

Woman's Home Mission Society

Methodist Episcopal
Church, South

Twenty-First Annual Report

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Miss Eva Poole.....	Ybor City, Tampa, Fla.	Dr. C. F. Reid.....	Oakland, Cal.
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Miss B. F. Reid.....	Key West, Fla.	Mrs. Leila Clark.....	Thomasville, Ga.
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Name.	Date of Consecration.	Address.
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Mrs. Mary N. Carr.....	" 1905.....	Tampa, Fla.
Miss Elizabeth Davis.....	" 1903.....	Tampa, Fla.
Miss Maria Elliott.....	" 1904.....	Los Angeles, Cal.
Miss Annie Heath.....	" 1903.....	Thomasville, Ga.
Miss Mattie Ivey.....	" 1905.....	Korea.
Miss Mabel Kennedy.....	" 1905.....	St. Louis, Mo.
Miss May Lockard.....	" 1904.....	Waco, Tex.
Miss Fannie Mann.....	" 1906.....	Nashville, Tenn.
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Mrs. E. L. Souby.....	" 1904.....	Kansas City, Mo.
Miss Elizabeth Taylor.....	" 1903.....	Galveston, Tex.
Miss Annie Trawick.....	" 1906.....	Augusta, Ga.
Miss Mary Vaughan.....	" 1906.....	Birmingham, Ala.
Miss Louise Whitman.....	" 1905.....	Los Angeles, Cal.
Miss May Wilson.....	" 1905.....	Dallas, Tex.
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Week of Prayer, October 8-14.
Tenth Annual Board Meeting, Louisville, Ky.

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DEACONESSES CONSECRATED APRIL 28, 1907.

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INTRODUCTION.

It was a far call in distance and climate from the mountains of North Carolina in 1906 to the vast lowlands of Southwestern Texas in 1907, but the Woman's Board of Home Missions cherished happy memories of the first Annual Meeting held in the wide-awake city of Dallas in 1899, when the Board was organized upon its present basis. Since then Texas hospitality has had a breadth of meaning as wide as her stretch of prairies, and we had learned in many ways the largeness and loyalty of Texas Methodism. Do not her works praise her in the gates of our Home Mission Society, and are we not compelled, when we hear the reports at each annual session, to exclaim: "Many daughters have done worthily, but thou excellest them all?"

There was a feeling of assurance, as we journeyed toward Houston at the invitation of St. Paul's Church, that the ninth annual session would be a notable one in our history, and thus it proved. Entertainment had been provided for two hundred guests, and, while not so many were present, from every part of the State there were visitors in attendance upon the meetings—wide-awake Conference, District, or Auxiliary officers—eager to learn about the work and anxious to make the Board members welcome to Texas.

Houston, the "Magnolia City," with its charm of water oaks and flowers and generous streets, abounds in historic interest. beautiful homes, and handsome churches.

St. Paul's Church is in process of construction. When the Board was invited last year, the congregation expected to be worshipping in their church by this April. Enlarged plans, and the builders' delay, more vexations than the "law's delay," make their fair architectural dream still unrealized; but the cut on the front of the neat programme gives a sure prophecy of one of the handsomest and best-equipped churches in Southern Methodism. Not least among its carefully planned appointments will be apartments for the use of the deaconesses and trained workers to be employed by the Church.

The sessions of the Board were held in the Second Presbyterian Church, courteously offered for the occasion, and the hospitality of the pastor, Rev. F. E. Fincher, and his congregation made us forget all denominational lines in a comradeship of service. Rev. George Sexton, pastor of St. Paul's Church, and Mrs. Sexton, with Mrs. George Call and Mrs. Alexander Woldert, Conference hostesses, and Rev. F. E. Fincher, gave kindest thought and care to every detail that helped to make this session pleasant and profitable. In St. Paul's Chapel, a block or two away, the different Methodist Churches of the city daily served delicious luncheons with a skill and deftness that harmonized with the beautiful spring flowers upon the tables. On Saturday afternoon, at the home of Mrs. A. L. Metcalf, a reception gave opportunity, amid beautiful and delightful surroundings, for meeting many of the Houston people.

There was the largest attendance of Conference delegates in the history of the Board, and the presence of fourteen deaconesses added peculiar interest. Several pastors and representatives of Boards of City Missions had come a long way to secure, if possible, the help of trained workers.

The first public meeting was held Thursday evening, with Mrs. L. P. Smith, First Vice President, presiding. The absence of our beloved President, detained by family affliction, brought a feeling of loneliness to her coworkers. Bishop Seth Ward conducted the opening exercises. Addresses of welcome were made for the city by Commissioner J. C. Gaston, representing Mayor Rice, by Rev. George Sexton, for St. Paul's Church and Houston Methodism, by Rev. F. E. Fincher, for his congregation, and by Mrs. Woldert, for the Home Mission Society of the Texas Conference. Miss Mabel Head, Associate Secretary, gave cordial response in behalf of the Board.

The following departments of work were represented in ten-minute addresses: Education, Mrs. Frank Siler; Rescue Work, Mrs. Nell M. Blasingame; Parsonages and Supplies, Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough.

Friday evening Dr. C. F. Reid, Superintendent of Pacific Coast Work for Foreigners, gave a masterly presentation of the work done, the work needed, the great Christian principles that should underlie educational efforts in behalf of the Oriental immigrants, the harvest already gathered in Christian character, and the possible achievements of the future. It abounded in practical suggestions as to the best development of the schools enterprised by the Board.

Sunday was for many reasons a day to which we had looked forward with eager gratitude. Long before the hour for services the church was filled to overflowing. Plants and flowers, roses, violets, carnations, and ferns breathed the beauty and fragrance of springtime. One thing noted with special pleasure was that the gallery was filled almost entirely with children and young people, whose quiet and earnest demeanor was marked during the long and impressive service. The music by the choir of St. Paul's was of a high order and well rendered, and the congregational singing hearty. Just before the sermon, Mrs.

L. L. Jester, of Tyler, one of the famous singers of Texas, accompanying herself on the Italian harp, sang "Christ is all the world to me." The simple words, the ever-new old tune, and the beautiful, sympathetic voice and earnest expression of the singer make a memory sweet to recall.

The scene, the occasion, the surroundings were in themselves inspiring; but Bishop Ward's unfolding of the Master's words, as found in Luke x. 2, "The harvest indeed is plenteous, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he send forth laborers into his harvest," showed an inspiration born in prayer and study under the influence of that Spirit who alone can lead into truth. The opening sentence gave the outline of the sermon: "A proper interpretation of these words suggests three great realms of truth and fact—vision, prayer, service." These words of our Lord mean no more now than then, but they mean more to us than to those who heard them because the centuries are wonderful commentaries upon the teachings of Jesus. The golden fields waiting and wasting for the tardy reapers suggest the mighty task to which God calls his Church. The Master's words sound a note of world-wide sympathy and solicitude. If human life at its lowest and its highest estate be estimated, and then multiplied by nine hundred million heathen and by all the unsaved in our own land, we should have a sort of statement of the need of the world and the work of the Church. Take the world's sin, pain, oppression—its evil of every sort—the world as it is; then take the world as it should be; and between these we find the measure of our task. God never meant the world to belong to anybody but himself. We must get a vision of what he means the world to be to inspire us to our task. Our Southern problems, the immense cargoes of foreigners pouring into our ports, the nine million negroes, among whom ignorance and immorality must be a perpetual menace to us—to say we cannot solve these and all other problems is pitiable cowardice and culpable unbelief. Some work can wait; but the harvest cannot wait. The good seed are the children of the kingdom. Every soul saved is a seed. The harvest pays; it means bread for the eater and seed for the sower. The supreme need is laborers. Let us look out on heathenism, on the home lands on our own Southern Methodism, where six hundred supplies are appointed in the itinerant ranks (enough men equal to two strong Annual Conferences); let us look out upon the world and see that more laborers are needed—not only more preachers, but more men and women who will do valiant service.

Realizing the supreme need of laborers, Jesus did not say, "Organize, give, go." He said, "Look out on the fields," and then, "Pray." The work of missions is profoundly a religious work. The Master, on some roadside in Galilee, to this group of peasants, who were to do a tremendous work in the world, said: "Pray for laborers." One who has a right vision of this world's need is driven to prayer. There can be only three reasons for failing to realize that prayer is the

supreme duty—ignorance, indifference, unbelief. Prayer is the condition of the measure of human service. It is a pledge of giving. Our giving is not great and heroic, because our prayer is not profound and earnest. If only once men and women pray as they ought, they will not need to be asked to give. After praying for laborers, we must be willing to be sent forth as laborers. The only safe place in the world for any one is that place where God wants him to be. It is enough for him to go where his Lord leads. Get men to pray, and they will organize and give and go to do God's work.

At the close of the sermon, Miss Bennett presented the following nine young women as candidates for the office of deaconess: Miss Mary Elizabeth Smith, South Carolina; Miss Ethel Jackson, South Carolina; Miss Mae McKenzie, Georgia; Miss Maybelle Marshall, Georgia; Miss Annie Mutch, Alabama; Miss Birdie Cate, Texas; Miss Addie Mitchell, Georgia; Miss Lee Crittenden, Georgia; Miss Ida Stevens, Nova Scotia. The beautiful consecration service was entered upon. The faces of the young women were shining with joy—the joy of loving sacrifice. They had made the prayer for laborers, and then said, with Isaiah: "Here am I; send me."

Sunday afternoon, at the Second Presbyterian Church, there was a service for children and young people. Addresses were made by Miss Mabel Head, Mrs. Luke Johnson, and Miss Ethel Jackson.

On Sunday evening there were fourteen deaconesses upon the platform. Eleven of them had been trained at the Scarritt Bible and Training School, in Kansas City; one had received her training at the Methodist Training School, in Nashville. After the opening exercises Miss Maria L. Gibson, Principal of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, introduced in turn the nine new deaconesses, who gave brief experiences of their call to special Christian activity and the leadings of God's Spirit in their lives. There is a peculiar bond binding the members of the Board to these daughters of their love and care, and this family meeting strengthened the tender sympathy which will follow them out into the hard places where their pathways must lead.

Monday evening Rev. Ed F. Cook, Secretary of the Young People's Missionary Department of the M. E. Church, South, who was announced to speak on "The Responsibility of Young People in the Home Fields," took instead for his subject "The Pentecostal Church." Its simplicity of organization and amplitude of power were contrasted with the opposite conditions of to-day. Its mighty equipment was shown to have been in four things: The anointing of the Holy Spirit, the preached word, the evangelistic power of Christian character, and the power of consecrated money. Prefaced with the rather startling statement that Jesus had more to say about money and giving than about forgiveness and salvation, the sermon was chiefly a discussion of the marvelous possible holiness of money. Money is a vital, a latent, an active force. Like a dynamo in the hands of one ignorant of its

power, it is capable of tremendous harm. Broad thinking, broad living, daring financing are needed to establish the kingdom of God, and it is a hopeful sign that fifty American laymen are now sailing the seas on a tour of investigation in the foreign mission fields. With two-thirds of the world unsaved, the Church has been going limp and lame with a loss of revival power because there has been no sensitiveness of the financial conscience. Faithful and loving and loyal as the women of the Church have been in their inadequate efforts to advance her interests, they have oftentimes marred her spiritual beauty and dishonored her magnificent purposes by trying to carry on her work with proceeds of fairs, bazaars, suppers, and social entertainments of all kinds. He urged the women to use their influence to set free the silver and the gold that rightly belong to God's treasury.

Miss Wilson, for fourteen years missionary to China from the M. E. Church, and sister of our Miss May Wilson, led the opening service Tuesday evening. The hour was devoted to hearing reports from the Boards of City Missions of the following places: Dallas, reported by Miss May Wilson; New Orleans, reported by Mrs. W. W. Carré; Nashville reported by Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough; Kansas City, reported by Miss Florence Blackwell; Los Angeles, reported by Misses Maria and Moizelle Elliott; Waco, reported by Miss May Lockard; Galveston, reported by Miss Elizabeth Taylor. The varying phases of activity to meet different manifestations of evil in different sections of the country were interestingly and strongly presented.

The Bible studies conducted from day to day by Rev. Ed F. Cook, strong and spiritual, caused searching of heart and quickened a hungering for deeper attainments in Christian experience. The Board enjoyed his sympathetic presence in the daily sessions and his occasional timely participation in the discussion of vital questions.

The attendance upon the meeting by Rev. J. H. Kuhlman, of the Baltimore Conference, Rev. O. T. Hotchkiss and other brethren of the Texas Conference was gratifying to the Board, and Bishop Ward's presence and kind, frank counsel were greatly appreciated. No member of the Board can ever forget Rev. George Sexton's unwearying kindness and hearty coöperation.

The session was long and unusually arduous, and at its close all were weary. Some of the members were worn from toil and responsibility, and from anxiety on account of family afflictions; but there had been so much of kindness and gracious hospitality, so strong a sense of comradeship in the service of the Master, that gratitude was the uppermost feeling, even in the hours of greatest weariness.

Some of the best-loved workers were absent and were sorely missed, but the new representatives were earnest and enthusiastic. The fact that the beloved Miss Howell was sitting in the shadow of her first great sorrow was chastened with gratitude for the noble mother who had given her children joyfully to God, and who went rejoicing to meet her Lord. Nor did we fail to remember in supplicating prayer the

sister, Miss Blanche Howell, far away from the shadowed home as a foreign missionary in the "Land of the Southern Cross."

Ever and anon during the session there was grateful mention made of the more than fifty thousand women in our great Church—in city, town, and country places—whose interests the members of the Board represent. We thanked God for the faith and love and sacrificing toil of all our workers; they have made possible the rich results brought about at the end of these years, and they call to greater audacity of faith for future plans. Looking back through the eight years that have elapsed between the Dallas and the Houston meetings, we could not but exclaim with joy and gratitude:

"Jehovah hath done great things for us,
Whereof we are glad."

Yet when we recalled our visit to the Mission Home and Training School during our Dallas meeting eight years ago, and then thought of the heroic toil that had written itself upon the face and figure of our revered and beloved Mrs. W. H. Johnson, we could not but wonder that amid the vast resources of Texas this servant of God, with her brave faith and joyous courage, should still have only ten thousand of the fifty thousand dollars needed to equip our noble institution. Surely our membership will pray and work with a passion of entreaty and of sacrifice and of endeavor until our valiant coworker shall see of the travail of her soul and be satisfied. "Jehovah hath done great things for us;" what shall we attempt for him in this new quadrennium? The Houston meeting—shall it prove a great and effectual door of service?

OFFICIAL MINUTES.

FIRST DAY. MORNING SESSION.

THE Woman's Board of Home Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, assembled in its ninth annual session in the Second Presbyterian Church, Houston, Tex., April 26, 1907; and was called to order at 9:45 A.M. by the President, Miss Belle H. Bennett.

"A Charge to Keep I Have" was sung, and Mrs. L. P. Smith led in earnest prayer.

Miss Bennett, using Mark i. 35 and iii. 13-15, after emphasizing the constant and passionate prayer life of Jesus, spoke of the call of the world and of the Church for leadership and the steps by which it is attained. Jesus called the twelve to be with him that they might become fitted for leadership. The steps in leadership must be selection, preparation, appointment. A real leader, one with positive power, is one with the indwelling spirit of Christ. God's call to service comes usually through some human agency, and entrance into service assures of divine authority. Luke's account of the sending forth of the seventy, the laymen, into every city and every place gives also a note from the triumphant joy that came into the heart of our Lord as he caught a vision of a world redeemed through the testimony and service of his colaborers. At the close of the lesson Miss Bennett led in prayer, after which the hymn, "Go, labor on, spend and be spent," was sung. The following half hour, given to praise service, was refreshing to spirit, as there came spontaneous and glad testimony to God's gracious leadings through the year.

The roll was called, showing all the officers present except Mrs. John D. Hammond, the Second Vice President. The following officers and members responded to their names:

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

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

Arkansas Conference: Mrs. Stella Tolleson, Corresponding Secretary.

Baltimore Conference: Mrs. J. H. Kuhlman, Corresponding Secretary.

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

Holston Conference: Mrs. W. B. Sullins, Corresponding Secretary.

Oklahoma Conference: Mrs. R. M. Campbell, President.

Kentucky Conference: Mrs. J. J. Dickey, President.

Little Rock Conference: Miss Lizzie McKinnon, Treasurer.

Louisville Conference: Miss Ada Lewis, Corresponding Secretary.

Louisiana Conference: Mrs. David Zable, Corresponding Secretary.

Memphis Conference: Mrs. William M. Patterson, President.

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

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

New Mexico Conference: Mrs. Flora McA. Jones, Corresponding Secretary.

North Alabama Conference: Mrs. J. P. Jackson, Corresponding Secretary.

North Carolina Conference: Mrs. R. B. John, President.

North Georgia Conference: Mrs. R. T. Connally, Conference Organizer.

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

St. Louis Conference: Mrs. H. S. Bradley, Corresponding Secretary.

Tennessee Conference: Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, President.

Texas Conference: Mrs. George Call, Corresponding Secretary.

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

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

White River Conference: Mrs. Leon Roussan, President.

Miss Mary Helm, Editor of *Our Homes*; Mrs. W. H. Johnston, Agent of the Dallas Mission Home and Editor of the *King's Messenger*; Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, Superintendent of the Department of Supplies; Miss Maria Gibson, member of Committee on Deaconess Work; Mrs. Luke Johnson, Superintendent of the Department of Tithing; Dr. C. F. Reid, Superintendent of Pacific Coast Work.

Only eight Conferences were without representation.

The morning session was fixed from 9 A.M. to 12:30 P.M., and 2 o'clock was named as the hour for beginning the afternoon session. The rules of order were read by the Secretary. Upon motion, the first four pews across the church were assigned to the delegates. The President read her annual address, which, upon motion, was referred to the various committees concerned with its recommendations.

The minutes of the *ad interim session* of the Board were read by the Secretary, as follows:

The Woman's Board of Home Missions met in called session at the Methodist Publishing House, Nashville, Tenn., at 10 A.M., November 13.

1906. Miss Bennett presided. Those present were Miss Belle H. Bennett, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Mrs. B. D. Bell, Miss Mary Helm, Miss Mabel Head, Mrs. Warren Rohr, and Mrs. R. W. MacDonell. Devotional exercises were conducted by Miss Bennett.

The General Secretary submitted correspondence with Mr. Linebaugh, of the Indian Mission Conference, concerning the sale of property in the Indian Territory. The correspondence showed that fifteen acres had been rented during the year and the party now desired to purchase same. Mr. Linebaugh requested the Board to use the purchase money for the repairs of a church located on the same section, but not on the land in question. On motion of Mrs. Bell, it was determined to postpone the sale of the land. The General Secretary was instructed to investigate further, and if the Board of Church Extension so advised she was to use the money from sale of rent corn as the last payment on repairs of the church.

Dr. W. R. Lambuth was introduced and made a detailed report of the work on the Pacific Coast, as he had recently visited the schools in California. The work in Alameda and Oakland he especially commended, and urged the Board to buy the property at Alameda, which is now offered at \$5,000. The earthquake had so affected real estate in California as to make the ability to rent houses more difficult. If the house at Alameda should be purchased by other parties, it would be hard to rent elsewhere.

Owing to the earthquake, the personnel of the school at San Francisco has so changed as to become largely new. Within the last six months more than one thousand Koreans have immigrated to California, and within the next few years five thousand more are to land, as their contracts on the Hawaiian Islands expire. Practically nothing is being done for them, and Dr. Lambuth urged the Board to merge the San Francisco school into one for the Koreans. Mr. Yun, a Korean Christian and graduate of the Anglo-Chinese University at Shanghai, is prepared to take charge of the house and school, and Dr. Reid, with Bishop Atkins, requested him to urge this change. Dr. Lambuth told also of the great need of a parsonage at Berkeley, and put the Board on notice that they would apply for aid at the next Annual Meeting.

Miss Bennett explained to Dr. Lambuth and the Board that the urgency for immediate action in regard to a change of the school at San Francisco had necessitated instruction by wire, and that she and the General Secretary had telegraphed Dr. Reid to secure Mr. Ryang's services and merge the school into one for the Koreans.

On motion of Miss Helm, this action of the President and Secretary was indorsed.

Dr. Lambuth then spoke of the great need of trained workers in the far West and Northwest. He urged the appointment of two deaconesses to Portland as soon as possible.

Mrs. MacDonell submitted correspondence with the Local Board of Managers of the Vashti Home, at Thomasville, Ga. She reported that a visit to the school in August revealed crowded conditions and a necessary change of location. Letters from the Local Board showed an opportunity to secure suitable property which, after full repairs, would cost \$10,000. Discussion concerning the advisability of moving the plant to Athens or Milledgeville followed.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, the session closed with prayer by Dr. Lambuth.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session was opened with prayer by Mrs. W. D. Kirkland. The discussion of the work at the Vashti Home was resumed, and the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That Miss Bennett and Mrs. MacDonell be instructed to visit Georgia to investigate the advisability of changing the location of the Vashti Home, and that they be empowered to act for the Board in adjusting the work.

MISS MARY HELM,
MRS. W. D. KIRKLAND."

Miss Helm read the plan for the Quiet Hour League, which looks to a deeper life of prayer and closer study of the Bible in the Church. On motion, the plan was adopted by the Board, and in the future the course of Bible study in *Our Homes* will follow that outlined by the Quiet Hour League.

On motion, the Board adjourned to meet on Thursday, November 15.

At 10 A.M., November 15, 1906, the following members of the Board convened for the called meeting: Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Mrs. B. D. Bell, Miss Mabel Head, and Miss Mary Helm. On motion, Miss Mary Helm presided, as Miss Bennett had been called home on account of sickness. Miss Head conducted the devotional service.

On motion of Mrs. Bell, the General Secretary was instructed to convey by wire to Miss Bennett the heartfelt sympathy of the Board in her affliction.

Mrs. MacDonell explained the use of the parsonage loan funds, and after debate the following resolution was adopted:

"In view of the fact that the present rate of interest on our loan funds deters the Society from rendering the assistance the loan fund is intended to do to struggling parsonages; therefore be it

"Resolved, That the rate of interest be placed at four per cent instead of six per cent.

MRS. BENNETT D. BELL,
MISS MABEL HEAD."

The work among the Cubans and the Italians was discussed, in which the correspondence submitted by the General Secretary showed the need of clearer understanding and closer work with the General Board of Missions for the immigrants on the Gulf Coast. On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That the General Secretary be requested to confer with the Secretary of the General Board of Missions with a view to effecting arrangements by which both Boards may unite upon one Superintendent for work among foreigners in the South by such a plan as obtains on the Pacific Coast.

MISS MABEL HEAD,
MRS. W. D. KIRKLAND."

Mrs. MacDonell read a letter from Mrs. J. N. McEachern, in which she expressed a desire for a change in the purpose of the Florine McEachern Mite Box collections. She said that she and Mr. McEachern felt that the erection of a hospital in any one section would localize the funds and thereby fail of a larger usefulness. They therefore recommended that the funds known as the Florine McEachern Hospital Fund be so invested as to furnish interest which shall be used for the training of deaconesses. In this way deaconess applicants from all sections of the country can secure training and their services afterwards be available in all parts of the country.

Miss Head made a report of the work among the children and young people who have been committed to her care. She found it necessary to have a clearer understanding between the Juvenile Societies and the Brigades, and urged merging the Societies into the Brigade, which would accentuate and enlarge the work of the children. On motion of the General Secretary, she was instructed to formulate some plan for

unifying these two organizations, which will give them a broader service, and to submit the plan to the Board in annual session.

There being no further business before the body, the meeting adjourned with prayer by Miss Helm.

A resolution, signed by Mrs. L. P. Smith and Mrs. Frank Siler, relative to the adoption of a parliamentary calendar for the systematizing of business was, upon motion, referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The General Treasurer's report was read. It was received with grateful enthusiasm and, upon motion, adopted. (See report.)

The President called attention to the fact that, while the advance in finances had been twenty per cent, the advance in membership was only eight per cent, and urged the duty of enlisting the women of the Church into the ranks of the Home Mission Society.

Mrs. George Sexton presented a cluster of splendid magnolias in the names of Dr. and Mrs. E. P. Davies, members of St. Paul's Church.

The following committees were announced:

Committee on Platform Courtesies.—Mrs. George Sexton, Mrs. Alex Woldert, Mrs. A. L. Metcalf.

Committee on Memorials.—Mrs. George Call, Mrs. N. M. Blasingame, Mrs. T. F. Marr, Mrs. R. B. John, Mrs. Nat G. Rollins.

Committee on Parsonages.—Mrs. L. P. Smith, Mrs. J. J. Dickey, Mrs. B. F. Lewis, Mrs. M. S. Palmer, Mrs. R. M. Campbell, Mrs. L. C. Short, Mrs. T. A. Brown.

Committee on Resolutions.—Mrs. H. S. Bradley, Miss Ada Lewis, Mrs. T. D. Power, Mrs. B. F. Lewis.

Committee on Appropriations and Extension of Work.—Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Mrs. Stella Tolleson, Mrs. J. H. Kuhlman, Mrs. W. B. Sullins, Miss Lizzie McKinnon, Mrs. David Zable, Mrs. William M. Patterson, Mrs. Flora McA. Jones, Mrs. R. D. Connally, Mrs. N. G. Rollins, Mrs. J. R. Burks, Mrs. L. P. Norfleet, Mrs. H. S. Bradley, Mrs. J. B. Jackson, Mrs. E. K. Griffith, Mrs. R. B. John, Mrs. B. F. Lewis, Miss Ada Lewis, Mrs. Leon Roussan.

The noon devotional hour was opened with prayer by Rev. Ed F. Cook. He read some verses from the fourteenth chapter of John and developed the following truths: Love is the inevitable test of discipleship; obedience is the supreme test of love. Obedience means unconditional surrender of all that one has and is. The best service is impossible without surrender. God reveals his plans only to the obedient soul. The rewards of obedience are the gift of the Comforter, the approving love of the Father, the indwelling, abiding Christ.

Dr. Cook closed this season of heart-searching with the benediction.

FIRST DAY, AFTERNOON SESSION.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 2:20 o'clock. Miss Maria Elliott, deaconess from the Homer Toberman Deaconess Home, in Los Angeles, led the devotional service, talking from several passages about "The Ministry of Women to Jesus."

The reading of the minutes of the morning session was, by request of the Secretary, deferred to the next session.

Miss Maria L. Gibson, President of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, was introduced and invited to sit upon the platform. Miss Gibson has been thoroughly identified with the Woman's Board of Home Missions in her arduous and invaluable labors in the Committee on the Control of Deaconess Work, but the Board rejoiced to welcome her as the official leader in the magnificent work done by the older missionary organization.

Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, General Secretary, read her report, which showed the richest results yet achieved in the history of the organization. Upon motion, it was adopted. (See report.)

Neat silver pencil cases, filled with pencils ready for use and suspended by white ribbons, were presented to the members of the body as souvenirs in the name of the Texas Conference by Mrs. Woldert and Mrs. Call.

A resolution presented by Mrs. Blasingame was referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The enforced absence of Miss Mabel Howell, teacher of Sociology in the Scarritt Bible and Training School, was referred to by the President with deep regret. Upon motion of Mrs. MacDonell, the Secretary was requested to send Miss Howell an expression of the loving sympathy of the Board in her sorrow at the death of her mother. Miss Gibson was asked to lead in special prayer for Miss Howell, and several voluntary prayers were also offered.

After announcements, the session adjourned with the benediction by Rev. C. F. Smith.

SECOND DAY, MORNING SESSION.

At 9:15 o'clock the First Vice President, Mrs. L. P. Smith, read a short message from the thirty-third chapter of Jeremiah. "Onward, Christian Soldiers," was sung and prayer was led by Mrs. Smith.

The roll was called and the names of Mrs. E. K. Griffith and Mrs. T. F. Marr were added.

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

Memorials from the Holston Conference, presented by Mrs. Sullins, and from the Louisville Conference, presented by Mrs. Zable, were referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

A resolution presented by Mrs. T. F. Marr was referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

A memorial presented by Mrs. MacDonell from the Nashville Methodist Training School was referred to the Committee on Control of Deaconess Work.

Mrs. MacDonell was requested to report the increase and the present status of each Conference Society. Representatives from the various Conferences gave explanations as to the reasons of growth or

decline. Some of the weaker Conferences were commended as having made considerable advance during the year.

The report of the Associate Secretary, Miss Mabel Head, was given with a clear and strong statement of the difficulties in the way of the juvenile work and the means of removing them. Upon motion, the report was adopted and referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

Testimony as to the effective service of Miss Head was given by several members in whose territory her itinerary had lain.

Dr. Ed F. Cook, Secretary of the Young People's Missionary Work of the Southern Methodist Church, made a strong plea for the missionary training of the children in order that the King might sooner come into his own.

The report of Mrs. Luke Johnson, Superintendent of Tithing, was made. The Board noted with pleasure and satisfaction the systematic results accomplished during the year. After much discussion as to ways and means of popularizing this department, the report was, upon motion, accepted. (See report.)

Mrs. W. H. Johnson was asked to report the Dallas Mission Home and Training School. She was greeted with an enthusiastic Chautauqua salute, and spoke in her characteristic way of the needs and outlook of the institution. In her voice and words there was the same ring of indomitable courage and unflinching faith that have challenged the admiration and won the love of her coworkers ever since she came among them to champion the cause of the most hopeless and most sorrowful ones of all the sisterhood of women.

Two memorials from the North Georgia Conference Society, presented by Mrs. R. S. Connally, were referred to the Committee on Memorials.

Memorials from Kentucky by Mrs. J. J. Dickey, and from Alabama by Mrs. T. D. Powers, were referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

Mrs. Connally gave greetings from Mrs. F. B. Carroll, former Vice President of the Board, and Mrs. R. F. Milam, Corresponding Secretary of the North Georgia Conference Society.

A resolution offered by Mrs. MacDonell that greetings should be sent to Mrs. John D. Hammond was, upon motion, adopted. The following was the message sent:

"Greetings to our beloved Second Vice President. See Romans xv. 13.
 MRS. R. W. MACDONELL, MRS. FRANK SILER."

Miss Helm at this juncture read a letter from Mrs. Hammond to the Board. On motion of Mrs. Siler, the letter was made a part of the minutes of the morning session, so that the Home Mission workers throughout the Church might have the inspiring message contained in the letter:

Dear Madam President and Women of the Board: I am almost ashamed to say a word to you. I feel like an old cripple who hobbles out every time the army marches by and shouts, "I'll fight with you the next time!" until nobody believes it. But I will, I will!

I am so much better. It is such a delight to be reading *Our Homes* again regularly and to see how God blesses work and workers. We may at least give thanks for the sowers and reapers, even though one's own hands are empty and idle and of no service to anybody. And it is the most beautiful thing—the kind of work you do. I feel it more and more. Sometimes I put *Our Homes* down and cry for pure thankfulness that people are doing these things—the things worth living for and dying for. O be happy in your work! And yet I ought not to be sorry for those who must be idle, for the Great Companion is theirs also, and they too find comfort and peace.

Dear women, while I am still an officer among you, let me say one word for something very near my heart. Some of you know how keenly concerned I have been from the beginning in our work for the negroes. When I was too little to understand how right it is, I always had to fight for the under dog; and the more I understand the spirit of Christ and the love of God, the more I feel that the greatest debt is to the neediest. I don't ask for any honor or any reward or anything at all in life, but just for love and strength and wisdom so to live as to be able, when I meet Christ face to face, to say: "Lord, I haven't done much; but I have done my level best to help the folks that needed you most, the folks that were the lowest down and farthest off, the folks who had fewest helpers and greatest need." O I pray you look at it from Christ's standpoint! In the fog of prejudice and the storm of passion, steer by the love of God. It is the Christian women of the white race who more than any other class can solve and dissolve the race problem, save our dear land from dishonor, and lift helplessness and ignorance into a new and hopeful life. Stand by our school at Paine. Pray for it, work for it, that it may be enlarged, and that other schools may grow from this small seed. In your own homes and in your own communities seek for ways of service to these last and least. I have thought so often if Christ came to my town how I would run to find him, and I never can quite make up my mind where I would be surest to meet him. It would be where the need was greatest, of course; but who but the Master could say where that would be? I think, though, that my best chance to find him would be in the brothels, or else in some poor negro shanty, or where the soul and body of a little child were being twisted and dwarfed and spoiled. All these he would surely seek; and shall we, who love him, do less?

And so good-by. Some day I am coming back to the work. My doctor used to look grumpy when I said home mission work, but now he owns up that I'll be at it again. I always knew that I would myself, if I lived at all. And I hope before the year is out to be a high and happy private in the ranks at West End Church, Nashville.

God bless you each and all!

MRS. L. H. HAMMOND.

Steuben's Sanitarium, Hornells, N. Y.

Rev. A. C. King, of Washington Street Church, was introduced.

The noon devotional hour was opened with prayer. Dr. Cook based his talk upon Revelation vii. 13-17. The lessons of obedience can be learned only in the school of suffering. The first lesson is submission. In rebellion there can be only bitterness and barrenness. Submission gives full play to the divine power in our lives. Shall we not be willing to suffer in order that we may serve best? Life would be meaningless without its Gethsemane and Golgotha. Through crucifixion we are led into the completion of God's life plan for us. Only the trustful soul can be taught of God. Even the Master learned obedience through

suffering, and the power to save and to serve must come to us through suffering. Surely it is compensation enough for suffering that through it there are opened up to us the infinite depths of divine consolation.

Dr. Cook closed the talk with the benediction.

SECOND DAY, AFTERNOON SESSION.

The session opened at 2 o'clock with devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. J. J. Dickey. "Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve" was sung. After prayer, a brief lesson was drawn from the verse, "I am the light of the world." "I Need Thee Every Hour" was sung.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The deaconesses present were invited to come forward, and Report No. 1 of the Committee on Control of Deaconess Work was read by the General Secretary, and, upon motion, adopted by a rising vote. (See report.)

The report of the Superintendent of the Department of Supplies, Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, was read and, upon motion, adopted. (See report.)

The following message was received:

NASHVILLE, TENN., April 27, 1907.

The Woman's Board of Home Missions in Session, Houston, Tex.:
We all pray for you. Am homesick to be with you. Ephesians iii. 20, 21.

ESTELLE HASKIN.

The Secretary was requested to send a message to Miss Haskin in behalf of the Board. Miss Bennett spoke gratefully of Miss Haskin's gifts and graces and of the work she was accomplishing as Bible teacher in the Nashville Training School.

A resolution offered by Mrs. Marr and Mrs. Blasingame was referred to the Committee on Education.

The report of the negro work at Paine Annex, Augusta, Ga., was read by the General Secretary. One or two members spoke to the report, and the President in her own forceful way laid again upon the Board its corporate responsibility and the personal responsibility of each woman to the negro race.

Bishop Seth Ward, whose residence is in Houston, and who had been attending the business sessions of the Board, was introduced, and spoke briefly but strongly upon the obligation of the white race to the black.

Rev. George Sexton was formally introduced to the body, to which he had already shown unwearying kindness.

Dr. R. S. Hyer, Regent of the Southwestern University, at Georgetown, Tex., was introduced, and asked for the privilege of speaking a few words upon the question just then before the body. He commended the attitude of the Board toward the race question, as voiced in the words of the President. Mrs. MacDonell told of encouraging work begun by Miss Estelle Haskin in a Bible class in a negro Sunday school in the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church in Nashville, Tenn.

Dr. C. F. Reid was asked to make report of the work upon the Pa-

cific Coast, and the time was, upon motion, extended that he might place this important branch of work in its true light before the Board. He strongly advised the purchase of property in those places where the Woman's Board of Home Missions is carrying on schools. Upon motion, the report was adopted and referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Extension of Work.

The session then adjourned with the benediction by Bishop Seth Ward.

THIRD DAY, MORNING SESSION.

At 9:15 Monday morning the session was called to order by the President. "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" was sung. This was followed by several short voluntary prayers and the Lord's Prayer in concert.

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

Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough gave a message of loving remembrance to the Board from Mrs. R. K. Hargrove, former General Secretary, now abroad for her health. Mrs. Yarbrough was requested to express to Mrs. Hargrove assurances of the loving and loyal remembrance of the Board.

A memorial from the Missouri Conference Society, presented by Mrs. Palmer, was referred to the Committee on Memorials.

A memorial presented by Mrs. Blasingame as to the convict lease system, by a two-thirds vote of the body, was taken up for consideration in open session. Mrs. Blasingame and Mrs. MacDonell spoke to the question. The resolution, which was, upon motion, adopted by a unanimous vote, is as follows:

Whereas there exists in many of the States within the bounds of this Board a law permitting private individuals to lease and work State prisoners, which law has resulted in a convict system sometimes barbarous in its cruelty, and in its very management depriving prisoners of any opportunity for gospel privileges and often throwing young offenders in constant contact with hardened criminals; and whereas the influence of women has been a potent factor in having bad laws repealed and having good ones made, realizing the power of our influence and our duty also to the helpless and the outcast; therefore be it

Resolved: 1. That the Woman's Board of Home Missions, in annual session assembled, hereby express its disapproval of the convict lease, which makes possible the awful cruelties revealed recently in several States.

2. That we pledge ourselves individually to communicate with the lawmakers from our respective counties and endeavor to enlist their interest in a movement looking for a betterment of the conditions of those who may be helpless in the hands of cruel and unprincipled men.

MRS. N. M. BLASINGAME,
MRS. R. W. MACDONELL,
MRS. W. D. KIRKLAND.

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

Whereas the evils arising from the severe sentence frequently imposed upon youthful offenders by the courts are such as to well-nigh exclude all possibility of reformation in character while yet plastic, because of association with hardened criminals; and whereas the parole system, that gives the youthful first-time offender a chance to develop into a law-abiding citizen, is most beneficent in its nature and results; therefore be it

Resolved, That we bring to bear our influence as Christian women upon our legislators to induce them to make the parole system a law in our various States.

MRS. M. S. PALMER.

MRS. T. F. MARR.

MRS. WILLIAM M. PATTERSON.

Mrs. Siler spoke of the frequent spiritual destitution of prisoners in the common jails, and urged the home mission workers to see that this unfortunate and criminal class should not be neglected.

Miss Head stated that in her investigation she had discovered that often in the almshouses and county homes children are left to grow up in neglect, and asked that the women look after these possible waifs in the different localities accessible to them.

Mrs. Griffith, of Florida, stated that she had a proposition from Misses Emma and Tina Tucker in regard to a valuable piece of property in Florida, of which they wished to make a gift to the Board. The proposition was accompanied by a memorial also from the Florida Conference relative to the gift. The memorial was read, and the matter was referred to the Committee on Memorials and to the Committee on Extension of Work.

Mrs. W. H. Johnson presented a resolution in regard to the Dallas Home, which was referred to the Committee on Extension of Work.

A resolution in regard to Sabbath observance, presented by Mrs. Tolleson, was referred to the Committee on Memorials.

A resolution by Mrs. Jones, of New Mexico, in regard to Mormonism was presented, and, by a two-thirds vote, the question was taken up in open session. The resolution was as follows:

Whereas the Mormon question is becoming such a serious one, inasmuch as they are sending their missionaries to all the nations of the earth; and whereas their public teachings and practices are so different from their articles of faith; therefore be it

Resolved, That the members of the Home Mission Society at all times possible raise their voices against this menace to our civilization and sign petitions which look to its suppression.

MRS. FLORA MCA. JONES,

MRS. T. A. BROWN.

Mrs. Jones spoke at length upon the evil tendencies of Mormonism.

Mrs. Griffith read as a message from Miss Tina Tucker to the Board Philippians i. 3-6, and was requested to return affectionate greetings on behalf of the Board.

Mrs. Blasingame gave an interesting account of the work done at the Vashti Home, in Thomasville, Ga. The story of the little Jewess rescued from peril nearly two years ago and brought into the loving pro-

tection of the Home, and at last into the fold of the Good Shepherd, made one grateful for an institution like this for friendless children.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Education was read by Mrs. MacDonell and referred to the Committee on Appropriations and Extension of Work.

The report of the Department of Sociology was made by request by Miss Gibson. She stated that Miss Howell's work had been growing every year in practical, workable methods. The aim of the department is to study human life more than books. Sixty conversions have been brought about the past year through the influence of the young women in the Training School.

Miss Gibson paid loving tribute to Miss Howell's heroic bearing while under the strain of the knowledge of her mother's critical illness; and a letter received from Miss Howell since the death of her mother was read, which revealed the wonderful strength and patience of Christian resignation. A verse of "Asleep in Jesus" was sung.

The report of the Editor and Agent of *Our Homes*, Miss Helm, was called for. The report, with that of the Auditing Committee for *Our Homes*, was made as follows:

REPORT OF OUR HOMES FOR 1906-07.

Balance in bank April 1, 1906.....	\$ 667 83
Receipts from subscriptions, April 1, 1906, to April 1, 1907...	6,536 45
Interest on bonds and gain in change of investment.....	283 40
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Total	\$7,487 68
Expenses from April 1, 1906, to April 1, 1907.....	5,525 75
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Balance in bank April 1, 1907.....	\$1,961 93
Three bonds bearing 5 per cent interest.....	3,000 00
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Total assets of the paper.....	\$4,961.93
Number of subscribers April 1, 1906.....	11,964
Number of subscribers April 1, 1907.....	13,303
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Increase	1,339
Number of Record Books given as premiums.....	667
Number of other books given as premiums.....	151
Cost of premium books.....	\$ 202 14

This report is presented with devout thanksgiving to God, my constant refuge and strength, for the blessing that has given the increase. I would once more express my loving appreciation of the intelligent and faithful work of my beloved friend and assistant, Mrs. S. P. Vaughan. Thanks are due also to the hundreds of diligent Auxiliary Agents, to whose efforts the large subscription list is largely due.

MARY HELM, *Editor and Agent.*

NUMBER OF SUBSCRIBERS BY CONFERENCES.

Alabama	279	North Carolina	313
Arkansas	164	North Georgia	852
Baltimore	243	North Mississippi	426
Columbia	45	North Texas	722
Denver	41	Northwest Texas	1,025
East Columbia	56	Pacific	166
Florida	506	St. Louis	263
Holston	555	South Carolina	186
Illinois	3	South Georgia	849
Indian Mission	508	Southwest Missouri	360
Kentucky	270	Tennessee	437
Little Rock	552	Texas	1,013
Los Angeles	226	Virginia	249
Louisiana	379	West Texas	402
Louisville	330	Western	44
Memphis	304	Western North Carolina.....	228
Mexican Border Mission.....	10	Western Virginia	69
Mississippi	349	White River	191
Missouri	209	Unknown	15
Montana	34		
New Mexico	125	Total	13,303
North Alabama	300		

I have examined the books of *Our Homes*, kept by Mrs. S. P. Vaughan, from April 1, 1906, to April 1, 1907, and find them correct. The checks and deposits agree with the books of the bank.

D. M. SMITH, *Auditor*.

Upon motion, Miss Helm's report was adopted.

Mrs. Johnson spoke of the *King's Messenger*, the help it had been in sustaining the Dallas Home, and asked for coöperation in increasing its circulation. The report of the Press Work was made by Miss Head and was, upon motion, adopted. (See report.)

Report No. 1 of the Committee on City Missions was made by the General Secretary and was, upon motion, adopted. (See report.)

Report No. 2 from the same committee was referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

The report of the Cuban and Italian Work was accepted and referred to the Committee on Education.

Miss Bennett called Mrs. L. P. Smith to the chair and made her report as Superintendent of the Department of Mountain Work. The report was, upon motion, accepted and referred to the Committee on Education and the Committee on Extension of Work.

Mrs. Blasingame, Mrs. Sullins, and Mrs. Patterson were named as a committee to audit the office expense account of the general officers.

Mrs. Blasingame made a pleasant interruption to the business of the morning by presenting to Miss Bennett, with the love and gratitude of the South Georgia workers, a handsome Bible with the request that she use it henceforward in opening the annual sessions of the Board.

A number of visitors were introduced to the body. The Chautauqua salute was given to the courteous newspaper reporters—Mr. Wiley, of

the *Houston Post*, and Mr. Carroll, of the *Chronicle*—whose accounts of the proceedings of the body were full and satisfactory.

Dr. Cook's topic for the noon devotional hour was "Faith and Service," based upon Romans i. 15, 16. He developed the medium, the manner, and the meaning of revelation. The power and effectiveness of service are measured by faith. Only through the faith faculty is God discovered. That is the soul's sense by which we feel after God, by which we see God, by which we hear God. Simple faith is the foundation of all spiritual furnishings. The faculty of faith is God's gift; the development, the exercise of it is our responsibility. The method of revelation is from faith to faith. He reveals little to little, more to more, much to much. Faith as to supplies for material comforts gradually grows into faith as to deliverance in temptation, and to sustaining power in suffering. What is to hinder a child of God from laying hold upon God's promise as to power for service? All depends upon the quality of the faith of the petitioner. It is an awful thing to be imbued with the power of the Spirit of God. It is God's intent that through this faith faculty we shall move his heart and hurry on the accomplishment of his purposes. The tutelage of faith will lead to the unfolding of God's book and to all effectiveness of service.

Dr. Cook closed with prayer.

FOURTH DAY, MORNING SESSION.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 9:30 A.M. Mrs. R. B. John led the opening service. "I Need Thee Every Hour" was sung, followed by prayer.

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

Resolutions presented by Miss McKinnon and Mrs. Rollins were referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

Mrs. L. P. Smith asked permission to talk for a little while about the dormitory belonging to the Home Mission Society at Denton, Tex., the State School of Industrial Arts for Young Women. The \$30,000 for building the new dormitory has not yet been raised, but the present dormitory has had twenty-six girls in it during the present year. Seven of these have pledged themselves to Christian work. The plan, as unfolded by Mrs. Smith, seems capable of infinite possibilities in its effects upon the Christian young womanhood of Texas. She said that one-third of all the college students in the State schools of that great State are Methodist.

Miss Bennett spoke strongly of the wisdom of the Churches in having buildings for religious care and instruction at State educational centers.

The following telegram was received:

CATLETTSBURG, KY., April 29, 1907.

Miss Belle H. Bennett, St. Paul's M. E. Church, South, Houston, Tex.:
Western Virginia sends greetings, praying Godspeed in the work.

MRS. G. F. ADAMS.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on City Missions was read and, upon motion, adopted. (See report.)

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Control of Deaconess Work was read as a whole and considered by items. The items were adopted seriatim, and the report as a whole was, upon motion, adopted. (See report.)

The following reports were made by the General Secretary and, upon motion, adopted:

Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, General Secretary, in account with the Woman's Board of Home Missions for leaflets, annual reports, and other printed matter:

Receipts.

Balance, April, 1906.....	\$1,080 17
Receipts from Conference Societies.....	1,110 20
Receipts from Home Mission Pictures.....	106 61
Receipts from office sales	153 02—\$2,450 00

Disbursements.

Paid Mrs. W. D. Kirkland.....	\$1,034 72
Paid for Record Books.....	45 45— 1,080 17
Balance	\$1,369 83

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

Receipts.

Balance in bank, April, 1906.....	\$608 25
Office Sales	314 70
Sales to <i>Our Homes</i>	117 78
Sales to Conference Societies.....	45 45—\$1,086 18

Disbursements.

Foster & Webb (envelopes).....	\$ 25 00
Stamps	20 00
Loan to a missionary.....	23 15— 68 15
Balance	\$1,018 03

On motion, 12 o'clock was set aside as the hour for deciding the place of the next Annual Meeting.

Mrs. L. G. Johnson conducted a half hour's review of some Home Mission books and periodicals. Mrs. R. T. Connally reviewed "The Perils and Preservation of the Home," by Jacob Riis. Mrs. George S. Sexton reviewed "Poverty," by Richard Hunter, and spoke of "The Bishop of Cottontown." Miss Head reviewed "How to Help," by Mary Conyngton. Her review closed with a statement of some things gained in her special studies in the School of Philanthropy during the last year. The Board was gratified to hear her quoted opinion of a great specialist in philanthropic lines as to the excellent nature of the work done by the Southern Methodist women in home mission work. Miss Helm spoke of "Social Progress," by Josiah Strong, and Trum-

bull's "Individual Work for Individuals." "The Long Day" was commended by Mrs. Siler as especially adapted to awakening interest among the young people.

Upon motion, the time was extended for the space devoted to special literature.

Mrs. MacDonell paid high tribute to the periodical, *Charities and the Commons*, as leading thought upon philanthropic and sociologic questions. Miss Bennett added her testimony to the value of this periodical.

Dr. Cook's talk upon the right correlation of home and foreign mission work guarded the point lest, in deploring the lack of information and enthusiasm as to the gigantic problems of the home fields, there should come any note of depreciation of enthusiasm for the foreign work. The awakening to home mission problems is largely the reflex influence of the outflow of Christly love and effort to the uttermost parts of the earth.

Miss Bennett spoke regretfully of the prevalent feeling among home mission workers that the heroic element needed in the work at home is not recognized by the Church.

Our Homes was reviewed thoroughly and enthusiastically by Mrs. Blasingame, and the paper had heartiest indorsement by a rising vote of thanks to Mrs. Blasingame.

Rev. Glenn Flynn, Rev. C. F. Smith, Rev. O. S. Hotchkiss, Miss Wilson, a returned missionary of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Miss Moizelle Elliott, of the Homer Toberman Deaconess Home, and Mrs. Leon Roussan, delegate from the White River Conference, were presented to the body.

The body entered upon the business of fixing the place for the next Annual Meeting. Miss Ada Lewis brought an invitation from the Louisville Conference Society and from the City Board of Louisville; Mt. Vernon Place Church, Washington City, sent an invitation through Mrs. J. H. Kuhlman; First Church, Memphis, gave invitation through Mrs. William M. Patterson; Savannah, Ga., through Mrs. N. M. Blasingame; St. John's Church, St. Louis, through Mrs. H. S. Bradley; Central Church, Meridian, Miss., through Mrs. B. F. Lewis. Louisville, Ky., having received the largest number of votes, the vote was made unanimous for that city, the birthplace of the organization.

The name of Mrs. Roussan was added to the Committee on Extension of Work.

Dr. Cook took Hebrews xii. 1 as the basis for his theme, "Vision and Service." God gave Jesus Christ to draw out the faith faculty and to perfect it. We must look until we see him in his beauty. We must look until we become like him. Our great responsibility is: First, to know him; secondly, to show him. The Christian's one business in this world is to make him manifest. Oftentimes Christians are so busy doing good that they forget to take time to look upon their Lord and grow like him. The hour closed with a brief prayer by Dr. Cook.

FIFTH DAY, MORNING SESSION.

A 10:30 o'clock the devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Blasingame.

As the committees were in session, it was not possible to get a quorum until 11 o'clock. Then the roll was called and the minutes of the previous session were read and, after correction, approved.

Mrs. L. P. Smith, Chairman of the Committee on Parsonages, made her report. The report was read as a whole and considered by items, which were adopted seriatim. The report as a whole was, upon motion, adopted. (See report.)

Dr. W. S. Jacobs, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Houston, Rev. E. J. Ingram, pastor of McAshorn Methodist Church, Rev. F. E. Fincher, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, and Rev. P. E. Nicholson, one of the pioneer Methodist preachers of Texas, were introduced. All of these gave cordial greetings.

Frances Jennings Tolleson, the eleven-months-old baby of Mrs. Stella Tolleson, of the Arkansas Conference, was presented to the body with due form and ceremony. In a few moments enough money was given to make the baby a life member of the Society.

Dr. Cook announced as the text for his theme, "Divine Companionship in Suffering and Service," Matthew xxviii. 29; Acts iv. 14. One has lost faith in God altogether if one has lost a sense of his presence. The first disciples could never have gone forth to their daring work if they had not realized the promise of the Divine Presence. One can serve God, many do serve him well, without the indwelling Spirit, because of large natural gifts; but the humblest one who lives in the presence of God does work not measured by human gifts alone, but by those and the Divine, Almighty Power coöperating. The Christian life is more than service. It is a presence, a communion, a companionship more real than that of any human friend. The quiet hour for communion counts in touch of hand, in tone of voice, in expression of face. More than this, we must walk with God. Anywhere, if the heart is only open, Jesus will come to abide. Mighty is the love and ministry of one who follows not far off, but walks close by the Master's side.

The lesson was closed with prayer.

FIFTH DAY, AFTERNOON SESSION.

The President called the body to order at 3:20. After the hymn, "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?" Miss Bennett led in prayer.

Report No 3 of the Committee on Education was read. Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 were adopted seriatim. The report as a whole was, upon motion, adopted. (See report.)

The joint report of the Committee on Control of Deaconess Work and the Committee on City Missions was presented. The nine young women who had been consecrated on Sunday were called forward to receive

their certificates. Miss Bennett, in her strong, tender way, made them a loving talk, giving assurance of abiding sympathy, and reminding them of the great sisterhood of Christian women supporting them. She gave John xiv. 23 as a message to carry with them, suggesting the key word "obedience" and stressing the importance of obedience to God in little things, because failure to obey means loss of power and certain failure. After the certificates had been given by Mrs. MacDonell, the General Secretary, "Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken" was sung, and prayer was offered by Mrs. L. P. Smith. Thanks were expressed by representatives of different sections of the Church for the deaconesses and trained workers assigned to places within their territory.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on By-Laws was read by Miss Helm and, upon motion, referred to the Executive Committee.

The report of the Committee on Extension of Work was read by Mrs. R. W. MacDonell and taken up by items. The substitute for item 1 was, upon motion, adopted; items 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, and 8 were adopted; item 6 was adopted as amended; the report as a whole, upon motion, was adopted as amended. (See report.)

The report of the Committee on Appropriations was read. The report was adopted as read, with an amendment to the appropriation for the work on the Pacific Coast.

A resolution giving direction to the Chenoworth bequest to maintain work was, upon motion, adopted.

The following resolution was read:

Resolved, That the salary of our General Secretary be increased to \$1,800, and that she be requested to take a two months' vacation, at such time as may suit her, with expenses paid.

MRS. SILER,
MISS HELM,
MRS. CALL.

After loving commendation by several members of the faithful, efficient, untiring labors of the General Secretary, the resolution was, upon motion, adopted.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Press Work was read. Items 1 and 2 were adopted; item 3 was lost; items 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 were adopted; the report as a whole was adopted as amended. (See report.)

The report of the Auditing Committee was made as follows:

Your committee has examined the office accounts of the General Secretary, General Treasurer, and other officers, and find them accurate. We recommend that this committee be abolished in future, as by the nature of the work involved it is impossible to furnish a voucher for each expense, many of them being incidentals of travel.

MRS. N. M. BLASINGAME,
MRS. W. B. SULLINS,
MRS. W. M. PATTERSON.

The report of the Committee on Memorials was read by Mrs. Blasingame and, upon motion, adopted. (See report.)

Report of the Committee on By-Laws was made. It was considered as a whole and, upon motion, adopted.

The meeting adjourned at 6 P.M. for recess and luncheon.

FIFTH DAY, EVENING SESSION.

At 7:30 the President called the body to order.

Report No. 4 of the Committee on Education was read by Mrs. MacDonell and considered by items. Item 1 was adopted as amended; item 2 was lost; item 3 was transferred to Report No. 3 of the same committee; the report as a whole was adopted as amended. (See report.)

A resolution in regard to the death of Bishops Granbery, Tigert, and Smith and Rev. Sam Jones was presented by the Secretary. She was asked to embody the substance of this resolution in an appreciation of these friends for insertion in the Annual Report.

Miss Helm made the following report of the Interdenominational Reading Course Committee:

The fourth book in the study course presented by the Interdenominational Committee for the year 1907 was "The Incoming Millions," by Dr. Howard B. Grose, of the American Baptist Home Mission Society. This book was issued last October and has already had a large sale. It deals with the important subject of immigration, and the author knows his subject and handles it ably. It is most heartily commended to our women. The fifth book, "Citizens of To-Morrow," is being prepared by Miss Alice M. Guernsey and will deal with the children of our land.

An Interdenominational Committee on Home Missionary Conferences has been formed, and it has provided for two Summer Conferences on Home Missions to be held—one at Winona Lake, Ind., from June 24 to July 1, and the other at Silver Bay, N. Y., July 12-19. At these Conferences there will be valuable courses of instruction, providing study classes, schools of methods, and addresses by well-known speakers.

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

The President appointed Miss Head, Mrs. Siler, Mrs. Nicholson, Mrs. Marr, and Miss Ida Stevens delegates to the Young People's Missionary Conference, to be held at Asheville in the summer. Miss Lillie Ford Fox, of Missouri, Miss McKinnon, Miss Mae McKenzie, and Mrs. Graham, of Arkansas, were appointed delegates to a Conference of like character to be held at Siloam Springs, Ark.

Mrs. Malone, of Galveston, sang a solo, "Sometime, Somewhere We'll Understand."

Rev. George Sexton was asked to conduct the election of officers. The election was then entered upon, and resulted as follows: President, Miss Belle H. Bennett; First Vice President, Mrs. L. P. Smith; Second Vice President, Mrs. J. W. Perry; General Secretary, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell; Associate Secretary, Miss Mabel Head; General Treasurer, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Frank Siler; Auditing Committee, Mr. D. M. Smith, Dr. J. H. Kirkland; Editor and Agent

of *Our Homes*, Miss Mary Helm; Superintendent of Mountain Work, Miss Belle H. Bennett; Superintendent of Tithing, Mrs. L. G. Johnson; Superintendent of Work for Foreigners on the Pacific Coast, Dr. C. F. Reid; Financial Agent Mission Home and Training School, Dallas, Tex., Mrs. W. H. Johnson.

On motion, it was decided to place the superintendency of the Cuban Work in the hands of the Committee on Education. Miss Mabel Head was elected a member of the Standing Committee on Education.

The following were made members of the new Joint Committee on Control of Deaconess Work and City Missions: Misses Maria L. Gibson, Estelle Haskin, Mary Helm, Mabel Howell, Mesdames J. H. Yarbrough, George Call, and N. M. Blasingame.

Mesdames Ed F. Cook, R. B. John, and W. F. Tillett were elected members of the Committee on Press Work.

Miss Mabel Howell, Miss Mabel Head, Mrs. L. G. Johnson, Mrs. Leon Roussan, and Mrs. N. M. Blasingame were made a Committee on Sociology and Philanthropy.

The Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, Mrs. H. S. Bradley, read the report which, despite the lateness of the hour and the weariness of the body, was adopted by an enthusiastic rising vote.

The minutes were read and approved. Miss Bennett spoke words of grateful appreciation in behalf of the body for the unwearying hospitality and kindness of the Houston people. After a hymn was sung, Rev. George Sexton led in earnest prayer and pronounced the benediction.

At 11 o'clock the ninth Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions stood adjourned.

MISS BELLE H. BENNETT, *President*;
MRS. FRANK SILER, *Secretary*.

A GRATEFUL TRIBUTE TO OUR HONORED DEAD.

Seldom has our Church been so signally bereft as within the past few months. Three of its chief pastors have heard the home call of the great Shepherd of the sheep and have entered into their reward: the great-brained, scholarly Bishop Tigert, who went away in the prime of his magnificent powers; the pure-hearted, chivalrous Bishop Coke Smith, who had met slow disease without fear and without reproach; the saintly, high-souled Bishop Granbery, who, through years of feebleness, blessed with the love and veneration of the Church, came at last suddenly into the life more abundant. In serving the Church with the lavish expenditure of their varying gifts and attainments, these noble men, as they had opportunity and made opportunity, helped in many ways the work committed especially to the women of the Church. The Woman's Board of Home Missions wishes to record its gratitude for their wise counsel and gentle courtesy, its veneration of their memory, and its sympathy with those dear ones who, in loving them most, must needs sorrow most that we shall see them here no more.

ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT.

MISS BELLE H. BENNETT.

The meeting of this Executive Board, held in Asheville, N. C., one year ago, closed its annual session just as the General Conference of 1906 was beginning its quadrennial sitting in Birmingham, Ala.

Knowing that legislation concerning the organized work of the women of the Church was being discussed by some of the best and most progressive members of the General Conference, and knowing also that, as women, we had neither representation nor voice in that governing body of our Church, this Board delegated the President and General Secretary to attend the meeting at Birmingham and, as far as possible, protect the constitutional rights and privileges of the Woman's Home Mission Society.

This they did, giving nearly three weeks to the performance of the duty. The questions under consideration in the committee room affecting the work of the women were the advisability of uniting the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society, and the relation which the united society would sustain to the General Board of Missions.

Over-organization, contention between Auxiliaries, and a closer correlation of all the missionary forces of the Church were the reasons assigned for the changes desired.

We were of one mind with the brethren on the subject of too many organizations, and had long been fully persuaded that a closer cooperation of all the several Boards controlling departments of Church work was not only desirable, but imperative if the best results were to be obtained. But how to diminish the number of organizations or how, under our present policy, to effect closer cooperation without subordinating one Board to another and thereby denying to the women of the Church administrative influence in the splendid works they had built up and developed was a problem no one seemed able to solve.

To unite the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies would seem to a superficial student of the two organizations and their work an easy matter; but difficulties innumerable present themselves to one who has had a close acquaintance with the many and varied departments of each, and who has had a personal responsibility for the selection of leaders, from the Auxiliary officers to Conference and Executive Boards members, all of whom must be women who can give time, strength, and money, without financial remuneration. We made no objection, however, to union, provided it could be satisfactorily done, but we persistently claimed that the women who composed

the two Societies ought to have a right to say in their Conference meetings whether they desired such a union.

As a natural, reasonable, and righteous plan for a closer correlation of all the missionary work of the Church, we suggested a General Board or Council, composed equally of men and women, whose duty it should be to administer on all the missionary affairs of the Church; and, believing that this would meet with the approval of this body, we sent a memorial to that effect from the Woman's Home Mission Society. Such a measure, however, was so foreign to the time-honored policy of Methodism that the mere formal announcement of the bill met with a good-humored ripple of laughter.

So far as this organization is concerned, no changes were made in our Constitution except such as had been requested by formal action of this Board.

During our stay at Birmingham the kindest courtesy was extended to us and every opportunity for individual and committee conference given us by the men who most earnestly advocated the measures affecting the woman's work.

The joint memorial from the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies and the Epworth League Board also failed in its passage. This paper, asking for the unification of all the juvenile societies in the Church and the development of these young people by specialists appointed by each organization now at work with the children, was an effort to meet what seemed to be almost a universal demand for fewer societies among the children. In the wisdom of the General Conference the time did not seem ripe for such a movement.

I therefore come to you with a suggestion from the Executive Committee of this Board concerning the juvenile work of the Society and ask an earnest consideration of it during this meeting. We would re-name "Brigade" be given to all the children's organizations, and that the name "Brigade" be given to all the children's organization, and that the collections of the Brigade be used for the general work of the Society or for any specific work designated by this Board from year to year. We believe that such a movement will simplify the work for children, parents, and managers, and, while giving the same time and opportunity for educative work, will also increase the revenue of the Society.

While no action was taken by the General Conference affecting this body or the Society which it represents during this present quadrennium, a committee of thirteen was appointed to consider and present to the General Conference of 1910 some definite and workable plan for a closer correlation of the missionary forces of the Church. This commission is composed of nine men and four women, the women to be the Presidents and the General Secretaries of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies; the men to be the General Secretary of the General Board of Missions, two bishops (Bishop Wilson and Bishop Seth Ward), two laymen (W. B. Stubbs and W. G. M. Thomas), and three traveling preachers (Rev. S. L. Dobbs, Rev. F. J. Prettyman,

and Rev. C. M. Bishop). The commission has not yet had a sitting, and, as Bishop Wilson and Dr. Lambuth are in China in pursuance of official duty, it may not meet at any time in the near future.

This Board has shown its love and loyalty to the Church through an increased ministry to the men who stand in its pulpits, and it has labored with unflagging zeal to lift up the poor and the outcast and to save the unsaved in our own land. It cannot fail now to go forward with increasing strength and courage, praying and believing that God will give all needed wisdom and that whatever is done will be done in the fear of God and for the advancement of his kingdom.

REPORT OF GENERAL SECRETARY.

MRS. R. W. MACDONELL, GENERAL SECRETARY.

WHEN the Christ commanded the early Church to be "witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth," he unfolded his divine plan for the redemption of humanity and the establishment of his kingdom on earth.

The Church, through humanity sanctified by "power, after that the Holy Ghost is come," is the chosen redeemer with our Lord of a lost and ruined world. This marvelous trust and grave responsibility quicken faith in the Church and create a holy zeal not born of earthly love or ambition. The Woman's Home Mission Society is an evidence of this faith in the dignity of humanity and the constraining love of fellowship with the Christ. Redemption of the whole man—mind, soul, and body—is the purpose of its ministry. Twenty-one years ago it was called into existence by the fathers and brethren of the Church to a part of the service peculiarly open to women, and as the years have added new avenues and increased responsibility the abiding inspiration has been the command to "witness unto" Him.

The year has been one of steady growth, and a gratifying increase of Auxiliaries and membership is reported. This growth is represented by 246 more Auxiliaries and 6,325 members. Northwest Texas has the largest increase of any Conference, showing a net gain of 32 Auxiliaries and 981 members. North Georgia follows with 26 more Auxiliaries and 646 more members than were reported last year. North Mississippi, Texas, and Western North Carolina have also gained notable ground.

The observance of the Week of Prayer by the Auxiliaries was more universal than ever before, and the collection of \$8,749.17 the largest ever taken at this season. It has made possible the new building at Ruth Hargrove Seminary, Key West, Fla., of which there is such great need. Perhaps the gifts to this collection which represented most self-denial and love were those from the mountain boys and girls of the Sue Bennett School and from our Rescue Home and School at Dallas, Tex. At Dallas the girls did without meat the whole week in order to be able to make the gift.

STATISTICS.

Adult Auxiliaries, 2,435; adult members, 50,177; Young People and Juvenile Auxiliaries, 174; Young People and Juvenile members, 3,656. Total members, 53,833. Auxiliaries organized during the year, 350; Baby Roll members, 2,483; members of Florine McEachern Mite Box

Brigade, 3,452; day schools, 10; night schools, 5; pupils in school, 2,166; teachers, missionaries, and deaconesses, 125; parsonages helped by Board, 51; parsonages helped by Conference Societies, 131. Total parsonages helped this year, 182. Cash collections for connectional work, \$100,996.65; collections reported by voucher, \$22,985.27. Total collections for connectional work, \$123,985.27. Value of supplies sent through Supply Department, \$25,849.23. Subscribers to *Our Homes*, 13,303.

JUVENILE AND YOUNG PEOPLE.

The election of an Associate Secretary makes it now possible to magnify the work of the children and young people in home missions. The General Conference created the office in connection with our work at its last session, and Miss Mabel Head was elected immediately afterwards.

Before entering upon her work, Miss Head took a course of study at the New York School of Philanthropy. In the early fall she came to the office, and has planned wisely and well for the children and young people. She has prepared leaflets for the Baby Roll and programmes for the Brigade, which have filled a long-felt need. Miss Head has organized Auxiliaries and Home Mission Study Classes at the colleges to which she has had access in Georgia, Alabama, Missouri, and Arkansas. She has thus come in touch with the young life of the Church in a most helpful manner.

During the year 2,483 names were added to the Baby Roll, and the collection from membership fees and mite boxes of all this host of little people amounted to \$2,345.43.

The Florine McEachern Mite Box Brigade has added 3,452 names this year, making 12,007 boys and girls who have enlisted in this service since its organization. During the year they have collected \$2,777.95, making a total of \$9,347.53 raised by the children since the organization of the Brigade, in 1903. The money raised through these mite boxes, and that which Mr. and Mrs. McEachern give annually on the return of little Florine's birthday, is invested, so that interest, less that used for keeping a deaconess in the Training School, is accruing, which will swell the amount to be put into the hospital or deaconess fund. At present \$14,300 is invested in good mortgages on real estate at six per cent interest.

LOCAL WORK.

We have striven to magnify the local work this year, and the duty of the Auxillary First Vice President is much more generally and clearly understood. The reports of local work the past twelve months show: Visits to sick and strangers, 339,930; cottage prayer meetings and Bible-readings, 7,129; garments in good condition distributed, 99,686; needy helped, 25,586; expended on local work, \$205,287.03.

PARSONAGES.

The records this year show more parsonages substantially helped than ever before. This department should be almost entirely carried on through the Conference Societies without taxing the General Board. The Conference half of dues, which the law requires to be used for parsonages within its own bounds, provides a larger available sum for this appropriation than the General Board can command with all its varied demands. The older, stronger Conference Societies must assume the responsibility of aiding their own parsonages in order that the Board may materially help those which are more needy and have a weaker Conference Society. The Northwest Texas Conference Society has led all the Conferences in number and amount of donations to parsonages this year. Number of parsonages helped this fiscal year by the Board, 51; amount, \$5,100; Conference Societies, 131; amount, \$13,155.27; total number, 182; amount, \$18,255.27.

SUPPLIES.

This department continues to bless our preachers at the hard appointments, but the Auxiliaries sending boxes claim the greater blessing, since they have found it "more blessed to give than to receive." The beloved Superintendent of Supplies, Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, has had a year of suffering, but the report does not indicate that this work has suffered by reason of her illness. It is the best on record, so far as number and value are concerned. She reports: Number of boxes sent preachers, 160; number of boxes sent mission schools, 236; number of boxes sent orphanages, 493; number of boxes sent storm and earthquake sufferers, 40. Total, 929. Value of goods sent in boxes, \$25,849.23.

SCHOOLS.

Since my last report I have had the pleasure of visiting and inspecting the Vashti Home and our Cuban, Italian, and Negro schools. Again I affirm that the most far-reaching work enterprised by the Woman's Home Mission Society is through its educational institutions. Our students are taken from those homes where ignorance and superstition abound, in large part from poverty and sorrow or from those influences which lack high ideals. Through the rays of Christian light in our schools God's great truths of love, life, and purity are turned upon them, and they become quickened in mental action, broadened in spiritual perception, and stronger in mind and body to serve God and humanity. The cost of maintaining these schools last year was \$38,769.89, while the income was \$8,460.45. Thus it is seen that they are not self-supporting in any sense. And yet we have no investment with as large returns, as our students become good citizens.

Cuban and Italian Work.

This work among these immigrants is as literally foreign missionary as any done on foreign field. Four of these schools are located in Tampa, Fla., a city of 41,000, where thirty-five different languages are spoken. Half of this population is foreign. In all this great city there are only 3,500 Church members among the nine different denominations. The seating capacity of the churches is only 5,210, so that only one-seventh of the people could attend church should they desire. The Wolff Mission School for Cubans is located in that part known as Ybor City. Four teachers are at work here, while 130 children are enrolled. Miss Poole has been especially successful with the sewing department, and one of her students has been enabled to make her own support this year through the sewing which she learned at Wolff Mission School. In addition to class room work, the teachers keep up friendly visits with the Cuban women, and take great interest in the juvenile organizations and in the Woman's Missionary Society of the Cuban Church. On our recent visit it was a pleasure to meet a mother of two of our school children, who was led to Christ and joined the Church as a result of the influence of the school. Many repairs are necessary upon the building.

In West Tampa, Miss Emelina Valdes is still the enthusiastic director of our school. Sore afflictions have come to them this year and persecutions from without, but their faith and zeal have never wavered. Three teachers work here, and the school has an attendance of sixty. I was pleased to know that the teacher of sewing in that school had become a Christian through her children who had attended the school. She and her husband, who was secretary of the Cuban Sabbath school at the time of his triumphant death, were both won through the ministry of the school. Miss Valdes exacts that her scholars shall attend Sabbath school, the Juvenile Society, and the Epworth League. Last year the Juveniles sent \$38.60 to the Conference Treasurer, besides the regular dues, and the Leaguers distributed \$13.70 among the sick and needy Cubans.

The work at Ruth Hargrove Seminary, Key West, continues to grow. There are twelve teachers in the school, and three hundred and sixty pupils. They are uncomfortably crowded in the class rooms, and are looking eagerly for the new building which we hope to put up next summer. The new kindergarten cottage is a thing of beauty, and ideal for that warm climate.

The Italian day school, through three teachers, has cared for two hundred and seventy-eight little children; and if schoolroom capacity and teachers could have been provided, the attendance would have been larger.

The night school for Italian boys or young men, directed by Mrs. Mary Bruce Alexander, has fifteen regular attendants. They are the most enthusiastic students we have, and the elevating touch they have received from Mrs. Alexander will tell not only upon their citizenship

here but for all eternity. This night school work, begun three years ago, has caused the organization of two other schools in the city of Tampa, and thus multiplied the leavening influence.

There are twenty-three teachers employed by the Board in this Cuban and Italian work, and there are eight hundred and forty-six children in our schools.

Mountain Schools.

The year has been crowned with success at Sue Bennett School. The pupilage has numbered three hundred and fifty-nine, notwithstanding a public free school has been opened in the town, which of necessity will draw from its patronage in the primary grades. Systematic religious instruction is given, and the Bible is used as a text-book. Sixty conversions have taken place in the school this year. Professor Lewis has inaugurated a practical industry in a broom factory, in which a student may find remunerative employment which will help him to bear his expenses while at school. The usual high-grade class room work has been carried on.

The Brevard Institute has enrolled one hundred and ninety-seven students this scholastic year. While this is a school for mountaineers, students have come from four other States. The class rooms have been overtaxed for seating capacity. Ten grades of work are carried on, the highest corresponding with the second year of most high schools. Three students will graduate this year, while six will complete the dress-making and three will finish the business courses. All of the forty-five boarding students are Christians.

Mrs. E. E. Wiley reports one hundred and twelve children as having been at the Holston Industrial School and Home. It was my privilege to visit this institution in the fall; and a sweeter, more self-reliant set of little children I have scarcely ever seen. The foundations of truth and good principles are laid while these children remain in the school which can never be forgotten.

There are twenty-four teachers engaged in our mountain schools and six hundred and sixty-six students enrolled.

Pacific Coast.

The earthquake last April has left a depression among our people on the Pacific Coast which has been difficult to overcome. In addition, racial prejudice and exclusion laws have created a great agitation against Japanese and Chinese, which has made the work difficult. But the reports are good, and each school shows an increased attendance. At San Francisco the earthquake and fire scattered our students all over the State, so the school was practically disbanded. Owing to this demoralized condition the school was merged into one for Koreans, who are coming in large numbers to this country. These schools for Orientals have enrolled two hundred and twenty-one students and resulted in the establishment of a Korean Church.

Eight salaried teachers are engaged in this work on the Pacific Coast.

Industrial Schools.

The Vashti Home and School continues to fill a long-felt need in its provision for friendless girls. Forty-six girls have found a Christian home and instruction here, and others were crowded out because the present house is inadequate. The development of character under the adverse local conditions is notable. Plans for enlarging the school and increasing the course of industrial instruction are under consideration, and it is hoped that before another year the location will be changed.

The Rescue Home and School at Dallas, Tex., continues to hold a helping hand to unfortunate girls. Eighty-seven were in the Home during the year, all of whom became Christians. At present forty-two are under instruction, the others having finished their course, and are at work or restored to friends and loved ones. Through the culinary department enough money was raised to build a more comfortable kitchen. Miss Lizzie Davis, the deaconess in charge of the department, was the leading spirit in this improvement.

Our industrial work for negro girls at Paine Annex, Augusta, Ga., continues to flourish. Three teachers now direct the one hundred and fifty girls who are taking the industrial course. Classes and dormitories have been overcrowded in order to admit students, and yet many have been turned away. Every girl in the Annex is a Christian save one, and a spirit of earnestness prevails.

The total number of schools enterprised by the Woman's Home Mission Society was fifteen, with a pupilage of two thousand, one hundred and sixty-six.

CITY MISSIONS.

The supreme problem before the Church to-day is the evangelization of our cities. Organized industries are centralizing our people and bringing to us a foreign people who are bound to help make our laws and civilization. Since the last meeting of the Board, Charleston, S. C., and Savannah, Ga., have been made ports of entry—making four open doors in the South for these aliens. Not a city in our section has churches enough, or seating capacity, for all its citizens. The people do not care for the Church, and this indifference must be met by a personal ministry which wins the individual, the family, the children. If we do not win these indifferent people, we cannot remain a Christian country, for their indifference, their opposition, will sap our strength, and we will become a nation which has no God or Redeemer. In eighteen cities of our section the Woman's Home Mission Society is carrying forward this personal ministry through their City Mission Boards. Two of our largest City Mission Boards were forced to suspend work for lack of trained workers. Three of our smaller cities let the work die for the same reason, while several cities wait to secure a deaconess or missionary before organizing. In Atlanta, St. Louis, Nashville, and Kansas City the work has grown to large propor-

tions in the various phases of work opened. The addition of a night school, a district nurse, and shower baths in Atlanta make a greater opportunity for helping than existed a year ago. The establishment of a cooking school at Augusta, a daily noon lunch and Bible study with forty working girls at St. Louis, and the care of children from the Juvenile Court at Kansas City are the outgrowth of this touch of sympathy and constraining love of God which reaches the heart and wins it to the Christ this year.

Our Wesley House at Galveston was opened in October, and is proving an open and effectual door to many. It is located within reach of twelve or fourteen nationalities.

Our city work is represented at present by 18 City Boards, employing 34 trained workers, 52 salaried and 191 volunteer workers. The institutional work is carried on in 7 Wesley Houses, 2 Deaconess Homes, 1 Institutional Church, 1 Door of Hope. The table on page 12 gives concise facts concerning our city mission work.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY.

There have been twenty-eight home mission students in training this year, thirteen seniors and fifteen juniors. Of the thirteen seniors, seven are ready for consecration as deaconesses, five are ready to enter home mission work either as city missionaries or teachers, and one was prevented by illness from completing the course, but will return in the fall and be ready to enter the work this next year.

The home mission students this year have had far better opportunities for practical training than any preceding classes. The seniors of this year are the first class to have a full year of training at the Institutional Church. Besides, this class has given twice the time to practical work of any previous class. The lines of work in which they have had opportunity for training are: Sewing school, Sunday school, cottage prayer meetings, work in detention home for children, noonday factory meetings, boys' and girls' clubs, basketry classes, night school, day nursery, and juvenile court. In addition, each home mission student has had fifty or more families as her special charge, and in that way over five hundred families have been watched over with a view to getting them into the Church. Special training has been given in the use of card catalogue system of recording visits. Three of this year's class had the privilege of three months' probationary service at the Institutional Church last summer, and so enter the work with a sense of confidence born of experience.

The theoretical work of the class room has followed the same lines as in previous years. The courses of study are being rearranged for next year, and new syllabi will be published of all courses. We are also planning this next year to arrange for a period of residence of each senior in the Institutional Church, thus giving a still better opportunity of understanding city mission work.

STATISTICAL STATEMENT OF WORK ENTERPRISED BY CITY MISSION BOARDS.

PLACE.	MISSIONARY OR DEACONESS IN CHARGE.	Demeress Settlement Homes.	Trained Workers.	Saluted Workers.	Volunteer Workers.	Day Nurseries.	Children Cared for Daily in Day Nursery.	Kindergartens.	Children Enrolled in Kindergartens.	Industrial Schools.	Children Enrolled in Industrial Schools.	Night Schools.	Students Enrolled in Night Schools.	Boys' Clubs.	Boys Enrolled in Clubs.	Girls' Clubs.	Girls Enrolled in Clubs.	Mothers' Clubs.	Women Attending.	Dispensaries.	Parents Treated.	Is There a Sabbath School Affiliated with Your Work?	Children Enrolled in Sabbath Schools.	Visits Made.	Visits Received.	Persons Attending the Reading Rooms.	Papers and Tracts Distributed.	Furniture Sold or Given.	Cash Distributed.	Current Expenses Reported by Voucher.	
Asheville, N. C.	Miss Josephine Guffin	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Atlanta, Ga.	Miss Dollie Crim	1	4	5	49	1	5,860	1	126	4	199	1	168	1	18	1	165	1	15	1	776	1	150	3,271	5,387	1	1,524	200	\$ 18 00	\$ 4,521 14	
Augusta, Ga.	Miss Annie Trawick	1	3	4	4	1	1	1	60	1	150	1	60	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	220	109	71	1	408	467 35	1,551 92		
Birmingham, Ala.	Miss Mary Vaughan	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	32	1	50	1	50	2	60	2	35	1	45	1	125	1	157	2,263	2,068	1	200	300 00	1,294 46		
Dallas, Tex.	Miss Ida Adreansen	1	3	5	25	1	1	1	20	1	65	1	60	1	10	1	12	1	60	1	136	1	60	716	136	1	60	36 30			
Galveston, Tex.	Miss Elizabeth Taylor	1	2	4	4	1	1	1	20	1	20	1	20	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	79	463	90	1	305	300 00			
Houston, Tex.	Jacksonville, Fla.*	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	70	1	70	1	70	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	222	13	463	56	2	222 13			
Kansas City, Mo.	Mrs. E. N. Souby†	1	3	7	50	1	85	1	25	2	240	1	35	3	50	3	48	1	230	1	67	2	230	800	1,000	1	600	500 00	3,657 96		
Kansas City, Mo.	Miss M. Elliott	1	2	3	4	1	1	1	25	1	25	1	41	1	45	1	1	1	15	1	1,200	1	15	670	281	1	1,074	508	3,667 75		
Los Angeles, Cal.	Miss Josie Leveritt.	1	3	4	4	1	1	1	55	1	55	1	55	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	15	3,381	3,304	2,132	29 00	1,647 20		
Louisville, Ky.	Mrs. Knowles	1	3	4	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1,470 35		
Macon, Ga.‡	Mrs. S. Monahan	1	2	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	300	1,270 35		
Meridian, Miss.	Miss Clara Cope	1	1	11	11	1	1	1	38	1	38	1	38	1	10	3	32	1	35	1	1	1	125	249	9	95	77	20 25			
Mobile, Ala.	Miss Ella Ganow	1	3	4	16	1	22	1	92	1	40	1	15	1	10	3	32	1	35	1	1	1	50	1,788	1,825	1	1,809	1,027	1,606 67		
Nashville, Tenn.	Miss Frontie Webb.	1	3	4	16	1	1	1	50	1	90	1	90	2	35	1	30	1	50	1	1	1	50	1,750	4,248	12,494	1	16	70 00	1,845 10	
New Orleans, La.	Mrs. L. Meekin.	1	3	4	16	1	1	1	50	1	90	1	90	2	35	1	30	1	50	1	1	1	50	1,750	4,248	12,494	1	16	70 00	1,845 10	
Portsmouth, Va.¶		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	378	39 05		
Richmond, Va.		1	1	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	75	5 00		
St. Louis, Mo.	Miss Mattie Wright.	1	4	6	1	75	1	1	120	1	120	1	120	1	35	2	75	1	30	1	1	1	438	2,172	3,650	1	174	69 82	2,375 30		
Tampa, Fla.	Mrs. M. N. Carr	1	1	4	4	1	1	1	56	1	56	1	56	1	1	1	1	1	60	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	500 00	590 00	
Waco, Tex.‡	Miss May Lockard.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	48 00	240 35	
Cartersville, Ga.		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	240 35	112 15	
Rome, Ga.		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	112 15	
Total		9	34	52	191	4	6,042	8	475	17	1,148	5	319	13	290	14	287	9	359	4	2,168	14	1,679	22,371	30,905	5	201	7,282	8,731	\$1,779 92	\$22,485 23

*Active work closed because of failure to secure a deaconess or missionary. †Work done in connection with the Institutional Church. ‡Door of Hope enterprise here by City Mission Board. ‡Active work suspended because no worker has been available. § Work at Waco is done through a Cooperative Home for girls.

DEACONESSES.

The deaconess movement is gaining favor with the Church, as the purpose and scope is being demonstrated in the service of our deaconesses. Seventeen have rendered effective service this year, while two have been given a furlough for rest and recuperation. Fourteen applicants have been in training this year on scholarships provided by the Woman's Home Mission Society. Nine candidates will come before you for consecration at this session. Through Miss Head's visits to the colleges and meetings for young people the need and opportunities for deaconesses are brought to the attention of many young women, and there is every reason to expect a larger class to come before us for consecration annually.

PRESS DEPARTMENT.

Our Homes has had the best year of its history. It is recognized by all who read it as being a leader in thoughtful handling of the social and religious problems of the day. Much, very much, of the growth of home mission conviction in the Church is due to its clear presentation of the social, industrial, and religious conditions of our times. The subscription list numbers 13,303, and, without a word of advertisement, the paper has paid all expenses and carries a good bank account.

Miss Mabel Head, Associate Secretary, is Chairman of the Committee on Press Work, and superintends this department, exclusive of *Our Homes*. Five thousand copies of the *Bulletin* are issued monthly free of cost to Auxiliaries. Twenty-four specific leaflets for monthly use have been issued, and a number of others, bearing on departments or miscellaneous subjects, have been printed and circulated. Three hundred sets of home mission pictures have also been sold.

TITHING.

There seems to be an awakening on the subject of tithing, if the increase of reported tithers is indication. Under the superintendency of Mrs. Luke Johnson the department has prospered and a wider interest has been created. Reports show 6,826 tithers, a gain of 1,477 over last year.

OUR GIFTS.

The great need of money for home mission work is being laid upon the hearts of our people. We have received larger and more frequent donations this year for specific objects than ever before. One friend, greatly interested in mountain work, sent a check for \$500 for Sue Bennett School and \$220 for Brevard Institute. The same good woman also sent us checks for rescue work and a deaconess scholarship, amounting to \$280.

From Kentucky a check for \$200 was sent for Sue Bennett School. Mrs. Nancy Bevan, of Florida, became her own administrator and sent us \$1,000 for the new building at Ruth Hargrove Seminary and \$1,500

for rescue work. These donations were made on the annuity plan, by which she is assured six per cent interest during her lifetime, but at her death it becomes the property of the Woman's Home Mission Society.

On the same basis another good woman, who asks that her name be withheld, sends us \$500 for our negro work.

Professor and Mrs. J. C. Lewis give to the Board a bond for \$1,000, to be used in the great industrial building they so greatly desire to see going up at Sue Bennett School.

The Loan Fund at Sue Bennett School has been augmented by a donation of \$80 from Rev. John Penny.

Rev. Sam Wright has invested \$500 in the Cuban work through the Woman's Home Mission Society, while Mrs. Eliza Wolff made a generous donation to the same cause.

A fond mother of North Georgia seeks to perpetuate the life of a dear daughter by creating a loan fund at Brevard Institute and furnishing a room at Vashti as a memorial. Ethel Smith Loan Fund and Ethel Smith room will keep ever bright the name so dear to many hearts.

The contest over the Wilson legacy has been settled by which the Board received in all \$5,940.70. The total legacy was \$7,000, but we lost \$1,060 through cost of contest and compromise.

Mrs. Scotia Inskip Chenoworth, of Kentucky, by legacy gives \$5,000 to the Society, which we trust may soon be turned over to the Treasurer.

For this testimony to interest in the work committed to our care and the expression of confidence in the administration of the organization, we must express our thanks.

OUR NEEDS.

Our great, growing work demands a larger revenue than the present membership dues and freewill offerings. Enlarged opportunities are proofs of God's acceptance of past service, and these have come to the Woman's Home Mission Society. But they demand money—one of God's forces in the redemption of the world. The assurance of increased revenue is found in a larger membership. We must have 100,000 women in our work before we come together again. All growth is arrested unless we do. Shall we not go back to our Conferences pledged to bring a larger number of indifferent women into the joy of this service?

Again we plead for trained workers to fill the many calls for help that come to us from pastors and City Mission Boards. There are young people about you who are seeking to invest their lives where they will count for most. Can there be a better investment than in the lives of those who have the greatest need?

Our abiding need is for a constituency with that power which the Christ promised to his disciples in his closing address—the power for

praying and working. His own words show that in the matter of redeeming the world we are to share in the mighty power which he had, and it is in this power alone that man is to do any great work. Large opportunities lie before the Woman's Home Mission Society, and we must have this power or fail Him in his great plan of redemption. We must not, we dare not fail when we have his word saying: "He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; because I go unto the Father. And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son."

**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, 1907.**

I. PARSONAGE DONATION ACCOUNT.

(General Board, Woman's Home Mission Society.)

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand March 31, 1906.....	\$2,217 00	
Received from Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Treasurer.....	4,000 00	
Received on Refunding Bonds.....	224 85	—\$ 6,441 85

DISBURSEMENTS.

**DONATIONS TO PARSONAGES BY GENERAL BOARD OF WOMAN'S HOME MISSION
SOCIETY.**

Alabama Conference:		
Montgomery, Ala., Fifth Avenue.....	\$100 00	
•Floral, Ala	75 00	
Coffeeyville, Ala	50 00	—\$ 225 00
Baltimore Conference:		
New Hope, Va	75 00	— 75 00
Columbia Conference:		
Medford, Oregon	75 00	
Peoria, Oregon	200 00	— 275 00
Denver Conference:		
Colorado Springs, Colo	300 00	— 300 00
East Columbia Conference:		
Spokane, Wash., Corbin Park.....	150 00	
Meridian, Idaho	75 00	— 225 00
Florida Conference:		
Tampa, Fla., Little Italy.....	250 00	— 250 00
Holston Conference:		
Tazewell District, Tazewell, Va.....	75 00	
Athens, W. Va	50 00	— 125 00
Little Rock Conference:		
Dermott, Ark	75 00	— 75 00
Louisville Conference:		
Greensburg, Ky	50 00	— 50 00
Missouri Conference:		
Lineville, Iowa	75 00	
Bellflower, Mo	75 00	— 150 00
New Mexico Conference:		
Carlsbad, N. Mex	175 00	
El Paso District, El Paso, Tex.....	300 00	
Hagerman, N. Mex	75 00	— 550 00
North Carolina Conference:		
Hope Mills, N. C.	150 00	— 150 00
North Georgia Conference:		
Gainesville, Ga., Myrtle Street.....	50 00	— 50 00
North Mississippi Conference:		
Columbus, Miss., Second Church.....	75 00	— 75 00
Northwest Texas Conference:		
Talpa, Tex	50 00	— 50 00
Oklahoma Conference:		
Duncan Circuit, Ind. T.....	150 00	
Cordell, Okla	75 00	
Henryetta, Ind. T	175 00	
Rocky, Okla	100 00	
Fort Towson, Ind. T.....	75 00	— 575 00
Pacific Conference:		
Sacramento, Cal	200 00	
San Francisco, Cal., Centenary.....	200 00	
Winters, Cal	50 00	
Oakland, Cal	250 00	
Exeter, Cal	50 00	
Upper Lake, Cal	50 00	
Fresno, Cal	150 00	— 950 00

St. Louis Conference:			
Flat River, Mo.....	\$ 50 00—	\$	50 00
Tennessee Conference:			
Hendersonville, Tenn	50 00		
Bethesda, Tenn	50 00—	100	00
Texas Conference:			
Cason, Tex	75 00—	75	00
Virginia Conference:			
West Point, Va	75 00—	75	00
Western North Carolina Conference:			
Dobson, N. C	25 00		
Harmony, N. C	50 00		
Hendersonville, N. C	50 00		
East Greensboro Circuit, N. C.....	50 00—	175	00
Western Virginia Conference:			
Ripley, W. Va	75 00—	75	00
West Texas Conference:			
San Antonio, Tex., Prospect Hill.....	75 00		
Laredo, Tex	100 00		
South Austin, Tex	50 00		
Ganado, Tex	75 00—	300	00
White River Conference:			
Imboden, Ark	50 00		
Big Bay, Ark	50 00—	100 00—	\$ 5,100 00
Moneys received on Refunding Bonds returned to Mrs. Kirkland, Treasurer.....			164 85
Cash balance on hand March 31, 1907.....			1,177 00
			\$ 6,441 85

II. PARSONAGE DONATION ACCOUNT.

CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand March 31, 1906.....	\$ 2,406 74
Received from Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Treasurer.....	13,975 75—\$16,382 49-

DISBURSEMENTS.

Alabama Conference:			
Coffeeville, Ala	\$ 60 00		
Floralda, Ala	140 27		
Montgomery, Ala., Fifth Avenue.....	40 00—	\$	240 27
Arkansas Conference:			
Cleveland, Ark	50 00—	50	00
Florida Conference:			
Lake Butler, Fla	100 00		
Parrish, Fla	100 00		
Titusville, Fla	200 00		
Green Cove Springs, Fla.....	150 00—	550	00
Holston Conference:			
Bull's Gap, Tenn	75 00		
Big Stone Gap, Va.....	100 00		
Sequachee, Tenn	100 00		
Rockwood, Tenn	100 00		
Athens, W. Va	150 00		
Lebanon, Va	100 00—	625	00
Kentucky Conference:			
West Liberty, Ky	250 00		
Visalia, Ky	75 00		
Middlesboro, Ky	100 00—	425	00
Little Rock Conference:			
Holly Springs, Ark	75 00		
Pine Bluff, Ark., Hawley Memorial.....	75 00		
Dermott, Ark	75 00		
Bearden, Ark	50 00		
Pine Bluff, Ark., Carr Memorial.....	100 00		
Little Rock, Ark., Henderson Chapel....	100 00—	500	00
Los Angeles Conference:			
Pomona, Cal	200 00—	200	00
Louisiana Conference:			
Fordoche, La	100 00		
Pollock, La	150 00—	250	00

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Louisville Conference:			
Beechmont, Ky	\$100	00
Henderson, Ky., Audubon	100	00
Crofton, Ky	50	00
Elkton, Ky	.....	50	00
Louisville, Ky., Asbury	.....	100	00—\$ 400 00
Memphis Conference:			
South Memphis, Tenn	.....	25	00
Lexington, Tenn	.....	50	00
Memphis, Tenn., Olive Street	.....	25	00
Dancyville, Tenn	.....	50	00
Milburn, Ky	.....	50	00
Scott's Hill, Tenn	.....	75	00
Lexington District, Tenn	.....	50	00
Bells, Tenn	.....	75	00— 400 00
Mississippi Conference:			
Collins, Miss	.....	100	00
Rose Hill, Miss	.....	150	00
Sharon, Miss	.....	150	00
Bay St. Louis, Miss	.....	75	00
Silver City, Miss	.....	75	00— 550 00
Missouri Conference:			
Vandalia, Mo	.....	150	00
Pattonburg, Mo	.....	50	00
Ladonia, Mo	.....	75	00— 275 00
Montana Conference:			
Hamilton, Mont	.....	90	00— 90 00
New Mexico Conference:			
Alamogordo, N. Mex	.....	50	00— 50 00
North Alabama Conference:			
Austinville, Ala	.....	100	00— 100 00
North Carolina Conference:			
Dover, N. C	.....	100	00
Hamlet, N. C	.....	100	00
Wilmington, N. C., Bladen Street	.....	100	00
Farmville, N. C	.....	100	00— 400 00
North Georgia Conference:			
Hoschton, Ga	.....	100	00
Stockbridge, Ga	.....	100	00
Forsyth, Ga	.....	150	00— 350 00
North Mississippi Conference:			
Belden, Miss	.....	50	00
Houston, Miss	.....	200	00
Ackerman, Miss	.....	100	00
Columbus, Miss., Second Church	.....	100	00
Sidon, Miss	.....	100	00— 550 00
North Texas Conference:			
Celeste, Tex	.....	150	00
Detroit, Tex	.....	150	00
Deport, Tex	.....	100	00
Bellevue, Tex	.....	250	00
Justin, Tex	.....	200	00
Nocona, Tex	.....	100	00
Bailey, Tex	.....	150	00— 1,100 00
Northwest Texas Conference:			
Whitt, Tex	.....	100	00
Sweetwater, Tex	.....	175	00
Gomez, Tex	.....	100	00
Turkey, Tex	.....	200	00
Proctor, Tex	.....	100	00
Dunn, Tex	.....	150	00
Talpa, Tex	.....	150	00
Godley, Tex	.....	125	00
Hereford, Tex	.....	100	00
Miami, Tex	.....	150	00
Hale Center, Tex	.....	150	00— 1,500 00
Oklahoma Conference:			
Woodford, Ind. T	.....	25	00
Fort Towson, Ind. T	.....	25	00
Erick, Okla	.....	25	00
Doxey, Okla	.....	25	00
Temple, Okla	.....	50	00
Bailey, Ind. T	.....	25	00
Duncan Circuit, Ind. T	.....	75	00
Lone Grove, Ind. T	.....	50	00

Cheyenne, Okla	\$ 50 00	
Verdon, Ind. T	75 00	
Mountain View, Okla	50 00—	\$ 475 00
Pacific Conference:		
San Francisco, Cal., Centenary	200 00	
Colusa District, Chico, Cal.	75 00	
Upper Lake, Cal	50 00	
Crosi, Cal	50 00	
Modesto, Cal	75 00	
Milton, Cal	100 00—	556 00
St. Louis Conference:		
Portageville, Mo	75 00	
Flat River, Mo	50 00	
Piedmont, Mo	100 00	
Benton, Mo	100 00	
Caruthersville, Mo	100 00	
Bourbon, Mo	50 00—	475 00
South Carolina Conference:		
Duncan and Saxon, S. C.	150 00—	150 00
South Georgia Conference:		
Pembroke, Ga	100 00	
Parrott, Ga	50 00	
Waycross District, Waycross, Ga.	200 00	
Cedar Grove, Ga	100 00—	450 00
Southwest Missouri Conference:		
Dallas, Mo	200 00—	200 00
Tennessee Conference:		
Bethesda, Tenn	50 00	
Hendersonville, Tenn	100 00	
Smyrna, Tenn	100 00—	250 00
Texas Conference:		
Arleston, Tex	100 00	
Gilmer, Tex	100 00	
Jewett, Tex	100 00	
Gary, Tex	75 00	
Wheelock, Tex	75 00	
LaRue, Tex	75 00	
Somerville, Tex	150 00	
Davilla, Tex	25 00	
Livingston, Tex	125 00—	825 00
Virginia Conference:		
Charlottesville, Va., Belmont	200 00	
Sanford, Va., Pocomoke Circuit.	125 00	
Brookneal, Va	125 00—	450 00
Western North Carolina Conference:		
Hendersonville, N. C	50 00	
Dobson, N. C	50 00—	100 00
West Texas Conference:		
South Austin, Tex	200 00	
Ganado, Tex	125 00—	325 00
White River Conference:		
Paragould District, Paragould, Ark.	150 00	
Batesville, Ark., Central Avenue.	100 00	
Knobel, Ark	50 00—	300 00—\$13,155 27
Cash balance on hand March 31, 1907.....		3,227 22
		<u>\$16,382 49</u>

III. PARSONAGE LOAN FUND ACCOUNT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand March 31, 1906.....	\$1,310 20
Collected on loans—principal	5,094 56
Collected on loans—interest	999 73
Collected on investments—principal	7,000 00
Collected on investments—interest	615 25
Received of Mrs. Kirkland, Tr., on loan funds.....	1,928 86—\$16,948 60

DISBURSEMENTS.

LOANS TO PARSONAGES.

East Columbia Conference:	
Spokane, Wash., Corbin Park.....	\$ 500 00—\$ 500 00
Florida Conference:	
Tampa, Fla., Little Italy.....	500 00— 500 00

Los Angeles Conference:			
Pomona, Cal	\$ 300 00—	\$ 300 00	
Louisville Conference:			
Beechmont, Ky	800 00—	800 00	
New Mexico Conference:			
Albuquerque, N. Mex	800 00—	800 00	
North Alabama Conference:			
Austinville, Ala	200 00—	200 00	
North Mississippi Conference:			
Houston, Miss	1,000 00—	1,000 00	
Pacific Conference:			
San Francisco, Cal., Centenary.....	1,000 00		
Fresno, Cal	600 00—	1,600 00	
St. Louis Conference:			
St. Louis, Mo., First Church.....	3,000 00—	3,000 00	
South Georgia Conference:			
Waycross District, Waycross, Ga	400 00—	400 00—	\$ 9,100 00
Interest paid on life annuities.....			474 50
Interest remitted to Mrs. Kirkland, Treasurer.....			1,140 48
Cash balance on hand March 31, 1907.....			6,233 62
			\$16,948 60

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, 1906, to March 31, 1907		\$	664 25
1906.	DISBURSEMENTS.		
March 30. Paid in re principal to make good loss of August 15, 1905	\$	0 75	
April 17. Paid interest to date on bond of Jacob Schneider, bought		54	
June 12. Paid interest to date on note of Mark Sales, bought this day	15 00		
Sept. 21. Paid release on Schranz lien.....		25	
1907.			
April 1. Paid Fidelity Trust Company 5 per cent commission on \$649.25 income.....	32 46		
Paid W. F. McMurry, Cor. Sec., balance income	615 25—	664 25	

2. *Principal Account.*

RECEIPTS.

March 30. Balance principal as per last statement....	\$14,167 82		
April 2. Received of P. H. Whisner, Cor. Sec., cash for investment	567 40		
March 30. Received in re income to make good loss of August 15, 1905	75		
July 6. Received of Board of Church Extension, cash for investment	62 65		
Oct. 13. Received of W. F. McMurry, Cor. Sec., cash for investment	9 05		
1907.			
Jan. 3. Received of W. F. McMurry, Cor. Sec., cash for investment	6 00—	\$14,813 67	

1906.

DISBURSEMENTS.

June 29. Paid Board of Church Extension on account of principal	\$ 1,500 00		
Oct. 8. Paid Woman's Board of Home Missions on account of principal	5,500 00		
1907.			
April 1. Balance principal	7,813 67—	14,813 67	

Respectfully submitted.

W. F. McMURRY, *Cor. Sec.*

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

CONFERENCE.	Donations from Conference Societies.	Donations from Board.	Loans.
Alabama.....	17	6	4
Arkansas.....	6	13	2
Baltimore.....	18	13	3
Brazil Mission.....		1	
China Mission.....		1	
Columbia.....	14	19	
Denver.....	14	10	
East Columbia.....	7	11	1
East Texas.....	74	5	
Florida.....	53	25	3
German Mission.....		1	
Holston.....	112	12	4
Illinois.....	1	2	
Kentucky.....	36		2
Little Rock.....	68	5	5
Los Angeles.....	33	12	2
Louisiana.....	58	12	4
Louisville.....	40	2	5
Memphis.....	66	1	3
Mississippi.....	47	7	5
Missouri.....	16	8	1
Montana.....	35	13	
New Mexico.....	6	17	4
North Alabama.....	17	11	4
North Carolina.....	28	7	2
North Georgia.....	50	7	3
North Mississippi.....	35	1	3
North Texas.....	56	5	6
Northwest Mexican Border Mission.....		1	
Northwest Texas.....	90	13	6
Oklahoma.....	82	71	1
Pacific.....	62	24	5
South Carolina.....	21	7	2
South Georgia.....	31	1	3
Southwest Missouri.....	36	5	2
St. Louis.....	59	5	3
Tennessee.....	54	8	1
Texas.....	78	6	6
Virginia.....	29	4	
West Texas.....	64	28	5
Western.....	6	4	1
Western North Carolina.....	19	14	2
Western Virginia.....	12	1	2
White River.....	11	9	5
Reported aided, names not given.....	34		
Tot l.....	1,595	428	109

Amount granted by Conference Societies, \$119,889.88. Amount granted by the Board, \$69,557. Total parsonages helped, 2,023; amount, \$190,448.11. Amount loaned, \$61,750.

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 Bauleh.

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 Casa.

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. B. Hugginbotham, 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 Delle 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 Simmons, 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. Wait.

Tennessee Conference.—Mrs. W. G. E. Cunyngnam, 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. Tillett, 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. E. 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. Norsworthy, Mrs. A. O. Leigh, Mrs. J. H. Hall.

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

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

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. Della 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, Mrs. Annie Kirk Goolsby.

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.

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

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

1906-07.

Baltimore Conference.—Mrs. M. S. Tucker, Mrs. William Scott, Miss Jessie Hough, Mrs. E. M. Walton.

Florida Conference.—Mrs. J. B. Ley.

Holston Conference.—Mrs. J. T. Bowser.

Kentucky Conference.—Miss Sarah Hughes, Mrs. Susan Jennings Hart.

Little Rock Conference.—Miss Lizzie Stinson, Francis Marian Williams, Mrs. Rosa Smith.

Louisiana Conference.—Mrs. J. H. Carter, Rev. J. R. Moore, Mrs. F. A. Lyon.

Louisville Conference.—Mrs. J. M. Stone, Mrs. Sue G. Neale, Miss Nora Beard.

Memphis Conference.—Mrs. Elizabeth Hayley.

Missouri Conference.—Mrs. J. D. Bowling.

New Mexico Conference.—Mrs. Lavinia Gilliland.

North Georgia Conference.—Christine McEachern (child), John Newton McEachern (child).

- North Texas Conference.*—Mrs. Mollie McGaughey, Mrs. William Warden.
Northwest Texas Conference.—Mrs. C. D. West, Mrs. J. H. Tinker, Arthur Tinker (child), John Tinker (child), Mrs. Flora N. Hey.
St. Louis Conference.—Mrs. G. F. Sprake, Mrs. M. E. Lane, Mrs. J. E. Legg, Mrs. J. H. Crabtree.
South Carolina Conference.—Mrs. C. D. Stanley, Mrs. W. R. White.
South Georgia Conference.—Mrs. Rebecca Hines, Mrs. James C. Hinton.
Tennessee Conference.—Mrs. Joseph West.
Texas Conference.—Mrs. Alex Waldert.
West Texas Conference.—Mrs. J. W. Moore.
Western North Carolina Conference.—Irene Brevard Moore (child), Bettie Houston Moore (child), Estelle May Jordan (child), Susie Barnard (child), Theodore Rowe (child).
White River Conference.—Mrs. H. G. Dickson.
 Total life members, 508.

MEMORIAL ROLL.

- Alabama Conference.*—Annie Green (child), 1903-04; Alice C. Dannelly (child); Mrs. Ellen Blue Jones, 1904-05; Elizabeth Howard; Frances Green (child); Edith Margaret Abbott (child).
Little Rock Conference.—Mildred Vera Clomer (child).
Louisiana Conference.—Miss Mabel Eva Hines.
Louisville Conference.—Mr. James A. Ramsey, Mrs. Anna Martin Bridges, Mrs. Mary Sage, Mary Segrave (child), Maurice Hawes Stone (child), Preston Eberly Stone (child).
North Georgia Conference.—William McConnell, Lucy Keen Johnson (1905-06).
Virginia Conference.—Miss Bessie Blincol.

NAMES ENROLLED ON PREACHERS' WIVES' LOAN FUND.

- Baltimore Conference.*—Mrs. E. L. Wolf.
Northwest Texas Conference.—Mrs. J. C. Mimms, Mrs. R. B. Evans, Mr. Wilburn, Mrs. Wilburn, Mrs. J. A. Hyder.
Texas Conference.—Mrs. J. F. Carter, Mrs. V. A. Godbey.

NAMES ENROLLED ON EDUCATIONAL ENDOWMENT FUND.

- Alabama Conference.*—Dr. J. B. K. Spain, Rev. E. L. Crawford.
Baltimore Conference.—Rev. J. H. Mells, Mrs. J. H. Mells, Rev. R. B. Frampton, Miss Hannah Lunt, Miss Harriet Mussalman, Miss Mayonia Linthecum.
Louisville Conference.—Miss May Beard, Mrs. Charles Crowe.
North Georgia Conference.—Mr. M. M. Gunter.
North Mississippi Conference.—Mrs. Clemmie Short, Mrs. Anna Scales Brayles, Mrs. Parasot.
Northwest Texas Conference.—Rollins Hey Edwis.
Texas Conference.—Rev. C. A. Tower, Rev. L. H. Magie.
Virginia Conference.—Rev. W. H. Edwards, Rev. S. C. Hatcher, Mrs. Albert Mayo.

REPORT OF ASSOCIATE SECRETARY.

MISS MABEL HEAD.

The hope of the Church, its future growth and prosperity, rests largely with the young people and children. This is quite as true of the Woman's Home Mission Society as of the Church, yet no part of our work is so little organized. The excuses usually given are these: There are too many organizations for the children, the children have no money, there are no leaders to carry on this work. As I go about over the Church I find the great mass of our children unorganized and without missionary training. Where there are Junior Epworth Leagues, with weekly meetings, usually on Sunday, there is still room for an organization that is wholly missionary in its training. Our Brigade works admirably with the Junior League, for they already have four home mission programmes and the leaders are usually ready to have the work presented and willing for the children to use the mite boxes. Where there is one missionary society, the leaders often say that greater interest can be kept up by holding weekly or semimonthly meetings; hence there is room for both missionary societies with alternate meetings, and the children have funds enough to give something to each of these branches of work.

In every Church there are several women who have special ability in leading and training children. At least one such woman should be released from other duties that she may give herself to this most important work. Then she should be sustained by the entire Auxiliary in the Church.

In my work over five of the States of Southern Methodism I have taken pains to investigate carefully this work of the children in a few places where I have stopped. With even this little observation I have found more than one thousand children having no religious education except in the Sunday school, and this often with no missionary training. Many of these children are in the Churches where there are home mission societies.

Must we have leaders with special ability to do this work? No. We have women who could come under this head; but what we need far more than special ability is the realization of the *need* of this work for children and of their dwarfed religious training because of a lack of it.

Children are better cared for by the Church than the boys and girls a little too old for juvenile work and a little too young for adult work. The young life of the Church, from the age of fourteen to twenty-five, is the most neglected class in the Church and also the class most eager

for activity. If I could only make you realize in some small degree the longing for religious activity on the part of the young people of our Church, you would each go back to your Conference and organize them for home mission work. These organizations are for education rather than money. In presenting the work in the colleges, where we are always cordially received when they understand what we want to do, we present the home mission work, showing the need of trained workers in our schools and city missions, and stressing the deaconess work because of the great demand for them. We tell them of our home pledge cards, call for an after meeting, when we talk with those who are considering service. O how these young people are seeking to find the places where their lives will count for most, many of them having a great desire to do Christian work!

I have visited the colleges of South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Missouri, and Arkansas. Eighteen colleges were visited before March 1 and five since March 1. Eighteen are using our Home Mission Programmes in monthly missionary meetings, are making charts, posters, etc. Fifteen have Home Mission Study Classes, five have Home Mission Societies, ten have contributed to our home mission work—seven to Ruth Hargrove Seminary, two to Brevard Institute, and one failed to name for what the money was given.

In sections of the country where the colleges are located I have had appointments in the Churches and with the Auxiliaries as follows: In Alabama, 14; in Georgia, 21; in Tennessee, 7; in Missouri, 15; in Arkansas, 41. After each of these meetings we have asked for new members and many have joined. I have organized 23 Brigades, 20 Young Women's Auxiliaries (twelve of which are using the reading course), and 7 Adult Auxiliaries, and have started 9 Auxiliaries in the reading course. Twenty-two young ladies have signed the pledge card; several of these are young women of experience. I have, at the request of the Young People's Missionary Movement, prepared a book of Home Mission Programmes for use in the Sunday school, and have in preparation a book of programmes for the children that will be printed soon.

GENERAL TREASURER'S REPORT

FOR 1906-07.

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

1. Miss Emily J. Reid, Elizabeth Muse Room, Key West.....\$	50 00
2. Miss Billingsley, Miss Lander's books.....	5 00
3. Mrs. Franklin Moore, Press Department.....	25 00
4. Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, April salary.....	25 00
5. Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, April salary.....	50 00
6. Mrs. W. H. Johnson, April salary.....	25 90
7. Mrs. M. L. Stone, April appropriation.....	320 00
8. Mrs. M. E. Alexander, April appropriation.....	25 00
9. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, April salary.....	100 00
10. Miss Mabel Howell, April salary.....	83 33
11. Miss Ellen Young, April salaries.....	100 00
12. Miss Emelina Valdes, April salaries.....	60 00
13. Miss Eva Poole, April salaries.....	193 00
14. Miss Emily J. Reid, April salaries.....	590 00
15. Miss Margaret Chesnutt, April salary.....	40 00
16. Miss Estelle Haskin, April salary.....	50 00
17. Rev. C. F. Reid, Pacific Coast, May.....	367 00
18. E. E. Bishop, Brevard, April salaries.....	328 88
19. J. C. Lewis, London, April salaries.....	692 21
20. Mrs. H. P. Burrus, April salary.....	25 00
21. Mrs. J. J. Dickey, deaconess bonnets.....	25 00
22. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, office.....	100 00
23. Miss Mary Vaughn, deaconess expenses.....	11 00
24. Miss Salina Monohan, deaconess expenses.....	10 50
25. J. C. Lewis, expenses to Board meeting.....	13 00
26. Rev. Julius Magath, expenses to Board meeting.....	17 00
27. Rev. Charles Byrd, expenses to Board meeting.....	10 00
28. Mrs. M. E. Alexander, expenses to Board meeting.....	47 40
29. Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, expenses to Board meeting.....	22 00
30. Miss Maria L. Gibson, expenses to Board meeting.....	60 80
31. Miss Mabel Howell, expenses to Board meeting.....	50 30
32. Miss Estelle Haskin, expenses to Board meeting.....	25 30
33. Mrs. Luke Johnson, expenses to Board meeting.....	15 80
34. Mrs. Frank Siler, expenses to Board meeting.....	7 05
35. Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, expenses to Board meeting.....	21 60
36. E. M. Gardner, charts.....	45 00
37. Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, May salary.....	50 00
38. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, May salary.....	100 00
39. Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, May salary.....	25 00
40. Mrs. W. H. Johnson, May salary.....	25 00
41. Mrs. M. L. Stone, May salaries.....	320 00
42. Mrs. M. E. Alexander, May salary.....	25 00
43. Miss Mabel Howell, May salary.....	83 33
44. Miss Ellen Young, May salaries.....	100 00
45. Miss Emelina Valdes, May salaries.....	60 00
46. Miss Eva Poole, May salaries.....	195 00
47. Miss Emily J. Reid, May salaries.....	590 00
48. Rev. C. F. Reid, Pacific Coast, June.....	367 00
49. Prof. E. E. Bishop, traveling and May salaries.....	330 88
50. Prof. J. C. Lewis, May salaries.....	692 21
51. Evaristo Ghiñoni, May salary.....	25 00
52. Miss Margaret Chesnutt, travel and May salary.....	60 60
53. Mrs. H. P. Burrus, travel and May salary.....	46 10
54. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, travel.....	22 00
55. Prof. J. C. Lewis, incidentals.....	500 00
56. Miss E. Billingsley, for deaconess expenses.....	5 00
57. Mrs. Ed F. Cook, literature and press work.....	1 75
58. Miss Mary Ogilvie, deaconess travel.....	52 05
59. Rev. George Williams Walker, three years' insurance, Paine Annex.....	84 00
60. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, June salary.....	100 00

61.	Mrs. J. J. Dickey, expenses to Birmingham.....	\$	50 00
62.	Miss Estelle Haskin, May salary.....		50 00
63.	Mrs. J. E. Robison, Vashti, May.....		200 00
64.	Miss Josie Leverett, travel.....		35 00
65.	Mrs. F. E. Ross, Loan Fund.....		220 00
66.	Mrs. L. P. Smith, travel.....		11 00
67.	Missionary Training School, exhibit at General Conference..		150 00
68.	Miss Mabel Head, travel and June salary.....		87 81
69.	Mrs. J. E. Robison, Vashti, June.....		200 00
70.	Mrs. M. L. Stone, Dallas Home, June.....		320 00
71.	Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, June salary.....		50 00
72.	Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, June salary.....		25 00
73.	Mrs. H. P. Burrus, June salary.....		25 00
74.	Mrs. M. B. Alexander, insurance, repairs, etc.....		242 80
75.	Miss Emily J. Reid, cottage, repairs, etc.....		969 94
76.	Miss Estelle Haskin, June salary.....		50 00
77.	Miss Margaret Chesnutt, June salary.....		40 00
78.	Miss Ellen Young, June salary.....		40 00
79.	Prof. E. E. Bishop, nine months' rent.....		58 50
80.	Rev. George Williams Walker, water tax for Paine Annex..		40 00
81.	Evaristo Ghidoni, June salary.....		25 00
82.	Rev. C. F. Reid, Pacific Coast, July.....		377 00
83.	J. C. Lewis.....		872 50
84.	Miss Margaret Chesnutt, July salary.....		40 00
84.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, office.....		100 00
85.	Hatch Bros., printing.....		9 75
86.	W. F. McMurry, E. E. F. L. F. and Memorial.....		98 15
87.	American National Bank, McEachern for first quarter.....		587 68
88.	First National Bank, 5 per cent dues for first quarter.....	4,	863 90
89.	Mrs. M. L. Troutman, model of Atlanta Wesley House.....		40 00
90.	Rev. C. F. Reid, Pacific Coast work, August.....		377 00
91.	P. B. Langford, first payment on Brevard lots.....		250 00
92.	Prof. J. C. Lewis, itineration and June salary.....		235 00
93.	Prof. E. E. Bishop, repairs.....		19 75
94.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, July salary.....		100 00
95.	Mrs. H. P. Burrus, July salary.....		25 00
96.	Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, July salary.....		50 00
97.	Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, July salary.....		25 00
98.	Evaristo Ghidoni, July salary.....		25 00
99.	Miss Mabel Head, July salary.....		50 00
100.	Miss Estelle Haskin, July salary.....		60 00
101.	Miss Elizabeth Davis, deaconess.....		50 00
102.	Miss Emily J. Reid, summer school.....		98 33
103.	Miss Emily J. Reid, insurance on kindergarten cottage.....		90 00
104.	Mrs. W. F. Starley, Galveston Wesley House.....		50 00
105.	Mrs. W. H. Johnson, June and July salaries.....		50 00
106.	Mrs. Luke Johnson, Tithing Department.....		25 00
107.	Mrs. M. B. Alexander, summer expenses, etc.....		90 00
108.	Mrs. M. L. Stone, Dallas Home, July.....		335 00
109.	Mrs. J. E. Robison, Vashti Home, July.....		200 00
110.	Hatch Bros., printing.....		9 24
111.	Prof. E. E. Bishop, repairs.....		150 00
112.	Miss Estelle Haskin.....		15 00
113.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, office.....		100 00
114.	Miss Ellen Young.....		40 00
115.	Mrs. J. G. Shelton, St. Louis city missions.....		58 22
116.	Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, North Georgia city missions.....		126 10
117.	Mrs. Henry Jackson, Dallas city missions.....		35 62
118.	Miss E. L. Hill, Houston city missions.....		13 19
119.	Mrs. F. W. Carroll, Jacksonville city missions.....		47 36
120.	Mrs. C. S. Shivers, Kansas City city missions.....		47 50
121.	Mrs. J. H. Wilson, H. T. D. Home, city missions.....		52 12
122.	Mrs. H. E. Wilson, Macon city missions.....		22 06
123.	Mrs. William Thomas, Mobile city missions.....		30 89
124.	Mrs. W. J. Vaughn, Nashville city missions.....		36 00
125.	Mrs. R. C. Holt, New Orleans city missions.....		8 88
126.	Mrs. R. I. Owen, city missions.....		19 57
127.	Smith & Lamar, printing.....	1,	000 00
128.	Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Dallas shares to date.....		107 00
129.	Rev. C. F. Reid: Louisville, \$20; Pacific, \$15.....		35 00
130.	J. C. Lewis, scholarships from Kentucky.....		100 00
131.	E. E. Bishop: Mrs. Kennedy, Louisiana, \$75; David Clements Room, Baltimore, \$16.....		91 00
132.	Emily J. Reid.....		20 00
133.	W. F. McMurry, parsonage appropriation from Board.....		500 00
134.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, August salary.....		100 00

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135. Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, August salary.....	\$ 50 00
136. Mrs. H. P. Burrus, August salary.....	25 00
137. Miss Margaret Chesnutt, August salary.....	40 00
138. Miss Mabel Head, August salary.....	50 00
139. Miss Estelle Haskin, August salary.....	50 00
140. Miss Josie Leverett, August salary.....	30 00
141. Miss Lucile Crook, insurance at Sue Bennett.....	45 00
142. Miss Anna Brown, August salary.....	40 00
143. Mrs. M. L. Stone, August salaries.....	335 00
144. Mrs. W. H. Johnson, August salary.....	25 00
145. Mrs. J. E. Robison, Vashti for August.....	200 00
146. Mrs. M. B. Alexander, August.....	50 00
147. Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, typewriter, \$25; August salary, \$25.....	50 00
148. Mrs. Ida Reeves, travel.....	29 00
149. Evaristo Ghidoni, August salary.....	25 00
150. Rev. C. F. Reid, Pacific work, for September.....	377 00
151. Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, September salary.....	50 00
152. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, September salary.....	100 00
153. Miss Margaret Chesnutt, September salary.....	40 00
154. Mrs. H. P. Burrus, September salary.....	25 00
155. Mrs. William Thomas, Mobile city missions.....	19 17
156. Mrs. W. F. Starley, Galveston city missions.....	100 00
157. Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, typewriter and September salary.....	50 00
158. Mrs. J. E. Robison, Vashti for September.....	200 00
159. Mrs. W. H. Johnson, September salary.....	25 00
160. Mrs. M. L. Stone, Dallas Home, for September.....	385 00
161. Mrs. M. B. Alexander, September.....	50 00
162. Miss Josie Leverett, September salary.....	30 00
163. Miss Mabel Howell, September salary.....	83 33
164. Miss Mabel Head, September salary.....	50 00
165. Miss Emily Reid, for Ruth Hargrove.....	243 33
166. Miss Anna Brown, September salary.....	40 00
167. Miss Emelina Valdes, payment on lot.....	250 00
168. Rev. George Williams Walker, repairs at Paine.....	416 45
169. Rev. Evaristo Ghidoni, September salary.....	25 00
170. Rev. C. F. Reid, Pacific Coast work for October.....	452 00
171. J. C. Lewis, incidentals.....	350 00
172. Mrs. F. E. Ross, insurance at Brevard.....	15 19
173. Prof. E. E. Bishop, Brevard salaries.....	363 88
174. Miss Emily J. Reid, Key West, September salaries.....	505 00
175. Hatch Bros., printing.....	18 75
176. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, October salary.....	100 00
177. J. D. Hamilton, for Miss Martin.....	70 00
A178. Miss Belle H. Bennett: Office, \$200; expenses to Board and Birmingham.....	250 00
B178. J. C. Lewis Loan Fund, from Rev. John Perry, and Sep- tember salaries.....	787 21
179. G. R. & H. H. Hatch, printing.....	8 75
180. American National Bank, gift of John McEachern.....	2,500 00
181. W. F. McMurry, Parsonage Loan Fund, Katherine Wilson legacy.....	1,743 36
182. J. D. Hamilton, for Miss Martin.....	70 00
183. E. E. Bishop: Ethel Smith Loan Fund, \$100; Eva Yates library, \$15.....	115 00
184. Mrs. A. A. Norris, city missions.....	42 10
185. Miss Emelina Valdes, September salaries.....	70 00
186. Miss Eva Poole, September salaries.....	175 00
187. Miss Jennie Smith, traveling expenses.....	13 00
188. First National Bank, 5 per cent dues, second quarter.....	4,854 72
189. W. F. McMurry, P. W. L. F. and E. E. F., second quarter.....	19 05
190. J. C. Lewis, incidentals, \$500; special gifts, \$780.....	1,280 00
191. Miss Mabel Head, October salary and travel.....	83 33
A192. Miss Josie Leverett, October salary.....	30 00
B192. Miss Emelina Valdes, October salaries.....	70 00
193. Miss Ellen Young, October salaries.....	110 00
194. Miss Eva Poole, October salaries.....	195 00
195. Miss Emily J. Reid, October salaries and furniture, \$100.....	750 00
196. E. E. Bishop, October salaries.....	363 88
197. J. C. Lewis, October salaries.....	707 21
198. Mrs. W. B. Alexander, October salaries.....	205 00
199. Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, October salary.....	50 00
200. Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, October salary.....	25 00
201. Mrs. J. E. Robison, October salaries.....	200 00
202. Mrs. M. L. Stone.....	360 00
203. Mrs. W. H. Johnson, October salary.....	25 00
204. W. F. McMurry, parsonage appropriation from Board.....	500 00

205.	Mrs. W. F. Starley, Galveston Wesley House.....	\$ 50 00
206.	Mrs. H. P. Burrus, October salary.....	25 00
207.	Miss Mabel Howell, October salary.....	83 33
208.	Miss Margaret Chesnutt, October salary.....	50 00
209.	Miss Lucile Crook, insurance at Sue Bennett.....	135 00
210.	C. F. Reid, Pacific Coast for November.....	377 00
211.	G. R. & H. H. Hatch, November <i>Bulletin</i>	8 75
212.	Mrs. Luke Johnson, Tithing Department.....	25 00
213.	Miss Mattie Wright, expenses to Deaconess Convention.....	11 00
214.	Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, November salary.....	50 00
215.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, November salary.....	100 00
216.	Mrs. H. P. Burrus, November salary.....	25 00
217.	Miss Mabel Head, November salary.....	50 00
218.	Miss Margaret Chesnutt, November salary.....	50 00
219.	C. F. Reid, Pacific Coast, December.....	377 00
220.	E. E. Bishop, November salary.....	88 88
A221.	J. C. Lewis, November salary.....	135 00
B221.	Mrs. M. B. Alexander, November salary.....	65 00
222.	Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, November salary.....	25 00
223.	Mrs. M. L. Stone, Dallas Rescue Home, November.....	200 00
224.	Miss Emelina Valdes, November salary.....	70 00
225.	Miss Elizabeth Billingsley, deaconess scholarships.....	1,240 00
226.	Miss Emily J. Reid, on November account.....	110 00
227.	Miss Eva Poole, November.....	195 00
228.	Miss Mabel Howell, November.....	83 33
229.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, office.....	200 00
230.	American Paper Company, mite boxes.....	133 62
231.	Dr. John Trawick, for Miss Stephens.....	78 25
232.	C. R. & H. H. Hatch, printers.....	8 75
233.	Mrs. M. B. Alexander, salaries.....	120 00
234.	Mrs. George F. Hess, Miss Stevens's board.....	24 00
235.	Miss Elizabeth Davis, travel.....	25 00
236.	Miss Guernsey, leaflets.....	5 00
237.	Ridge Missionary Literature, leaflets.....	12 00
238.	<i>Sunday School Times</i> , leaflets.....	15 00
239.	C. R. & H. H. Hatch, printers.....	8 75
240.	J. C. Lewis, November and December salaries.....	1,279 42
241.	E. E. Bishop, November and December salaries.....	638 88
242.	Miss Emily J. Reid, November and December salaries.....	1,190 00
243.	Miss Emelina Valdes, December salaries.....	70 00
244.	Miss Eva Poole, December salaries.....	195 00
245.	Miss Ellen Young, November and December salaries.....	220 00
246.	Mrs. M. B. Alexander, December salaries.....	105 00
247.	Miss Josie Leverett, November and December salaries.....	50 00
248.	Mrs. M. L. Stone, Dallas Mission Home.....	520 00
249.	Mrs. J. E. Robison, Vashti Home.....	200 00
250.	Miss Mabel Howell.....	83 33
251.	Mrs. W. H. Johnson, November and December.....	50 00
252.	Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, December.....	25 00
253.	Miss Mabel Head.....	100 00
254.	Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, December salary, \$50, office, \$15.....	65 00
255.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, December salary.....	100 00
256.	Mrs. H. P. Burrus, December salary.....	25 00
257.	Miss Margaret Chesnutt, December salary.....	50 00
258.	C. F. Reid, January.....	377 00
A259.	Miss Ida Stevens.....	25 00
B259.	J. C. Lewis.....	500 00
260.	P. B. Langford, Brevard lots.....	250 00
261.	E. E. Bishop, repairs, etc., at Brevard.....	409 21
262.	Miss Elizabeth Billingsley, for books.....	2 85
263.	Smith & Lamar, printing.....	674 67
264.	Miss Emily J. Reid, from Baltimore.....	12 00
265.	Mrs. J. E. Robison, Vashti Home.....	200 00
266.	First National Bank, 50 per cent dues, third quarter.....	5,670 17
267.	W. F. McMurry, Memorial, \$10; E. E. F., \$6 third quarter..	16 00
268.	American National Bank, McEachern, third quarter.....	625 83
269.	Mrs. F. E. Ross, for Brevard library.....	10 00
270.	Mrs. H. P. Burrus.....	25 00
271.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, January.....	100 00
272.	Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, January.....	50 00
273.	Mrs. W. H. Johnson, January.....	25 00
274.	Mrs. M. L. Stone, January.....	345 00
275.	Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, January and typewriter.....	40 00
276.	Mrs. J. E. Robison, Vashti.....	265 00
277.	Mrs. M. B. Alexander.....	145 00
278.	Mrs. W. F. Starley, Galveston Wesley House, Nov., Dec., Jan.	150 00

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279.	Miss Margaret Chesnutt, January.....	\$	50 00
280.	Miss Mabel Head, January.....		50 00
281.	Miss Emelina Valdes, January.....		70 00
282.	Miss Emily Reid, January.....		650 00
283.	Miss Eva Poole, January.....		95 00
284.	Miss Ellen Young, January.....		110 00
285.	Miss Mabel Head, January.....		83 33
286.	Miss Josie Leverett.....		30 00
287.	Miss E. Billingsley, gifts for the Home Mission Board room from the Baltimore and North Texas Conference Societies.....		30 00
288.	J. C. Lewis, January salaries.....		707 21
289.	E. E. Bishop, January salaries.....		363 88
290.	C. F. Reid, February.....		377 00
291.	Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, city missions.....		220 28
292.	Mrs. A. A. Norris, city missions.....		84 20
293.	Mrs. J. H. Crabtree, city missions.....		106 44
294.	Mrs. F. W. Carroll, city missions.....		97 92
295.	Mrs. H. E. Wilson, city missions.....		44 12
296.	Mrs. J. H. Wilson, city missions.....		104 24
297.	Mrs. W. J. Vaughn, city missions.....		72 00
298.	Mrs. R. C. Holt, city missions.....		17 76
299.	Mrs. H. E. Jackson, city missions.....		71 24
300.	Mrs. C. S. Shivers, city missions.....		95 00
301.	Mrs. William Thomas, city missions.....		61 98
302.	Miss E. L. Hill, city missions.....		26 38
303.	Miss Belle H. Bennett, office.....		250 00
304.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, office.....		200 00
305.	C. R. & H. H. Hatch, printing.....		17 50
306.	Prof. J. W. Gilbert.....		100 00
307.	J. C. Lewis.....		500 00
308.	Miss Margaret Chesnutt, February.....		50 00
309.	Miss Mabel Head, February and travel.....		100 00
310.	Miss E. Billingsley, deaconess scholarships.....		1,260 00
311.	Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, February.....		50 00
312.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, February.....		100 00
313.	Mrs. H. P. Burrus, February.....		25 00
314.	C. F. Reid, March, etc.....		452 00
315.	E. E. Bishop.....		363 88
316.	Miss Eva Poole, February.....		175 00
317.	Mrs. M. B. Alexander, February.....		145 00
318.	Miss Emelina Valdes, February.....		70 00
319.	J. C. Lewis, February.....		807 25
320.	Miss Emily Reid, February.....		650 00
321.	Dr. McMurry, parsonage grants.....		3,000 00
322.	Miss Ellen Young, February.....		110 00
323.	Miss Josie Leverett, February.....		25 00
324.	Miss Sue Herrick, February.....		26 00
325.	Miss Mabel Howell, February.....		83 33
326.	Mrs. M. L. Stone, Dallas, February.....		330 00
327.	Mrs. J. E. Robison.....		200 00
328.	Mrs. W. J. Starley, Galveston Wesley House.....		90 00
329.	George Williams Walker, repairs on Paine Annex.....		150 00
330.	Wolff Record Book account, money advanced to Misses Brown and Davis.....		80 00
331.	Miss E. R. Davis, January and February.....		30 00
332.	J. D. Hamilton, for Miss Martin.....		39 85
333.	Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, February.....		25 00
334.	Mrs. W. H. Johnson, February.....		25 00
335.	J. E. McCulloch, for Miss Davis.....		19 00
336.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, March and office.....		200 00
337.	Mrs. H. P. Burrus, March.....		25 00
338.	Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, March.....		59 00
339.	Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, March.....		25 00
340.	Mrs. W. H. Johnson, March.....		25 00
341.	Mrs. M. L. Stone, Dallas, March.....		390 00
342.	Mrs. J. E. Robison, Vashti, March.....		200 00
343.	Mrs. W. J. Starley, Galveston Wesley House, March.....		90 00
344.	Mrs. M. B. Alexander, March.....		145 00
345.	Misses Maria and Moisselle Elliott, traveling expenses.....		200 00
346.	Miss Josie Leverett, March.....		30 00
347.	Miss Emelina Valdes, March.....		70 00
348.	Miss E. R. Davis, March.....		15 00
349.	Miss Emily J. Reid, March.....		650 00
350.	Miss Ellen Young, March.....		110 00
351.	Miss Eva Poole, March.....		175 00
352.	Miss Mabel Howell, March.....		83 33

353. Miss Margaret Chesnutt, March.....	\$	50 00
354. Miss Mabel Head, March.....		50 00
355. C. F. Reid, April.....		377 00
356. E. E. Bishop, March.....		363 00
357. J. C. Lewis, March.....		757 20
358. Smith & Lamar, printing.....		171 99
359. P. B. Langford, for lots purchased at Brevard.....		541 25
360. Miss E. Billingsley, on Miss Boykin's tuition.....		31 65
361. Miss E. L. Hill, city missions.....		13 19
362. Mrs. Luke Johnson, Tithing Department.....		25 00
363. Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, city missions.....		110 15
364. Mrs. J. H. Crabtree, city missions.....		58 22
365. Mrs. H. E. Jackson, city missions.....		35 62
366. Mrs. F. W. Carroll, city missions.....		47 38
367. Miss A. B. Floete, city missions.....		52 12
368. Mrs. H. E. Wilson, city missions.....		22 06
369. Mrs. C. S. Shivers, city missions.....		47 50
370. Mrs. W. J. Vaughn, city missions.....		36 00
371. Mrs. R. C. Holt, city missions.....		8 88
372. Mrs. William Thomas, city missions.....		30 89
373. Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Ruth Hargrove building.....		8,000 00
374. Brandon Printing Co., office furniture and certificates.....		96 80
375. W. F. McMurry, interest on loans.....		267 55
376. C. R. & H. H. Hatch.....		8 75
377. Fourth National Bank, to replace money on check from Hat- tiesburg, Miss., which was not honored by said bank.....		86 65
378. Louisville Lithographic Co.....		27 50
379. Dr. W. F. McMurry, return of loan to Sue Bennett School, \$2,000; Loan Fund, fourth quarter, \$130; E. E. F., \$81....		2,211 00
380. First National Bank, fourth quarter, 5 per cent dues.....		7,782 22
381. American National Bank, McEachern money, second and fourth quarters.....		1,447 01
Total.....	\$	100,976 38

DISBURSEMENT OF CONFERENCE HALF OF DUES, 1906-07.

1. Mrs. C. S. McCausland, Columbia Conference.....	\$	46 65
2. Mrs. W. A. Rogers, South Carolina Conference.....		50 00
3. Mrs. W. S. Atkins, White River Conference.....		98 42
4. Rev. P. H. Whisner, Bethesda, Tennessee Conference.....		50 00
5. W. F. Barclay, Parrott, South Georgia Conference.....		50 00
6. Mrs. E. L. Prince, North Carolina Conference.....		212 43
7. W. F. Barclay, Lexington Station, Memphis Conference, \$50; Millburn, Ky., Memphis Conference, \$50; Dancyville, Tenn., Memphis Conference, \$50; Scott Hill Mission, Memphis Con- ference, \$75; Bells, Tenn., Memphis Conference, \$75; South Memphis, Memphis Conference, \$25; Milan Circuit, Mem- phis Conference, \$100.....		425 00
9. W. F. Barclay, Lake Butler, Florida Conference, \$75; Para- gould District, White River Conference, \$150; Batesville District, White River Conference, \$100; Odessa, New Mexico Conference, \$100; Detroit, North Texas Conference, \$150; Celeste, North Texas Conference, \$150; Colusa District, Pac- ific Conference, \$75.....		800 00
10. Miss Newell Foster, Arkansas Conference.....		102 10
11. Mrs. W. D. Sandwich, South Georgia Conference.....		150 00
12. Mrs. India P. Hennaage, Baltimore Conference.....		264 93
13. W. F. Barclay, Big Stone Gap, Holston Conference.....		100 00
14. Mrs. R. C. Holt, Louisiana Conference.....		125 00
15. Mrs. William Thomas, Alabama Conference.....		348 45
16. W. F. McMurry, Olive Street, Memphis Conference, \$25; Gay Mission, Texas Conference, \$75; Jewett, Texas Conference, \$100; La Rue, Texas Conference, \$25; Big Sandy, Texas Conference, \$75; Arleston, Texas Conference, \$50; Neches, Texas Conference, \$75; Wheelock, Texas Conference, \$75; Cushing, Texas Conference, \$100; Gilmer, Texas Conference, \$100; Somerville, Texas Conference, \$150.....		850 00
17. Mrs. R. Shaeffer, West Texas Conference.....		152 36
18. W. F. McMurry, Forsyth Circuit, North Georgia Conference, \$150; Stockbridge, North Georgia Conference, \$100; Way- cross District, South Georgia Conference, \$200.....		450 00
19. Mrs. C. S. Shivers, Southwest Missouri Conference.....		50 00
20. W. F. McMurry, Rosehill, Mississippi Conference.....		150 00
21. Mrs. C. V. Vaught, North Alabama Conference.....		28 21
22. Mrs. A. P. Warren, Missouri Conference.....		29 87

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23.	Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, North Georgia Conference.....	\$ 213 09
24.	Mrs. M. H. Honaker, Holston Conference.....	75 00
25.	Mrs. F. E. Ross, Western North Carolina Conference.....	51 93
26.	W. F. McMurry, Temple, Indian Mission Conference, \$50; Mountain View, Indian Mission Conference, \$50; Doxey, Indian Mission Conference, \$25; Erick, Indian Mission Conference, \$25; Centralia, Indian Mission Conference, \$50; Fort Towson, Indian Mission Conference, \$25; Woodford, Indian Mission Conference, \$25; Lone Grove, Indian Mission Conference, \$50; Cheyenne, Indian Mission Conference, \$50; Hoschton, North Georgia Conference, \$100; West Liberty, Kentucky Conference, \$60; Parish Circuit, Florida Conference, \$100; Lake Butler, Florida Conference, \$25; Houston, North Mississippi Conference, \$200; Bilden, North Mississippi Conference, \$50	885 00
27.	Mrs. F. W. Carroll, Florida Conference.....	107 56
28.	Miss Lena McIntyre, Kentucky Conference.....	34 95
29.	W. F. McMurry, Pomona, Los Angeles Conference, \$100; Dover, North Carolina Conference, \$100; Florala, Alabama Conference, \$115; Coffeerville, Alabama Conference, \$60; Rockwood, Holston Conference, \$100; Sequatchie, Holston Conference, \$100; Sweetwater and Roscoe, Northwest Texas Conference, \$175; Whitt, Northwest Texas Conference, \$100; Glenville, Western North Carolina Conference, \$50..	900 00
30.	W. F. McMurry, Pattonsburg and Mt. Fall, Missouri Conference, \$50; Carr Memorial, Pine Bluff, Little Rock Conference, \$100; Verden, Indian Mission Conference, \$75; Duncan Circuit, Indian Mission Conference, \$75; Bailey, Indian Mission Conference, \$25; Austinville, North Alabama Conference, \$100; Pollock, Louisiana Conference, \$150.....	575 00
31.	W. F. McMurry, Sharon, Mississippi Conference.....	150 00
32.	W. F. McMurry, Piedmont, St. Louis Conference.....	100 00
33.	Miss M. V. Conway, Baltimore Conference.....	103 08
34.	Mrs. H. E. Wilson, South Georgia Conference.....	150 00
35.	Mrs. B. F. Lewis, North Mississippi Conference.....	52 31
36.	Mrs. C. S. McCausland, Columbia Conference.....	19 50
37.	W. F. McMurry, Berlin, Virginia Conference, \$125; Audubon, Louisville Conference, \$100; Beechmont, Louisville Conference, \$100; Crofton, Louisville Conference, \$50; Dunn, Northwest Texas Conference, \$150; Turkey, Northwest Texas Conference, \$200.....	725 00
38.	W. F. McMurry, Saxon and Duncan, South Carolina Conference, \$150; Rockford, Western North Carolina Conference, \$50; Godbey, Northwest Texas Conference, \$125.....	325 00
39.	W. F. McMurry, Dallas, Southwest Missouri Conference.....	175 00
40.	W. F. McMurry, Sparks, Indian Mission Conference.....	25 00
41.	Mrs. J. H. Wilson, Los Angeles Conference.....	10 50
42.	Miss E. L. Hill, Texas Conference.....	190 65
43.	Mrs. J. C. Gunter, Denver Conference.....	5 23
44.	Mrs. A. A. Norris, Louisville Conference.....	75 00
45.	W. F. McMurry, North Elkton, Louisville Conference.....	50 00
46.	Mrs. W. J. Vaughn, Tennessee Conference.....	156 77
47.	W. F. McMurry, Ackerman, North Mississippi Conference, \$100; Upper Lake, Pacific Conference, \$50; Bearden, Little Rock Conference, \$50.....	200 00
48.	Mrs. Frank Clark, Missouri Conference.....	87 52
49.	Mrs. F. M. Canfield, East Columbia Conference.....	1 00
50.	Mrs. H. E. Jackson, North Texas Conference.....	276 97
51.	Mrs. W. A. Rogers, South Carolina Conference.....	50 00
52.	Mrs. M. H. Honaker, Holston Conference.....	100 00
53.	Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, North Georgia Conference.....	261 25
54.	W. F. McMurry, Gomez, Northwest Texas Conference, \$100; Proctor, Northwest Texas Conference, \$100; La Rue, Texas Conference, \$50	250 00
55.	Mrs. S. P. Wilfey, St. Louis Conference.....	7 65
56.	Mrs. F. E. Ross, Western North Carolina Conference.....	11 19
57.	Miss Vivian Conway, Baltimore Conference.....	90 90
58.	Mrs. J. W. Wolfe, Western Virginia Conference.....	140 10
59.	Mrs. J. C. Gunter, Denver Conference.....	2 35
60.	Mrs. C. S. McCausland, Columbia Conference.....	23 57
61.	Mrs. C. S. Shivers, Southwest Missouri Conference.....	50 00
62.	W. F. McMurry, Hamlet, North Carolina Conference, \$100; Brookneal, Virginia Conference, \$107; Hendersonville Circuit, Western North Carolina Conference, \$50; Pueblo, First Church, Denver Conference, \$100; Titusville, Florida Conference, \$150; Athens, Holston Conference, \$150.....	657 00

63.	W. F. McMurry, Orosi, Pacific Conference, \$50; Hereford, Northwest Texas Conference, \$100.....	\$ 150 00
64.	W. F. McMurry, Dallas, Southwest Missouri Conference.....	25 00
65.	W. F. McMurry, Benton, St. Louis Conference, \$100; Talpa, Northwest Texas Conference, \$150.....	250 00
66.	Miss Lena McIntyre, Kentucky Conference.....	50 00
67.	W. F. McMurry, Milton, Pacific Conference, \$100; Modesto, Pacific Conference, \$75; Ganado, West Texas Conference, \$125; South Austin, West Texas Conference, \$200.....	500 00
68.	Mrs. J. H. Wilson, Los Angeles Conference.....	55 50
69.	W. F. McMurry, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi Conference.....	50 00
70.	W. F. McMurry, Bellevue, North Texas Conference, \$250; Bailey, North Texas Conference, \$150.....	400 00
71.	Mrs. W. J. Vaughn, Tennessee Conference.....	175 55
72.	W. F. McMurry, Titusville, Florida Conference.....	50 00
73.	W. F. McMurry, Brookmead, Virginia Conference, \$18; Cleveland, Arkansas Conference, \$50.....	68 00
74.	Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, North Georgia Conference.....	318 77
75.	Mrs. J. W. Brown, New Mexico Conference.....	8 60
76.	W. F. McMurry, Columbus, North Mississippi Conference....	100 00
77.	Mrs. F. E. Ross, Western North Carolina Conference.....	20 27
78.	Mrs. M. H. Honaker, Holston Conference.....	100 00
79.	Mrs. W. A. Rogers, South Carolina Conference.....	50 00
80.	Miss Vivian Conway, Baltimore Conference.....	142 30
81.	W. F. McMurry, Brownfield, Northwest Texas Conference, \$150; Miami, Northwest Texas Conference, \$150; Hale, Northwest Texas Conference, \$150; Barton Heights, Virginia Conference, \$125; Caruthersville, St. Louis Conference, \$100; Blanden Street, Wilmington, North Carolina Conference, \$100; Farmville Circuit, North Carolina Conference, \$100; Hickory, Western North Carolina Conference, \$50; Green Cove Springs, Florida Conference, \$150; Saverton, Missouri Conference, \$50; Dupont, North Texas Conference, \$100; Justin and Roanoke, North Texas Conference, \$200; Nocona, North Texas Conference, \$100; Bakersfield, Pacific Conference, \$75; Sidon, North Mississippi Conference, \$100.....	1,700 00
82.	W. F. McMurry, Eros, Louisiana Conference, \$200; Tate Springs, Holston Conference, \$50; Lebanon, Holston Conference, \$100.....	350 00
83.	Mrs. J. H. Crabtree, St. Louis Conference.....	25 80
84.	Mrs. C. S. McCausland, Columbia Conference.....	27 27
85.	Mrs. J. W. Wolfe, Western Virginia Conference.....	23 40
86.	W. F. McMurry, Henderson Chapel, Little Rock Conference, \$100; Alamogordo, New Mexico Conference, \$50; Bourbon, St. Louis Conference, \$50; Visalia, Kentucky Conference, \$75.....	275 00
87.	Miss Lizzie McKennon, Little Rock Conference.....	55 94
88.	Mrs. C. S. Shivers, Southwest Missouri Conference.....	228 55
89.	W. F. McMurry, Long Branch, Mississippi Conference, \$150; Silver City, Mississippi Conference, \$75; Laddonia, Missouri Conference, \$75; Ashdown, Little Rock Conference, \$100; Middleborough, Kentucky Conference, \$100; Cedar Grove, South Georgia Conference, \$100.....	600 00
90.	Mrs. R. I. Owen, Virginia Conference.....	274 13
91.	W. F. McMurry, Atkinson, South Georgia Conference.....	100 00
92.	Mrs. A. A. Norris, Louisville Conference.....	159 25
93.	Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, North Georgia Conference.....	410 16
94.	Mrs. F. E. Ross, Western North Carolina Conference.....	94 26
A95.	Mrs. Frank Clark, Missouri Conference.....	138 91
B95.	Mrs. William Thomas, Alabama Conference.....	519 11
96.	Mrs. A. A. Norris, Louisville Conference.....	25 00
97.	Mrs. W. A. Rogers, South Carolina Conference.....	75 00
98.	Mrs. H. E. Jackson, North Texas Conference.....	200 00
99.	Mrs. J. F. E. Bates, Arkansas Conference.....	70 95
100.	Mrs. M. H. Honaker, Holston Conference.....	145 22
101.	W. F. McMurry, Pueblo, Denver Conference, \$135.75; Hamilton, Montana Conference, \$90; Houlika, North Mississippi Conference, \$100; La Mesa, Northwest Texas Conference, \$200; West Brook, Northwest Texas Conference, \$200; Davilla, Texas Conference, \$25.....	750 75
102.	Mrs. D. L. Stephens, Northwest Texas Conference.....	178 30
103.	Mrs. R. Shaeffer, West Texas Conference.....	134 71
104.	Mrs. W. S. Atkins, White River Conference.....	202 80

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105. W. F. McMurry, Butler, South Georgia Conference, \$100; Asbury, Louisville Conference, \$100.....\$	200 00
106. Miss Vivian Conway, Baltimore Conference.....	139 97
107. W. F. McMurry, Gallup, New Mexico Conference.....	50 00
108. Mrs. F. W. Carroll, Florida Conference.....	19 86
109. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, literature bills.....	357 07
Total	\$ 21,948 89

RECEIPTS.

CONFERENCE.	Dues.	Specials.	Loan Funds.	Educational Endowment Fund.	Total.	City Missions per Voucher.
Alabama	\$ 990 26	\$ 839 86		\$ 57 65	\$ 1,887 77	\$ 1,606 67
Arkansas.....	395 15	103 43		1 00	499 58	
Baltimore.....	985 16	952 40	\$ 5 00	35 00	1,927 56	
Columbia.....	195 70	53 87			249 57	
Denver.....	197 05	74 70			271 75	
East Columbia.....	122 60	40 69			163 29	
Florida.....	1,735 12	1,167 99	2,580 00		5,483 11	1,083 56
German Mission.....	21 15				21 15	
Holston.....	2,188 86	1,703 52			3,892 38	
Kentucky.....	1,039 17	1,066 30	500 00		2,605 47	
Little Rock.....	1,508 57	1,312 09	5 00		2,825 66	
Los Angeles.....	490 12	764 40			1,254 52	367 75
Louisiana.....	969 62	1,453 55	240 00		2,683 17	303 00
Louisville.....	1,016 52	3,431 65	75 00	10 00	4,533 17	1,647 20
Memphis.....	1,076 30	481 89			1,558 19	
Mississippi.....	1,171 95	614 29			1,786 24	
Missouri.....	862 63	408 28		1 00	1,271 91	
Montana.....	157 75	18 20			175 95	
New Mexico.....	463 31	159 47			622 78	
North Alabama.....	1,098 74	667 46		25 00	1,791 20	
North Carolina.....	1,250 57	1,157 41			2,407 98	
North Georgia.....	2,606 55	5,292 42	25 00	105 00	8,028 97	6,605 58
North Mississippi.....	1,514 35	1,015 71		15 00	2,545 06	
North Texas.....	2,571 89	1,226 87			3,798 76	1,294 46
Northwest Texas.....	4,041 60	2,073 98	25 00	5 00	6,145 58	458 00
Oklahoma.....	2,287 89	544 89			2,832 78	
Pacific.....	789 97	155 98			945 95	
South Carolina.....	832 04	391 44			1,223 48	
South Georgia.....	2,630 60	2,704 69			5,335 29	1,270 35
Southwest Missouri.....	1,361 39	489 40		1 00	1,851 79	3,637 99
St. Louis.....	1,383 49	1,085 12			2,468 61	2,375 30
Tennessee.....	1,566 59	1,516 08			3,072 67	1,845 10
Texas.....	2,903 76	2,384 65	10 00	10 00	5,308 41	147 15
Virginia.....	1,114 53	860 62	20 00	15 00	2,010 15	343 16
West Texas.....	1,419 44	540 18		3 85	1,963 47	
Western North Carolina.....	750 33	774 84			1,525 17	
Western Virginia.....	350 26	140 21			490 47	
White River.....	469 63	442 67			912 30	
Other sources.....		12,624 74			12,624 74	
Total.....	\$46,491 21	\$50,735 94	\$3,485 00	\$284 50	\$100,996 65	\$22,985 27

RECAPITULATION.

Amount received from dues.....	\$ 46,491 21
Amount received from specials.....	50,735 94
Amount received from loan fund.....	3,485 00
Amount received from Educational Endowment Fund.....	285 50
Total.....	\$100,996 65
City missions, as per vouchers.....	22,985 27
Grand total.....	\$123,981 92
Balance April 1, 1906.....	\$ 4,642 61
Receipts 1906-07.....	100,996 65
Total.....	\$105,639 26
Total expenditures.....	100,976 38
Balance April 1, 1907.....	\$ 4,662 88

MRS. W. D. KIRKLAND, General Treasurer.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We have this day examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the Woman's Home Mission Society, and find proper vouchers and receipts for all money paid out; also bank balance covering statement of balance shown by Treasurer's books.

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

April 16, 1907.

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.....	\$ 522 30	\$ 791 53	\$ 30 20	\$ 79 43	.....
Arkansas.....	.....	.....	34 11	.....	.....
Baltimore.....	1,641 01	1,171 74	389 22	319 44	\$ 12 80
Columbia.....	156 02	140 25	.....	124 05	.....
Denver.....	30 33	476 00	62 30	26 20	.....
East Columbia.....	196 97	992 18	854 76	269 60	.....
Florida.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
German Mission.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Holston.....	1,941 45	1,898 71	1,954 54	536 32	34 08
Kentucky.....	505 95	2,846 48	350 40	365 93	.....
Little Rock.....	3,078 39	4,276 36	1,224 24	2,009 49	482 51
Los Angeles.....	799 81	693 77	276 32	196 81	192 10
Louisiana.....	1,389 36	1,286 60	80 00	175 95	10 00
Louisville.....	601 73	1,197 60	575 00	379 36	.....
Memphis.....	1,312 70	1,994 30	473 40	624 25	.....
Mississippi.....	2,134 90	1,313 11	742 95	398 91	48 00
Missouri.....	1,559 30	1,388 37	710 68	103 25	5 03
Montana.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Mexico.....	1,300 61	914 42	232 09	586 07	.....
North Alabama.....	2,101 27	4,864 50	322 80	505 33	63 33
North Carolina.....	1,277 47	1,338 63	592 60	734 71	10 00
North Georgia.....	3,993 46	5,227 87	1,575 84	3,292 09	.....
North Mississippi.....	2,790 22	1,399 01	372 20	552 40	524 91
North Texas.....	4,709 89	3,773 95	1,655 54	1,818 26	.....
Northwest Texas.....	8,449 95	6,941 58	1,924 62	1,203 75	194 61
Oklahoma.....	2,839 86	5,006 71	1,409 42	640 01	78 31
Pacific.....	1,923 93	417 75	936 20	615 50	37 50
South Carolina.....	456 71	182 13	.....	236 30	60 00
South Georgia.....	3,343 76	229 35	2,115 79	2,679 25	.....
Southwest Missouri.....	2,540 47	4,553 87	273 52	463 49	.....
St. Louis.....	1,806 13	1,627 24	1,816 79	1,567 58	1,225 31
Tennessee.....	919 26	1,525 16	1,804 44	1,677 39	.....
Texas.....	7,543 36	7,114 56	2,136 45	2,113 61	.....
Virginia.....	1,762 45	1,223 86	805 32	1,310 14	288 30
West Texas.....	3,499 49	3,043 19	672 92	284 90	165 40
Western North Carolina.....	656 95	1,393 78	209 33	325 56	1,122 14
Western Virginia.....	613 29	859 94	10 00	48 70	150 79
White River.....	2,822 80	240 10	.....	107 14	280 60
Total.....	\$71,221 55	\$72,344 60	\$30,373 99	\$26,371 17	\$4,975 72

MRS. W. D. KIRKLAND, General Treasurer.

ANNUAL REPORT OF CONFERENCE CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.

FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1907.

		CONFERENCE.																			
		Adult Auxiliaries.	Adult Members.	Young People and Juvenile Auxiliaries.	Young Members.	Total Members.	Life Members Added During the Year.	Members Added to Baby Roll During the Year.	Members of Florist Mechanics Mite Box Prizade Added During the Year.	Subscribers to Our Homes.	Taking Home Mission Reading Course.	Pledged to Thinking.	Boxes Supplied Sent Off Reported to Supr. Supply Dept.	Papers and Leaflets Distributed.	Visits Made to Sick and Strangers.	Visits Made to Corrective or Benevolent Institutions.	Collage Prayer Meetings Held or Bible-Readings Given.	Garnments in Good Order Distributed.	Needy Assisted.	Auxiliaries Represented in City Mission Boards.	Observing Week of Prayer.
Alabama.....	49	1,203	3	53	1,256	79	182	279	21	150	14	7,562	231	273	4,719	1,455	10	22			
Arkansas.....	25	615	.....	615	.....	50	171	164	18	34	.....	2,702	23	273	824	291	.....	18		
Baltimore.....	76	1,320	8	280	1,600	64	114	243	18	171	2	7,000	120	129	1,753	379	2	26			
Columbia.....	19	268	.....	268	.....	8	36	41	5	37	.....	1,721	34	61	419	60	.....	4		
Denver.....	9	217	.....	217	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	1,844	.....	17	1,740	27	.....	.....	
East Columbia.....	5	76	1	10	86	.....	.....	.....	.....	56	.....	1,239	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Florida.....	98	1,619	12	310	1,929	1	136	608	.....	320	8	10,023	233	316	3,584	786	17	40		
German Mission.....	2	15	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Holston.....	132	2,490	5	108	2,598	1	322	63	152	599	224	51,249	431	275	3,843	2,907	3	102			
Kentucky.....	51	918	14	177	1,095	2	18	270	33	183	16	2,500	26	131	1,350	561	.....	.....	.....	.....
Little Rock.....	70	1,906	7	217	2,123	3	6	552	138	482	8	4,022	178	237	4,164	813	.....	.....	.....	.....
Los Angeles.....	29	557	.....	557	.....	76	76	226	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Louisiana.....	58	1,174	9	143	1,317	3	35	379	74	80	8	3,493	315	217	2,542	376	.....	.....	.....	.....
Louisville.....	44	784	5	40	824	3	7	230	.....	132	8	11,685	612	124	5,098	591	8	40		
Memphis.....	59	1,334	12	309	1,643	1	82	16	304	245	.....	11,000	377	55	2,816	206	5	19		
Mississippi.....	70	1,216	8	97	1,313	31	26	345	.....	107	7	3,147	340	128	1,281	340	5	24		
Missouri.....	52	1,000	2	35	1,035	1	39	208	70	104	1	5,187	68	197	4,194	650	.....	.....	.....	.....
Montana.....	40	151	.....	151	.....	14	14	34	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	320	9	.....	.....	.....	.....
New Mexico.....	24	357	.....	357	.....	1	1	125	.....	38	4	180	15	133	1,06	19	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Alabama.....	54	1,423	3	54	1,477	1	69	300	25	173	4	3,528	243	57	1,130	584	8	21	.....	.....
North Carolina.....	54	1,302	4	75	1,377	.....	162	318	.....	72	20	21,418	2,833	6	60	7,777	300	.....	.....	.....
North Georgia.....	103	2,779	4	125	2,904	2	300	852	41	510	20	16,694	23,098	91	459	8,932	2,655	21	44	.....
North Mississippi.....	102	1,776	13	286	2,061	.....	480	226	32	170	66	4,420	6,355	69	195	2,256	1,051	.....	.....	.....
North Texas.....	206	2,966	.....	2,966	.....	160	180	722	468	494	131	12,765	28,113	61	505	7,801	1,113	.....	.....	.....
Northwest Texas.....	216	4,740	9	110	4,850	5	102	208	241	408	52	13,374	23,355	441	4,727	1,240	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oklahoma.....	124	1,089	5	110	1,200	.....	26	3	186	293	.....	1,862	10,050	13	178	3,296	530	.....	.....	.....
Pacific.....	51	830	1	15	845	.....	43	77	.....	50	35	2,082	4,173	3	73	3,688	623	.....	.....	.....
South Carolina.....	40	953	.....	953	.....	2	53	186	421	130	.....	12,704	17,787	824	4,442	6,026	2,419	.....	.....	.....
South Georgia.....	132	2,807	21	452	3,259	2	217	230	63	181	.....	3,454	9,267	127	1,272	2,764	582	.....	.....	.....
Southwest Missouri.....	64	1,074	1	59	1,133	.....	40	404	.....	526	.....	19,491	8,697	143	19	4,750	714	.....	.....	.....
St. Louis.....	62	1,074	9	182	1,256	.....	124	26	437	150	9	15,543	14,092	776	254	7,108	1,757	.....	.....	.....
Tennessee.....	64	1,440	9	27	1,467	162	289	1013	73	412	100	15,274	25,006	450	137	2,044	804
Texas.....	140	2,844	1	264	3,108	.....	65	60	402	151	40	5,633	4,581	61	20	313	.....	.....	.....	.....
Virginia.....	32	538	3	254	792	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Texas.....	94	1,700	8	91	1,791	.....	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Western North Carolina.....	48	986	3	54	1,040	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Western Virginia.....	57	500	500
White River.....	20	612	612	1	15	31	191	1,000	1,247
Total	2,435	50,177	174	3,656	53,833	46	2,483	3,452	913,303	1,608	6,826	929	257,334	339,930	7,761	7,129	99,686	25,886	103	932	

* These figures include 15 unknown and 3 in the Illinois and Mexican Border Mission Conferences, where there are no Conference Societies.

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
1906-07.....	123,281 92	205,287 03
Total.....	\$721,281 90	\$1,165,985 31
Grand total.....		1,887,267 21
Amount contributed to Loan Fund.....		33,030 82
Value of goods sent through Supply Department.....		150,975 28

STATISTICS FROM 1886 TO 1907.

Number of members	53,833
Receipts for connectional work	\$ 721,281 90
Receipts for local work	1,165,985 31
Total receipts	1,887,267 21
Number of parsonages built and aided	2,023
Money donated to parsonages	190,448 11
Value of supplies distributed outside of receipts above stated	150,975 27
Number of day schools supported	10
Number of night schools supported	5
Number of pupils enrolled	2,166
Number of missionaries and teachers employed.....	125
Number of City Mission Boards	18
Number of Rescue Homes and Doors of Hope.....	2

SOME FACTS FROM 1906-07.

The Society gave \$18,255.27 to parsonages last year, the largest sum ever granted in the same length of time. Sent 929 boxes of supplies, valued at \$25,849.23.

Mountain Schools.—Sue Bennett School, London, Ky. Enrolled 357 students. Thirteen teachers. Brevard Industrial School, Brevard, N. C. Enrollment, 197. Eight teachers. Holston Industrial School, Greeneville, Tenn. Enrolled 112 students.

Cuban Schools.—The three schools for Cubans enrolled 553 children.

Italian Schools.—An Italian day school opened, 278 scholars. Italian night school, 15.

Chinese and Japanese Schools.—Four night schools. Enrolled 221 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, 46.

Paine Annex, Augusta, Ga.—Industrial work begun at Paine for negro girls, with 150 girls in the classes.

City mission work carried on in 18 cities, 51 missionaries being employed.

COLLECTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES.

By cash	\$100,996 65
By voucher	22,985 27
For local work	205,287 03
Grand total	<u>\$329,268 95</u>

VALUE OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE SOCIETY.

Schools for Cubans, at Tampa, Fla.....	\$ 8,000
Sue Bennett Memorial School, at London, Ky.....	35,000
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.....	13,000
Grand total	<u>\$102,800</u>

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

DEPARTMENT OF PRESS WORK.

MISS MABEL HEAD, SUPERINTENDENT.

Never has there been a time when the press had such power as at the present; but alas! there is little effort so far to keep missionary work before the people through the use of the secular press. Many of our Auxiliaries are without a press superintendent and do not seem to realize the importance of keeping home mission news in the local paper.

These Auxiliaries often say that they have no woman who knows how to do press work. Much as this knowledge is to be desired, it is not necessary to success in the work, because short items of news are already in the *Bulletin* and clippings from our leaflets and Board reports may be made by any one.

While we are doing but little in this department compared to what might be done, still we are growing. The calls for monthly *Bulletins* have increased until we now publish five thousand copies, and that means a much larger per cent using the *Bulletins*. The great difficulty in securing reports from the Conferences is due to the fact that regular reports are not furnished the Press Superintendent by the Auxiliaries.

Permit me to give a bit of experience in organizing several Auxiliaries. I went into a small lumber town in one State and presented the work of our Society and asked our ladies to express themselves about an organization. One woman said: "I have been wishing we could have an Auxiliary since I have been reading items in the county paper." Some other women spoke on the same line. This experience has been repeated in five other places where I have organized Auxiliaries in the past months, and one Auxiliary reports a contribution of ten dollars from a small band of men and women in a Church where organization was not practicable. They said: "We want to give to this work we have been reading about."

Examination of the statistical report shows the following: No regular reports from Baltimore, Columbia, Denver, East Columbia, Indian Mission, Louisville, Mississippi, Montana, Pacific, West Virginia, and White River; a decrease in Little Rock, North Carolina, and Texas; greatest number and increase in Northwest Texas. A number of Conferences have provided report cards for the Auxiliaries. Total number using the secular press is 538, an increase of 234. From fifty to seventy-five more are using the secular press irregularly. When we count the decrease, there is a net increase of 197.

The Press Committee has met regularly at the beginning of each quarter, when we have planned for the monthly leaflets and for other leaflets (quite a large number) to be kept in stock. We have published a new catalogue of leaflets. There is coming to be quite a call for these leaflets from the preachers who wish to use them in their district meetings. We have planned for the publication of a book of programmes for the children and also for a programme for the Sunday school.

Let us urge press work in our Auxiliaries, for our Conference Superintendents cannot do this work except in so far as the Conference organs are concerned. "Our people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." Let it not be the fault of the home mission women.

STATEMENT OF PRESS WORK OF WOMAN'S HOME MISSION SOCIETY, 1906-07.

CONFERENCE.	Auxiliaries.	Using Bul- letin.	Secular Press.	In-crease.
Alabama.....	47	47	11	3
Arkansas.....	29	27	18	12
Baltimore.....	74	74	24	Can't tell
Columbia.....	18	18		
Denver.....	10	10		
East Columbia.....	12			
Florida.....	104	104	12	9
Holston.....	137	120	23	9
Indian Mission.....	131			
Kentucky.....	69	62	No report	
Little Rock.....	85	85	15	Decrease 5
Los Angeles.....	28	19	13	8
Louisiana.....	59	59	13	6
Louisville.....	No report			
Memphis.....	69	69	4	1
Mississippi.....	No report			
Missouri.....	49	45	18	8
Montana.....	10	1		
New Mexico.....	21	21	2	2
North Alabama.....	68	68	4	3
North Carolina.....	65	65	14	Decrease 9
North Georgia.....	104	104	40	4
North Mississippi.....	112	112	39	1
North Texas.....	124	70	35	17
Northwest Texas.....	212	195	156	123
Pacific.....	55	55		
South Carolina.....	45	45	2	2
South Georgia.....	131	75	23	3
Southwest Missouri.....	67	40	8	4
St. Louis.....	49	40	18	
Tennessee.....	79	22	10	8
Texas.....	122	117	12	Decrease 23
Virginia.....	39	28	7	3
West Texas.....	85	58	7	3
Western North Carolina.....	47	47	10	4
Western Virginia.....	30	30	None	
White River.....	18	18	Unknown	

DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLIES.

MRS. J. H. YARBROUGH, SUPERINTENDENT.

This department has not come up to its usual standard this year. The cause is not found in any lack of interest on the part of the women of our Church, but in the serious and continuous illness of the General Superintendent. However, the Conference Superintendents did all in their power to relieve the situation, and, notwithstanding the many delays and difficulties, we have helped in many hard places and been a comfort to many people.

We sincerely trust that every Auxilliary that was disappointed in not having the joy and privilege of sending a box this year, especially to one of our preachers, will write early next fall and secure a blank.

Holston Conference sent the largest number of donations, having sent 224; North Texas was second, with 131. North Texas stands first in point of value, the 131 donations being valued at \$4,182.91; South Georgia stands second in value, having sent 94 donations valued at \$2,698.75. You will notice in the table below that each Texas Conference sent over one thousand dollars' worth of supplies this year. The combined value of the supplies sent by the four Texas Conferences is almost one-third the value of supplies sent by the whole Church this year.

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.	Donations Sent Storm and Earth quake sufferers.	Total Number Donations Sent.	Value of Donations.
Alabama	1	2	11		14	\$ 442 05
Arkansas						
Baltimore	2				2	78 55
Columbia						
East Columbia.....						
Florida.....	5		3		8	101 71
Holston	2		222		224	2,313 50
Kentucky	12		4		16	528 00
Little Rock.....	7	1			8	786 85
Los Angeles.....						
Louisiana		1			1	80 00
Louisville.....	7		1		8	358 91
Memphis.....						
Mississippi			6	1	7	133 30
Missouri				1	1	100 00
Montana						
New Mexico.....	4				4	114 65
North Alabama.....	8		2		10	612 92
North Carolina.....	1		19		20	412 44
North Georgia.....	14	3	12		29	2,167 52
North Mississippi.....	5	1	60		66	2,161 80
North Texas.....	13	67	31	20	131	4,182 91
Northwest Texas.....	12	29	11		52	1,182 60
Oklahoma.....	2				2	166 25
Pacific	6	7	4	18	35	769 55
South Carolina.....						
South Georgia.....	11	22	61		94	2,698 75
Southwest Missouri.....		1			1	10 00
St. Louis.....	17	2			19	1,577 69
Tennessee.....	6	3			9	376 45
Texas	14	63	23		100	2,223 68
Virginia.....	6		13		19	791 65
West Texas.....		30	10		40	1,147 50
Western North Carolina...	4	4			8	290 00
Western Virginia.....	1				1	40 00
White River.....						
Total.....	160	236	493	40	938	\$25,849 23

St. John's Church, St. Louis, St. Louis Conference, sent 7 donations valued at \$863.64. Mention might be made of many valuable and beautiful boxes sent, but lack of space forbids.

We must call attention again to carelessness in not observing the measures sent on the blanks. Nice, good garments often bought especially for the box are useless because they do not fit.

And again, my dear sisters, must I say, do not let us lower the standard of our donations to our preachers. Remember, these noble men and their families are appreciative of nice, neat, comfortable clothes;

but I fear sometimes they are expected to be very grateful for very poor boxes. Can we afford to send anything that is useless, when we realize that we are sending in the name of our blessed Lord and Master and to those who are representing him?

The Conference Superintendent and Conference Secretaries have been very kind and patient during the year, helping greatly to relieve the strain and heavy work in this office at a time it was sorely needed, and for this the General Superintendent heartily thanks them. We trust that the delays and hindrances of the past year have caused no decrease in the interest of this beautiful and Christlike department of our work, and that God may give us physical strength and all needed zeal and wisdom to do a great work during the coming year.

MOUNTAIN WORK.

MISS BELLE H. BENNETT, SUPERINTENDENT.

SUE BENNETT MEMORIAL SCHOOL, LONDON, KY.

The school at London, Ky., has made its usual record. A strong faculty, a large student body, and a year's work that has developed and built up Christian manhood and womanhood to make the world better because of the influence and efforts of this year—all these are now a part of the *history* of the Woman's Home Mission Society.

I have thought that perhaps it would be interesting to this body and to all of our home mission workers who have had a part in building up and maintaining this school to know something of a few of the graduates and other students who have gone out from it.

At the close of this scholastic year there will have been just twenty graduates—six young women and fourteen young men. Of the graduates, one is chief clerk of the judicial department of one of our country's new possessions (the island of Porto Rico), with a salary of \$2,500 per annum. Another is superintendent of schools in a Kentucky town at a good salary, and is an honor to his Alma Mater and a blessing to the town he serves. A third is a missionary at Hastings, Colo., under the Presbyterian Board. He writes: "I am the only Protestant worker in this field of four or five thousand people, and about three-fourths of the population is foreign. Italians and Mexicans predominate, but there are a great number of Japanese, Austrians, Greeks, Russians, and a few Germans and French." Still another, who has studied dentistry at the University of Cincinnati and is now practicing his profession, is also superintendent of the Methodist Sunday school in the town in which he lives. All the graduates, with perhaps one exception, are in some lucrative, honorable, and helpful employment, or are in other institutions seeking still larger preparation for work. Of the six young women, one is a bookkeeper in a bank, another is a stenographer, three are teachers (one of music), and still another is taking a postgraduate course of music in London, England, and will return to become a member of the faculty of the school. Three of the young men are students in the Kentucky State College—one in the mechanical department, the other two having entered the junior class of the college proper, and all three are earnest Christians and leading students in the institution.

Just a few words here of some who did not complete the full course of the school, but who spent several years in it. One is a Christian editor of a country paper and does not fail to bear witness for his Lord. The most gifted Bible reader in Southern Kentucky—a woman who is winning hundreds of souls for Christ every year—received her training and her inspiration in the Sue Bennett Memorial School;

and still another young woman is a missionary in China under the Christian Alliance. There are many others of whom I might speak who deserve honorable mention equally with these, but time fails me.

Something more than one hundred of the student body of this year have professed faith in Christ as a personal Saviour, and their lives bear witness to the fact that they have had a definite experience; but I must needs hurry on to speak of the future and its demands.

As shown in the report of Principal Lewis, the time has come in the history of the school when a broader policy must be adopted, and practical, remunerative, industrial work must become a part of the curriculum. All of the Southern States are moving forward in educational work, and the great Appalachian range of mountains is in no sense unmindful of this forward movement.

The last session of the Kentucky Legislature authorized the establishment of two good State Normal Schools, and the one for Southern Kentucky (the section that includes the mountain counties) is within fifty miles of the Sue Bennett Memorial School. Many teachers who in the past were shut up to our institution will soon be able to attend the State Normal. The population of the town of London has almost doubled during the last decade, and this increase makes additional school facilities for the town imperative. The citizens have voted the establishment of a large graded school. To work in harmony with this and to secure the best results for the community and section, Principal Lewis has decided to drop his primary grades and henceforth work entirely with older students.

There are hundreds of bright mountain boys and girls who would eagerly avail themselves of better educational privileges but for the unrelenting grind of poverty. We *must* meet this condition, for these are the people who need and deserve our help.

During the past year, by a special gift of \$500 from one whom the "love of God constraineth," and an additional \$200 from another of God's dear ones—Mrs. Mahala Nute, of Flemingsburg, Ky.—a broom factory has been established. The plant is small and crude, but with the present facilities those in charge have demonstrated that fifteen boys can be given work two hours a day, at an average wage of \$1.50 per week. This, too, when the broom corn must be shipped from Cincinnati to Louisville. The management has already decided to double, perhaps quadruple, the power of the plant, in order that girls as well as boys may have opportunity to work their way through school. This has been made possible by the Christian liberality of the principal and his wife, who, while their own children—a son in the Kentucky State College and a daughter studying music in England—are self-helping students, have made a gift of \$1,000 to the Home Mission Society for the benefit of the mountain boys and girls of Kentucky. In all the ranks of our missionary workers, at home or abroad, we have no braver, nobler servants of the Lord than these two.

The school needs, and ought to have, a farm. Supplies of all kinds have increased in price, and the students' board must be increased accordingly. This will make the school impossible to many. On a farm of two or three hundred acres a large truck garden that would supply winter and many spring vegetables could be tended by the students. Hogs and cattle for meat could be raised, and enough cows kept to supply milk and butter for the school community. In addition to these much, if not all, of the broom corn needed in the factory could be grown, thus largely increasing the remunerative capacity of that industry. I trust this Board will see its way to appropriating some part of the Chenoworth bequest for the purchase of the needed property.

BREVARD INSTITUTE.

I have not had the privilege of visiting the Brevard Institute this year, but from the Principal's reports I judge that the year has been a very successful one. The student body fell short of two hundred by only three. The capacity of boarding and class room departments was taxed to the uttermost. If the school grows, as it surely will, what can we do another year? Must we turn these fine young boys and girls away?

The industrial department is most commendable. Six young women complete the dressmaking course this year, and all of the students boarding in the house have good, practical training in the industries that go to make up a comfortable home. There will be three graduates—the first in the history of the institution. All of the young women boarding in the house are professed Christians.

The Principal is a man of affairs and knows *how* to do things. From the beginning he has been handicapped by lack of equipment, yet he has never complained, and has risen above difficulties that would have been insurmountable to a man with less courage and consecration. The school is doing a good work, and ought to be enlarged and equipped with better furnishings as soon as the Board can make it possible.

DEPARTMENT OF TITHING.

MRS. LUKE JOHNSON, SUPERINTENDENT.

It is with gratitude that we report an increase of 2,747 tithers for this year. While we rejoice at this seeming progress, we are sorry to say that the department is not well organized. Although the *duties* laid down for Auxiliary Second Vice Presidents clearly state that they are to report to the Conference Second Vice Presidents once each quarter, we find at the close of this year that there are 1,466 Auxiliaries which make no report at all. In addition to this, we find that there are five Conferences which have not made any report to the Superintendent this past year. The 7,000 tithers we bring you are from only 523 Auxiliaries. If there is any way known to any of you by which these 1,466 Auxiliaries can be persuaded to change their course and coöperate with us, we hope you will make it known to us.

One year ago your General Superintendent, Miss Tucker, reported 4,253 tithers, while the General Secretary reported 5,349, a difference of 1,096; this year your General Superintendent reports 7,000, while the General Secretary reports 6,826, a difference of 174. From this it will appear that the neglect of duty, while not nearly so great this year as last, lies with some of the Auxiliary Second Vice Presidents who do not report to their Conference Second Vice Presidents. No doubt each one thinks her neglect of duty does not amount to much, but when 1,466 women think the same way it makes individual neglect seem a very serious matter. One brick out of its place at the bottom of a great wall unfits the whole wall for service. We bring to your notice this year that there are 1,466 bricks out of place in this tithing structure of ours. What will you do about it? You who are the watchmen on this building, will you longer let it be so? I feel sure that almost all of the Conference Second Vice Presidents have sought diligently to remedy this state of affairs. Many of them write and write to Auxiliaries, only to receive *no reply at all*. Listen to one who says: "When I failed to hear from the Auxiliary Second Vice Presidents, I wrote to the pastors, also to the District Secretaries, also to the delegates who came to the last Annual Conference meeting. I have done everything I could to get correct reports. If there is anything

else I can do to secure reports, please tell me." And yet with such heroic effort as that, only 48 out of 135 Auxiliaries answered that woman! I cannot believe this is indifference on the part of our women, but rather ignorance, as to the necessity for each one's meeting her own duty. I fear they do not understand the necessity for prompt and faithful reports in this department. Upon you, the leaders, would we press this additional burden. Make a point of it in your Annual and District Meetings until all shall know that this is expected of them. We shall rely upon you to do this.

We find great cause for rejoicing at the results among those who are working. There seems to be a spirit of investigation throughout the Church upon the subject of tithing. Much is being said and written both for and against the practice of tithing. For this agitation we are grateful, as with agitation comes inquiry, and oftentimes with the inquiry comes conviction. The time has come when there must be a great awakening upon the subject of our *stewardship*. We are but beginning to see that we are as truly accountable for the way we spend our money as we are for the way we spend our time. The awakening is coming, even now dawning, and we are thankful for the part our Home Mission Society is taking in this great movement.

During the past year we have written and issued four tracts of 10,000 each, one set of 10,000 copies of report blanks, one set of 10,000 copies of Duties for Auxiliary Second Vice Presidents, making a total of 50,000 copies of leaflets and 10,000 copies of report blanks.

In addition to the literature and leaflets which have been recommended to you from time to time, we would call special attention to Bishop Key's pamphlet and to *The Christian Steward*. Bishop Key's pamphlet, full and convincing, is in such interesting form as to hold the attention of all. We hope it may be scattered broadcast throughout the Church. It may be ordered from the General Secretary, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, at 25 cents per dozen or \$1 per hundred. *The Christian Steward* is a quarterly magazine published by Rev. R. W. Woodsworth, 105 Yorkville Avenue, Toronto, Canada. The price is 25 cents a year. So far as I know, this is the only periodical on this continent published entirely in the interests of tithing. It comes fresh every three months and is full of helpful things. We would recommend it to all persons interested in tithing. Auxiliary Second Vice Presidents will find it especially helpful.

We have just had printed a "Debate on Tithing." This debate was written for the North Georgia Conference Annual Meeting, and by request of that body has been published. It can be ordered from Mrs. Luke Johnson, Athens, Ga., at 25 cents per dozen or \$1 per hundred.

Our statistical report is as follows:

CONFERENCE.	Auxilia- ries.	Auxilia- ries Re- porting.	Auxilia- ries Not Report- ing.	Total No. Tithers.
Alabama	41	14	27	125
Arkansas				
Baltimore	70	10	60	180
Columbia				
Denver				
East Columbia				
Florida	91	15	76	297
Holston	139	20	119	665
Kentucky	60	8	52	176
Little Rock	75	37	35	388
Los Angeles	24	12	12	123
Louisiana	47	10	30	135
Louisville	49	12	37	128
Memphis	61	25	36	226
Mississippi	66	20	46	107
Missouri	45	35	12	105
Montana				
New Mexico	25	16	9	68
North Alabama	17	13	4	173
North Carolina	58	25	23	75
North Georgia	100	40	60	511
North Mississippi	102	11	91	111
North Texas	113	22	91	500
Northwest Texas	195			642
Oklahoma	155	7	148	97
Pacific				
South Carolina	45	5	40	137
South Georgia	125	58	67	697
Southwest Missouri	73	22	51	170
St. Louis	50	23	30	184
Tennessee	75	10	65	102
Texas	135	48	87	471
Virginia	35	6	29	41
West Texas	77	14	63	193
Western				
Western North Carolina	46	26	20	103
Western Virginia				
White River	19	2	17	29
Total	2 248	572	1.466	7.000

REPORTS OF INSTITUTIONS.

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

ESTABLISHED 1892.

At the end of August, when repairs on the Wolff Mission building were being made preparatory to the opening of the school for the fall term, each mail brought news of the resignation of some one of the faculty. Because of family cares, Miss Poole felt it would be impossible to take up the work; Miss Morrison, the music teacher, upon whom we had counted for much help, at the last moment failed in health; so for a few days it seemed that we could count only upon our faithful kindergartner and primary teacher, Mrs. Brooks, for the first day of school. God was good to us, though, and at the last moment Miss Poole was delivered from the anxious care which threatened to keep her away; Miss James, a fine school woman from Tampa, joined our teaching force; Miss Salinas was secured as music teacher; and the school opened well. Teachers and pupils have done faithful work, and, as the principal's report shows, the enrollment has been 130.

While each department has done well, we feel that the sewing department of our school has produced most wonderful results. One of our girls who learned to sew at Wolff Mission School last year is earning her living by dressmaking. The Woman's Home Mission Society has been kept up regularly, as have the Juvenile Society and Sabbath school. Friendly visiting in Cuban homes has been faithfully carried on by the faculty. Among our many needs for this school are better equipment for the kindergarten, new furnishing for the school-rooms, the building must be painted, and some plumbing must be done. Estimates for these are submitted to the Board in annual session.

At West Tampa, the week before the opening of the school, Mr. José Valdes, husband of Mrs. Rosa Valdes, whose name has always been associated with this school, passed from earth to his heavenly home. He was a good man, a devout Christian, full of years, whose influence had been for God and humanity. In his death our Cuban community suffered, for his beautiful life did much to strengthen and quicken those about him, and this silent influence meant much to our Church and school at West Tampa. We feared for the result upon "Miss Rosa," as she is familiarly called by the children, for she had been so delicate and feeble. But she rose above it, and has gone steadily on through the year. The "Evil One," in the form of a man (a teacher), raised a persecution, printing and circulating a story that the school would be closed, and started a cry against fanatical religion. It did affect the attendance for a time; but one by one the pupils returned, and the day school, Sunday school, and missionary societies go on as usual.

The reports of the Ruth Hargrove Seminary, Key West, show growth in numbers and enthusiasm. The faithful work of the past is being proven in its present popularity.

The Italian Day School has doubled in attendance, and, notwithstanding great obstacles, great good has been done. The Night School

for Italian boys has borne fruit in many directions. When I began, three years ago, there were no other night schools near us. Brother Norwood, at the Cuban parsonage, has carried on one for Spanish-speaking boys for two years. Our Baptist brethren also have one now a few squares from us. Another, that is directly my child and of which I am so proud, is a club for boys, limited to twenty-four, the leaders of which have been my pupils. They teach regularly English and Italian, and have some recreation. From different causes my own night school did not begin as early as usual, and the enrollment is only fifteen. These represent four nationalities as follows—one American, one Spaniard, two Cubans, and twelve Italians. Two have united with the Church this year, and so we go on thanking the Lord for opportunities and praying for perception to see and grasp them. The last of January it became necessary for me to come to the Italian school, which left a vacancy at the Wolff Mission School, for I was housekeeper there. Our deaconess, Miss Elizabeth Davis, kindly came to the rescue and is in her place, much at home, and helping greatly.

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

The work in Wolff Mission School has proved to be more interesting and fascinating this year than last. The sweet young girls and chubby little children, with their winning ways, have completely captivated my heart.

With the third teacher this year we have been enabled to grade the school better and improve each department. The phonetic drill has proven a great aid in the pronunciation of English. Physical culture, drills, and marching are given daily to the children, which have been a great benefit. It is not uncommon to attract large street audiences when we are drilling the children on the porches.

An interesting additional feature is the boarding department. We have six boarding pupils, and expect more. This has increased our cares and responsibilities, but our pleasures as well.

The sewing department has been a great success this year. It has opened the way to many a girl's heart that it seemed impossible to reach any other way. The girls thus trained have been a great help at their homes with the younger children's clothes. Many of the girls who took the scientific course last year have made their own lawn dresses during the summer. The girls in this department have made shadow embroidery waists, sofa pillow covers, also embroidered doilies, and made many designs in cross-stitch, which is so popular with the Cubans.

Our Christmas entertainment was a splendid success. We had a little play for the children with Christmas recitations and songs, after which the children received candy and toys. Santa Claus took the dolls from the beautifully decorated tree, and the mothers seemed to enjoy the exercises as well as the children. We had a crowded house.

The Juvenile Missionary Society has been a great benefit to the children, and the larger girls in the school make a choir for Church services on Sunday.

The children have learned the Ten Commandments, the Twenty-Third Psalm, the Beatitudes, and quite a number of verses of Scripture. More than ever the girls are manifesting an interest in religion. Many of the larger girls are Christians converted this year. Pray for us that the entrance of God's Word may give light to these dark minds, for we are in the midst of 7,000 Spanish-speaking people and only a few have seen the light.

WEST TAMPA.—MISS EMELINA VALDES, PRINCIPAL.

Since my last annual report I have passed through the greatest trials of my life, and it seems there are not words to express the sorrow, disappointments, and trials; but by the mercy of God I have been supported by the "Everlasting Arms" and shielded by his precious love. In September, when I was getting ready for the opening of school and thanking God for the recovery of my aunt, who to me is a mother, my uncle—a father indeed to me—died suddenly. At that time there was a certain man in our town who regarded all religious movements as fanaticism and all Christian schools as fanatical. He took advantage of our delayed opening and reported that I had decided to quit the school-room and rest. He succeeded in deceiving the people, and I lost many pupils. This was a new trial to me, as I had always been successful in my school work, and my people had preferred my school to any other in this vicinity. This man had a school of his own, and this was his motive for circulating this rumor. I spoke of this to Mrs. Alexander and wrote to Mrs. MacDonell, and they encouraged me by assuring me that it would work out all right, and that his race would soon be run. I am glad to say that my children have returned and our school is progressing. Sixty children have been enrolled, with an average attendance of fifty. All of these children are members of our Juvenile Missionary Society, our Juvenile League, and the Sunday school. We have collected as fees (at the rate of twenty-five cents per month) \$128.25 during the year. The Juvenile Society collected and sent \$38.60 to the Conference Treasurer besides membership dues. The League has raised \$13.70, which has been used to benefit many needy. Pray for the success of our work and that I may be strengthened by His precious love. Pray that I may be able to say: "If thou art with me, who can be against me?"

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

ESTABLISHED 1900.

I take pleasure in submitting the following report of Ruth Hargrove Seminary: Total enrollment for the year was three hundred and sixty-three; music class compares well with that of last year; art classes have grown steadily and have done excellent work; over fifty pupils have been enrolled in manual classes. Both of these departments will increase when we have a chapel where frequent recitals will bring this work more prominently before the students.

The kindergarten cottage has been a source of constant satisfaction both to that department and to the entire school. The kindergarten has not been quite so large as last year, but now has about thirty in regular attendance. One room of the cottage is used for primary grades. The primary department, including kindergarten, has enrolled over one hundred and fifty children.

The work done in the grades has been very satisfactory. A number of the teachers have special normal training, and there has been a distinct gain in the class instruction. Our course of study has been modified and a number of new text-books introduced. Manual training has received considerable attention in the primary and intermediate grades.

In our work outside the school we feel that, as a faculty, we have not done our whole duty. There are many reasons and some excuses for this, but we are coming to realize the need of specially trained

teachers who are also mission workers and who will be leaders in making the school a social and religious center.

Our Cuban Sunday school has continued to grow. Though composed of very small children, its contributions are enough to buy the literature. The children were very happy over the fact that their New Year collection for the Songdo school amounted to \$3. Our young Cuban, Ricardo Barrivo, is superintendent, and our oldest Cuban ward, Donatila, is teacher of the infant class.

Financially the school has excelled all other years. At the close of the second quarter the fees from all departments amounted to \$1,695.57. Not all of this has been remitted, however; \$360 has been paid out in salaries (assistant kindergartner, music, and art); then, owing to the loss of our horse, we were under necessity of buying two others, so \$345 is invested in horses. At the close of the term we shall sell at least one of these, but now they represent this amount of fees. Last year the fees were something more than \$1,600, though we have credit for only \$1,350. The explanation is that fifty per cent of music and seventy-five per cent of art fees were paid to teachers, and that part of the appropriation (\$100 on a kindergarten wagon) was not remitted by the Treasurer, but paid out of fees here.

I recommend that tuition be increased one-half throughout the grades and that an annual incidental fee of fifty cents be charged each pupil; also that the salary of the housekeeper be covered by appropriation—\$240 per year. Expense of living has increased so that we find it difficult to make ends meet. Teachers cannot pay more board unless salaries are increased. It will be better to pay salary of housekeeper.

The material needs of the school are not so numerous or pressing as heretofore, though we are far from being comfortably equipped. The immediate prospect of a new building makes us so happy that we forget other things. However, there is one that must be reported. The city is cutting down the street in front of the school, and, under the law, we must put down a sidewalk, and at the same time we must have a stone base for the fence. I ask for \$500 to expend on this.

I urge the perfecting of plans and awarding of contract for the new building. We are crowded, with nowhere to put our normal increase, and hampered at every turn. The new building will give such an impetus to our school that we shall scarcely feel the depression likely to come with the advance in prices of tuition. We have waited and hoped and prayed so long for this building. Now that it is almost assured, we find it hard to be patient.

I cannot close my report without sending my earnest, heartfelt thanks for the faithful home mission workers throughout the Church for their special interest, their self-denials, and their prayers for us during the Week of Prayer. May our Heavenly Father abundantly bless each one!

ITALIAN WORK.—Mrs. M. B. Alexander.

ESTABLISHED 1905.

The resignation of Miss Brown, in the latter part of January, necessitated my coming to the Italian community for residence and also taking charge of the day school. When the school took vacation in the summer, the members of the Church papered and fixed the church up, thinking the new schoolrooms would soon be ready for use. But we were disappointed in getting the new school furniture until January, so we were forced to begin the school again in the church in October. In November Miss Johnson was added to the corps of teachers, and now the school is fairly well graded. The enrollment is two hun-

dred and seventy-eight, with a daily average of one hundred and twenty, and, after waiting many days for our desks, we are at last in our nice, large schoolrooms.

The transformation in these children seems little short of miraculous. They are bright and orderly and so quick to learn. Those who do not come to Sabbath school are not allowed to attend the day school. Very much of the success of this school is due to the faithful, efficient work of Miss Brown, and much to the enthusiastic work of the pastor, Rev. Evaristo Ghidoni, who gives always three hours to class work. I have found great joy in getting close to these confiding little girls and bad boys.

The Church has grown in new members and seekers after truth. We are in the process of establishing an Epworth League just now.

	Teachers.	Pup'ls.
Wolf Mission.....	4	130
West Tampa.....	3	60
Ruth Hargrove (Key West).....	12	363
Italian Day School	3	278
Italian Night School.....	1	15
Total	23	846

MOUNTAIN WORK.—Miss Belle Bennett, Superintendent.

ESTABLISHED 1896.

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

I beg leave to submit this, the eleventh annual report of the Sue Bennett Memorial School. Our fall enrollment was 231; the enrollment to date is 359; last year we had a total enrollment of 410; the falling off is due to the fact that London now has a graded school. We collected tuition fees last year to the amount of \$5,000; this year we will almost realize an equal amount.

The faculty consists of a principal and twelve assistants. Two are music teachers, one an industrial teacher, and one a commercial teacher. Good work is being done in all departments, and it is difficult to select any one for special mention. Systematic religious instruction is given, using the Bible as a text. Much attention is given to memorizing the Scriptures. Special emphasis is put on moral training.

Between fifty and sixty students were converted the present year, and we look for a revival before the year closes. Among the converts was our most advanced student, a very promising young man. Mrs. Lewis had charge of the special services. The Spirit of God is with us constantly. Frequent conversions witness to his presence.

We added a broom factory to our industrial outfit last fall. The object was to provide remunerative employment for students. The experiment has proved a success, and promises to be the key to the educational problem at this place. We need a factory of a different kind, such as an overalls factory, in which girls may find employment.

The advent of the graded school in London and the State Normal in Kentucky makes imperative a modification of our course of study. I recommend the dropping of our primary grades, the enrichment and extension of our upper grades, and the introduction of practical, as well as theoretical, industrial courses.

We need \$1,500 to provide labor opportunities for girls and extend

those we now have for boys. We ought to have \$25,000 to build and equip a suitable home for our industrial and musical departments. The work of the school has reached a point in its development where a wise and liberal policy becomes necessary. Arrested growth presages death. The needs of the school and the conditions to be met have been brought to the attention of the Superintendent of Mountain Work in a letter too lengthy to find a place in this report.

BREVARD INSTITUTE, BREVARD, N. C.—PROF. E. E. BISHOP, PRINCIPAL.

ESTABLISHED 1903.

The enrollment this year has reached 197 (last year 162), and represents the States of North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, and Tennessee. The character of our students is excellent, and there has been a very harmonious spirit throughout the year. All of our girls who did not profess to be religious when they came into the Home have since professed conversion. All dormitory rooms have been occupied this year, and our combined local and boarding patronage has overtaxed our desk capacity much of the time to the number of ten seats.

We carry ten grades, the tenth being the second year of the high school. This year we have three very excellent representatives to graduate. We will likewise have six girls to complete dressmaking and three the business course.

The industrial work has been very satisfactory. Miss Taulbee is a teacher who says little but thinks and does much. Being very thorough and capable, she has the entire confidence and respect of all her pupils.

Miss Harris has been the most satisfactory music teacher I have ever had at any place. We were compelled to purchase a new piano to accommodate the large music class. This makes six pianos, the two best instruments being the property of the principal, though the last one has been partly paid for by the profit on a lecture course held this year.

Our matron, Miss Davis, has been here over three years and is indispensable.

Miss King, Miss Miller, Mr. Tyler, and the principal have all been kept busy in the higher grades, and Miss Barre has conducted the primary very successfully. All the teachers have worked hard, and I think, taken as a whole, compare favorably in teaching ability with teachers of similar schools, and spiritually they are probably superior.

We have remitted \$2,000 to the Treasurer, and expect to turn in \$500 more this year. The situation has been such this year that the principal has been confined largely to the class room, while correspondence, collections, accounts, advertising, etc., have gone begging. To make the administration duly effective, the principal should be almost free from class duties in the future.

There are great possibilities before Brevard Institute. It is now in a better position to grow than ever before. Much additional growth, however, will mean much additional expense for new buildings.

This report would be very incomplete without mentioning our new library. It is yet small, but very select and practical. For this library we are indebted largely to Mrs. Ross and contributors for the handsome sectional bookcases and to Miss Mary Helm and many donors for choice selections of the best books. I regret that I have not data at hand to do justice to all who have contributed to the library. The practical

points are that the library is well selected and very much used. Mrs. Ross has also selected a reading table of twelve periodicals.

Besides books, we have received this year many other contributions of household goods—chiefly bedding, towels, etc.

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

ESTABLISHED 1896.

Total number of children during past year.....	112
Sent out by adoption.....	3
Given employment.....	28
Sent to Tennessee Industrial School.....	2
Death	1
Received by Miss Mary Trim as Treasurer.....	\$3,665 27
Disbursed by Mrs. E. E. Wiley as Superintendent.	3,667 40

We have four large buildings besides tenants' house and all necessary outbuildings, together with sixty acres of land. The property is valued at \$25,000. We are now putting in an electric light and water power plant, also preparing to erect a "crafts' building" for skilled industrial training. Our school term runs nine months of the year, with pupils numbering from seventy-five to a hundred. The curriculum embraces the public school course, which the children are mastering with success. They are also trained in house, garden, and farm work, and have some skill in the sewing department. They are organized into Loyal Temperance Legions and Epworth League Societies, are largely members of the Church and Sunday school, and are excellent workers in various Church departments. We have three teachers, one seamstress, a housekeeper, and a gardener. We own some excellent stock. We have no endowment, depending on freewill offerings to meet our needs, and this has been ample for the twelve years of our existence. We employ no traveling agent. The health of the children is excellent, the outlook is very encouraging, and we are not in debt.

STATISTICS FOR MOUNTAIN WORK.

Sue Bennett School: Teachers	13
Students	357
Brevard Institute: Teachers	8
Students	197
Greeneville Industrial School: Teachers.....	3
Students	112
Total teachers	24
Total students	666

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

ESTABLISHED 1897.

The mission year closing with February 28, 1907, has been one of severe testing for the Pacific Coast work. The calamity of April 18, 1906, abruptly closed all our schools about the Bay of San Francisco. Our mission homes became places of temporary refuge for the hundreds turned out of home and employment. Our little membership was scattered in all directions, and it was weeks, and in San Francisco months, before order could be restored and the regular work begun again.

Following close upon the earthquake and fire, there began an agitation against the Japanese which has kept them in a state of excitement

and irritation even up to the present time. Without discussing either of these happenings, it will at once appear how they would seriously embarrass the work of the year.

Immediately after the earthquake those owning houses fit to occupy took advantage of the great demand and increased the rents, so that in Alameda, where we were paying \$20 per month, we now have to pay \$40; and in San Francisco the rent was increased from \$40 to \$70. All these circumstances considered, we have cause to be grateful and encouraged that we have our work at this time so well in hand and in so prosperous a condition. The schools have never had a better attendance, and the religious services are well attended and full of interest.

Owing to the steady increase in rents and the liability of being turned out of our homes at any time, it seems to be a matter of urgent importance that we arrange to acquire property as soon as possible. Desirable locations will be more and more difficult to obtain the longer we delay, and prices will become prohibitive. Good property can now be procured by payments of one-third or one-half, and then by monthly installments (no larger than rents) the remainder can be paid gradually. If we intend to continue the work among Orientals on this Coast, this matter should at once be taken into serious consideration.

Our Deaconess Work.

The work of the Homer Toberman Deaconess Home can scarcely be spoken of too highly. From the beginning it has steadily advanced until now it is one of the recognized and universally approved institutions of Los Angeles. Your Board has been exceedingly fortunate in the selection of workers, each in her department having proved exceptionally effective. Rapid strides have been made during the year in the way of more perfect equipment, and additions are now being made which will add largely to the comfort and efficiency of the Home. We must see that the workers are not overtaxed, and shall ask that one more deaconess be added to the permanent staff.

Chinese Work.

The Chinese Mission at Los Angeles has always been conducted under conditions of difficulty owing to the cramped quarters we occupy. After two days of careful investigation, I find there are no better to be had for love or money, and, so far as I can see, our only chance to better the conditions of the Mission is to lease land and build. Nearly all the property in Chinatown belongs to one person, and she will not sell. She will, however, lease for a term of years, and during a recent visit I found one or two places which would answer our purpose very well. Under the present circumstances we are compelling an excellent worker to expend her time and energy under conditions that are hard and discouraging. Is it not possible to place this work on a better basis?

Our Korean Mission.

Since becoming familiar with our work about the Bay of San Francisco, I have regretted that our Japanese Mission in San Francisco was in such close proximity to that of the M. E. Church, and it has seemed to me that with their far better equipment they might perhaps do nearly all the work that was divided between us. I was, therefore, pleased when a proposition was made that the M. E. Church workers turn their work among the Koreans over to us and that we turn our Japanese work in San Francisco over to them, coming at a time when our Japanese work in that city was so broken up and just as Providence

had placed in our hand a fine Korean worker—Mr. J. S. Ryang. I lost no time in acquainting you with the circumstances.

The change was made in December, and our Korean Mission is now well established with good prospects of an interesting and fruitful work. Now that we have entered this new field, it would seem wise to occupy it as thoroughly as possible. Quite large bodies of Koreans are to be found at Sacramento, Salt Lake, Los Angeles, Redlands, and Riverside. These should be reached and cared for, and we should begin at once to arrange for extending our work to them in some way. The plan that seems best to me at this time is to employ a traveling evangelist to visit the places where Koreans have settled and to begin laying the foundations for work among them. I have made inquiries and believe that a good man for the purpose can be found, and suggest that you consider the desirability of enlarging our work in this way. I think perhaps \$50 per month would employ the man and pay his traveling expenses.

We have received one member by baptism during the year and two by transfer. The enrollment of our schools this year has been as follows:

Alameda	71
Oakland	39
San Francisco (Japanese).....	52
San Francisco (Koreans).....	17
Los Angeles	42

Total enrollment, four schools.....221

Average nightly attendance:

Alameda	14
Oakland	8
San Francisco	17
Los Angeles	5

Average nightly attendance in four schools.....44

I have suggested a forward movement on several lines, and there is much more I should like to lay before you concerning the enlargement of our work. We trust that we shall find some way to enter these open doors.

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

In retrospecting the past year we feel that we have come up out of much tribulation—tried, as it were, by fire and in the quaking of the earth. Yet out of it all have we not more of rejoicing than sorrowing? Yea, in deep gratitude we pour out our hearts to God and feel, as one of our Japanese members expressed himself in a letter to me after the earthquake, that “the sparing of our loved mission was for some wise purpose.” Shall we not consider it prophetic that he has a mission for our Church in this great city of the West? Whether it be for Japanese, Korean, or who, we know not, yet it is a work no other Church can do for us.

When the awful crash came, we were full of bright hopes. That year we thought would be the crowning one in our work; the schools, both day and night, were well attended, with an average of twenty-nine, and the outlook was good; but when we awoke with the shock and, after the maddening sweep of the fire, endeavored to collect our bewildered and benumbed senses, we wondered if there were any left but we only to tell the tale. It seemed all in such chaos, yet we were all unscathed within two blocks of ruin and desolation.

The mission was turned into a home for the homeless, filled to overflowing, mostly of the members of our sister M. E. Mission, their home having been swept away by the fire. As soon as it was possible to get the Mission in shape to resume school, which was not until June, we tried to find our scattered pupils; but old faces had vanished, seeking refuge in the Bay cities and in the country around. Without a Japanese pastor, and one of our best workers (Mr. Ishida) being called to Japan by the serious illness of his father, the work was very discouraging, so few understanding English well enough to receive the religious instruction desired. There was a constant changing of faces, a restless coming and going, which, if we had had our Mr. Yanigiwara, would have been different.

I felt very sorry that it seemed best to make a change in the work, since my heart was in the Japanese work, and I wondered whether I would like the Koreans as well, knowing so little of them. A surprise awaited me when I entered the schoolroom the first evening. Twelve new faces arose to greet me with smiles and with kindly eyes, so expressive of simplicity and perfect trust that my heart immediately warmed up, and I thought, "Are we not all God's children?" and I entered into the work with the same enthusiasm that I felt for the work I had left off.

From twelve, we now have an enrollment of seventeen. The one thing that especially impresses me with the Koreans is that religion is paramount. Our prayer and praise service, which we devote an entire evening to every week, and our devotional exercises each evening are considered of far more importance than the lessons. Can we wonder at this with such a leader as our Mr. Ryang, whose whole soul is one of devotion to the work of saving his people?

There is a pathos in their prayers and exhortations, the gist of which I get from Mr. Ryang (who is a fine and rapid interpreter), and their songs are full of the vim we put into them when the Spirit is behind the voice.

We have two services Sunday; and as Dr. Reid, whom they love and reverence, preaches and talks with them in their own tongue often, the outlook is especially promising, and the success of the Korean Mission is certainly assured.

JAPANESE SCHOOL, ALAMEDA, CAL.—MISS PEARL STANDIFER IN CHARGE.

Since March 1, 1906, we have enrolled 42 new pupils, the total enrollment now being 71. The average nightly attendance for the year was 13.

I believe the religious interest is increasing among the boys. Nearly all of the pupils in the school at the present time are either Christians or interested. We had a special meeting one Sunday evening in January, and every single night school pupil was present, each one manifesting a desire to know more of Christ's love. On several occasions I have been with them when there were only six or seven present at their meetings, and it is the influence of those earnest workers that is being felt. They are eager students; and no matter how old a man is when he enters, he perseveres until he has mastered his First Reader. Some of the younger ones are very bright and advance rapidly. As a whole, I think the school is improved and will do still better.

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

The conditions that confront us in the Chinese work are much the same as last year. In the early part of the year the officers came into our mission one night and arrested a boy who, they claimed, was here unlawfully. He was the son of one of the wealthiest merchants in

Chinatown, but, notwithstanding that, he was thrown into "the tanks" along with the lowest criminals, until his father, with our assistance, was enabled to get a white man to go on his bond, as a Chinaman's bond is not accepted in the courts. It was later proved that he was a native of this country, so he was allowed to go free; but the arrest had the effect of cutting down the attendance at all the missions for some time.

After the San Francisco disaster there was a large influx of Chinese to Los Angeles, but they were not permanent (most of them having returned to Oakland and vicinity), so that the Los Angeles Chinatown has resumed the even tenor of its way. The reform movement is steadily gaining ground—queues are disappearing more and more and a much larger number of children have entered the public schools than ever before. They are feeling the influence of the great awakening in China, and we feel that now, more than ever, is our opportunity to impress upon them the truth that reformation without regeneration is of no avail. We want to give them our Christ along with our civilization. A young man, who left one of the Los Angeles missions recently for his home, in China, said in his farewell address: "I have often wondered how you teachers could have the patience to come here year after year, maybe without seeing a single soul converted to Christ; but I found something in my Bible the other day that makes me know why now. It is this: 'I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase.' You plant, and sometime, maybe away off in China, where you never see it, the increase comes. God gives it." Then he told of a missionary who had labored for sixteen years in a certain province with only two converts as the visible result; but those two converts both became missionaries to their own people, and now that whole community is a Christian community through their efforts. Such testimonies serve to encourage us, to warm our hearts, and to fill us with a new zeal in our efforts at sowing the precious seed.

Statistics are as follows: Number enrolled during the year, 42; new names enrolled, 27; number of nights taught, 171; average attendance, 6½.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

VASHTI HOME FOR FRIENDLESS GIRLS, THOMASVILLE, GA.—MISS ANNIE HEATH IN CHARGE.

ESTABLISHED 1903.

We come to the close of another year with grateful hearts for what God hath wrought for us here. While much that we had hoped might be accomplished is still undone, the work has gone on and developed along some lines. There is much that needs improving, and many changes that must be made, but with all of this we begin another year with brighter prospects than ever before.

At present there are forty-two girls in the Home. Of these, twenty have entered during the year. Three have gone out from the Home, and one has entered into life eternal.

There are six departments of work: Literary (comprising the eight grades included in public schools), domestic science, manual training, sewing, laundry, and housekeeping. We have suffered much in the work for lack of properly trained workers. Every worker in the Home for the past year has had far more to do than could be done in the best way. At present two departments of the work are without heads, and this work is devolving upon others who are already doing more than they can do well.

The girls have shown increased interest in the work along all lines, and many of them are developing into strong, dependable Christians. God has blessed the work in a spiritual way very much. We have had several conversions, and have seen the girls already saved growing stronger and more steadfast day after day.

Good work is being done in the schoolroom. We have only two teachers to the seven grades. It makes very heavy work for them, but they have done well.

A new kitchen has just been fitted up for the classes in cooking. This department is proving a great benefit to the girls, and we hope with better equipment to do much more for them.

We need much better equipment than we have. With the improvements that have been made in this way this year, we still have only the most meager advantages in any department. Think of only two machines for forty-two children! The sewing room is bedroom, office, and Bible class room all in one. The practice kitchen is class room and workroom for manual training classes. This will give you some idea of our lack of necessary equipment and room.

Seeing the mistakes we have made in the past, and with that knowledge that comes only with experience, we praise God for what has been done and go into the future with a determination to give him our best service, and praying that he may abundantly bless and use this work for his glory.

ANN BROWDER CUNNINGHAM MISSION HOME AND TRAINING SCHOOL FOR
RESCUE OF UNFORTUNATE GIRLS, DALLAS, TEX.—MRS. M. L. STONE,
PRINCIPAL.

ESTABLISHED 1893.

We are so isolated in this work, and every moment of the day so completely filled with its own duties, the mind so fully absorbed in each, that we fail to note the flight of time until we are startled to find ourselves face to face with one of the great signboards along the way, reminding us of the sweet refrain:

* "I am nearer my home to-day, to-day, than I have been before."

The signboard we are facing at present, with the finger pointing to the beginning of another fiscal year, "stirs up our pure minds, by way of remembrance," that it is time to look back and recall the twelve stepping-stones over which we have passed and review some of the events that marked the passing of each. But first we raise our hearts in gratitude to our Heavenly Father, whose ever-watchful eye surveys the universe and yet takes cognizance of each individual—yes, even notes the little sparrow's fall. His blessings to us have been manifold, his love and mercy marvelous; and we can say with the Psalmist: "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits."

Each teacher seems to feel and think that her department is the most important, and most excellent work has been done in all. Many times during the year, when the minister has called for Christians to stand up, every girl in the chapel has stood. We know this work is unpopular, that when a weak one on her way down from Jerusalem to Jericho falls among thieves and is robbed of her all—not only home and friends, but reputation and character—yea, when her very heart is torn out and trampled under foot and she is left by the wayside to die alone or to be devoured of wild beasts, we know that the worldly Church members and the women of the world draw their robes closer about them and, like the priest and the Levite of old, pass by on the

other side. And yet how we are made to rejoice as we kneel by them and pour in the oil and wine given by our blessed Saviour: "Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more!"

Our records show: Number of girls at the beginning of the year, 45; number received during the year, 42; total, 87. Of these, 39 have gone out as follows: Number gone into service after two years in the Home, 15; number married, 1; number taken home by parents, 7; number left with permission, 2; without permission, 10; number expelled, 4. Number in the Home at present, 46; number of infants in the Home, 18; number adopted into Christian homes, 11; number of deaths, 12.

Receipts from all sources have been as follows:

Appropriation for household expenses by the Board.....	\$2,400 00
Cash for maintenance of girls over number (40) for whom the Board makes appropriation.....	1,280 00
Cash from industries.....	765 75
Cash donated.....	214 20
Total cash.....	\$4,660 85
Value of car load of coal donated by Mr. William Busby.....	\$ 200 00
Ninety-eight boxes from Auxiliaries, valued at.....	1,583 92
Total in goods and cash.....	\$6,244 77
Total expenditures	4,927 30

Most excellent work has been done in the culinary department this year. Miss Elizabeth Davis, with her usual energy and vim, baked bread daily until from its sales a new kitchen was built and paid for. Since the kitchen was paid for and so many girls were stricken with fever, the bakery has been run only two days in the week. Miss Davis was called to Nashville, Tenn., in January, and is unable to make her own report. From her books we find that the total expenditure for the year for this department was \$2,644.75 and that \$531.85 was paid into the Home from this industry.

Mrs. Trufant, our teacher of the laundry department, reports January 31, 1907:

"Total number of garments laundered, 61,501; total expenditures, \$87.12; net receipts for laundering curtains, \$56.55. I took charge of the laundry June 21, 1906. Therefore this report is for seven months only. The receipts for the year ending January 31, 1906, were \$18.15, showing an increase this year of \$38.40."

Mrs. F. B. Rudolph, our teacher of the literary department, writes as follows:

"Three years ago, when I came to the Mission Home, there were forty-four girls in school. Since then ninety-three new names have been enrolled, and forty-eight have left to bravely try the world again. Each new pupil represented a heart cleft by the lightning of despair. The winds of adversity had either swept too fiercely or no protecting shadow had prevented the blight of self-indulgence from withering the flowers of self-control. Knowing that the opportune time to obtain best results is when the heart is crushed and the spirit broken, we have worked and prayed that in this valley work, where the soil is so rich, the flowers of peace and joy may bloom with a compensating richness and beauty and that the abiding promise of the Father may become a living force. It is so easy to interest the pupils in this schoolroom and keep them at their best. There is such a variety that is helpful in the industrial work, yet nothing distracting. It is easy to keep the attention of even those least accustomed to concentration of thought.

The only complaint we hear is that the time is so short, for there is so much to learn.

"The little girl that came to us totally ignorant of the simplest things, just a year ago, is now an earnest Christian, and her progress in everything is gratifying. She has a talent for drawing and thoroughly enjoys using a sketchbook given to her by a kind friend. Three other little girls, whose environments were pitiful beyond description, are all doing well, and give promise of being well-rounded characters if the good work can go on. One was legally adopted by a veritable 'Mrs. Greatheart,' solely for the child's protection. Another girl, that I mentioned in my report last year as being incapable mentally of learning, has learned to read and comprehend enough to be soundly converted. She had never had an opportunity to learn even to count or to know the significance of a letter. The girl who has been my faithful helper (a nobler girl I have never known) was the patient and persistent means, largely, of giving this girl her standing with the other girls. She is now faithful in every department. While it is a work that angels might envy (to be able to lead a soul out of total darkness into a knowledge where there is light), yet the most gratifying, soul-inspiring service is day by day helping to round out a promising, capable girl that is willing to say, "Here I am, Lord; take me and use me anywhere.' We are asking the Father to make the girls a power in prayer. If we can get his ear and the faith that is real, God's saving grace will no longer be depreciated for woman, and our girls will be sought for as Christian workers."

Miss Sue Quayle reports for the sewing department:

"Number of garments for customers, 520; number of quilts for customers, 13; number of garments for the Home, 1,472; number of quilts for the Home, 3. Proceeds from the sewing department, \$177.35. Average number of girls taught daily, 20; average number of girls in sewing department only, 6; average number of hours daily, 6; number of hours spent in section room, 4."

With her usual modesty and reticence, Miss Kate Glaser, in charge of the hospital department, gives only the statistical report; but there is not a teacher in the Home who more completely gives herself up to her work night and day, and there is not a department kept up better or run more satisfactorily. Her sacrifice for the good of her patients and of her work has never been surpassed. Miss Glaser's report of the hospital is:

"Visits from doctor, 150; visits to doctor, 24; births, 24; sick babies, 30; babies died, 12; girls slightly ill, 7; fever patients, 5; girls seriously ill, 4; minor operations, 3."

MRS. W. H. JOHNSON, FINANCIAL AGENT.

The report from the field of our fourteenth year marks a steady growth. Not the overwhelming success we had hoped for and the cause merited, but, with the education of public opinion, we see everywhere awakened interest.

As we look backward over the tangled way our steps have taken and mark the municipal laws and social conditions, the wonder grows upon us that, even if the teachings of Jesus had been obliterated, the good women could have been so slow to defend the honor of their homes? The growing sentiment for personal righteousness, the protection of girlhood, and the sacredness of the home are the prime assets we bring to our Board from this department. Our ministers often give us their eleven-o'clock service to present our work, and this year each

Conference pledged to preach a special sermon and take a collection for our work.

During the year I have traveled about 10,000 miles, attended the Woman's Board, the General Conference, three Annual Conferences, and three Home Mission Conferences. Personally and through the *King's Messenger* I have done what I could to raise the \$50,000 so long and sorely needed. Year after year we have struggled with equipment that is a reproach to the Church and womanhood; but we knew we were dealing with a problem in which the very best of us had not too much sympathy, so felt that our wisest course was to work patiently on, asking as little as possible and doing all we could till we could point to results, to the transformed lives of the girls, to actual facts that could not be controverted. One thousand girls saved and trained for Christian womanhood and five hundred infants cared for and adopted into Christian homes puts the Master's seal upon this, the most Christlike work being done by the Church of God, while the reflex action has quickened the spiritual life of the Church.

With the deepest sense of gratitude we report valuable contributions from friends, as well as generous boxes of supplies from our Auxiliaries.

Three years ago we organized a stock company, asking our Church people and friends to take shares from one dollar upward, to build and equip a larger and better school. The first year I reported \$908.30; the second year, \$2,107.90; the third (this) year, \$4,077.40. Grand total March 6, \$7,093.60.

Misses Emma and Tina Tucker will give \$4,000 when we have four others to contribute \$1,000 each. One thousand dollars is counted in this year's cash; two others subscribed; we still lack \$1,000.

With Church pride and loyal love we have helped to enlarge and equip all our other schools and homes. Now we ask no increased appropriation on current expenses, and we do not even ask that you enlarge the number of girls we have been allowed to take for the last seven years; but we do sincerely pray that our entire organization will help us complete the sum necessary to put your mother institution for the care and training of friendless, outcast girls on the same footing as the best of our mission schools. In so doing we will honor not only ourselves, but the Master.

FOR NEGRO GIRLS.

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

ESTABLISHED 1902.

The work of Paine College Annex is each year more needed, important, and, I may say, successful. At the close of school in June I felt that the work in a measure had held its own against many fearful odds and discouragements. A few days after the close one of our buildings burned. I felt then that we would be very much crowded for room in the laundry department this year. Our cooking teacher left us, not to return. Her people were anxious to have her nearer home, hence she is doing excellent work in the colored State school in Virginia.

In looking over the work for the past five months, I feel that we have many things for which we ought to thank our Lord. This has indeed been a most pleasant, happy, and successful term, and we have had a number of things to encourage us on our way.

School opened September 24, 1906, with about fifteen pupils at the Annex, and before the middle of November we had thirty-five—several more than we could comfortably accommodate. As soon as we learned that others wished to come, we sent letters informing them that we could not take them. At Christmas time three left to teach. That the work means so much to the girls is shown by the fact that we are so crowded, although it was found necessary to raise the board \$1 per month more than the last term in order to make ends meet. Every girl entered school with a beautiful spirit, and that spirit exists yet. Every girl is a Christian, with the exception of one, and we pray that she will come into the fold ere long. The same pride in the care of the home, rooms, and person prevails. There have been no changes in the method of doing the work. Each girl does her duty willingly when her turn comes.

For lack of room and material we cannot get the best results from the laundry department. There are seventy-two girls to wash and iron for themselves and twenty boys, and we have only sixteen tubs and twelve ironing boards.

Through the kindness of our dear friends, Miss Bennett and Mrs. MacDonell, while on a visit here last month (which visit meant everything to us and the work), we were promised the rebuilding of the burnt cottage. The building is finished, and very soon we shall have more space for laundry work, also rooms upstairs for a teacher and three girls, which will thin out the rooms where there are three girls in a bed.

The dressmaking department has forty-nine girls who are greatly interested in their work. A practical course has been planned by which the girls are taught to draft, cut, and make undergarments and dresses; talks are given on the uses and alterations of patterns. Garments are made by hand and on the machine. Hat shapes of wire and buckram are made, and also bonnets. The presence of this work makes the girls tidy and neat in their dress.

Our new cooking teacher, a graduate of Hampton, who comes to us from Kentucky, is an earnest Christian woman. She is trying to teach the girls (who are forty-six in all) to cook plain, wholesome foods which are commonly used in this section of the country, to be neat and accurate in their work, so that they will keep neat, attractive homes and have well-cooked, well-regulated meals, and serve them properly. The girls do excellent work, but are in need of model dining and bed rooms.

The plain sewing department is as important as any other. There are one hundred and fifty girls who are taught to make books of sample pieces, plain garments, patch, darn, and make shirt waists. These students are from the fourth grade through the first year. There are three specials who stay all day. It is interesting to note in what good condition they keep their clothes after they have learned to patch and darn.

The first-, third-, and fourth-year girls have basketry, and the fourth-year boys caning. This department is growing and good work is being done. We are sadly in need of material for every department and a new building. Had we another large building, we could reach so many students who cannot be reached otherwise.

The girls get work as soon as they graduate, and good reports come to us of their work from the places in which they live and work. I trust that the Lord has blessed other schools and that friends will be raised up to carry on this work.

REPORTS OF CITY MISSIONS.

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

Since last March our entire plan of work here has been changed, the Board deeming it advisable to confine their work to two or three districts instead of five. This plan has been carried out in part; but of course it is often necessary to make calls in different parts of the city, there being only one Methodist city missionary. Although comparatively little of the work is done in North Asheville, it was thought best to continue the teaching of the Sabbath school class of young men which I had previous to our change of plans. While the class has not increased in members, we believe that the Master has blessed the work, two of the members of the class having united with the Church during the year. We have also organized the members into a "Baraca Class" instead of a club, the class meeting at my home every week.

The work at the jail still continues. Much interest is usually manifested during the service. The inmates enter very heartily into the singing and are generally very quiet and respectful.

In visiting in the different parts of Asheville to find the most needy section, we found a small community almost cut off from religious privileges by the railroad with its numerous tracks and moving trains. These people live back of the Hans Rees Tannery in ten small cottages, numbering about sixty persons, the men being employed in the tannery. We organized a Sabbath school there in July. Our school is held in a room of one of these cottages, and, although small, has been very encouraging from the start. Preaching service is held twice a month. We also have a weekly meeting of the women, and, immediately following, a children's meeting. Although the attendance has been small, much interest has been shown, and the women seem to be "hungering and thirsting after righteousness." As there are to be ten more cottages erected on the Hans Rees & Sons property, we are anxious to secure a suitable building in which to hold our meetings. But as yet the way seems to be closed, there being no land available. Our chief work is now confined to the tannery and factory districts.

There is an industrial club, supported by the cotton mill owners here, which in many respects resembles settlement work. I have been assisting in a women's meeting which they hold every Thursday afternoon. Some of the women come as soon as possible after dinner, in order to do as much sewing as possible. At three o'clock a short address is made by some Christian worker of the city, and immediately after refreshments are served.

For the past three months I have been acting as pastor's assistant for the Mission Church, near the cotton factory, assisting in the Thursday evening meetings and superintending the Junior Epworth League, also doing as much visiting as my time would permit.

The statistical report shows: Children's meetings, 27; young men's class, 27; mothers' meetings, 27; Sabbath school, 1; children in attendance, 30; garments given, 200; papers and tracts, 946; meetings conducted, 54; meetings addressed, 71; visits made, 1,007.

ATLANTA, GA., WESLEY HOUSE.

Miss Dollie Crim, Head Resident; Miss Mary Dickinson, Kindergarten; Miss Albertine Batten, District Nurse; Miss Florrie Crim, Day Nursery Matron; Mrs. Freddie Rowland, Housekeeper.

Our hearts go up in gratitude and thankfulness for the Loving Hand that has guided us and has made this year such a prosperous one. There have been quite a number of our people to join the Church—some by profession of faith, others by certificate.

New work—another boys' club, a woman's club, and a men's club by the people themselves—has been introduced; but we are pleased to know that the old departments interest and appeal to even a greater extent than ever before. We have now the largest attendance ever had in the Sunday school, night school, kindergarten, and day nursery. The gymnasium classes and the boys' and girls' clubs contribute dues.

Last September the mill owners put in six shower baths. The hot baths this winter did much for looks, if nothing more, for these people living in such crowded quarters. Towels were loaned for one cent apiece. There were five hundred and sixty baths taken. The coöperation of the mill has been very gratifying. They sought our aid in helping to enforce the child labor law. In all, twenty-six people contested for the two prizes given by the mill owners for the best show and decoration of flowers.

The day nursery, giving dinners to the mothers of the children for ten cents per day, has been of threefold blessing to the mothers. We believe the nursery is a real home.

Our kindergartner has two assistants, consequently more thorough work has been done. The bright, happy faces show great development. The night school has grown to such an extent that the Board of Education gives us five teachers now instead of four. The library and reading room has been opened as usual. There have been read six hundred and six books, besides many magazines and papers.

The district nurse has been of untold blessing to the sick. Four clinics are held each week. She has organized a boys' club, "Knights of the Wheel," and is doing excellent work with them. These nice, well-behaved boys are in her Sunday school class.

On Friday afternoons the kindergarten has a "Happy Afternoon Club." These children are graduates of the kindergarten. Their development is being carried on. Their object is to have a good time, learn something, and help some one else.

A woman's club has been organized, which we believe will be of great helpfulness to our women.

Some of the best men of the employees of the mill have organized a "Fulton Aid Society." Dues, 10 cents per week; benefits in sickness, \$3 per week; in death, \$50.

It is quite a progressive step for the people of our community to initiate and carry on a movement for their own betterment. They have Christian club work in connection. They hold their meetings in our library. The Boys' Gymnasium Class, carried on by a Y. M. C. A. worker, is doing fine drill, basket ball, and indoor basket ball work. In the industrial school we have Marguerite, Violet, and Forget-Me-Not Classes of the older girls. Then come Mrs. Rowland's little Buds of Promise, which are doing sufficient work. The systematic course of sewing is a success.

To know our people, we must know them in their homes; hence 3,271 visits have been made. During the year there have been given fourteen parties or receptions, several school excursions and picnics, three entertainments by the night school, two by the kindergarten and day

nursery, and two by the girls' and boys' gymnasium classes. Friday night entertainments are still given by Churches or people interested. But the progress over which we would rejoice most is the excellent condition of our Sunday school. Miss Jennie Armstrong's Young Men's Helpers' Class have charge of the Sunday school. The enthusiastic service of these workers have made the Sunday school bright and attractive. In all our settlement work we do well to keep in mind these words of Emerson: "We need only obey. There is guidance for each of us, and by lowly listening we shall hear the right word."

Trained workers employed, 4; salaried workers employed, 5, and 5 by the Board of Education; volunteer workers employed by your Board, 49; day nursery, 1; children cared for in day nursery, 5,860; kindergarten, 1; children enrolled in kindergarten, 126 for the year (present enrollment, 47); industrial schools, 3, and 1 at Wesley House No. 2; children enrolled in industrial schools, 199 (in 3 schools); night school, 1; students enrolled in night school, 168 for the year (present enrollment, 102); boys' club, 1; boys enrolled in club, 18; free reading room, 1; persons attending the reading room, 165; girls' gymnasium club, 1; girls enrolled in gymnasium club, 24; boys' gymnasium class, 1; boys enrolled in gymnasium class, 32; mothers' club, 1; women enrolled in mothers' club, 15; dispensary, 1; clinics, 2; patients treated in dispensary, 776; children enrolled in Sabbath schools, 150; value of supplies and money received for distribution, sold \$189.55; visits made by workers, 3,271; visits received, 5,387; visits to institutions, hospitals, jails, etc., 15; opportunities for prayer and Bible-reading, many; meetings conducted or addressed, 30; persons aided, 59; garments given, 25; groceries, \$55, and 26 baskets at Christmas; papers and tracts distributed, 1,524.

AUGUSTA GA.—MISS ANNIE L. TRAWICK, DEACONESS.

I came to Augusta in October, wondering if it were possible for me to do successful work among mill people, as I knew very little about this people; but the Christ knew them, and has lovingly guided and directed me in this work among his children.

Our sewing school and kindergarten meet twice a week. The testimonies of the mothers prove that this work is beneficial in many ways, for the children not only learn to sew but the influence of the Christian teachers over them four hours every week is most helpful. We feel that much good will result from our cooking school, which has been in operation two months, for we have a competent teacher and a class of mill girls eager to learn. Our Sunday school is in a flourishing condition. The superintendent and teachers are earnest Christian workers from the city Churches, and cooperate beautifully in this work for the Master.

Statistical report is as follows: Trained worker, 1; salaried workers, 3; volunteer workers, 4; industrial school, 1; children enrolled, 150; cottage prayer meetings, 4; night school, 1; students enrolled, 60; Sabbath school, 1; children attending, 220; visits to institutions, 4; opportunities for Bible-reading and prayer while visiting, 20; families aided, 25; garments given, 408; money expended in the work, \$467.95.

DALLAS, TEX., WESLEY HOUSE.—MISS IDA ADREANSEN IN CHARGE.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits." The review of the work of the year brings to mind the many blessings showered upon us, and it is with thankful hearts we close the year's record.

We have a peculiar territory, in that it is hemmed in on three

sides. On one side we have the business houses; on another, Trinity River; on another, the city limits; while the remaining side extends only to the homes of those who are in good circumstances, and to these we do not minister. The community is distinctively American, with not more than a dozen people living here who cannot speak English. We have a few Italians, a number of negroes, scarlet women (who are very much in evidence), and quite a large number of working people—some of them in comfortable circumstances. The community is like a village with its cottage home and yards, its unpaved streets and lack of sidewalks, and its lack of drainage. There are a number of large boarding houses in the district, but altogether there is little crowding, and the wickedness present is not due to crowded quarters and filth.

Our ministry to the social needs of the community has been extensive. We have a public playground, in which the children gather daily, and then from time to time we have excursions, lectures, entertainments, mass meetings, club socials, etc.

The educational needs of the community are ministered to in kindergarten, sewing school, and by industrial classes. We are getting new books for our neighborhood library, and we are urging the opening of a night school in the district.

Realizing the great need along religious lines, and having had only two workers most of the year, we have concentrated our efforts on religious meetings. The children had been trained to expect prayers and songs as a part of every settlement occasion, and we have added Bible stories, Bible-readings, Bible study, missionary programmes, and the memorizing of Scripture as a part of our club exercises. Special attention has been given to the holding of cottage prayer meetings, religious meetings have been held in a near-by factory, and we have organized Bible classes in the homes.

The settlement work is greatly appreciated by the residents. One of the better-class neighbors said recently: "You certainly have made these people clean up." An old resident across the way wanted the settlement put out when it first came, but now would not want to live in the neighborhood without it. The school-teachers near by say there has been a marked change in the behavior of the boys and girls since the coming of the settlement among them. There is never a prayer meeting held in the little chapel in which blessings are not earnestly asked for the Wesley House and its work. As one woman said: "You don't know what it is to have people in whom you have confidence to call upon in times like this."

Our statistics are as follows:

Trained workers, 3; salaried workers, 5; volunteer workers, 2 (volunteers, 25); kindergarten, 1; children enrolled in kindergarten, 32; industrial school (sewing), 1; children enrolled in industrial school, 50; boys' clubs, 2; boys enrolled in clubs, 60; free reading room, 1; girls' clubs, 2; girls enrolled in clubs, 35; young women's club, 1; young women enrolled in club, 40; mothers' club, 1; women enrolled in mothers' club, 45; dispensary, 1; patients treated in dispensary, 125; Sabbath school, 1; children enrolled in Sabbath school, 157; conversions, 20; value of supplies and money received for distribution, \$300; visits made, 2,203; visits received, 2,098; visits to institutions, hospitals, jails, etc., 25; meetings conducted or addressed, 103; hours spent in kindergarten, 450; persons aided, 50.

GALVESTON, TEX., WESLEY HOUSE.—MISS ELIZABETH TAYLOR, DEACONESS IN CHARGE.

Our statistical report is as follows: Visits made, 716; visits received, 136; meetings conducted or addressed, 31; garments given, 60; money

expended for the needy, \$36.30; value of supplies given, \$81.55; girls enrolled in the sewing school, 65; boys enrolled in the boys' club, 10; girls enrolled in the girls' club, 12; children enrolled in the Sunday school, 60.

Two classes have been taught each Sunday in the Sunday school. I have attended two District Conferences in behalf of the Wesley House, and have written a number of letters explanatory of the work. The Wesley House was opened about August 1, 1906, and until the middle of February, 1907, I was the only resident worker. But the new year, with other blessings, brought me two colaborers—Miss Allie Brown, of Florida, and our own Miss Janette Haskin. Miss Brown assists with the housekeeping and kindergarten, and is pianist for our Sunday school and other services. Miss Haskin has rendered valuable assistance in every department of our work, and has in one short month completed a house-to-house canvass of the district and organized the boys' club.

Our work in each department manifests an interest that is gratifying. The sewing school has ever been popular, and has grown to our limit of room. The Sunday school, though small (only sixty belonging), is an encouraging feature, showing an average attendance for February of forty-four. The boys' club is of too recent a date to enlarge on, but the boys have entered heartily into its spirit and work. The girls' club is composed of girls over thirteen years of age, and at present are making shirt waists for themselves. Our prayer meetings are more gospel meetings than prayer meetings, as many of the children and young people attend.

Our district is located in the "West End," across the corner from the Galveston Brewery, and in close proximity to the railroad yards and Southern Pacific docks. Consequently the men are all employed and receive an average wage of \$2.50 to \$3 per day. The small cottage or rooming house, of perhaps ten or twelve rooms, takes the place of the overcrowded tenement house, so familiar in our Northern cities. The streets are, in many instances, low and innocent of sidewalks, and in rainy weather are almost impassable. The district is composed of six blocks in length to five and seven blocks in width, and in this small area are two saloons and eight corner groceries that dispense beer and often stronger intoxicants, while just outside the limits of the district, in a radius of three blocks, may be found ten of these grocery and beer combinations and eight saloons. There are perhaps twelve or fourteen nationalities represented, the German and perhaps Scandinavian predominating, with a goodly number of Italians and Mexicans. Catholicism is the predominating faith, followed by the German Lutheran of the Protestant denominations. The Catholic tendency and influence are great barriers to active work and speedy results and resemble nothing so much as a stone wall in their impenetrableness and resistivity. This renders our work difficult and oftentimes discouraging, while the superstition and inconsistencies produced by the ethics of the Catholic Church in the lives of the people about us open unto a wide door of privilege and opportunity and make our responsibility great and imperative. And at the same time we must proceed with caution. Truly we need the wisdom of the serpent and the gentleness of the dove. Careful at all times to hold up our Protestant faith by a high standard of Christian living, teaching by example more than by precept the saving power of the Saviour, and trying to manifest his spirit of love and mercy in all we do and say, how needful it is that we each may truly say, "For me to live is Christ!"

In reviewing the past year we are constrained to say that God hath

been our "shield and our exceeding great reward," and "unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, be the glory" and the praise.

HOUSTON, TEX.—MRS. J. M. ROCKWELL, PRESIDENT.

The work done by our City Mission Board, I believe, will be accepted of God, for it was done with a love for his service and a love for our fellow-man. Everything we have done has met with the coöperation of many of our best Christian workers of the different Methodist Churches of Houston.

We have a nice kindergarten room in the chapel of Shearn Church—thanks to the pastor, Brother Moore. Our teacher has done splendid work for two years, and she has placed many children in the public schools who are too old to attend the kindergarten. Our mothers' meetings have been well attended, very interesting, and, I am sure, profitable. We show but little work along financial lines because we have been saving our money to meet a pledge to help build a Sunday school room. This amount we have in the bank. The children have been remembered with picnics, a Christmas tree, and a candy pulling. Many of our children attend the mothers' meeting.

Our kindergartner represents our salaried working force, whose report is as follows: "We have 1 girls' club; mothers' club, 1, with 100 who attend; Sunday school, 1; children enrolled, 79; visits made, 403; visits received, 90; visits made to hospitals and jails, 6; Bible-reading and prayer at 10 homes; conducted 10 meetings; aided 28 persons; gave 305 garments; 12 children placed in public school; 1 Christmas tree given for 30; 1 candy-pulling; 7 picnics; 1 boy put in good home; books given to 6 children; 8 children furnished with clothes; teaching Spanish girl (16) to read and write English; found work for 1 young woman.

KANSAS CITY, MO., INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH.—MRS. E. L. SOUBY, MISS BESSIE WILHOIT, DEACONESSES.

The year that we are closing has been the busiest in our history and the widest in its influence. Not only has our work touched those for whom it is especially designed, but the many who have volunteered their services in helping to carry it on. So many of our helpers have said that they were never so happy as they have been since they have found something to do to help others, and we are sure that many have been drawn nearer to the Father of all in ministering to his little ones.

The day nursery has grown very much, the enrollment having reached sixty in one month. The children very much enjoy their new quarters with the large playroom and beautiful playground, and some of them cry because they can't come on Sunday. In connection with the nursery we have the kindergarten for the older children who are still not old enough to go to school.

Another department of the work this year is the caring for neglected children sent us by the Juvenile Court. We keep these children until good homes are found for them. About twenty-five have been placed in homes, and some have been placed in institutions. These children often stay with us for several months, and in these we see the greatest results of our efforts. They are quick to see and feel the influence of a Christian home—a thing they have not known before. All of our larger girls have been converted and joined the Church. We have opened a Jewish sewing school this year, which meets on Friday

afternoon. In this we have about thirty little Jewish girls. Our gymnasium, with its shower baths and its equipment for various kinds of exercise, is one of the greatest attractions which we have to offer. The boys and girls here find healthful exercise after their day of hard work in factories, shops, and stores.

We are now getting ready to begin our cooking school. We have a large, bright, airy room, which is being fitted up for that purpose. We will be able to take about sixteen in one class. We feel that this is a very much-needed addition to our work. The Lord is surely with us and is leading us on in his work. Our constant prayer is that we may use every opportunity to uplift our less favored brothers and sisters and win them for Christ.

Our statistics this year are as follows:

Trained workers, 3; salaried workers, 7; volunteer workers, 50; free kindergarten, 1; children enrolled in kindergarten, 25; hours spent in the kindergarten, 324; industrial schools, 2; children enrolled in sewing school, 240; boys' clubs, 3; boys enrolled in clubs, 50; free reading room, 1; persons attending room, 20; girls' clubs, 3; girls enrolled in clubs, 48; night school, 1; number enrolled in night school, 35; day nursery, 1; children enrolled in day nursery, 85; children cared for in nursery, 9,585; average attendance in nursery, 30; Sunday schools, 2; children enrolled in Sunday schools, 230; value of supplies and money received for distribution, \$500; visits made, 800; visits received, 1,000; visits to institutions, 75; opportunities for prayer and Bible-reading, 115; meetings conducted or addressed, 50; persons aided, 300; garments given, 600; cottage prayer meetings, 20; persons nursed, 6; hours spent in nursing, 100; persons found work for, 10; children placed in homes, 25; children placed in public school, 30.

LOUISVILLE SETTLEMENT HOME.—MISS JOSIE LEVERETT IN CHARGE.

The Louisville work, through Miss Estelle Haskin, was much improved and put on a higher standard this past year. She first had the entire house freshened, outside and in, by paint and paper, and then made cozy by new furnishings where needed. A substantial rubber linoleum on the two large club room floors has proved a great comfort; and our new piano—you should hear the children sing with it!

Thanks to Miss Haskin, we have a pretty home. Mrs. MacDonell's expression on entering the guest chamber was: "Are we down in the slums?"

We have three residents besides the head resident—Mrs. Ida L. Reeves, in charge of club work; Miss Sue V. Herrick, probationer; and Mrs. Carrie L. Bond, nurse in training. Our mothers' club is especially fine. They are organized and pay five cents weekly dues. Their dues go toward supplying medicines, linen, etc., for our clinics. The club is entirely responsible for all clinic bills, these hard-working women having paid \$57.43 besides a bank account of \$25.

Our clinic, which Miss Haskin opened in May, has been a great success, averaging one hundred patients a month at the house, besides numerous outside visits by doctors. We have a splendid staff of four physicians, Dr. John D. Trawick being president of this staff. We owe much to these faithful men, as they so willingly give their valuable time.

Miss Haskin also succeeded in raising a hospital fund whereby we may send patients to an infirmary, as is so often necessary. Then our doctors keep the patient, which they could not if sent to the city hospital. Six patients have profited by this fund.

Our boys' work is very encouraging. Through Mrs. Reeves they have outgrown present quarters and are demanding more room. We have

two clubs, with an average attendance of twenty, doing fine work. They are organized into a Boys' City, having all the officers and departments of a large city. We were much surprised yesterday to find a busy crowd of boys digging away at our yard, and were informed that the Board of Public Works had ordered grass seed planted about our premises.

Our sewing school is as large as we can comfortably handle in our club rooms. They are taught a systematic course, and in our thickly populated neighborhood we could easily have more children if we had a hall. Our Board is now contemplating purchasing property, that we may have more room next year.

We have a Children's Station of the Public Library, open every Friday, the same system of checking books being used as at the Public Library. It is well patronized, some adults taking advantage of it also.

Miss Herrick, a kindergartner, has a club of little tots. They outstrip everything in average attendance, nearly every one being present at every meeting. We have a Bible class for adults every Sunday afternoon, the children going two blocks to Marcus-Lindsay to the Junior League.

Plans are on foot for an outdoor playground in the summer, and we will take up again our outdoor evangelistic services on the lawn.

MACON, GA.—MRS. F. M. KNOWLES.

The work here is confined to the Door of Hope. This year has been a good year with us in our work. Twenty-six girls have had an opportunity to lead better lives, and sixteen of these chose the better way. Two have married, one died a saved girl, nine returned to loved ones, and the others are out at work. We have had seven babies in the Home. One died, and this past week one was adopted by Christian people, and we all miss his bright face. He was a fine boy. Dear little Paul is now busy brushing the walls with a broom. He is quite busy with his sisters' house-cleaning. At present there are four girls in the Home and two babes. We are all praying that God will convict more girls of sin and send them to us. God bless you in your work!

MERIDIAN, MISS.—MRS. CLARA COPE, MISSIONARY.

Owing to changes of missionaries, the work at Meridian is reported for only three months. Mrs. Clara Cope has charge of the work now, and makes the following report of her work for this short period: "Industrial school, 1; children enrolled in industrial school, 38; Sabbath school at cotton mill, with 125 children enrolled; value of supplies distributed, \$26.15; number of visits made, 249; number of visits received, 9; opportunity for Bible-reading and prayer with individuals, 9; cottage prayer meetings, 14; number of families aided, 11; garments given, 77; money distributed, \$20.25; tracts and papers given out, 95."

MOBILE, ALA., WESLEY HOUSE.—MISS ELLA GANOW IN CHARGE.

Sometimes in looking over our field and seeing the vast amount of work to be done, the things accomplished seem very small. Still those who have been working in the Wesley House at Mobile have every reason to be encouraged. We have been able to see improvement in some of the homes we have visited. We have been made happy by expressions of love and appreciation from those whom it has been our privi-

lege to minister, and it has been our joy to hear gospel songs sung by some little children that play around our door who would not have known them had it not been for the Wesley House.

Aside from the meetings, clubs, etc., mentioned in the statistics given below, we have had gospel services at the Home on Sunday evenings, conducted by the clergymen from various city Churches, the attendance varying from twelve to sixty.

During the long summer vacation we conducted a vacation school. The children were taught manual training, memory gems, hymns, patriotic songs, also games and physical culture. Many and loud were the expressions of regret when the closing day came.

A cooking class has been organized, and is very popular. The girls are taught plain cooking.

Our mothers' meeting has been well attended and very much enjoyed by all the women.

One yard has been equipped with a tennis court and a basket ball set, so that after school hours the boys and girls in the vicinity spend much of their time making use of these games.

The weekly programme is as follows: Every morning except Saturday and Sunday, kindergarten; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights, night school; Sunday, Sunday school, followed by a gospel service; Tuesday, Sunshine Circle for children; Wednesday, cooking class; Thursday, Mothers' Meeting; Friday, Happy Hour Club, Young Ladies' Club, and Boys' Athletic Club; Saturday, sewing school.

Books may be drawn from the library every afternoon and evening.

At Thanksgiving time a dinner was served at the House to about twelve mothers. At Christmas time nine baskets of groceries were sent to poor families, besides providing gifts for about one hundred and forty children at the Sunday school and kindergarten Christmas trees.

At the time when Mobile was visited by a destructive storm last fall, the House was opened to about thirty people who were driven from their homes by high water. We have also entertained at various times during the year ten girls who were deserted in the city and had no one to look after them. Three were sent to rescue homes; the others were found work for or sent to relatives in another town.

Now that our work is organized and the people of the city are beginning to understand what our work is and to appreciate its value, we are looking forward to a year of increased usefulness, and feel sure that the southern part of Mobile will be a pleasanter and better place to live in because the Wesley House is here.

I have been here almost a year now, and have been very happy in the work. There are many problems to be solved and many difficulties to be overcome; but the work is greatly needed, and I have been assisted right royally by my coworkers in the House and by the volunteer workers, many of whom have been most faithful and efficient.

Our statistical report shows: Trained workers, 3; salaried workers, 4; volunteer workers, 16; day nursery, 1; children cared for in day nursery, 22; kindergarten, 1; children enrolled in kindergarten, general roll 92, present roll 54; industrial school, 1; children enrolled in industrial school, 40; night school, 1; students enrolled in night school, 15; boys' club, 1; boys enrolled in club, 10; girls' clubs, 2; girls enrolled in club, 20; young women's club, 1; young women enrolled in club, 12; mothers' club, 1; women enrolled in mothers' club, 35; children enrolled in Sabbath school, 50; visits made, 1,788; visits received, 1,825; number of visits made to institutions, hospitals, jails, etc., 10; meet-

ings conducted or addressed, 40; hours spent in kindergarten, 447; persons aided, 60; garments given, 1,027; papers and tracts distributed, 1,809.

NASHVILLE, TENN., WESLEY HOUSE.—MISS FRONIE WEBB IN CHARGE.

We ended our last year's report with a prayer that by the time for another we might have more workers and a new house. So it is with great joy that we begin this report by saying that God has answered that prayer. The first of September found us with a new worker added to our force—Miss Frances Mann, deaconess, Scarritt graduate of 1906. We can't begin to tell the pleasure she has brought to the House and the good accomplished by her labors.

April 1 found us in a neat little cottage recently bought by our Board and which adjoins our church, where our work will be carried on till we are in a position to build.

We have the same number enrolled in the kindergarten as we had last year, but the quality of the work done cannot be excelled. September 1 found us with a new teacher, Miss Kate Hackney, of Asheville, N. C., and we have been fortunate in having the assistant of last year, Miss Annie Campbell.

We are glad to say that the interest in our sewing school has deepened and widened so that numbers have been turned away for lack of room. The work done by the children is more satisfactory than that of any previous year. Only time and eternity can reveal the good accomplished in this department. We shall have four more to add to our Alumni by June 1.

Valuable assistance is being rendered by two of our young ladies from one of our Churches, the one giving piano lessons to three girls once a week, and the other lessons in burnt wood. We hope to have on our programme at the close of sewing school music by these three pupils and a nice exhibit of burnt wood. Two more of our volunteer workers have made a success of our History Club, which is composed of girls and boys between the ages of seven and ten.

The membership of our Sam Davis Boys' Club (boys between ten and fourteen) is limited to fifteen on account of no help from the outside. This is a social club.

The mothers' meetings have been interesting and very helpful and fully appreciated by our mothers, as expressed in their testimonies at our Thanksgiving service. Our hearts are gratified to see the willingness of the mothers to take part in the service and to help in caring for the sick.

God has blessed us in our cottage prayer meetings. Many of his children have been drawn into closer relationship with him. Our hearts are lifted in praise and thanksgiving to our Heavenly Father for all his blessings to us during the past year. We are earnestly praying that the seed sown in the hearts of those about us may yield a rich harvest, and that their lives may be one continual song of praise to our Master.

Our combined statistical report is: Trained workers, 3; salaried workers, 4; volunteer workers, 16; kindergarten, 1; children enrolled in kindergarten, 50; industrial school, 1; children enrolled in industrial school, 90; boys' clubs, 2; boys enrolled in clubs, 35; free reading room, 1; persons attending the reading room, 16 (average); girls' club, 1; girls enrolled in club, 30; mothers' club, 1; women enrolled in mothers' club, 50; children enrolled in Sabbath school, 75; supplies and money received for distribution, \$395; visits made, 4,248; visits received, 12,994; opportunities for prayer and Bible-reading, 217; meetings conducted or addressed, 93; persons aided, 704; garments given, 274;

money spent for poor, \$70; papers and tracts distributed, 677; pictures, 209; toys, 62; bouquets, 101; meals prepared for the sick, 163; garments loaned to the sick, 133; books loaned, 266; hours spent nursing the sick, 138; visits made by physicians, 84; garments sold, 1,516; hours spent in sewing school, 145; average attendance, 68; spent for material, \$146.51; mothers' meetings, 31; average attendance at mothers' meetings, 19; meetings of History Club, 22; average attendance at meetings of History Club, 27; hours spent in this club, 27; meetings of Sam Davis Boys' Club during January and February, 7, with an average attendance of 11 (only 15 enrolled); hours spent, 16; reading rooms open 21 nights (November to February), with an average attendance of 16; hours spent, 62; hours spent in special service, 120; cottage prayer meetings held, 20, with an average attendance of 13; fathers' suppers and meetings, 2; baskets of provisions given, 109; entertained during Thanksgiving, 472; Christmas, 617. Three girls take piano lessons and 8 burnt-wood lessons every Thursday afternoon.

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

Our work has been in good condition during the past year. There is ever much to be done, and ever will be, as long as this factory territory exists, with the crowded tenement conditions which ever follow such boundary. Poor wages ever require a claim on us for temporal help, and the daily discouragements which often come to these people in the monotonous drudgery of their lives require our constant strengthening spiritually; but we are leading them slowly to Christ through this mission. We have been so thankful for the work among the young people, and have watched with delight their progress in grace; and we can seem to glance in the future and see these young girls and boys occupying places in Church work and becoming the missionaries for Him whom they have learned to love. Our Sunday school and Epworth Leagues are prosperous. It is a great pleasure to contribute to the pleasure and profit of these who know little of the sunshine of life by giving them a good social time now and then through the year; and our Christmas entertainment is ever looked forward to with pleasant anticipation.

Our statistics are: Children enrolled in Sabbath school, 50; conversions, 8; supplies and money received for distribution, \$55.30; visits made, 378; visits to institutions, hospitals, jails, etc., 69; opportunities for prayer and Bible-reading, 143; meetings conducted or addressed, 9; persons aided, 55; garments given, 266; mattress given, 1; money given, \$39.05; papers and tracts distributed, 201; medicine bought, \$21.90; other needs of poor, \$28.45; collected and spent for two cripples, \$57.25.

RICHMOND, VA.—MISS MARGARET E. CURLEY, SECRETARY.

Fed at the annual Christmas dinner at the Institute, 225; baskets sent to sick and infirm, 50; given to Superintendent of Institute for bed linen, etc., from dinner, \$8.75.

Miss Davies, our new worker, has given the following report of her work for January: Visits paid, 145; new families visited, 10; new and returned scholars secured for the Sunday school, 22; pieces of clothing distributed, 355; work obtained for two women; needy families assisted with money, 3, to amount of \$5; colored woman given groceries, 1; member obtained for Home Mission Society, 1; member obtained for Church and baptized by Superintendent of Institute, 1; magazines

and tracts distributed, 751; Gospels given to children in sewing school, 16; conversions, 3.

The sewing school has twenty pupils, with an average attendance of fifteen. It meets every Saturday afternoon, has five teachers, and the children all show quite an interest.

The girls' dressmaking and millinery class, for girls from fourteen to twenty, meets every Friday evening. It has eight members, with an average attendance of five. These girls work in factories, and are very much interested in learning to make their own dresses and trim their hats.

The singing class, for girls from ten to fourteen, meets Saturday afternoons from five to six. It has five members, with an average attendance of five. Some of these girls show considerable talent and are very eager for the meetings.

The mothers' meeting, every Tuesday night, with fifteen members, has an average attendance of ten. The first Tuesday is social night, the second and third are spiritual, and the fourth educational.

The women are all very enthusiastic about these meetings, some of them offering to contribute to the social part, such as giving chocolate, sugar, etc., while others offer to help to prepare the refreshments and to assist in any way possible, thus showing their desire to have a part in them.

I trust that the work begun by our trained worker may continue to grow, and that the way may be opened for more work amongst the women and children.

ST. LOUIS, MO., SLOAN MISSION.—MISS MATTIE WRIGHT IN CHARGE.

We have just celebrated the close of another year by moving into the part of our building that, until the first of the month, was occupied by one of the breweries of the city. For three weeks past carpenters, plasterers, painters, paper hangers, plumbers, etc., have been busy making one house of the two. As I write the rush of work is over, the rubbish has been cleared away, and we are comfortably settled in a twenty-room building which, in contrast with our past quarters, seems about palatial. However, the repairs are only such as were absolutely necessary to the successful conduct of the work, because the sentiment now is all in favor of tearing down this building and erecting one that will properly represent our Methodism in this city. With this in view, the lot just back of us has recently been purchased by the Church Extension and City Mission Society, giving us, with a frontage on three streets, an ideal location for the permanent building.

This has been the most satisfactory year of our history, because we have reached a place where results can be seen in the character of the people to whom we have ministered. Heretofore our reports have been largely of what we were doing *for* our people, but now it is with intense satisfaction and with deep gratitude to God that we are able to tell of what is being done *in* them—in the development of their character. The earnest, pointed preaching of our pastor produces a conviction that results in an awakening of the whole man. And then we endeavor to give our people, in our home and in our everyday living, practical illustrations of the gospel they hear from the pulpit. Slowly but most surely a great transformation is taking place; and this is most marked in the character of our young people, who are not only living consistent Christian lives, but are becoming earnest workers and are waking up to the importance of fitting themselves for the truest living. Some of our boys are already saving money for a college education, but in the meantime they are using the advantages in

their reach in both the public night schools and the business colleges. Our music class of about thirty is a substantial proof of their appreciation of our putting advantages in reach of their means. The attendance at our Saturday evening study circle is another testimony to the mental awakening of our people. Tarbell's "Teachers' Guide" was adopted as the text-book, and thirty-three of these have been purchased and are being paid for at three cents per week.

A report of the mission could not be complete without further mention of what is being done through the Sunday school. Under the superintendency of Mr. William H. Bloomer, one of the busiest business men of the city, it has taken on new life and has become the most successful department of the work. Mr. Bloomer brings the same business sense to the management of the school as he uses in conducting the affairs of the Northwestern Mutual Life, and the result is as marked as is his success in the business world. Miss Susie Mitchell has been employed as Sunday school visitor. She is enthusiastic and intelligent in her work, and is making herself a blessing to the entire mission.

Our district nurse, Mrs. Nora Klanberg, is filling a long-felt need in the community. Gentle, sweet-spirited, unobtrusive, she goes into the homes of the people, and is making fast friends for herself and for the mission.

One of the most promising of the new features of the work is the brass band of twenty-five boys recently organized by our faithful friend, Mr. R. S. Kimbrell. Under a competent instructor they have a weekly practice, and we are assured that they will be ready to accompany us in our summer street meetings.

Our statistical report is as follows: Trained workers, 4; salaried workers, 6; kindergarten, 1; children enrolled in kindergarten, 75; industrial school, 1; children enrolled in industrial school, 120; boys' club, 1; boys enrolled in club, 35; free reading room, 1; brass band of boys, 1; boys enrolled in brass band, 25; young women's club (Noon Lunch Club), 1; young women enrolled in club, 40; mothers' club, 1; women enrolled in mothers' club, 30; children enrolled in Sabbath school, 438; visits made, 2,172; visits received, 10 per day (average).

TAMPA, FLA.—MRS. MARY N. CARR, DEACONESS.

I arrived in Tampa May 22, 1906, at 2 A.M. Our own Mary Bruce (now Mrs. Alexander) met me at the train notwithstanding the lateness, or rather earliness, of the hour. The ladies of the City Mission Board had made every arrangement for my comfort and gave me a cordial Methodist welcome. Surely "the lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places."

I began work June 1, and in order to adjust myself to conditions much time was given to the study of Tampa's varying surroundings, no two sections requiring the same treatment. The city has grown so rapidly that there has been no time for the sifting, selecting process; hence we find all grades of social conditions in the same neighborhood. In some localities the homes of wealth and the cottages which house those in the humbler walks of life stand side by side. We have no distinct slum centers, yet the slum element pervades many sections, scattering broadcast the pernicious leaven gathered from barrooms and low dives. Again, we do not have, to any great extent, the street gamins found in older cities; but in their stead hundreds of boys from good homes, who spend most of their time on the streets, seeing, hearing, and assimilating the very things they should not know.

Another important feature which adds to Tampa's problem is her

great alien population. Of her sixty thousand, nearly one-half are foreigners, two-thirds of them speaking little English. I have been told by those in a position to know that thirty-six languages are spoken in Tampa. May God help us to see the needs and provide the remedy! Our Heavenly Father will certainly require these precious souls at our hands if we fail to measure up to our opportunity. As I review the work and see the many things left undone, the many opportunities unimproved, my heart is sad indeed; but when I set over against them the many things accomplished in his name, I do take courage and feel that I have much for which to thank God. I have tested the wonderful promise in Isaiah xl. 31, and found it true. My strength has been renewed day by day, and I find myself not only stronger physically, but realize as never before God's keeping power.

The statistical report is as follows: Visits made, 640; visits received, 60; visits to jail, 2; other institutions, 3; schools, 4; factories, 3; boys talked to on the street, 50; invitations to attend church and Sunday school, 100; sick cared for, 22; furnished nourishment, 30; meals prepared and served, 20; visits to dying, 8; funerals attended, 4; meetings conducted or addressed, 31; meetings attended, 105; hours in sewing school, 50; enrolled, 56; average attendance, 27; helpers, 4; hours in Anglo-Chinese class, 26; enrolled, 9; helpers, 8; families helped, 12; garments given—new 14, second-hand 60; persons sent out of city, 6; sent to county farm, 1; given in supplies, \$80; money given, \$69.82; situations secured, 6; trains met, 28; persons assisted or assigned rooms, 40; cases investigated, 16; hours spent in investigation, 120.

Through the prayers and counsel of your worker, four have been brought from darkness into the blessed light of the gospel, and others give earnest attention to the reading of God's Word. It has been a blessed year to the worker.

Aside from my personal work, the visiting committees have made one hundred visits, conducted twenty cottage prayer meetings, given one hundred garments, and \$10 to rescue work. They have also cared for the sick and placed several children in the Home.

DEACONESS WORK.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., FIRST CHURCH.—MISS MARY VAUGHAN, PASTOR'S ASSISTANT.

Having committed my way fully unto Him whom I serve, my work in Birmingham was begun on July 1 in the firm belief that the Lord himself had sent me there. That assurance has never left me from the moment when I alighted from the train, a stranger, and was lovingly received by four Christian women, to the present. These four were friends even before I knew them. One of them, Mrs. J. A. Duncan, the wife of the pastor, has but recently left us for the far country, where her welcome, no doubt, was as sweet and cordial as that which she accorded the deaconess who came among them. A report of the work done here must needs include some record of the constant love and sympathy and coöperation which she unflinchingly gave me. Her unceasing thoughtfulness and strong friendship smoothed many a little roughness from the way, and her bright and dauntless spirit pervades my life and work with an aroma which the years will not efface.

The Church which I serve is the largest in this marvelously growing city. There is probably no Church in Southern Methodism which has greater opportunities. Pastoral deaconess work was but little understood, as it was altogether new in Birmingham. But the very great need of such work in so large a Church, in so new a city, made a place

at once for the deaconess and her work. In less than a month forty Methodists had been found, within a few blocks of the church, who either had their Church letters in their trunks or had left them behind in some village Church.

Strangers are an important factor in Birmingham life, and strangers are such a delight to the heart of a deaconess. There are such possibilities in a stranger. There are possible loneliness and homesickness and danger, and likewise there are possible comfort and courage and guidance to be found in our Great Friend offered by the deaconess.

The women of the three societies in the Church have given hearty and active support to the work. Each society has a visiting committee who visits strangers and new members of the Church, thus promoting a general feeling of good fellowship.

A monthly report is made to the board of stewards. This report includes a few statistics, but is chiefly made up of statements as to general conditions and a few incidents of particular interest. The stewards have given cordial and generous interest and support to every phase of my work.

During August and September I was away from my work for a month because of the serious illness of my brother, so this report includes but six months, closing with the first of February. Every deaconess realizes how little statistics mean. The best things in our work cannot be recorded—the personal conversations and the indirect work. Visits to Church members, 192; visits to sick and bereaved, 68; visits to non-churchmembers, 454; visits received, 71; opportunities for reading the Bible, 30; for prayer, 78; lessons taught in Sunday school, 13; meetings attended, 122; meetings addressed, 9; supplies distributed, \$35.

KANSAS CITY, MO., INSTITUTIONAL WORK.—MISS FLORENCE BLACKWELL,
PASTOR'S ASSISTANT.

As I look back over the few months that I have spent in the Institutional Church, I rejoice because I have the opportunity to labor in this needy portion of the Master's vineyard. It is indeed a joy to minister in some small degree to those who really need me.

At the beginning of the year we had a thorough house-to-house canvass of our territory. Every home has been visited by young ladies from the Scarritt Bible and Training School, and we have a card catalogue list of about six hundred families who are visited by these young ladies, special cases being turned over to me. Besides these, I have visited in the homes of nearly all of our Church members and Sunday school and sewing school pupils.

In our Sunday school we have an enrollment of over two hundred, with about thirty teachers. We have a class of eight or ten who have been in the sewing school four years and are now making garments for themselves. Children and teachers take great interest in the sewing school.

Our Sunday school has increased in numbers and interest and is doing excellent work. We have had no special revival services, but have had a number of conversions and about forty additions to the Church.

One of the new features of our work is the night school, which is my special charge. This work was begun without any special effort on our part. It just came to us. Pupils and teachers just seemed to be waiting for us to set the time to begin. The school was opened in December; and now, in less than three months, we have an enrollment of thirty-five boys and girls and men, and the number is increasing all the time. We have fourteen teachers, the very best to be found, and

they are very enthusiastic in the work and are very faithful in attendance. Our work is prospering, and we are being blessed more abundantly than we are able to ask or think.

LOS ANGELES, CAL., HOMER TOBERMAN DEACONESS HOME.—MISS MARIA M. ELLIOTT, DEACONESS.

The past year has marked a distinct step in advance at the Home. Our Church on the Coast is becoming better acquainted with the work, and in consequence is coming to support it more freely. Enough money has been subscribed and paid in to give us courage to begin the addition to the building, which must be done if the work is to go on, and we feel perfectly sure that by the time the work is finished the money will be forthcoming to pay for it. We are not called upon to entertain so many young women strangers as formerly, because the Young Women's Christian Association now has a boarding home of its own; but every now and then a lonely, frightened wayfarer comes, seeking shelter, sometimes at ten o'clock at night, directed hither by our cards at the station. We are glad to take her in; and to see her look of relief when she sees that she has found the right place, and to hear her words of gratitude on leaving, is pay enough for any trouble she has caused. We have been instrumental in securing positions for quite a number of women and girls, a work which we are always glad to do.

We have, by moving some of the workers about and making some changes therefore, been enabled to increase our hospital capacity from five to nine beds, and will shortly increase it to ten. Another nurse has been added to our corps of workers, else we could not have increased our capacity. We now have a women's ward, and expect soon to fit up a men's ward. These make it possible for us to accommodate more patients at less expense, thereby helping a greater number of the worthy poor. Ours is the only hospital in the city where *first-class* hospital attention can be secured at prices within the reach of people of moderate means. It is true that a good deal of charity work is done by the larger hospitals. But it is not charity that self-respecting people want; it is a chance to get at a reasonable price these things so essential to their comfort.

To the child of God there should not be any real surprises when blessings come or when prayers are answered; but so many have been our blessings, and so richly have our prayers been answered, that we cannot help wondering at our Father's goodness in using such unworthy instruments as we through which to do his work. We have not only had the joy of hearing many testify to having been helped and strengthened in their Christian life or filled with determination to become Christians, but we have had the inexpressible happiness of seeing souls happily converted and sent on their way rejoicing in a Saviour's love or fortified to meet death with a smiling face because that love had robbed death of its venomous sting.

Our statistics are as follows: Workers in the Home, 6; young women strangers entertained, 15; guests entertained, 18; patients treated in hospital, 60; out-patients, 7; garments distributed, 508; persons aided, 18; groceries given, \$7.50; supplies and money given out, \$15; money loaned and returned, \$5.50; visits to sick and strangers, 670; visits received, 281; visits to institutions, jails, etc., 20; meetings conducted or addressed, 99; opportunities for prayer and Bible-reading, 17; sewing class, 1; children enrolled, 25; papers and leaflets distributed, 1,074; papers and letters written in interest of the work, 64; books loaned and given, 18; Bible given, 4.

MACON, GA., FIRST STREET CHURCH.—MISS SELINA MONOHAN, PASTOR'S ASSISTANT.

As I look back over the eight months I have been South, my heart is filled with gratitude to God, and I feel that indeed "the ways of the Lord are right, and the just shall walk in them." I was appointed by the Woman's Board to the Door of Hope, Macon, Ga., arriving there June 20, 1906. God blessed me while there, and I believe blessed me to those dear girls; but as the Home was in need of a competent seamstress (which I am not), I was transferred October 17 to be the pastor's assistant in First Street Church, which position I now fill. God has indeed graciously owned my labors, which I have rendered "as unto the Lord." We have been enabled to build up a Philathea class (Bible class), composed of strange young women who are attending the business college. Going to the boarding houses and inviting them, God has blessed the effort. We have established the Home Department of our Sunday school, and at the present time have over one hundred members. In this way we hope to stimulate systematic Bible study in the home. In the Church visiting it has been our privilege to comfort many hearts. Especially has God blessed us to our shut-in members. During the past months we have nursed one patient and relieved in several cases. We were especially grateful for the ministry God gave us to a family where the young wife was burned to death.

As our Church is in a mill district, it is my pleasure to visit very much among the mill hands. I believe that God has allowed me to bring comfort and cheer to many, many hearts. We succeeded in interesting our Junior League in behalf of a little girl who lost a leg as the result of falling out of a mill window. They have raised \$101.25 for an artificial leg.

We hold meetings in the jail and stockade Wednesday and Sunday, and I believe that many souls will stand before God redeemed by the precious blood of Christ as the result of those meetings. We have not visited in our "red letter" district as much as we should like, but God has given us the joy of having a part in the salvation of one precious sinner. The last night she was on earth we spent in the house with her telling her about the mighty Saviour. We have also touched many other lives, going into their homes and telling of the Christ who is able to save unto the uttermost. Our prayer is that God shall so fill us with himself that he can send us on his errands, be it to the high or low, rich or poor, great or small, and that we shall be ready and able to say, "Here am I; send me."

ST. LOUIS, MO., CENTENARY METHODIST CHURCH.—MISS MABEL KENNEDY, PASTOR'S ASSISTANT.

It is with a heart full of gratitude and thanksgiving to God for his loving-kindness and tender mercy to me that I begin my annual report. "His ways have been ways of pleasantness, and all his paths are peace."

Of my four years as pastor's assistant at Centenary, the one just closing, in many respects, is the best to me, and I trust to those with whom and for whom I have labored. While I realize that I have fallen far short of measuring up to the demands made upon one occupying my position in a Church like Centenary, and with my present experience see many things I would do differently should the same opportunity come again, yet through the whole year I have endeavored to the best of my ability to serve the Master by trying to uplift and save mankind. I gather up the harvest and lay it at his feet, praying that he may continue to bless the seed that has been sown to the salvation of many precious souls.

No one, without having had some similar experience, can form any idea of the numerous duties of a pastor's assistant. With a membership of nearly two thousand comes a tremendous responsibility and a wide-open door of opportunity which can scarcely be realized; and, because of the multitude of duties laid upon the pastor, the pastoral visitation is largely laid upon the deaconess. God has blessed my going into these homes in the salvation of souls and to the strengthening and encouragement of many hearts. To be privileged to minister to the sick, to the troubled and bereaved, has been the source of greatest enjoyment to me, and I believe that through this ministry they have been brought closer to the Lord and to the Church.

Hundreds of non-Christians, through the Sunday schools, sewing school, clubs, etc., are brought in touch with the Church, and I have carried the gospel into these homes and seen many results from my visits.

Our Sunday schools open to us unlimited opportunity. Almost one thousand children and young people assemble every Sunday for the study of the Bible. While we have two missionaries for the schools, much is expected of the deaconesses. I have a class of young ladies, with an enrollment of fifty, in the morning school, and girls from fourteen to eighteen years of age, with an enrollment of twenty-five, in the afternoon school; and God is blessing my labors among them, and they are developing into beautiful Christian characters.

The Epworth League is in a good spiritual condition, and much good is being done through the devotional and social meetings. Situated as we are, in the boarding house district, the social feature is a very important one, and through these weekly socials we reach the young people, who are brought into the Sunday school, and afterwards into the Church. I attend these social meetings, and try to improve my opportunities.

The prayer meeting is remarkable for its large attendance and uplifting influence. I have oversight of the sewing school, and the results of this school are very gratifying. The missionary societies, boys' club, etc., also give opportunity for personal work.

I believe I have had the support of your prayers during the past year, and this thought has cheered me; and I trust that you will continue to pray that this coming year may be one of great blessing to the one who is endeavoring to minister and to those to whom she ministers.

The statistical report is as follows: Visits to members of the Church, 589; visits to non-members, 310; calls on the sick, 248; calls on those bereaved, 40; visits to institutions, 126; total visits made, 1,413; visits received, 425; opportunities for reading Bible and prayer, 325; lessons taught in Sunday school, 97; persons induced to attend church, 225; persons professing conversion, 25; meetings attended, 510; meetings addressed or conducted, 15; Bibles and Testaments distributed, 40; garments distributed, 238; value of same, \$175; value of food supplies, \$100; children placed in institutions, 10; adults placed, 11; situations found for unemployed, 5.

WACO, TEX., REBECCA SPARKS DEACONESS HOME.—MISS MAY LOCKARD, DEACONESS.

As I was absent from the work for the first five months, I cannot give a full report for the entire year, but the remaining months have been full of encouragement. Our Home is constantly growing in favor with girls who board and work for their living; with parents from smaller places who wish to send their young daughters to our city to attend business college; also with the business houses and factories employing girls.

Our great need for the coming year is a new, modern, and convenient building—one in which we can make our girls comfortable, which is not possible, in the fullest sense of the word, at present. We have received many kindnesses during the year, all of which are appreciated.

At Thanksgiving time the King's Daughters' Circle of this city sent a donation of substantial edibles; also the Current Events Club remembered us with a ham and turkey. At Christmas kind friends decorated our table, at breakfast time, with a beautiful basket of choice fruits and candies, which was enjoyed by all. Twelve large and handsome Bibles were given to the Home by Mrs. Rebecca Sparks Loomis, of New York City.

In November we were honored by a visit from Bishop Hoss, who spoke encouragingly of the work and of the great help a Christian home is in molding the character of young girls.

Mrs. W. H. Johnson, of Dallas, threw a ray of sunshine into the lives of our girls by spending a few hours with them and speaking words of advice and warning. These visits from distinguished guests are an inspiration to us, doing more good than can be realized by persons not directly connected with the work. We wish that we might have them oftener and from more of our friends.

We have cared for fifty-five girls during the past year, several of whom have been ill for quite a while, during which time we have tried to give them the care and comfort of a good home.

A club, composed of the girls in the Home, meets every Thursday evening, under the direction of Mrs. B. H. Hill, who is a member of our City Board. We have entertainments once a month, which afford diversion and recreation and go far toward stimulating a social spirit among the girls.

A club of younger girls meets for general improvement on Saturday afternoons in the parlor. These girls are in charge of Mrs. Frank Allen and Mrs. Keith, who labor faithfully and constantly with the children and are rewarded by the improvement shown in the little ones, who are wide awake and enthusiastic in their work.

We note with pleasure that many of the dear girls who come to us respond to the gentle, Christian influence which the Home endeavors at all times to exert, and we trust that the lessons of self-control and consideration for others learned in this Home may go with them through all future life and make them agreeable and helpful companions to others.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

EDUCATION.

REPORT No. 1.

During the year your committee has visited the five schools in Florida, Paine Annex, Vashti Home, Thomasville, Ga., and the Sue Bennett School. At each of these institutions careful investigation was made of the conditions and of the work enterprised. We are glad to report that the spirit of most of these institutions has been fine. In all we feel that most excellent work has been done.

At Brevard, N. C., an opportunity was offered to purchase a house and lot adjacent to the campus. We had been craving this opportunity for some time, and authorized the Principal to purchase it, giving a note for the Board, payable before or at the end of two years.

At London, Ky., the establishment of a broom factory has furnished the solution in a measure to the problem of maintenance of the students, as twenty-five young men have been able to earn as much as \$1.50 a week, thus aiding them in their efforts for an education. We would recommend the enlargement of this plant and the inauguration of some line of industry which will furnish an opportunity for the young women also to help themselves through school.

At Vashti Home, Thomasville, Ga., the building is inadequate for its purposes and the locality is undesirable. It is earnestly hoped that a change and an enlarged plan for this institution shall be adopted at this session of the Board.

At Ybor City, the property needs repairs. The character of the work undertaken, to be most effective, must be broadened along gospel settlement lines.

At Ruth Hargrove Seminary there is great need for a Bible teacher and city missionary. The schoolroom work in this institution is excellent. We greatly desire to magnify Bible study and Christian ethics at this school. The new building will enlarge the opportunity for better work.

There is a great demand for the purchase of property in our work among the foreigners in California. Rents are so excessive and uncertain that it seems the part of wisdom to strain a point and purchase property at Alameda and Oakland.

REPORT No. 2.

SCHOOLS.	Teachers.	Pupils.	Cost to Board to Main- tenance.	Income from Fees.	Value of Prop- erty.
Wolf Mission School, Ybor City, Tampa, Fla. (Cuban).....	4	130	\$ 2,330 90	\$ 275 40	\$ 6,000 00
West Tampa School, Tampa, Fla.	5	60	860 00	*	2,000 00
Ruth Hargrove Seminary, Key West, Fla.	12	363	7,086 60	1,250 00	12,300 00
Italian Day School, Ybor City, Tampa, Fla.....	3	278	1,195 00	10 50	.....
Sue Bennett Memorial School, London, Ky. (Mountain).....	13	357	4,149 92	5,100 00	35,000 00
Brevard Institute, Brevard, N. C. (Mountain)...	8	197	2,898 92	2,000 00	13,000 00

* Fees used for salary of sewing teacher.

REPORT NO. 2 (CONTINUED).

SCHOOL.	Teachers.	Pupils.	Cost to Board for Maintenance.	Income from Fees.	Value of Property.
Holston Industrial School, Greeneville, Tenn. (Mountain).....	3	112	+		
Chinese Night School, Los Angeles, Cal.....	2	42	540 00		
Japanese Night School, San Francisco, Cal.s.....	2	52	1,319 00	+++++	
Korean Night School, San Francisco, Cal.s.....	2	17			
Japanese Night School, Oakland, Cal.....	2	39	765 00		
Japanese Night School, Alameda, Cal.....	2	71	1,695 00	+	
Vashti Home, Thomasville, Ga. (For Friendless Girls)	5	46	2,400 00		
Ann Browder Cunningham Home and School, Dallas, Tex. (Rescue).....	6	87	4,460 00	*	15,000 00
Paine Annex, Augusta, Ga. (Industrial, Negro)	3	150	1,730 00		7,000 00
Italian Night School, Ybor City, Tampa, Fla....	1	15			
Total.....	68	2,166	\$38,769 89	\$8,535 90	\$90,300 00

* Fees used for salary of sewing teacher. † This school maintained by Conference Society. ‡ Fees used for current expenses. § Japanese school merged into Korean in December, 1906.

REPORT NO. 3.

1. We recommend the reappointment of Prof. J. C. Lewis as Principal of the Sue Bennett Memorial School, at London, Ky., with authority to select his own teachers and nominate them according to the law to the Committee on Education.

2. We recommend the reappointment of Prof. E. E. Bishop to the Harvard Institute, the selection of the faculty to be left with him according to the law of the Board.

3. We recommend the reappointment of the present faculty to the Paine Annex.

4. We recommend the reappointment of the present faculty to the Ann Browder Home and Mission School.

5. The City Board of Thomasville, Ga., having failed to raise the \$6,000 necessary to begin the immediate enlargement of the school, we recommend the committal of that entire work for the year to the standing Committee on Education, with the proviso that no larger number of children shall be admitted to the school until better and more commodious quarters are secured.

6. We recommend the reappointment of Miss Emily J. Reid as Principal of Ruth Hargrove Seminary, with authority to select her faculty according to the law.

7. We recommend that the Committee on Education shall select the workers for the Ybor City Mission.

8. We recommend the appointment of the present faculty at West Tampa.

9. The papers of Miss Ellen Thompson, a graduate of the Scarritt Bible and Training School, have been submitted to us, and we recommend that she be appointed to our Cuban work as Bible teacher.

MISS BELLE H. BENNETT,
MRS. R. W. MACDONELL,
MRS. W. H. PEMBERTON.

CITY MISSION WORK.

REPORT No. 1.

The record for the year in our city missions, as shown by the report of the General Secretary, evidences increase of interest in this important branch of work. During the year fifty-two salaried workers were engaged in carrying forward this work. At present there are eighteen City Mission Boards in active work. Two of those at work last year were suspended because of the failure to secure a missionary or for reasons satisfactory to the Board.

In August Miss Estelle Haskin, head resident of the Louisville Wesley House, was called to the Methodist Training School, Nashville, Tenn., as Bible teacher. Your committee released her from her engagement at Louisville, believing that the work at the Training School furnished a broader field of service for the Church.

An effort to carry out the instructions given the city missionaries concerning a census of various fields occupied has been made and will appear in the twenty-first Annual Report.

The City Mission Manual, ordered by the last Board, is now in preparation.

The cry continues for trained workers, and applications for these exceed the supply. There are nearly sixty of these before your committee at the present time. Your committee recommends the acceptance of the following missionary candidates whose applications have come before us for consideration: Miss Dollie Crim, Atlanta, Ga.; Miss Roberta Baker, Wright, La.; Miss Kathron Wilson, Dodd City, Tex.; Miss Katherine Lowder, Bath, N. C.

REPORT No. 2.

Your committee presents the following recommendation:

Whereas the work of the Committee on City Missions overlaps and interlaps the work of the Committee on Control of Deaconess Work and City Missions; therefore be it

Resolved, That the two committees be merged into one, to be known as the Committee on Deaconess Work and City Missions.

REPORT No. 3.

Whereas the character of work enterprised by City Mission Boards demands buildings adapted to the work which are difficult to rent in desired localities; and whereas the growing desire to purchase property for the permanent establishment of city mission work has given rise to a question of how this property shall be held; therefore be it

Resolved, That a committee of four be appointed to investigate the legal difficulties involved and to arrange for the best plan for the holding of titles to property by local City Mission Boards. This committee to be Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, Miss Mabel Head, Mrs. George Call.

MISS BELLE H. BENNETT,
MRS. R. W. MACDONELL,
MRS. J. H. YARBROUGH,
MRS. WARREN ROHR,
MISS MABEL HEAD.

COMMITTEE ON CONTROL OF DEACONESS WORK.

REPORT No. 1.

The deaconess work of the M. E. Church, South, has gone forward this year with gratifying progress. Seventeen of the nineteen deaconesses to whom you granted certificates last year have been at work.

Miss Louise Whitman and Mrs. Annie K. Barrett were forced to retire from active work because of ill health during the year, but by rest and care they have recovered sufficiently to be ready for appointment.

In the fall Miss May Lockard and Miss May Wilson, who were left without appointment at their request because of family afflictions, were able to return to work, and were appointed, *ad interim* of the Board, to the Rebecca Sparks Deaconess Home, at Waco, and the Wesley House, Dallas.

The resignations of Miss Mattie Ivey, of Korea, and Miss Annie Heath, Thomasville, Ga., have come before the committee; and while regretting to sever the ties between us and these faithful workers, we recommend that they be accepted.

As the work of the deaconess and of the city missionary is of the same character and often done in the same Wesley House or Deaconess Home, it makes necessary the union of this committee and that on City Missions. We therefore recommend that they be merged into one committee, to be known as the Committee on Deaconess Work and City Missions.

Your committee reports with a feeling of satisfaction that the deaconesses appointed at the last Annual Meeting have brought honor to the cause of Christ and helpfulness to the Church. We therefore recommend that you grant renewal of certificates to Miss Annie Trawick, Miss Mary Vaughan, Miss Louise Whitman, Miss Elizabeth Taylor, Mrs. Annie K. Barrett, Mrs. Emma L. Souby, Miss Bessie Wilhoit, Miss Florence Blackwell, Miss Maria Elliott, Miss Selina Monohan, Miss Fannie Mann, Miss Mattie Wright, Miss Mabel Kennedy, Mrs. M. N. Carr, Miss May Wilson, Miss Lizzie R. Davis, and Miss May Lockard.

Realizing the wideness of the field occupied by our Church and the appalling need for Christian workers, it is with pleasure that we have accepted nine young women who have made application for consecration to the office of deaconess. Eight have taken the two years' course of training—seven in the Scarritt Bible and Training School and one in the Methodist Training School. The ninth had training in Canada. We recommend the following for consecration: Miss Birdie Cate, Kopperl, Tex.; Miss Lee Crittenden, Shellman, Ga.; Miss Ethel Jackson, Bascomville, S. C.; Miss Maybelle Marshall, Rome, Ga.; Miss Addie Stokes Mitchell, Rome, Ga.; Miss Annie Mutch, Opelika, Ala.; Miss Mae McKenzie, Atlanta, Ga.; Miss Mary Elizabeth Smith, Bolton, S. C.; Miss Ida Stevens, Ellershouse, Nova Scotia. We recommend these earnest, consecrated workers to your loving consideration and watchful care. They are yours for service.

REPORT No. 2.

In response to the memorial from the Nashville Training School, we recommend:

If a candidate for nurse deaconess has had a two years' course of nurse-training, and can present a diploma from the hospital where she received her training and also an indorsement as to ability and adaptability for such work, together with the usual testimonials required of

deaconess candidates, we recommend that she be required to take only one year of study in a Bible Training School before consecration. She must be recommended, as other deaconess candidates, by the principal of the school where she receives her Bible training.

A candidate for nurse deaconess work who has not received her nurse-training shall have one year in a Bible Training School *before* she enters on a two years' course of nurse-training, this nurse-training to be had in a Christian hospital selected by the Committee on Deaconess Work. The course of study in both cases described shall be arranged for and adjusted by the General Secretary and the principal of the Bible Training School in which the candidate is to study. During the whole period of training the candidate for nurse-deaconess work shall be under the control and care of the Committee on Deaconess Work.

MISS BELLE H. BENNETT,
 MRS. L. P. SMITH,
 MRS. R. W. MACDONNELL,
 MISS MABEL HEAD,
 MRS. W. D. KIRKLAND,
 MRS. FRANK SILER,
 MISS MARY HELM,
 MISS MARIA GIBSON,
 MRS. GEORGE CALL.

JOINT REPORT OF DEACONESS COMMITTEE OF CONTROL AND COMMITTEE ON CITY MISSIONS.

Appointments for 1907-08.

- Asheville, N. C.: Miss Josephine Guffin.
 Atlanta, Ga.: Wesley House, Miss Dollie Crim.
 Augusta, Ga.: Miss Annie Trawick, deaconess.
 Birmingham, Ala.: First Church, pastor's assistant, Miss Mary Vaughan, deaconess.
 Crossett, Ark.: Miss Mae McKenzie, deaconess.
 Columbus, Ga.: Miss Birdie Cate, deaconess.
 Dallas, Tex.: Wesley House, Miss Ida Adreanson; Miss May Wilson, deaconess.
 Galveston, Tex.: Wesley House, Miss Annie Mutch, deaconess; Miss Kate Lowder.
 Gastonia, N. C.: Miss Ida Stevens, deaconess.
 Griffin, Ga.: Miss Selina Monohan, deaconess.
 Houston, Tex.: St. Paul's Church, pastor's assistant, Miss Elizabeth Taylor, deaconess.
 Kansas City, Mo.: Mrs. E. M. Souby, deaconess; Miss Janette Haskin, Miss Kate Wilson.
 Kansas City Institutional Church: Pastor's assistant, Miss Florence Blackwell, deaconess.
 Los Angeles Deaconess Home: Miss Maria Elliott, deaconess; Miss Moizelle Elliott, nurse; Miss Louise Whitman, deaconess.
 Louisville Wesley House: Miss Mary E. Smith, deaconess; Miss Roberta Baker.
 Louisville: The Temple, pastor's assistant, Miss Addie Mitchell, deaconess.
 Macon, Ga.: Door of Hope, Mrs. F. M. Knowles.
 Memphis, Tenn.: Miss Fronie Webb.
 Memphis, Tenn.: First Church, pastor's assistant, Miss Maybelle Marshall, deaconess.
 Mobile, Ala.: Wesley House, Miss Ella Ganow, Miss Josie Leverett.

New Orleans, La.: Miss Ethel Jackson, deaconess; Mrs. L. Meekin.

New Orleans, La.: First Church, pastor's assistant, Miss Lee Crittenden, deaconess.

Nashville, Tenn.: Miss Fannie Mann, deaconess.

Portsmouth, Va.: Mrs. Annie K. Barrett, deaconess.

Spartanburg, S. C.: Miss Jennie Smith.

St. Louis, Mo.: Sloan Mission, Miss Rosa Lowe.

St. Louis, Mo.: Centenary Church, pastor's assistant, Miss Mabel Kennedy, deaconess.

Tampa, Fla.: Mrs. M. N. Carr, deaconess.

Tampa, Fla.: Cuban Work, Miss Elizabeth Davis, deaconess.

Waco, Tex.: Rebecca Sparks Home, Miss May Lockard, deaconess.

Miss Mattie Wright and Miss Bessie Wilhoit left without appointment at their own request.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES APPOINTED FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING.

PARSONAGES.

Your committee considered fifty applications. The amount asked for was \$13,167. The parsonage at Perry, Okla., does not need the \$100 grant of last year, and we recommend that it be rescinded.

We are glad to note the growing spirit among the Conference Societies to take care of their own parsonages wherever it is possible, and we hope no application will pass the Conference officers that is not in real need and beyond their power to help.

The application for El Paso was so incomplete that it was not possible to judge of its merits, and it would have been thrown out but that it is from the mission field and signed by the officers of the Parent Board of Missions. We recommend that the General Secretary be empowered to grant what she finds wisest after becoming acquainted with all conditions.

Donations granted to parsonages by the Woman's Board of Home Missions:

Conference.	Place.	Amount.
Alabama	Grand Bay	\$ 400 00
	Brewton	75 00
Arkansas	Cotter	100 00
	Abbott	100 00
	Berryville	100 00
	Mancos	200 00
Denver	Sutherland	200 00
Florida	DeLand	200 00
	Columbia	100 00
	Ybor City	250 00
	Greeneville	150 00
Holston	Grand Tower	200 00
Illinois	Azusa	50 00
Los Angeles	St. Martinsville	300 00
Louisiana	Ladonia	75 00
Missouri	West Gallatin Circuit	100 00
Montana	Albuquerque	250 00
New Mexico	Hamlet	100 00
North Carolina	Farmville	100 00
	Stillwater	200 00
	Hastings	200 00
	Maud	100 00
	Howe	50 00
Oklahoma	Walter	150 00
	Cakland	250 00
	Bakersfield	200 00
Pacific		

Conference.	Place.	Amount.
Western North Carolina.....	Concord	\$ 100 00
	Hickory	100 00
	North Catawba	100 00
	Hiwassee	50 00
White River	Cave City	100 00
Total, 31		\$4,650 00

MRS. L. P. SMITH, *Chairman*;
 MRS. J. J. DICKEY.
 MRS. R. M. CAMPBELL.
 MRS. T. D. POWER.
 MRS. L. C. SHORT.

EXTENSION OF WORK AND APPROPRIATION.

Resolved: 1. That the collections for the Week of Prayer shall be for a specific object, to be decided by the Executive Committee.

2. Whereas the needs of enlarged city mission work are so imperative at New Orleans and there is a lack of strength in Methodism to meet these demands, we recommend that this Board cooperate with the City Board in the extension of its work by the appropriation of \$600 and the appointment of another worker.

3. That we discontinue the work at Oakland, Cal., and strengthen our work at Alameda. We recommend that the Executive Committee be authorized to negotiate for property in Alameda if thought practicable.

4. That, owing to the inability to enlarge our Chinese work in Los Angeles and secure proper quarters for it, we recommend the discontinuance of our Chinese night school.

5. That the direction of the Italian work be left in the hands of the Committee on Education for the next year, with absolute discretion to decide whether or not this work be continued.

6. That, in regard to the proffer of the Mexican school at El Paso, Tex., by the General Board of Missions, we recommend that this question be referred to the Executive Committee for final action.

7. That we fully appreciate the generous offer of the Misses Tucker, and recommend that this matter be left in the hands of the Executive Committee to do with as they see best.

8. That, owing to the fact that the collections of the Brigade have not yet reached \$10,000, the amount specified in the formation of the Mite Box Brigade, we recommend that the funds collected this year continue to be appropriated to the Florine McEachern Fund. This recommendation from this committee is in concurrence with the message of our President concerning the collections from the children of the Church.

9. The resolution asking the Board to formulate some definite plan for a new building at the Mission Home and Training School, at Dallas, Tex., was considered. This committee feels that the plan already formed for the enlargement of this plant is as good as at this sitting it can recommend. We would urge that the *King's Messenger* confine its efforts to raising funds for the institution, since it is through its efforts that a plan for raising \$50,000 on a dollar per share was projected several years ago.

10. That the Chenoweth Bequest, when paid over to this body, be directed to mountain work.

We recommend the following appropriations:

REPORT No. 2.

RUTH HARGROVE SEMINARY, KEY WEST, FLA.

Ruth Hargrove Seminary, Key West, Fla.:		
Salaries of teachers	\$6,490 00	
Janitor and incidentals.....	180 00	
Repairs	600 00	
Emergency Fund	100 00	
Summer school	150 00	—\$ 7,520 00
Wolff Mission School, Ybor City, Fla.:		
Salaries of teachers.....	1,575 00	
Household and incidentals	180 00	
School supplies and summer work.....	100 00	
Improvements	1,000 00	— 2,355 00
West Tampa, Fla.:		
Salaries of teachers.....	630 00	
Insurance	45 00	— 675 00
Total for Cuban work.....		\$11,050 00

INDUSTRIAL WORK.

Ann Browder Home and School, Dallas, Tex.:		
Salaries of teachers	\$1,800 00	
Current expenses	2,400 00	
Repairs and incidentals	300 00	
Insurance	350 00	—\$ 4,850 00
Vashti Home, Thomasville, Ga.:		
Salaries	735 00	
Insurance	60 00	
Current expenses	2,744 00	
Repairs and incidentals.....	217 76	— 3,756 76
Paine Annex, Augusta, Ga.:		
Salaries	980 00	
Incidentals	300 00	
Insurance	50 00	
Repairs	250 00	— 1,580 00
Total for industrial schools.....		\$10,186 76

MOUNTAIN WORK.

Sue Bennett Memorial School, London, Ky.:		
Current expenses	\$3,500 00	
Broom factory, improvements, insurance and repairs	500 00	—\$ 4,000 00
Brevard Institute, Brevard, N. C.:		
Current expenses	2,000 00	
Purchase of lot and house.....	1,200 00	— 3,200 00
Total for mountain work		\$ 7,200 00

PACIFIC COAST.

Los Angeles, Cal.:		
Board and salary of deaconesses at Homer Toberman Home	\$ 720 00	
Board and salary of nurse.....	360 00	—\$ 1,080 00

San Francisco, Cal.:

Rent	\$ 840 00	
Pastor	450 00	
Travel of pastor	150 00	
Salary of housekeeper	180 00	
Salary and travel of an evangelist.....	600 00	—\$ 2,220 00

Alameda, Cal.:

Salaries of teachers	300 00	
Rent and incidentals	480 00	
Japanese pastor	300 00	
Salary and travel of superintendent	1,350 00	— 2,430 00

Total for Pacific Coast work\$ 5,730 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Parsonages	\$5,000 00	
Extension of work.....	1,600 00	
Deaconess work	1,000 00	
Department of Sociology	750 00	
City missions	1,993 00	—\$10,343 00

PRINTING AND OFFICE EXPENSES.

Printing	\$1,500 00	
Office of President	500 00	
Salary of General Secretary	1,200 00	
Salary and travel of Associate Secretary.....	1,100 00	
Salary and office expenses of General Treasurer...	625 00	
Expense of general office	800 00	
Clerical help	600 00	
Expense of Supply Department	300 00	
Expense of Board meeting	1,000 00	—\$ 7,625 00

Grand total\$52,134 76

MRS. R. W. MACDONELL, *Chairman*;
MRS. W. B. SULLINS, *Secretary*.

MEMORIALS.

The memorial from the Nashville Methodist Training School, relative to the course of study for nurse deaconesses, was referred to the Committee on Deaconess Work.

Owing to the fact that it was irregular, the memorial from the Arkansas Conference relative to Sabbath observance was not considered by this body as to any action, but we wish at the same time to express our sympathy with the purpose and substance of the resolution.

Regarding memorial from the Florida Conference, relative to the offer from the Misses Tucker of property in Florida provided the Vashti Home were moved there, this committee deems this matter of too great importance to act upon without a thorough investigation, and therefore recommends that it be referred to the Executive Committee of our Board, who shall be empowered to act in the matter after full investigation.

The memorials from the St. Louis Conference and from the Missouri Conference were referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

MRS. GEORGE CALL,
MRS. N. M. BLASINGAME,
MRS. MARR,
MRS. JOHN.

BY-LAWS.

We, your Committee on By-Laws, beg to submit the following report. We recommend nonconcurrence in case of the following items:

1. Asking officers to stress larger collections. We believe this to be the present duty of officers; the Conference Corresponding Secretary and the District Secretary should especially keep this in mind.

2. Asking to remove Article 11 of By-Laws of Conference Societies.

3. Asking for a revision of instructions for the Superintendent of Baby Roll and Florine McEachern Brigade. This is covered by the new Constitution for children's work.

4. Asking that an extra space be made in the General Treasurer's book for the items of delegates' expenses, printing of minutes, and quarterly reports. The delegates' expenses are to be included in local work, the other items are covered in the report of Press Committee.

We recommend the adoption of the following:

5. That clause six of By-Laws to Constitution for Auxiliaries, relating to the duties of Auxiliary Recording Secretaries, which reads, "and send her book annually to the District Meeting to be approved," be stricken out.

6. That we adopt a Parliamentary Calendar for the purpose of systematizing the business brought before us and allowing more careful consideration. This to appear as By-Law 18, and to read: "A Parliamentary Calendar shall be used in the transaction of business in the Annual Meetings of the Board."

7. That No. 4 of By-Laws of Auxiliaries shall read: "The Second Vice President shall cooperate with the Conference Second Vice Presidents in seeking to bring the members of our Churches to practice tithing. She shall make a quarterly report to the Conference Second Vice President."

8. That in No. 2 of By-Laws for Conference Societies the words "to cooperate with the General Superintendent of Tithing" be stricken out and "report quarterly to the General Superintendent of Tithing" be put in their stead.

9. That we unite the Committee for Deaconess Work and City Missions, to read:

COMMITTEE FOR DEACONESS WORK AND CITY MISSIONS.

(1) The officers of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, five additional members from the Board or the Society at large, a representative from each of the training schools, quadrennially elected by the Board, shall constitute a Committee for Deaconess Work and City Missions. 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 the consecration, appointment, or any transfer of deaconesses or missionaries that may be desired, and shall decide upon all questions of administration and differences.

(3) The Committee 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.

(4) 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.

(5) 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.

(6) 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 deaconesses and 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.

10. The section from paragraph 3 to paragraph 20 should appear as By-Laws to Article XVII. and XVIII. Paragraph 3, the words "shall have" in the first line shall be changed to "has." To paragraph 8, add the sentence: "No candidate over fifty years of age will be recommended for consecration." This from the minutes of an *ad interim* meeting of the Committee on Control of Deaconess Work.

11. Paragraph No. 17, strike out the words "said homes to be given twenty-five per cent on this amount from the general treasury." This according to the action of the Board, page 29 of the 20th Annual Report.

12. That No. 1, under the heading of "The Regular Fund," page 140, read: "Membership dues of adult and young people." No. 3, under the same heading, shall read: "Baby enrollment fee." No. 4: "Mite box collections (except from the Brigade)."

13. Under Article 11., the words "either within or outside the Conference" be stricken out.

14. That under heading 3, "Loan and Endowment Funds," page 140, 20th Annual Report, the words "life memberships can be made only by special collections for that purpose" be inserted just after the sentence "no sum from the Week of Prayer collections can be used to make Preachers' Wives' Loan Funds, Educational Endowment Funds, or for local enterprises."

15. Under heading V., page 141, the last sentence be changed to read: "This money is held by the treasurer of the local committee, and is expended by direction of the committee; an unitemized report of the amount must be sent to the Conference Treasurer, who in turn reports it to the General Treasurer."

16. That on page 147, under the heading of "Standing Committees," the phrase "a Committee on City Missions" be stricken out and the words "and City Missions" be added to "a Committee on Deaconess work."

We recommend adding By-Laws on page 147 as follows:

17. There shall be a Department of Supplies for the purpose of furnishing ministers and their families, orphanages, and mission institu-

tions with needed supplies. There shall be a superintendent who shall have authority in planning the work of this department.

18. There shall be a Department of Tithing for the purpose of bringing the Church to this plan of financing the kingdom of God. There shall be a superintendent who shall have authority in planning the work of this department.

MISS MABEL HEAD,
MRS. N. G. ROLLINS,
MRS. W. B. SULLINS,
MRS. J. H. YARBROUGH.

RESOLUTIONS.

The Woman's Board of Home Missions has had great pleasure in holding its ninth Annual Meeting in the historic city of Houston. The almost tropical beauty of the "Magnolia City" has been a continual delight to the eye, while the warmth of welcome has been no less than the warmth of climate. In the midst of our joy we turn to our good Father as the Giver of every perfect gift, of beauty, of fellowship, of love, and of great opportunities of service. We thank him for the mercies of another year which have spared us from great suffering, for the success that has crowned every department of our work, and above all we thank him for the ministration of the Holy Spirit in our hearts. With hearts full of gratitude we offer the following resolutions:

1. We most keenly appreciate the graciousness of our hosts and hostesses, given in such a generous way that it overflows. The proverbial hospitality of the South has characterized every movement from the moment of greeting to the last hour of parting. Mrs. George Call, Conference hostess, has endeared herself to every one by her readiness, her wit, and her untiring efforts in our behalf, and we especially thank her.

2. We remember with appreciation the warm words of welcome at our opening session expressed by Col. Gaston in behalf of the city, by Rev. T. E. Fincher, pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, who so graciously tendered the use of his church, by Rev. George Sexton, our host and the beloved pastor of St. Paul's Church, and by Mrs. Woldert, the popular President of the Texas Conference Society.

3. We return sincere thanks to the Presbyterian pastor and congregation for the use of their beautiful church, and also to the friends who added beauty to it by their contribution of flowers.

4. We are grateful to St. Paul's pastor, Rev. George Sexton, and his wife for their untiring zeal in striving to make the meeting a success and for their uniform courtesy and kindness.

5. To Mrs. A. L. Metcalf we wish to express appreciation for the beautiful reception given in her home and for the opportunity it afforded of meeting socially our Houston sisters.

6. We rejoice at the presence at some of our business sessions of Bishop Seth Ward, whose kindly face and helpful words have been inspiring to us. We thank him for his uplifting message on Sunday and for the renewed purpose it brought to us to scatter the seed and enlarge the harvest field.

7. We appreciate the service which the choirs of St. Paul's and Second Presbyterian Churches rendered in their beautiful music on Sunday and at other times. We thank, too, Mrs. Jester, of Tyler, whose solo on Sunday, accompanied by the Italian harp, will be one of our abiding memories.

8. We are deeply grateful to our brother, Rev. E. F. Cook, of Nashville, for the true words of life he has given us day by day. His sweet spirit and gentle manner have added "perfume to the rose," and have made of his noonday talks real benedictions.

9. We duly appreciate the presence every day of the reporters from the *Houston Post*, *Houston Chronicle*, and *Galveston News*, and for the full account of the proceedings in their papers.

10. We heartily concur in the hackneyed quotation, "Civilized man cannot live without cooks," and so we return thanks to the ladies of the different Methodist Churches as adding no small part to our comfort and pleasure in the delicious luncheons furnished day by day.

11. We are grateful to the Texas Conference for the beautiful souvenirs, the aluminum pencils, which have given us no cause to shirk the responsibility of carrying full written reports to our respective Conferences. The words, "Texas" and "1907," are engraved not only on the cases, but upon our hearts. We also thank this Conference for the trip to Galveston, so thoughtfully planned for our pleasure. We would not forget the least one who has added in any way to our comfort and happiness. To all we express grateful appreciation and hearty thanks.

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. H. S. BRADLEY,
MRS. T. D. POWER,
MRS. B. F. LEWIS.
MISS ADA LEWIS.

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 and young people.
2. Life memberships and honorary life members and patrons.
3. Brigade enrollment fee.
4. Baby enrollment fee.
5. Mite box collections.
6. Week of Prayer offerings.
7. Donations to which no special direction is given.

II. **Special Donations** are those directed to some particular object 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. No sum from this Week of Prayer collection can be used to make Life Members, Preachers' Wives' Loan Funds, Educational Endowment Funds, or for local enterprises. Life memberships can be made only by special collections for that purpose. 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 Treasurer 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 direction of the committee; an unitemized report must be 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, Methodist Publishing House, Nashville; Tenn.

Boxes of Supplies.—Transportation should be prepaid on all supplies, and the amount and to whom sent reported to the Conference Secretary. A report of same must be sent to Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, Superintendent, Church Street, Nashville; Tenn.

CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS, 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.

18. A Parliamentary Calendar shall be used in the transaction of business at the Annual Meetings of the Board.

BY-LAWS TO ARTICLES XVII. AND XVIII. OF CONSTITUTION.

1. When the deaconess shall have finished her probationary course of training, the Committee on Deaconess Work 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 on Deaconess Work, and she thereby ceases to be a deaconess. When the Committee on Deaconess Work 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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 on Deaconess Work 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.

5. 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.

6. 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. No candidate over fifty years of age will be recommended for consecration.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. All deaconesses shall be required to pursue a continuous course of study and reading prescribed by the Committee on Deaconess Work.

14. 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.

15. 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. 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.

16. The rules for self-government of all the deaconess homes must be submitted to the Committee on Deaconess Work and receive its approval before they go into effect. The rules of the several homes shall be, as nearly as possible, uniform.

17. The superintendents of deaconess homes shall report the names and work of the deaconesses in their charge to the Committee on Deaconess Work 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 on Deaconess Work, attend the Annual and District Conferences where the homes are located, to secure the interest and coöperation of the brethren.

18. The Committee on Deaconess Work 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.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Standing Committees shall be as follows:

- A Committee on Education;
- A Committee on Literature and Press Work;
- A Committee on Deaconess Work and City Missions.
- A Committee on Social and Industrial Conditions.
- 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 LITERATURE AND PRESS WORK.

1. This committee shall consist of the President and General Secretary of the Board, the Editor of *Our Homes*, the Associate Secretary, 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 ON DEACONESS WORK AND CITY MISSIONS.

1. The officers of the Woman's Board of Home Missions, five additional members from the Board or the Society at large, a representative from each of the Training Schools, quadrennially elected by the Board, shall constitute a Committee on Deaconess Work and City Missions. 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 the consecration, appointment, or any transfer of deaconesses or missionaries that may be desired, and shall decide upon all questions of administration and differences.

3. This committee 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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.

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. Reports of Superintendents.
5. Announcement of committees for Annual Meeting.
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 coöperate 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 and report quarterly to the General Superintendent of Tithing, and the Third Vice President shall superintend the Baby Roll and the 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 the population of the district, obtaining all possible facts 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 coöperate with the Conference Second Vice President in seeking to bring the members of our Church to practice tithing. She shall make quarterly reports to the Conference Second Vice President.

5. The Third Vice President shall have charge of the Brigade and Baby Roll. She shall collect the enrollment fees for the Baby Roll of twenty-five cents per member, and for the 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 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, see that the congregation is notified of the time of the meeting, both from the pulpit and through the Sabbath school.

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 coöperate with the First Vice President as chairman in looking after the parsonage and the benevolent work of the Church. This committee shall be elected quarterly, semiannually, or annually, as the auxiliary may prefer. It shall have its own Treasurer for local funds, which may be raised in any way the Auxiliary deems best. Such by-laws may be adopted governing the work as the local needs may require, provided they do not conflict with the by-laws of the general work.

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.

DUTY OF THE AUXILIARY SECOND VICE PRESIDENTS.

1. To write to her Conference Second Vice President as soon as she is elected to the office, asking for counsel and advice, also telling her of the condition of the work in her Auxiliary.

2. To inform herself thoroughly concerning the scriptural basis for this work and to secure and distribute literature on the subject.

3. To interest every man, woman, and child in her Church in the subject of tithing, if possible.

4. To endeavor to get such persons to sign the Pledge Card furnished by our organization. As the Pledge Cards are intended to help persons to surrender to the method, the card shall be kept by the signer as a reminder of the promise to follow "God's Financial Plan." The names of all who sign the card shall be entered upon a record book to be kept by the Auxiliary Second Vice Presidents. This book shall be held as a permanent record of this department of the Auxiliary.

5. To go over the names of these tithers during the last quarter of each year and, if practicable, speak with each one, that we may know that all reported in the fourth quarter are "keeping the faith."

6. To give a written report of the number of tithers—increase or decrease—at each business meeting of the Auxiliary.

7. To present some phase of the subject at each meeting. One strong point given each time, either by the superintendent or some tither, will do more to convict than many long arguments.

8. To report to the Conference Second Vice Presidents not later than the 1st of March, June, September, and December. Make this report if there is only one tither in the Auxiliary.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

CONSTITUTION.

Art. I. This Society shall be called the Young People's Home Mission Society of ———, Auxiliary to the ——— Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Art. II. The object of this Society shall be to secure Christian activity among the young people of the Church, and to educate them in the missionary and temperance work of our own country.

Art. III. Every young person paying five cents a month dues may become a member of the Society.

Art. IV. Any one may become a life member of the Society by the payment of \$10.

Art. V. 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. VI. Meetings 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 strive to promote its interests.

2. The Vice Presidents shall, in their order, preside in the absence of the Presidents and perform such special duties as may be given them by the Society.

3. The First Vice President shall have charge of local work: appointing committees for visiting the aged, sick, and strangers, for beautifying the church, distributing flowers, stimulating social intercourse, etc. She shall plan for such other lines of local work as may be needed, and shall make quarterly reports to the Conference First Vice President.

4. The Second Vice President shall keep before the members the Lord's plan for financing the kingdom, trying to secure its adoption by each member. She shall make quarterly reports to the Conference Second Vice President and cooperate with her in the plans for this work.

5. The Third Vice President shall, with the Auxiliary Third Vice President,* plan for the cooperation of the members in carrying on the Brigade and in increasing the Baby Roll, and shall report quarterly to the Conference Third Vice President.

6. The Recording Secretary shall keep a true record of the proceedings of the Society and provide her pastor with notices of the meetings.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. There shall be a Committee on Literature, whose duty shall be to prepare the monthly programmes and secure the persons to carry out the same; also to promote mission study and to distribute literature. One member of this committee shall be Agent for *Our Homes*.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

This department shall consist of the Baby Roll and the Brigade.

THE BABY ROLL.

Constitution.

Art. I. The object of the Baby Roll shall be to identify the children of the Church with the missionary and temperance movements from

* Where there is no auxiliary, the young women should carry on this work by themselves.

their earliest infancy, and to lead them into active work in our own country.

Art. II. Any child five years of age and under may become an active member of the Baby Roll upon paying an enrollment fee of twenty-five cents. No dues shall be required, but each child shall be furnished a mite box for voluntary offerings. A Baby Roll member may become a life member by the payment of \$10.

Art. III. The Auxiliary Third Vice President shall have charge of the Baby Roll.

Art. IV. The meetings of the Baby Roll shall be held at such time and place as the Third Vice President shall determine.

By-Laws.

1. The Auxiliary Third Vice President shall endeavor to enroll the names of all the children under five years of age of the Church in the Baby Roll.

2. She shall collect the enrollment fee and mite box offerings. She shall turn all moneys over to the Auxiliary Treasurer, together with the number of names to correspond with the fees, each quarter.

3. She shall send a list of all the names enrolled during the quarter to the Conference Third Vice President, who shall furnish her with a certificate of membership and a mite box for each child.

4. She shall make a report each quarter, not later than the 1st of June, September, December, and March, to the Conference Third Vice President of the new names enrolled, total number on roll, and moneys collected.

THE BRIGADE.

Constitution.

Art. I. The object of the Brigade shall be to educate the children in missions and temperance, and to enlist them in active work in our own country.

Art. II. Any child between the ages of five and fifteen may become an active member of the Brigade upon paying an enrollment fee of ten cents. No dues shall be required, but every member shall use a mite box for voluntary offerings.

Art. III. The Third Vice President of the Woman's Home Mission Auxiliary of the Church shall be responsible for the organization and management of the Brigade.

Art. IV. Meetings of the Brigade shall be held quarterly, when the mite-boxes shall be opened. Whenever local conditions permit, meetings for the purpose of educating the Brigades in home mission work may be held monthly or oftener.

Art. V. A public meeting shall be held annually, when a review of the year's work shall be given.

By-Laws.

1. The Auxiliary Third Vice President shall preside at the meetings of the Brigade and in every way promote its interests.

2. She shall keep in a book a true record of the Brigade, where she shall enroll the names of the children as they enlist.

3. Each child shall be furnished with a mite box when enrolled; the same shall be renewed when too much worn for service.

4. The Third Vice President shall arrange for the mite box openings, for which she shall have instructive programmes and, if possible, some social feature.

5. A child ceases to be a member of the Brigade if he has not attended any of the meetings or fails to present his mite box at any of the openings in a year. The names of such children must be dropped at the end of twelve months; but if they desire to return to membership, they may do so by paying the enrollment fee again.

6. The Third Vice President shall collect the money at the mite box openings and turn over the same, together with the enrollment fee, to the Auxiliary Treasurer, who shall forward to the Conference Treasurer.

7. The Third Vice President shall furnish to the Auxiliary Treasurer the number of names added to the roll during the quarter. The enrollment fees must correspond with the number of names given.

8. She shall make a quarterly report to the Conference Third Vice President not later than the 1st of March, June, September, and December of the new names enrolled, total membership, and amount of money collected during the quarter.

9. The money raised through the Brigade shall be specifically directed each year by the Woman's Board of Home Missions in Annual Session.

10. The mite boxes shall be known as the "Florine McEachern Mite Box," and shall have her name and picture printed on them.

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 press-

ing emergency, of which it shall be the sole judge. Every such emergency application must be approved by the Conference Board of Church Extension or the bishop in charge of the Conference from which it may come.

DONATIONS BY WOMAN'S BOARD SUBJECT TO REVISION BY GENERAL BOARD
OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

RULE 6. All donations granted to parsonages by this Board shall be subject to approval of the General Board of Church Extension, as provided in Article VIII. of the Constitution; and no notice of any grant shall be given the parties interested until such approval shall have been given. The Board of Church Extension shall have the power to change the amounts granted and to offer loans instead of donations, when considered judicious, provided the aggregate amounts granted by the Woman's Board shall not be increased.

CONCERNING TITLES AND REFUNDING MORTGAGES.

RULE 7. All donations granted to parsonages by the Woman's Board of Home Missions, or by the Conference Societies, shall be subjected to the same conditions as to titles, debts, insurance, and refunding mortgages as are imposed in like cases by the rules of the Board of Church Extension: *provided*, that mortgages shall not be taken for donations 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 coöperating 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 makes a baby member.

60 constitutes a member of the young people's society.

- 1 20 constitutes an adult membership.
- 10 00 constitutes a young people 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.

\$100 constitutes a scholarship in the mountain, Cuban, Chinese, or Japanese schools.

OUR HOMES.

Our Homes is the official organ of the society. The editor is elected quadrennially by the Woman's Board. This paper is published monthly. The address of the Editor and Agent is: Miss Mary Helm, Publishing House of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Nashville, Tenn. Terms, fifty cents per annum in advance.

LEAFLETS.

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.

FOURTH YEAR.

Bible Study.—"Topical Studies in the New Testament." *Quiet Hour* quarterly; subscription price, 25 cents. "Individual Work for Individuals." Trumbull. Price, 75 cents.

Home Mission Study.—Annual Report, *Our Homes*. "Incoming Mil-

lions." Grose. Price, 50 cents. "How to Help." By Mary Conyngton. Price, \$1.50.

All the books in the course should be ordered of Smith & Lamar, Nashville, Tenn.

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. Lenthion & 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 elubs, 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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