persistent efforts may be accredited the achievements of the past year. Let them proclaim abroad, "The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof!"

Third Annual Report of the Department of Sociology of the Scarritt Bible and Training School.

MABEL K. HOWELL.

As head of the Department of Sociology of the Scarritt Bible and Training School I can truly say that the work of the past year has been characterized by advance along many lines. The key word is still "Forward," for we know that we have not yet attained that point in progress where effort can be suspended a moment. There is much else to be accomplished if the department would do the work it ought to do, not only in its relation to the student body, but also in relation to that larger outside body of workers who are so eager for scientific help along lines of Christian activity and philanthropy. This "extension work" of the department has as yet not been begun, but will be pushed during the coming year.

Home Mission interests have had a larger place in the Training School this past year than ever before, due partly to the fact that there has been a larger number of Home Mission students. The Home Mission Volunteer Band has a membership of thirty-six, twenty-nine of whom are active members, this being the first year that the Home Mission Volunteer Band has had a larger membership than the Foreign. The gift to the Band by the North Texas Conference of furnishings for a Band room has given a center for Home Mission interests, and has done much to give the Band recognition in the School. The Band meetings, as well as the meetings of the Home Mission Auxiliary, have been especially helpful to the student body, and have been well conducted. The new plan of *Our Homes* of providing material for monthly meetings has been tested fully, and with splendid results.

Various lines of practical work have been carried on by the Home Mission students this year: house-to-house visiting, noonday factory meetings, juvenile court work, cottage prayer meetings, Italian Sunday

school work, Junior and Senior League work, personal evangelistic work in the City Hospital, boys' clubs, and sewing school.

There have been special marks of progress in the practical and theoretical work of the department. In the first place, an assistant teacher, Miss Bessie Merrill, was secured this year to give instruction in industrial branches, sewing, basketry, and kitchen garden. Her work has been eminently satisfactory. The syllabi of the lecture courses have been printed for the use of the students in the class room. The Sociology library and reading room facilities have been bettered by the gifts of Mrs. Murrell, of St. Louis (\$25), and of the Junior Sociology Class (\$27.25). Best of all, the institutional church in the North End of Kansas City was completed February 1, which means that at last we have the much-needed center for practical work, so that theory and practice can go hand in hand. No one who has not been on the ground can appreciate the effort it has taken to gain this last end or how much reason we have for thankfulness to God that at last we have that which will be to the Department of Sociology what the laboratory is to the biologist and the clinic to the physician. The problem of re-arranging the course of study of the Home Mission students so as to give them more time for practical work is now receiving careful consideration.

Nine Home Mission students will graduate this year, all but one of whom are waiting appointment at this Board meeting, five as deaconesses and the others as city missionaries. We have tried to prepare them for the work of the Board, and now commend them to you, praying for them every success in their work.

Report of Miss Estelle Haskin, Visitor to City Mission Boards.

During the past year eleven of our Southern cities have been visited by your field worker, either for the purpose of investigating conditions or for the purpose of organizing work or strengthening that which had already been projected. The cities visited were as follows: Fort Worth, Tampa, Jacksonville, Mobile, New Orleans, Nashville, Rome, Atlanta, Cartersville, St. Louis, and Louisville. There were calls from at least ten other cities, but the lack of time and the inability of the Board to man a new work with trained workers made visits to these places impracticable or impossible. During the year we have attended three Conference Meetings and assisted with the work of the Missionary Institutes.

During the latter half of the year the "City Missions Outlook" has been conducted in *Our Homes* with a special view to giving inspiration and suggestions to city mission workers.

This, together with the task of following up the work done in the cities and the inquiries coming concerning various institutional features, has made necessary no small amount of clerical work.

Two and one-half months of the year were spent in the North studying and investigating methods of City Mission work. For this long-coveted opportunity we wish to express heartfelt gratitude with the hope that this enlarged view of service may make possible better work for the Master and a stronger service to the Church.

As we have visited the various missions throughout our Southern cities, we have, whenever possible, lived with the missionary in the Home, helping her as best we could to plan for the strengthening and development of the work. We have sought to help the City Boards in formulating plans, and have, whenever it seemed practicable, presented their cause to the various Churches in the city, in this way securing monthly subscriptions for the maintenance of the institutions.

In addition to this, we have sought in each case to give the General Secretary a detailed account of the needs and conditions as we saw them.

While we were in Mobile plans were made for the transfer of the Settlement from a sparsely settled district, where the opportunities of service were small, to a large center of laboring people.

The City Board here has purchased property, and this Home is in many ways the best in the connection.

At Rome we assisted in the establishment of a Home in a mill district of 350 people. The house, which was supplied by the mill owner, was an apartment cottage. One side was furnished for the institutional work, while the other was arranged for the living rooms of the workers. The furnishings were dainty and attractive, but mostly homemade, the object being to make a model home that should be a pattern possible to be copied by any mill operative in the district.

At Atlanta the work had grown to such an extent that the Board needed more inclusive plans in order to compass it. Plans were drawn that should avoid the infinite number of committees required, so that each of the six large committees have charge of a special department—viz., Devotional, Educational, Industrial, Social, and Home.

In Atlanta the educational features we count as being especially strong. Here is the largest and best-paid corps of workers in the connection. At Nashville we found no discount either on the quantity or quality of work being done. The Home itself, though humble in appearance, is a veritable haven to hundreds of people. The strongest feature is the Industrial Department. The best work along this line is being done here.

Our visit to St. Louis was short, but every moment was a joy. The work here is being done on strictly gospel lines.

At Louisville there is opportunity for a varied and fruitful field of labor, this being the largest industrial center outside of St. Louis. The Settlement is located in the midst of a network of factories, and within the radius of that district there are not less than 20,000 people, a large per cent of them living in tenements. Here we sought to help the workers strengthen along lines already organized. The Mothers' Meeting was one of the most encouraging features. In Cartersville, Ga., a work has been undertaken for the poor of the town, a Sunday school was begun, and some industrial features undertaken.

In nearly every city mentioned much untold good is being accomplished, and we have every reason to be thankful that a movement so new has been blessed with such prosperity. From the field, however, the following mistakes, which are in many cases a great hindrance or a positive detriment, have been observed: (1) Wrong selection of location. To locate a work requires prayer and study, and, if possible, advice from some person of experience. (2) Undertaking Settlement work without a force of workers large and strong enough to meet the demands. Sometimes one, two, or three workers have undertaken to do that which should require the energies of ten residents. This means either work imperfectly done or the certain breakdown of the workers. (3) Lack of thorough organization. (4) Too much organization, which is the fault of overambitious workers, and kills the real spirit of the institution. We need to learn thoroughness and moderation. (5) Going beyond the bounds of city mission work and making of our Homes places of refuge and asylums for the sick and aged. (6) Failing to put enough emphasis on the gospel work. While all the different forms of work are educational and absolutely necessary to permanent good, yet our business is primarily to teach the Word and present the claims of Christ.

We believe, too, that the experience of the past year has fully demon-

strated the fact that every worker should have an opportunity for absolute practical training and testing in some institution before being appointed to a place of responsibility. We believe also that special energies should be directed to the strategic points in the Church, and that every effort should be made to establish such institutions in the large centers as will command the respect of the Church and be an honor to the Master.

The cities which we visited for the purpose of investigation all have needs, but we would call attention to the pressing conditions of New Orleans. This city is of vast importance to the welfare of the South, and should be a subject for prayer and careful consideration.

We have found during the year several needs which we commend to your consideration. We suggest, first, that a manual of work for city missions be prepared, which shall give specific direction for different forms of work, such as Mothers' Meetings, Boys' Clubs, and Sewing Schools. This would be invaluable to new workers, and those undertaking any form of work without the aid of a trained woman. Secondly, that, owing to lack of uniform methods in keeping daily records, a Daily Record Book be prepared for the year. This will aid in system and accuracy, and will leave for a possible new worker an intelligent view of that which has been accomplished. Thirdly, that each head worker be requested to make a canvass of her district, that she may be able to give an intelligent and accurate statement of the needs and conditions under which she is working, and that cards be prepared for this purpose.

Mountain Work.

MISS BELLE H. BENNETT, SUPERINTENDENT.

The schools at London, Ky., and Brevard, N. C., are doing good work, and growing in favor with the public, as the increase in patronage and fees will indicate.

Prof. Lewis, Principal of the Sue Bennett Memorial, at London, Ky., in his last report gives these facts:

The fall enrollment has been two hundred and thirty-three; total enrollment, four hundred and nine. The corresponding figures for the last year were two hundred and twenty-three and three hundred and fifty-three. It is gratifying to note a steady growth each year from the first.

In the fall we had a faculty of ten; now we have one of twelve.

The fees collected and paid to the Treasurer amounted to \$5,000.

The boarding department met expenses this year for the first time. Last year there was a deficit of \$400, and for which we made a note in bank, paying it this year out of tuition fees. The only other departments meeting expenses are the musical and commercial departments.

The teachers worked in harmony, with the result that good work was done in all departments. The religious life and tone of the school are good. The school is on the up grade.

Prof. Bishop, of the Brevard Institution, writes as follows:

"The general condition of the school is very encouraging. The conduct and scholarship have been exceedingly good.

"Our teachers have all given excellent service during the past year, and most of them will be retained. Two or three, however, may retire for personal reasons.

"The enrollment since the September opening has been one hundred and sixty. Of these, fifty-three have been boarding pupils, and represent the States of South Carolina, Tennessee, Missouri, and Kentucky, as well as most of the counties of Western North Carolina. The

average attendance has been about one hundred and fifteen; but after allowing for special rates to needy widows, orphans, etc., we have averaged more than one hundred pay students.

"The fifty-three enrolled in the home, allowing one room for a teacher and two girls to each room, fill our thirty dormitory rooms. To increase our capacity we will have to double up. Most of our rooms, however, are so large that we could possibly accommodate one hundred girls, and we hope to have that number next year.

"Our Church has had no revival this year, and the school has had no special revivalist; yet eight or more of our girls have been converted, and all of them have grown in spiritual life since coming to us. As to religious exercises, we have morning prayer, chapel exercises, Bible study, prayer meetings, Y. M. C. A., and regular Church services.

COURSE OF STUDY.

"To get a satisfactory course of study, we selected the elementary and secondary courses approved by the committee of 'Fifteen' and 'Ten,' of the National Educational Association. Besides these regular courses we are doing some extra work. We have twenty young ladies preparing to teach, who are taking special training in that line. We have enrolled ten in the business department, where we give instruction in shorthand, bookkeeping, and typewriting. All of our girls do plain sewing and some fancy stitching in class, and all do regular housework by schedule. I might say also that about twenty young ladies organized a class for the study of missions, and spend an hour every Sunday in that way.

"All the pupils have instruction and practice in vocal music. In instrumental music we have enrolled twenty-nine students. We have four instruments—viz., three square pianos and a fourth which is worn out. Besides these, the Principal's piano has been in use the whole year. We need one first-class upright piano.

FINANCES.

"The boarding department will pay its own and some of the extra running expenses. Eleven hundred dollars has been turned in from tuition fees, and six hundred more, just now due but not yet collected, will be forwarded very soon, making receipts for the year from tuition fees \$1,700."

These institutions both need a larger appropriation for running expenses and additional buildings.

The Sue Bennett Memorial greatly needs a dormitory with special reference to industrial work where students can make at least a part of their expenses.

The school at Brevard has done good industrial work from its opening term, and by thus reducing expenses many girls have been given an opportunity to go to school who otherwise could not have done so. This school needs a good laundry, a bakery, and more ground for a truck garden.

We hope the Board can make it possible to do something in the way of adding to the equipment of these schools.

REPORTS OF INSTITUTIONS.

CUBAN AND ITALIAN WORK.—Mrs. Mary Bruce Alexander, Superintendent.

ESTABLISHED 1892.

The days, months, and years slip by, reminding us that one thing is sure—the end of life and the overwhelming thought that so much remains to be done. The Wolff Mission School, at Ybor City, Tampa, Fla., has moved steadily on with very few interruptions this year. Miss Poole came, as principal, entirely new to everything, and was initiated by dengue fever in the early days. She took hold bravely, and has made a good school while struggling with the Spanish language. Her industrial work, especially the systematic course in sewing for the girls, is deservedly popular. In this she has had some help from the Tampa City Mission Board. There is still a need for a resident music teacher, and we trust one may be found for next year. One very hopeful feature of the work in Ybor City is the establishment of the Young Men's Christian Club, in connection with the night school for the Spanish-speaking people. The pastor, Rev. Joseph Norwood, is working untiringly to secure a permanent building with gymnasium and bath for this club. What a blessing it would be! All of the mission force have helped with the night school, and as a result the boys come to our Church services. The missionary societies have been kept up regularly, and the Sunday school work goes on.

At West Tampa, Miss Emeline Valdes, whose name is a synonym for faithfulness and efficiency, has had many trials this year, chiefly through sickness in her family. Her dear old aunt has been apparently at death's door several times, and others too have been ill; and while assistants have been secured, still a great burden has rested on the principal. In the midst of all the school has continued, the societies kept up, also the Sunday school and services, all of which means that the school has moved on.

My recent visit to Key West was a great pleasure. Strikes in the tobacco factories in the fall retarded the work at Ruth Hargrove Seminary; but these are off now, and the outlook is brighter and more hopeful than before. We are crowded, and we must have more room or the school will suffer. Our Cuban people are much scattered at Key West, and the seminary is far from the church, so it has always been our policy to have a Sunday school in the seminary, while some of the teachers go to the church to help there. It was such a pleasure to see so encouraging a number present. Miss Reid entertained the children of the Sabbath school on Saturday afternoon, then in the evening the League of the Church came out. A fine array of boys and girls they are. Every one in Key West is excited over the prospect of a railroad. The road bed is finished over the next island and on to the third one; and Mr. Flagler, the railroad magnate, promises that trains will be running through to Cuba by next February. One thing which interests us more nearly at hand is the actual work on the street car extension, which will bring the cars within a half square of the school. This will greatly increase the attendance at the

school, and this increases the demand for larger buildings. The trend of improvement is all in the way of the seminary making it more important, if possible, than ever.

We congratulate the Board and every one who has in any way had a hand in helping in the Italian work. At this time last year there was no day school or church among these people; now we have both, and a devoted pastor who is abundant in labors for his people. The school is being carried on in the church with no equipment whatever; no desks, maps, nor anything so necessary in a modern, well-ordered school. Yet it has gone on phenomenally. Our zealous presiding elder has it in hand to build two schoolrooms during the year, and we trust that the Board may furnish two teachers and some equipment. The congregations are good, and Sunday school is held morning and afternoon, thus catching the children early and late. It is such an inspiration to hear how well they sing and see how orderly the children are, when a little while ago they acted as the traditional "dago."

WOLFF MISSION SCHOOL, YBOR CITY.—MISS EVA POOLE, PRINCIPAL.

I can truthfully say that this, my first year's work under the Woman's Board of Home Missions, has been the happiest year of my life thus far, and in my heart I have thanked God many times for this experience.

We have had our usual trials and difficulties. The weather has had its sudden changes and the winter has been exceedingly rainy, both of which affect the health of the Cubans and reduce the daily attendance to an astonishing degree.

We have had the usual sicknesses this year, with perhaps a few extra diseases. The dengue fever, sore throat, colds, etc., have had their sway, the teachers not escaping. Smallpox affected all the public schools throughout Ybor City and Tampa, so that for two or three weeks there were as few as ten pupils in a room. Fortunately our school was only slightly affected by the smallpox.

A discouraging feature which I had to face was the fact that many children stayed out of school for two or three weeks before Christmas to save the tuition money for new frocks and Christmas presents. One of my best and oldest girls absented herself four weeks and came the day we closed for the holidays with a slight present for the teachers, expecting one in return.

+ There is a very bright side to our school life. The children have advanced very rapidly in their studies; every department has been a success. The music department has done very well, considering the fact that we have had to change teachers and that our second teacher could not live here among the people.

The primary department grew so large that the first and second grades were put in my room. This was a disadvantage, because one teacher cannot do justice to seven grades in one room and teach industrial branches at the same time; and the consequence has been that the little ones, who had to sit for six hours dangling their feet from a seat too high for their feet to touch the floor, have gone to the convent, where they have a sister to every half dozen or so children. Every desk in the building has been put in my room to accommodate the pupils, and the primary department uses the kindergarten chairs. We have now in both rooms as many as we can do good work with.

A popular feature of my school has been the sewing class. I have enrolled twenty girls from eight to thirteen years of age in the sewing class. About fourteen girls have completed the first year's work, as laid out in the Scientific Sewing Course taught by the Scarritt Bible

and Training School, and have made a set of doll clothes, and are now working on a set of baby clothes. We plan in the sewing class to let each girl make her own white dress by hand for the last day of school, and in a few days the majority of the girls will be ready to commence their white dresses. Next year, if the girls are advanced, we will need a sewing machine and a few other things to teach the girls to draft and make all their own clothes. Basketry and other industrial branches for the boys would advance the reputation of the school. In order to do this we will need help from the Board.

It is remarkable how nicely the children do in the Juvenile Missionary Society. They often make out the entire programme—music, recitations, and Scripture-reading all furnished by the girls and boys. The officers fill their places of honor with a dignity that would make many adult societies blush.—

It seems wonderful to me that I have been able to gain the confidence of my pupils and patrons, coming here a stranger and not knowing their language. They are not only devoted to me, but to the school.

Thanksgiving day I intended to give a holiday, according to the custom of American patriots; but the children all voted to come to school, so we planned a Thanksgiving exercise which amounted to a regular Puritan sermon two hours long.

We had a very interesting Christmas entertainment, in which every pupil took a more or less prominent part. All of my pupils recited, and some of them in both English and Spanish. The different Sunday schools in the city contributed money for our Christmas tree, and each child received fruit and candy.

Our first quarter's receipts were \$90.50, and this quarter we will probably have \$100 or more. Our enrollment is more than a hundred. We thank God for this success, and we feel that the Wolff Mission School has been a success. Our enrollment is not only larger than last year, but our fees for two-thirds of the year almost equal the entire fees for last year, which proves a more regular attendance. Especially is this encouraging when we remember that we have had one less teacher to help us this year. We ask you to pray for us that more children may be reached and more good done in the future.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT OF WOLFF MISSION SCHOOL.—MRS. F. L. BROOKS.

When our school opened, September 11, 1905, I had an enrollment of twelve pupils in the primary department. These have steadily gained in number till now (February 24) I have fifty-seven children enrolled. Ten of these are under age; refusing them admittance to our school meant turning them on the street, as most of the parents work in the cigar factories. The danger of Ybor City streets can better be imagined than described.

—The order in my room I consider very good. The "little tots" seem to learn that they must mind, and they enjoy very much their lessons and songs. The parents are anxious for their children to learn English, and often as they pass the school will stop and look in at the window and listen to the exercises; going away, we can hear them say: "Beautiful, beautiful." The average attendance is very good. I have every day all that my room will conveniently seat. Most of these children attend our Sunday school, and all belong to the Juvenile Missionary Society. We have cause to be greatly encouraged with our school. We see daily the great need of the mission work among these simple-hearted people whose only care is for to-day. Pray that our work may prosper, and that the Lord will bless our school, giving the teachers di-

vine wisdom as we try to lead these little Cubans to a higher and better life.

WEST TAMPA.—MISS EMELINA VALDES, PRINCIPAL.

Since March 1, 1905, there has been a great deal of work done at our West Tampa Mission School (known as the Cuban Mission School). It has been a very trying year to me, personally. I have had much sickness, and even death, in my family. My hands and heart have been full daily; but the Lord has blessed my work, notwithstanding the circumstances. In August my cousin (whom I loved as a brother, as we were reared together) died after a long illness and left a wife and six children. These were taken into my home and cared for. Soon after this my aunt (whom I regard as a mother, and who is my assistant teacher, Mrs. R. Valdes) took sick under the heavy weight of constant care and work. I employed a very good Christian lady to assist me in the work. The lady was an intimate friend of mine, and we had been converted at the same time and in the same church in our early girlhood. Not long after she had been working with me, and just at the time that I had three of my orphans, my aunt, and her daughter-in-law in bed, her husband was taken very ill. Of course she had to leave the schoolroom. She occupied Mrs. Valdes's place at school, and attended to the sewing class after school hours. I had to secure another teacher; and was very fortunate in finding Miss Burgos, who had lately come from Tennessee, where she had been attending school. Miss Burgos is a very young lady, and the increase in number at our school demanded more assistance than she could give me. Then I employed Mrs. Garcia, who is the widow of our late Sunday School Secretary. This lady has charge of our fancywork and sewing department. I don't boast of what I have done, as I feel that I am only an instrument used by my blessed Master to do these things, but I explain these facts that the world may see that when we trust in Him who is the author of all good things He will help us and enable us to do that which we consider beyond our reach. Through all the days of care and hardships, with the unusual change of teachers and the pangs of my heart, our mission school has not been closed one day. Our Sunday school services have been held, and not even our League or juvenile missionary meetings have been disturbed in their weekly or monthly order. A great deal can be done when we rest in the everlasting arms. Our enrollment is as large as we can have in our rooms. One hundred and ten pupils are enrolled, with an attendance of eighty-five to ninety daily. There are three teachers. We have collected \$197.50 as tuition fees at the rate of twenty-five cents per month of those that are able to pay. As small as this amount may seem, there are many poor ones that are not able to pay even that. These children attend and pay very punctually their missionary society and League fees. This year they have sent to the General Treasurer \$32.55, not including this last quarter. The Leaguers, who are the same children, have collected and used for charitable work the amount of \$22.75. My reason for informing the ladies of this matter is because I know that every one who is interested in the Lord's work always delights in the children's work, as we always remember the Master's own words, "Suffer the children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God." I think the persons that are familiar with our move will understand at reading this report that we have gained by the change.

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

ESTABLISHED 1900.

I beg to submit my report of the work done in Ruth Hargrove Seminary since the last Annual Meeting. We enrolled during the year 1904-05 306 pupils in all departments, and our session closed well. The opening for the year 1905-06 was the largest in our history, and the increase was steady and rapid until the middle of November, when a strike among the cigar makers made an appreciable difference in our attendance. During the three months of the strike there was little increase, and numbers of our Cuban patrons moved away. But since the strikes have been declared off we are as badly crowded as ever, with new pupils coming in almost every day. Once this year we had to seat a class of first-graders out on the porch; and, though we have promoted a class from that room, I fear we shall have to use the porch again soon. Our enrollment up to date is something over 300, of whom 110 are Cubans.

The work done in the grades this term has been very satisfactory, and we feel that we are gradually developing many of our pupils into students and laying foundations of character that will tell in the future. The kindergarten has been full from the first, and continues to be one of our most promising departments. The classes in music and art have unusually strong teachers, and the outlook for these departments is more encouraging than during any other session.

As a mission school we have undertaken two new features of work this year. A pledge of support from the Western North Carolina Conference enabled us to have in school Ricardo Barrios, a Cuban boy who desired to be educated for the ministry. He has shown himself to be a consecrated, earnest Christian boy, who will become a power among his people. He needs to be educated and trained in Christian work; we hope to be able to give him at least another year in school. Our second effort is a Cuban Sunday school at the seminary. Two of the teachers assist at the Cuban Mission, and the others work in our Sunday school. Ricardo is the superintendent, Donatila (one of our wards) has the infant class, the exercises are all in Spanish, and we have a very much alive little school. The enrollment is seventy, with an average attendance of thirty-five.

Three years ago our need was a \$5,000 building, but conditions are changing so rapidly that now we should have \$12,000 to put into a stone building which will be practically indestructible and will accommodate the school for the next five years. Our yearly increase is nearly fifty pupils, which now calls for an extra teacher and class room; but this part of the city is rapidly developing into a residence center, and the street railway is now being built to pass within less than half a block of us. Not only this, but the coming of the railroad across the Gulf and the digging of the Panama Canal combine to make Key West a strategic point for commerce as well as for the army and navy. These changes tend to rapid growth in population, and we must be prepared to accommodate many more pupils than we now take.

I know that the women of the Board are more than willing to strengthen this outpost if they can find the means with which to do it. I make this appeal, through them, to the Church, trusting that some one with means as large as his heart—and heart as large as his means—will come to our relief speedily.

ITALIAN WORK.—MISS ANNA BROWN.

ESTABLISHED 1905.

This has been practically a year of beginnings and growth in the Italian work, but as we look back over the months past our hearts go up in a great song of thanksgiving and praise to our Father, for he has truly worked with us and for us, and overruled every circumstance to his glory.

The promise of a preacher to give this people the gospel in their own tongue was realized last March when Prof. Evaristo Ghidoni came from Rome, Italy, to take charge of this work. He is a man of culture and ability, is entirely consecrated to his work, and spares neither pains nor labor for the good of his people and the progress of the gospel. It is not strange, therefore, that he has won the love of his people and become influential as a representative of evangelical Christianity throughout the colony.

The first two Sundays he preached in the Cuban church, and then the little church on Ninth Avenue was purchased, and from that time to this God has added blessing after blessing to his work. The congregations have grown in numbers until our little church will hardly seat all the people. Many have become constant attendants, and have proved themselves loyal to the gospel; and when our new building is finished and our church is no longer used as a school building, the pastor will present as a thank offering to our Master a Church organized and complete, the members tried and faithful.

In May of last year he began a day school, which has proved an instrument in the hands of God for carrying the influence of the gospel into many homes it would not otherwise have reached.

Brother Ghidoni taught through the summer alone, and by September 11, when I arrived as English teacher, had conquered many of the difficulties and had the school in good order, for which I was very thankful. There was an enrollment of 84 and an average attendance of about 65, but before the end of the quarter we had an enrollment of 124 and an average attendance of 95. Our enrollment for the year is 192, and our average attendance for this quarter is about 100. Our largest attendance for one day was 120 and our least 78. The English department of the school has met with the favor of the parents from the first, as they all desire their children to learn English. They are a thrifty, substantial people, and have come here with the desire to possess homes and to remain. Many of them have already paid for their homes, and those who have not are doing so as fast as they can, and they desire to educate their children as American citizens. Thus our work among them has a solid foundation and a fine promise of stability. The children have shown a gratifying ambition to learn, and are quick and intelligent. They are of a warm, impulsive disposition, and may never attain unto that order and discipline which is supposed to characterize American schools, but that they are capable of learning is proved by the progress they have made under very unfavorable conditions.

We have had no building for school purposes, so have used the church this year. We hope to have our new building done by June 1; and if you knew how we have needed it, you would not wonder that we received the news of its early completion with tears of gratitude. We have had from 95 to 100 children most of the time and two and three teachers (it has been necessary for the pastor to teach in the Italian department some of the time), all working and studying in the same room. The only desks we have had were long planks fastened to the

backs of the pews, and it was necessary to seat from six to eight children at a desk. We have two small blackboards made of pine boards painted, and no other equipment have we had; but God has so blessed our very *lack* that we have not in the least troubled, but have looked forward to better times.

After Christmas I began a sewing class, Mrs. Alexander, whose heart is ever open to our needs whether moral or financial, giving me five dollars to begin with, and it has proved a source of pleasure and profit to my girls. I have had to limit the number to twenty because I could not teach a larger number, and we meet twice a week—Mondays and Thursdays.

The day school, I am sure, will tell in the future for the cause of our Master. It is a representative of the gospel to the people, and has a decided and far-reaching influence for good. The Sunday school is inseparably connected with the day school, and is just as much an educational institution in the minds of the people, and the children are just as constant in attendance on one as the other. Many are enrolled in the Sunday school whose work in the factory will not permit them to come to day school. We have about 223 enrolled in Sunday school, and an average attendance of 175. The school, for convenience in teaching, has been divided into two sections, the larger children meeting at ten o'clock in the morning and the smaller ones at three in the afternoon, though many attend both. They are studying the New Testament, taking each book chapter by chapter, and their attention and interest would furnish a good lesson for many American children. Many of them have already confessed Christ in the Sunday school; and when the Church is organized, I am sure we will have no more earnest and faithful members than our children.

We have had two public exercises in English and Italian this year, and the children have at both times done honor to themselves and their teachers by the able manner in which they rendered their recitations and songs. We are preparing another for Easter. The children enter into such things with earnestness and enthusiasm, and the parents take great pride in their children's entertainments. My first year's work under the Woman's Board has been one continual joy and pleasure to me, and God has granted me many, many undeserved blessings, of which not the least among them is the love and support of my people; for I have received from the Italian people not only courtesy and the utmost respect, but genuine love and friendship, and I appreciate and respect them as a people and believe that the work among them for our Master will tell not only in eternity but now for the numbers of other Italians in the South and for our country in Christian citizenship and purer homes. May God in his wisdom and love provide for the future development of this great work and make it an everlasting monument to his honor and glory!

Total enrollment of the year for our Cuban and Italian work has been: Wolff Mission School, Ybor City, 100; West Tampa, 110; Ruth Hargrove, Key West, 300; Italian day school, Tampa, 192; night school, 52. Total, 754.

MOUNTAIN WORK.—Miss Belle Bennett, Superintendent.

ESTABLISHED 1896.

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

The tenth annual report of the Sue Bennett Memorial School, London, Ky.

The fall enrollment was 235, and the total for the year to date 398.

The corresponding figures for last year were 225 and 353. It is gratifying to note the steady growth of the school each year. The estimated income from tuition and rent of rooms is \$5,850. Of this sum, \$4,200 has been collected and paid over to the treasurer. We expect to collect the remainder before the close of the financial year, March 31.

At the beginning of the school year the faculty consisted of a principal, nine assistant teachers, and a housekeeper. We now have eleven assistant teachers. Each member of the faculty has done faithful and efficient work. The progress and deportment of students have been satisfactory. In fact, we never had a better or more harmonious school.

The spiritual condition of the school is good. The W. H. M. S., Y. W. C. A., and Y. M. C. A. organizations are represented. Prominence is given to temperance and missions. About seventy students were converted during the year. The good work is now going on. We have had no outside help, lay or clerical. The present appropriation of \$2,500 is inadequate for present needs. The first year we had five teachers, one hundred and thirty-five students, one school building less than half furnished, and four students' cottages. This year we have thirteen teachers, three hundred and ninety-eight students, a school building completely furnished, seven students' cottages, two dormitories, and a principal's residence. That is to say, the appropriation has increased twenty-five per cent, while the work has increased about three hundred per cent. Let us not overlook the fact that this school is in mission territory, and that therefore the appropriation must needs increase with growth. I think the ratio of increase ought to be greater than that of 25 to 300.

BREVARD INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL, BREVARD, N. C.—PROF. E. E. BISHOP,
PRINCIPAL.

ESTABLISHED 1903.

The general condition of the school, I am glad to say, seems very encouraging. We have had nothing so far this year to interrupt very smooth sailing. We have all been busy, and there have been some vexations, but no insubordination or other serious misconduct among the students has occurred. Although there is much room for improvement, the general conduct and scholarship of the school have been exceedingly good.

Our teachers have all given excellent service during the past year, and most of them will be retained. Two or three, however, may retire for personal reasons.

The enrollment since the September opening has been one hundred and sixty, as follows: In September, 106; in October, 7; in November, 15; in December, 1; in January, 31. Of these, 53 have been enrolled in the Home, and represent the States of South Carolina, Tennessee, Missouri, Kentucky, as well as most of the counties of Western North Carolina. The average attendance has been about 115, but counting off for special rates allowed to needy widows, orphans, etc., we have not averaged more than 100 pay students. The 53 enrolled in the Home, allowing one room for a teacher and two girls to each room, fill our thirty dormitory rooms. To increase our capacity we will have to double up. Most of our rooms, however, are so large that we could possibly accommodate one hundred girls, and we hope to have that number next year.

Our Church has had no revival this year, and the school has had no special revivalist; yet about eight or more of our girls have been converted, and all of them spiritually uplifted since coming here. As religious exercises we have morning prayers, chapel exercises, Bible study, prayer meetings, Y. W. C. A., and regular Church services.

To get a satisfactory standard course of study I selected the elementary and the secondary courses approved by the committees of "Fifteen" and "Ten," respectively, of the National Educational Association. Besides the regular courses we are doing some special work. We have twenty young ladies preparing to teach, who are taking special training in that line. We have enrolled ten in the business department, where we give instruction in shorthand, bookkeeping, and typewriting. All of our girls do plain sewing and some fancy stitching in class, and all do regular housework by schedule. I might say also that about twenty young ladies organized a class for the study of missions, and spend an hour every Sunday in that way. All of the pupils receive instruction and practice in vocal music. In instrumental music we have enrolled twenty-nine students. We have four instruments—viz., three square pianos and a tin pan. Besides these, the principal's piano has been in use the whole year. We need one first-class upright piano, so that we will not find it necessary to tear the house down nor the piano when we want to get the instrument from one room to another.

The finances have not yet been reduced to an exact science. The card system which I have recently introduced will simplify the matter in the future. The boarding department will pay its own and some of the extra running expenses. Eleven hundred dollars has been turned in from tuition fees, and six hundred more just now due, but not yet collected, will be forwarded very soon, making receipts for the year from tuition fees \$1,700. Our expenses are: Canvassing, \$42.77; printing and advertising, \$70.10; stamps and stationery, \$29.40. Total, \$142.27.

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

ESTABLISHED 1896.

For fiscal year ending September 10, 1905:

Received, cash.....	\$5,007 09
Disbursed	5,120 25
Total children on roll.....	90
Total children adopted.....	4
Total children given employment.....	3
Total children sent to Tennessee Industrial School.....	2
Number of teachers.....	3
Seamstress	1
Assistants in domestic work.....	2
Matron	1
Agent	1
Treasurer	1
Helpers receiving salary.....	5
Helpers receiving no salary.....	4
Salaries paid, \$15 per month.	

The children are in school during the nine months' session. They assist with the work outside of school hours. They have regular hours for darning, patching, cutting and fitting and making garments. They are learning the domestic science work as systematically as we are able to manage for it. Their progress in school is encouraging. The outdoor work of the boys is of great value to us, as it is of benefit to them.

Received from Bethany Home Mission Society September, 1905, \$57, same to be applied for supplies and to be credited to Bethany Home Mission Society; Wytheville District, also \$8.60 at same time and place,

to be used for Mrs. E. E. Wiley's railroad fare. This is my voucher for total amount, \$65.60.

Total enrollment of Mountain Schools has been: Sue Bennett Memorial School, London, Ky., 398; Brevard Normal and Industrial School, Brevard, Ky., 160; Holston Industrial School, Greeneville, Tenn., 90. Total, 648.

PACIFIC COAST WORK.—C. F. Reid, Superintendent.

ESTABLISHED 1897.

Another year of sunshine and shadow has passed, and we are called upon to consider results and plan for better work and larger achievement in the days to come. The grateful consciousness that in spite of our mistakes the good hand of God has been upon our work makes us forget the discouragements and failures, and keys us up to face the future with hope and courage.

There have been several changes in the personnel of the workers both at San Francisco and Los Angeles, but the work itself has gone steadily forward, and in fruitage and efficiency is distinctly in advance of the position occupied a year ago.

Our Japanese Missions.

We suffered a great loss in this department of our work when our Japanese pastor, Mr. Yanagiwara, left us in September to enter Randolph-Macon College for a few months' study before returning to his work in Japan. Finding his mind fixed upon going, I made his way as easy as possible by providing friends and support for him in the East, and divided his work and salary among three of our best young men whom I placed in charge of the three missions as secretaries. They are all earnest Christians trained in our Kwansei Gakuin College in Japan, and well prepared to take charge of the Bible class studies and other religious meetings in my absence. Since this change was made, we have gotten along fairly well; but, as these men all have other duties that demand a large share of their time, a better arrangement should be made as soon as possible. All of the other Japanese missions of any importance about the Bay have regular pastors whose sole duty it is to look after the spiritual and other interests of the particular mission with which they are connected, and I find that we are at a disadvantage in this respect as compared with others engaged in the same work. I would therefore most earnestly urge that provision be made for the support of a Japanese pastor at San Francisco and one at Alameda. A suitable man could be employed at each of these places, and I am sure that his labors would yield gratifying results. It will be difficult to secure these men, and I am not sure whether it will be better to seek them among our workers in Japan or try to develop them in our work here. In either case, we shall have to provide for their support, that they may give themselves wholly to the work.

The school at San Francisco continues to be under the care of Mrs. E. S. Adams, who has been untiring in her devotion to this work ever since I came to California. Her heart goes out to each one who comes within the range of her influence, and the students soon find that in her they have not only a teacher, but an earnest friend. The "Home" and the day and night school have all been well patronized during the year. In the schools there have been 75 new enrollments, and at present the average attendance is 29.

Nine adults and one infant have been baptized in this mission during

the year, and one adult has been received by transfer from Japan, making the entire Church membership at San Francisco nineteen.

Miss Pearl Standefer has continued in charge of the Alameda Mission during the year, and has proved a faithful and efficient worker. She usually comes to the school accompanied by a younger sister who shares with her the work of teaching. The total enrollment during the year has been 54, and the present average attendance is 16. The religious interest at this mission is steadily growing; and while the number of baptisms (7) is not quite so large as in San Francisco, the Church is stronger in many respects and has a more hopeful outlook. The attendance at prayer meeting and preaching is excellent. Ours is the only Japanese Mission in Alameda, and other denominations are keeping out in consideration of our work. It seems, therefore, our plain duty to strengthen this part of our work as much as possible, that we may not be found wanting by those who would doubtless occupy the field were we not here. One of the specially pleasing features of our work at Alameda is a Sunday school of little children under the care of Mrs. Maeno, a Japanese lady converted in our mission and baptized last September. We now have twenty-five Church members at this point.

Our Oakland Mission still continues to be the problem of our work around the Bay of San Francisco. I used to think our lack of growth was due to the cramped and dingy quarters in Asbury Church, but during the year we have rented an excellent house of ten rooms, centrally located, and in every way suited for a school and mission home. Mr. Konzaki, the interpreter and secretary of the mission, is one of the very best workers we have, and Miss Hemenway, the teacher, is in every respect well qualified for her position. In seeking more light on this problem I have recently visited all the other Japanese Missions in the city, and find that the Methodist Episcopal Mission has an enrolled Church membership of seventy, and yet their night school is only about twice the size of ours. The Congregational Mission has a membership of forty-three, but a night school of only thirteen. Both of these missions have a regular experienced Japanese pastor in addition to an effective staff of teachers and assistants. As we have no Church organization in Oakland, the few Christians belonging to us, who live here, hold their membership in Alameda, which is easily reached by street cars. It is doubtless because we have so few points of contact with the Japanese population of the city as compared with the larger and better manned missions that we find it so difficult to prosper.

It is with the greatest reluctance that I ever suggest anything which looks like a retreat; but under the circumstances it may be well to consider if it were not better to abandon a weak point, where success seems so difficult and others practically occupy the field, and add the cost of maintaining this struggling mission to the work at Alameda and San Francisco, where our opportunity is larger and fruitage more easily won.

Our Church membership at the present time is as follows:

San Francisco.....	19
Alameda	25
Received during the year by baptism.....	16
Received during the year by transfer.....	1
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Total	17
Infant baptism.....	1

Schools.

The total enrollment of the year has been:

San Francisco.....	75
Alameda	54
Oakland	46

The average attendance at the present time is:

San Francisco.....	29
Alameda	16
Oakland	6

Deaconess Work and Chinese Schools.

This work is so admirably set forth in the reports of Miss Maria M. Elliott that I scarcely need add more, except to urge that provision be made to strengthen the work by the addition of one deaconess and one nurse. We have made a fine start at Los Angeles, and the deaconess home and hospital work is constantly growing in favor and usefulness. This growth has increased the demands upon the time and strength of our workers until they are no longer able to meet them without danger to their health and the missing of many opportunities. As the work increases, the expense of the Home is correspondingly increased. The hospital is a chief source of revenue, and should be reinforced by an additional nurse and better equipment. From the beginning of our work here it has been my great desire to see a good hospital building standing by the side of our Deaconess Home, and I believe that conditions are ripening for the realization of that hope.

Estimates.

In making estimates for the coming year I have suggested the additional provision that in my judgment should be made for the work at Los Angeles, and also for the Japanese work about the Bay of San Francisco. You will notice that I ask nothing for incidentals for the Japanese work. These are quite heavy, as we have to provide lights, fuel, and water for the Mission Homes, as well as laundry for sheets, towels, etc.; but they are met by the fees, room rent, and other contributions from the students. We seem to get better results by letting the students have some part in the management of these things. I sincerely hope that the provision made in the estimates for Japanese pastors will be granted. Other denominations working in the same field have them, and our members are loudly calling for this kind of oversight. In case it should not be possible to grant this request or to find the men, then some lesser provision should be made for a Japanese assistant at each mission, say about \$15 per month for each place.

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

The addition of a mission home has indeed proved an encouraging feature of the work in our San Francisco Mission, and the conditions at this time are more favorable than at any time previous.

The members of our Japanese Church do all they can to keep it bright and attractive. Mr. Okamota, one of our members, attends to all the wants of the mission during the day, and Mr. Ishida, our interpreter, at night. They are full of missionary zeal, using their influence to induce all who come to the mission to become Christians.

During the week and on Sunday evenings our Bible-readings are full of interest, each member taking part, and many fervent prayers are offered, and our hymns are sung with spirit. The school has kept up

well during the year, showing an advance over last year: Enrollment of new pupils last year, 69; enrollment of new pupils this year, 75.

We have two Japanese girls and one married woman in the school at present; have had seven during the year, the husbands of three receiving instruction at the same time. Two have united with the Church.

We have had eleven conversions, received nine into the Church, and christened one infant (born in the mission). These numbers may seem small in comparison with that of some of our sister Churches in this great "city of opportunities," but to those who have labored under so many discouragements in trying to build up our only foreign work in this city and around the Bay it means much; and the thought arises that if each member of our Home Societies (and we have four flourishing ones) felt the burden of this work upon her heart what might we not accomplish in the coming year?

OAKLAND, CAL.—MISS ELEANOR HENNEWAY IN CHARGE.

We devote our time to teaching the English branches, making this the means of winning the boys' friendship or good will, and then leading them to the religious work. We have a Bible class Friday evenings and Saturday afternoons, with a regular preaching service on Sunday evening. We have found that we are greatly aided in having a mission home for the Japanese; there they come together, talk among themselves, read the magazines, and seem to enjoy having a home to come to. We are planning to have a Sunday school class for little Japanese children. We find our boys faithful and regular in attendance, with a better attendance at the religious services. Our enrollment for the year 1905-06 is forty-six, with an average of eight in attendance for every night in the year. This compares favorably with the other missions about us. For instance, the Northern Methodist has an enrollment of between sixty and seventy, with an attendance of eight; the Congregationalist an enrollment of between forty and fifty; attendance, thirteen. The Baptist is smaller than any. I do not know the full number of conversions for the entire quarter, but up to January 16 there had been eleven. I am wondering if the Asbury Sunday School had that number. We should like to have more boys in the mission, and are endeavoring so to do; but we feel that those we have (over one-half of the February enrollment are Christians) bear a greater influence on their companions than we do upon our own people—that is, these Christian boys will influence others to come.

Dr. Reid is constantly planning for the betterment of the missionary work among the Japanese, for his whole heart seems wrapped up in this cause. We have our times of discouragement, but feel that every one engaged in missionary work must experience this too. With the beginning of the new year we are putting behind us everything and are endeavoring to push forward with greater zeal for the Master's service.

CHINESE SCHOOL, LOS ANGELES, CAL.—MISS MARIA M. ELLIOTT IN CHARGE.

The statistical report is as follows: Total attendance during the year, 1,595; average attendance for the year, 7; number converted and joined the Church, 2; total number who have received instruction, 57.

It is hardly worth while to dwell upon the causes for seeming discouragement that have beset the workers among the Chinese this past year. We all know only too well the injustice that has been done them as a nation not only by petty officials but by the very government itself. Upon no other race have we chosen to heap such indignities. Small wonder that they turn coldly from the contemplation of a religion

whose so-called followers have meted out to them so little of brotherly kindness and charity. With this condition in view it will not be surprising to see how the attendance at the missions has diminished. Add to this the facts that hundreds have left the city for the East or for San Francisco, where it is not so easy to find those without proper certificates, that many have been deported, and that there has been a noticeable check to immigration of late, so that the population of Chinatown is not much more than half its former size.

But, as if to make up for the lack of numbers, those who do attend seem to have increased in zeal and interest. They have prepared surprises from time to time for the teachers, in the way of handsomely framed pictures for the walls, two fine mirrors, and other little touches to brighten things up. Our Christmas entertainment was the best we have had. The programme showed careful preparation on the part of the pupils, and they further showed their appreciation of the work done for them by giving costly presents to teachers and friends, and by serving bountiful refreshments of cake and ice cream at the close. One result of the work this year has been a quickening of missionary interest among the young people of Trinity Church. Our school met with the League of that Church one Sunday evening last April, and some of the boys in their broken English made talks that left a deep impression upon many hearts. I have had no lack of helpers from them ever since. Woo Fong On, a convert of our mission who went back to China some eighteen months ago, has just returned after a tedious delay in the customhouse at San Francisco. He brings a good report of the fine work being done by Woo Sing, whom many will remember as having gone from our mission to preach the gospel to his own people in China. He is teaching and preaching among the villages around Canton and winning many souls to Christ by his work. Woo Sing, another man who was converted here six or seven years ago, has also recently returned after a two years' visit to China. He pictures in glowing terms the wonderful spread of the gospel among his people, and in speaking of the awakening of interest in all things new he appeals to us to pray the Lord of the harvest that he send forth laborers into his harvest. "My people need the gospel so much," he says. He established a school for Chinese girls in his own village, assuming the cost of it himself, and has undertaken the maintenance of a native preacher besides. He too often met Woo Sing at his work there, and says he is doing a fine work. Was it not worth while to save these two? Surely we dare not become discouraged when we thus see that the influences set in motion here are reaching to the uttermost parts of the earth. One of our boys who was baptized last February was telling me in his broken way not long since of how immediately after his conversion he wrote of it to a friend in China. Soon he got a reply rebuking him most indignantly for turning from the faith of his fathers. "But I write bout Jesus and tell him where to read about him in China Bible. Now I get letter from him, tell me he believe Jesus too, and he so glad I tell him bout him." It is ours to sow the seed; the Lord of the harvest will give the increase.

RESCUE WORK.

VASHTI BLASINGAME HOME, THOMASVILLE, GA.—MISS ANNIE HEATH IN CHARGE.

ESTABLISHED 1903.

As this fiscal year draws to a close and we take a backward look over the work of the year we see many places where mistakes were made and much that might have been done differently, but our hearts swell

with praise to God for his manifold mercies and his loving-kindnesses that have been about us during the time. He has dealt graciously with us, and manifested his willingness to hear and answer when we have cried unto him.

The work of the past year has been accomplished under many difficulties. The house has been inadequate to the needs of the work. Besides being overcrowded it has not been properly equipped, and we have had an insufficient number of workers, every one having more to do than could be done well. The overcrowded condition and, in a small measure, some of the other difficulties have been overcome.

Improvements amounting to \$1,500 have been made during the year. A building for the laundry work has been erected, with some of the appliances for hand laundry. This building is fitted with stationary tubs, hot and cold water, and some other conveniences. Water from the city has been extended to the home and through the house, giving us the necessary facilities for bath rooms. The kitchen has been enlarged and done over, and is much better adapted to the needs. It is still very poorly furnished, having not even the necessary appliances for teaching in this department. The dining hall has been enlarged sufficiently to accommodate at least sixty persons. Mrs. Chance, of Waynesboro, Ga., has furnished this room very nicely in memory of her sister. She has not only given us the heavy furniture, but crockery, glassware, and cutlery for thirty-six. A dormitory has been added, which gives sleeping room for thirty-two girls. This has greatly lessened the crowded condition, giving us a schoolroom which, though still small, is a great improvement upon using one's bedroom for this purpose.

Miss Roberts makes the following report of school: "Dating the scholastic year from June 1, 1905, deducting time of vacation and Christmas holidays, the time covered has been six months, three and one-half weeks. By special act of the County Board of Education we were granted public funds for the fall session, and have since that time been made a permanent public school point with the understanding that we receive neighboring children into the school. Six scholarships were awarded by patrons of Young College to the six largest girls, leaving twenty to attend the Home school. There are seven grades taught, ranging from the first through the seventh. Hours taught are from 8 A.M. to 1 P.M., without intermission to teacher, grades reporting at regular hours for recitation. There are two study periods in the afternoon and evening, at which time assistance in preparation is given. The State uniform text-books are used. The schoolroom has been splendidly equipped for our work through the liberality of Mrs. M. C. Hook, Perry, Ga., as a memorial to her little grandson, Frank Hook Paul. As testimony of our appreciation to this sweet-spirited Christian, we are working the more earnestly to serve him in the same exemplary manner."

Mrs. Blanche Wilcox has charge of the domestic work, and is doing a splendid work with the equipment she has. We hope to bring this department of the work up to a higher standard during this year. The sewing and housekeeping departments are without a leader. We have divided this work between us, and given as much time to it as we could. In the sewing department we have three grades, according to the work done. Each grade receives only two hours each week, as this is all the time we could give to it. We have two classes in darning and two in mending, taught by some of the older girls; each of these classes receives two hours' instruction during the week. Recently one of our oldest girls has taken charge of the laundry work, and we hope to make, with her help, this part of the work more efficient. There are twenty-seven

girls in the Home at this time. We have received forty applications during the year, but could accept only seven of them because of our crowded condition. The girls are doing well in all departments, showing more interest and zeal in the work than ever before. Several of them have been soundly converted during the year, and are earnest and diligent in their daily life.

The main annex to the building has not been commenced yet, but is very much needed. This will include reception rooms, hospital, school-room, work rooms, etc. We have been disappointed in not being able to connect with the city sewerage. This is one of our most urgent needs, not only for convenience but for sanitation.

With faith in the God who has never failed us and with renewed energy and zeal, we begin the work of a new year trusting God to guide us and to open up the way that we may carry on the work according to his plan.

ANN BROWDER CUNNINGHAM MISSION HOME AND TRAINING SCHOOL, DALLAS, TEX.—MRS. M. L. STONE, PRINCIPAL.

ESTABLISHED 1893.

Our work at the Mission Home and Training School at present is most encouraging. Every girl in the Home is a Christian, and all are desirous of improving opportunities offered in the School. The teachers are thorough, painstaking, and earnest.

Our records show: Number of girls in the Home at beginning of the year, 46; number received during the year, 45; total, 91. Of these, 41 have gone out, as follows: Number gone into service after two years in the Home, 15; number married, 1; number taken home by parents, 5; number left with permission, 3; without permission, 9; number expelled, 8; number in the Home at present, 44; number of infants in the Home, 24; number adopted into Christian homes, 20; number of deaths, 5. Our receipts over and above the appropriation made by the Board have amounted to \$1,617.45. This has been realized from our industries and cash received for maintenance of girls over the number (forty) for whom the Board makes appropriation. Donations of coal from Mr. William Busby have been valued at \$281, and 124 boxes from various individuals and Auxiliaries have been worth \$2,128.95.

Miss S. M. Quayle, teacher of the sewing department, makes the following report for the year: Garments made for customers, 169; garments made for Home, 1,690; quilts for customers, 12; comforts for customers, 10. Total, 1,881. Collected for outside work, \$99.90; expended in prosecuting work, \$21.07; net gains from sewing department, \$78.83.

Systematic work in this department was begun in September, when I took charge. Some of the girls have made wonderful progress. When they came in they could not make the simplest garments, but now they can make a nice shirt waist real well. But by the time they can do real good work their time in the Home has expired, consequently we have inexperienced hands to work with all the time. We are doing great work for the girls; the training they get will be useful to them after they leave here, but the Home does not reap the benefit of this training. Three sections are taught grade work, each two hours daily. I enjoy my work, and am trying to build up my department, and helping as I may to build the spiritual side of the life of the girls.

In September Miss Kate Glazer, a graduate nurse of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, came to us. She makes the following report of the hospital: Doctor's visits, 180; visit to doctor's office, 80; girls ill, 60; babies ill, 76; babies died, 5. The hospital is badly in need

of furniture, etc., which we hope to be able to purchase with funds received for obstetrical outfits which we will soon have on hand for sale. During the first half of the year Miss Davis had charge. She purchased a wheel chair and sterilizer (with money donated by friends and earned by her nurses), which we find a great convenience—yes, even indispensable.

Our deaconess, Miss Elizabeth Davis, whose versatile gifts fit her for any department, was transferred from the hospital department when Miss Glazer came to the domestic science course. With her usual energy she is putting new life into this phase of work. Of this department she writes: "Bills for groceries, feed, soap, and starch, \$2,212.10; bills for meat, vegetables, and butter, \$644.27; bills for laundry, \$32.80; total, \$2,889.17. Receipts for bread, biscuit, etc., \$34.40—this since we began our sales in January, 1906. Total expense of the laundry was \$104.80. We are grateful for a new mangle worth sixty dollars, put in by donations and outside work."

Mrs. F. B. Rudolph, literary teacher, makes the following report of the work of her department:

"If psychologists have estimated truly that ninety per cent of everything an adult does is habitual, leaving only two per cent for conscious effort, we certainly need our hearts 'kept pure' that we may have 'the strength of ten.' Two short years in which to change habits of inattention and a ruling tendency to act from impulse or unthoughtedly, from a human standpoint, seems but to prepare for an unfulfilled promise. Yet knowing that when the leaven of grace is in the heart, if it has opportunity, it may grow until the whole being is purified, sweetened, and strengthened gives us faith to let the Spirit work through us in the miracle of raising the broken timbers from the storm-washed sand, and rebuilding them on the Rock, Christ Jesus.

"These quiet hours that the girls have in the schoolroom each day are regarded by the superintendent of this department as precious moments of God-given opportunity. They need higher motives for living and practical knowledge of the simplest things, oftentimes, to fit them more intelligently for lives of usefulness. But above all they have not been dwelling in the secret places of the Most High. This is the cause of their being ensnared by the fowler, and they need to know, love, and use the sword of the Spirit. The chastened spirit is easily instructed. There are only three girls in the Home now who cannot find readily and memorize any verse or chapter in the Bible. Two of these are incapable mentally, the other is a little girl who has been with us three weeks. She could neither read nor count when she came, and was as totally ignorant of sacred things as a heathen. She has a good mind and retentive memory. The other girls memorize five verses of Scripture before they come into the schoolroom each day, and recite them when they first come in, after which each one joins in a chain prayer. She is so delighted that *she* has learned to memorize *one* verse, and her little prayer is pathetic in its earnestness. She joined the Church last Sunday. The county judge sent her to us from a jail, where she had been lodged with a prostitute woman. Let the Home Mission sisters know that they are snatching these brands from the burning, and pray for larger things. The girls are patient, persevering, and obedient, as a rule. Some are unceasing in their efforts to redeem the time. Arithmetic is their favorite study; they enjoy it as children do a new game. Language is harder for them than any study; yet as they understand, it becomes more interesting. Physiology is full of interest to all, so are history and geography. Many of them have never enjoyed the beauties in biography and poetry before. It seems to surprise strangers who come that the girls seem cheerful and

happy. They seem to forget that 'Let not your heart be troubled' is meant for them too. It has been my privilege to conduct the missionary services every Tuesday evening since I have been in the Home. We use the programmes in the *Woman's Missionary Advocate* one evening in the month, and study the work in the foreign fields. Each girl responds to roll call with the name of 'her missionary.' On the other three evenings the home mission work interests us. The programmes and readings from *Our Homes* are used, also the Bible studies and bulletins.

"The ladies of the North Texas Conference started a fund to aid the girls in paying their dues. Our art needlework class supplements this fund by the sale of its embroidery and lace."

MRS. W. H. JOHNSON, FINANCIAL AGENT.

At the close of our thirteenth year in making our report we bring a tribute of gratitude to Him who taught us "to sow beside all waters." As the Master made the keynote of his mission on earth "to seek and save the lost," can we do less than follow where he leads? The social conditions Jesus found, and the unjust laws refusing to defend the most innocent victim, are also in force to-day. Recognizing these facts, we have unceasingly striven with tongue and pen to arouse Christian women to the appalling dangers that threaten to destroy the peace of our homes.

During the year we presented our work at eleven Home Mission Annual Meetings in five States, and to three Annual Conferences. A long-coveted honor which we gratefully acknowledge was granted us at their late sessions by our four Texas Conferences. By solemn resolution it was voted that each minister should preach one sermon during the year and take a collection for our woman's work. We trust this courtesy may be accorded us by all our Southern Conferences.

The buildings and equipment of the school are of the poorest, yet the number of girls saved is not materially changed. With Mrs. M. L. Stone as principal, and with the larger experience of the teachers, the training in each department has increased in efficiency. Two of our teachers, we are happy to say, are Scarritt graduates. Miss Davis, who has been with us more than three years, is teacher of domestic science, and Miss Glaser trained nurse, both departments absolutely necessary for successful work. Then the literary school, under Mrs. Rudolph, the sewing department, over which Miss Quayle presides, and the house-keeping, taught by Miss May—all are indispensable in this large household of young, untutored girls, who must be taught the very foundation of things. The girls, with rare exceptions, are between the ages of thirteen and twenty-three, and go from us after a two years' course with new visions of life. They have met Jesus, and long for better things than they had known in their neglect and poverty. More than 800 girls and 450 infants saved is the ostensible good as the world sees it; but who can estimate the moral influence of these redeemed ones as they return to their homes or go into work for their Lord and Master, or the silent protest for righteousness which the work itself makes?

We have made the rallying cry of the *King's Messenger* 50,000 Home Mission members in Texas, 350 new subscribers for *Our Homes* and *Messenger* from each Conference, and 50,000 cash shares in the Training School Stock Company, and we pledge to relax no effort until this modest ambition is attained. Dr. Walker Lewis justly says: "The highest possible good that comes of this great movement, outside the victims whom it reclaims, is in the moral quickening given to its helpers by its imparted grace, and that through its Christlike service new and more

abundant life may come to the Churches." So gathering inspiration from the divinity of our cause, we press forward, believing all things are working together for good. We have gained a stronger hold on the Church, and our Auxiliaries grow more helpful, and so do individuals each year; but, best of all, "God is with us."

When last year we reported \$908.30 paid into the Stock Company for the building and equipment of this school of mercy, we earnestly hoped that by the close of the year the \$50,000 would have been given by the wealthy people of the South; but only \$2,107.90 has been added to last year's receipts, making a total of \$3,016.27. However, Misses Emma and Tina Tucker generously offered to give \$4,000 when four others will give \$1,000 each. Mrs. T. T. Hillman, of Birmingham, gives the first \$1,000. So a brighter day dawns, and with God's help the coming year will give us the realization of our long-deferred hopes. Fifty thousand dollars to do this great work for our Master, and shall not each one of us be represented in it?

NEGRO WORK.

PAINE ANNEX, PAINE COLLEGE, AUGUSTA, GA., INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT.—MISS ELLEN YOUNG IN CHARGE.

ESTABLISHED 1902.

As I look back to the opening week of school I recall how bright the prospects seemed for a real good hard year's work and a large enrollment of students. We have had more students than we could possibly accommodate comfortably. It has not been all joy and smooth sailing, but with a firm determination to go ahead and a prayerful hope for the best results, we have been able to accomplish something.

No one who has watched the work carefully for three years, noting the changes and growth, can say that this work started by the ladies of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the M. E. Church, South, for the negro girls has been in vain. Many letters have come from girls who have gone out, telling us how they have secured positions, overcome difficulties, and have helped the less fortunate of the race simply because they were trained at the Annex and learned to be useful. A number of girls have put into practice in the summer what they have learned during the term, which work has helped them pay some of their expenses while in school.

The opening week, September 26, 1905, brought us two hundred students. On October 15 we had thirty-two girls in the Annex, and five others had to go to the other building for lack of room. Our enrollment has been larger this year than ever before. We have had to put three girls in a bed in one of our buildings, which makes it very uncomfortable when one is ill, and we are so crowded that we haven't room to put a sick girl. This year we have had a great many ill with mumps and measles, and we have realized as never before how bad it is to expose well girls to such diseases.

The girls have done well in the home. Each one is willing and anxious to do her share of the work when her time comes, and takes pride in doing her best. The general discipline has been very good. All but ten girls are Christians.

Last year the boarding department paid for itself, and at the beginning of this term there was three hundred dollars to the credit of the department. This sum has been spent in the following way: Purchasing furniture for the dressmaking room, helping to pay the salary of our cooking teacher, paying a number of grocery bills, and fitting up the teachers' rooms. At present we are in debt, as groceries are rather

expensive and the students are not paying promptly, but I trust that by careful management we will be able to adjust matters before the close of school.

Our new dressmaking department, under Miss Harper, who is thoroughly capable and a good Christian woman, renders the following report:

"The work in the millinery and dressmaking departments, which are new features of the work, have proved themselves valuable to the young women of the higher classes. In the former department they are taught shape-making, blending of colors, softening of colors, measurements of different types and styles of hats, good and bad taste in trimming.

"In the dressmaking department they are taught draughting, cutting, making of garments, and fine needlework. There are sixty-two girls in these two branches of work who come from the three higher classes. They are deeply interested, and manifest a desire to master the work before them. We are in need of sewing machines, more material for work, cabinets in which to keep the work. We trust that ere long we shall be able to put these departments on a self-supporting basis."

The following comes from Miss Jones, telling us about the work in the plain sewing department: "We started out in September with one hundred and twelve girls, from the fourth grade to the second year. They are taught the making of sample pieces for a book. Those who have finished a book make little garments, do fancywork, work cushion tops, make and work gingham aprons, and make under-garments. They are interested in this work, and we see that it is needed from the simple fact that they learn to darn, patch, and keep their clothes in good condition. As soon as they are promoted, they advance a step higher in the industrial work. We realized a little money from the sale of garments, and this sum was used in purchasing more material. I have one special student who sews all day. She likes her work, and is doing well. All of the students are very grateful to the ladies for their interest and what they are doing for them."

Aside from these departments, Dr. Walker and I felt the need of a cooking class where the girls could be taught cooking in a scientific way. We could not ask the Board for a teacher, since they had kindly given us a dressmaker; so we employed Miss Bolling, Dr. Walker paying two-thirds of her salary and I the remainder out of our boarding department fund. Below is a report of her work: "The cooking department is only a few months old, and is fitted up on a small scale. The classes are composed of girls from the second, third, and fourth year students. The aim of this department is to teach the girls how to care for a home, cook good, wholesome food, serve it properly, and be neat and tidy in appearance. We are in need of a dining and bed room in order to teach practical lessons along this line."

We had to buy a piano, and will pay for it with the money which the girls pay for its use in practicing.

We trust ere long we will have another room for ironing purposes, as a new building is nearly ready for the boys. We are very much in need of more furniture for the ironing room, chairs for the basketry room, a kitchen cabinet, but above all we need more room for the girls.

We are striving to develop the spiritual, moral, industrial, and mental life of the students. Although we have not realized our ideals, we feel very hopeful for the future, and feel quite sure that the students who go out from here will not disappoint us or you.

REPORTS OF CITY MISSIONS.

ASHEVILLE, N. C.—MISS JOSEPHINE GUFFIN, MISSIONARY.

As there are five Methodist Churches in connection with the work, the following plan of work was adopted by the Board when it was organized in November: Monday is my rest day; Tuesday, the work is given to the vicinity of Central M. E. Church; Wednesday, in Haywood Street Church; Thursday, Chestnut Street; Friday, Bethel Church; and Saturday and Sunday at Riverside Chapel, in the factory district.

Of course this plan has not been fully carried out, Tuesday afternoon being usually spent in going to the jail, visiting among the fallen, and sometimes the hospital, with a few other calls near Central Church. Wednesday afternoon, besides the regular visiting among the poor of Haywood Street, a prayer meeting is held among the women in the factory district; Thursday afternoon just my regular visiting, and in the evening the Young Men's Club meets at my home. This Club has adopted the constitution of Miss Miller's Club of Rome, Ga., with a few changes. It is composed of the young men of my Sabbath school class. There are at present thirteen in the class, their ages ranging from sixteen to twenty. Friday my work has up to this time simply consisted in visiting among the sick and poor of Bethel vicinity, but next month we are planning to start a sewing school among the children. Saturday the work in the factory district has been principally for the Sabbath school and Church and among the sick; but to-morrow we will hold our first children's meeting, which will continue to be held every Saturday. Sunday I have my two Sabbath school classes, the young men's class in the morning and the girls in the afternoon at Riverside. There is a charitable organization in Asheville called the Flower Mission, which tries to supply all the needs of the worthy poor of Asheville, although the charities of Asheville are expected to take care of their own poor. So when I find a needy case I notify the Flower Mission or the Church to which they belong. Each Church is expected to take up a collection for the poor on every first Sunday. There are some cases which the Flower Mission refuses to help, whom it is absolutely necessary to assist, to keep from suffering; of course these cases are fully investigated. I try never to give funds directly, but in some cases we find it a necessity, although we never believe it best.

My statistical report shows one trained, salaried worker, 1 boys' club, 1 mothers' prayer meeting, 380 visits made, 6 visits received, 10 visits to hospitals and jails, 27 opportunities for prayer and Bible-reading, 49 special religious visits, 15 persons aided, 48 garments given out, 4 blankets, \$350 for distribution, and 119 papers and tracts distributed. 1 conversion.

ATLANTA, GA., SETTLEMENT HOME.—MISS ROSA LOWE, HEAD RESIDENT.

Many improvements have been made in our settlement work in Atlanta since last March. Several new departments have been introduced. Among these is the gymnasium, which was begun last summer as a means of holding the girls through that season. It has proved so beneficial that it has been adopted as a permanent department of the work.

The boys also are being reached in great numbers through the gymnasium. On Monday evenings between forty and fifty boys gather in our large hall—thirty-seven by forty-seven feet—and spend two hours in good, wholesome exercise. The physical director of the Y. M. C. A. has charge of this department. Here the workers and the children meet upon the plane of companions; this relation enables the gymnasium to become a feeder for the night school and Sunday school.

The Board of Education has recently granted the request of the City Board of Missions by giving us four regular teachers from the city public schools for our night school. This addition to the school has increased interest and numbers so that now we average fifty pupils per night.

The new system of sewing has been adopted in the industrial school. We find it very interesting to the children, as they do not become discouraged as they formerly did; for short seams are soon finished, and though the same stitch may be used over and over again, it is a new garment and small, therefore not tiresome.

The Penny Provident Department, while not doing all we would like for it, is laying the foundation for a big work in the future. Between thirty-five and forty dollars has been saved through its instrumentality during the past year. We hope this little experience of saving will be the beginning of provident habits with these depositors.

A district nurse has been employed by the Atlanta Board of City Missions, and she has become an important factor in the neighborhood. A supply of linen has been provided for her use among the people. This is marked, and a record kept of each piece which is loaned. The patient is required to have it laundered and returned. As we all know, the best way to reach a sick soul is by ministering to that sick body; therefore the nurse's field of labor may become the most fruitful for soul-winning as well as teaching families the best ways of housekeeping, preparing food for the sick, etc. Her vocation as nurse truly opens all doors to her, which to others would be barred.

A reading room has also been opened during the year. The number of books is limited yet; but five hundred and fifty-nine are shown on the record as having been read, besides papers and magazines. The desire for reading is increasing, and minds and hearts will be affected as a result of this development.

The weekly entertainment continues, and the people are always much disappointed when the weather interferes with it.

The day nursery department has never been so full as at present. The mothers are realizing that the child's best welfare is the purpose of this department, and, noting the improvement of nursery children, they advise others to place their little ones here too.

The kindergarten is also doing much in developing its children. They are more regular in attendance, more cleanly in habits than ever before. These children form the kindergarten class in Sunday school.

The storeroom is an indispensable part of the work. We not only become better acquainted with heads of families here, but are able to advise them and keep the work before them, also to help them in an economical way. During the past year \$189 has been received for clothing, though its value was more than that.

The house-to-house visitation has been kept up, one thousand nine hundred and one visits being made and three thousand three hundred and two having been received. The social side of our people has not been neglected. Two night school exhibitions have been given, and several parties in the interest of the school and other departments. The Sunday school gave a social during Christmas week which was largely

attended. It has also observed several special occasions during the year, such as Easter, Children's Day, and Christmas.

We realize that as we improve the opportunities for work the demand grows for more work. The mill management is coöperating with us more perfectly than ever before, having offered a prize this year to the mill family cultivating the most artistic plot of flowers, the mill furnishing the seeds. We are glad to be able to see the gradual transformation in life of the people. Previously professions have been made which did not harmonize with the life. What we want is a life; then the profession will not need to be so loud, since *life* speaks more sincerely than simple words, and religion must be proved by deeds.

My statistical report shows: Number of trained workers employed by Board, 5; salaried workers employed by Board, 6 (4 by Board of Education); volunteer workers employed by Board, 21; day nursery, 1; children cared for in day nursery, 5,814, average 19; kindergarten, 1; children enrolled in kindergarten, 101; industrial schools, 3; children enrolled in industrial schools, 136; night school, 1; students enrolled in night school, 75; boys' clubs (gymnasium), 2; boys enrolled in clubs, 60; free reading room, 1; persons attending the reading room, 76; girls' gymnasium, 1; girls enrolled in gymnasium, 15; dispensaries, 3; patients treated in dispensaries, 924; number of children enrolled in Sabbath schools, 74; value of supplies and money received for distribution, \$210; visits made, 1,901; visits received, 3,302; visits to institutions, hospitals, jails, etc., 8; meetings conducted or addressed, 26; hours spent in kindergarten, 378; papers and tracts distributed, 2,196.

AUGUSTA, GA., SETTLEMENT HOME.—MRS. L. S. ARRINGTON, PRESIDENT.

The Augusta Board of City Missions has just closed a most successful year. The influence of the work is far-reaching, and gains sympathy and support as the result of the patient, loving ministry of the workers is made manifest in the brightened condition of those whom we would reach and help. Our work was seriously handicapped by the loss of our deaconess in October. Since that time we have moved steadily forward, conducting only those features which are possible without a trained worker. We have in successful operation one large sewing school, one kindergarten, a night school, and a well-organized Sunday school. Our surroundings offer the very best opportunities for effectual work. Through the courtesy of the Free School Board we occupy their handsome new building, situated in the center of our activities. The conditions were never better, and the need cannot be greater at any point than here in our fair city. We await with pardonable impatience the ability of our General Board to send us a much-needed worker.

The deaconess's report covers only the first half of the year. Statistical report for year: Sewing school, 13 classes; sessions held weekly, 2; average attendance, 85; garments made by school, 140; kindergarten (average attendance), 34; Sunday school (average attendance), 175; Christmas tree for Sunday school and sewing classes provided gifts for 240; night school in session 6 months, with an attendance of 30; children's meetings, 28; attendance, 18; mothers' meetings, 32; attendance, 11; boys' clubs, 2; total membership, 42; garments given, 800; shoes, 54 pairs; hats, 25; visits made to sick and needy, 722; visits received in Settlement Home, 763; entertainments given to young people in Settlement Home, at which refreshments were served to 29; Bible-readings conducted, 49; papers and magazines and books given, 173; total amount of money expended in the work and reported by voucher, \$1,049 85.

DALLAS SETTLEMENT HOME.—MISS MARY OGILVIE, HEAD RESIDENT.

For six months of the year the Dallas Settlement Home was without a head resident; but so thoroughly had the retiring leader organized the departments and trained all her assistants, and so faithful was the volunteer service, that the work was not seriously interrupted. The kindergarten closed May 11, and was resumed September 18 with Miss Annie Ray, of the Louisville Training School, in charge. The five clubs resumed active work in October. November 16 the Hannah Mothers' Club was organized. There are regularly appointed officers and committees. A voluntary offering is placed in the hands of the treasurer every week for sickness and other emergencies. A Saturday morning class for out-of-school children is accomplishing its purpose. Some of the children have been persuaded to reënter the public schools and attend regularly.

The great need for a community church was met December 12 when the Board accepted the offer of the Methodist Episcopal Church and bought Hope Chapel, their mission church, in our district. Rev. Edward Barcus, the pastor, although in charge of another Church, is giving us two preaching services a week. Hope Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was organized December 17, with ten members. We now have twenty-eight. Those of the former congregation living in the district and identified with the Settlement Home remained with us.

A free clinic was opened January 12, with Dr. I. S. Kahn in charge, assisted by Miss May Fyke, a trained nurse and resident of the Home, who also does the much-needed district nursing.

Semiweekly sales of clothing are held. The smallest reasonable price is placed on these garments, thereby maintaining the self-respect of the purchasers and greatly assisting those who have neither the money to buy new clothes nor the time to make them. The work on the new settlement house will begin in March. The new home will accommodate all departments now organized, and special provision will be made for a day nursery, gymnasium, baths, and library. There will also be an emergency ward and offices for the medical work.

The members of the Board continue working with the zealous and harmonious effort that has characterized them from the beginning. It is gratifying to hear the people of the community planning to help in the building of the new Home.

Settlement Home Schedule.

Kindergarten every school day, 9 A.M. to 12 M.
 Free clinic every day except Sunday, 1 to 3 P.M.
 Girls' Laurel Club, Monday, 3 P.M.
 Girls' Sunbeam Club, Monday, 3 P.M.
 Young Woman's Happy Hour Club, Tuesday, 7:30 P.M.
 Hannah Mothers' Club, Thursday, 3 P.M.
 Boys' Fidelity Club, Friday, 4 P.M.
 Boys' Loyalty Club, Friday, 8 P.M.
 Saturday school, Saturday, 9 A.M. to 12 M.

Church Services.

Preaching Sunday, 2:30 and 7:30 P.M.
 Sunday school, Sunday, 3:30 P.M.
 Junior League, Wednesday, 3:30 P.M.
 Prayer meeting, Thursday, 7:30 P.M.
 Cottage prayer meetings, Tuesday and Friday, 7:30 P.M.

Our statistical report shows: Number of trained workers employed by Board, 3; salaried workers employed by Board, 4; volunteer workers

employed by Board, 25; kindergarten, 1; children enrolled in kindergarten (since September), 60; industrial school, 1; children enrolled in industrial school, 25; Saturday school, 1; students enrolled in Saturday school, 14; boys' clubs, 2; boys enrolled in clubs, 60; free reading room, 1; persons attending the reading room, 75; girls' clubs, 2; girls enrolled in clubs, 64; young women's club, 1; young women enrolled in club, 35; mothers' club, 1; women enrolled in mothers' club, 39; free clinic, 1; patients treated in dispensaries (since January 1), 67; cottage prayer meetings, 39; Sabbath school, 1; children enrolled in Sabbath school, 169; conversions, 20; value of supplies and money received for distribution, \$199.75; visits made, 2,857; visits received, 2,045; visits to institutions, hospitals, jails, etc., 40; opportunities for prayer and Bible-reading, 69; meetings conducted or addressed, 29; hours spent in kindergarten, 480; persons aided, 500; garments given, 1,500; groceries, \$5; papers and tracts distributed, 3,000. More than 2,000 persons have been brought under the influence of the Home in the last year. Special social occasions for clubs, 25.

HOUSTON, TEX.—MISS MAY WILSON, DEACONESS.

The beginning of the past year found me a resident of the Settlement Home which the City Mission Board had opened, but not working directly for the same. A part—in fact, the greater part—of my time had been employed by the pastor of Shearn Church. However, the first of April I was employed by the Board, and gave my entire time to this work. There was one other resident worker, the kindergarten teacher, Miss Vera Billow, who married that month, and our kindergarten closed April 14 for the summer. Mrs. Metcalf came as matron and helper in industrial classes on May 1.

Our girls' sewing class grew to such proportions that we divided it and organized them into the "Busy Bee" and "Sunbeam" Industrial Clubs. I never saw more enthusiastic girls. We taught them plain sewing and basket-weaving. We varied the opening exercises, sometimes giving Bible stories, sometimes learning Bible verses. Some ladies gave us a number of wall Scripture texts for our Home, and I believe they will live always in many of the children's lives. We taught them the meaning of these verses, and others, in their classes. A drayman in moving the piano saw one and stopped to read it. Turning to the other man, he said: "Well, if we would believe that, I guess *we* would get along better." We were assisted in this work by ladies from Tabernacle and McAshan Churches, and from Abida Society, of Shearn.

We also had a basketry class for boys, many of whom played on the streets most of their time. They would beg me to let them come in and play games or read stories and work on their baskets, so that we spent many evenings together when I was not otherwise engaged. I loved these boys dearly, and I trust our Father helped me to inspire in them some noble thoughts.

One blessed work was our cottage prayer meetings in the homes of those who seldom attended church. I know of hearts cheered and made stronger to meet life's struggles and disappointments, and of those who, inclined to be skeptical, acknowledged that there was "something in religion after all."

We had several very profitable mothers' meetings, although not so well attended. Besides these things, my time was taken up with visiting, nursing, and such work as a deaconess always finds

The Board had felt that our Home was not located so as to reach the largest number of people who needed our help, so plans were made for a different line of work. Our free kindergarten is now held in Shearn

Church, where we have had an enrollment of seventy-four. This is doing a fine work. Miss Mary Swope is teacher, and I have assisted her. We have five nationalities and three religions represented. Brothers Moore and Crutchfield opened a Sunday school for this class of people, and Miss Swope and I have the primary department. There are sixty enrolled, of whom ten or fifteen are Mexicans and as many Syrians.

On account of the illness of my mother I have not done regular work for four months, but am hoping to take up my beloved work soon.

Our statistical report is as follows: Number of trained workers employed by Board, 3; salaried workers employed by Board, 3; volunteer workers employed by Board, 10; free kindergarten, 1; pay kindergarten, 1; children enrolled in free kindergarten, 100; children enrolled in pay kindergarten, 40; industrial schools, 2; children enrolled in industrial schools, 90; boys' club, 1; boys enrolled in club, 25; average number present in mothers' meetings, 9; Sabbath school, 1; children enrolled in Sabbath school, 60; value of supplies and money received for distribution, \$118.25; visits made, 745; visits received, 436; visits to institutions, hospitals, jails, etc., 8; opportunities for prayer and Bible-reading, 35; meetings conducted or addressed, 19; hours spent in kindergarten (time of two teachers), 803; persons aided, 33; garments given, 342; papers and tracts distributed, 557; business calls, 56; cottage prayer meetings, 6; persons found work for, 6; children put in public school, 14; hours spent in nursing, 149; persons nursed, 12; books loaned, 28; bouquets for sick, 9; services of eye specialist secured for 1 child.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA.—MRS. E. K. GRIFFITH, PRESIDENT.

The Central City Mission occupies the entire second floor of a large building on the main street, which has been partitioned to suit the work. There is a large auditorium capable of seating four hundred people, and a free reading room, well lighted, ventilated, and furnished. It is open from 7 A.M. to 9 P.M. The Superintendent has his office here, several small rooms are rented, and a very large one is fitted with beds and cots where lodgings are furnished to the needy.

Since Conference the Superintendent, Rev. Thomas J. Norsworthy, has conducted a series of gospel services in the mission hall, which were attended by large and increasing numbers. Many professed a desire and purpose to live better lives. Toward the end of these special services we found considerable trouble in seating the congregation.

The President of the Board, Mrs. A. J. Russell, who was also a very efficient city missionary, was compelled about the middle of the year to resign on account of failing health. We have had an application on file for two years for a deaconess, and are still begging for one. Since Mrs. Russell left, the need of a deaconess or trained worker has been imperative.

Mrs. D. A. Cook's Little Jewels gave their usual Christmas treat at the mission hall to the orphans and poor children of the city. This consisted of clothing, toys, candy, cake, and fruit. A large donation of clothing and canned goods was left for the mission. The Free Employment Bureau has furnished employment for 103 persons. The Charity Bureau has given 505 nights' lodging, 672 meals, 86 baskets of groceries, 921 garments to worthy poor, assisted 33 persons with transportation, sent 6 to the hospital. Besides this, many destitute families have been aided with groceries, wood, medicine, etc. Visits to the reading room, 7,345; visits to sick and poor, 462; papers and magazines distributed 1,560. Have expended \$1,646 74.

KANSAS CITY, MO.—INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH. MRS. E. L. SOUBY, DEACONESS; MRS. IDA L. REEVES, CITY MISSIONARY.

Our work has grown rapidly in scope and influence during the past year. Coöperation with the Juvenile Court is one new feature added since September. With one heart and voice we can truly say: Praise the Lord! We are now cozily ensconced in our new quarters—the new institutional church building. When we get our workshop equipped with the necessary tools and get it all in running order, there will be another shout in the camp.

On Sunday morning, February 4, the first religious service was held in the main auditorium. This was not the dedication of the church building to the industrial, social, and religious purposes for which it was built, but it marked the opening of the main worship room. The sermon was preached by Bishop E. R. Hendrix, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. His subject was "Practical Christianity." He spoke on the application of Christian principles to all branches of industrial training that will be carried out in the institutional church. A specially arranged musical programme was well rendered by a chorus of forty well-trained voices under the direction of Miss Laura V. Lull. The pastor, Rev. Charles W. Moore, assisted in the services.

The day nursery apartments are on the first floor of the building, consisting of the play room, dining room, dormitory, cloak room, and bath. All are large, airy rooms, and the several committees appointed to see to the furnishing of these rooms are rapidly and handsomely doing it. The enrollment for the nursery is constantly increasing, at present ranging from twenty-five to forty children per day. Mothers and children seem to be very appreciative of the new advantages. The mothers are glad to bring clean clothes for their children to put on after bathing; if they fail to do this, clean clothes are provided from the nursery supply closet.

In order to educate the children along the lines of thrift and economy, we have organized a penny provident bank; at present there are twenty-three depositors. The children deposit from one penny to twenty-five cents per week. The bank is open on Saturday afternoons after sewing school is dismissed. The sewing school was opened about the second week in November, with an enrollment of one hundred and ten children. At present there are over two hundred children enrolled. This is one of the most popular features of our work, and is the pride and joy of Miss Howell's heart, who personally directs this work. There are four departments in the school: The senior department, Mrs. Dayton, superintendent; intermediate, Mrs. C. W. Moore, superintendent; primary, Mrs. George Gross, superintendent (also President of the City Mission Board); kindergarten, Mrs. Barrett, superintendent. The school meets every Saturday afternoon at two o'clock. After a thirty-minutes' devotional service the classes are assigned to their rooms. There are twenty-five volunteer helpers employed. We have three boys' clubs organized and one girls' club, two gymnasium classes, and an adult Bible class. A kindergarten school will be opened next week. A boys' choir is in training, also an adult choir. As soon as possible we expect to organize mothers' meetings, night school, cooking school, and classes in manual training and in both vocal and instrumental music. We have many kind and helpful outside friends. At Thanksgiving and Christmas our hearts are made glad by liberal donations from the public schools of groceries, clothing, toys, and money; also, the out-of-town Home Mission Auxiliaries send us boxes containing clothes, toys, preserves, jelly, and canned goods. The city missionary's report is for only half a year's work, she having arrived here September 1. We feel very

much encouraged over the progress of our work here in the North End. Miss Mabel K. Howell, of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, directs the mission work in North End. We have a City Mission Board composed of earnest, zealous Christian women as a strong right arm to lean on. We know that over all is Christ, for he hath said: "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

Our statistical report is as follows: Number of trained workers employed by Board, 2; salaried workers employed by Board, 5; volunteer workers employed by Board, 25; day nursery, 1; children cared for in day nursery, 7,653; industrial school, 1; children enrolled in industrial school, 200; boys' clubs, 3; boys enrolled in clubs, 35; girls' club, 1; girls enrolled in club, 20; cottage prayer meetings conducted, 10; Sabbath schools, 2 (American and Italian); children enrolled in Sabbath schools, American 200, Italian 40; conversions, 2; value of supplies and money received for distribution, garments 200, cash \$17.35; visits made, 450; visits received, 35; visits to institutions, hospitals, jails, etc., 25; opportunities for prayer and Bible-reading, 21; meetings conducted or addressed, 23; persons aided, 25; garments given, 200; groceries, \$5; amount of money, \$17.35; papers and tracts distributed, 75; penny provident bank organized, 1; depositors, 23; children placed in homes, 2; women put in hospital, 3; baby put in hospital, 1; position secured, 1; money solicited for benefit of nursery, \$110.75; other contributions solicited as follows: 1 ton of coal, 1,000 application blanks, 1 box of crackers, 10 pounds of cakes per month, 1¼ sacks of flour each month.

LOUISVILLE SETTLEMENT HOME.—MRS. M. N. CARR, DEACONESS.

The statistical report of the Louisville Settlement Home from May 18, 1905, to March 1, 1906, is as follows: Number of visits made, 2,294; visits received, 1,850; visits to City Hospital, 150; workhouse, 15; other institutions, 215; persons talked to, 9,048; opportunities for Bible-reading and prayer, 300; meetings conducted or addressed, 94; meetings in Home, 53; cottage prayer meetings, 45; conducted Sunday school 40 times; enrolled in Sunday school, 180; average attendance, 32; Bibles given, 5; conversions, 25; backsliders reclaimed, 3; books loaned, 175; received for library, 8; for distribution, 20; prescriptions filled, 200; patients treated in Home, 25; times treated, 60; patients treated at their own homes, 99; doctor's visits, 112; patients taken to doctor's office, 105; persons sent to hospitals, 25; operations performed, 5; badly burned child cared for, 1; maternity cases cared for, 4; persons placed in homes, 32; persons having eyes treated and glasses furnished, 2; persons sent out of city, 25; girls sent to Rest Cottage, 12; persons cared for in the Home, 35; placed in Home of Friendless, 5; funerals attended, 15; garments received, new 200, old 450; garments given or sold, 600. Our graded sewing class has an enrollment of 84, an average attendance of 25; also a basket class; boys' club average attendance, 10. There is also a fine woman's club, the Mothers' Friendly Group, with an enrollment of 41; average attendance, 25. This is one of the most enthusiastic clubs to be found anywhere. One of the members, a veritable Mrs. Wiggs, says: "It is the finest club in the United States." Some of her neighbors wanted to know what they had to give away at the Settlement Home "you talk so much about." "Plenty of salvation. Come and see," was the reply. Some of the members walk a mile and a half to attend this club; they are on time with their dues, five cents per week. The club gave a coffee social two weeks since; proceeds, \$25, to be used for the sick of the settlement. An excellent programme consisting of music and recitations, interspersed with short talks, was so

thoroughly enjoyed that they were unwilling to pass out to the dining room until the programme was over. About 200 were served to sandwiches, cake, and coffee. Amount of money received for distribution, \$135; \$59 was given to be used for friendless girls, \$20 turned over to the City Mission Board; spent for medicine, \$38; for groceries, \$14; for nourishment and fruit for sick, \$4. The Home received large donations at Thanksgiving from the public schools and some of the Sunday schools, also from business firms, which enabled us to give out 50 baskets of provisions. We also kept open house on that day, serving refreshments to 150 persons. Christmas also brought generous gifts of toys, books, fruit, and candies. Many hearts were gladdened both in giving and receiving. Several needy families were cared for by some of the Sunday school classes, toys, clothes, and provisions being provided. One class of young ladies met with their teacher at the Home to dress dolls for the little ones. They brought a generous luncheon of good things, which was spread with our home dinner. It was a bright, enjoyable day to all. The Leagues have also given substantial aid to our needy ones. Nineteen loads of coal have been distributed, six loads given us through "Bruce Rescue Mission," and thirteen furnished by the city.

Class work plans have fallen somewhat short, owing to lack of help, and so much of my time being taken up in household duties; some days it has been necessary to answer the bell and telephone forty times. Mrs. Crary, one of our settlement women seventy-three years of age, has been volunteer worker in the Home. She took charge of the dining room and kitchen, filling that place well, and relieving me of care in that department. These nine months have been full to overflowing with work, yet much all around us remained untouched; but in the language of the Psalmist we exclaim: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name."

MACON, GA.—MRS. F. M. KNOWLES.

We have had many trials and testings this past year, but God has promised that he would be in every one, and it surely brought us closer to him. We found him our refuge and strength. We were out of our Home nearly five months, and after coming back we had to leave because so many different workmen at the Home made it unsafe for our girls. The days looked dark many times, and we turned to our Heavenly Father and he comforted us, and then I remembered that "Behind the cloud the sun is still shining," and I am so happy to-day. The sun is shining out upon the earth, and we have our dear little sunshine in our Home, Paul. I hear his little prattle now, and he encourages me many times by coming and saying: "Mamma, I love you." You know how it encourages a mother when trials come to have little arms about her neck and to be told that she is loved. She takes fresh courage. We are now in our beautiful new home, and so happy, a mother with seven daughters. During the past year we have had 32 girls in the Home, and 20 of these girls are all right. While we have had many to refuse, we praise God that he has, through the Door of Hope, rescued 20 of the number we have had. Several of these stayed only a day and night, because we could not keep them. We are praying that this will be the very best year of the Door of Hope, and believe it will be, as it will be possible to have industrial features, and we can accommodate about twenty girls at once.

MOBILE, ALA., SETTLEMENT HOME.—MRS. J. T. DUMAS, PRESIDENT.

Faithful work has been done at this important center, but owing to a change of workers only an imperfect statistical report is furnished: Number of trained workers employed by Board, 2; salaried workers employed by Board, 3; volunteer workers employed by Board, 9; day nursery, 1; children cared for in day nursery, 4; kindergarten, 1; children enrolled in kindergarten, 24; industrial school, 1; children enrolled in industrial school, 55; night school, 1; students enrolled in night school, 14; Sabbath school, 1; children enrolled in Sabbath school, 30; value of supplies and money received for distribution, \$7.25; visits made, 133; visits received, 223; visits to institutions, hospitals, jails, etc., 4; opportunities for prayer and Bible-reading, 3; meetings conducted or addressed, 3; hours spent in kindergarten, 180; persons aided, 25; garments given, 87; groceries, 85 cents; amount of money, \$12.87; papers and tracts distributed, 209.

MONTGOMERY, ALA.—MRS. J. A. RICE, CHAIRMAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The work of the City Mission Board of Montgomery is done by volunteers from four Methodist Churches of the city of Montgomery. It may be summarized as follows: (1) Day nursery; (2) mission work in North Montgomery; (3) general philanthropic work.

1. The day nursery, failing to meet the need for which it was created, was discontinued in September, 1905. From March to September four babies were cared for. One, a deserted infant, was placed permanently in a most excellent home. During the winter and spring social afternoons, outings, etc., were given weekly to the children of the neighborhood by members of the Board.

2. Work in North Montgomery. This work is planned, superintended, and done almost entirely by a young woman, a member of our Board. A three-room cottage, conveniently and attractively furnished, forms the basis of work. Here we have Sunday school, preaching twice a month by one of our city pastors, a Wednesday afternoon Bible class of sixteen, a night school once a week, social entertainments once a month, and frequent neighborhood visitings by the young lady referred to above. The Sunday school includes every available child in the community. While there have been no direct conversions, the moral and social tone of the whole community has been perceptibly elevated. The recent influx of foreigners to the factories near by, the improved sanitary conditions now being planned and carried out by the city, its growth as indicated by a gradual rise in property values—all suggest important possibilities for this work.

3. General philanthropic work. This has been too varied to lend itself to grouping. Employment has been secured for several unemployed, destitution relieved, and literature distributed. Very recently, through visits, literature, and religious services, some effort has been made to reach those in jail.

NASHVILLE, TENN., SETTLEMENT HOME.—MISS FRONIE WEBB IN CHARGE.

God indeed has blessed his work among us this year. Our statistical report is as follows: Value of supplies and money received for distribution, \$261.81; visits made, 4,590; visits received, 13,950; visits to hospitals, 12; opportunities for prayer and Bible-reading, 192; meetings conducted, 117; persons aided, 577; garments given, 443; garments sold, 2,053; garments loaned to the sick, 113; money spent for the sick and poor, \$68; visits made by the physician, 288; hours spent in the industrial department, 124; in nursing the sick, 270; number of sick

nursed, 211; hours spent in special service, 160; in mothers' meeting, 42; in reading rooms, 91; in young ladies' club, 12; papers distributed, 876; pictures distributed, 344; toys distributed, 80; bouquets distributed, 103; meals given, 230; books loaned, 488; average attendance in the industrial department, 60; money spent in industrial department, \$129.46 (all of this amount except \$7.50 taken in from the sale of second-hand garments); mothers' meetings held, 35, average attendance 22; history club meetings, 16, average attendance 18; young ladies' club meetings held, 10, average attendance 10; reading rooms open 43 nights, average attendance 16; prayer meetings held, 31, average attendance, 24; conversions, 14; public entertainments held, 9; girls taking music lessons, 5; baskets of provisions given during Thanksgiving and Christmas, 99; people entertained during same time, 875.

This has been such a *full* year that we find it hard to give in writing a correct account of the work; so many things enter into the life of a missionary that cannot be recounted. We again must speak of what the home life of our settlement has meant to the people. We try to make our Home a model; and although it needs repairs on the outside, we believe, as Bishop Hendrix said: "One coming to the Settlement should keep his eyes closed until he gets on the inside." O what a contrast! Many homes where we could hardly enter three years ago on account of filth are now much improved, and it is simply by their seeing how we have "kept house."

We feel that our kindergarten has greatly improved over last year. Misses Little and Campbell, our teachers, have been so faithful. Only fifty have been enrolled, on account of limited room and workers. The average attendance for the year is 33. The number of visits made by Miss Little is 2,260.

Our industrial department is in a more satisfactory shape than ever before. The girls who graduated from this department in June served during the summer and bought their first school things. They are now in the "Alumni Club," and are being taught fancywork. We have nine more who will finish in June. We have found that this graduation plan not only interests the children and causes them to work harder, but makes the mothers much more interested.

The mothers' meetings we consider the most valuable feature of our work. The good accomplished in these meetings during the year cannot be estimated. Several of the mothers have connected themselves with the Church as the direct result of these meetings. A great many will now take part in the meeting; and where we had three years ago two to five, now we are really crowded.

We have had during the past year two medical students who have visited our people whenever called. Some fine work has been accomplished, as these two not only heal the bodies, but speak words that we are sure will bring forth fruit. And whenever we get in a "tight place," as we express it, Dr. Haley, one of our prominent city physicians, comes to our rescue. Our linen closet and "medicine case" have been of great help.

Most of our prayer meetings have been held in the homes of the community, and we never announce these meetings very much, or we would have too many, for the homes are so small. During the Training School session, in January and February, these meetings were held at the Home, as we had extra help, and then our attendance was fifty and over. We thank God that we have seen fourteen converted right in our Home. Our volunteer workers have been faithful, and the same love and harmony still exists in the Home and in the Board. We have added no new features, but have dropped our two boys' clubs because of not having the proper help. Our work has grown until we are bur-

dened for a new Home and more workers, and God grant that we may be able to tell you this time next year that we have both!

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

The work in and around this mission was never so encouraging as at present, and my heart has been overflowing in grateful praise for what has seemed a long-deferred answer to prayer for the work in this crowded tenement location. So many glad surprises have come in the glorious conversion of souls during the past few months, and many are inquiring the way at our night services. The converts who know nothing of the comforts of life, barely having necessities, need our ministry continually in spiritual food, as the monotony of the adverse conditions ever about them tends to give opportunity for discouragement. Hence the need of constant visiting in the homes and bringing gospel messages to strengthen and hold for Christ.

Our statistical report shows: Salaried worker, 1; industrial school, 1; children in industrial school, 30; Sabbath school affiliated with our work, 1; children in Sabbath school, 65; money received for distribution, \$58.05; visits made, 440; visits to institutions, hospitals, jails, etc., 44; opportunities for prayer and Bible-reading, 98; meetings conducted or addressed, 6; persons aided, 114; garments given, 525; groceries, 15 times; amount of money, \$28.10; papers and tracts distributed, 351; rent collected and paid for two cripples, \$65.35; spent for various needs of poor, \$60.

PORTSMOUTH, VA.—MISS HELEN BAKER, MISSIONARY.

Perhaps it may be well to give some idea of the conditions existing here, so that the character of the work attempted may be better seen. Portsmouth is a seaport town of about eighteen thousand inhabitants, besides several outlying suburbs. There is quite a large proportion of colored inhabitants. Barrooms are numerous, and there follows, as a consequence, much drinking among both men and women, and this results in vice and poverty. The floating population is composed very largely of people from the country districts of North Carolina, of the ignorant, poor class, and the women "get happy over a bottle of snuff." Many of these people are unable to read or write. I found that nearly all of the children at the night school had very vague ideas as to the shape of the earth, whether the earth moves, the names and location of the principal cities of the United States, etc.

These North Carolinians come here seeking employment in the cotton mills or the box or pickle factory. Finding rent and provisions higher, and not being much bettered financially, they live in expectation of sometime returning to the old State. In view of the fact that they do not expect to make this their permanent home, it is difficult to induce those who hold membership to send for the Church letter and connect themselves with some Church here. Feeling themselves strangers and disliking to go not dressed as they suppose others to be, many neglect attending religious services, until they drift clear away. I have found many who tell me they have not heard a sermon for many years. One woman I have in mind had not been to church for nine years; but she has been won back, and is on fire with enthusiasm. Living some distance out, and with small children who keep her at home, she earnestly desired me to come out on Sunday afternoons and form a Bible class, she visiting her neighbors and inviting them to her house. A goodly company gathered the first Sunday, and we hope for good to result from this Bible study.

It is very difficult to get a mission room in a location conveniently

accessible to reach all those we desire, because they are scattered throughout the town and suburbs, and do not live in any one district where a Settlement Home might be opened. Some of the children attending our schools come from a distance of a mile and a half or two miles, hence in inclement weather regular attendance is impossible.

The same line of work pursued last year has been taken up again this year. It has been my purpose to make the house-to-house visiting as beneficial to the women as possible, especially to those kept at home with small children who are deprived of the privileges of religious services. Taking a supply of good, helpful literature, papers, tracts, and books, I ask them to read these. When permission could be obtained, cottage prayer meetings in such homes have been held with some good results. Some have been converted, others reclaimed, and three sanctified. A poor girl who had for years been living a bad life was led to forsake her sins and was beautifully saved. She has been given a home in the country with a good Christian family, where she is taught the industries of country home life. She writes cheerfully and brightly of the life she and her child are now living. She says: "O how glad I am that I can stand at any place on this earth and testify that Jesus's blood covers me!"

The mothers' meetings have not been successful, if numbers is a correct standard by which to judge. On several occasions the meetings have been very good, and babies enough present to furnish a baby show; but unless the day is fine, the baby has to remain at home, likewise the mother. One quilt has been completed, sold, and the proceeds divided among the members. It is hoped that enough "tops" may be pieced so that each member may be given one at the close of the term. At one meeting it was announced that the next week there would be a Bible contest, when questions on Bible facts would be asked. Some careful searching of the Scriptures resulted, and while a good deal of "rust" was brought to light, some was brushed off. To encourage a desire to attain excellence as cooks, I have offered a reward for the best sample of biscuits and rolls.

The sewing school has an enrollment of fifty. Two ladies have voluntarily assisted me, one of whom presides at the organ and also teaches a class. After her visit here last spring, Miss Bennett sent for the mission room ten beautiful mottoes. We are teaching these to the children. Some can repeat every one of them. The younger children have hemmed wash cloths and handkerchiefs, and the older ones make garments for themselves. For the garments I charge a few cents, in order to foster a spirit of independence in the children. One girl gives me the garments she makes to give to the poor.

The night school has sixteen on roll. The public school opened a night session this fall, teaching three nights a week; hence some of our former scholars took advantage of this. The most advanced class is working in fractions; the next class in long division. I have been trying to induce the boys to give up the smoking of cigarettes. A few have signed a pledge not to drink liquor. Two of the girls asked to be allowed to sign a pledge in which they promised not to use "bad words."

Two entertainments a year (at Christmas time and when the work closes for the summer) to each of the schools and to the mothers are given. This year all had a Christmas tree, but the form of entertainment was different in each case. The pupils of the night school received simple and inexpensive presents. The mothers were presented with gifts that were appropriate for housekeepers. All received candy, nuts, and fruit.

I have spent a day and night in nursing the sick. I have taught a

class in Sunday school regularly. Twenty cottage prayer meetings have been held. Hours spent in sewing school, 71; in night school, 124; at mission room, 131.

Our statistical report is as follows: Number of trained workers employed by Board, 1; salaried worker employed by Board, 1; volunteer workers employed by Board, 3; industrial school, 1; children enrolled in industrial school, 50; night school, 1; students enrolled in night school, 16; mothers' club, 1; women enrolled in mothers' club, 10; value of supplies and money received for distribution, \$188; visits made, 1,320; business calls, 186; visits received, 12; opportunities for prayer or Bible-reading, 455; meetings conducted or addressed, 43; persons aided, 70; garments given, 679; groceries, \$4.05; amount of money, \$9.55; papers and tracts distributed, 22,930 pages, and 628 text cards; as near as I can remember, 6 persons were converted, 3 reclaimed, and 3 sanctified.

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

During the year beginning February 1, 1905, and closing February 1, 1906, 200 visits were paid by our visiting committees; 350 garments and 20 pairs of shoes, also fuel, provisions, and \$20 in money, were given to the sick and destitute. At the annual Christmas dinner 400 were fed, 100 baskets sent to the aged and sick, and the remaining \$50 due on the baths at the Methodist Institute was paid. We have a sewing school, which meets every Saturday afternoon, with a number of scholars in attendance and a faithful corps of teachers; and it is very encouraging to see the improvement in the children, especially those who have been with us since the school was organized, four years ago. The father of two of the children, a saloon keeper, says that this work has been a godsend to his children.

A girls' club meets every Thursday night, and the girls are taught basket-making. We hope before very long to have a mothers' club, and to thus carry a little sunshine and help into lives where there is very little to cheer. We have mapped out quite an extensive field for work for the next few months, and hope to make this the best year of our history.

ROME, GA., SETTLEMENT HOME.—MISS NELLE MILLER, HEAD RESIDENT.

The work of this Board has developed at a marvelous pace during the past year. I came to Rome the last days of July, when a home near the Floyd Mills, given by the mill owners, was being fitted up for use as a Settlement by the women of the Board of City Missions. This Home is convenient to the chapel, where some of our institutional features are carried on.

With September were reopened the sewing school (using the systematic sewing course) and the night school. A Young Ladies' Industrial Club was organized also; and these, with our "Right in It" Boys' Club already started, were well manned. Equipment for these has been a part of the gradual growth of the work since. As early as November, in an entertainment for the parents, the calisthenics class was able to add to the programme of recitations and songs a well-prepared wand drill, with red and gray blouses. At the Settlement lectures are given monthly to the mothers by physicians of the city. These have been of great benefit, and are well attended.

Our mothers' study class has been carried on in two circles, meeting from house to house. Though many are unable to read for themselves, they listen eagerly and discuss freely the practical lessons to be drawn. We use the Home Study Quarterlies. This study has been a power for

blotting out misunderstandings between neighbors, making peace and harmony in families, and also opening the eyes of parents to their own responsibilities in sending their children to school, Sunday school, etc.

A Christmas tree was provided for those taking advantage of the various features of our work. This was laden with useful gifts, and yet was indeed a "delight to the eye," at a cost of \$70.

The home life of our Settlement is a strong feature of the work. Evening entertainments have been an opportunity for spreading pure social life far and near, and we have endeavored to make our Home an object lesson of living the Christ life. We expect to meet some results in eternity.

My statistical report is as follows: Number of trained workers employed by Board, 1; salaried worker employed by Board, 1; volunteer workers employed by Board, 30; industrial school, 1; enrolled in industrial school, 50; night school, 1; enrolled in night school, 50; girls' club, 1; enrolled in girls' club, 8; boys' club, 1; enrolled in boys' club, 18; mothers' circles, 2; enrolled in mothers' circles, 18; Sabbath school, 1; enrolled in Sabbath school, 75; visits made, 1,539; visits received, 350; institutions visited, 9; opportunities for prayer and Bible-reading, 80; meetings conducted, 82; garments given away, 149; hats given away, 32; papers and tracts distributed, 670; supplies given, \$20.90; money given, \$1.95; persons aided, 85; neighborhood entertainments given, 8; social evenings given, 38; Christmas tree valued at \$70; school picnic valued at \$20; total amount expended during year, \$719.69.

ST. LOUIS, MO., SLOAN MISSION.—MISS MATTIE WRIGHT IN CHARGE.

It is with some satisfaction and much gratitude for what has been accomplished that we review the work of another year at Sloan Mission. Many changes have taken place, all of which we believe have been attended with good results to the work. Not the least of these in importance to our success was the purchase for us by the St. Louis Church Extension and City Mission Society of a three-story building, one-half of which we are now occupying with the settlement feature of our work. Some trouble, entirely unanticipated, which prevented our securing possession of the other part of the building forced us to move the church, Sunday school, and kindergarten to a hall on Broadway. The increase in interest since this double move has been very gratifying, and those of us who know the situation best are convinced that a wise Providence has ordered each step that has been taken. The church at 1219 South Broadway and the "Sloan Mission House," at 803 Hickory Street, give us two centers of influence in the neighborhood, and each is reaching people not influenced by the other. We hope eventually to secure large enough quarters to draw all of these to one center.

There has been the most perfect unity in the work. Neither the workers nor the Board of Church Extension and City Mission recognize any differences. The plan of last year to convert all our clubs into the various departments of the Church has been blessed with most gratifying results. We have almost the full machinery of the Methodist Church in motion, and we find nothing in all our experience to surpass it for developing our converts into Christian workers.

As an example of a really phenomenal development of workers, our Sunday school is now almost entirely manned by our own people. Of the sixteen classes in the school, only four of them have teachers from outside our own ranks. A plan for the better equipment of the teachers and for a stronger hold on the pupils has just been perfected, and each class is to meet with the teacher once a week at the "House" for an

hour of lesson study and social enjoyment. Something of the idea now prevalent for numerous small clubs instead of the one or two large ones is what we contemplate.

Another change which has caused much interesting discussion, and which has only changed the official title of one of our workers, is the marriage of the pastor and the junior deaconess. We have not lost Miss Olsen, but we have secured for the mission a pastor's wife whose heart is full of love and zeal for the work. Their marriage has endeared them more than ever to our people, and it has already been a blessing to the work. Miss Nordbusch, a deaconess candidate who will enter the Training School in the fall, is already doing efficient work in the place left vacant by Miss Olsen's marriage.

Our statistical report shows: Number of trained workers employed by Board, 4; trained workers employed by Kindergarten Association, 2; salaried workers employed by Board (besides 3 servants), 5; day nursery, 1; children cared for in day nursery, average 15 per day; kindergarten, 1; children enrolled in kindergarten, 75; industrial school, 1; children enrolled in industrial school, 80; free reading room, 1; Junior League, 1; enrolled in Junior League, 35; Epworth League, 1; enrolled in Epworth League, 39; mothers' club, 1; women enrolled in mothers' club, 38; Sabbath school, 1; children enrolled in Sabbath school, 450; conversions, average more than 1 per week; visits made, 1,900; visits received, 2,500; visits to institutions, hospitals, jails, etc., 85; meetings conducted or addressed, 25.

As last year, our juvenile and young people's work is successfully conducted as Junior and Epworth Leagues. We find it accomplishes the same object as the clubs, and links the young people more closely to the Church.

TAMPA, FLA.—MRS. J. F. WELLS, SECRETARY.

The work at Tampa has been retarded for lack of workers, and yet the City Board is able to report: Day nursery, 1; children in nursery, 10; supplies and money distributed, \$206; visits made, 200; visits to institutions, 60; opportunities for prayer and Bible-reading, 100; meetings conducted, 12; persons aided, 50; garments given, 101; papers and tracts distributed, 60.

TYLER, TEX.—MRS. CHARLES T. BONNER, SECRETARY.

The City Board of Tyler, Tex., sends the following statistical report: Number of volunteer workers, 5; girls' club, 1; girls enrolled, 47; visits to hospitals, jails, etc., 12; persons aided, 15; money distributed, \$100.15. Most of the work of the Board goes through the report of the Woman's Home Mission Society. For the coming year we hope for great things.

DEACONESS WORK.

EL PASO, TEX.—MISS LOUISE WHITMAN, PASTOR'S ASSISTANT,
TRINITY CHURCH.

After four years of enforced rest it was with a heart full of praise and hope that I entered upon my work as pastor's assistant in El Paso January 3, 1906. Much has been learned and much remains to be learned. Southern Methodism has only two Churches in the city, and one of these has been in existence only a year. Trinity Church has a membership of about four hundred. The Sunday school is growing rapidly, and both the Junior and Senior Leagues are doing good work. Mr. Gibson is busy with plans for a new church, and we hope to have it ready for dedication in a few months.

My morning hours are given to reading, studying, and visiting cases that need immediate attention. The afternoons are devoted to house-to-house visitation. Having been here only eight weeks, I cannot say what the outlook is for our work in the future, but I am praying that the time may come when we can have a deaconess home and some institutional work.

My statistical report is as follows: Visits made, 137; opportunities for prayer, 9; opportunities for Bible-reading, 7; children secured for Sunday school, 7; Church certificates secured, 3; meetings addressed, 2; lessons taught in Sunday school, 7.

GALVESTON, TEX.—MISS ELIZABETH TAYLOR, PASTOR'S ASSISTANT.

My work in Galveston began May 17, 1905, under the leadership of Rev. George S. Sexton, and later Rev. Glenn Flinn—a new and untried field with ever and increasing possibilities calling for efficient and wise methods and patient service. My duties were varied, yet withal pleasant—coöperating with the pastor in his plans for the upbuilding of the Church and the good of the people, visiting and interesting the members in the Church work, seeking out strangers, the sick and the poor, securing such aid as I could for them, and always carrying the gospel of love and peace into all homes, conducting prayer meetings in the absence of the pastor, women and children's meetings at the Home for Aged Women and the Orphanage, and working in the Sunday school and League. The charitable work of the Sunday school and Church is almost entirely under my direction.

Beginning October 1, we have maintained a sewing school for girls. This was opened for our own Sunday school children and all who chose to attend; always keeping in mind the primary object, to reach that class in need of such help. No denominational lines were recognized, consequently we have the Catholic and Protestant child side by side, and the child from the well-to-do and cultured home and the child from the tenement, each an interested and ready pupil. This is our only feature of institutional work, but our success is an earnest of others to follow.

Galveston, the "City by the Sea," is interesting from several points of view. As the gateway to the Southwest, into her harbor come vessels from all ports, bringing the commerce of the world, and at the same time the people of the world, seeking homes in the city or throughout Texas and the great Southwest. During the past year 4,432 immigrants have passed through her gates—Jews from Russia, Poland, and Germany, Italians, Austrians, and Swedes. Added to these, Greeks and dwellers from the islands of the sea and the Orient. This great foreign element are opposed to the Protestant faith, and bring with them their religion, their disregard of the Sabbath, coupled with their intemperate habits. Many of them are illiterate and wholly unfitted for life in our land of broad freedom, that makes all men free and equal and every man a sovereign.

Again, the rapid growth of the city is unquestioned. Galveston, with her completed sea wall and the grade of the city raised to the height of the wall, her almost perfect climate, her excellent harbor, and access to the interior, is presenting facilities and advantages found in no other seaport town, which the business world will be quick to recognize.

These conditions present problems to the Church—yes, and they also bring great responsibilities and wonderful possibilities and privileges. Without doubt Galveston is a strategic point with an "open door" for the Church and a home mission field. Methodism during the past year

made a noted increase along all lines throughout the southern part of Texas, and yet Galveston, a Southern city with 35,000 inhabitants, can boast only 600 Methodists all told. With one exception, perhaps, this is the strongest Protestant denomination in the city. First Church has a membership approximating 350, and as a Church she is bravely facing the problems that are confronting her and the Protestant faith; and while realizing the feebleness of her power from a worldly point of view, with a courage born of faith in an omnipresent and omniscient God she has established a firm foothold in this stronghold of Catholicism and foreign influence.

My work as represented in figures is: Volunteer workers, 6; industrial school, 1; children enrolled in industrial school, 150; value of supplies and money received for distribution, \$97.75; visits made, 718; visits received, 34; visits to institutions, hospitals, jails, etc., 27; opportunities for prayer and Bible-reading, 3; meetings conducted or addressed, 67; persons aided, 35; garments given, 80; amount of money expended, \$86; papers and magazines distributed, 162.

My report embraces just eight months. I began work a little before June 1, and spent August at Corpus Christi and at home. Much has been done that cannot be reported in figures, and I feel that God has mercifully led me during these months.

LOS ANGELES, CAL.—HOMER TOBERMAN DEACONESS HOME, MISS MARIA ELLIOTT, DEACONESS.

Realizing at once my own inefficiency and the magnitude of the work, it was not without many misgivings that I accepted the management of the Home in the place of our dear "house mother," Mrs. C. Price Brown, who was forced by ill health to give up the work last February. But with the realization of weakness came also the assurance that after all it is not our work but God's, and he has shown us in a hundred ways that our part is only to "go forward." Sometimes, indeed, we have seemed to be walking into the midst of the sea, but each time the waves have parted and we have felt at last the solid ground beneath our feet. When funds were running low, a check would come from some unexpected source; and when one worker left, another was ready to take her place at once, so that the work went on without interruption. We soon saw that we must have a matron, so we began correspondence to that end with Miss Gibson, to whom her daughters always turn in times of perplexity. And we were not disappointed, for as soon as school was out in May she sent us another one of her daughters, Miss M. A. Crowder, who has been a most valuable addition to our corps of workers, not only managing well the affairs of the household, but taking charge of the Chinese mission during my vacation and during the long weeks of my illness last fall. She has also had charge of the sewing school, and under her management it soon grew so large that they were forced to meet in the basement of our little church across the street from the Home. Lack of helpers has been a serious drawback to the work, however; and not until recently have we been able to enlist any regular teachers, without which it is impossible to conduct a successful sewing school. But with the new teachers interested in the work we hope soon to be able to report better things. Miss Keifer, who had served so long and faithfully, left us in June, and Miss Fyke, assistant nurse, left in September at the call of duty to work in her own home. Their places have been most acceptably filled by two consecrated young women, Misses Bradford and Summers.

We have opened our doors to young women coming as strangers to the city in search of health or employment until they could find suitable

rooms elsewhere. Cards have been printed and framed and hung in the stations stating our object and giving directions as to how to reach the Home. In this way we hope to be the means of saving many who might otherwise be snared into improper places, and thus innocently led to ruin.

It has been our privilege to entertain three foreign missionaries this year—Mrs. Josephine Campbell and Miss Mattie Ivey (our first foreign deaconess) on their way to Korea, and Miss Ara Riggins, of Mexico. We have also had with us at various times a number of our ministers and several Conference officers of our Woman's Home Mission Society throughout the Church. These have in quite a number of instances gone back to their home societies or districts and stirred them up to send us boxes of donations or gifts of money for special objects. Among these was a sum of money from the Covington District, Kentucky Conference, sufficient to furnish the reception hall, which we have named Covington District in their honor. Mrs. George Buffington was the inspirer of this gift, she having visited us last winter.

But it is through the hospital department that we feel that our best work has been done. Not only have we enjoyed the patronage of those who could pay liberally for the service rendered them, but we have also had the joy of being able to minister to some who but for our help would not have had the care and attention they needed because unable to pay for it. And not only to sick bodies have we been able to minister, but to weary, sin-sick souls as well, for not a few have gone away declaring that henceforth life would wear a different face to them because they had felt the healing touch of the Great Physician. We have frequent calls for district nursing, and whenever possible our nurses have responded, but it is impossible to attend to all the calls. Here is an avenue open for a fine work if we only had some one to do it. We need another trained nurse in the hospital also. Miss Elliott by her splendid skill has so thoroughly won the confidence of the physicians who have practiced here that they are anxious to bring us more patients, but we cannot possibly enlarge the work without more help. Is there not another trained nurse in our great Church who is willing thus to consecrate her time and talents to the Master's service? We are also sadly in need of more deaconesses if we are to hold the ground we have gained. Our sister Church here in the city has fourteen or fifteen constantly employed, and could use as many more. We are earnestly hoping for at least one more this year.

Our statistical report is as follows: Number of workers now in the Home, 6; workers during the year, 11; guests entertained, 35; young women entertained, 20; patients treated in hospital, 36; out-patients, 7; garments received for distribution, 183; garments distributed, 71; visits made by workers in the Home, 409; girls placed in homes, 1; boxes of supplies sent in, 14; estimated value of boxes and other donations, \$197.16; total receipts for household expenses, \$1,901.57; total amount expended for household, \$1,786.82; balance, \$114.75.

ST. LOUIS, MO., CENTENARY METHODIST CHURCH.—MISS MABEL KENNEDY,
PASTOR'S ASSISTANT.

At the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board held in Montgomery, Ala., last April, after consecration to the office of deaconess, I was assigned to Centenary Church, St. Louis, as pastor's assistant. Centenary is the only Protestant downtown Church in the city, except a Protestant Episcopal Church, and under the blessing of God is doing a great work. The membership at this time is more than two thousand, and the pastor's assistant has found unlimited opportunity for work. During the

year I have labored to save the wandering and the prodigal, strengthen the weak, comfort the sorrowing and the dying, and minister to the sick in every way possible to me. God has blessed me in all I have endeavored to do in his name. Visiting from house to house is my most important work, and in this God has greatly blessed me and my work. I have free access to all the homes; and if there is one where I have not been welcomed, I do not know it. Many a blessed privilege our dear Lord has granted in allowing my prayers to mingle and ascend with those of his troubled children to the throne of grace, and many opportunities have been mine to relieve physical want and suffering. My heart has continually longed to lead those to whom it has been my privilege to minister to the Saviour, who alone can give the peace that passeth all understanding.

We have two Sunday schools connected with our Church, and it is my privilege to teach a class of girls in each school. The girls in my morning class are from sixteen to twenty years of age, and the enrollment is fifty. This is the critical age in their lives, and I am glad to report that nearly all of them have been converted and are members of the Church. The afternoon school is a mission school. My girls range from eleven to fifteen, and nearly all of the thirty members of this class have accepted Jesus as their Saviour. The preaching services are largely attended and thoroughly evangelistic. I have opportunity to touch many lives in connection with these services. We also have a large prayer meeting, with an average attendance of about three hundred. The pastor, Dr. McMurry, has charged me to be on the lookout in all these services for strangers, persons under conviction, diffident members, and all others who may need special attention. The Epworth League maintains a library and reading room where much of the current literature may be found, and on every Friday evening opens the parlors of the church for a social meeting of the young people. Many are attracted to these social meetings who later are brought to Christ and into the Church.

The statistical report is as follows: Visits to members of the Church, 978; visits to non-Churchmembers, 510; calls on the sick, 194; calls on those bereaved, 68; visits to institutions, 84; total visits made, 1,834; visits received, 340; opportunities for prayer and Bible-reading, 375; lessons taught in Sunday school, 97; persons induced to attend church, 250; persons professing conversion, 17; meetings attended, 492; meetings addressed or conducted, 28; garments distributed, 335; value of same, \$200; value of food supplies, etc., \$80; children placed in institutions, 11; adults placed, 6.

WACO, TEX., REBECCA SPARKS DEACONESS HOME.—MISS MAY LOCKARD, DEACONESS.

Much of the work done through the Rebecca Sparks Deaconess Home for the year just closing has been in the nature of experiments. As it has been our first year at this point, some time was required to ascertain the kind of work most needed and that might be prosecuted with the best results. Early in the year a day nursery was opened; but, owing to the fact that it was necessary for the children to cross two railroad tracks in order to reach the nursery, and for other reasons, it was deemed best to discontinue this feature of the work for the present year at least.

A mothers' club was organized, and for a time was successful; but, because of the lack of a suitable place for holding the meetings, we were obliged to give up this also. As we met at the home of one of the mothers in a room where she sewed for a living, our meetings.

often necessitated the giving up of her work for an entire afternoon, and sometimes to the serious inconvenience of customers. Our Home is in a good location for a boarding house, but seems entirely impracticable for industrial work. However, a sewing school is in operation and doing good work, thirty-five children being enrolled. About one hundred and fifty visits have been made during the year, also garments given away and help of various kinds extended to those in need. Thirty young women have been in the Home at different times during the year. Our space is limited, and we can accommodate only ten during the winter. This Home might become a power for good in Waco, as so many young women come to this city in search of employment, and all who have been in the Home this year express appreciation for it and the comforts to be found within its walls. I trust that the Home may continue for many years to be a blessing to young women in need of its protection and advantages.

WONSAN, KOREA.—MISS MATTIE IVEY, DEACONESS.

"My lines have fallen to me in pleasant places," for Wonsan, my new home, is one of the most beautiful spots in all Korea. It is surrounded on three sides by mountains which vie in tints and coloring with the far-famed Japan Sea, which washes the other side. Nestled at the foot of the mountains, with a sea view from each of my windows, is our cozy home, the Lucy Cuninggim Home, which we lovingly call Bethany. Here four months ago, in company with Misses Knowles and Hounshell, I began my life work of being a colaborer with Him for Korea. Words would fail me to tell of the joy, the happiness, the peace which have been revealed to me as the days have come and gone during this time. I call on all that is within me to praise his holy name for the privilege of being in Korea now, when it seems almost sublime just to be living here at this the time of her great awakening.

Having recently attended a series of meetings in which the missionaries of all denominations here (the Canadian Presbyterian, of whom there are three families only, and one Baptist, a man and wife) joined; and having seen God's power so manifested that for over a week men, women, and children in large numbers would sit from ten in the morning until from four to five in the afternoon and from seven until eleven at night, listened to the most heartrending confessions of sin, heard the cry for mercy from men unaccustomed to show any emotion, and at the end witnessed the infilling of the Holy Ghost to numbers of men and women, and really seen them with one accord jump from their prostrate faces on the floor to their feet and praise God—I say to have witnessed all this and to catch a tiny glimpse of the great opportunity for service makes one feel his utter helplessness more than even not being able to speak in a strange tongue.

But God has been helping me with my language study, to which almost the entire first year is given up. Doubtless it would be of some interest to know that I have translated or read the first six chapters in Matthew, memorized the Lord's Prayer and six Scripture verses, besides my study of the grammars. I consider it a privilege also to give about an hour four days in the week to assisting Miss Hounshell in the industrial work in our boarding school on the compound, and to do with my might whatever my hands find to do in relieving the young women of housework. So "seeing after things," which every housewife understands, consumes some time.

On Sundays I walk two miles to church, and for the last month, with the help of a Korean girl, have been teaching a Sunday school class of little *keekungers*, or "look-sees," as they are called—the ragged, dirty

little mothers with their babies tied to their backs. I wish you might see them, how they peep in at the door at first and at the slightest move of the foreigner run like frightened deer; but finally they are enticed in and become real Sunday school pupils, clean and attractive and very lovable.

As to the visiting in the homes of the people, doubtless you know that nearly all of our visiting must be done through our Bible woman. As there are very few homes in which all are Christians, and as persecution might arise from those who were not, it is not deemed expedient for the missionary here to do much house-to-house visiting, so I have done only a little of that.

As we also have no need for Leagues or other meetings than the Sunday school and Church services, I do not take part in such meetings, of course; but God has allowed me the privilege of playing the tiny baby organ in our mud church, and hearing the discordant notes, it is true, but the soul-felt songs as they pour forth in a great volume from the cleansed hearts of heathen men and women who never before have known what song was.

When you think of your deaconess in Korea, think of her as happy in his love, willing to be whatever the Lord would have her be, willing in all matters to be directed of God through the Home and Foreign Boards as to the best course to pursue in regard to deaconess work here, and withal a deep consciouness that she is just where the Lord would have her be; also that she longs above most everything to have a little place in the prayer life of each of you that for her to live in Wonsan face to face with a stretch of three miles of ignorant, dark, superstitious heathendom will be more and more as if Christ were there. "For me to live is Christ" is her deepest desire.

May God's Spirit be so manifest in your meeting that "The first fruits may be holy, so the entire lump may be holy," and He who is always victorious lead you on next year to greater victories through the Anointed One!

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

EDUCATION.

REPORT NO. 1.

The schools of the Woman's Home Mission Society have enjoyed a year of unprecedented prosperity. There has never been a year when better work was done by our faculties or when the student bodies seemed to be more in earnest.

The Italian day school at Ybor City, Fla., has been one of the developments of the year. The school was begun in May, and during the year has enrolled 192 children. They greatly need schoolroom furniture for the better perfection of this organization.

We recommend that the school at Brevard be called the "Brevard Institute."

The appended table gives a concise statement of the number of teachers, students, and cost of maintenance:

SCHOOLS.	Teachers.	Pupils.	Cost to Board for Main- tenance.	Income from Fees.	Value of Prop- erty.
Wolff Mission School, Ybor City, Tampa, Fla. (Cuban).....	3	100	\$ 1,745 00	\$ 277 00	\$ 6,000 00
West Tampa School, Tampa, Fla. (Cuban).....	3	110	640 00	*	2,000 00
Ruth Hargrove Seminary, Key West, Fla.	10	300	5,875 00	1,350 00	12,300 00
Italian Day School, Ybor City, Tampa, Fla.....	2	192	485 00	44 25	.....
Italian Night School, Ybor City, Tampa, Fla....	1	52	.....	15 50	.....
Sue Bennett Memorial School, London, Ky. (Mountain).....	13	398	5,557 89	5,000 00	34,000 00
Brevard Normal and Industrial, Brevard, N. C. (Mountain).....	7	160	3,232 19	1,650 00	12,000 00
Holston Industrial School, Greeneville, Tenn. (Mountain).....	3	90	.....	.....	.....
Chinese Night School, Los Angeles, Cal.....	1	57	480 00	*	.....
Japanese Night School, San Francisco, Cal.....	2	75	780 00	*	.....
Japanese Night School, Oakland, Cal.....	1	46	783 07	*	.....
Japanese Night School, Alameda, Cal.....	1	54	345 00	*	.....
Vashti Blasingame Home, Thomasville, Ga. (Rescue Work).....	3	27	1,000 00	.....	.....
Ann Browder Cunningham Home and School, Dallas, Tex. (Rescue).....	6	91	4,776 00	.....	15,000 00
Paine Annex, Augusta, Ga. (Industrial, Negro)	3	172	1,082 00	*	7,000 00
Total.....	66	1,914	\$26,781 15	\$8,336 75	\$88,300 00

* Fees used for current expenses of school.

REPORT NO. 2.

We recommend the following appointments:

Wolff Mission School.—Miss Eva Poole, principal; two assistants.

West Tampa Mission School.—Miss Emelina Valdes, principal; two assistants.

Ruth Hargrove Seminary.—Miss E. J. Reid, principal; eight assistants.

Sue Bennett School.—Prof. J. C. Lewis, principal; twelve assistants.

Brevard Institute.—Prof. E. E. Bishop, principal; five assistants.

Pacific Coast Schools.—Los Angeles, Miss Maria Elliott; San Francisco, Mrs. E. S. Adams; Oakland, Miss E. Hemingway; Alameda, Miss R. J. Tabor.

Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and School.—Mrs. M. L. Stone, principal; five assistants.

Italian Day School.—Miss Anna Brown, Miss Jennie Smith.

Italian Night School.—Mrs. M. B. Alexander.

Vashti Home and School.—Miss Annie Heath; two assistants.

Paine Annex.—Miss Ellen Young; two assistants.

MISS BELLE H. BENNETT,

MRS. R. W. MACDONELL,

MRS. J. D. HAMMOND.

LITERATURE AND PRESS WORK.

REPORT NO. 1.

For several years there has been among us an ever-increasing appreciation of the power of printer's ink, and hence a corresponding increase in interest in literature and press work of the Woman's Home Mission Society.

Soon after the Annual Meeting of the Board, Mrs. Robert Somerville was elected chairman of this committee and Editor of Leaflets, and held the place until September. When she retired, the work was done by the General Secretary until November, when Mrs. Ed Cook consented to serve.

In pursuance of plans agreed upon at the last session of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, a list was made of all leaflets and similar literature in the General Secretary's office and sent to each Conference Secretary immediately after the meeting adjourned.

Letters were then sent out to every department of our work requesting each teacher and superintendent to write up his or her department for a leaflet. Dr. Reid, Mrs. Mary Bruce Alexander, Mrs. Stone, Mrs. Yarbrough, Miss Rosa Lowe, Mrs. J. F. Evans, and Miss Maria Elliott responded. The leaflets thus secured have proved helpful indeed. Up to date other leaflets that were promised have not been received.

The 1st of October a neat catalogue of publications was issued, with titles of leaflets topically arranged and price indicated. Three hundred and two dollars and ninety-nine cents was expended in the purchase of the following leaflets:

3,000 of "What to Do and How to Do It," from Thomas Kane,	
cost	\$ 29 00
3,000 of "What a Local Church Has Done," "The Way It Works,"	
and "Additional Details."	25 20
3,000 of "Cindy's Chance," from Presbyterian Board	12 00
3,000 of "When the Barrel Came"	6 00
16 different leaflets from Alice Guernsey and Francis Fish.....	230 79
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Total	\$302 99

A list of the home mission matter printed by our own Publishing House, with cost of same, is subjoined.

During the past fiscal year *Our Homes*, the official organ of this Society, has been more than ever instructive and uplifting. The special editions relating to assigned topics for study presented choicest thoughts, facts, and figures on those subjects. We rejoice in the ever-increasing circulation of *Our Homes*, and in the fact that its editor receives from our entire constituency the esteem she so richly merits.

The *King's Messenger* continues to arouse the women of the Church

to see their duty to the modern woman of Samaria, who dwells in our cities to-day, and who, if sympathetically helped, may become, as did the one of old, a messenger for Christ.

An increasing demand for the monthly *Bulletin* attests its usefulness and foretells future enlarging influence.

In forecasting the work for the coming year the following suggestions are offered: First, that a leaflet be prepared with a view to eliciting the attention and interest of the young women, students in colleges, and others, thereby securing, if possible, their heart coöperation in this work so full of possibilities of effective service for the Master. Secondly, that a booklet be prepared, as inexpensively as possible, giving in classified groups pictures of every phase of our work and workers, with a brief account of the same accompanying each picture. Such a booklet, placed in the hands of those uninterested or uninformed of home missions, would give a succinct and interesting account of our whole work and of the work as a whole, thus impressing, informing, and inspiring. The business world has learned that money judiciously invested in printer's ink pays for itself many times over.

REPORT No. 2.

1. We recommend that the former plan of sending out the leaflets monthly be resumed, but that the keeping of a supply of special leaflets for order be continued. A price list of these and of books, booklets, and pictures shall be published and widely distributed.

2. We recommend that an effort be made to secure the writing and publication of a series of small, inexpensive books giving clear, interesting information in regard to the different classes of people for whom the Society is laboring. In order to do this every effort should be made to gather statistics and information of conditions in different parts of the country.

3. The following resolution was referred to this committee, and we recommend concurrence: "*Resolved*, That the Literature and Press Committee outline a programme for the installation of officers to be used by the Auxiliaries."

4. Item 9 of the Report of the Committee on City Missions was referred to this committee, and we recommend that the Manual of Instruction for the City Boards and missionaries be prepared by the Committee on City Missions and turned over to the Committee on Literature and Press for publication.

REPORT No. 3.

In view of the fact that we are waiting the action of the General Conference upon our memorial asking for an Associate Secretary, your committee recommends that the adjustment of the Departments of Literature and Juvenile Work for next year be referred to the Executive Committee.

MRS. E. F. COOK, *Chairman*;
 MISS BELLE BENNETT,
 MRS. R. W. MACDONELL,
 MISS MARY HELM,
 MRS. FRANKLIN MOORE,
 MRS. LUKE JOHNSON.

CONTROL OF DEACONESS WORK.

Your Committee of Control of Deaconess Work is glad to report that the twelve deaconesses appointed at your last Annual Meeting have given satisfaction in their various fields, as is evidenced by the reports of agencies employing them. During the year two were compelled

to retire from active work because of family demands, and one has married.

In December Miss Louise Whitman, of Pulaski, Va., was consecrated and appointed pastor's assistant at El Paso, Tex.

On April 18, 1906, at Central Church, Kansas City, Mo., the following deaconesses were consecrated by Bishop Hendrix: Mrs. Annie Barrett, Miss Florence Blackwell, Miss Fannie Mann, Miss Salina Monohan, Miss Annie Trawick, Miss Bessie Wilhoit, Miss Mary Vaughan. They await appointment at your hands.

We have considered the papers of five deaconess candidates, and recommend three for admission to the Scarritt Bible and Training School, and refer the papers of the other two to the General Secretary for further investigation.

Correspondence relative to the Rebecca Sparks Deaconess Home, at Waco, Tex., has been carefully considered, and we recommend that Mrs. L. P. Smith be authorized to represent the Board in adjusting the difficulties surrounding the work in that city.

In view of the great expense incurred by this Board in the training of its candidates for deaconess work, we recommend the following action: "In all cases where the expenses of the training of a deaconess candidate are met by this Board, the amount expended shall be repaid in full in case the deaconess leave the work without the consent of the Board before she shall have completed her term of service—viz., two years for each year paid for by the Board. No fractional part of a year's work will be received in lieu of service."

In view of the hindrance and injury to the established work by the withdrawal of a worker in the middle of a year, we recommend that the appointment of a deaconess shall extend from the session at which she receives her appointment to the next session of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, and that she shall hold herself legally and morally bound for twelve months' service unless her health should fail or for other good and sufficient cause she should be released by the Deaconess Committee of Control.

A letter from Miss Ivey, of Korea, was considered, and we recommend that her request to adapt her deaconess costume to suit the climate of the Orient be granted.

Miss Ida Stevens, of Ellers House, Nova Scotia, has presented her application as deaconess in our Church. We recommend that the Board give Miss Stevens an appointment at this session, but suggest that her consecration as deaconess be postponed until she shall have tested the climate of the South to see whether her health will be equal to the work of a deaconess.

We recommend that the stipend of the deaconess be raised to fifteen dollars a month.

We recommend that the certificates be renewed as follows: Mrs. E. L. Souby, Miss Maria Elliott, Mrs. M. N. Carr, Miss Mattie Wright, Miss Amie Heath, Miss Elizabeth Taylor, Miss Elizabeth Davis, Miss Mabel Kennedy, Miss Louise Whitman, Miss Mattie Ivey, Miss May Wilson. Miss May Lockard retires from the work of deaconess on account of family cares, and does not desire the renewal of her certificate this year.

MISS BELLE H. BENNETT, *Chairman*;

MRS. R. W. MACDONELL, *Secretary*;

MRS. L. P. SMITH,

MRS. J. D. HAMMOND,

MRS. FRANK SILER,

MRS. W. D. KIRKLAND,

MRS. GEORGE CALL,

MISS MARY HELM,

MISS M. L. GIBSON.

JOINT REPORT OF DEACONESS COMMITTEE OF CONTROL AND COMMITTEE ON
CITY MISSIONS.*Appointments for 1906-07.*

- Asheville, N. C.: Miss Josephine Guffin.
 Atlanta, Ga.: Miss Rosa Lowe.
 Augusta, Ga.: Miss Annie Trawick, deaconess.
 Birmingham, Ala.: First Church, pastor's assistant, Miss Mary
 Vaughan, deaconess.
 Dallas, Tex.: Miss Ida Adreanson, Miss Ida Stevens.
 El Paso, Tex.: Trinity Church, pastor's assistant, Miss Louise Whit-
 man, deaconess..
 Houston, Tex.: Shearn Church, pastor's assistant, Miss Ida Reeves.
 Jacksonville, Fla.: Miss Helen Baker.
 Galveston, Tex.: Miss Elizabeth Taylor, deaconess.
 Louisville, Ky.: Miss Estelle Haskin, Mrs. Annie Barrett, Miss Mattie
 Nutt, Miss Josie Leverett, Miss Nell Miller.
 Kansas City, Mo.: Mrs. E. L. Souby, Miss Bessie Wilhoit, Miss Flor-
 ence Blackwell, deaconesses.
 Los Angeles, Cal.: Miss Maria Elliott, deaconess; Miss Moizelle El-
 liott, nurse.
 Macon, Ga.: Mrs. F. M. Knowles; Miss Salina Monohan, deaconess.
 Mobile, Ala.: Miss Ella Ganow.
 Nashville, Tenn.: Miss Fronie Webb; Miss Fannie Mann, deaconess.
 New Orleans, La.: Mrs. L. Meekin.
 Rome, Ga.: Miss Jannette Haskin.
 St. Louis, Mo.: Sloan Mission, Miss Mattie Wright, deaconess.
 St. Louis, Mo.: Centenary Church, Miss Mabel Kennedy, deaconess.
 Tampa, Fla.: Mrs. Mary N. Carr, deaconess.
 Thomasville, Ga.: Miss Annie Heath, deaconess.
 Italian Work, Ybor City, Fla.: Miss Jennie Smith.
 Dallas, Tex.: Rescue Work, Miss Elizabeth Davis, deaconess: Miss
 May Wilson left without appointment at her own request.

CITY MISSIONS.

The statistics of City Mission work have been reported by the General Secretary, and it is unnecessary to repeat them here; and Miss Haskin has given full details of the twelve missions she has visited during the year.

The information and instruction given to the women of the Church have resulted in a growing sense of the importance of city mission work which has led to the organization or desire to organize in almost every city in the South. Zeal has run ahead of ability to supply needed funds and workers, and, in some cases, of knowledge as to the management of such enterprises. Many City Boards have sought to establish what is called a "Settlement Home" without a proper understanding of the true meaning of the term and the cost of maintaining this class of work. This committee has not found it possible to supply the trained women for the Homes having the qualifications of experience and leadership requisite for Head Residents.

These things have in many cases brought disappointment to the City Boards, the Auxiliaries, and the missionaries, and no little embarrassment to your committee. It will be necessary for the Woman's Board to take some action regulating the character and amount of work undertaken by the City Mission Boards. The following is recommended:

I.

That the City Missions under the auspices of the Woman's Board of Home Missions shall be divided into two classes according to their ability to support and conduct mission work.

1. Class A shall consist of Settlement Homes where the City Mission Board can pay regularly not less than \$100 a month for current expenses. To these the Woman's Board shall appropriate ten per cent on money expended for current expenses the previous year, and either directly or through its Standing Committee on City Missions have control in the appointment of one or more workers, the character and amount of work done, and the location of the house. The Head Residents of these Homes shall be women of experience and training, and have full charge of the internal affairs of the Home and superintend the work of the other residents. The work of the Homes shall, if possible, be so correlated with that of the nearest Methodist Church as to make this Church the center of its operations and the conservator of its results.

2. Class B shall consist of those missions where the City Board is able to pay regularly not less than \$60, or as much as \$100, a month for current expenses. As this amount is not sufficient to maintain a Settlement Home, this class of missionary work shall not be so designed, and the forms of work undertaken shall be limited to such as the funds make possible of success. The missionary shall not be required to keep house or to live in the community wherein she works, but near enough to give attention to its demands. The work shall be carried on wherever possible or desirable in the nearest Methodist Church, or, if that is not possible, in close correlation with it. To this class of work the Woman's Board shall appropriate ten per cent on money expended during the previous year, and shall appoint the missionary.

3. The Woman's Board will make no appropriation to city mission work where less than \$60 a month is raised for current expenses.

II.

This committee recommends that the former action of this Board, embodied in Items 10 and 11 of By-Laws Governing City Mission Work, be so altered as to conform it to the above item.

III.

The past has proven that many of our city missionaries need additional training in the practical details of institutional work and the development of leadership. It is therefore recommended:

1. That the Woman's Board of Missions shall select one or more desirable points where those deaconesses and missionaries who need further experience and development may reside for a longer or shorter term for training in practical work in probationary service.

2. That wherever the committee shall establish such training centers the salary of the Head Resident shall be paid by the General Board, and those in training shall be allowed by it \$5 a month. The City Board shall provide for the board of the Head Resident and the probationers, and the salary and board of one or more permanent workers.

IV.

The peculiar conditions maintaining in some cities would seem to place them in a class to themselves. Such conditions we find in a pre-eminent degree in New Orleans, and in a lesser degree in Galveston, where Methodism is weak and the need for mission work extreme. Your committee recommends that this Board will consider the opening

in these cities in the near future of some aggressive mission work on a different basis of appropriation and management than exists in the case of other city missions.

V.

During the year there have been seven instances where the work has been given up by the missionary or seriously hampered by a failure on the part of the missionary or City Board to appreciate the binding contracts of appointments. Some action of this Board will be necessary to emphasize this fact. Your committee recommends that all appointments of missionaries made at the Annual Meetings of the Woman's Board, or by the standing committees during the year, shall continue until the next Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board and shall be binding upon both the missionaries and the City Boards employing them. This contract cannot be broken except for such reasons as shall be regarded as good and sufficient by the Committee on City Missions.

VI.

In several cases the health of our missionaries has been seriously impaired by overwork or lack of proper care and sufficient rest, and your committee recommends that this Board shall emphasize:

1. That greater care shall be exercised by the City Boards and missionaries that the amount of work undertaken shall not exceed the strength of the number of workers employed, no matter how desirable certain forms of work may appear.

2. The missionaries must keep a Sabbath rest one day in every week, and exercise all possible precautions against overtaxing and exposure, and give sufficient time to sleep.

3. The City Board and the missionaries shall not make the mission a place or residence for the aged, infirm or sick persons, or make of it a Door of Hope.

VII.

Believing that the continued usefulness of a Christian worker depends upon the constant study of God's Word and of books relating to her work, your committee recommends that the course of Bible study and of Home Mission study prescribed by this Board for its missionaries shall be made obligatory, and reports shall be made by them annually as to the extent to which it has been complied with.

VIII.

As there are frequent changes made in the workers, and the new worker is of necessity unacquainted with the community, it is recommended that the missionary in charge thoroughly canvass her district and tabulate its needs and conditions, and that she keep a daily record of the work done.

IX.

There has been a felt need of practical information as to the various forms of institutional work, and your committee recommends that this Board have prepared and printed a manual of instruction for the use of our City Boards and missionaries. This manual shall give full details as to the organization and management of clubs and other methods of work, such as the conduct of night schools, reading rooms, evangelistic services, etc.

X.

It is also recommended that the City Boards and missionaries shall make themselves conversant with the laws of the State and the city that affect sanitation, the protection of children, the regulation of vice, and such other laws as look to reform and civic righteousness. As a

means to this end the City Boards are advised to arrange for a series of lectures from persons acquainted with these legal questions to be delivered at their regular meetings or at some other time if preferred.

XI.

In response to the suggestion in the President's message, it is recommended that the name of "Settlement Home" be dropped and, instead, that the name "The Wesley House" be adopted.

XII.

Your committee takes pleasure in expressing its high appreciation of the service rendered by Miss Estelle Haskin as visitor and organizer of city missions. Her intelligent investigation of conditions in different cities and the practical help rendered City Boards and missionaries have been of great value to the committee, which has obtained through her a clearer knowledge than before of the needs and the requisite supply. We trust the advantage thus obtained will be manifested in future results.

MISS MARY HELM, *Chairman*;
MISS BELLE H. BENNETT,
MRS. R. W. MACDONELL,
MRS. J. H. YARBROUGH,
MISS MABEL HOWELL.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE AND PRESS WORK.

See Report No. 3, Literature and Press Committee, Page 124.

1. There shall be an Editor of Leaflets, who shall supply a monthly leaflet for distribution to the Auxiliaries.

2. She shall secure from the officers of the Board and Superintendents of Departments the facts relating to the work of the Woman's Home Mission Society, from which she shall prepare or have prepared a stock of leaflets to be kept in the General Office. There shall be a classified price list of said leaflets sent to the Conference Corresponding Secretaries, from which they may order as their Auxiliaries need them.

3. The following shall be issued for free distribution: The Constitution and By-Laws in leaflet form, revised every year in accordance with the action of the Board, and an annual leaflet giving a summary of the year's report, which shall be issued after the Annual Meeting of the Board.

4. After each Annual Meeting the proceedings of the Board shall be carefully reviewed, and all action affecting the permanent government of the Society be embodied in the By-Laws relating to the matter acted upon.

5. There shall be prepared by the Committee on City Missions a manual of instruction as to the organization and management of different kinds of institutional work, such as clubs, industrial classes, day nurseries, reading rooms, etc.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES APPOINTED FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING,

PARSONAGES.

1. Your committee has carefully considered the fifty-nine applications calling for aid, amounting to \$12,732.50, entered upon the calendar. These applications were almost three times the amount estimated to be available for appropriation to this department; hence it has been necessary in most cases to cut to half the amount requested and, when it seemed practicable, to offer loans.

2. The report of the Board of Church Extension showing that former grants to Adger, Ala., \$75, Meridian (West End), \$75, and Athens, W. Va., have been abandoned or declined, we recommend that they be rescinded and added to the sum available for appropriation.

3. We again recommend that older and stronger Conference Societies, which ought to have a large membership, endeavor to meet all calls for help within their own bounds, thus increasing the amount to be given by the Board in very needy sections. Six applications were thrown out because they did not meet the requirements of our laws. Another was offered a loan because it seemed possible to make its own payments on time.

We recommend the following donations:

Conference.	Place.	Amount.
Alabama.....	Floral.....	\$ 75 00
	Coffeerville.....	50 00
Arkansas.....	Springtown.....	50 00
Baltimore.....	New Hope.....	75 00
Columbia.....	Medford.....	75 00
	Peoria and McFarland.....	200 00
Denver.....	Manco.....	75 00
East Columbia.....	Boise City.....	75 00
	Corbin.....	75 00
Florida.....	Ybor City (Italian).....	250 00
Holston.....	Graham.....	75 00
	Tazewell District.....	75 00
Indian Mission.....	Duncan.....	150 00
	Cordell.....	75 00
	Henryetta.....	175 00
	Rocky.....	100 00
	Fort Towson.....	75 00
	Perry.....	100 00
Little Rock.....	Dermott and Dumas.....	75 00
Louisville.....	Greensburg.....	50 00
Memphis.....	Milan Mission.....	50 00
Missouri.....	Lineville.....	75 00
	Bellflower.....	75 00
Montana.....	Butte (St. Paul).....	200 00
New Mexico.....	Hagerman.....	75 00
North Georgia.....	Gainesville (Myrtle St.).....	50 00
North Mississippi.....	Columbus (Second Church).....	75 00

Conference.	Place.	Amount.
Northwest Texas.....	Talpa.....	\$ 50 00
Pacific.....	Fresno.....	150 00
	Oakland.....	250 00
	Upper Lake.....	50 00
	Exeter.....	50 00
	Winters.....	50 00
South Carolina.....	Granby.....	75 00
St. Louis.....	Flat River.....	50 00
Tennessee.....	Bethesda.....	50 00
	Saundersville and Hend'sonville	50 00
Virginia.....	West Point.....	75 00
West Texas.....	Laredo.....	100 00
	Granada.....	75 00
	South Austin.....	50 00
	Prospect Hill.....	75 00
	East Greensboro.....	50 00
Western North Carolina.....	Hendersonville.....	50 00
	Clarksburg.....	50 00
	Rockford.....	25 00
Western Virginia.....	Ripley.....	75 00
White River.....	Imboden.....	50 00
	Argenta (Gardner's Monumental)	50 00
	Auvergne and Weldon.....	50 00
	Bay and Marked Tree.....	50 00
Total.....		\$4,200 00

LOANS RECOMMENDED.

East Columbia.....	Corbin.....	\$ 750 00
Florida.....	Titusville.....	400 00
Louisville.....	Beechmont.....	800 00
Louisiana.....	Lafayette.....	1,000 00
Memphis.....	Huntingdon.....	160 00
Pacific.....	Fresno.....	1,250 00
	South Austin.....	300 00
West Texas.....	Granada.....	300 00
	Waynesville District.....	200 00
Western North Carolina.....	Imboden.....	200 00
	Bay and Marked Tree.....	275 00

MRS. BENNETT BELL, *Chairman*;
 MRS. R. W. MACDONELL,
 MRS. W. D. KIRKLAND,
 MISS MARY HELM.

EXTENSION OF WORK AND APPROPRIATION.

REPORT No. 1.

1. Whereas the collections for the fiscal year 1905-06 have been insufficient to permit any enlargement of property or erection of new buildings; therefore be it

Resolved, That special effort be made during the week of prayer to raise \$12,000 with which to build the much-needed institution at Ruth Hargrove Seminary; this amount not to be included in the dollar extra per member.

2. Whereas Galveston is one of our important Gulf ports, and foreigners are pouring into the Southern cities from that point at an ever-increasing rate; and whereas in a city of 35,000 only 5,000 are Prot-

estants, and hence are utterly unable to meet the conditions without help; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board make an appropriation of \$600 toward beginning institutional work.

REPORT No. 2.

Ruth Hargrove Seminary, Key West, Fla.:	
Salaries of teachers.....	\$5,710 00
Janitor and incidentals.....	300 00
Repairs	150 00
Insurance	180 00
Furniture	100 00
Kindergarten wagon	100 00
Summer school	250 00
Emergency Fund	50 00—\$ 6,840 00
Wolff Mission School, Ybor City, Fla.:	
Salaries of teachers.....	1,705 00
Household, janitor, and incidentals.....	200 00
Repairs	100 00
Insurance	115 75
Summer work	75 00
Salary and travel of superintendent.....	300 00— 2,495 75
West Tampa, Fla.:	
Salaries of teachers.....	630 00
Payment on lot.....	250 00— 880 00
Total Cuban work	
	\$10,215 75

ITALIAN WORK.

Italian Day School, Ybor City, Fla.:	
Salaries of teachers.....	\$1,065 00
School furniture	100 00—\$ 1,165 00

RESCUE WORK.

Ann Browder Cunningham Mission Home and Training School, Dallas, Tex.:	
Salaries	\$1,440 00
Current expenses	2,400 00
Repairs and incidentals	300 00—\$ 4,140 00
Vashti Blasingame Home, Thomasville, Ga.:	
Salaries	420 00
Insurance	60 00
Current expenses	2,000 00—\$ 2,480 00

MOUNTAIN WORK.

Sue Bennett Memorial School, London, Ky.:	
Current expenses (in addition to return of fees).....	\$2,500 00
Improvements, insurance, repairs.....	1,850 00—\$ 4,350 00
Brevard Industrial School, Brevard, N. C.:	
Current expenses (in addition to return of fees).....	2,000 00
Adjoining lot	1,000 00— 3,000 00
Total mountain work	
	\$ 7,350 00

San Francisco:	PACIFIC COAST WORK.
Salaries of teachers	\$ 480 00
Rent	480 00
Pastor	540 00
Travel of pastor	150 00—\$ 1,650 00

Los Angeles:

Board and salary of deaconess.....	\$ 300 00	
Board and salary of nurse.....	300 00	
Rent and incidentals.....	200 00—	\$ 800 00

Alameda:

Salaries of teachers.....	240 00	
Rent and incidentals.....	150 00—	390 00

Oakland:

Salaries of teachers.....	240 00	
Rent and incidentals.....	300 00	
Salary and travel of superintendent.....	1,350 00—	\$ 1,890 00

Total Pacific Coast work\$ 4,730 00

NEGRO WORK.

Salaries of teachers.....	\$ 880 00
Incidentals	290 73
Insurance	150 00
Repairs	416 45—
	\$ 1,737 18

CITY MISSIONS.

Atlanta, Ga.....	\$ 335 66
Augusta, Ga.....	104 97
Dallas, Tex.....	142 50
Houston, Tex.....	52 78
Jacksonville, Fla.....	176 67
Kansas City, Mo.....	190 66
Los Angeles, Cal.....	208 50
Macon, Ga.....	88 24
Mobile, Ala.....	123 50
New Orleans, La.....	35 50
Nashville, Tenn.....	144 00
Portsmouth, Va.....	31 25
Richmond, Va.....	46 99
Rome, Ga.....	63 77
St. Louis, Mo.....	233 00
Tampa, Fla.....	12 90
Waco, Tex.....	286 00
Head Resident, Probationary Station, Louisville, Ky.	600 00
Expenses of Probationers.....	180 00—
	\$ 3,056 89

MISCELLANEOUS.

Parsonages	\$4,000 00
Department of Sociology.....	750 00
Deaconess work.....	1,000 00
Extension of work.....	1,100 00—
	\$ 6,850 00

BOARD EXPENSES:

Office of President.....	\$ 500 00
Salary of General Secretary.....	1,200 00
Office expenses of General Secretary.....	800 00
Clerical help.....	500 00
Salary of General Treasurer.....	600 00
Office expenses of General Treasurer.....	25 00
Expenses Supply Department.....	400 00
Expenses of Board meeting.....	500 00
Salary and expenses of Associate Secretary.....	1,100 00
Printing	1,500 00—
	\$ 7,125 00

Total\$48,849 82

MRS. R. W. MACDONELL, *Chairman*;
MRS. J. M. GROSS, *Secretary*.

MEMORIALS.

Memorials were received by your committee from the St. Louis, Los Angeles, Texas, and Tennessee Conferences.

I. In the St. Louis Conference Memorial there were three separate items:

Item 1 was referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

Item 2. We recommend nonconcurrency, inasmuch as the McEachern Brigade fund may not be used to build a hospital.

Item 3. We recommend nonconcurrency in the request that representatives from city missions be given full privileges of delegates.

II. The memorial from the Los Angeles Conference was referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

III. In the Texas Conference memorial there were two separate items.

Item 1 was referred to the Committee on Extension of Work.

Item 2. We recommend nonconcurrency in the request that the Week of Prayer be held in March or April, as it appears that the majority of the Conferences prefer the autumn.

IV. We recommend nonconcurrency in the memorial of similar import from the Tennessee Conference.

V. The resolution offered by members of the Holston Conference was referred to the Committee on By-Laws. Respectfully submitted.

MRS. W. H. PEMBERTON,
MRS. GEORGE CALL,
MRS. N. M. BLASINGAME,
MRS. T. D. POWER,
MRS. S. H. SCOTT,
MRS. M. S. PALMER,
MRS. B. F. LEWIS.

BY-LAWS.

REPORT No. 1.

Your Committee on By-Laws begs leave to submit the following report. Several suggestions and memorials have come to us, and all have been carefully noted. We recommend:

1. That the last sentence in Article 2 of the Constitution of Conference Societies (page 142 of the Nineteenth Annual) be stricken out, and that Article 3 be amended to read as follows: "The President, the three Vice Presidents, the Corresponding Secretary, the Recording Secretary, and the Treasurer shall be elected annually by ballot, and shall constitute the Executive Committee. The District Secretaries and Conference Superintendents shall be nominated by a committee composed of the President, the Corresponding Secretary, and the Treasurer, and shall be elected by acclamation."

2. The second By-Law for the Conference Societies shall be amended to read as follows: "The Vice Presidents shall, in their order, perform the duties of the President in her absence. The First Vice President shall cooperate with the Auxiliary First Vice Presidents in raising the standard of parsonage building and furnishing."

3. Article 5, By-Laws for Auxiliaries, shall be changed and read: "The Third Vice President shall have charge of the Florine McEachern Brigade and Baby Roll, and shall endeavor to interest and enlist the children and young people. She shall collect the enrollment fees for the Baby Roll of twenty-five cents per member, and for the McEachern Brigade ten cents per member, and all the mite-box money for both, and shall turn over, quarterly, to the Auxiliary Treasurer the number of names enrolled and the amount collected. She shall send to the Conference Third Vice President the names of those only whose fees

have been paid, and for the Baby Roll names shall receive certificates. She shall have a book in which the McEachern Brigade Roll and the Baby Roll are kept, and also the amounts paid both for enrollment fees and collected in the mite boxes."

4. That By-Law 8, page 145, be amended by striking out the clause, "securing at least ten cents a month per member," and shall read as follows: "The Treasurer shall collect membership dues and the expense fund ordered by her Conference, and shall keep a book account of the funds of the Auxiliary."

REPORT No. 2.

In view of the need for knowledge of the Home Mission field, we recommend that each District Secretary make an effort to collect information in regard to the population in her section of the country. She shall obtain all possible facts in regard to nationality, conditions, and surroundings of the inhabitants. This information shall be at the disposal of the Conference Secretary, and through her become material available for compiling statistics valuable in Home Mission work. To this end we recommend that By-Law 7, for Conference Societies (page 143, Nineteenth Annual Report), be amended by inserting the following (after "ask for freewill offering"): "She shall make an effort to collect information in regard to the population of the district, obtaining all possible facts in regard to nationality, conditions, and surroundings."

REPORT No. 3.

Whereas in the wisdom of the Church it has been deemed best to retire our old ministers from the active public and executive work of the itinerancy; and whereas we all recognize the fact that public service amid the conditions of the strenuous life of the present day demand the fullest powers of body and mind; and whereas we all realize how hard it is to retire those whom we honor and revere for their work's sake, as well as for their loving spirit and ripe Christian attainments; therefore be it

Resolved, That sixty-five years be the age limit of those holding official positions in the Woman's Home Mission Society; that this by-law be added to By-Laws for General Constitution and for Conference Societies.

MRS. L. P. SMITH,
MRS. BENNETT D. BELL,
MRS. GEORGE CALL,
MRS. FRANK SILER,
MRS. R. P. MILAM,
MISS ADA LEWIS.

MEMORIAL.

The announcement of the death of Rev. P. H. Whisner brings sorrow to the hearts of the members of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, to whom he has been a faithful friend and safe adviser as Secretary of the Board of Church Extension.

God never gave to earth a truer Christian gentleman. Strong, earnest, and manly, gentle, kind, and courteous, he went about his "Father's business," which was ever his business, and manifested to all with whom he came in touch the power of the simple life hid with Christ in God. So little of self-seeking, so much consideration of others made him one to draw to himself the sure confidence of those with whom he associated. His reverence for womanhood was great, and his thoughtful, courteous deference toward them under all circumstances made for him many friends. His devotion to his own wife was great, and his tender grief in her death was most pathetic. He leaves no chil-

dren to mourn him save his spiritual children who were born into the kingdom through his preaching and nurtured under his pastoral care. The Baltimore Conference, justly proud of this noble son, will feel his loss, and the whole Church may well grieve to give up one who has faithfully served her so faithfully and in so important an office that his place will be hard to fill.

The Woman's Board of Home Missions may well be classed among those who will mourn and miss Dr. Whisner. The child of the Board of Church Extension, it has ever held closest relation to that Board and its Secretary. When Dr. Morton went home to his reward, and the women looked anxiously forward to his successor, that anxiety was relieved with prompt kindness by Dr. Whisner's generous expressions of interest and sympathy. Throughout the eight years of his Secretaryship he never failed to show this, giving careful attention to the business of the Woman's Board intrusted to his official care, and by every word and deed proving himself a helpful friend.

God's good man has passed on into the other room, where await him those he loved on earth and the Master to whom he was faithful unto death.

RESOLUTIONS.

It is with hearts inexpressibly full of gratitude to our Heavenly Father that we acknowledge his goodness and manifold blessings to us for the privilege of assembling ourselves together again in annual session; therefore be it

Resolved: 1. That we thank him for the success which has attended our labors, for his grace which alone has made the crooked places straight and the rough places smooth, and for the unmistakable guidance of the Holy Spirit.

2. That we wish to express our appreciation of the cordial, warm-hearted welcome which has been accorded us; and for the gracious hospitality enjoyed from day to day, which makes us feel that "'tis good to be here." To the committee which met us at the station and kindly welcomed us to this beautiful "Land of the Sky," to our charming hostesses, who have left nothing undone for the comfort and happiness of their guests, we acknowledge our debt of love and gratitude.

3. That we are grateful for the loving greetings extended to our body by Mrs. T. C. Smith, Jr., of Asheville, for Central Church, to Mrs. M. J. Branner, President of the Western North Carolina Conference Society, and to the Rev. Dr. G. T. Rowe, pastor of Central Church.

4. That we shall always carry the memory of the delightful drive through Biltmore, so thoughtfully planned by the ladies of the Church, which enabled us to enjoy the grandeur of the mountains and a view of Mr. Vanderbilt's mansion and its charming surroundings.

5. That our thanks be tendered Rev. Gilbert T. Rowe for his untiring efforts in our behalf, and for the magnitude of his welcome, which included not only the breadth of Asheville hearts and homes, but extended to the very summit of Pisgah.

6. That we greatly appreciate the intelligent, earnest appeal made to the Church by Dr. Julius Magath in behalf of the Hebrew people for the gospel of Christ; that we are deeply grateful to Dr. C. W. Byrd for his soul-inspiring sermon on Sunday morning—a masterly effort to define the proper attitude of the Church toward the world or the un-saved masses—and his address in the evening on city evangelization.

7. We wish to express our sincere thanks for the uniform kindness and courteous attention of the bright-faced young ladies who served us at the refreshing daily luncheon hour, for the prompt delivery of mail, and for the beautiful illustrated souvenir programmes, which

make it possible for us to carry away some real part of the scenes among which we have spent these happy days.

8. That we are grateful for the sweet music which has gladdened our ears, for the kind services of the organist, who came from a sister Church, and for the silent ministry of the beautiful mountain flowers, full of fragrance and tender messages of spring.

9. We thank the Southeastern Passenger Association for the courtesy of reduced railroad rates; the *Christian Advocate*, whose reporter, Mrs. Godbey, has given full accounts of our session, and the newspapers of the city, which have also given space to the proceedings of this body; Mrs M. J. Branner, for the *North Carolina Advocate* with the beautiful picture of Central Church on the front page.

To all who have in any way helped to make this meeting the best and happiest of all the annual sessions, we offer our sincere thanks.

MRS. L. C. SHORT, *Chairman*;
 MRS. T. D. POWER, *Secretary*;
 MRS. W. F. ALEXANDER,
 MRS. R. C. MOREHEAD,
 MRS. J. M. GROSS.

CHARTER OF INCORPORATION OF THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

ARTICLE I. The name of the corporation shall be "The Woman's Home Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South," and it may have succession and continue to be a corporation for fifty years from the approval of this charter.

ART. II. It is created for the purpose of uniting the efforts of Christian women and children in procuring and maintaining homes or parsonages for the use of the itinerant preachers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and for establishing and maintaining schools, missions, hospitals, homes for the friendless, and other like charities and agencies for the propagation of the gospel of Jesus Christ and the elevation of mankind.

ART. III. The Society shall be under the supervision and control of a Board of Managers to be known as "The Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South," in which Board shall be vested the corporate powers herein conferred. It shall consist of a President, two Vice Presidents, a General Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a General Treasurer, and such representatives from the subordinate Conference or local branches of the Society as the by-laws may provide, all of whom shall be women and any of whom may be married women. Said officers and managers shall be chosen at such times and places, in such manner, perform such duties, and hold office for such terms, as the by-laws may prescribe. In addition to said Board, there shall be, subject to its control, such subordinate Conference and local Societies as the Board may authorize by its by-laws.

ART. IV. The Society shall have authority to raise money for its purposes in any lawful way, and may raise and administer a permanent loan and endowment fund, which shall be safely invested or loaned, and only the income therefrom may be expended in carrying forward the work of the Society. It shall also be lawful for said Society to accept contributions to its funds subject to life annuities, which the Society may contract to pay; and the loan and endowment funds of the Society shall be held in trust to secure the payment of such annuities.

ART. V. The corporation shall have the powers enumerated in, and conferred by, Section 856 of the Annotated Code of Mississippi of 1892. It shall have the right to acquire by purchase, gift, grant, devise or bequest, and hold, sell, convey, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of every kind of property, real, personal, or mixed, provided it shall not hold real and personal estate exceeding two hundred and fifty thousand dollars in value.

ART. VI. The Society shall have the right, through its Board of Managers, to make all necessary by-laws for the government of said Board and of the subordinate Conferences and local societies. The persons herein

named as incorporators having made known the fact that they have already met and organized by adopting by-laws and electing officers and managers, therefore upon the approval of this charter, said organization so effected and by-laws so adopted shall become and continue as the organization and by-laws of this corporation, in so far as the by-laws are consistent herewith, to the same purpose and effect, but no further, as though formed and adopted at a meeting after the approval of this charter. The Society shall be subject to the provisions of the Book of Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and to the control of the General Conference of said Church, and no by-laws contrary to the laws of said Church shall be valid.

ART. VII. The meetings of the Woman's Board of Home Missions for the transaction of corporate business may be held anywhere in the United States. It shall prescribe by its by-laws what number of its officers and managers shall be necessary to constitute a quorum.

ART. VIII. The names of the incorporators, who shall constitute the officers and managers of the Board until their successors shall have been elected, are as follows: Miss Belle H. Bennett, of Kentucky, President; Mrs. J. D. Hammond, of Tennessee, First Vice President; Mrs. F. B. Carroll, of Texas, Second Vice President; Mrs. R. K. Hargrove, of Tennessee, General Secretary; Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, of Tennessee, General Treasurer; Miss Emily Allen, of Georgia, Recording Secretary; and the following representatives of the several Conference Societies, to wit: Mrs. C. H. Cope and Mrs. Robert Somerville, of Mississippi; Mrs. C. L. Chilton and Mrs. J. H. Reville, of Alabama; Miss Gertrude Durey, Mrs. W. H. Pemberton, and Mrs. S. H. Babcock, of Arkansas; Mrs. C. H. Buchanan and Mrs. M. N. Moorman, of Virginia; Mrs. Fannie McGhee, of Oregon; Mrs. J. H. Ledbetter, of Colorado; Miss Margaret E. Winnefred, of Washington; Mrs. George Call, Mrs. Bertha Mueller, Mrs. H. A. Evans, Mrs. F. N. Hey, Mrs. T. L. Lallance, Mrs. O. T. Hotchkiss, and Mrs. J. L. Cunningham, of Texas; Mrs. E. K. Griffith, of Florida; Mrs. A. A. Gibson, Mrs. Ross Witherspoon, and Mrs. James Atkins, of Tennessee; Mrs. Anna S. Dunlap, of Illinois; Mrs. C. M. Coppedge, of Indian Territory; Miss Kate Petry, Mrs. L. M. Clark, and Mrs. Mordecai Williams, of Kentucky; Mrs. L. L. Clayton and Mrs. Mary B. Williams, of California; Mrs. F. E. Russ, of Louisiana; Mrs. M. S. Palmer, Mrs. L. P. Norfleet, and Mrs. F. H. Ottofy, of Missouri; Mrs. S. B. Tabor, of Montana; Mrs. Ida T. Wilkins and Mrs. T. F. Marr, of North Carolina; Mrs. F. P. Clark and Mrs. Washington Dessau, of Georgia; Mrs. W. L. Waite, of South Carolina; and Mrs. F. White, of Kansas.

INSTRUCTIONS IN REGARD TO FUNDS.

THE money can be classified under five heads: I. The Regular Fund; II. Special Donations; III. Loan and Endowment Funds; IV. City Mission Money; V. Local Funds.

I. The Regular Fund is used for the support of the connectional work, such as mission schools, parsonages, and rescue work, and includes all money collected, as:

1. Dues of adult, young people, and juvenile members.
2. Life memberships and honorary life members and patrons.
3. Baby roll dues.
4. Mite box collections.
5. Week of Prayer offerings.
6. Donations to which no special direction is given.

II. Special Donations are those directed to some particular object, either within or outside the Conference, connected with the work of the Home Mission Society.

III. Loan and Endowment Funds.

1. Parsonage loan funds, whether named or unnamed.
2. Educational Endowment Fund.
3. City Mission Endowment Fund.

All money collected or contributed under these three headings (the Regular Fund, Special Fund, Loan and Endowment Funds) must be sent by the auxiliary treasurer to the Conference Treasurer, and by her to the General Treasurer, and a statement of the amount for each accompany the draft, as provided for in the record books. All moneys collected during the Week of Prayer are devoted to the current expenses of the general work. No sum from this Week of Prayer collection can be used to make Preachers' Wives' Loan Funds, Educational Endowment Funds, or for local enterprises. Money should not be sent by auxiliaries to the field—that is, in response to any person applying for special aid—but through the Conference Treasurer to the General Treasurer, from whence it will go as directed, and credit be given. Special donations remitted to the Conference Treasurer or General Treasurer must be accompanied by the name and wish of the donor. *This is very important if credit is desired.*

IV. City Mission Money. In those cities where there is a Board of City Missions, the auxiliaries supporting it assess themselves a certain amount, which is paid monthly to the treasurer of the city board. This treasurer sends a voucher (or receipt) to the Conference Treas-

urer for all the money thus received, who in turn signs and forwards the same to the General Treasurer.

V. Local Funds. Under this head is included *all* money raised for *any* purpose *locally*—viz., for the local parsonage, the church, or the poor. This money is held by the treasurer of the local committee, and is expended by her, a *report only* of the amount being sent to the Conference Treasurer, who in turn reports it to the General Treasurer.

LOAN AND ENDOWMENT FUNDS.

The Preachers' Wives' Loan Fund is constituted by donations of five dollars each to make individuals "patrons" of this fund. Names of patrons will be recorded and published in the Annual Report the year they are received. Money thus raised is used for loans to parsonages.

The Memorial Loan Fund.—This name is given to a fund constituted by a contribution of \$20 for each name sent. The \$20 may be paid at once, or in installments as desired. Names recorded on this roll represent the loving remembrance of departed ones by parents, children, relatives, or friends, who, in this way, erect to their memories a lasting monument of good deeds. Those not able to constitute Named Loan Funds are by this fund afforded an opportunity to honor their dead. Names of children may be entered on this roll for five dollars. Money thus collected augments the sum from which loans are made to parsonages.

Named Loan Funds.—The sum of one thousand dollars and upward, donated by one or more persons, may, by direction of the contributors, constitute a separate loan fund, and be named by them. No part of the amounts secured and set apart as constituting the Loan Fund is ever donated for any purpose, or used for current expenses, but is preserved without diminution a perpetual fund, held and reserved wholly for temporary loans. Parsonage loan funds are administered by the General Board of Church Extension, subject to appropriation by the Board of the Woman's Home Mission Society.

Education Endowment Fund and City Mission Endowment Fund have been created. These two last funds are not loan funds, but vested funds, the interest of which will be used for the objects indicated. Patrons to these funds can be made by the payment of five dollars.

All money intended for these funds must be sent to the General Treasurer, either direct or through the Conference Treasurers. Names of patrons for Preachers' Wives' Loan Fund and those enrolled on the Memorial Fund Roll and Educational Endowment Fund should accompany the money.

Mite Boxes are furnished to all wishing to use them for the benefit of this Society on application to Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, 346 Public Square, Nashville, Tenn.

Boxes of Supplies.—Transportation should be prepaid on all supplies, and the amount and to whom sent reported to the Conference Secretary, requesting her to forward same to Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, Superintendent, Church Street, Nashville, Tenn.

Baby Roll.—The name of any child five years old or under may be placed on the Baby Roll by the payment of twenty-five cents. A card for the name of the baby will be sent to be filled out and returned, that it may be recorded on the Baby Roll. A tiny mite box will be sent to receive the baby's pennies, which must be remitted quarterly to the Conference Treasurer, to be sent by her to the General Treasurer. These mite box collections constitute the dues from the Baby Roll. When a child is six years old his or her name must be entered upon the roll of the juvenile society, or on the Florine McEachern Brigade.

INSTRUCTIONS TO SUPERINTENDENTS OF BABY ROLL.

The auxiliary Third Vice President shall have in charge the Baby Roll. She shall collect the enrollment fee of twenty-five cents per member, and give quarterly to the auxiliary Treasurer the number of names enrolled during the quarter and the amount of fees to correspond. She shall at the same time send list of names and addresses to the third Vice President of the Conference Society, who superintends the Baby Roll. She shall keep a correct roll of baby members, secure the continued use of the baby mite boxes, and turn the moneys collected monthly in them over to the auxiliary Treasurer.

When the number of names, and enrollment fees to correspond, have been sent to the Conference Treasurer by the auxiliary Treasurer, then the Conference Treasurer shall forward to the General Treasurer the total *number* of baby members made in the Conference during the quarter (not the *names*), with amount of membership fees to correspond. She shall at the same time write the General Secretary to forward to the Conference Third Vice President a number of baby certificates corresponding with fees sent. (For instance, if she has two dollars and fifty cents, she will order ten certificates.) As names are constantly being added to the Baby Roll, the General Secretary must be informed quarterly.

The Third Vice President of the Conference Society will send baby certificates to the Third Vice President of the auxiliary, who has the Baby Roll in charge and who will fill in names, etc., and turn over to proper parties.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MANAGEMENT OF THE FLORINE McEACHERN MITE BOX BRIGADE.

The Auxiliary Third Vice President shall also have in charge the Florine McEachern Mite Box Brigade. She shall secure the use of these mite boxes by all children who have outgrown the Baby Roll, and also endeavor to enlist other children over five years of age in this Brigade. A social meeting of the Brigade must be held quarterly, when the money from the mite boxes shall be collected. The money must be sent to the General Treasurer through the regular channels for the Florine McEachern Hospital Fund.

CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS, AND MISCELLANY.

CONSTITUTION OF THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

ARTICLE I. This organization shall be known as the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

ART. II. The object of this Society is to enlist and organize Christian women and children in securing homes for itinerant preachers, in providing religious instruction for the neglected and destitute, and in otherwise aiding the cause of Christ.

ART. III. This society shall be under the supervision and direction of women, known as the Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and consisting of a President, two Vice Presidents, a General Secretary, an Associate Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a General Treasurer, and a Corresponding Secretary, or alternate, of each Conference Society. The President and General Secretary of the General Board of Missions and the President and General Secretary of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions shall be ex-officio members of the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

ART. IV. The general officers of said Board shall be elected quadrennially by the Board at the session next succeeding each General Conference. The Corresponding Secretaries and their alternates shall be elected by the Conference Societies as their laws may provide. Superintendents of departments shall be elected annually by the Board, which shall also define their duties.

ART. V. The funds of the Society shall be derived from membership dues, special contributions at meetings appointed in the interest of the society, mite boxes, donations, devises, bequests, or by other means approved by the Board; and the creation of Loan Funds.

ART. VI. The Board shall have authority to raise and administer two Loan Funds, one for parsonage building, and another for Home Mission work. These shall be held separate from the funds raised for general distribution, and shall be used only in loans on adequate security, to be determined by the Board of Church Extension. The administration of the Loan Fund for parsonages shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Church Extension.

ART. VII. It shall be lawful for said Board to accept contributions to its funds from any persons capable of making the same, subject to annuities, payable to the order of person or persons making such donations: but all amounts so received shall be loaned by said Board, on adequate security or securities, and the aggregate amount of annuities that the Board shall assume to pay shall never be allowed to exceed one-half of the annual interest received on the loans made by said Board.

ART. VIII. The funds appropriated by this Board to parsonages shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Church Extension, and shall be administered by the same.

ART. IX. All property (whether real, personal, or otherwise) shall be held in the name of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, a corporation organized under the laws of Mississippi.

ART. X. All dues, special contributions, and other moneys collected by or for the use of the general work of the Woman's Home Mission Society shall be sent to the General Treasurer to be expended by the direction of the Board. Fifty per cent of the dues sent in by each Conference Society, less the amount paid out for Conference expenses, shall be held subject to the order of the proper officers of said Conference, for aiding parsonages within the bounds of the same, but any such funds unappropriated by said Conference at the close of each fiscal year shall be subject to the order of the General Board, and shall be used by said Board to aid the work in more needy Conferences.

ART. XI. The Board shall meet annually, to review and forecast the work, examine reports, estimate resources, appropriate receipts, project work for the year, decide the fields to be occupied and the provisions for each, select the missionaries, the teachers, and other agents to be employed for executing each part of the work, and devise the ways and means for accomplishing the same. It shall have power to make by-laws for the Society, and to provide constitution and by-laws for the Conference and auxiliary societies.

ART. XII. Fifteen members of the Board shall constitute a quorum to transact business at an annual meeting, and five members at a monthly or called meeting.

ART. XIII. The duty of the General Secretary shall be to correspond with missionaries and teachers and other employees of the Society, and with the Conference Secretaries; to furnish Conference Societies with all the needful information; also to secure from them such details of their work as will be necessary to make quarterly and annual reports to the Boards and acquaint herself with the condition, needs, and opportunities of the mission fields, and publish the same for the information of the membership. She shall sign all orders on the General Treasurer, and attend to the legal business of the Society. She shall report annually such details as should be incorporated in the reports of the Board of Church Extension, of Missions, and of Education.

ART. XIV. The General Treasurer shall keep a regular account of the receipts and disbursements of the Society, furnish quarterly and annual reports to be published with those of the General Secretary, pay such bills as the Board may approve, and make such disposition of the funds in her hands as the Board may direct. At the close of the year the accounts shall be audited by one or more competent persons selected for that purpose.

ART. XV. When a vacancy among the general officers or superintendents of departments shall occur in the interim of the annual meetings, the Board shall fill such vacancies until the next annual meeting.

ART. XVI. The office of deaconess is hereby created in connection with the Woman's Home Mission Society. The Woman's Home Mis-

sion Board shall prescribe a course of training for candidates for deaconess work, and shall pass upon the applications of those persons recommended by Quarterly Conference for appointment to a training school, and shall have power to reject a candidate at any time, during or at the end of a course of training, if she be found unsuited to the work. The Board, or the Executive Committee thereof, shall, upon application, recommend deaconesses to mission boards, preachers in charge, societies, or other Church agencies wishing to employ them. When a deaconess is thus employed, she shall make reports to the Quarterly Conference of the charge in which she labors, and be, so far as is practicable, under the direction of the preacher in charge. When removing from the bounds of one pastoral charge to another, she shall carry a certificate of official standing. She shall also make annual reports to the Woman's Board of Home Missions. Her certificate must be renewed annually.

ART. XVII. A candidate for deaconess work must be at least twenty-three years of age, a single woman or a widow. She must be a member of the M. E. Church, South, in good standing, and must have shown a fitness for this work by active service in some line of Christian work. She must have a good English education, and a certificate of good health from a reputable physician. Her application for admission to the Training School must be indorsed by the Quarterly Conference and the preacher in charge of the Church of which she is a member. She must pass a satisfactory examination before the proper committee of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, both as to her educational and religious qualifications, before she can be placed in the Training School. She must give two years of probationary service and study the course prescribed by the Board, after which she must have the recommendation of the superintendent of the school. In exceptional cases, when other requirements are met and the course in the Training School is not deemed necessary, she may be nominated by the preacher in charge, and elected to the office of deaconess by the Quarterly Conference, without attending the training school. The duties of the deaconess are to minister to the poor, care for the sick, provide for the orphan, comfort the sorrowing, seek the wandering and sinful, and do any religious or teaching work to which she may be assigned by the preacher in charge employing her in the home or foreign field, and, relinquishing all other pursuits, devote herself to these or other forms of Christian work to which she may be found adapted. No vows shall be required of any deaconess; nevertheless it is expected that those who seek admission to the Training School, or who apply for a certificate from the Quarterly Conference, will have considered carefully the steps they are taking, and, feeling themselves called of God to do this work, will enter upon it with the purpose of devoting themselves wholly to it. A deaconess shall, however, be at liberty to retire from the

work after three months' notice to the Woman's Home Mission Board, and will be subject to a revoking of her certificate and dismissal if found unsuited to the work. While engaged in active service she shall be entitled to such support as the Woman's Home Mission Board shall stipulate; and if, after a long term of service, she shall be disqualified by sickness or old age, she shall be cared for in a deaconess home hereinafter provided for. A deaconess not employed by any of the above Church agencies shall be under the direct control of the Woman's Home Mission Board. A report of the work of each deaconess, with a certificate of character and standing, shall be sent annually to the Woman's Home Mission Board by the agency employing her, together with her personal report.

ART. XVIII. *Deaconess Institutions.*—The Woman's Home Mission Board is authorized to provide a home where unemployed deaconesses may temporarily reside and be instructed, and where the aged or sick may be permanently cared for, and such other institutions as will not be in conflict with other provisions of Section IV., Chapter XI., of the Discipline of 1898.

BY-LAWS TO GENERAL CONSTITUTION.

1. The President shall preside at the meetings and actively endeavor to advance the interests of the Society. She shall countersign all drafts on the treasury.

2. The Vice Presidents in their order shall perform all the duties of the President in her absence, and such other duties as may be assigned them in the Board.

3. The Recording Secretary shall give notice of all the annual meetings of the Board, and shall keep the minutes of all meetings in book form.

4. The General Treasurer shall send notice to the Conference Treasurer whenever money is sent to the Board of Church Extension from the 50 per cent dues of that society.

5. Special donations must be appropriated as the donors direct. Donations made for connectional work must be sent through the Conference Treasurer to the General Treasurer.

6. The traveling expenses of the general officers to and from all the meetings of the Board and of the superintendents of departments and editors to and from the annual meetings of the Board shall be paid from the general treasury.

7. Whenever the interests of the work demand it, the President or the General Secretary may call a meeting of the Board to provide for emergencies in the interim of the annual meeting.

8. No new work shall be undertaken until it has been presented to the Board at its annual meeting, and been accepted by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

9. The connectional work shall be divided into two classes, A and B. Class A shall include the institutions deeded to the Board and under its

full control. Class B shall include those local enterprises which are accepted by the General Board and become connected with it by passing their funds through the hands of the General Treasurer.

10. A committee of three shall be appointed by the President, whose duty it shall be to audit the accounts of the general officers and Superintendents of the Society and report to the Board at its annual meetings.

11. No principal of any institution shall buy land, contract for a building, purchase furniture, or otherwise incur indebtedness without a written order from the Superintendent, and no Superintendent shall assume a debt for her department except at a personal liability.

12. The Board shall from time to time, as may be necessary, create special departments of work and appoint superintendents to take charge of the same.

13. The President and the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society within the bounds of which the annual meeting of the Board is to be held, after consulting with the President and the General Secretary, shall fix the date of the meeting and make necessary arrangements therefor. If for any cause it should become necessary to change the place of meeting, it may be done by the officers of the Board.

14. The programmes for the annual meetings of the Board shall be made by the President and the General Secretary in consultation with the President and the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society within the bounds of which the meeting is held.

15. During the annual meetings of the Board a half hour at noon shall be set aside for devotional services.

16. These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting.

17. Sixty-five years shall be the age limit of those holding official positions in the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Standing Committees shall be as follows:

A Committee on Education;

A Committee on City Missions;

A Committee on Literature and Press Work;

A Committee on Control of Deaconess Work;

An Auditing Committee.

1. Standing Committees shall be nominated and elected by ballot at the annual meetings of the Board, with *ex officio* members as hereinafter provided.

2. In case of vacancies occurring *ad interim* the remaining members of the committee shall conduct the work until the regular annual meeting of the Board.

3. A majority of each committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Each committee shall elect its own chairman and secretary.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

1. This committee shall consist of the President and the General Secretary of the Board as *ex officio* members, and one other member, said member to be a member of the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

2. It shall be the duty of this committee to superintend the educational work of the Society, and to report upon the same to the Board in annual session.

3. To this committee shall be referred all applications of missionary teachers; all the propositions for the opening of new schools or the enlargement of those already existing; the quarterly reports of superintendents, principals, and teachers; all estimates for the needs of the school for the ensuing year.

4. The committee shall recommend in annual session the number of teachers necessary for each institution, and the amounts to be appropriated for the maintenance of each school. The principal of each school shall submit the credentials of the faculty to the committee for indorsement and appointment. If an emergency arises such as will require an increase in the appropriation to prevent injury to a school, the matter shall be referred to the Board at a called meeting.

5. It shall be the duty of this committee, as a body or individually, to visit, if possible, the schools under their supervision and make themselves acquainted with their internal management.

COMMITTEE ON CITY MISSIONS.

1. This committee shall consist of the President and General Secretary as *ex officio* members, and three other members, who may be members of the Board or may be chosen from the membership of the Society at large.

2. It shall be the duty of this committee to take such oversight of this department as will insure the proper location of mission houses or homes, the class of work to be done in them, the judicious expenditure of funds to encourage or restrain expansion, to aid in devising ways and means for raising funds.

3. It shall be the duty of this committee to investigate the conditions and needs of cities where there are no City Boards of Missions; and where conditions are encouraging, the same should be reported to the Board in annual session or called meeting; and if approved, the committee shall do all in its power to aid in the organization of a City Board and the establishment of a mission on a safe basis.

4. This committee shall confer with and cooperate with City Mission Boards. To it shall be referred all propositions from cities or auxiliaries desiring to take up organized city mission work; all reports of City Boards, including an itemized statement of money received and expended; all reports from city missionaries; all applications for or from missionary workers, or for a change in work or workers assigned. Previous to annual meetings this committee shall

consult individuals, societies, and Boards supporting missionaries, and missionaries themselves, as to the assignment of work for the ensuing year. The committee shall assign work to all missionaries in the employ of the Board, subject to the approval of the Board in annual or called meetings.

COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE AND PRESS WORK.

1. This committee shall consist of the President and General Secretary of the Board, the Editor of *Our Homes*, the Editor of Leaflets, the Superintendent of Press Work, and two other members elected by the Board.

2. This committee shall devise and foster plans for the spread of information in regard to the Society and its work in Church papers and secular press.

3. It shall arrange reading courses on home mission work and Bible study for adult and young people's societies, and shall endeavor to secure the adoption of such courses by auxiliaries and individuals.

4. It shall as far as possible secure the admission of books on home missions in the Sunday school and Epworth League and public libraries.

COMMITTEE FOR DEACONESS WORK.

1. The officers of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, the Principal of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, and two additional members from the Society at large, quadrennially elected by the Board, shall constitute a Committee of Control of Deaconess Work. Three members shall constitute a quorum.

2. This committee shall receive and act upon all applications from those who desire to become deaconesses; also all applications to employ deaconesses. It shall receive quarterly reports from all deaconesses and deaconess institutions maintained or controlled by the Woman's Home Mission Society, and keep on file a full statement of the condition and work of these institutions, and endeavor to maintain helpful relations between the several institutions and between them and the Training School. It shall arrange for any transfers of deaconesses that may be desirable, and shall decide upon all questions of administration and differences.

3. When the deaconess shall have finished her probationary course of training, the Committee of Control shall present her to the Woman's Board of Home Missions in annual session for final acceptance and consecration. She shall then receive a certificate, duly signed by the President and General Secretary of the Woman's Board of Home Missions. This certificate shall be her credentials as a regularly authorized deaconess of the M. E. Church, South, and must be annually renewed. If she should retire or be found unsuited to the work, her certificate must be surrendered to the Committee of Control, and she

thereby ceases to be a deaconess. When the Committee of Control deems it advisable to have one or more deaconesses consecrated in the interim of the annual meetings, it shall arrange for the time and place for that service.

4. Any one receiving training at the cost of the Woman's Home Mission Society shall refund the money if she voluntarily retires from its employ before the expiration of four years. The amount expended shall be repaid in full in case the deaconess leave the work without the consent of the Board before she shall have completed her term of service—viz., two years for each paid for by the Board. No fractional part of a year's work will be received in lieu of service.

5. No one shall be recognized as a deaconess of the M. E. Church, South, who does not comply with the disciplinary requirements and does not hold a certificate from the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

6. When the preacher in charge and the Quarterly Conference present a candidate that they deem an exception to the general rule requiring a course in a training school, the Committee of Control shall examine the candidate, and, if satisfied that all the requirements are met, shall refer her back to the Quarterly Conference for election, and she shall be consecrated at the next annual meeting of the W. B. M., or at such time and place as the Committee of Control shall direct, and shall be granted by that Board a certificate as a regular deaconess, subject to the rules governing the same.

7. No salaries shall be paid, the work of the deaconess being done for the love of Christ and in his name. Deaconesses shall receive an allowance of fifteen dollars a month, with board, traveling expenses, and car fare; but any who so desire may pay their own board and expenses, either wholly or in part. Deaconesses shall be allowed one month's vacation annually, during which time the allowance shall be continued.

8. No promise of life support, when disqualified by sickness or old age, shall be made to those who enter upon the work after the age of forty years, or to those who shall have given less than ten years of efficient, consecutive service as deaconess, the ten years not to include the two years of training.

9. The appointment of a deaconess shall extend from the session at which she receives her appointment to the next session of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, and she shall hold herself legally and morally bound for twelve months' service unless her health should fail or for other good and sufficient reasons she should be released by the Deaconess Committee of Control.

10. When the deaconess is on duty a simple uniform shall be worn, consisting of a black dress, a black bonnet, with white ties and white turn-over collar and cuffs. Plain white waists may be worn in warm weather.

11. Wherever there are two or more deaconesses at work in the same city, if practicable, they shall live in a deaconess home, said

home to be under the control of the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

12. No institutions shall be recognized as deaconess homes of the M. E. Church, South, except those that are authorized by the Woman's Board of Home Missions. All such property shall be held in the name of the Society.

13. Pastors, Mission Boards, or other agencies employing deaconesses shall obligate themselves to provide for their maintenance as specified in By-Law 7. When deaconesses are employed by foreign mission boards, said Boards, may, at their discretion, increase the allowance. When a deaconess thus employed resides in a deaconess home, the money necessary for her maintenance must be paid to the home, from which she will receive the same as others. When there is no deaconess home in the place where she is employed, the money shall be paid directly to her.

14. The nurse deaconess shall receive the same care and allowance as others. When employed in nursing persons able to pay for her services, the money must be paid to the deaconess home or hospital with which she is connected. If not connected with such institutions, the money shall be sent by her to the general treasury and held subject to the needs of the deaconess work.

15. All deaconesses shall be required to pursue a continuous course of study and reading prescribed by the Committee of Control.

16. One day of the week shall be a day of rest for the deaconess, and time shall also be given for the reading and study so necessary to keep her work at the highest point of efficiency.

17. Cities and towns in which deaconess homes are located shall maintain the home by private subscriptions and donations or public collections, and shall do all that is possible to awaken interest in the home and the workers. All moneys expended for the maintenance of these homes shall be reported by voucher through the regular channel, said homes to be given twenty-five per cent on this amount from the general treasury. The deaconesses of a home may elect annually one of their number as a delegate to the meetings of the Woman's Home Mission Society in the district and Conference in which it is located.

18. The rules for self-government of all the deaconess homes must be submitted to the Committee of Control and receive its approval before they go into effect. The rules of the several homes shall be, as nearly as possible, uniform.

19. The superintendents of deaconess homes shall report the names and work of the deaconesses in their charge to the Committee of Control quarterly (1st of June, September, December, and March), with an itemized statement of all moneys received and expended, and shall also make an annual report at the close of the fiscal year. They

shall, when deemed advisable by the Committee of Control, attend the Annual and District Conferences where the homes are located, to secure the interest and coöperation of the brethren.

20. The Committee of Control shall, at the annual sessions of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, make a full report of the deaconess work, which, after acceptance, shall be incorporated in the printed minutes of the Board.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

The Auditing Committee shall consist of two persons, who may be members of the Board or of the Society at large, or members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in good standing.

This section shall take the place of any and all other by-laws relating to standing committees, and all such are hereby rescinded.

COMMITTEES FOR ANNUAL MEETING.

The following committee shall be appointed by the President of the Board at the opening business session of annual meetings, and shall be discharged upon the completion of their work previous to the adjournment of the Board.

Unless otherwise provided, the number of members in these committees shall be left to the discretion of the President.

Reports of these committees must be presented in writing, and copies of the same must be placed in the hands of the Recording Secretary before the final adjournment of the Board.

PLATFORM COURTESIES.

This committee shall consist of three members, whose duty it shall be to make known to the President all persons who should be introduced to the Board.

RESOLUTIONS.

This committee shall submit for action of the Board the formal resolutions usually adopted by such bodies.

MEMORIALS.

To this committee shall be referred all memorials of whatever character that come to the Board.

PARSONAGES.

To this committee shall be referred all applications for donations and loans to parsonages.

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXTENSION OF WORK.

All questions of finance shall be referred to this committee, including estimates from standing committees. The committee shall report for the decision of the Board the amounts to be appropriated for all the different objects comprising the work of the Board, all amounts of salaries or office expenses, and all other questions in-

volving expenditure of money. The Treasurer of the Board shall be a member of this committee *ex officio*.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

FOR BUSINESS SESSIONS OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

1. Roll call.
2. Report of General Treasurer.
3. Report of General Secretary.
4. Report of Superintendents.
5. Announcement of standing committees.
6. Presentation of papers to be referred to committees.

FOR REGULAR DAILY SESSIONS.

1. Roll call.
2. Reading of minutes.
3. Reports from standing committees.
4. Reports from special committees.
5. Miscellaneous business.

RULES OF ORDER.

- (a) Each session shall open and close with devotional exercises.
- (b) All resolutions shall be presented in writing.
- (c) Ladies shall rise when addressing the Chair.
- (d) No member shall leave the room without permission of the Chair.
- (e) All reports of committees and such other papers as are to be incorporated in the minutes of the annual session shall be carefully copied as last read and approved by the body before being placed in the hands of the Secretary.
- (f) At annual meetings a timekeeper shall be appointed, who shall give prompt signal when each time limit is reached.
- (g) Courtesies shall be limited to the fifteen minutes preceding the noon hour.

CONSTITUTION OF CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

ARTICLE 1. In each Annual Conference there shall be organized a Conference Society, auxiliary to the Woman's Board of Home Missions, which shall have charge of the work of the Society within the Conference, hold annual meetings, appropriate money to pay incidental expenses, and determine amounts to be appropriated within its bounds.

ART. 2. The society shall consist of one or more delegates from each auxiliary and the following officers: a President, three Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and a District Secretary from each presiding elder's district.

ART. 3. The President, the three Vice Presidents, the Corresponding Secretary, the Recording Secretary, and the Treasurer shall be elected annually by ballot, and shall constitute the Executive Committee. The District Secretaries and Conference Superintendents shall be nominated by a committee composed of the President, the Corresponding Secretary, and the Treasurer, and shall be elected by acclamation.

ART. 4. Three members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum to transact business at a called meeting. One member of this quorum must be either the President or the Corresponding Secretary.

ART. 5. The Conference Society shall use the dues for procuring parsonages and paying incidental expenses. Any auxiliary or auxiliaries within its bounds shall not project or accept work or respond to special calls for aid without the approval of the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

ART. 6. The Conference Society shall devise a plan for raising an expense fund. No Conference Society shall elect or appoint as its representative at the Annual Board meeting any person not a member of said Conference Society.

BY-LAWS TO CONSTITUTION OF CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society, actively advance its interests, and countersign all drafts on the treasury.

2. The Vice Presidents shall, in their order, perform the duties of the President in her absence. The First Vice President shall cooperate with the Auxiliary First Vice President in raising the standard of parsonage building and furnishing. The Second Vice President shall be the Superintendent of the Department of Tithing, to cooperate with the General Superintendent of Tithing, and the Third Vice President shall superintend the Baby Roll and the Florine McEachern Brigade.

3. The Recording Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of the Conference Society and of the Executive Committee in a suitable book.

4. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Society and supply the auxiliaries with information and with literature by sending it direct to the Presidents of auxiliaries or to the District Secretaries, as the Conference Society may direct. She shall endeavor to organize auxiliaries in every charge of the Conference, and forward a detailed report of each organization by name to the General Secretary and to the Treasurer of the Conference Society. She shall send quarterly reports to the General Secretary by the 15th of March, June, September, and December; also an annual report in March, giving statistics in full. She shall make to the Conference Society such reports as that body may require. She shall also make for incorporation in the minutes of the Annual Conference the necessary report to the Conference Board of Church Extension in regard to appropriations made to parsonages in the Conference. She shall give due notice of all meetings of the Conference Society and of executive meetings. She shall draw all orders on the treasury.

5. The Treasurer shall receive all funds of the Society, keep a book account with each auxiliary, and submit the same annually to an auditor appointed by the Society. She shall write quarterly to the Treasurer of each auxiliary giving special attention to new auxiliaries. She shall remit to the General Treasurer by the 15th of March, June, September, and December all dues, that the General Treasurer may hold in reserve, subject to the order of the Conference officers, the fifty per cent due each Conference Society. She shall also send quarterly to the General Treasurer all special donations for connectional work, contributions to Loan

Funds, offerings of Week of Prayer, and moneys for life memberships, stating carefully the purposes of the same, the names of donors and of life members.

(The Conference Treasurer shall send to the General Treasurer total number of baby members (not the names) made in Conference during the quarter, with amount of membership fees to correspond. She shall, at the same time, ask the General Secretary to forward to Conference Third Vice President a number of baby certificates corresponding with fees sent. For instance, if she has two dollars and fifty cents, she shall order ten certificates.)

6. The Conference Society may elect Superintendents to coöperate with the Superintendents of the Board. They shall send quarterly reports of their work to the General Superintendent of their department by the 15th of March, June, September, and December.

7. The District Secretary shall organize auxiliaries and use every available means to promote the advancement of the Woman's Home Mission Society in her district. She, or a representative appointed by her, shall present a report of the work at the District Conference. She shall hold an annual meeting in the district composed of delegates from the auxiliaries, and shall encourage each auxiliary to hold annually an all-day meeting, and once a quarter a public meeting, thus creating sentiment in favor of the work. She shall ask each pastor in her district to preach a sermon on Home Missions once a year in each Church, and ask for a freewill offering. She shall make an effort to collect information in regard to nationality, conditions, and surroundings. If the Conference Society so direct, the District Secretary shall conduct the correspondence with the auxiliaries in her district. Literature and information must be sent direct to the Presidents of Auxiliaries. She shall send a quarterly report to the Conference Corresponding Secretary not later than the 10th of March, June, September, and December. It shall be her duty to do all in her power to obtain subscribers to the official organ of the Society, *Our Homes*. She shall send her book annually to the Conference meeting to be approved.

8. The Conference Society may make such by-laws as the work demands, provided they do not conflict with those made by the Board.

9. If, during the year, an office becomes vacant, the Executive Committee shall fill the vacancy.

10. During the annual meetings a half hour at noon shall be set aside for devotional services.

11. Sixty-five years shall be the age limit of those holding official positions in the Woman's Home Mission Society.

AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Any number of women may become an auxiliary to the Woman's Home Mission Society, by electing a President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and by the payment of the regular dues—viz., ten cents monthly per member.

CONSTITUTION FOR AUXILIARIES.

ARTICLE 1. This society shall be called the Woman's Home Mission Society of the —, Auxiliary to — Conference Society of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the M. E. Church, South.

ART. 2. The object of this society shall be to raise funds for procuring parsonages where they are most needed, and to encourage women and children to active and earnest effort to advance the cause of Christ in our own land.

ART. 3. Any one paying regularly ten cents per month may become a member of the society; and any one paying \$25 in one year may become a life member, and shall receive a certificate for the same, which may release the holder from further payment of dues.

ART. 4. The officers of this society shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall together constitute an Executive Committee of the society.

ART. 5. The meetings of this society shall be held monthly, or oftener if the interests of the society require it. The February meeting shall be the annual meeting, when the officers shall be elected for the following year; a report of the work of the year shall be read and a copy of the same be given to the pastor.

BY-LAWS FOR AUXILIARIES.

1. The President shall preside at the meetings and superintend the work of the society, laying special emphasis upon the study of the reading course by the auxiliary.

2. The Vice Presidents shall in their order assume the duties of the President in her absence, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned them.

3. The First Vice President shall have in charge the local interests of the auxiliary, and shall, *ex officio*, be the chairman of the committee for local parsonage and benevolent work.

4. The Second Vice President shall cooperate with the Conference Superintendent of Systematic and Proportionate Giving in supplying the auxiliary with information upon this subject, and seeking to bring the members to this method of giving. She shall try to secure individual and auxiliary use of the mite boxes.

5. The Third Vice President shall have charge of the Florine McEachern Brigade and Baby Roll. She shall collect the enrollment fees for the Baby Roll of twenty-five cents per member, and for the Florine McEachern Brigade ten cents per member, and all the mite box money for both, and shall turn over, quarterly, to the Auxiliary Treasurer the number of names enrolled and amount collected. She shall send to the Conference Third Vice Presidents the names of those only whose fees have been paid, and for the Baby Roll names shall receive certificates. She shall have books in which the Florine McEachern Brigade roll and the Baby Roll are kept, and also the amounts paid both for enrollment fees and collected in the mite boxes.

6. The Recording Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the regular and called meetings, soe that the congregation is notified of the time

of the meeting, both from the pulpit and through the Sabbath school, and send her book annually to the district meeting to be approved.

7. The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the society, and send to the Conference Secretary or to the District Secretary, as the Conference Society may direct, full reports before the first day of March, June, September, and December. She shall also send to these officers the name and address of the auxiliary President. She shall send her book annually to the district meeting to be approved.

8. The Treasurer shall collect membership dues and the expense fund ordered by her Conference, keep a book account of the funds of the society, and remit to the Conference Treasurer before the first of March, June, September, and December. She shall send her book annually to the district meeting to be audited. She shall send quarterly to the Conference Treasurer the number of names placed on Baby Roll, with amount of enrollment fees to correspond.

9. It shall be the duty of the Vice Presidents, Secretaries, and Treasurers to make a written report to the monthly business meetings of their local auxiliaries.

10. The society shall elect an agent for *Our Homes*.

11. The society shall elect a Superintendent of Press Work.

12. There shall be a Local Committee to cooperate with the First Vice President as chairman in looking after the parsonage and the benevolent work of the Church. This committee shall be elected quarterly, semiannually, or annually, as the auxiliary may prefer. It shall have its own Treasurer for local funds, which may be raised in any way the auxiliary deems best. Such by-laws may be adopted governing the work as the local needs may require, provided they do not conflict with the by-laws of the general work.

13. There shall be a Visiting Committee appointed monthly, whose duty it shall be to visit from house to house, to distribute reading matter sent out by the society, and other Church literature, enlist members for the society, and induce persons to attend church and Sabbath school. A full report shall be made at each meeting of the society. It shall be the duty of the Visiting Committee to report to the pastor the names of strangers and all cases of sickness and destitution that they may find. The members of the committee on their rounds should also endeavor by the reading of God's Word to comfort, strengthen, or bring to Christ those whom they may visit. The Visiting Committee may be subdivided into smaller committees to visit specific places. A committee on temperance and other committees may be appointed as the needs may require.

14. All the members are requested to pray for the work of the society at the hour of retiring and when they shall lie awake at night, praying especially for the members of the Baby Roll. Those who are shut in by age and ill health should be asked to bring the work and the workers daily before God.

15. The officers of the auxiliary shall be elected by ballot. If an office becomes vacant during the year, an election shall be held to fill the vacancy.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S AND JUVENILE SOCIETIES.**CONSTITUTION.**

ARTICLE 1. This society shall be called the Young People's or Juvenile Home Mission Society of —, Auxiliary to the — Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

ART. 2. The object of this society shall be to interest the young people and children of the Church in missionary and temperance work among the ignorant and degraded in our own country, to secure their help in carrying it forward, and to cultivate piety and systematic giving.

ART. 3. Every young person or child paying regularly five cents a month dues may become a member of this society.

ART. 4. Any one may become a life member of the society by the payment of \$10.

ART. 5. The officers of this society shall be a President, three Vice Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, and a Treasurer, who shall constitute an Executive Committee to plan the work of the society.

ART. 6. Meetings of the society shall be held monthly or oftener. The annual meeting shall be held in February, when annual reports shall be read and officers elected for the coming year.

BY-LAWS.

1. The President shall preside at the meetings of the society, and in every way seek to promote its interests.

2. The Vice Presidents shall, in their order, preside in the absence of the President, and perform such special duties as may be given them by the society.

3. The Recording Secretary shall keep in a book a true record of the proceedings of the society, provide her pastor with notices of the meetings, and annually send her books to the district meeting for approval.

4. The Corresponding Secretary shall carry on the correspondence of the society, send reports of the work of the society once a quarter (before the 1st of June, September, December, and March) to the Conference Corresponding Secretary and District Secretary, and send to these officers the name and address of the auxiliary President. She shall send her book annually to the district meeting for approval.

5. The Treasurer shall collect membership dues, securing at least five cents a month per member; keep a book account; send funds once a quarter (before the 1st of June, September, December, and March) to the Conference Treasurer. She shall send her book annually to the district meeting to be audited.

6. An agent for *Our Homes* shall be elected, whose duty it shall be to solicit subscriptions to the paper.

7. The juvenile society may elect a Lady Manager to direct its interests. She shall guide its affairs in harmony with the work of the Woman's Home Mission Society.

8. The membership of the auxiliary shall be divided into bands of helpers, definite duties being assigned to them at each meeting.

BY-LAWS GOVERNING THE PARSONAGE DEPARTMENT.

The following rules are hereby prescribed for carrying out such of the provisions of the Constitution of this Society as relate to parsonages:

CONCERNING LOANS.

RULE 1. All loans in aid of parsonages shall be made by the General Board of Church Extension, subject to the same rules and conditions prescribed by it for loans in aid of church building. Said Board shall have authority to take bonds and mortgages payable to itself for all loans; to collect principal and interest of same when due, by suit or otherwise; and to pay annuities on Parsonage Annuity Certificates out of interest received by it, rendering an annual report of all its acts performed under these rules in behalf of this Society, and remitting annually to the General Treasurer of this Board all interest collected on parsonage loan funds, less annuities paid.

CONCERNING FUNDS FOR DONATION BY THE WOMAN'S BOARD.

RULE 2. (1) All money specially contributed to be used for donations in the parsonage work; (2) all donations refunded upon mortgages taken under Rule 7; (3) such amount of dues received by the General Treasurer and subject to appropriations under Article X. of the Constitution as shall be determined upon by this Board from year to year at its annual meetings; and (4) all unappropriated balances remaining to the credit of the several Conference Societies on the 1st day of April of each year shall together constitute a fund for donations to aid in building parsonages, and shall be disposed of in grants for that purpose by the Woman's Board of Home Missions. The Board may, in its discretion, grant such donations at its annual meetings in anticipation of its receipts for the ensuing year; but in no event shall the aggregate grants thus made in advance exceed in amount the total amount received under the third item of this rule during the preceding year.

CONCERNING THE DUTIES OF THE GENERAL TREASURER.

RULE 3. The General Treasurer shall, at the end of every quarter, or oftener as she may see fit, remit to the Board of Church Extension all moneys coming to her hands under Rule 2, or for the loan funds; and no moneys received for the use of the parsonage department shall be used for any other purpose.

CONCERNING THE APPROVAL AND GRADING OF APPLICATIONS TO THE WOMAN'S BOARD FOR DONATIONS.

RULE 4. Every application for donation hereafter presented for consideration at the annual meetings of this Board must first receive the approval of the Conference Woman's Home Mission Society; of the Conference Board of Church Extension of the Conference from which it comes, and such approval must be given at a regular meeting of said Board or its Executive Committee when held in the month of March for the consideration of applications for aid to the General Board of Church Extension. Said Conference Boards or Committees are hereby requested to consider all parsonage applications from their respective Conferences, and to forward such as they

may approve so as to reach the General Secretary of the Home Mission Society by April 1st of each year. Each application so approved should have the signature of the President, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer of the Conference Society, and the action of the Conference Board written thereon, certified by the President and Secretary, and all the applications from a given Conference should be, by the Conference Board, graded and marked in the order of their relative importance. This rule shall not apply as to grading and time of approval in cases of unforeseen calamity occurring too late for compliance with its provisions. The General Secretary is hereby directed not to put on the calendar any application not in conformity with this rule.

CONCERNING EMERGENCY APPLICATIONS TO THE WOMAN'S BOARD.

RULE 5. The Woman's Board of Home Missions will not consider applications for donations at other than annual meetings except in cases of pressing emergency, of which it shall be the sole judge. Every such emergency application must be approved by the Conference Board of Church Extension or the bishop in charge of the Conference from which it may come.

DONATIONS BY WOMAN'S BOARD SUBJECT TO REVISION BY GENERAL BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

RULE 6. All donations granted to parsonages by this Board shall be subject to approval of the General Board of Church Extension, as provided in Article VIII. of the Constitution; and no notice of any grant shall be given the parties interested until such approval shall have been given. The Board of Church Extension shall have the power to change the amounts granted and to offer loans instead of donations, when considered judicious, provided the aggregate amounts granted by the Woman's Board shall not be increased.

CONCERNING TITLES AND REFUNDING MORTGAGES.

RULE 7. All donations granted to parsonages by the Woman's Board of Home Missions, or by the Conference Societies, shall be subjected to the same conditions as to titles, debts, insurance, and refunding mortgages as are imposed in like cases by the rules of the Board of Church Extension: *provided*, that mortgages shall not be taken for donations which do not exceed one hundred dollars; and that in cases of peculiar difficulty and hardship, any of the provisions of this rule may be modified in favor of the grantees, with the concurrent consent, in writing, of the General Secretary of the Woman's Board, the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, and, if the grant be made by a Conference Society, of the Corresponding Secretary of such Society.

CONCERNING DONATIONS BY CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

RULE 8. Each Conference Society shall, at its annual meeting, carefully examine all applications for donations to parsonages, and grant such as are worthy, to an amount not exceeding the sum at their disposal, or which they may reasonably expect will be at their disposal by the 31st day of

March following, under Article X. of the Constitution, or from any other source; all such grants to be made subject to the provisions of Rule 7. In case of great emergency, the Woman's Executive Board of the Conference Society shall have the power to make an appropriation in the interim. No application shall be considered unless signed by the trustees and approved in writing by the presiding elder, the pastor, and the Quarterly Conference of the charge. The Corresponding Secretary of each Conference Society shall forward to the General Secretary the applications so granted, with the amount granted each indorsed thereon. The General Secretary shall, after making a list of the same in a book to be kept for that purpose, forward them to the Board of Church Extension, which shall, when supplied with the necessary funds, pay over the same to the parties entitled thereto, upon compliance with the requirements of Rule 7.

APPLICATIONS TO BE WRITTEN UPON AUTHORIZED BLANKS.

RULE 9. All applications for aid to either the Woman's Board of Home Missions or to Conference Societies must be written upon blanks prepared by the General Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary of each Conference Society shall be provided with a supply, at the expense of her society, for gratuitous distribution in the bounds of the Conference.

BY-LAWS GOVERNING CITY MISSION WORK.

In all our cities and towns where two or more auxiliaries of the Woman's Home Mission Society exist, whether in one or several Churches, they may unite for the promotion of city missions, under the title of a "Board of City Missions." But there shall not be in any city more than one such Board.

1. There shall be a Board of City Missions consisting of three or more members from each cooperating auxiliary society, to be chosen by said auxiliaries at the first regular meeting in January of each year. The Conference officers residing in the city, the preachers in charge of the Churches in which the auxiliaries are located, and the presiding elder of the district may be advisory members.

2. The Board shall elect at its first meeting in February of each year a President, two Vice Presidents, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

3. The Board shall hold at least one regular meeting each month. It shall be authorized, with the approval of the executive officers of the Woman's Board, to choose and employ missionaries and fix their salaries.

4. It shall employ as missionaries only those whose testimonials have been considered and approved by the executive officers of the Woman's Board.

5. All appointments of missionaries made at the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, or by the Standing Committee on City Missions during the year, shall continue until the next Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board, and shall be binding upon both the missionaries and the City Boards employing them. This contract cannot be broken except for such reasons as shall be regarded as good and sufficient by the Committee on City Missions.

6. A monthly report shall be made to each auxiliary by its representatives.

7. An annual report of the work shall be made to the District Conference.

8. The Board shall apportion to each auxiliary the amount necessary to be paid by it for salaries of those employed and other current expenses.

9. The Board shall urge the auxiliaries to secure funds by private subscription and other suitable methods for support of the work, to collect promptly and pay to the Treasurer of the Board.

10. The Board shall also report annually its work to its Conference Society and to the Woman's Board through the General Secretary.

11. City missions under the auspices of the Woman's Board of Home Missions shall be divided into two classes, according to their ability to support and conduct mission work.

Class A shall consist of Settlement Homes where the City Mission Board can pay regularly not less than \$100 a month for current expenses. To these the Woman's Board shall appropriate 10 per cent on money expended for current expenses the previous year and reported by voucher to the General Treasurer. Through the Standing Committee on City Missions it shall have control in the appointment of one or more workers, the character and amount of work done, and the location of the house. The Head Residents of these Homes shall be women of experience and training, and have full charge of the internal affairs of the Home and superintend the work of the other residents. The work of the Homes shall, if possible, be so correlated with that of the nearest Methodist Church as to make this Church the center of its operations and the conservator of its results.

Class B shall consist of those missions where the City Board is able to pay regularly not less than \$60, or as much as \$100 a month for current expenses. As this amount is not sufficient to maintain a Settlement Home, this class of missionary work shall not be so designated, and the forms of work undertaken shall be limited to such as the funds make possible of success. The missionary shall not be required to keep house or to live in the community wherein she works, but near enough to give attention to its demands. The work shall be carried on wherever possible or desirable in the nearest Methodist church; or, if that is not possible, in close correlation with it. To this class of work the Woman's Board shall appropriate 10 per cent on money expended during the previous year which has been reported by voucher to the General Treasurer, and shall appoint the missionary.

The Woman's Board will make no appropriation to city mission work where less than \$60 a month is raised for current expenses.

DUTIES OF HOME MISSIONARIES.

1. House-to-house visitation, reading of the Bible and prayer with families, Bible readings, holding prayer meetings, mother's meetings, organizing and superintending industrial schools, etc.

2. They shall report monthly to the Board of City Missions, and quarterly to the General Secretary, giving a full account of their labors during the past month or quarter.

3. They shall work with the presiding elder and the Board with special reference to the establishment of such permanent preaching places and Sunday schools as may be projected by Quarterly Conference or local Church Extension Boards.

REQUIREMENTS OF HOME MISSION CANDIDATES EMPLOYED BY THE WOMAN'S BOARD.

I. Persons who offer themselves for employment by the society should give satisfactory answers to the following questions:

1. Do you feel that you are moved by the love of souls and the providence of God to take upon you the work of a home missionary?
2. Have you an experimental knowledge of salvation through the atonement of Jesus Christ our Lord?
3. Do you believe in the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, as set forth in Part I., Chapter I., of the Discipline?
4. When and where were you born?
5. What are your domestic relations and obligations?
6. Have you a thorough English education?
7. In what schools have you taught, and how long?
8. Have you a knowledge of music, either vocal or instrumental?
9. Can you cut and fit dresses, and teach sewing?
10. Are you able to give instructions in housekeeping, including cooking?
11. Have you had experience in the care of the sick?
12. Are you willing to be transferred from one position to another if in the judgment of the Board such a change is deemed advisable?

II. 1. The candidates should furnish satisfactory testimonials to the following facts: (1) Membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; (2) Christian zeal for the salvation of souls; (3) good health; (4) educational fitness; (5) ability to give instruction in the common domestic industries; (6) aptness to teach.

2. Each candidate is requested to write a letter giving a brief sketch of her life and her call to the work, which, with her photograph, is to be sent with her testimonials.

3. The testimonials of a missionary candidate should be considered and passed by her Conference Society before they are brought before the Board.

COURSE OF STUDY FOR CANDIDATES.
CITY MISSION WORK.

1. The Bible in reference to doctrines generally; and special study of the Acts and the Epistles, their analysis and designs.
2. The life of Christ as portrayed in the Gospels.
3. Wesley's Doctrinal Standards, Sermons I.-XII.
4. Book of Discipline, Chapters I., IV., VI., XI.

5. McTyeire's "Catechism on Church Government."
6. McTyeire's "History of Methodism."
7. "Notes on Nursing," by Florence Nightingale.

Books of Reference:

- Young's "Christ of History."
 "The Methodist Armor," Hudson.
 "Pyle on the Gospels."
 "How to Bring Men to Christ," Torrey.

MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS.

- \$ 0 25 constitutes a baby membership.
 60 constitutes a young people or juvenile membership.
 1 20 constitutes an adult membership.
 10 00 constitutes a young people or juvenile life membership.
 25 00 constitutes an adult life membership.
 100 00 constitutes an honorary life membership.
 300 00 constitutes an honorary life patron to the loan fund.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

\$25 constitutes a scholarship in the mountain, Cuban, Chinese, or Japanese schools.

OUR HOMES.

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LEAFLETS.

Leaflets can be obtained from the Conference Corresponding Secretaries or from the General Secretary, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Nashville, Tenn.

READING COURSE.

FIRST YEAR.

Bible Study.—New Testament. "Life of Christ." Stalker. Price, 60 cents. "How to Study the Bible." Torrey. Price, 75 cents.

Home Mission Study.—Annual Report, *Our Homes*. "Friendly Visiting among the Poor." Mary E. Richmond. Price, \$1. "Under Our Flag." Alice M. Guernsey. Price, cloth, 50 cents; paper, 30 cents.

SECOND YEAR.

Bible Study.—New Testament. "Life of Paul." Stalker. Price, 60 cents. "Quiet Talks on Power." Gordon. Price, 75 cents.

Home Mission Study.—Annual Report, *Our Homes*. "The Burden of the City." Isabel Horton. Price, 50 cents; paper, 30 cents. "The Present South." Edgar Gardener Murphy. Price, \$1.50.

THIRD YEAR.

Bible Study.—Old Testament. "Outlines of an Introduction to the Old Testament." Beardsley. Price, \$1.20. "Quiet Talks on Prayer." Gordon. Price, 75 cents.

Home Mission Study.—Annual Report, *Our Homes*. "Indian and Spanish Neighbors." Julia H. Johnston. Price, 50 cents; paper, 30 cents. "The Long Day." By a Working Girl. Price, \$1.25.

TITLE TO PROPERTY.

The title to all property, real, personal, or otherwise, should be taken and held in the name of the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, a corporation organized under the laws of Mississippi.

FORM OF DEVISE AND BEQUEST.

I hereby devise and bequeath unto the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, incorporated under the laws of the State of Mississippi the following property, absolutely, and in fee simple—viz.,
[Here describe the property so that it may be identified, if it be land or specific personal property; or give the amount if it be a bequest of money; or, if it be a bequest of stock or bonds or notes or other securities, describe the same and give the value thereof. In other words, in any case simply describe the property so it can be told what is intended to be given.]

Note.—Prompt notice of bequests and devises should be given Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, General Secretary, Nashville, Tenn.

BOOKS FOR CITY MISSION WORKERS.

COMPILED BY MISS MABEL K. HOWELL, TEACHER OF SOCIOLOGY IN SCARRITT BIBLE AND TRAINING SCHOOL.

"Life and Labor of People of London." By Charles Booth. Macmillan Company, New York.

Prof. Graham Taylor says that the last two volumes of the above work bearing upon "The Religious Life of City Slums" are especially valuable for mission workers in cities. The books have been recently published, and I have not seen them.

"Development of Thrift." By Mary Wilcox Brown. Macmillan Company, New York. 1903. Price, \$1.

This book is full of valuable suggestions for workers who are trying to build up the character of the poor by teaching them how to be independent. Attention is given to the various agencies that have been organized to stimulate the practice of thrift.

"Boys' Self-Governing Clubs." By Winifred Buck. Macmillan Company, New York. 1903. Price, \$1.

The author of this book has been for years "adviser" in boys' self-governing clubs, and therefore knows whereof she speaks. It is a very valuable handbook for workers with boys. It treats of the causes and consequences of criminal acts in children, gives advice of very practical nature on starting and organizing boys' clubs, suggesting a model constitution for the same, and simple parliamentary laws.

"Constructive and Preventive Philanthropy. By Joseph Lee. Introduction by Jacob Riis. Macmillan Company, New York. 1902.

"Modern Cities and Their Religious Problems." By Samuel L. Loomis. Baker & Taylor Co., New York. 1887.

This book deals with subjects about which every city missionary should be informed, such as the growth of modern cities, the social composition of American cities, the trend of cities, and Christian work in London.

"Modern Methods in Church Work." The Gospel Renaissance. By Rev. George W. Mead. Dodd, Mead & Co., New York. 1901.

"This book deals chiefly with methods of Church work, but it suggests methods and pleads activity on no ground lower than the top of Calvary." The following are some of the subjects discussed: "Reaching People Outside the Church," "Men's and Boys' Clubs," "Boys' Brigades," "Industrial Classes," "Day Nurseries," "Kindergarten and Temperance Work."

"Crime and Its Causes." By William Douglas Morrison. Seran, Sonnensheim & Co., Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. 1902.

This book is of value to a Christian worker, because it tells how criminals are made, of the part destitution and poverty play in crime, and of the best way to deal with crime.

"The Drink Question." Its Social and Medical Aspects. By Kate Mitchell. British Women's Temperance Association, London. 1896. Price, \$1.

This book is thoroughly scholarly, and full of valuable information on the economic, medical, and social aspects of temperance. A Christian worker desiring reliable knowledge on the subject of the drink curse could well afford to ponder over the pages of this book.

"Friendly Visiting Among the Poor." A Handbook for Charity Workers. By Mary E. Richmond. Macmillan Company, New York. 1899. Price, \$1.

Miss Richmond intended that her book should serve as a guide for "those beginning to do charitable work in the homes of the poor, whether as individuals or as representatives of some Church," and such it is. Its bibliographies make it valuable as a book of reference. Every city missionary should own a copy.

"Factory People and Their Employers." How Their Relations are Made Pleasant and Profitable. By Edwin L. Shuey. Lentilhon & Co., New York. 1900. Price, 75 cents.

This book is one of the series of handbooks for practical workers in Church and philanthropy. It sets forth facts, not theories. It is highly recommended to all Y. W. C. A. city workers.

"Charities and the Commons." A weekly journal of philanthropy and social service. \$2 a year.

"Substitute for the Saloon." An investigation made by the Committee of Fifty. By Raymond Calkins. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston. 1901.

This book treats fully one aspect of the saloon problem, its contribution to sociability. A study is made of clubs, churches, settlements, Y. W. C. A.'s, lunch rooms, coffee rooms, etc., as substitutes for this social center of the poor man. The book is full of practical suggestions for a settlement worker.

"The Social Evil." With special reference to conditions existing in the city of New York. By Committee of Fifteen. G. P. Putnam's Company, New York. 1902. Price, \$1.

This book is the result of careful investigation and study. There is no better, no clearer, no more comprehensive statement of the problem involved.

"The Practice of Charity." By Edward L. Devine. Lentilhon & Co., New York. 1903. Price, 65 cents.

This little handbook is written for professional Church and charity workers, and gives some of the conclusions of modern organized charity. The following subjects of chapters will indicate the scope of the work: "In Defense of Charity," "Who Need Help," "Church and Charity," "Volunteer Service," "Professional Service."

"The Boy Problem." A Study in Social Pedagogy. By William Byron Forbush. The Pilgrim Press, Chicago. 1901. Price, 75 cents.

Sunday school teachers, city missionaries, and all workers with boys will find this book invaluable. Some of the subjects discussed are boy life, the way boys organize in "gangs," and the boy problem in the Church. The book is full of practical suggestions, and contains a valuable bibliography with a suggested reading course on the boy problem.

"How to Help Boys." A quarterly magazine published by the General Alliance of Workers with Boys. By William Byron Forbush. 14 Beacon Street, Boston. Price, \$1 a year.

"Social Settlements." Handbook for practical workers in Church and philanthropy. By Charles R. Henderson. Lentilhon & Co., New York. Revised edition, 1902. Price, 60 cents.

This little handbook gives an outline of the origin and progress of British settlements, and the history of settlements in the United States. The theory underlying the settlement, the place of religion in it, methods used in settlement work and results of the same are fully discussed. The book also contains a good bibliography on the settlement movement.

"The Institutional Church." Handbook for practical workers in Church and philanthropy. By Edward Judson. Lentilhon & Co., New York. Price, 60 cents.

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