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1904—Kansas City, Mo.

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	Miss Martha Norburn
Beaumont, Tex., Pastor's Assistant.....	Miss Bessie Wilhoit, Deaconess
Biloxi, Miss., Gulf Coast.....	Miss Susie Belle Jeter, Deaconess
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Chattanooga, Tenn., Y. W. C. A.....	Mrs. M. N. Carr, Deaconess
	Miss Laura Harris, Deaconess
Clifton, S. C., Pastor's Assistant.....	Miss Mamye Reams, Deaconess
Crossett, Ark., Pastor's Assistant.....	Miss Willena Henry, Deaconess
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Dallas, Tex., Wesley House.....	Miss Grace Hemenway, Deaconess
	Miss Jean Wood, Miss Kate Wilson
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Fort Worth, Tex., First Church.....	Miss Ida Stevens, Deaconess
Fort Worth, Tex., City Mission.....	Miss Lillie Ford Fox
Fort Smith, Ark., Pastor's Assistant..	Miss Ida Hockemeyer, Deaconess
Greensboro, N. C., Pastor's Assistant.....	Miss Nell Rogers, Deaconess
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	Miss Alice Himes, Deaconess
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	Miss Ethel Johnson, Deaconess
	Miss Mae Shelton, Deaconess
Knoxville, Tenn., Wesley House.....	Miss Hettie Stewart
Lead Belt District, Missouri.....	Miss Zaida Royalty, Deaconess
Lindale, Ga., Mill Work.....	Miss Addie Mitchell, Deaconess
Los Angeles, Cal., H. T. D. H.....	Miss Maria Elliott, Deaconess
	Miss Frances Mann, Deaconess
	Miss Bessie Pearson, Nurse
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	Miss Janette Haskin, Kindergartner
Meridian, Miss., City Board.....	Miss Alice Sheider, Deaconess
Mobile, Ala., Wesley House.....	Miss Constance Palmore, Deaconess
	Miss Mary Ogilvie
Mobile, Ala., Mill Church.....	Miss Dora Hoover
Mobile, Ala., Y. W. C. A.....	Miss Salina Monohan, Deaconess
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Nashville, Tenn., Warioto Mills.....	Miss Mabel Wheeler, Deaconess
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	Miss Myrtle Long, Deaconess
New Orleans, La., St. Mark's Hall.	Miss Margaret Ragland, Deaconess
	Miss Daisy Duncan, Nurse Deaconess
	Miss Roberta Baker
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	Mrs. Alameda Hewitt, Deaconess
Waco, Tex., Rebecca Sparks Home.....	Mrs. M. L. Stone
Winston-Salem, N. C., City Board..	Miss Florence Blackwell, Deaconess

Miss Mary Elizabeth Smith, Deaconess, given a year's rest for recuperation; Miss Annie Trawick and Miss Stella Womack given a year's leave of absence for family reasons.

TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
Woman's Home Mission Society,
M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH.

INTRODUCTION.

SINCE the session in Savannah the members of the Woman's Board of Home Missions had turned with eager expectancy to the April days when they should meet in their twelfth annual session in Nashville, Tenn., the Mecca and the Athens of Southern Methodism. Though only six months had elapsed between sessions, the workers were glad and grateful as they came together in West End Church, April 14-21, for no ties of human friendship are so strong as those formed in Christian service.

It was good to find here as pastor the genial Dr. Charles W. Byrd, who in more than one Conference is known and loved as preacher and pastor. The hospitable spirit of his people was evidenced on the opening evening, Thursday, April 14. In the Sunday school rooms, amid beautiful decorations of palms and ferns and flowers, the members of the Board and their visitors forgot the weariness of travel and of prolonged committee meeting in an atmosphere of cordial fellowship and good will. Dr. Byrd and Mrs. Hume R. Steele, President of the Tennessee Conference Society, gave greetings in behalf of the Church and the home mission workers of Tennessee. To these Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, of North Georgia, made fitting response. Mrs. Graham Hall and the Vanderbilt Glee Club Quartet added special charm to the evening, which closed with an hour of social intercourse.

The courtesy and thoughtfulness of the various committees left nothing undone throughout the entire session that could expedite the work of the Board or make its members and visitors comfortable. The noon hour luncheons were served by the different Methodist Churches with taste and generous good cheer.

The memorial windows of the Church recalled Bishop McTyeire and others whose labors enriched the Methodism of Tennessee, a Methodism which they had found rich through the achievements of its aggressive and heroic founders.

More Conferences were represented than at any session in the history of the Board. There was also a larger and more enthusiastic number of visitors. It was especially gratifying to see the face of Mrs. R. K. Hargrove, into the harvest of whose abundant and untiring labors the Society has entered. Never before have we had so many connectional

officers as visitors, and most encouraging was the presence of several members of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, who came that they might be with us before their meeting in Clarksville. Three of our educational institutions were represented by their principals giving the educational work large prominence.

Most inspiring of all was the goodly company of deaconesses and other workers from the field, the large class of newly consecrated deaconesses, and the student body from the Methodist Training School, with their teachers.

On Friday evening, with Dr. G. B. Winton leading the devotional service, Miss Bennett gave a strong presentation of the growth of the Home Mission Society, its manifold activities, and its blessed results. She closed with an earnest appeal for the young life of the audience to be yielded in service.

On Sunday morning Bishop Morrison preached to a large congregation. He chose for his theme "The Credentials of Christianity," based upon Matthew xi. 5. Christianity is a system of service. John Wesley, who gave his time, money, and himself, dying worth not fifty pounds, was a notable example of Christian service. Christianity serves both body and soul, and service to the body is first needed; for hunger and pain have no ears for the gospel. As the Church has a fair proportion of the world's wealth, it must heed God's call to use that wealth for his human children. God made a plan for financing his kingdom. The Home Mission Society can help the Church to come to common honesty with God. Consecrated womanhood has even been one of the mightiest factors in the work of the Church. It is a great day in human achievement, in reform measures, and in religion. The Home Mission Society by its unselfish ministry to the needy adds every day to the credentials of Christianity.

Bishop Hoss assisted in the consecration of the following deaconesses: Miss Rosa Breeden, of Remington, Va.; Miss Mary Daniel, of Clinton, La.; Miss May Ora Durham, of Danville, Ky.; Miss Ellen Gainey, of Fayetteville, N. C.; Miss Laura Harris, of Morristown, Tenn.; Miss Alice Hines, of Bushnell, Fla.; Miss Ida Hockemeyer, of St. Louis, Mo.; Miss Susie Belle Jeter, of Macon, Ga.; Miss Mamye Reams, of Kentwood, La.; Miss Alice Sheider, of St. George, S. C.; Miss Caroline D. Smith, of Alice, Tex.; Miss Berta Thomas, of Cataula, Ga. The service never seemed more beautiful. Doubtless from many hearts there ascended the prayer that each one of the deaconesses might be a strong and un-failing credential of the gospel.

These young women on Monday night told something of the experiences that had led them to definite service. A listener could but give loving sympathy and realize how sacred are the relationships of home, Sunday school, and Church, and even of transient Christian workers. These all bring messages to the hearts of children and young people

which, warmed by the good Spirit of God, after a while become the guiding voice of God, saying: "This is the way; walk ye in it."

Not less inspiring were the experiences of the field workers, who on Tuesday night told with rejoicing of their seeking and finding with the Good Shepherd his lost sheep in city slum, seaport and sawmill towns, and lumber camps.

Perhaps among the gracious influences that made this session epochal none will abide and yield more fruit than the address on Sunday evening of Dr. Graham Taylor, of Chicago, on "Social Training for Religious Service." Beginning with the statement, "Nothing is so destructive to religion and to human life as detachment from each other, because religion is life and life is religion," he drew a graphic picture of some of the scenes of the Cherry mine disaster, of which he had personal knowledge. With the lessons drawn from these scenes of awful suffering and heroic self-sacrifice, he unfolded the truth of his theme. He showed how sin is detachment from God and one's fellows and holy ideals, and urged the largest and wisest training for Christian usefulness, so that we may be not only good but efficient. Business must be turned into brotherhood, industry into providence, money into sacrament. Let everybody be like the Son of Man—be mass men instead of class men. Let us stand for reattachment against detachment, seeing and helping to establish the identity of interest between God and men.

The fact that the approaching General Conference might adopt some plan of missionary operation that would involve vital constitutional changes for the Woman's Board of Home Missions gave to the twelfth annual session a peculiar interest. Apprehensive of a change of autonomy, the Board showed faith in its providential call to service by planning larger and better work. Every change that had come in the past had meant an evolution into larger and freer life.

Some recalled the second annual convention, held in McKendree Church, Nashville, in the fall of 1894, before there had come the development from the small governing body known as the Central Committee to the Board with its present liberal policy and administrative powers. There was a small attendance at that convention, but a spirit of profound earnestness; and Mrs. Nathan Scarritt (now Mrs. R. K. Hargrove), the second General Secretary, Miss Lucinda Helm, Miss Bennett, and others were laying deep the foundations of the work, of the possibilities of which they had a clear vision. During that convention Miss Lucinda Helm and the writer of this sketch as they studied and prayed together in the "wee, sma' hours" of the night in the home of Mrs. Gross Alexander found anew, as it were, the fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah, and drank fresh inspiration and courage from what has come to be known as our home mission chapter. Looking back upon what had seemed "lions in the way" of past progress, despite the uncertainties of the future, the members of the Board were filled with faith in the good God who had brought us out into a large place of service in his

Church. We committed our way unto him, knowing that he would fulfill his promise, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." Praying that we might be true to him and to the great Church which we love, there came the profound conviction that any change that could come must mean for us larger and better service.

Should this be the last session of our Board, we shall be glad to recall that the third period in our historic development was ended in Nashville. Grateful memories of West End Church and the loving kindness of Nashville homes and hearts will be among our assets in life.

OFFICIAL MINUTES.

FIRST DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

THE Woman's Board of Home Missions assembled in its twelfth annual session in West End Church, Nashville, Tenn., at 9:40 o'clock Friday morning, April 15, 1910, with Miss Belle H. Bennett, President, presiding. The hymn, "The Son of God Goes Forth to War," was sung. After the Apostles' Creed was recited, Miss Bennett led in prayer. The seventeenth chapter of Matthew was read. After prayer by Dr. Charles W. Byrd, some strong lessons were drawn from the transfiguration scene in the life of the Master. "Jesus knew that the last struggle of his human life was now on; and because there were upon him pain and sorrow for which human help was unequal, he went up on the mountain to meet his Father that he might receive strength from on high. While seeking this wonderful companionship, he clung also to his human friends—the small inner circle, Peter, James, and John. They failed to understand him here, just as they failed in other crucial scenes in his life. Human fellowship and friendship cannot avail. The yearly assembling of home mission workers should mean not only meeting with one another for cheer and fellowship, but meeting with God to get faith, courage, and determination to accomplish his purpose." This opening service closed with the familiar home mission hymn, "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee!"

Mrs. Bennett D. Bell, Corresponding Secretary of the Tennessee Conference, asked the privilege of speaking before the formal business of the morning was entered upon. She presented to the President a gavel made of cedar taken from the home of Bishop Joshua Soule. She paid a tribute to the heroic Methodist circuit riders who, one hundred and twenty years ago, crossed the mountains and planted Methodism in Tennessee. She spoke reverently of the character and labors of the good Bishop who came from New England in the days before the division of Methodism in the forties of the last century, identified himself in life and purpose and achievement with the people of the South, and now sleeps in the campus of Vanderbilt University. Miss Bennett, with words of love and appreciation in behalf of herself and the Board, accepted this gift.

The roll of officers and members was called as follows:

Miss Belle H. Bennett, President.

Mrs. L. P. Smith, First Vice President.

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Mrs. Frank Siler, Recording Secretary.

Mrs. S. C. Trueheart (absent) and Miss M. L. Gibson, *ex officio* members.

Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, Superintendent of Supplies.

Mrs. Luke Johnson, Superintendent of the Department of Literature.

Miss Mary Helm, Editor of *Our Homes*.

Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Financial Agent of A. B. C. Home, Dallas, Tex.

Miss Mabel Howell, Teacher of Sociology in the Scarritt Bible and Training School.

Miss Estelle Haskin, Teacher of Sociology in the Methodist Training School.

Arkansas Conference: Mrs. F. M. Tolleson, Corresponding Secretary (absent).

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

Baltimore Conference: Miss Vivian Conway, Corresponding Secretary.

Columbia Conference: Mrs. C. S. McCausland, Delegate.

Denver Conference: Mrs. M. H. Blackwell, Corresponding Secretary (absent).

East Columbia Conference: Mrs. H. E. Shangle, President (absent).

Florida Conference: Mrs. W. F. Alexander, Corresponding Secretary.

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

Kentucky Conference: Mrs. J. J. Dickey, Corresponding Secretary.

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

Los Angeles Conference: Mrs. R. P. Howell, Delegate.

Louisiana Conference: Mrs. Crow Girard, Corresponding Secretary.

Louisville Conference: Miss Ada Lewis, Corresponding Secretary.

Memphis Conference: Mrs. Ross Witherspoon, Corresponding Secretary (absent); Mrs. J. H. Roberts, alternate.

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

Missouri Conference: Mrs. M. S. Palmer, Corresponding Secretary (absent).

Montana Conference: Mrs. P. D. Hartman, Corresponding Secretary (absent).

New Mexico Conference: Mrs. Joel Hedgepeth, Corresponding Secretary (absent).

North Alabama Conference: Mrs. Alice Johnson, Corresponding Secretary.

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

North Georgia Conference: Mrs. R. H. Brown, Corresponding Secretary.

North Mississippi Conference: Mrs. L. M. Broyles, Corresponding Secretary.

North Texas Conference: Mrs. P. C. Archer, Corresponding Secretary.

Northwest Texas Conference: Mrs. N. G. Rollins, Corresponding Secretary.

Oklahoma Conference: Mrs. W. H. Gilkey, Treasurer.

Pacific Conference: Mrs. A. B. McMahan, Corresponding Secretary.

St. Louis Conference: Mrs. C. M. Hawkins, Corresponding Secretary.

South Carolina Conference: Mrs. D. N. Bourne, Corresponding Secretary.

South Georgia Conference: Mrs. W. W. Seals, Corresponding Secretary.

Southwest Missouri Conference: Mrs. Jennie E. Brown, Corresponding Secretary.

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

Texas Conference: Mrs. George Call, Corresponding Secretary.

Virginia Conference: Mrs. H. E. Wall, Corresponding Secretary (absent).

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

Western North Carolina Conference: Mrs. F. H. E. Ross, Corresponding Secretary.

Western Virginia Conference: Mrs. C. P. Fullerton, Corresponding Secretary.

White River Conference: Mrs. A. L. Roussan, President.

The rules of order were read.

The bar was fixed, six pews in front and two on each side being assigned to the delegates.

Upon nomination of Mrs. Siler, Mrs. Luke Johnson was elected Calendar Secretary and Mrs. Nat Rollins Assistant Recording Secretary. The calendar rules were read by Mrs. Johnson, as follows:

1. All business shall be conducted through committees, to whom all memorials, resolutions, or other action affecting the body shall be referred.

2. All business to go before the committees must be presented to them not later than the close of the third day's business session, unless the body shall order otherwise by majority vote.

3. No item of business shall be placed on the calendar until read before the body.

4. No business shall be acted upon during the same session in which it is placed upon the calendar.

5. Business may be brought up out of the calendar order only by a majority vote of the body.

6. Business shall not be allowed to remain on the calendar more than two days.

7. Reports of standing committees and recommendations of super-

intendents of departments when read to the body shall go directly to the calendar.

The President appointed the following Committee on Distribution for memorials and resolutions: Miss Mabel Head, Mrs. L. P. Smith, and Mrs. D. N. Bourne.

Mrs. L. P. Smith, First Vice President, was called to the chair, and Miss Bennett read her message to the body. It was a strong, imperative call to larger vision, more heroic work, and that patient continuance in well-doing which must characterize all high service.

The President resumed the chair.

On motion, six recommendations were given to the Committee on Distribution.

Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, General Secretary, made her report, which was accepted with much enthusiasm.

Mrs. Marian Kirkland Ketchum, who for six months had been acting for her mother, Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, read the report of the General Treasurer. It was accepted. When the report was finished, the President called for the representatives of those Conferences which showed a gain in membership and dues to stand.

The committees were announced as follows:

Courtesies.—Mrs. W. F. Tillett, Mrs. Hume Steele, Mrs. Charles W. Byrd, Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, Mrs. John Moore.

Parsonages.—Mrs. George Call, Mrs. J. W. Perry, Mrs. A. B. McMahan, Mrs. Rufus H. Brown, Mrs. Crow Girard.

Appropriations and Extension of Work.—Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Mrs. C. L. McCausland, Mrs. R. P. Howell, Mrs. T. D. Power, Mrs. N. G. Rollins, Mrs. W. H. Gilkey, Mrs. D. N. Bourne, Mrs. Ross Witherspoon, Mrs. B. F. Lewis, Mrs. Alice Johnson, Mrs. R. B. John, Mrs. P. C. Archer, Mrs. C. M. Hawkins, Mrs. W. W. Seals, Mrs. Jennie Brown, Mrs. H. E. Wall, Mrs. T. A. Brown, Mrs. C. P. Fullerton, Mrs. A. L. Roussan, Mrs. J. J. Dickey, Mrs. B. D. Bell, Mrs. F. E. Ross, Mrs. F. M. Tolleson, Mrs. L. P. Smith, Mrs. A. B. McMahan, Miss Ada Lewis.

Conference Memorials.—Mrs. C. M. Hawkins, Mrs. F. E. Ross, Mrs. Rufus Brown, Mrs. R. B. John, Mrs. D. B. Bell.

Memorials to General Conference.—Mrs. W. H. Pemberton, Mrs. T. D. Power, Mrs. H. E. Wall, Mrs. W. F. Alexander, Miss Mary Helm.

Work of Young People and Children.—Miss Mabel Head, Miss Vivian Conway, Mrs. L. M. Broyles, Mrs. W. W. Seals, Mrs. T. A. Brown, Mrs. W. B. Sullins, Mrs. Jennie E. Brown.

Resolutions.—Mrs. P. C. Archer, Mrs. A. L. Roussan, Mrs. W. B. Sullins, Mrs. R. P. Howell, Mrs. W. H. Gilkey.

Prof. C. H. Trowbridge, Principal of Brevard Institute, Rev. Abe Mulkey, of Corsicana, Tex., Mrs. F. A. Lyons, of Louisiana, and Mrs. J. B. Cobb, Associate Secretary of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, were presented. Mrs. Cobb gave a happy greeting, expressing

her sense of the unity of the work done by the Foreign Missionary and Home Mission Societies. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell paid a grateful tribute to the influence Mrs. Cobb had had in shaping the ideals of her young womanhood. Mrs. Thomas Steele, Third Vice President of the Tennessee Conference, was introduced, with commendation of her preëminently successful work in securing members to the Baby Roll. Mrs. W. F. Tillett, President of West End Auxiliary, and Mrs. J. W. Moore, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, were introduced.

Miss Sawrie sang "The Ninety and Nine."

Dr. O. E. Brown, of Vanderbilt University, was introduced by the President, who quoted the grateful testimony of a former Vanderbilt student as to the deeply religious influence upon his own life and character exerted by Dean Tillett, Dr. W. R. Lambuth, and Dr. Brown.

Announcing his general theme, "The Gospel of Paul to the City," Dr. Brown discussed his special subject, "The City and the Fact of Sin:" "Among city missionaries, Paul was one of the greatest. He concentrated his efforts upon the Christianization of the great cities of the empire in his day. He recognized that the city is the citadel of civilization, and either the source or the menace of progress. We are not surprised, therefore, that he gave his life for winning the cities to Christ, realizing that to win the world for Christ he must first win the cities. The cities of Paul's day were strikingly like those of our day. The legislation of the times discloses the great evils of luxury, ambition, and avarice. There are the clash of classes, the wide inequality of fortune, and the immense opportunity to exploit the needs of men. Paul approached the city for its thoroughgoing redemption, and his first important work was to diagnose its disease. Paul had no purpose to treat the symptoms rather than the source of the city's sickness. In his diagnosis of the source of the city's evil, Paul appreciated the problem of ignorance, he grappled with the problem of poverty, he dealt with the problem of disease, he sympathized with its varieties of personal distress, he felt the scandal of its outrageous vices; but in none of these did Paul locate the seat of the city's diseases. He found the seat of its trouble in sin and the mending of its trouble in God. For him the city was an intensified struggle between the sordid self and the righteous God. Paul not only recognized the fact of sin in the city as the most cardinal fact, but he recognized the fact that the cure of the city's sin was the essential work for the making of the city's civilization. Paul recognized the varieties and grades of sin as few have done. He portrays the scandalous sins of Corinth; he outlines the respectable sins of average prosperity; but, above all, he visits his heaviest stricture upon what we may call the ecclesiastical sin. Paul found the complex of all these varieties of sin in Rome, and so reached the climax of his work in seeking to redeem

all varieties of men and cure all varieties of sin in that capital city of the world. His task is ever our task—to heal the city of its sin.”

The study was closed with prayer by Miss Bennett.

The body was adjourned to meet at 2:30 P.M.

FIRST DAY.—AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2:35 P.M. the session was opened, with Miss Bennett in the chair. Hymn 639, “Fling Out the Banner,” was sung. Mrs. Frank Siler led in prayer.

Dr. Rebecca Corwin, Bible teacher in the Methodist Training School, Nashville, Tenn., was introduced, and brought helpful lessons from the life and character of John the Baptist, after which Mrs. L. P. Smith led in prayer.

When the devotional service closed, Mrs. Smith asked the favor of personal privilege. In behalf of the members of the Board she presented to Miss Bennett a cluster of American Beauty roses, with words of gratitude for her consecrated leadership during the years in which she has been the President of the body, and the stirring call of her morning message to high achievement in the future. She assured her of the trustful love and constant prayers of her coworkers.

Miss Bennett in accepting this unexpected token of the esteem of her fellow-workers expressed her deep appreciation of their helpfulness, her tender regard for them, and closed with the words, “I want to do God’s will; help me to do it.”

Misses Cavert and Cage were introduced as pages.

The roll was called.

The minutes of the morning session were deferred until Saturday morning. Mrs. John D. Hammond, for some years the beloved and efficient First Vice President of the Board, long absent from the sessions on account of ill health, was called to the platform and presented to the body. Upon being asked to speak to her former comrades, she said that her feelings could find utterance only in the words of the Psalmist, “Bless the Lord, O my soul!” She had learned in her years of affliction and suffering that fellowship with the Holy Spirit and companionship with Jesus are worth all else besides, whether in the field of active service or whether serving by suffering as well. “This is the joy one cannot do without.”

Memorials and resolutions were called for. The Tennessee, North Georgia, and South Carolina Conferences presented memorials.

The following telegrams were read by the Recording Secretary:

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., April 14, 1910.

Miss Belle Bennett, Home Mission Conference Room, Nashville, Tenn.

Greetings. We pray God’s blessing on assembled Board.

CITY MISSION BOARD OF ST. JOSEPH, Mo.

DALLAS, TEX., April 15, 1910.

Woman's Board Home Missions. West End Church, Nashville, Tenn.

Greetings from Mission Home. Philippians i. 2-7.

MRS. HEWITT.

Mrs. J. W. Perry was instructed by the President to respond by letter to these messages.

Miss Mabel Head, Associate Secretary, read her report. It was accepted, and Miss Bennett spoke in high commendation of the abundant labors of Miss Head, which must in the future bear large results in missionary activity throughout the Church.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Deaconess and City Mission Work was read by Miss Haskin. The historical part of the report was adopted. Its recommendations went to the calendar.

Report No. 2 of the same committee was read and adopted.

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Deaconess and City Mission Work and the report of the Standing Committee on By-Laws were read.

Miss Mary Helm, Editor and Agent of *Our Homes*, made her twelfth annual report and the statement of the auditor.

Mrs. S. P. Vaughn and Miss Stine, helpers in the office of *Our Homes*, were presented to the Board. Miss Helm read the report of the subscriptions by Conferences. The Board, glad of the large increase in subscriptions and grateful for the masterly work of the beloved Editor, adopted her report with a Chautauqua salute. The report was as follows:

REPORT OF OUR HOMES, 1909-10.

BY MISS MARY HELM, EDITOR AND AGENT.

As Editor and Agent of *Our Homes* I present my twelfth annual report, with heartfelt gratitude to God, who has supplied my need through Christ Jesus. Whatever success has come to the magazine, whatever good it has accomplished, is of God. All praise be to his name. Next to God I thank my coworkers in the office, the Publishing House, and the auxiliaries for their fine, sympathetic work.

Balance in bank April 1, 1909	\$ 3,036 13
Receipts for subscriptions April 1, 1909, to April 1, 1910	9,970 40
Interest on investments	250 00

Total	\$13,256 53
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Current expenses April 1, 1909, to April 1, 1910	\$ 8,406 75
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Paid to Treasurer of Woman's Board of Home Missions June 7, 1909	2,000 00
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Total disbursements	\$10,406 75
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Balance in bank April 1, 1910	\$ 2,849 78
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Five \$1,000 bonds	5,000 00
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Total assets	\$ 7,849 78
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Number of subscribers April 1, 1909	19,823
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Number of subscribers April 1, 1910	23,176
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Increase	3,353
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Number of record books given as premiums	673
Number of other books given as premiums	227
Cost of premium books	\$ 217 50

When I was given charge of *Our Homes*, eleven and a half years ago, it had only about three thousand subscribers and no bank account. It has grown in that time from an eight-page paper to a magazine of thirty-two pages, with 23,176 subscribers. Having a subscription price of only fifty cents, and not sparing an inch of space to advertisements, it has not only been self-supporting, but has a reserve fund of five thousand dollars. In addition to this, it has paid into the General Treasury \$3,900, to which will be added this year \$2,100 more, bringing up its contribution to the work to \$6,000. This statement is not made boastingly, but with the prayerful hope that the same financial success will continue through the future.

From month to month *Our Homes* furnishes information not only of the work done by the Woman's Home Mission Society, but of the work of other Churches and benevolent associations and of great forward movements in social and civic reforms, thus seeking to give our women a broad knowledge of the combined forces of God in the redemption of our country. It conducts a regular course of Bible study prepared by the best scholars and teachers, and its readers are urged to make an intelligent, devout study of God's Word. It also leads in a monthly study of home missions in its different phases for adults, young people, and children, with programs, charts, and suggestions for their use. From hundreds of auxiliaries and individuals have come the most gratifying testimonials of its value to the work and its personal helpfulness. Again I say, God be praised.

I have examined the books of *Our Homes*, kept by Mrs. S. P. Vaughn from April 1, 1909, to April 1, 1910, and find them correct. The checks and deposits agree with the books of the bank.

D. M. SMITH, Auditor.

NUMBER OF SUBSCRIBERS BY CONFERENCES.

Alabama (19)	493	North Mississippi (11)	805
Arkansas (24)	382	North Texas (3)	1,367
Baltimore (26)	316	Northwest Texas (1)	2,720
Columbia (32)	46	Oklahoma (6)	1,006
Denver (31)	51	Pacific (24)	318
East Columbia (30)	103	St. Louis (20)	463
Florida (8)	886	South Carolina (17)	512
Holston (7)	894	South Georgia (5)	1,043
Kentucky (21)	430	Southwest Missouri (14) ..	588
Little Rock (9)	874	Tennessee (12)	661
Los Angeles (28)	278	Texas (2)	1,529
Louisiana (16)	515	Virginia (21)	430
Louisville (23)	395	West Texas (10)	855
Memphis (14)	614	Western North Carolina	
Mississippi (16)	515	(18)	593
Missouri (22)	422	Western Virginia (29)	115
Montana (23)	29	White River (27)	311
New Mexico (25)	317	Unknown	34
North Alabama (13)	624		
North Carolina (15)	531	Total	23,176
North Georgia (4)	1,191		

Miss Mabel Howell, teacher of Sociology in the Scarritt Bible and Training School, presented her report, which was adopted. (See report.)

Mrs. Bennett D. Bell presented the members of the body with souvenirs in the form of a post card pictorial history of the evolution of famous McKendree Church. Mrs. R. B. John voiced the thanks of the body for this beautiful courtesy.

Mr. J. E. McCulloch, Principal of the Methodist Training School in Nashville, was introduced and gave a cordial greeting. The following persons were introduced: Dr. W. K. Simpson, of the North Alabama Conference; Mrs. E. B. Chappell, one of the managers of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions; Miss M. L. Gibson, President of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions; Mrs. Fronev Webb Tanksley, who has been one of the most effective workers in the ranks of city missionaries; Mrs. Numa Hook, a long-time faithful District Secretary of the South Georgia Conference Society; Mrs. W. C. Sellars, First Vice President of the Memphis Conference Society; Mrs. W. W. Carré, President of the Woman's Board of City Missions in New Orleans; Mrs. J. H. Roberts, Conference Press Superintendent of the Memphis Conference Society; Mrs. J. B. Simpson, President of the North Alabama Conference Society; Mrs. W. K. Simpson, First Vice President of the North Alabama Conference Society; Miss Sue Lyon, Principal of the A. B. C. Home at Dallas, Tex.; Mrs. Annie R. Jones, of the Tennessee Conference Society; Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Financial Agent of the A. B. C. Home Mission and Training School in Dallas, Tex.; Mrs. J. C. Lewis, from the Sue Bennett School, London, Ky.; Mrs. W. W. Scales, Jr., President of the North Mississippi Conference Society; Mrs. L. C. Short, First Vice President, and Mrs. C. B. Vance, Third Vice President of the North Mississippi Conference; Mrs. Charles Phelps, formerly Press Superintendent and Editor of the *Bulletin*; Miss May Ora Durham, President of the Kentucky Conference Society and deaconess candidate for consecration at this session; Mrs. T. R. Kendall, President of the Louisville Conference Society and President of the City Mission Board in Louisville.

Upon motion, the body adjourned at 4:15 o'clock, with the benediction by Dr. Simpson.

SECOND DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

The session opened at 9:20 o'clock, with Mrs. L. P. Smith leading the devotional exercise.

"Christ for the World We Sing" was sung. After the reading of the forty-eighth Psalm by Mrs. Smith, Miss M. L. Gibson led in prayer. The hymn, "A Charge to Keep I Have," was sung.

The roll was called, and the names of Mrs. F. M. Tolleson, Corresponding Secretary of the Arkansas Conference Society, Mrs. H. E. Wall,

Corresponding Secretary of the Virginia Conference Society, and Mrs. Ross Witherspoon, Corresponding Secretary of the Memphis Conference Society, were added.

The minutes of Friday's sessions were read, corrected, and approved.

Mrs. Foster and Mrs. Davis were introduced as pages for the day.

A memorial was read from the North Georgia Conference.

Miss Head was appointed Calendar Secretary until the Secretary should come in.

Miss M. L. Gibson, *ex officio* member of the Board, was called to the platform.

Miss Estelle Haskin, teacher of Sociology in the Training School of Nashville, Tenn., made her report, which, upon motion, was adopted. (See report.)

Mrs. J. W. Perry, Superintendent of the Department of Tithing, read her report, showing steady growth and expressing gratitude for the loyal help of Conference and auxiliary second vice presidents. Upon motion, the report was adopted. (See report.)

The Superintendent of the Department of Supplies, Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, was asked to report her work. She expressed her gratitude for the experiences of the year, which, although it had been one of physical suffering and personal bereavement, had only drawn her closer to the Good Shepherd. In her own felicitous way she exhorted the members of the Board to better and more joyous service in this department of work.

Bishop H. C. Morrison and Bishop E. E. Hoss were introduced to the body.

Bishop Hoss stated that while he had always known something of the value of the work done by the women of the Church in this special department, he had not known the great need of it until he made his first episcopal round.

Bishop Morrison said that he esteemed it a great honor to help in any way that he could the work of the organization so largely used by God in developing the possibilities in the Church.

Dr. John R. Nelson, Secretary of the General Board of Missions, upon being presented to the body, said that he had come to know the work of the organization as perhaps no other man in the Church knows it, because he had made it his business to study its operations. With sixty-one per cent of the people of our land unchurched, there must be an indomitable purpose and wise plans for the salvation of the South and Southwest, where the needs of our Church are greatest. The "dare-devil faith" that the women had manifested in their work would help in the solution of the problems before the Church of God.

Mrs. Luke Johnson, Superintendent of the Department of Literature, made her report, and, upon motion, it was adopted. (See report.)

The report of Mrs. Yarbrough was, upon motion, adopted.

Mrs. Charles Phelps, Chairman of the Press Section of the Literature Department, made a plea for larger coöperation in supplying the rank and file of the women of the Church with information that will give them points of contact with the different features of the home mission work. A rising vote of thanks was given Mrs. Phelps for her services.

The following books, by Miss Bennett's request, were mentioned by Mrs. Luke Johnson as giving the best thoughts for students of home mission problems: "Christianity and the Social Crisis," by Walter Rauschenbusch; "The Basis of Ascendency," by Edna Gardner Murphy; "The Spirit of Youth and the City Streets," by Jane Addams; "Jesus Christ and Life," by Robert E. Speer; "The Epistles to the Colossians and Ephesians," by Dr. Gross Alexander.

Dr. W. F. Tillett, Dean of the Theological Seminary of Vanderbilt University, was presented to the body. He said that one of the most important questions before the Church to-day was how we may best give womanhood the opportunity to develop her powers in hastening the kingdom of God. He gave an invitation to visit Vanderbilt for an hour in the evening. In telling the Indian legend of the two crowns of life, one made of thorns woven of evil deeds, the other of roses blossoming from deeds of love and service, he brought a lesson of high encouragement to those who toil and live and serve for the Master.

Dr. A. M. Trawick, of the Methodist Training School, was introduced, and received a hearty greeting as a special friend of the Home Mission Board.

Report No. 1 of the Department of Education was read by Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, and, upon motion, adopted. (See report.)

Dr. J. D. Hammond, General Secretary of the Board of Education, was introduced, and expressed his gratitude at the spirit of coöperation manifested by the different Boards of the Church. At the conclusion of his greeting Mrs. Hammond asked the privilege of stating a fact that Dr. Hammond had failed to mention—namely, that the expenses of Prof. J. G. Gilbert, of Paine College, who has been helping to secure funds for the Girls' Annex of that institution, are met by the General Board of Education. Miss Bennett expressed for the Board appreciation of this generous help.

Dr. W. R. Lambuth, General Secretary of the Board of Missions, the long-time sympathetic helper and friend of the organization, was introduced. He stressed the necessity of having a vision of at least five centuries in planning Christian work. He stated that he would be glad to make the following suggestions for consideration:

1. The importance of having home missionaries learn the language of the foreign people among whom they are to labor.
2. The great desirability of having the various Boards of the Church

to coöperate with each other in establishing Christian hospitals in various sections of the Church.

3. The imperative call for the establishment of Christian homes in connection with great educational centers. He told how God had blessed the work among the Koreans on the Pacific Coast by giving opportunity for immigrating Koreans converted in the schools there to live and preach the gospel of Christ in the peninsula of Yucatan, and to make it possible for Protestant missions to enter into Siberia. He closed by emphasizing the need of a closer walk and abiding with God, that there may be ever renewed power in seeking to accomplish the divine will.

Upon motion, it was decided to meet at 2 P.M. for a session of one hour, leaving the rest of the afternoon for the work of the committees.

The following persons were introduced: Miss Shaffer, missionary for the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions to Brazil; Mrs. W. F. Barnum, Third Vice President of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions; Mrs. W. M. Williams; Mrs. L. B. Ellis, of Holston Conference Society; Mrs. K. C. McCarthy, Second Vice President of the North Alabama Conference Society; Mrs. Peete, of the Memphis Conference Society; Mrs. George Sexton, of Louisville; Mrs. F. M. Williams, President of the Little Rock Conference Society; Mrs. Reid, of the St. Louis Conference Society; Mrs. Fox, of Savannah, Ga.; Mrs. James Douglas, of Tennessee; Miss Woodson, of Gallatin, "a deaconess without ties;" Mrs. Kerley, the first Corresponding Secretary of the Tennessee Conference Society; Mrs. W. C. Pollard, Treasurer of the Tennessee Conference Society; Mrs. J. W. Ward, President of the City Mission Board of Knoxville, Tenn.; Mrs. H. F. Campbell, Press Superintendent of the Los Angeles Conference Society; Mrs. Jenkins, of the Western North Carolina Conference Society; Mrs. T. D. Butler, President of Pulaski Auxiliary; Rev. E. P. Anderson, pastor of McFerrin Memorial Church; and Mrs. O. E. Brown, wife of Dr. O. E. Brown, of Vanderbilt University.

After an uplifting solo, "Hold Thou My Hand," by Mrs. K. T. McConnico, Dr. Brown led in prayer, and entered upon the development of his second study, based on the fifth chapter of Romans, "The City and the Fact of Salvation:"

"In Paul's work he recognized sin and self-seeking as inducing social anarchy and a corrupt city. He also recognized salvation and self-sacrifice as inducing social unity and a redeemed city. Paul's diagnosis discovered sin; his treatment discloses the saving remedy. Paul did not propose to save the city by way of its thought power; he knew that ideals were needed, but he knew that they alone could not save. Paul did not seek to save the city by its mere will power; he recognized that the effort at isolated self-mastery is the most futile of all. Neither did Paul seek to save the city by devotion to institutions, either those of the Church or the State; he knew that salvation

is vastly more than religious etiquette or civic loyalty. Paul sought to save the city by simply giving it an adequate faith. For him the city has the great opportunity for the use and the abuse of trust, and he offered to those who are under the city's weight to trust in One who is almighty to save. Paul knew that this way of salvation by faith in Jesus Christ was surely effective; he knew that it could save all varieties of sinners, because it had saved him whom he regarded as none else than 'the chief of sinners;' he knew that it could save those of all varieties of social classes, for he had found it redeeming the slums of Corinth, the great middle class of artisans with whom he had himself toiled, and the honored women and the cultured people of the upper classes. Paul knew, too, that this faith could save people of all varieties of religious thought and temperament; he had seen it do its effective work in the bigoted atmosphere of Jerusalem, in the intense intellectualism of Athens, in the mystical ecstasy of Ephesus, and the gross sensuality of Corinth, and in the hard secularism of Rome. Paul knew, too, that this faith in Christ could find adequate forces through which to express itself. He knew the power of the Christianized personality, the power of its compelling friendship; he knew the power of the Christianized home, the saving efficacy of the contact in the sacred place of the household; he knew the power of the Christian Church, the efficacy of coöperative Christian lives; and Paul seemed to feel that when once the saving faith of Jesus Christ could have a Christianized city at his command, the redemption of the world would be at hand."

Dr. Brown closed with prayer.

SECOND DAY.—AFTERNOON SESSION.

At ten minutes past two o'clock the body was called to order by the President. After the hymn, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord," Rev. Abe Mulkey, of Texas, led in prayer.

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

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Deaconess and City Mission Work was read by the Calendar Secretary. Items 1, 2, 3, and 4 were, upon motion, adopted seriatim, and the report as a whole was, upon motion, adopted. (See report.)

Report No. 3 of the same committee was read. Items 1 and 2 were adopted, and the report as a whole was adopted. (See report.)

A memorial was read from the White River Conference Society.

Mrs. L. P. Smith took the chair.

Mr. Ryang, former pastor of the Korean Mission of San Francisco, now a student of Vanderbilt University, was introduced. His pleasing manner and earnest words of commendation and gratitude, the vision he gave of the possibilities of the far-reaching work among his

people in America can never be forgotten by the members of the Board. As he gave thanks for the Home, the Mission School, and the periodical, *The Korean Evangel*, for his people in the United States, made possible by the Woman's Board of Home Missions, there came into every heart a profound gratitude for the opportunity of telling the good tidings of Jesus Christ to these strange people in a strange land. He emphasized the fact that Christian education is the greatest need of his people now, and expressed his great desire that there should be placed early in our schools at least one hundred of the Korean boys in this country. There are at present one in Reinhardt College, Waleska, Ga., one in Asbury College, Kentucky, one in Sue Bennett School, London, Ky., and one in Vanderbilt University. As he made the statement, "Wherever the Korean goes, there will go the gospel of Jesus Christ," and closed with an earnest prayer, "The Lord bless you," the feelings of gratitude in the hearts of some members of the Board found expression in glad song, and all voices joined in singing the opening stanza of "The Morning Light Is Breaking."

The following telegram was received and read by the Recording Secretary:

ST. LOUIS, MO.

Members of Woman's Board of Home Missions Assembled in Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Nashville, Tenn.

See Psalm 1. 14; Philipians i. 2-6.

SARAH PINDALL WILFLEY.

Miss Bennett nominated Miss Vivian Conway as a member of the Committee on Sociology and Philanthropy in place of Mrs. George Duff, who was absent from the session.

After announcements for committee meetings, the body was adjourned at 3:30, with benediction by Dr. Byrd.

THIRD DAY'S SESSION.

At five minutes past nine o'clock the session opened, with Mrs. W. F. Alexander leading the devotional service. "Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine," was sung, after which came a season of prayer in which several members voiced the need of God's special blessing upon the session. From the request of the Greeks to Philip, "Sir, we would see Jesus," Mrs. Alexander developed these thoughts: The one requirement for bringing others to Jesus is that one shall himself be close to Jesus; while ordinary ways are often blessed by God, the soul seeker must be ready to do the unconventional thing in order that the Master may be reached; if any one of the four who bore the man sick of the palsy and let him down through the roof at the feet of Jesus had failed, the sufferer might have remained unhealed in body and soul; hence one must recall constantly the advice, "Hold up your corner." Not only must there be united effort, but harmonious

effort and a rhythmic keeping step between Christ's workers. "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" was sung.

At 9:30 o'clock the business session began, with Miss Bennett in the chair.

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

The rules of order and the calendar rules were read.

Resolutions by Mrs. J. J. Dickey and Mrs. Alice Johnson were read and given to the Committee on Distribution.

Report No. 4 of the Committee on Deaconess and City Mission Work had its first reading.

The report of the Committee on Sociology and Philanthropy was* read by Miss Howell.

Rev. Walt Holcomb, evangelist, of Nashville, Tenn., was introduced, and greeted the body cordially.

Mrs. W. B. Carré read a memorial from the City Mission Board of New Orleans.

The report of the Committee on By-Laws was taken from the calendar and read by the Secretary.

Items 1, 2, and 3 were adopted seriatim; item 4, after considerable discussion, was adopted; items 5 and 6 were adopted. The report as a whole was, upon motion, adopted. (See report.)

Mrs. W. F. Alexander was asked to make a report of the Cuban work. She spoke in warmest commendation of the faithful work done in West Tampa, where there has been no place for the preaching of the gospel except the small school building in which Miss Emelina Valdes, with her aunt, has carried on the work. Here children have been baptized and funeral sermons preached. The work in Ybor City has had many vicissitudes, but has an encouraging outlook; and the new principal, Miss Lotie Adams, was highly commended. There are now missionaries in Cuba who were converted at the Mission School in Ybor City. Among the twenty-seven thousand Cubans in Florida, from three to five members of every family work in the tobacco factories. Last year a child labor law was made by the State forbidding children under fourteen years of age to work in the factories. The Cuban men themselves do not allow mothers with young babies to go into the factories.

Mrs. George Call, who had the privilege last year of visiting the Cuban work in Tampa, urged the members of the Board to take advantage of every opportunity to visit institutions.

Mrs. R. W. MacDonell read the report of Mr. A. W. Mohn, the Principal of Ruth Hargrove Seminary.

The report was adopted.

Mrs. W. H. Johnson, of the Home and Training School in Dallas, Tex., on being called on to speak in the interest of that institution,

asked that Miss Lyon, the Principal, be given an opportunity to speak first. Miss Lyon prefaced her account of the school, its work and outlook, with a word of testimony as to the close comradeship with Jesus Christ, which is born of service among the despised and outcast classes. She outlined the educational and industrial training given these girls, thereby fitting them to be useful members of the great social order, and stated that no child born in the home has ever been placed in a home where Christian education and Christian training cannot be secured. She urged the members of the Board to secure a law raising the age of consent to eighteen years in every State, and made a plea that mothers should prepare their boys and girls alike for life by a wise teaching as to its sacred meaning and relationships.

Mrs. W. H. Johnson was greeted enthusiastically as she began her talk by stating that for seventeen years she had been trying to bring help and healing to these little ones sorely wounded in the battle of life and fallen by the wayside. In those years more than twelve hundred girls and over six hundred babies have been saved from death and a fate in life worse than death. Her statement as to the plans for the new building, which, it is hoped, will be ideal in all of its appointments and equipment, was heard with untold pleasure by the Board. She spoke of the valuable help which the *King's Messenger* had given for fourteen years, and stated that within the last four years it had been instrumental in raising \$16,000—more than the whole Society had raised during the Week of Prayer year before last—for the Home and Training School.

Rev. W. B. Taylor, pastor of McKendree Church, and Rev. E. C. Atkins, pastor of Elm Street Church, of Nashville, were introduced. Dr. W. F. Pinson, Secretary of the Board of Missions, upon being introduced to the body, gave a leaf from his experience in rescue work in the city of San Antonio, Tex., and expressed his gratitude in his remembrance of the fact that the people in the best social circles welcomed gladly and graciously into the Church the women who had turned from a life of shame to Jesus Christ and the paths of righteousness.

Dr. Ed Cook, Educational Secretary of the Board of Missions, was presented to the Board. He congratulated the Board upon being the first agency in the Church that had opened the eyes of the Church to the great needs of the fields in the home land and first opened the ears of the Church to the cry of the oppressed and despairing. He touched upon the problem of Christly service, and closed with the words, "I give God praise for that work which you have wrought in the Church."

The following were introduced: Rev. L. E. Alford, Secretary of the Board of Church Extension of the Mississippi Conference; Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Durham, of Danville, Ky., parents of Miss May Ora Durham,

who was consecrated as a deaconess on Sunday morning; Mrs. G. B. Hester, President of the Foreign Missionary and Home Mission Societies of the Oklahoma Conference; Mrs. H. B. Spaulding, Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Oklahoma Conference; Mrs. R. H. Reams; Mrs. W. J. Vaughan; Mrs. John R. Nelson; Mrs. Jeff McCarn, Superintendent of the Traveling Library of the Tennessee Conference Society; and Mrs. W. M. Leftwich, the first President of the Tennessee Conference Society.

Upon motion, the report of the Committee on Memorials to the General Conference had its first reading.

Mrs. Ed F. Cook, Mrs. James Parkes, Mrs. John Rawlings, and Mrs. W. W. Pinson sang in exquisite harmony "Nearer Home To-Day."

After an earnest prayer, Dr. O. E. Brown began his Bible study upon "The City and the Cross of Christ:"

"As Paul regarded sin and self-seeking as not only deadly but suicidal, as he regarded faith and self-sacrifice as the secret of life and unity, so he turned to the cross of Christ as the supreme cure of sin and the adequate cause of faith. The cross of Christ meant at least four things to Paul. It meant, first of all, the condemnation of sin. Christ condemned sin in the flesh. The cross is sin's superlative crime; it shows the horrid excess to which all sin is tending. All selfishness inflicts a crucifixion on some one, and sin as seen upon the background of the love that suffered upon the cross is sin so ugly as to be most repulsive. Again, the cross for Paul was the cost of efficiency. In order to help those who are sinful, Christ must identify himself with sinners. By living in their midst, by contact with them in their lot, by feeling the dread and the loneliness of sin, the Son of Man tasted the death that was wasting men away. Only those who know the agony of the cry, 'My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?' can throw themselves with full power into the rescuing of men from sin. Paul also regarded the cross as a challenge to an absolute faith. Christ does not demand what he does not give; he does not ask others to trust where he has not himself trusted. Upon the cross he gave himself absolutely to us, and in life he asks that we in turn give ourselves to him. The cross is Christ's gift of himself without reserve, and faith is absolute self-giving of the person to Christ, because he has first given himself to us. For Paul the cross was also the guarantee of God's grace, for God is seen in the cross as well as Christ. God's greatness is not in what he gets from men, but in what he gives to men; and in that God did not stop short of giving his only-begotten Son, we know that with him he will freely give us all things. It is only this infinite appeal of the cross of Christ that can break through the adamantine walls of selfishness which the city throws about so many lives. For when the cross of Christ reveals the enormity of sin, the value of the individual life, the glory

of self-giving, it is then that adequate forces are at play for the redeeming of the city."

FOURTH DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

Mrs. Luke Johnson led the devotional service of the session, which opened at five minutes past nine o'clock. The first hymn was "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee," after the singing of which Mrs. W. H. Johnson led in prayer. From the opening verses of the Epistle to the Galatians Mrs. Johnson brought some high lessons drawn from St. Paul's disregard of human approval in his work and human indorsement upon it, since God the Father himself inspired that service with the divine power, manifesting itself in the resurrection of him whose life must be reproduced in his followers. After an earnest prayer, "Break Thou the Bread of Life" was sung.

At 9:30 o'clock Miss Bennett called the body to order.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Miss Kreig and Miss Hanes were introduced as pages.

Report No. 5 of the Committee on Deaconess and City Mission Work and the report of the Committee on Work of Young People and Children had their first reading.

The following recommendation of the Superintendent of Tithing was read from the calendar, and, upon motion, adopted:

Encouraged by the results of the special effort for the Tithing Department in the month of February, we recommend that the fourth Sunday of January be set apart as a day on which our pastors be requested to preach on the subject of "Tithing vs. Christian Stewardship."

Report No. 4 of the Committee on Deaconess and City Mission Work was read.

Item 1, in regard to removing the stipend from the deaconess and putting the deaconess work upon a salaried basis, called for considerable discussion, and, upon motion, was lost. The report of the Committee on Sociology and Philanthropy was taken from the calendar.

Items 1, 2, and 3 were adopted seriatim.

Item 4 was referred to the Committee on Appropriations.

In the second section of the report Item 1 was adopted, Item 2 was recommitted, and Item 3 was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Memorials to the General Conference was read and, upon motion, adopted. (See report.)

Mrs. Rufus Brown was asked to read the report of Paine Annex. It was an encouraging report, indicating a successful year with more students. Especially noted was a gift of \$500 made by Mrs. Bingham, of Mississippi, as a memorial to a faithful servant, the gift to be directed to the Cooking School.

Miss Mary Helm spoke to the report, testifying as to the high qual-

ity of the work done in the Industrial Department and the thorough academic training. She paid tribute to the devotion and work of Dr. Walker and the other teachers. She thanked God that there is a future for this lowly race, acknowledged her debt to them, and pleaded that prejudice against them be put aside.

Miss Bennett asked Mrs. John D. Hammond to speak to the report. Mrs. Hammond expressed herself as feeling an especial debt to the race, because wherever there is greatest need there is also the greatest obligation, and, like the Master, his followers must bring strongest help where human need is greatest. She acknowledged a personal debt to the faithful and prevailing prayer of the Principal of the Industrial Department of Paine Annex, whose prayers and sympathy and gifts of love had made bright spots in her years of suffering.

Mrs. Luke Johnson told of a visit made by herself and Miss Helm to Paine College some months ago, and delivered the message of gratitude sent by a negro man, a Bible teacher, to the Woman's Board of Home Missions because they had given to his race "courage when sinking, hope when all was dark, and faith in God because they had expressed faith in his people."

Dr. Byrd commended Dr. Walker and the scholarly, efficient work of Prof. J. G. Gilbert.

Mrs. MacDonell stated that Miss Ellen Young had shown the Christ spirit of sacrifice in refusing a much higher salary, preferring to stay at Paine College.

Mrs. Siler expressed gratitude for the spirit manifested by the deaconess candidates the night before because their utterances indicated a willingness to work for and among the negro race and recalled the days when Bishop Haygood's plea for the negro was like "the voice of one crying in the wilderness." She thanked God that back in those earlier years there were children of God like him, seers and heroes, who, misunderstood and maligned, did pioneer work, and sowed the seed which is now bringing forth a harvest.

By request Mrs. W. F. Barnum, of Texas, sang "Just a Little Bit of Love." Under the inspiration of the song deeper courage and stronger patience were born in many hearts.

Mrs. Luke Johnson led in fervent prayer of thanksgiving for a truer and higher vision of God's purposes and of supplication for grace to be true to the vision.

Miss Ragland, Deaconess in St. Mark's Hall, New Orleans, said that she would like to express in behalf of the deaconesses as a body their entire willingness to do work in behalf of the negro race. There had come to them the spirit of surrender that meant a willingness for any kind of ministry.

Prof. J. C. Lewis, Principal of Sue Bennett School, was asked to present the report of that institution. In beginning, he stated that a

continuous effort had been made to maintain a discipline that will teach the young people of the mountain section the necessity of obedience to lawful authority. An average of one hundred young men and young women are converted each year through the normal, continued efforts of the faculty in their behalf. The twenty-seven graduates who have gone forth from the school in the thirteen years are, without exception, bringing credit to their Alma Mater, and some of them are in places of large responsibility and achievement. The Board was gratified to learn that arrangements had been perfected by which the Sue Bennett School should be correlated with the State high school established in London. Mr. Lewis stated that he believed intensely that the teaching of God's Word is fundamental in education because the soul rest and soul peace which come through a knowledge of God are great settlers of life problems, and help to make a strong basis upon which to build scholarship. The Board was grateful for the spirit of his closing words: "I have only one ambition—to spend thirteen more years in living and working with the Kentucky mountaineers. I don't want money; I don't want fame; but I do wish to have better equipment."

The following were introduced: Rev. H. B. Reams, presiding elder of the Nashville District; Dr. H. B. Carré, of Vanderbilt University; Rev. J. R. Stewart, of the Tennessee Conference; Dr. T. C. Schuler, Editor of the *Midland Methodist*; Dr. E. B. Chappell, Sunday School Editor; Rev. T. W. Noland, pastor of Hobson Chapel Church; Dr. Paul Kern, pastor of Blakemore Church; Dr. Thomas Carter, of Vanderbilt University; Rev. J. L. Cuninggim, Director of the Correspondence School; Dr. W. R. Richardson, pastor of Tulip Street Church; Rev. A. E. Clement, Agent of the Methodist Hospital; Rev. E. D. Lewis, pastor of Trinity Church; Dr. G. B. Winton, Editor of the *Christian Advocate*; Miss Daisy Davies, of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions; Prof. W. R. Webb, of Bellbuckle, Tenn.; Mrs. Holland, Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Florida Conference.

Mrs. Graham Hall sang a solo, refreshing to mind and spirit.

Dr. Brown, after praying, entered upon the study of "The City and the Spirit of Christ:"

"While the faith that saves has to do with the cross of Christ, it is not fixed upon the dead Christ, but upon the living Christ. Christ, the Christ that died upon the cross, is not dead but alive for evermore. It is this spiritual Christ that can empower lives for a share in his redemptive ministry. It is the ministry thus of the Holy Spirit that alone can work out the solution of the city's problem of sin. The Holy Spirit is sometimes called the Spirit of God, often the Spirit of Jesus, at other times the Spirit of Christ, and more frequently the Holy Spirit; and from all these titles we gather the great truth that his

work is simply to continue the ministry of God in Christ to the world through his disciples. There are three great fields in which the ministry of the Holy Spirit is carried on. The first of these fields is that of spiritual realization. It is not conscience but consciousness of God that is the fundamental element in Christian life. The great work of the Holy Spirit is to bring us to have Christ dwell in us with all of his definite certainties. He cannot help us in other fields until he has brought us into that full, clear light of certainty that we are indeed the children of God. It is like the earlier Methodist insistence that we must have, first of all, the witness of God within ourselves before we can go forth to be witnesses for God to others. There is great danger that we shall attempt to have the power of God's Spirit in service without the certainty of God's Spirit in our lives. Spiritual vision, clear as the noontide, lies at the foundation of all the work of God's Spirit through us. The second field in which the Holy Spirit works is the field of personal character. One cannot hold fellowship with the Holy Spirit without being personally in accord with the character and purposes of the gracious Spirit; and yet one cannot live in the presence of this Spirit of Christ without catching his holiness and reflecting his divine purity. Paul demands that we shall be temples of the Holy Spirit before we can ourselves inspire others with the spirit of worship and devotion. While it is true that vision determines character, it is also true that character determines career. So when the Holy Spirit has given us the certainties of our childhood to God and has inspired within us his own holy character, he is ready to qualify us for effectiveness in the great field of service. We are not to ask for the power of the Spirit, but we are to seek the Spirit of power. Power is not primary, but secondary. If we have the spirit, we shall have the power; but we only seek the power in vain if we do not identify ourselves completely with the Spirit of Christ. It is this sense of the Holy Spirit within us that leads to the great cry: 'I can do all things through Him.' It found a beautiful expression in the life of Mrs. Gamewell when she said: 'I refuse to acknowledge that there is anything that I ought to do which I cannot do.' The city waits for the ministry of those in whom the Holy Spirit can realize his own God-given ministry. The Spirit will bring to us the gifts of speech and healing and loving. But the best gift of all will be just the gift of himself."

FOURTH DAY.—AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2:37 o'clock the session was opened with singing "O Zion, Haste!" The prayer was led by Rev. A. E. Clement.

Miss Bennett called the session to order.

The reading of the minutes of the previous session was deferred to Wednesday morning.

Report No. 5 of the Committee on Deaconess and City Mission Work was adopted. (See report.)

Report No. 1 of the Parsonage Committee, upon motion, was adopted.

Report No. 2, upon motion, was adopted. (See report.)

Upon motion, Report No. 1 was recommitted to be given into the hands of a special committee to be appointed later.

The report of the Committee on Children's and Young People's Work was considered. Its several items were adopted seriatim, and the report as a whole was, upon motion, adopted. (See report.)

The report of the Committee on Literature and Press Work and Reports Nos. 1 and 2 of the Committee on Appropriations and Extension of Work were read.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 o'clock, with the benediction by Dr. Simpson.

FIFTH DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

At nine o'clock the devotional service was opened with the hymn, "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing!" after which Mrs. J. J. Dickey led in prayer. Psalm xlv. was read responsively, followed by the "Gloria."

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Appropriations and Extension of Work had its first reading.

By order of the President, the roll was called, and more than a quorum was found present.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Parsonages was considered. Items 1 and 2 were adopted. Upon motion, Item 3 was referred to the special Committee on Parsonage Work appointed at the session in Savannah, said committee to be continued until the next annual session, doing away with the appointment of a special committee called for in a previous session.

The report as a whole was, upon motion, adopted. (See report.)

The report of the Committee on Literature and Press Work was read, adopted by items, and the report as a whole was, upon motion, adopted. (See report.)

Misses Lester and Morgan were introduced as pages.

Report No. 1 of the Committee on Extension of Work was taken up. Items 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 were adopted. Items 6 and 7 were adopted, but, upon motion, reconsidered, amended, and adopted as amended.

The report as a whole was, upon motion, adopted as amended. (See report.)

The recommitted item of the report of the Committee on Sociology and Philanthropy was brought in, and, upon motion, adopted.

The report of the committee as a whole was, upon motion, adopted as amended. (See report.)

Report No. 3 of the Committee on Appropriations and Extension

of Work was considered. Upon motion, the second part of the same report was taken from the calendar. Item 1, concerning Cuban work, was adopted. Item 2, concerning mountain work, was adopted. Item 3, concerning Gulf Coast work, was adopted. Item 4, concerning industrial schools, was adopted. When Item 5, concerning the Pacific Coast, was taken up, Dr. Reid asked permission to speak to the report, and requested additional appropriations to the work on the Pacific Coast. Upon motion, \$180 was added to the appropriation already announced. Items 6 and 7, concerning miscellaneous appropriations, were adopted. There was a rising vote of thanks given to the President, who, with a small appropriation to her office, had during the year spared herself neither in travel nor labors, regardless of expense to herself.

Dr. J. H. Kirkland, Chancellor of Vanderbilt University, upon being introduced to the body, expressed his high appreciation of the character of the educational work done by the Home Mission Society, which he regarded as constructive work of the highest order.

At this junction Mrs. Frank Siler asked the privilege of the floor, not a personal privilege, but that she might speak for the entire Board. The absence, through illness, from the session of Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, the retiring General Treasurer, was noted with deep regret. A beautiful loving cup had been selected to be presented to Mrs. Kirkland as an expression of the high regard and tender love of the Board for her. Mrs. Marion Kirkland Ketchum, daughter of Mrs. Kirkland and acting Treasurer, was intrusted with the gift and the message of affection. Mrs. Ketchum accepted the gift in behalf of her mother with beautiful words of gratitude.

The report of the Committee on Education had its first reading.

Miss Bennett announced a gift of fifty dollars to the special training work of the negro race.

Prof. C. H. Trowbridge, Principal of Brevard Institute, reported the condition, outlook, and needs of that institution. He expressed gratitude for the new steam-heating plant, new plumbing, and furnishings. He exhibited a diagram of the school grounds and adjacent land and buildings, with a plea that enough land be secured early to insure success in the future technical work of the school. He expressed his indebtedness to Mrs. F. E. Ross, of the Western North Carolina Conference, whose unfailing efforts in behalf of the school had been a large factor in its prosperity. He expressed also his appreciation of the help given by the Western North Carolina Annual Conference.

Miss Bennett stated that as the word "full" in the phrase, "the full rights of the laity," occurring in the memorial of the Board to the General Conference was misunderstood in some parts of the Church, it would probably be best to omit that word if the Board desired. Upon motion, it was stricken from the memorial:

Mrs. Sam P. Jones, of Georgia, and Rev. W. S. Taylor, pastor of East End Church, were introduced.

Mrs. John Daniel sang a solo.

Dr. O. E. Brown expressed his pleasure in opening up the special theme to which the attention of the body had been directed during the daily Bible studies, saying that from day to day he had had much in mind the thousands of women of whom the members of the Board were representatives. He developed his closing theme, "The City and the Church of Christ."

"Civilization has been called the art of living together in peace. Christianity we may call the art of living together in the service of Christ. Christianity and civilization have thus the same great goal; but they differ from each other often in the forces by which this goal is to be reached. In Christianity the greatest force is the Christian Church, the Church of Christ, which is simply a Christian people working together under the circumstances which Christ controls. The city is simply the struggle between the organized forces of selfishness and the organized forces of service, and this last is none other than the Christian Church. Four features of the Church of Christ will make us realize its value for the redemption of the city. Back of the Christian Church, on the one hand, lie the inexhaustible riches of grace and truth and life in Jesus Christ. The only adequate remedy for the world's need, such is the confidence of the Church, is found in Jesus Christ, and the coming of Jesus Christ into the world reveals God's great concern to make known his grace and truth and love to men. The agony of God through the ages has been to find some way to express his love and his grace to men, and in Jesus Christ the full and inexhaustible expression of God's own love has been made. Another feature of the Church is found in the awful depth and variety of the world's need and sin. The Church stands between this inexhaustible love of Christ and the measureless depth of need which is found among men. There must be something found which lies parallel to the whole range of humanity's needs. The third feature of the Christian Church lies in the fact that it is impossible for any single personality to convey the fullness of Christ to all varieties of human needs. To be left alone to individual effort in the face of what Christ wants to do for the world and what the world needs to have done for it is to be crushed down in utter despair. We each bring to our problem our limitation, and our sense of limitation is God's challenge to lead us to coöperate with others. And so the last feature of the Christian Church is the solution of this problem, the problem of bringing the full measure of God's grace and truth and life to bear upon the whole range of man's needs. The solution is none other than the living and growing and working together of human persons under Christ's control. When all these varied personalities

of ours are cemented together as in one body, with community of spirit and of knowledge and of wisdom and of effort, it is then, and only then, that the whole energy of the divine Christ can minister to the whole need of the world of humanity. It is in the Christian Church as uniting all the forces that make for life and truth under the power of Jesus Christ that the hope of the city's redemption can be found."

FIFTH DAY.—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The session was opened at 2 o'clock with hymn 207, "The Church's One Foundation," after which the prayer was led by Mrs. R. B. John.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Report No. 5 of the Committee on Appropriations and Extension of Work was read. Item 1 was adopted.

Mrs. McCausland, of the East Columbia Conference, and Mrs. McMahan, of the Pacific Conference, were asked to speak to Item 2 of the report. They pleaded earnestly for a sympathetic understanding of the difficulties under which they labor in the far West, and urged closer affiliation with the work of the Board through visits of the general officers.

Dr. Reid was asked to speak to the report. He gave a most encouraging account of the work done, and asked that the Board undertake work for the Koreans in Los Angeles. He prophesied that before many years there would be a large number of Korean missionaries carrying the gospel everywhere throughout the East.

An amendment to Item 2 was, upon motion, adopted; and, upon motion, the report as a whole was adopted as amended. (See report.)

The report of the Committee on Education was read, and, upon motion, adopted. (See report.)

The question of the place of meeting for the next year was taken up. Invitations were extended from Hot Springs by Mrs. W. H. Pemberton, from Nashville by Mrs. W. F. Tillett, from First Church, Fort Worth, by Mrs. N. G. Rollins, from St. John's Church, St. Louis, by Mrs. C. M. Hawkins, and from Berkeley, Cal., by Mrs. McCausland. St. Louis having received a majority of votes, was, upon motion, made the unanimous choice of the body.

The hour for the announcement of the appointments of the field workers having come, Miss Bennett led in prayer. She then addressed the workers present, reminding them that they were going forth to work *with* the Board, not *under* the Board. She exhorted them to prayer when in the midst of difficulties and to companionship with nature when men and women failed to be companionable. She urged that as they remembered the promise, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world," they should remember also the imperative command, "Go!"

The appointments were then read.

It was announced that by choice of the Executive Committee Mrs. Hume Steele would finish out the quadrennium as General Treasurer. Mrs. Steele was presented to the Board.

Miss Bennett, leaving to attend the meeting of the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, called Mrs. L. P. Smith to the chair.

On motion, it was determined that each Conference in the future instruct its Secretary to pledge a given amount for connectional work at the Annual Meeting of the Board.

The following were elected: Superintendent of the Department of Education, Miss Belle H. Bennett; Superintendent of the Department of Supplies, Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough; Superintendent of the Department of Literature, Mrs. Luke Johnson; Editor and Agent of *Our Homes*, Miss Mary Helm; Financial Agent of the A. B. C. Home and School, Mrs. W. H. Johnson; member of the Standing Committee on Education, Miss Mabel Head. Miss Estelle Haskin and Miss Vivian Conway were elected members of the Committee on Sociology and Philanthropy.

The following resolution was, upon motion, adopted:

Resolved, That the by-law on the Committee on Sociology and Philanthropy shall be so changed as to include the teachers of Sociology in both the Training Schools and two more members of the Board.

Miss Helm, Mrs. B. D. Bell, and Mrs. W. B. Sullins were elected the Committee on By-Laws.

The following were nominated as members of the Council of Home Mission Women: Miss Belle H. Bennett, Miss Mary Helm, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Miss Mabel Head, Mrs. R. B. John, Mrs. Luke Johnson, Miss Vivian Conway, Miss May Ora Durham, Miss Helen Gibson.

Upon motion, the President and the General Secretary were instructed to confer with Dr. McMurry concerning the Parsonage Department and to make a thorough investigation as to the best plans for its operation, so as to give the Special Parsonage Committee proper guidance in its work.

Dr. J. H. Kirkland and Mr. D. M. Smith were elected Auditors.

Miss Head spoke of the prepared outlines for Yearbooks for Conference Societies.

Mrs. P. C. Archer, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, read the report of that committee, which was adopted by a rising vote.

The Recording Secretary expressed gratitude for the very efficient help given by Mrs. Nat G. Rollins, the Assistant Recording Secretary.

The minutes of the session were read and approved.

Mrs. Smith led in a fervent prayer of thanksgiving and of supplication for guidance during the year.

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" was sung, and at 5 o'clock the twelfth annual session of the Woman's Board of Home Missions stood adjourned.

MISS BELLE H. BENNETT, *President*;

MRS. FRANK SILER, *Recording Secretary*.

MESSAGE TO THE WOMAN'S BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS, 1910.

BY MISS BELLE H. BENNETT, PRESIDENT.

A child's kiss
Set on thy lips shall make thee glad,
A poor man served by thee shall make thee rich,
A sick man helped by thee shall make thee strong.
Thou shalt be served thyself by every sense
Of service which thou renderest.

DURING the half year since the meeting of this Board the general work of the Society has prospered and advanced as in other years. Notwithstanding the unrest and discussions of impending change, which always disturb the Church during the year preceding a session of the General Conference, progress is noted in the reports from every department, and the work and workers connected with this Board are creating a Church conscience on the subject of home missions.

To many of us the matter of supreme importance during these months has been the reception and discussion by the Church at large of the memorial from this Board to the approaching General Conference, asking that the rights of the laity be granted the women of the Church. To my mind no truer missionary measure has ever emanated from or claimed the attention of our Methodism. By every token it is to us another illuminating expression of the gospel message which our risen Lord commissioned his disciples to proclaim to all the world.

Shrinking from opposition and public contest, we have followed our Leader afar off in this, have been slow of heart, and unable to bear the "yet many things" He would have said to us; but now that we have obeyed his command to "go forward," we may not cease nor abate any effort until this work of righteousness is accomplished.

To Mrs. Luke Johnson, Superintendent of the Department of Literature, to whom was committed the work of executing the plans projected by the Board, this body owes a special debt of gratitude. Her splendid leadership and untiring energy have put the cause set forth in the memorial so clearly before the Church that every reading man and woman has had an opportunity to get an intelligent conception of the great principle involved and of the cause as it affects the membership and work of the Church. All of this has been accomplished in an incredibly short space of time. To have gotten, as she has done, a patient, brotherly hearing from so large a majority of our brethren in the ministry on a subject involving denominational ethics, Church law, and the legal recognition of woman's right to a place in the governing councils of the Church is an unmistakable evidence of the growth of that spirit which the Christ commended when he said: "If

ye abide in my word, then are ye truly my disciples; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

That this educational work must continue for the next four years, none of us can doubt. There are yet among us and of us many men and women to whom the "traditions of men have made the Word of God of none effect," and at every mention of a change or advance movement in the Church they shrink back in blind terror, full of a superstitious fear of some awful calamity as a divine judgment. There are also many of our devoted missionary workers into whose lives the organized societies have put so much of spiritual, mental, and social development (to be gotten nowhere else in the Church) that the fear, and a reasonable one, of being deprived of this form of religious life and service prevents them from seeing that the Missionary Societies are only *methods of work*, while the Memorial for equal lay representation for women involves a great principle, and one which lies at the very basis of individual liberty. "For freedom did Christ set us free." Thus far we have followed the guidance of our great Leader, and have done what we could. The Memorial will now go to the General Conference, and as we have neither voice nor vote in that lawmaking body, the issue there must remain with our brethren.

Many of the best and truest men in the General Conference and in the great Church behind them are advocates of the cause for which the Memorial stands; and we must believe that every member of that body, whether he be for or against it, desires as earnestly as we do to know and do the will of God. The victory will be won, not by might, nor by power, but by the Spirit of the living God.

Until the General Conference has closed its sessions we cannot know what changes may have seemed best for the missionary operations and organizations of the Church. We must, therefore, proceed as usual with the work of this Board and make plans for another year.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Parsonages.

The past eighteen months have disclosed the fact that the parsonage loan funds of the Society are wholly inadequate to meet the demands.

The Board should again set apart a Loan Fund Day, emphasizing in the Yearbook and through the press the importance of observing it throughout the Society, and should in other practical ways endeavor to increase this fund.

Last year the Conference half of dues amounted to the considerable sum of \$30,000. Of this amount, \$25,000 was expended in donations to parsonages. Have we not reached a period in the history of the Society when it would be well for this Board to confine its parsonage grants to loans, making donations only in emergency cases and where the Conference Society is unable to render the needed assistance? Surely one-half of all the dues of the Society, a fund that must con-

tinue to increase annually as long as the organization grows, is no mean proportion to be devoted to one department.

Retirement Fund.

A Retirement Fund for our home mission workers is a matter of immediate importance. I would, therefore, suggest that the payment of ten cents per year be urged upon every member of the Society.

Change of Term.

In the use of the term "extra \$1," the Board seems always to have spoken to its constituency in an unknown tongue. Would it not be well, even at this late date, to change that expression, asking for a voluntary offering or pledge from each auxiliary equivalent to at least \$1 per member?

Enlargement of Board.

The work of the Society has grown until we need an enlarged Board.

The General Conference should be petitioned to change Article 3 of the Constitution so that it will read: "A President, three Vice Presidents, and one or more Secretaries." This would give the Board an opportunity to elect, one year from now, an active, competent woman as Third Vice President and specify her duties. It would also leave the Board free to elect at any time during the quadrennium a third Secretary, if the need became urgent for such an officer, as now seems altogether probable if the city mission work continues to grow as it has done in the past.

Workers' Conference.

This Board should inaugurate some plans for a Workers' Conference, calling a certain number or all of the workers from the field every alternate year. At least two weeks ought to be given to such a meeting; and if it could be fixed at a time and place where the members of this Board and other Conference and Auxiliary workers could meet with them, it would be to the spiritual, mental, and social quickening of all parties, as well as to increase efficiency in the specific line of home mission work.

Public Education.

In a number of our Southern States more than one-half of the children and young people of school age are not in the schools.

The women of this Board owe it to their homes, their children, and to the great non-Christian population of the South to urge upon the auxiliaries and all individual members of the Society active coöperation with other religious and State agencies in creating an educational sentiment throughout the bounds of our territory. This is a matter of vital importance in the rural districts. With a six months' public school term, a totally inadequate equipment in the matter of school-houses, furnishings, etc., starvation salaries to poorly prepared teachers, and no compulsory educational laws, what incentive has a hard-

working parent to withdraw his or her children from the cotton field, the tobacco patch, or the corn crop to send them to the little district school?

A strong, united conviction on the evils of these conditions, and a vigorously expressed public opinion which we as a Home Mission Society can do much to arouse, is the one sure remedy.

Another evil that grows and putrefies as a cancer on our home life is "the drug habit."

The splendid federated forces of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union and the Anti-Saloon League are daily lessening the power of the liquor traffic in this country; but the drug habit, which kills soul and body, is steadily on the increase.

The Woman's Home Mission Society can do much to create public opinion against this monster evil. Every woman should privately and publicly express her fear and abhorrence of it, and courageously urge that every doctor openly addicted to the drug habit should have his or her license revoked, and be debarred from the practice of medicine. Physicians whose minds are clouded and whose moral senses are perverted by the habitual use of drugs are responsible for the wreck and ruin of thousands of good, true men and women in this country every year.

To do our part in these important lines of home mission work will demand no financial outlay; but it will require prayer, work, and courage. Measures of this kind affecting community life and public welfare always provoke public opposition. Many Church people will say that this is not missionary work, and that we are out of "woman's sphere;" some will even be able to prove from the Bible that women have no scriptural right to take part in these lines of work; but every sane woman and man knows how intimately these things are related to the home life and to the advancement of the kingdom of God on earth.

It is infinitely easier and more comfortable to let some one else interpret the will of God for us, and fix our "sphere," if it relieves us of an unpleasant duty, than it is to respond to the divine voice and say: "Here am I; send me." A "class privilege" as ancient as time has been the right of the stronger to fix the sphere of the weaker, and the bondage of a dogmatic interpretation of the revealed Word of God has hindered the progress of the gospel in all Christian lands in every generation.

There is but one fixed, inflexible sphere, the sphere of old age, which God in mercy breaks with the hammer of death.

To us the Master says: "Ye did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you, that ye should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide."

May God give to the Board all needed wisdom, and may each member do her work with assurance that she is created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God afore prepared that she should walk in them!

REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY.

MRS. R. W. MACDONELL.

TWENTY-FOUR years ago, at the General Conference of 1886, the women of the Church were called to specific work in the home field through the need of homes for the preachers and their families in new and undeveloped sections of our country. It is worthy of note that the women *were called* by the fathers of the Church to this new and difficult work. The immediate need of homes for the preachers and the recognition of woman's fidelity and constructive ability fixed the horizon of service as seen by the leaders of the Church at that time. The marvelous changes in the social and industrial world were only beginning then, and but few had a vision of the possibilities of such an organization as they were creating. In the light of subsequent history can we doubt that the great Head of the Church was in the movement and was preparing this force to come to the kingdom for such a time as this?

With the coming of great social unrest born of modern industrial conditions and the influx of a new and foreign element into our society a reconstruction of the ministering force of the Church has become imperative. Help must be rendered not only for temporal relief, as in the giving of alms, not alone in the declaration of fundamental truths from the pulpit, but by personal service and human fellowship.

The success of this force can be measured only by the obstacles it has had to overcome. The Church had to be persuaded that "a perfect religious hope must include not only eternal life for the individual, but the establishment of the kingdom of God for humanity," and the kingdom of God is established by the saving of society. The opening of educational centers, which enrich the personality of a foreign element and of the neglected classes, the social touch with aliens through friendly clubs, the redemption of the cities by the gentle ministry of cultured, trained women who, like their Lord, go about doing good to the body was foreign to the idea of home missions or salvation a quarter of a century ago. Home missions meant then small, unkept preaching places where the "down and out" might find temporal help and a sermon at stated hours. Nothing short of the persistence, of the clear vision, of the willingness to be laughed at for attempting such work on the part of the women could have ever prepared the Church to do the work of social reconstruction, which is recognized as a part of her ministry to-day.

And so at this milepost in the history of this organization we pause to reckon with the work already accomplished. During the past year the work has shown solid, steady growth—not a leap, as in previous years, but rather that we have “lengthened our cords and strengthened our stakes” as the result of the year's work. The following statistics show the present status of the work:

	Auxiliaries.	Members.	Increase.
Adult	3,195	72,069	7,001
Young people	181	4,395	434
Brigades	573	15,458	2,139
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Total	3,949	91,922	9,574

The Conference showing the greatest growth is Oklahoma, which reports 861 more members than heretofore. Northwest Texas, Mississippi, North Georgia, Baltimore, and South Carolina have also made marked progress.

The collections for the year are:

Dues	\$ 67,574 84
Specials	70,229 45
Loan funds.....	1,994 90
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Total cash.....	\$139,799 19
City missions, per voucher	42,770 68
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Total	\$182,569 87
For local work	325,726 93
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Grand total	\$508,296 80

This means an increase in cash collections of \$12,705.22; of city missions, per voucher, \$2,046.15; total increase, \$14,751.37. One thousand five hundred and ninety-one auxiliaries observed the week of prayer, collecting \$15,395.04 for the new dormitory and chapel to be built at Sue Bennett School.

LOCAL WORK.

The local work has been most efficiently handled this year. Reports show visits to sick and strangers, 495,909; cottage prayer meetings, 10,326; garments in good condition given away, 162,950; expended on local work, \$325,726.93. With the exception of the money expended on the local parsonages and churches, the whole cash collection was distributed among the needy. Through this local work an effort is made to train our women in efficient relief service by holding them responsible for the material betterment of every family and individual within

their Church membership. Through this local work the pastors find an organized force ready to carry forward the best interests of the Churches.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S AND CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

The work of the Brigades this year has not equaled that of previous years. While good has been accomplished, there must be greater zeal if they reach the ideal. As soldiers they must work with a solid front and with a purpose. The collections have been \$3,793.22. This shows a decrease of \$31.67 from last year's reports. The Baby Roll added 2,752 to its number during the year, and raised \$3,362.25, a small gain of \$88.81 over the year ending 1909.

PARSONAGES.

The parsonages helped last year were:

By the Board,	29; amount given, \$ 3,250
By Conference Society, 168;	amount given, 20,975

Totals,	197; amount given, \$24,225
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The material help to the parsonages of the Church through this organization last year vindicated the call of the women to this line of work. In the new Conferences and in some of the mill and lumber sections the Parsonage Department has meant the creation of new charges and the development of the Church.

SUPPLIES.

Through the Supply Department boxes valued at \$39,112.08 were sent out as follows: To preachers, 287; to home mission schools, 362; to orphanages, 583; to storm or fire sufferers and emergency calls, 82; total, 1,314. The increase here is shown by 274 boxes and \$4,086.34 over the record of past years.

SCHOOLS.

Our educational work has not shown as rapid growth as we would desire. We still number twelve schools, with sixty-eight teachers, who gave instruction to 1,659 students the past fiscal year. These schools are located as follows: Among Cubans, twenty-three teachers and 621 students; mountaineers, twenty-four teachers and 778 students; three industrial schools, with seventeen teachers and 375 pupils. Among the Orientals on the Pacific Coast there have been five teachers and sixty-five students. The cost of maintaining these schools has been \$44,588.83. This has included notes on purchase of new land at Brevard, N. C., and the redemption of notes on the purchase price of the Vashti School, and also the liquidation of debts contracted a year ago at several of our institutions. The fees paid by students amounted to \$10,943.06. The cost to the Society was \$20.25 per student last year,

an investment which cannot be reckoned in the return of dollars and cents, but which makes for better citizenship, enriched life, and higher ideals for our nation. The ideal which the Woman's Home Mission Society hopes to create in these students is that they may have that "goodness which will enable them to live rightly with their fellow-men and constitute the true social life."

• *Cuban Schools.*

The Wolff Mission School, at Ybor City, Tampa, Fla., has had an entire change of faculty. In September Miss Lotie Adams, of Texas, was called to take charge of the work, and she has been ably assisted by a generously coöperative faculty. In addition to the usual school-room work among 121 children she has introduced social features, which mean not only reaching the children, but their families as well. Boys' clubs, girls' clubs, mothers' meetings, and a good music school have all tended to open the door for Christ into the homes of these strangers. The Cubans have contributed \$289.50 for the support of the school in fees of fifteen and twenty-five cents per week for their children who have enjoyed the privileges.

The West Tampa School has cared for ninety-six children during the year. The principal, Miss Emelina Valdes, has been greatly handicapped in her work by anxious care because of the continued prostration of the founder of the school, Mrs. Rosa Valdes. We have been fortunate during the year to have the music teacher of the Wolff Mission School give two days during the week to music classes in West Tampa. This has enlarged the usefulness of our work. The property of West Tampa needs repainting and a new fence at once.

Ruth Hargrove Seminary, Key West, has enrolled 375 students, the largest number in its record. The cramped condition for the lack of buildings continues to harass the principal and teachers. During the year we have enlarged the course of study by adding a commercial department, which will mean much to the life of the school. The music department also has had unusual success this year. Plans for a new school building are being perfected, and the principal's home is being completed as we make this report. The campus has been enlarged by the purchase of four lots. The main building suffered because of the severe storm in October, and yet it suffered less than many older and stronger buildings in the city of Key West. Repairs amounting to \$600 were necessary on account of this storm.

The Cuban Night School at Ybor City continues to reach the Spanish-speaking people who come to us to learn English. The teachers at the Wolff Mission School carry on this work. They are ably assisted by the pastor, Rev. J. B. Lewis. Mrs. Mary Bruce Alexander has been known as a parish visitors among the Cubans during the year. She has made friends for the institution and reached and helped build up God's kingdom by her friendly visits in the homes of these people.

Mountain Schools.

There were 365 students last year at the Sue Bennett School, London, Ky. One hundred of these young people were there as normal students. The school is to be congratulated upon this fact, when the State Normal, which is so well equipped, is only about sixty miles away. The course of study has been thorough and strenuous, as heretofore, and the students are most enthusiastic and appreciative. There were fifty conversions during the year. The great need of a dormitory and chapel increases, and before another year it is hoped that the Week of Prayer collection and other generous gifts will make this building possible.

Brevard Institute, Brevard, N. C., has cared for 168 students, and a most satisfactory work has been done this year. The school was visited with an unfortunate epidemic of fever in the late fall, but the fidelity of the faculty and coöperation of the students and the loyalty of the citizens of Brevard soon stamped out the disease, and two-thirds of the student body were back at work within a few weeks. Diligent effort was made to ferret out the cause of the disease, and the investigation of foodstuffs and local conditions proved that the difficulty did not spring from any carelessness on the part of the administration. The nurses' fees, disinfectants, drugs, medical attention, etc., amounted to near \$800. The discipline of the school has been most satisfactory, and, with the exception of the fever epidemic, we consider it as having been the very best year's work of our present administration.

Pacific Coast Work.

The work on the Pacific Coast has not materially changed during the last year. The Korean Mission was unfortunate in losing its pastor, Rev. J. S. Ryang, who has entered Vanderbilt as a student. He was succeeded by Mr. Yun, who gives promise of carrying forward the work with the same zeal that marked Mr. Ryang's service. Unsettled conditions among the Orientals make large, aggressive missions in this country among the Koreans impossible; and yet our most satisfactory work has been done among these people, owing to the fact that we have the *Korean Evangel*, which carries a message of life and hope and truth to Koreans throughout our country and down into Mexico, and even to the Far East.

The Kindergarten and Primary Schools.—Mary Helm Hall, at Alameda, Cal., had an attendance of thirty-five last year. The Japanese maintain these schools, so that the Woman's Board simply furnishes the schoolrooms and equipment. We select the teachers and throw the religious influence into the school life.

The night school for Japanese men has enrolled thirty students. These are not all present at any one time. Many of them have remained in the school but a short while, only until they acquire a

speaking knowledge of English. This gives an opportunity to drop a seed thought, which later develops a Christian plant.

Our Japanese Church services have continued with unabated interest, and last year seven Japanese were born into the kingdom of heaven as a result of the work of the Woman's Board of Home Missions at Alameda, Cal.

Industrial Schools.

The Vashti Industrial School, at Thomasville, Ga., has had a year of unprecedented success, having only two cases of illness to mar the health record of the school. The self-governing plan of the institution assures coöperation on the part of the girls. Twelve girls finished the course of study last year. Eight of these, through the benefactions of friends and earnestness of purpose, have passed on to schools of higher curriculum, and four have gone into domestic life. There have been ninety girls in the institution during the year.

The Ann Browder Home and School, at Dallas, Tex., has had perhaps the best-equipped faculty in its record. It has been our pleasure in the past year to preserve a tabulated record of the work of this institution, seeking thereby to test our own efficiency and to stimulate the students to greater activity in each department. Their work this year, as compared with that of last, is shown in the following table.

	1909.	1910.
Girls cared for during the year	83	86
Number of babies born during the year.	24	25
Number of babies adopted during year.	23	16
Appropriation for forty girls	\$2,580 00	\$2,690 00
Cash for girls for whom the Board makes no appropriation	2,328 25	1,667 60
Cash for industries	966 10	419 73
Net receipts from sewing	198 95	214 53
Net receipts from laundry	Def. 88 35	Def. 31 68
Garments made by students		1,385
Garments laundered by students		60,930

Reports from Paine Annex, Augusta, Ga., continue to make our hearts glad. Two hundred negro girls have had training in laundering, cooking, and sewing, in addition to the regular literary course of the school. The one test that we are striving to make as the desired thing in this institution is efficiency. At the writing of this report we are most hopeful of being able to claim the gift from the General Educational Board of \$5,000 toward the new dormitory, which was promised upon a condition that we raise \$20,000. We are sure that by July 1 we will be able to claim this gift and to put up an institution which more nearly meets the demands of the home and our opportunity. Prof. J. W. Gilbert, of Paine, has been authorized by the Board

to make collections for this girls' dormitory, and reports this year's work as follows: Total cash collected, \$1,225.29; expenses of travel, \$394.58; balance in bank, \$830.71. Subscription to be collected, \$461.50.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY.

Miss Mabel Howell, for six years in charge of the Department of Sociology at Scarritt Bible and Training School, reports the work most satisfactory for this year. Four courses have been specially stressed—viz., the study of conditions, of service, of pedagogy, and of efficient philanthropy. In addition to the class room, her superintendence of the field work of the home mission students has made this department most efficient.

At the Methodist Training School, in Nashville, Tenn., Miss Estelle Haskin has directed the sociological work through the Chair of Applied Methods. The students have had training at the three different centers: at the Warioto Mills, a large Settlement Home in a cotton mill district, where the mill operator coöperates with the student force in helping to raise the ideals of his people; at the Wesley House, in South Nashville, owned and directed by the Nashville City Mission Board; and at the Jewish Settlement. The Organized Charities of the city have likewise furnished training centers. The Church is indebted to these well-prepared, efficient, consecrated women who are training our deaconesses and missionaries for much of the good work that has been accomplished through the Woman's Home Mission Society.

DEACONESSSES.

Twenty-five young women have been in preparation for the work and office of deaconess during the past year on scholarships provided by the Home Mission Society. These scholarships have amounted to \$3,977. Those who enjoy them pledge to give four consecutive years to the social work of the Church or refund the money.

It is interesting to note that since the creation of the office of deaconess fifty-four women have been set apart for this service, and that during this Board meeting twelve more are coming to you for consecration. That a life consecrated to others means a life won for self is shown by the fact that in all the activities of the Society there is no more happy people to be found than the deaconesses.

During the past year forty-three deaconesses have been in the active work, twenty-nine in the institutional work of the Woman's Home Mission Society, eleven as pastors' assistants, two in religious and social work in cotton mills, one as a traveler's aid, another in a rescue home, while another has been employed in research work at New Orleans. The high degree of mortality among the infants of this city has led to practical investigation as to cause on the part of those who are seeking for the betterment of humanity, and at their earnest request one of the deaconesses of the Southern Methodist Church has had

the pleasure of rendering this service. This has given her the opportunity of not only serving the many homes that she has entered in that city by carrying Christian cheer, but also by her investigations enabling scientific men to stamp out the cause of infant disease and death. When we recall that these forty-three trained, uniformed workers have gone into the work in the name of the Christ who gave himself for suffering humanity, and that they have the promise of his strength, we realize how great has been this army for service.

Calls for deaconesses throughout the bounds of the Church have come to us and also from mill operators, who look for the material betterment of their employees and who recognize the value of the ministry of Christian women. Calls have come through pastors, city mission boards, and the schools of the Church. It has been eight years since the General Conference created this office in connection with the Church, and certainly no movement has been more far-reaching in its influence.

CITY MISSIONS AND DEACONESS WORK.

There are at present twenty-eight city mission boards within the bounds of the Woman's Home Mission Society. New boards have been organized at Danville, Va., St. Joseph, Mo., and Greensboro, N. C., and in the Lead Belt of Farmington District, St. Louis Conference. Sixty-two trained workers, appointed by the Board, have been engaged in this work, while twenty additional missionaries have been employed, who have had their training in the world of experience. This force of eighty-two regular workers has been assisted by 318 volunteers.

The institutional work has grown in favor with our city mission boards, as we have found their influence most inspiring in the midst of those communities which need to have the highest ideal to be lifted before them. They are at present found in the following order: Wesley Houses, Atlanta, Ga., Augusta, Ga., Biloxi, Miss., Birmingham, Ala., Bristol, Tenn., Dallas, Tex., Houston, Tex., Knoxville, Tenn., Louisville, Ky., Memphis, Tenn., Mobile, Ala., Nashville, Tenn., Portsmouth, Va., St. Joseph, Mo., Thurber Tex., and Winston-Salem, N. C.; Kingdom House, St. Louis, Mo., which carries every feature of a Wesley House; Institutional Church, Kansas City, Mo.; Hospital at Los Angeles, Cal.; Door of Hope at Macon, Ga.; St. Mark's Hall, New Orleans, La.; the Coöperative Home at Waco, Tex., and the Mary Werlein Mission at New Orleans, La. These mark the centers about which our social service gathers.

The work is carried on by parish-visiting on the part of the missionaries at Meridian, Miss., Tampa, Fla., Asheville, N. C., and Greensboro, N. C.; while in Baltimore, Md., the distinctive feature is the two kindergartens maintained in two of the Southern Methodist Churches of that city. The importance and influence of the kindergarten in home mission work is growing. At present we have eight trained

kindergartners, six of whom have had, in addition to their professional preparation, courses at training schools for Christian workers.

There are thirty trained city missionaries employed in the work of the Church through the Home Mission Society. These serve as pastor's assistant, 1; mill settlement, 1; city missions, 17; kindergartners, 8; nurses, 3. There is no difference when it comes to the ministry of the missionary who has had training and that of the deaconess, save the relation that she bears to the Church.

This combined force of workers last fiscal year made 43,466 visits in the name of the Christ who has commissioned them. In our social centers 44,954 visits have been received from those who were seeking fellowship or inspiration from us. This body of workers has conducted thirty-seven industrial schools, reaching 2,171 students. They have carried seventy-three clubs, reaching 1,913 young lives in the communities where they are located. Through these trained workers thirteen night schools have given an opportunity to 623 boys and girls who have been unable to have the benefit of carrying forward their education in the regular schools.

All of the work carried forward by our trained workers has been in coöperation with other organized forces of the cities. It is not our purpose to overlap others or to enter the fields as competitors, but we must carry life and opportunity, and inspire the community spirit where no other force is at work. This is notably true in the larger centers where we have been doing work for a number of years. The Wesley House community in Atlanta, Ga., raised last year \$960.23 toward the maintenance of the work, which was enjoyed by themselves and their friends. Summer outings were furnished for tired mothers and sick babies, 2,572 shower baths carried refreshment to the community, and twenty-five parties and six concerts furnished recreation for young and old alike.

At Kansas City the children from the juvenile courts were cared for. Our workers served as dispensers for the pure milk depot. The gymnasium helped to build up the physique of those who visited our Institutional Church, and the introduction of the Penny Provident Bank has taught economy and thrift.

At Louisville, Ky., the story hour has meant very much to the children who come to the Wesley House, and through the circulating library 3,996 books have carried wholesome influence and intellectual quickening into the homes.

At St. Louis, Mo., a beautiful new property was purchased by the City Mission Board, valued at \$50,000. The building is furnished and equipped so as to carry not only physical culture, mental stimulus, and a glimpse of the beautiful to all who enter its doors, but in connection therewith the spiritual mind is cultivated and larger life given to a needy people. Out on a farm not far from the city many little people from the tenements were given an opportunity for fresh air,

STATISTICAL STATEMENT OF WORK ENTERPRISED BY CITY MISSION BOARDS.

LOCATION.	HEAD RESIDENT.	Work Carried on in Institutions?	Trained Workers.	Saluted Workers.	Volunteer Workers.	Day Nurseries.	Children Cared for in Day Nurseries.	Kindergartens.	Children Enrolled in Kindergarten.	Industrial Schools.	Children Enrolled in Industrial Schools.	Night Schools.	Students Enrolled in Night Schools.	Boys' Clubs.	Boys Enrolled in Clubs.	Girls' and Y. L. Clubs.	Girls Enrolled in Clubs.	Mothers' Clubs.	Mothers in Clubs.	Dispensaries.	Patients Treated.	Sabbath Schools.	Children Enrolled in Sabbath Schools.	Free Reading Rooms.	Garments Given or Sold.	Papers and Tracts Distributed.	Visits Made.	Visits Received.	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
Atlanta, Ga.	Miss Dollie Grim	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
Augusta, Ga.	Miss Jennie Ducker	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
Baltimore, Md.	Miss Rhoda Drago	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
Biloxi, Miss.	Miss Hettie Phillips	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
Birmingham, Ala.	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	1	1
Bristol, Tenn.	Miss Annie Bass	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
Danville, Va.	Miss Grace Hemenway.	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
Dallas, Tex.	Miss Nell Rogers.	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
Greensboro, N. C.	Miss Mattie Wright.	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
Houston, Tex.	Miss Ethel Jackson.	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
Kansas City, Mo.	Miss Hettie Stewart.	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
Knoxville, Tenn.	Miss Ethel Stewart.	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
Lead Belt, Mo.	Miss Mary E. Smith.	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
Louisville, Ky.	Miss Maria Elliott.	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
Los Angeles, Cal.	Mrs. F. M. Knowles	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
Macon, Ga.	Mrs. Ida Adreusson.	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
Memphis, Tenn.	Mrs. Clara Cope.	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
Meridian, Miss.	Mrs. Mary Ogilvie.	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
Mobile, Ala.	Mrs. Bessie Allen.	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
Nashville, Tenn.	Mrs. Margaret Ragland.	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
New Orleans, La.	Mrs. L. Meekin.	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
New Orleans, La.	Mrs. L. Meekin.	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
New Orleans, La.	Mrs. L. Meekin.	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
Portsmouth, Va.	Miss Nanette Hudson.	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
Richmond, Va.	Miss Hattie Sellars.	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
St. Louis, Mo.	Miss Helen Gibson.	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
St. Joseph, Mo.	Mrs. Frances Scott.	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
Tampa, Fla.	Mrs. W. F. Alexander.	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
Thurber, Tex.	Miss Eugenia Smith.	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
Winston-Salem, N. C.	Miss F. Blackwell.	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
Waco, Tex.	Mrs. M. L. Stone.	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
Total		24	61	83	318	61	1,206	11	494	29	1,890	111	613	28	738	14	321	18	516	9	3,452	11	2,234	10	5,427	14,716	30,938	44,161		\$12,770

* This includes Columbus, Ga. \$154.20.

Jackson, Tenn., \$552.75, not reported in this table.

for playing in the woods, and for coming in touch with mother earth during the summer months. Mrs. George Duff led this force, assisted by some of the students in training from the Scarritt Bible and Training School.

The story of one center varies but little from that of another. The whole effort, however, of this city work has been to enable men to live rightly with their fellow-men and to constitute true social life founded on faith and love, which made the ethics of Jesus. Faith and love are the society-making qualities of human life, and all of our city mission work is built upon faith in humanity and its power to love and live the Christ life.

The following table gives a succinct statement of the various phases of the work carried on by the City Mission Boards:

	1910.	1909.	Increase.	Dec'se.
City Boards.....	28	24	4	...
Institutions	24	.....	.....	...
Trained workers.....	62	62	.....	...
Salaried workers.....	82	62	1	...
Volunteer workers.....	318	347	.....	29
Day nurseries.....	4	4	.....	...
Children in nurseries....	1,206	460	746	...
Kindergartens	11	11	.....	...
Kindergarten children....	494	557	.....	63
Industrial schools.....	29	25	4	...
Children's schools.....	1,899	1,854	45	...
Night schools.....	11	13	.....	2
Students	613	396	217	...
Boys' clubs.....	27	24	3	...
Boys enrolled.....	714	981	.....	267
Free reading rooms.....	10	8	2	...
Girls' clubs.....	13	7	6	...
Girls enrolled.....	279	161	118	...
Mothers' clubs.....	18	16	2	...
Women enrolled.....	516	448	68	...
Dispensaries	9	6	3	...
Visits made.....	30,938	39,473	.....	...
Visits received.....	44,161	28,248	9,035	...
Garments	5,427	4,660	.....	...
Papers	14,716	7,558	.....	...
Cost of maintenance.....	\$42,770 68	\$40,724 53	\$2,046 15	...

GULF COAST WORK.

This year (1909-10) has given us an opportunity to test the co-operative work undertaken by the Church at the seaport centers. We do not hesitate to say that the results have been good and that men

and women have been helped to better citizenship and higher ideals through our ministry.

At Galveston, Tex., 8,529 immigrants landed, and five hundred passed through that port returning to their home land the past fiscal year; and it was our privilege to care for 2,500 of these people in the Immigrant Home. The cost of maintaining this enterprise was \$7,175.69, of which \$2,503.51 was furnished by the mission boards, \$3,167.50 by the Texas Conference, and \$42.50 was given by individuals who were specially interested in the work. The immigrants paid to the Home \$1,462.18. It will be seen from this that our work is not entirely gratuitous to the immigrant in that he pays for the meals that he receives; but at the same time this does not begin to meet the current expenses of such an institution. When we reckon that these 2,500 foreigners have had the friendly touch of the Church through our institution, we know it is a revelation of the Christ who stands back of it. Books, periodicals, baths, rest rooms, and the ministry of our superintendent and missionaries have all been at their demand. In addition to these immigrants, 25,000 sailors have landed at Galveston during the year, and we have cared for from four to six hundred per month. In December Rev. A. E. Rector became superintendent of this work.

At Gulfport, Miss., 10,674 visits from sailors have been made to our reading room, 3,275 have attended our gospel services, while we have been able to help sixty-one who were stranded and to secure employment for twenty-eight who were seeking a change of occupation. The cost of maintaining this enterprise is \$3,395. The source of revenue has been the General Board of Missions, the Woman's Home Mission Society, the Mississippi Conference Society, and the citizens of Gulfport.

At Biloxi, Miss., our deaconess, Miss Rhoda Dragoo, presides over the Wesley House, which is a part of the Gulfport Mission. Miss Dragoo has had charge of this work only about six months, and in this time she has been able to organize boys' clubs, girls' clubs, and to make six hundred visits.

At New Orleans, La., St. Mark's Hall has reached 15,000 people during the year. Located, as it is, below Canal Street, and carrying on twenty-three features of work, such as a dispensary, night school, free baths, industrial schools, etc., it has been enabled to speak of that Christianity which offers a perfect social life, "and gives victory over all the evil that wounds and mars human intercourse." This work has been carried on at a cost of \$6,717.79, furnished as follows: Mission Boards, \$5,453.34; City Mission Board, \$1,051.40; Louisiana Conference Board, \$120; voluntary gifts, \$93.05. Rev. N. E. Joyner and the deaconesses, Miss Margaret Ragland and Miss Daisy Duncan, have put the very best that was in themselves into this work. They have been ably assisted by the Misses Keithley.

DEPARTMENT OF LITERATURE.

At the last Board meeting in Savannah, Ga., Mrs. Luke G. Johnson was elected superintendent of this department. Owing to repeated interruptions, the organization of this department has not been perfected, but within the last few months, through Mrs. Johnson's gift of organization, a more definite plan has been obtained of this work. Mrs. Johnson has had charge of the press work bearing on the "memorial" to the General Conference asking for the rights of the laity for women. Leaflets, circular letters, and express packages have gone from her office by thousands, and she has not known how to spare herself in the effort to get this subject before the Church. She has shown rare skill in this department.

Our Homes has continued to enjoy the editorship of Miss Mary Helm. The paper is more popular than ever, having 23,176 subscribers.

The six thousand *Bulletins* have gone from the General Office each month since November. Previous to that Mrs. Charles Phelps sent them out to the auxiliaries. The growing demand for these monthly messages reveals the fact that the auxiliaries are using them in effective service.

The *Annual Report* has grown to such proportions as to resemble a book. Eight thousand copies were issued through the General Office at the order of the various Conference societies last year.

Miss Mabel Head has had specific charge of the organization of Study Courses, and reports 3,338 as taking the reading course during the year.

Mrs. Charles Phelps has been vigilant in the use of the local press to demonstrate facts and figures regarding the work of the Home Mission Society. Leaflets have been issued for each monthly meeting, and have been contributed by various members of the Board.

TITHING.

Mrs. J. W. Perry has made diligent effort during the year to create an interest in systematic giving toward the support of the Lord's work. The February issue of *Our Homes* was distinctively a tithing issue, when through the superintendent's efforts and those of the editor a number of fine articles were contributed. Many of the Church papers gave prominence to this subject during the month of February, and on the last Sabbath of the month many pastors preached on tithing, and a wholesome agitation of the subject has followed. This department reports \$14,053 as pledged to this manner of supporting the work of the Church.

OUR GIFTS.

Perhaps there has been no year in our history when there were as few large bequests to the Society as we have had during this fiscal year. Outside of five one-thousand-dollar gifts, each by individual members of the Woman's Home Mission Society to Paine Annex, we have had few gifts that exceeded one hundred dollars. These five

one-thousand-dollar gifts have represented the consecration of as many women and their devotion to the upbuilding and the development of the negro.

Through the munificence of a Baltimore Methodist \$2,000 has come to us on the annuity plan—\$1,000 for Vashti and the other for the Sue Bennett School. For these gifts we are most grateful.

While there have been fewer large gifts, we believe that there has been a more general giving of self in service on the part of our women than we have ever had in the past. The readiness with which the membership responds to any request for service and the heartiness with which the assurance of coöperation comes has amounted to an inspiration to the officers of the Board.

OUR NEEDS.

A larger collection is an absolute need for the maintenance of the work. For two years we have failed to meet our current expenses. At no point can the work be curtailed without great disaster. Hence we claim that a larger collection and a more generous freewill giving must come, or the work will be crippled.

We need a larger membership, and to this end we trust that the Board will fix a given date to work for an enlarged membership and will prepare such literature for distribution as will carry enlightenment to the Church at large and as will induce those who are outside of our force to become one with us. Five hundred thousand members of the Woman's Home Mission Society must be our slogan for the ensuing year.

We want more workers, more deaconesses, more city missionaries, and better trained teachers. To this end let our members unite in prayer to the "Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers."

Again, we must ever keep before us as workers for the coming of Christ's kingdom the thought that this kingdom means a redeemed human society. With Mr. Rauschenbusch we dare believe that "the kingdom of God is a collective conception, involving the whole social life of man. It is not a matter of saving human atoms, but the saving of social organism. It is not a matter of getting individuals to heaven, but of transforming the life on earth into the harmony of heaven."

REPORT OF ASSOCIATE SECRETARY.

MISS MABEL HEAD, ASSOCIATE SECRETARY.

THE real growth of an organization cannot be measured merely by increase in numbers, or even in money given, but should also include the methods of doing the work, broadening the vision, deepening the spiritual life. Great and glorious as have been the results of the work done in our schools, city missions, and other institutions, a greater result of our organized work has been the development of the women engaged in it. The deeper consecration, the more abounding love, the strength of character, the developed prayer life, the oneness with the Master cannot be given in reports or measured aright in this world.

During the year I have traveled 12,307 miles in the interest of the work, as follows: General field work in five Conferences, attended ten annual meetings, and Summer Conferences at Asheville, N. C. (Y. W. C. A.); Monteagle, Tenn. (Woman's Missionary Week); Biloxi, Miss. (Seashore Assembly for Christian Workers); Epworth-by-the-Sea (Texas State Encampment). I have held sixty-seven all-day meetings (district meetings or institutes).

As I have visited the auxiliaries and Conferences my heart has rejoiced as I noted the growth in interest, in knowledge, and in efficiency. There has been a decided growth in the number really studying the connectional work and the needs of the field. The local work has greatly improved, as more and more stress has been given to personal service and better system has been used in the first department. In many places the women are still only money collectors, so far as local work is concerned; and instead of following the lines of woman's work, they have gone decidedly "out of their sphere" and have taken up church-building, Conference claims, etc.—work that should be done by the men of the Church. Few Conference First Vice Presidents have close enough touch with the auxiliaries to really help them along these lines.

The programs used in auxiliary meetings are much better than a few years ago, though some societies still do not use the leaflets or *Bulletins* regularly, and make no definite plans for helpful programs. It is hoped that the suggestive plans for the "Yearbook" will result in much more interesting and instructive meetings.

The Brigade work is growing slowly; but there are scores of places in each Conference where the children might easily be enlisted.

The Conference Third Vice Presidents have done their best year's work; their reports are fuller and show development along all lines. The auxiliaries in many places do not attach any importance to the children's work. This might be partly overcome, and has been in some Conferences by stressing this feature at the annual meetings, giving helpful plans for organizing and carrying on the work.

The Young People's Societies have increased a little; but the District

Secretaries and Conference Secretaries have not been able to stress this, owing to heavy work along other lines; so our young people are not being developed in home mission work. Many of them are ready, even eager, for activity; but the way has not been opened up to them. Some of our Young People's Societies reported last year are dead, because no older persons gave them help and encouragement. The splendid work done by others has been truly gratifying. In a few places they have a large and effective local work; in some places they have done splendid mission study work. Again I come to you with the conviction that the one thing needful to further organize and develop the young life is a superintendent in each Conference, or at least in each of the larger Conferences. The Third Vice Presidents have all that one person can do if they properly care for the Children's Department. Then, too, the young people do not like to be classed with the children. The appointment of such an officer would increase the Conference expense very little, only enough to cover postage and a trip to the annual meeting. Expenses incurred in attending the district meetings should be borne by the district.

In each of the Summer Conferences I taught Home Mission Study Classes, with a total enrollment of two hundred and thirty-six. Miss Haskin also taught Home Mission Classes at Biloxi, Miss., and Epworth-by-the-Sea, Tex., and Asheville, N. C., with a good enrollment. More than one hundred members of these classes have taught Mission Study Classes during the year, some of them more than one class. Enrollment of such classes as reported to me, 1,149.

Institute hours on methods of work were held each week day at Biloxi and at Epworth-by-the-Sea, with an enrollment of one hundred and sixty-one women of the missionary societies. Surely study of these home mission books and discussion of practical plans must be bringing results that cannot be tabulated.

The following is the report of the organizations effected by my visits:

Adult auxiliaries	29
Membership	407
Brigades	31
Membership	465
Young People's Societies	16
Membership	178
New members not included in above	581
Reading Circles (not reported under Summer Conferences)	37
Enrollment	459

I have visited five colleges, where I have organized Home Mission Study Classes and instituted young people's work under the Missionary Department of the Y. W. C. A. I have presented the work in six other colleges, in ten normal schools and universities, and in fifteen public

schools. I have visited the Cuban schools at Tampa, the Gulf Coast work, and city mission work in six places.

This is the Lord's work, and he has called us to it. Let us take courage and go forward to larger things. Let our slogan for this year be: "Four hundred and twenty-five thousand new adult members, fifteen thousand young people, thirty thousand Brigaders, and \$425,000 over and above dues." We can do it if we will. No, not that; we can do it, *and* we will.

The following is a summary of the children's work as reported to me:

BABY ROLL AND BRIGADE, 1909-10.

CONFERENCE.	Number on Baby Roll.	Number on Brigade.	Brigade Increase.
Alabama.....	535	1,090	114
Arkansas.....		152	
Baltimore.....	1,125	571	2
Columbia.....		134	84
Denver.....	67	18	11
East Columbia.....		25	25
Florida.....	609	720	39
Holston.....	2,339	855	128
Kentucky.....	227	347	55
Little Rock.....		721	155
Los Angeles.....		140	24
Louisiana.....	126	500	320
Louisville.....	258	404	204
Memphis.....	573	405	266
Mississippi.....	393	303	122
Missouri.....	105	135	
Montana.....			
New Mexico.....	113	104	48
North Alabama.....		356	
North Carolina.....	855	1,428	256
North Georgia.....	650	2,178	855
North Mississippi.....	649	1,312	407
North Texas.....	850	744	371
Northwest Texas.....	228	1,121	
Oklahoma.....	71	148	
Pacific.....		63	3
South Carolina.....	256	629	189
South Georgia.....	280	919	435
Southwest Missouri.....	244	316	72
St. Louis.....	281	338	1
Tennessee.....	2,501	640	131
Texas.....	805	1,332	1,332*
Virginia.....	148	543	
West Texas.....	283	387	387*
Western North Carolina.....	511	219	173
Western Virginia.....			
White River.....	72	161	
Total.....	15,930	19,458*	6,209

*The column of increase is based on comparison with my report for 1908-09, and in two cases, West Texas and Texas, it does not denote the actual increase for this year, as both these Conferences failed to report number of Brigade members to me last year.

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION OF THE METHODIST
EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH, AS TRUSTEE OF THE WOMAN'S HOME
MISSION SOCIETY, PARSONAGE DEPARTMENT, FOR THE YEAR
ENDING MARCH 31, 1910.**

I. PARSONAGE GENERAL FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Received of Mrs. M. C. Ketchum, Assistant Treasurer..	\$4,000 00
Balance on hand April 1, 1909.....	443 22—\$ 4,443 22

DISBURSEMENTS.

Donations to Parsonages.

Arkansas Conference:		
Alma and Prairie Grove, Alma, Ark.....	\$100 00	
Gassville, Ark	50 00	
Valley Springs, Ark.....	50 00—	\$ 200 00
Baltimore Conference:		
Petersburg, W. Va.....	50 00—	50 00
East Columbia Conference:		
Walla Walla, Wash.....	400 00—	400 00
Florida Conference:		
Wauchula, Fla	50 00—	50 00
Kentucky Conference:		
Jackson, Ky	100 00—	100 00
Los Angeles Conference:		
Courtland, Ariz	100 00	
Tempe, Ariz	200 00—	300 00
Montana Conference:		
South Side, Butte, Mont.....	200 00—	200 00
New Mexico Conference:		
Dayton and Lakewood, N. Mex.....	50 00	
Texico, N. Mex	200 00	
Artesia, N. Mex.....	100 00—	350 00
North Carolina Conference:		
Mount Pleasant, Bailey, N. C.....	100 00—	100 00
Oklahoma Conference:		
Vian Circuit, Okla.....	125 00	
Boise City, Okla.....	100 00	
Comanche, Okla	100 00	
Davis, Okla	100 00	
Marietta, Okla	75 00	
Ryan, Okla	100 00	
Sayre, Okla	50 00	
Boswell, Okla	75 00—	725 00
St. Louis Conference:		
Immanuel, St. Louis, Mo.....	100 00	
East Prairie, Mo.....	50 00—	150 00
Western North Carolina Conference:		
Jonesville, N. C.....	75 00—	75 00
Western Virginia Conference:		
Parsons and Elkins, Parsons, W. Va....	200 00—	200 00
West Texas Conference:		
Mathis Circuit, Skidmore, Tex.....	100 00—	100 00
White River Conference:		
Batesville District, Ark.....	200 00	
Piggott, Ark	50 00—	250 00—\$ 3,250 00

SUMMARY.

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Balance on hand April 1, 1909.....	\$ 443 22
Receipts during year ending March 31, 1910.....	4,000 00—\$ 4,443 22

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Donations to parsonages.....	\$3,250 00
Balance on hand March 31, 1910.....	1,193 22—\$ 4,443 22

II. PARSONAGE CONFERENCE BOARD FUNDS.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand April 1, 1909.....	\$ 2,210 00
Received from Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Treasurer.....	22,425 00—\$24,635 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

Donations to Parsonages by Conference Boards, Woman's Home Mission Society.

Alabama Conference:		
Coatopa, Brewersville, Ala.....	\$150 00	
Brantley, Ala.....	100 00—	\$ 250 00
Arkansas Conference:		
Midland Heights, Fort Smith, Ark.....	50 00	
Eureka Springs, Ark.....	100 00	
Alma, Ark.....	100 00	
London and Knoxville, Ark.....	50 00	
Valley Springs, Ark.....	75 00—	375 00
Baltimore Conference:		
Vinton, Va.....	100 00	
Petersburg, W. Va.....	100 00	
Trinity, Frederick, Md.....	100 00—	300 00
Denver Conference:		
Durango, Col.....	100 00—	100 00
East Columbia Conference:		
Heppner, Oregon.....	50 00—	50 00
Florida Conference:		
Micanopy, Fla.....	150 00	
Jennings, Fla.....	125 00	
Wauchula, Fla.....	150 00	
Holder, Fla.....	100 00	
Sutherland, Fla.....	200 00—	725 00
Holston Conference:		
Robertsville, Tenn.....	75 00	
Hixson, Tenn.....	100 00	
Tate Springs, Tenn.....	50 00	
Williamson, Tenn.....	300 00	
Jacksboro, Fincastle, Tenn.....	150 00	
Hill City, Tenn.....	100 00—	775 00
Kentucky Conference:		
Polsgrove, Ky.....	200 00—	200 00
Little Rock Conference:		
Carr Memorial, Pine Bluff, Ark.....	200 00	
Waldo, Ark.....	100 00	
Murfreesboro, Ark.....	100 00	
Hamburg, Ark.....	100 00—	500 00
Los Angeles Conference:		
Cartwright, Ariz.....	140 00	
Nogales, Ariz.....	100 00	
Tempe, Ariz.....	100 00—	340 00
Louisiana Conference:		
St. Francisville, La.....	100 00	
Baker, La.....	25 00	
Gueydan, La.....	75 00	
Eden, La.....	100 00	
Houma, La.....	338 00—	638 00
Louisville Conference:		
West Monticello, Ky.....	100 00	
Earlington, Ky.....	100 00—	200 00
Memphis Conference:		
Moscow Circuit, Ky.....	100 00	
Clopton and Mason, Tenn.....	100 00	
Selmer, Tenn.....	100 00	
Atwood, Tenn.....	125 00	
Bolivar, Tenn.....	125 00—	550 00
Mississippi Conference:		
Edwards, Miss.....	50 00	
Sumrall, Miss.....	150 00	
Homewood, Miss.....	150 00	
Magee, Miss.....	250 00	
Twenty-Fifth Avenue, Gulfport, Miss....	75 00—	675 00

Missouri Conference:		
Keytesville, Mo	\$100 00	
New Franklin, Mo.....	100 00	
McFall, Mo	84 00	
New Hampton, Mo.....	100 00—	\$ 384 00
Montana Conference:		
Grand Street, Helena, Mont.....	75 00—	75 00
New Mexico Conference:		
Dayton and Lakewood, N. Mex.....	50 00	
Sierra Blanca, N. Mex.....	100 00	
Artesia, N. Mex.....	100 00	
Tularosa, N. Mex.....	75 00	
Marathon, Tex	100 00	
Center Street, Tucumcari, N. Mex.....	100 00—	525 00
North Alabama Conference:		
East Birmingham, Ala.....	150 00	
Huffman, Ala	100 00	
Albertville, Guntersville charge, Ala.....	150 00	
Red Bay, Ala	150 00	
Clifton Circuit, Ala	160 00—	710 00
North Carolina Conference:		
Spring Hope & Mt. Pleasant Circuit, N. C.	100 00	
Littleton, N. C.....	50 00	
Youngsville, N. C.....	100 00	
Fayetteville Circuit, N. C.....	100 00—	350 00
North Georgia Conference:		
South Broad Street, Rome, Ga.....	400 00	
Waleska, Ga	500 00	
St. Luke's, Atlanta, Ga.....	200 00—	1,100 00
North Mississippi Conference:		
Kosciusko Circuit, Miss.....	150 00	
Leland, Miss	150 00	
Leland, Miss	50 00	
Moorhead, Miss	100 00	
Wall Hill, Miss.....	75 00	
North Carrollton, Miss.....	100 00	
Slate Springs, Miss.....	100 00	
High Point, Miss.....	200 00	
Paris, Miss	30 00—	955 00
North Texas Conference:		
Elmo, Tex	150 00	
Marysville, Tex	100 00	
Archer City, Tex.....	150 00	
Deport, Tex	150 00	
Trinity and Preston, Tex.....	80 00	
Valley View, Tex.....	200 00—	\$30 00
Northwest Texas Conference:		
Clyde, Tex	125 00	
Kennedale, Tex	125 00	
Aquilla, Tex	100 00	
Valley Mills, Tex.....	100 00	
Barry, Tex	100 00	
Bovina, Tex	150 00	
Meridian, Tex	100 00	
Strawn, Tex	150 00	
Texline, Tex	150 00	
Tahoka, Tex	150 00	
Wildorado, Tex	150 00	
Walnut Springs, Tex	150 00	
Riverside, Fort Worth, Tex.....	150 00	
Paducah, Tex	100 00	
Fluvanna, Tex	150 00	
Hedley, Tex	125 00	
Nolanville, Tex	125 00—	2,200 00
Oklahoma Conference:		
Marietta, Okla	25 00	
Sayre, Okla	75 00	
Hollis, Okla	50 00	
Stuart, Okla	125 00	
Comanche, Okla	50 00	
Fort Gibson, Okla.....	125 00	
Konawa, Okla	50 00	
Natura Circuit, Okla	125 00	
Cimarron, Okla	100 00	
Martha and Blair, Okla	100 00	

Ryan, Okla	\$100 00		
Union Chapel, Okla	50 00		
Coalgate, Okla	75 00		
Davidson, Okla	100 00		
Anadarko, Okla	200 00—	\$1,350 00	
Pacific Conference:			
Visalia, Cal	100 00		
Galt, Cal	250 00		
Visalia, Cal	100 00—	450 00	
St. Louis Conference:			
Esther, Mo	100 00		
Whitewater, Mo	118 00		
Bonne Terre, Mo	200 00		
Washington, Mo	200 00—	618 00	
South Carolina Conference:			
West End, Anderson, S. C.	300 00		
Britton's Neck, S. C.	50 00—	350 00	
South Georgia Conference:			
Sale City, Ga.	50 00		
Shelman Circuit, Ga.	100 00		
Adel, Ga.	250 00		
Willacoochee, Ga.	200 00		
Thomasville District, Ga.	200 00—	800 00	
Southwest Missouri Conference:			
Metz, Mo	200 00		
Duenweg, Mo	200 00—	400 00	
Tennessee Conference:			
Delrose and Shiloh, Tenn.	100 00		
Lebanon District, Tenn.	50 00		
Hohenwald, Tenn.	150 00		
White Bluff, Tenn.	100 00		
Fayetteville District, Tenn.	100 00		
Chestnut Mound, Tenn.	150 00		
Gillis Mills, Tenn.	150 00		
Carroll Street, Nashville, Tenn.	75 00		
Livingston, Tenn.	100 00—	975 00	
Texas Conference:			
Wharton, Tex.	100 00		
Garrison, Tex.	100 00		
Sour Lake and China, Tex.	100 00		
Silsbee, Tex.	300 00		
Columbus and Brazoria, Tex.	75 00		
Dayton, Tex.	100 00		
West End, Galveston, Tex.	100 00		
Somerville, Tex.	175 00		
Thorndale, Tex.	100 00		
Liberty, Tex.	100 00—	1,250 00	
Virginia Conference:			
Denny Street, Richmond, Va.	150 00		
Brunswick, Va.	200 00—	350 00	
Western North Carolina Conference:			
Brevard, N. C.	75 00		
Dilworth and Big Springs, N. C.	50 00		
Cherryville, N. C.	100 00		
Rockford, N. C.	25 00		
Epworth, Concord, N. C.	100 00—	350 00	
Western Virginia Conference:			
Beckley, W. Va.	100 00—	100 00	
West Texas Conference:			
Garden City, Tex.	125 00		
Falfurrias, Tex.	250 00		
Brownsville, Tex.	200 00		
Nixon, Tex.	200 00		
Harper, Tex.	200 00—	975 00	
White River Conference:			
Boydsville, Ark.	50 00		
Batesville District, Ark.	150 00—	200 00—	\$20,975 00

SUMMARY.

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Balance on hand April 1, 1909.....	\$ 2,210 00		
Receipts during year ending March 31, 1910.....	22,425 00—	\$24,635 00	

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Donations to parsonages.....	\$20,975 00		
Balance on hand March 31, 1910.....	3,660 00—	\$24,635 00	

III. PARSONAGE LOAN FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Collections on Loans to Parsonages.

Balance on hand April 1, 1909.....	\$2,038 08
Interest collected on loans to parsonages.....	1,308 77
Principal repaid on loans to parsonages.....	5,280 55
Receipts on named loan funds.....	1,118 60—\$ 9,746 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

1. Loans to Parsonages.

East Columbia Conference:	
Walla Walla, Wash	\$200 00—\$ 200 00
Florida Conference:	
Wauchula, Fla	250 00
Havana, Fla	400 00— 650 00
Kentucky Conference:	
Jackson, Ky	200 00— 200 00
Los Angeles Conference:	
Tempe, Ariz	200 00— 200 00
Mississippi Conference:	
Bay Springs, Miss.....	200 00— 200 00
New Mexico Conference:	
Blacktower, N. Mex.....	100 00
Tularosa, N. Mex.....	300 00— 400 00
North Alabama Conference:	
Central, New Decatur, Ala.....	800 00— 800 00
Northwest Texas Conference:	
Roscoe and Loraine, Roscoe, Tex.....	400 00
Nolanville, Tex	300 00— 700 00
Oklahoma Conference:	
Davis and Oakridge, Davis, Okla.....	300 00— 300 00
Pacific Conference:	
Visalia Circuit, Cal	300 00— 300 00
St. Louis Conference:	
Poplar Bluff, Mo.....	500 00— 500 00
South Carolina Conference:	
West End, Anderson, S. C.....	200 00— 200 00
Texas Conference:	
Trinity, Houston, Tex.....	1,000 00
Dayton, Tex	250 00— 1,250 00
Western North Carolina Conference:	
Dillworth and Big Springs, N. C.....	400 00— 400 00
Western Virginia Conference:	
Parsons and Elkins, Parsons, W. Va....	600 00— 600 00
West Texas Conference:	
Nixon, Tex	300 00
Alice, Tex	400 00— 700 00—\$ 7,600 00

2. Expenses against Parsonage Interest.

Interest paid to annuitants year ending March 31, 1910..	\$563 00
Interest remitted to Mrs. M. C. Ketchum, Asst. Treasurer.	745 77—\$ 1,308 77

SUMMARY.

Dr.

Balance on hand April 1, 1909.....	\$2,038 08
Interest collected on loans to parsonages.....	1,308 77
Principal repaid on loans to parsonages.....	5,280 55
Receipts on named loan funds.....	1,118 60—\$ 9,746 00

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Loans to parsonages	\$7,600 00
Interest paid to annuitants.....	563 00
Interest remitted to Mrs. M. C. Ketchum, Asst. Treas.	745 77
Balance on hand March 31, 1910.....	837 23— 9,746 00

PARSONAGE LOAN FUND CAPITAL.

Angel Band Loan Fund.....	\$ 4,494 74
Barker Loan Fund	1,000 00

Educational Endowment and City Mission Loan Fund.....	\$ 7,782 03
Warren Rogers Educational Endowment Loan Fund.....	1,000 00
Ethel Smith Educational Endowment Loan Fund.....	200 00
Mrs. Creed Fulton Loan Fund.....	1,000 00
Harriet C. Hargrove Loan Fund.....	2,155 10
Lucinda B. Helm Loan Fund.....	1,648 72
Memorial Loan Fund	254 65
Parker Memorial Parsonage Loan Fund.....	650 00
Preachers' Wives' Loan Fund.....	9,575 38
Werlein Loan Fund	1,000 00
Catherine Wilson Loan Fund	4,149 86
Total	<u>\$35,110 48</u>

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

CONFERENCE.	Donations from Conference Societies.	Donations from Board.	Loans.
Alabama.....	25	8	4
Arkansas.....	17	23	2
Baltimore.....	29	14	3
Brazil Mission.....	1	1	
China Mission.....	1	1	
Columbia.....	14	20	
Denver.....	17	12	1
East Columbia.....	11	12	1
East Texas.....	74	5	
Florida.....	69	31	9
German Mission.....		2	
Holston.....	127	14	5
Illinois.....	1	3	
Kentucky.....	40	1	3
Little Rock.....	76	5	5
Los Angeles.....	40	15	3
Louisiana.....	71	13	4
Louisville.....	48	4	5
Memphis.....	85	2	5
Mississippi.....	64	2	8
Missouri.....	27	10	2
Montana.....	42	16	1
New Mexico.....	16	23	4
North Alabama.....	29	11	4
North Carolina.....	42	11	2
North Georgia.....	60	7	4
North Mississippi.....	53	1	6
North Texas.....	68	5	6
Northwest Mexican Border Mission.....		1	
Northwest Texas.....	142	14	11
Oklahoma.....	124	90	8
Pacific.....	72	29	7
South Carolina.....	25	8	7
South Georgia.....	53	1	2
Southwest Missouri.....	40	5	
St. Louis.....	73	9	5
Tennessee.....	73	8	1
Texas.....	107	6	8
Virginia.....	37	4	
Western.....	6	4	1
West Texas.....	79	29	7
Western North Carolina.....	31	19	3
Western Virginia.....	26	2	3
White River.....	18	14	7
Reported aided, names not given.....	34		
Total.....	2,067	521	160

Amount granted by Conference Societies, \$177,696.10; by Board, \$81,715.76; amount loaned, \$85,350; total donations, \$259,411.83; total number aided, 2,588.

REPORT OF GENERAL TREASURER

FOR 1909-10.

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

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660. Rev. C. F. Reid, Pacific Coast.....	\$ 512 00
661. A. W. Mohn, Ruth Hargrove.....	653 33
662. E. E. Bishop, Vashti.....	515 00
663. C. H. Trowbridge, Brevard.....	456 00
664. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, April salary.....	150 00
665. Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, April salary, \$50; office, \$25.....	75 00
666. Mrs. Charles Phelps, April salary.....	30 00
667. Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, April salary.....	25 00
668. Mrs. W. H. Johnson, April salary.....	25 00
669. Miss Daisy Williams, Wolff Mission for April.....	230 00
670. Miss Sue Lyons, Dallas Rescue Home for April.....	350 00
671. Miss Emelina Valdes, April salary.....	85 00
672. Miss Adeline Peeples, April salary.....	35 00
673. Miss Gertrude Moore, April salary.....	30 00
674. Miss Margaret Chesnutt, April salary.....	50 00
675. Miss Mabel Head, April salary.....	75 00
676. Miss Mabel K. Howell, April salary.....	83 33
677. Miss Ellen Young, April salary.....	140 00
678. J. C. Lewis, April salaries.....	802 65
679. J. D. Hamilton, Galveston, \$205.16; Gulfport, \$56.....	261 16
680. Woman's Home Mission Society, Methodist Church.....	12 88
681. Miss Sue Lyon, auto hire.....	8 00
682. Miss Moislle Elliott, traveling expenses.....	70 00
683. J. C. Lewis, balance on salaries.....	100 00
684. Miss Mabel Head, travel.....	50 00
685. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, May salary.....	150 00
686. C. F. Reid, June salaries.....	512 00
687. Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, May salary.....	50 00
688. Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, May salary.....	25 00
689. Mrs. W. H. Johnson, May salary.....	25 00
690. Mrs. M. B. Alexander.....	50 00
691. Mrs. Charles Phelps.....	30 00
692. Mrs. J. J. Dickey.....	46 50
693. Miss Margaret Chesnutt, May salary.....	50 00
694. Miss Gertrude Moore, May salary.....	30 00
695. Miss Mabel Head, May salary.....	75 00
696. Miss Mabel K. Howell, May salary.....	83 33
697. Miss Emelina Valdes, May salary.....	85 00
698. Miss Ellen Young, May salary.....	140 00
699. Miss Adeline Peeples, May salary.....	35 00
700. Miss Alice Guernsey.....	9 38
701. E. E. Bishop.....	547 35
702. E. W. Birtzer.....	37 00
703. J. C. Lewis.....	773 65
704. C. H. Trowbridge, May salaries.....	456 00
705. A. W. Mohn, salaries for May.....	653 33
706. Miss Belle H. Bennett, office.....	250 00
707. Miss Louie Brewer, salary for March, April, and May.....	75 00
708. Miss Josie Leverett.....	150 00
709. Miss Daisy Williams.....	79 00
710. Miss Carrie Stumpf, May salary.....	50 00
711. Nestor Castellanos, May salary.....	50 00
712. Miss Helen Van Meter, May salary.....	40 00
713. Mrs. A. H. Norwood, May salary.....	40 00
714. J. D. Hamilton, Gulf Coast.....	646 53
715. Mrs. Emma O. Burks.....	25 00
716. George Williams Walker, for Paine.....	126 00
717. Bishop James Atkins, traveling expenses.....	25 00
718. Clyde S. Black.....	62 54

719.	W. F. McMurry	\$ 199 43
720.	W. H. M. S., Presbyterian Church.....	19 80
721.	Poster, Webb & Parkes.....	80 75
722.	American Paper Co.....	15 35
723.	Miss Sue Lyon, May and June salaries.....	700 00
724.	Miss Gertrude Moore, June salary.....	30 00
725.	Miss Margaret Chesnutt, June and July salary.....	100 00
726.	J. C. Lewis, incidentals.....	500 00
727.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, June salary.....	150 00
728.	Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, June salary.....	50 00
729.	J. C. Lewis, June salary.....	150 00
730.	Miss Mabel Head, June salary and travel.....	175 00
731.	Union Bank & Trust Co., Paine Annex.....	175 00
732.	American National Bank, Week of Prayer.....	814 25
733.	First National Bank, 50% dues, first quarter.....	7,487 34
735.	W. F. McMurry, Loan Funds and E. E. Fund, first quarter..	282 43
736.	Hatch & Hatch, printing.....	15 00
737.	Miss Mabel Head, salary for July.....	75 00
738.	Miss Gertrude Moore, July salary.....	30 00
739.	Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, July salary.....	50 00
740.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, July salary, \$150; office and travel, \$500	650 00
741.	Mrs. Nancy Bevan, interest on annuity.....	62 50
742.	Mrs. Mary Morton, interest on annuity.....	15 00
743.	Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, interest on annuity.....	22 50
744.	Mrs. Charles Phelps, June and July salary.....	60 00
745.	Mrs. A. P. Norwood, June and July salary.....	50 00
746.	Mrs. W. H. Johnson, June and July salary.....	50 00
747.	Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, June and July salary.....	50 00
748.	Miss Sue Lyon	450 00
749.	Miss Ellen Young.....	100 00
750.	Miss Selina Monohan	50 00
751.	Miss Adeline Peeples.....	80 00
752.	Miss Mattie Wright.....	50 00
753.	Rev. George Williams Walker.....	450 00
754.	J. D. Hamilton, Gulf Coast work.....	1,296 77
755.	C. F. Reid, July and August salaries.....	1,024 00
756.	A. W. Mohn	240 00
757.	E. E. Bishop, June and July salaries.....	1,030 00
758.	C. H. Trowbridge	646 50
759.	American Paper Box Company.....	101 23
760.	Mrs. J. W. Perry.....	41 70
761.	W. F. McMurry, for investment on annuity plan.....	500 00
762.	Miss Constance Palmore.....	30 00
763.	Rev. W. F. Griffin, special for Gulfport.....	5 00
764.	Miss Rhoda Dragoo	35 00
765.	A. W. Mohn, house for kindergarten.....	200 00
766.	Miss M. O. Durham.....	36 00
767.	J. C. Lewis, specials for Charles Lee.....	107 00
768.	Constance Palmore	50 00
769.	J. C. Lewis, July and August salary.....	300 00
770.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, August salary.....	150 00
771.	Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, August salary.....	50 00
772.	Miss Mabel Head, August salary and travel.....	150 00
773.	Miss Margaret Chesnutt, August salary.....	50 00
774.	Miss Gertrude Moore, August salary.....	30 00
775.	Miss Sue Lyon, August salaries.....	350 00
776.	Miss Ellen Young, August salary.....	50 00
777.	Miss Adeline Peeples	50 00
778.	Mrs. W. H. Johnson, August salary.....	25 00
779.	Mrs. M. B. Alexander.....	100 00
780.	Mrs. Charles Phelps, August salary.....	30 00
781.	Mrs. A. P. Norwood, August salary.....	25 00
782.	Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, August salary.....	25 00
783.	C. F. Reid, September salaries.....	512 00
784.	A. W. Mohn	500 00
785.	J. D. Hamilton, Gulf Coast.....	609 66
786.	C. H. Trowbridge	300 00
787.	E. E. Bishop, August salaries.....	515 00
788.	J. C. Lewis	1,000 00
789.	Miss Bessie Pierson	66 50
790.	Deaconess Hospital, Louisville	20 05
791.	Mrs. H. E. Wilson, deaconess travel.....	38 25
792.	Miss Fanny Mann, deaconess travel.....	115 00
793.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, September salary.....	150 00

794. Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, September salary.....	\$ 50 00
795. Mrs. Charles Phelps, September salary.....	30 00
796. Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, September salary.....	25 00
797. Mrs. W. H. Johnson, September salary.....	25 00
798. Miss Gertrude Moore, September salary.....	30 00
799. Miss Margaret Chesnutt, September salary.....	50 00
800. Miss Mabel Head, September salary.....	75 00
801. Miss Sue Lyon, September salaries.....	365 00
802. Miss Mabel Howell, September salary.....	83 33
803. Miss Ellen Young, September salary, \$50; Paine furnishing, \$40	90 00
804. Miss Emelina Valdes, September salary.....	85 00
805. Dr. C. F. Reid, October salaries.....	512 00
806. E. E. Bishop, September salaries.....	515 00
807. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, office expenses.....	200 00
808. Miss Daisy Duncan, deaconess.....	40 00
809. Miss Margaret Ragland, deaconess.....	40 00
810. Miss Sue Lyon, on September account.....	15 00
811. E. E. Bishop, Vashti donations.....	157 35
812. J. C. Lewis, September salaries.....	822 63
813. A. W. Mohn, September salaries.....	764 00
814. H. C. Trowbridge, September salaries.....	496 00
815. First National Bank, Conference half of dues, second quarter.	7,259 69
817. Union Bank & Trust Co., donations received for Paine.....	10 75
818. American National Bank, donations received for Dallas.....	1,060 00
819. Dr. W. F. McMurry, Memorial Fund, \$40; E. E. F., \$12.25; City Missions, \$7.85	60 10
820. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, October salary.....	150 00
821. Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, October salary.....	50 00
822. J. C. Lewis, October salaries.....	822 63
823. Miss Gertrude Moore, October salary.....	30 00
824. Miss Mabel Head, traveling expenses.....	83 33
825. Miss Margaret Chesnutt, October salary.....	50 00
826. C. H. Trowbridge, October salaries.....	496 00
827. A. W. Mohn, October salaries.....	760 00
828. J. D. Hamilton, immigrant work.....	1,037 98
829. Dr. C. F. Reid, November salaries.....	512 00
830. E. E. Bishop, October salaries.....	515 00
831. Miss Mabel Head, October salary.....	75 00
832. Mrs. W. H. Johnson, October salary.....	25 00
833. Mrs. Almeda Hewitt, deaconess.....	10 00
834. Mrs. Charles Phelps, October salary.....	30 00
835. Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, October salary.....	25 00
836. Miss Lotie Adams, October expenses.....	460 00
837. Miss Ellen Young, October expenses.....	140 00
838. Miss Emelina Valdes, October expenses.....	120 00
839. Miss Sue Lyon, October expenses.....	410 00
840. Mrs. Frank Siler, expenses to Board meeting.....	26 87
841. N. E. Joyner, expenses to Board meeting.....	43 80
842. Bishop E. R. Hendrix, expenses to Board meeting.....	43 00
843. W. T. Griffin, expenses to Board meeting.....	41 30
844. A. W. Mohn, expenses to Board meeting.....	53 90
845. Eugenia Smith, expenses to Board meeting.....	44 75
846. Rev. John A. Rice, expenses to Board meeting.....	38 65
847. Miss Kathleen Lewis, expenses to Board meeting.....	36 32
848. Hotel Martinique, expenses of Board meeting.....	28 00
849. Miss Mabel Howell, expenses to Board meeting.....	78 50
850. Miss M. L. Gibson, expenses to Board meeting.....	78 50
851. Miss Sue Lyon, expenses to Board meeting.....	27 00
852. Mrs. J. J. Dickey, deaconesses' bonnets.....	9 00
853. Mrs. Luke Johnson, expenses to Board meeting.....	7 10
854. Mrs. J. T. Bloodworth, traveling expenses.....	40 00
855. Miss Ida Stevens, deaconess.....	22 50
856. Mrs. J. W. Perry, expenses to Board meeting.....	26 35
857. Mrs. John Glenn, expenses to Board meeting.....	59 80
858. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, November salary.....	150 00
859. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, office expenses.....	200 00
860. Woman's Home Mission Society, for "Coming Americans"....	4 69
861. Eugenia Smith, expenses to Board meeting.....	25 50
862. Mrs. Luke Johnson, office expenses.....	5 00
863. Mrs. E. H. Blake, clerical work.....	7 00
864. Miss Nell Rogers, expenses to Board Meeting.....	10 50
865. Miss Estelle Haskin, expenses to Board meeting.....	32 20
866. Miss Cornelia Wickers, expenses to Board meeting.....	6 10
867. Mrs. Frank Siler, office expenses.....	15 93

868. Miss Lucile Crook, insurance at Sue Bennett.....	\$ 140 00
869. J. C. Lewis, incidental expenses.....	500 00
870. American Paper Box Co., for mite boxes.....	48 20
871. Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, November salary, \$50; office exp., \$10..	60 00
872. Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, November salary.....	25 00
873. Mrs. W. H. Johnson, November salary.....	25 00
874. Miss Mabel Head, November salary.....	75 00
875. Miss Mabel Howell, October and November salary.....	166 66
876. Miss Sue Lyon, November salaries.....	410 00
877. Miss Lotie Adams, November salaries.....	280 00
878. Miss Ellen Young, November expenses.....	140 00
879. Miss Emelina Valdes, November salary.....	85 00
880. Miss Gertrude Moore, November salary.....	40 00
881. Miss Margaret Horton, November salary.....	30 00
882. Hatch & Hatch, November printing bill.....	10 50
883. Dr. C. F. Reid, November salaries.....	512 00
884. J. C. Lewis, November salaries.....	822 63
885. C. H. Trowbridge, November salaries.....	496 00
886. A. W. Mohn, November salaries.....	760 00
887. E. E. Bishop, November salaries.....	585 00
888. Miss Martha Norburn, traveling expenses.....	50 00
889. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, December salary.....	150 00
890. Miss Mabel Head, December salary.....	75 00
891. Miss Margaret Horton, December salary.....	30 00
892. "Record of Christian Work," subscriptions.....	32 55
893. "The Survey," subscriptions.....	46 00
894. Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, December salary.....	25 00
895. Mrs. Charles Phelps, December salary.....	15 00
896. Mrs. W. F. Alexander, Tampa City Missions.....	100 00
897. Miss Gertrude Moore, December salary.....	40 00
898. Miss Mabel Howell, December salary.....	83 33
899. Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, December salary.....	25 00
900. Mrs. W. H. Johnson, December salary.....	25 00
901. Miss Ellen Young, December salaries.....	140 00
902. Emelina Valdes, December salary.....	85 00
903. E. E. Bishop, December salaries.....	585 00
904. C. H. Trowbridge, December salaries.....	496 00
905. A. W. Mohn, December salaries.....	768 00
906. Miss Lotie Adams, December salaries.....	246 00
907. Dr. C. F. Reid, January salaries.....	512 00
908. Mrs. M. C. Ketchum, December salary.....	50 00
909. Miss Sue Lyon, December salaries.....	440 00
910. J. C. Lewis, December salaries.....	822 63
911. Miss Sue Lyon, Ross scholarships.....	50 00
912. Dr. C. F. Reid, donation to "Korean Evangel".....	10 00
913. Mrs. W. C. Pollard, Nashville City Mission.....	76 00
914. Miss Ella Overton, Louisville City Mission.....	99 00
915. Mrs. T. H. Temple, Memphis City Mission.....	76 44
916. Mrs. R. I. Owens, Richmond City Mission.....	43 50
917. Mrs. Frank Crane, Birmingham City Mission.....	39 40
918. Mrs. W. H. Thomas, Mobile City Mission.....	92 40
919. Mrs. J. M. Hull, Kansas City City Mission.....	357 60
920. Mrs. J. N. McEachern, Atlanta City Mission, \$280.60; Augusta City Mission, \$115.50.....	396 10
921. Miss E. L. Hill, Houston City Mission.....	123 50
922. Mrs. W. S. Baker, St. Louis City Mission.....	226 44
923. Mrs. Martin Honaker, Bristol City Mission.....	44 60
924. Mrs. H. E. Wilson, Macon City Mission.....	79 50
925. Mrs. Frank Bennett, Dallas City Mission.....	104 00
926. E. E. Bishop, special donations to Vashti.....	196 30
927. C. H. Trowbridge, bills incidental to fever epidemic.....	451 83
928. Mrs. Charles Phelps, November salary.....	25 00
929. Dr. W. F. McMurry, interest on loan at Alameda, Cal.....	199 41
930. Mr. J. E. McCulloch, scholarships.....	50 00
931. Mr. J. E. McCulloch, scholarships.....	600 00
932. Miss Elizabeth Billingsley, scholarships at Scarritt.....	1,237 50
933. Smith & Lamar, printing.....	1,077 22
934. Hatch & Hatch, printing.....	10 50
935. Mrs. Luke Johnson, office expenses.....	25 00
936. C. H. Trowbridge, bills incident to fever epidemic.....	600 00
937. A. W. Mohn, repairs at Ruth Hargrove.....	400 00
938. Woman's Home Mission Society, song books.....	6 67
939. Miss Emma McCowan, clerical work.....	8 80
940. J. C. Lewis, incidentals.....	500 00
941. C. H. Trowbridge, bills incident to fever epidemic.....	48 17

942. J. D. Hamilton, Gulf Coast work for Nov. and Dec.....	\$ 1,006 24
943. Dr. W. F. McMurry, donations during third quarter.....	28 40
945. First National Bank, third quarter's half of dues.....	8,073 46
946. American National Bank, Week of Prayer money.....	10,000 00
947. Union Bank & Trust Co., money received for Paine.....	386 00
948. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, office expenses.....	200 00
949. Mrs. M. L. Stone, travel.....	20 00
950. Miss Mabel Howell, January salary.....	83 33
951. Miss Mabel Head, January salary.....	75 00
952. Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, January salary.....	25 00
953. Mrs. Mary Morton, interest on annuity.....	15 00
954. Miss Emelina Valdes, January salary.....	85 00
955. Miss Ellen Young, January salaries.....	140 00
956. Miss Lotie Adams, January salaries.....	346 66
957. Mrs. W. F. Johnson, January salary.....	25 00
958. Dr. C. F. Reid, January salaries.....	581 00
959. Prof. A. W. Mohn, January salaries.....	764 00
960. Mrs. W. F. Alexander, January salary.....	25 00
961. Miss Sue Lyon, January salaries.....	440 00
962. Miss Gertrude Moore, January salary.....	40 00
963. Mrs. M. C. Ketchum, January salary.....	50 00
964. Mrs. Nancy Bevan, interest on annuity.....	62 50
965. J. D. Hamilton, Miss Haskin's salary.....	83 33
966. Prof. C. H. Trowbridge, January salaries.....	496 00
967. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, January salary.....	150 00
968. Miss Margaret Horton, January salary.....	30 00
969. Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, January salary.....	25 00
970. Mrs. S. C. Trueheart, interest on annuity.....	22 50
971. J. D. Hamilton, Gulf Coast work for January.....	549 35
972. E. E. Bishop, January salaries.....	585 00
973. J. C. Lewis, January salaries.....	822 63
973. J. C. Lewis, from South Georgia for J. J. Davis.....	25 00
974. J. C. Lewis, for Korean boys.....	60 00
975. C. H. Trowbridge, for library from North Georgia.....	5 00
976. C. R. & H. H. Hatch, March Bulletins.....	12 00
977. E. E. Bishop, special gifts to Vashti.....	38 00
978. Miss Lena McClanahan, from Memphis Conference.....	25 00
979. Mrs. Charles Phelps, January salary.....	15 00
980. Mrs. L. H. Burgard, money expended on deaconess candidate.....	181 09
981. "The Survey," subscriptions.....	54 00
982. Prof. A. W. Mohn, repairs.....	200 00
983. Mrs. J. W. Perry, tithing campaign.....	200 00
984. Mrs. Luke Johnson.....	200 00
985. Miss Mabel Head.....	175 00
986. J. C. Lewis, incidentals.....	500 00
987. Miss Sue Lyon, special gift to Dallas Home.....	150 00
988. Dr. C. F. Reid, March salaries.....	535 00
989. Mrs. Frank Siler, office expenses.....	25 00
990. Miss Maria Elliott, travel.....	95 00
991. Prof. A. W. Mohn, February salaries.....	765 00
992. Mrs. W. F. Alexander, February salary.....	25 00
993. Mrs. Charles Phelps.....	20 30
994. Miss Sue Lyon, February salaries.....	440 00
995. Miss Lotie Adams.....	246 66
996. Mrs. W. H. Johnson, February salary.....	25 00
997. Prof. J. C. Lewis, February salaries.....	822 63
998. Miss Ellen Young, February salaries.....	140 00
999. Prof. C. H. Trowbridge, February salaries.....	496 00
1000. Prof. E. E. Bishop, February salaries.....	585 00
1001. J. D. Hamilton, February Gulf Coast work.....	519 35
1002. Miss Emelina Valdes, February salary.....	85 00
1003. Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, February salary.....	25 00
1004. Mrs. M. C. Ketchum, February salary.....	50 00
1005. Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, February salary.....	25 00
1006. Miss Gertrude Moore, February salary.....	40 00
1007. Miss Margaret Horton, February salary.....	35 00
1008. Miss Mabel Howell, February salary.....	83 33
1009. J. D. Hamilton, Miss Haskin's salary.....	83 33
1010. Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, February salary.....	150 00
1011. Mrs. Luke Johnson, Literature Department.....	250 00
1012. Dr. W. F. McMurry, interest on loan to Paine.....	80 00
1013. Hatch & Hatch, March Bulletin.....	11 35
1014. Prof. A. W. Mohn, March salaries.....	764 99
1015. Mrs. W. F. Alexander, March salary.....	25 00
1016. Dr. C. F. Reid, April salaries.....	535 00

1017.	Mrs. Charles Phelps, March salary.....	\$ 15 00
1018.	Miss Sue Lyon, March salaries.....	440 00
1019.	Miss Lottie Adams, March salaries.....	296 65
1020.	Mrs. W. H. Johnson, March salary.....	25 00
1021.	Prof. J. C. Lewis, March salaries.....	962 63
1022.	Miss Ellen Young, March salaries.....	140 00
1023.	Prof. C. H. Trowbridge, March salaries.....	496 00
1024.	Prof. E. E. Bishop, March salaries.....	585 00
1025.	J. D. Hamilton, Gulf Coast work.....	519 35
1026.	Miss Emelina Valdes, March salary.....	85 00
1027.	Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, March salary.....	25 00
1028.	Mrs. M. C. Ketchum, March salary.....	50 00
1029.	Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, March salary.....	25 00
1030.	Miss Mabel Head, March salary.....	75 00
1031.	Miss Gertrude Moore, March salary.....	40 00
1032.	Miss Margaret Horton, March salary.....	35 00
1032.	Miss Mabel Howell, March salary.....	83 33
1033.	J. D. Hamilton, Miss Haskin's salary.....	83 33
1034.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, March salary.....	150 00
1035.	Dr. G. W. Walker, bill for painting.....	300 00
1036.	Mrs. J. M. Hull, Kansas City City Mission.....	257 60
1037.	Mrs. J. N. McEachern, Atlanta and Augusta City Missions.....	396 10
1038.	Mrs. Frank Crane, Birmingham City Mission.....	39 04
1039.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, office expenses.....	200 00
1040.	Miss Belle H. Bennett, office expenses.....	200 00
1041.	J. D. Hamilton, expense of committee.....	57 21
1042.	Prof. E. E. Bishop, interest on loan.....	79 20
1043.	J. E. McCulloch, deaconess scholarships.....	600 00
1044.	Mrs. Will Pollard, Nashville City Mission.....	76 00
1045.	Mrs. H. A. Evans, Louisville City Mission.....	99 00
1046.	Mrs. R. I. Owens, Richmond City Mission.....	43 50
1047.	Mrs. M. A. Andrews, St. Louis City Mission.....	226 44
1048.	Mrs. W. H. Thomas, Mobile City Mission.....	92 40
1049.	Mrs. H. E. Wilson, Macon City Mission.....	79 50
1050.	Mrs. Martin Honaker, Bristol City Mission.....	44 60
1051.	Mrs. Frank Bennett, Dallas City Mission.....	104 00
1052.	Miss E. L. Hill, Houston City Mission.....	123 50
1053.	Mrs. T. H. Temple, Memphis City Mission.....	76 44
1054.	Mrs. Luke Johnson, Literature Department.....	250 00
1055.	American Paper Box Co., mite boxes.....	15 62
1056.	Miss Elizabeth Billingsley, deaconess scholarships.....	1,350 00
1058.	Prof. E. E. Bishop, purchase of land.....	1,120 00
1059.	J. D. Hamilton, Miss Haskin's salary.....	166 66
1060.	A. S. Watkins, for Charles Lee.....	50 00
1061.	Prof. C. H. Trowbridge, purchase of land.....	515 00
1062.	Smith & Lamar, printing bill.....	1,500 00
1063.	Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, office expenses.....	7 00
1064.	First National Bank, one-half of dues for fourth quarter..	10,532 27
1065.	American National Bank, Week of Prayer money.....	5,157 09
1066.	Dr. W. F. McMurry, Loan funds.....	112 50
1067.	American National Bank, parsonage grants.....	4,000 00
1068.	Union Bank & Trust Co., collections for Paine.....	2,701 25

Total expenditures for 1909-10.....\$139,994 21

DISBURSEMENTS OF CONFERENCE HALF OF DUES, 1909-1910.

ALABAMA CONFERENCE.

April 26.	Brewersville parsonage	\$150 00
July 12.	Tallassee parsonage	300 00
	Brantley parsonage	100 00
March 25.	Mrs. William Thomas	740 97—\$ 1,290 97

ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.

June 29.	Mrs. S. G. Smith.....	\$ 50 00
July 12.	Eureka Springs parsonage	100 00
21.	Altus parsonage	100 00
Sept. 17.	Mrs. S. G. Smith	50 00
Oct. 21.	Loudon and Knoxville parsonage.....	50 00
Dec. 24.	Mrs. S. G. Smith.....	40 00
Jan. 20.	Valley Springs parsonage	75 00
March 25.	Mrs. S. G. Smith.....	75 00— 540 00

BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.

June	7.	Miss Annie Clements	\$ 75 35	
Sept.	24.	Miss Annie Clements	140 19	
Oct.	20.	Petersburg parsonage	100 00	
Jan.	20.	Frederick City parsonage	100 00	
Feb.	28.	Miss Annie Clements	65 09	
March	25.	Miss Annie Clements	175 54—	\$ 656 17

COLUMBIA CONFERENCE.

April	13.	Mrs. C. L. McCausland	\$ 28 92	
Sept.	1.	Mrs. C. V. Ross	56 92	
Dec.	26.	Mrs. C. V. Ross	32 95	
March	26.	Mrs. C. V. Ross	29 00—	147 79

DENVER CONFERENCE.

Sept.	6.	Mrs. J. C. Gunter	\$ 17 20	
Jan.	20.	Durango parsonage	100 00	
Feb.	11.	Mrs. M. H. Blackwell	15 00—	132 20

EAST COLUMBIA CONFERENCE.

Jan.	10.	Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, literature bill	\$ 1 92	
		Heppner parsonage	50 00	
		Mrs. F. M. Canfield	34 60—	86 52

FLORIDA CONFERENCE.

April	9.	Literature bill	\$ 57 71	
Nov.	4.	Mrs. F. W. Carroll	150 00	
	18.	Holder parsonage	100 00	
		Wauchula Mission	150 00	
		Jennings parsonage	125 00	
Dec.	8.	Miakka parsonage	150 00	
	24.	Mrs. C. T. Carroll	50 00	
Jan.	20.	Lemon City parsonage	125 00	
	20.	Sutherland and Green Springs parsonage	200 00	
March	25.	Literature	60 32	
		Mrs. C. T. Carroll	100 00—	1,268 03

HOLSTON CONFERENCE.

May	31.	Literature bill	\$ 70 32	
July	1.	Mrs. M. H. Honaker	100 00	
Aug.	16.	Campbell parsonage	150 00	
		Hixon parsonage	100 00	
		Williamson parsonage	300 00	
Sept.	21.	Mrs. M. H. Honaker	75 00	
Feb.	21.	Hill City parsonage	100 00	
March	18.	Tazewell parsonage	150 00	
		Honaker parsonage	100 00	
	25.	Literature bill	127 57	
		Mrs. M. H. Honaker	150 00—	1,422 89

KENTUCKY CONFERENCE.

Sept.	3.	Palsgrove parsonage	\$200 00	
	25.	Mrs. J. J. Dickey	40 00	
March	28.	Literature bill	39 74—	279 74

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

May	5.	Carr Memorial parsonage	\$200 00	
July	12.	Waldo parsonage	100 00	
Dec.	13.	Murfreesboro parsonage	100 00	
	13.	Hamburg parsonage	100 00	
March	14.	Mrs. F. C. Floyd	620 85—	1,120 85

LOS ANGELES CONFERENCE.

Oct.	21.	Nogales parsonage	\$100 00	
Nov.	3.	Miss A. Floate	27 67	
	23.	Tempe parsonage	100 00—	227 67

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.

July	21.	Gueydan parsonage	\$ 75 00	
		Baker parsonage	25 00	
Sept.	28.	Mrs. R. C. Holt.....	50 00	
Oct.	4.	Mrs. R. C. Holt.....	50 00	
	20.	Houma parsonage	150 00	
Dec.	24.	Mrs. R. C. Holt.....	25 00	
Jan.	20.	Houma parsonage	188 00—	\$ 563 00

LOUISVILLE CONFERENCE.

June	5.	Miss Ella Overton	\$327 37	
Oct.	21.	West Monticello parsonage	100 00	
		Seton parsonage	100 00	
Jan.	20.	Earlington parsonage	100 00	
		Morganton parsonage	100 00—	727 37

MEMPHIS CONFERENCE.

April	22.	Mrs. T. H. Temple.....	\$297 34	
	26.	Moscow parsonage	100 00	
		Bolivar parsonage	125 00	
		Clopton and Mason parsonage.....	100 00	
		Atwood Circuit parsonage	125 00	
		Selmer Circuit parsonage	100 00—	847 34

MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.

April	27.	Edwards parsonage	\$ 50 00	
July	12.	Homestead parsonage	150 00	
Oct.	20.	Magee parsonage	250 00	
		Eden parsonage	150 00	
Jan.	19.	Gulfport (Twenty-Fifth Avenue) parsonage...	75 00	
		Vicksburg District parsonage	75 00	
March	28.	Literature bill	68 32—	813 32

MISSOURI CONFERENCE.

July	21.	New Franklin parsonage	\$100 00	
Sept.	30.	Mrs. C. B. Clapp	100 00	
Nov.	18.	McFall parsonage	84 00	
	30.	New Hampton parsonage	100 00	
Jan.	20.	Milan Circuit parsonage	200 00	
March	18.	Bogard parsonage	100 00—	684 00

MONTANA CONFERENCE.

June	10.	Grand Street (Helena) parsonage.....	\$ 75 00	
March	28.	Literature bill	1 70—	76 70

NEW MEXICO CONFERENCE.

May	24.	Dayton and Lakewood parsonage.....	\$ 50 00	
July	21.	Brewster parsonage	100 00	
		Sierra Blanca parsonage	100 00	
Sept.	21.	Artesia parsonage	100 00	
Oct.	21.	Tularosa parsonage	75 00	
Jan.	20.	Tucumcari parsonage	100 00—	525 00

NORTH ALABAMA CONFERENCE.

April	26.	East Birmingham parsonage	\$150 00	
May	6.	Mrs. F. W. Crane.....	200 00	
	26.	Literature bill	60 87	
June	10.	Huntersville parsonage	150 00	
		Huffman parsonage	100 00	
		Clifton Circuit parsonage	160 00	
		Red Bay parsonage	150 00	
Jan.	19.	Mrs. F. W. Crane	150 00	
March	28.	Literature bill	80 55—	1,201 42

NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

May	28.	Mrs. N. E. Edgerton.....	\$150 00	
July	21.	Littleton parsonage	50 00	
		Fayetteville Circuit parsonage	100 00	
		Youngsville parsonage	100 00	

Nov.	18.	Vanceboro parsonage	\$100	00	
March	5.	Mrs. N. E. Edgerton	57	42	
	16.	Mrs. N. E. Edgerton	678	14	— \$ 1,235 56

NORTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.

May	24.	St. Luke parsonage	\$200	00	
		South Broad (Rome) parsonage	400	00	
June	30.	Waleska parsonage	500	00	
July	31.	Mrs. J. N. McEachern	431	70	— 1,531 70

NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.

June	10.	Leland parsonage	\$150	00	
July	10.	Wall Hill parsonage	75	00	
		Paris parsonage	30	00	
	12.	Morehead parsonage	100	00	
		Leland parsonage	50	00	
Dec.	14.	North Carrollton parsonage	100	00	
Jan.	27.	High Point parsonage	200	00	
		Slate Spring parsonage	100	00	
Feb.	24.	Mrs. Calla Wilburn	300	00	— 1,105 00

NORTH TEXAS CONFERENCE.

July	21.	Depot parsonage	\$150	00	
		Marysville parsonage	100	00	
		Archer parsonage	150	00	
Sept.	24.	Mrs. H. E. Jackson	400	00	
Oct.	21.	Dennison parsonage	80	00	
Jan.	24.	Mrs. Frank Bennett	200	00	
	19.	Mrs. Frank Bennett	90	17	
Jan.	25.	Valley View parsonage	200	00	— 1,370 17

NORTHWEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

July	21.	Aquilla parsonage	\$100	00	
		Navarro parsonage	100	00	
		Valley Mills parsonage	100	00	
Aug.	2.	Meridian parsonage	100	00	
		Strawn parsonage	150	00	
		Texline parsonage	150	00	
Oct.	24.	Walnut Springs parsonage	150	00	
		Tahoka parsonage	150	00	
		Fluvanna parsonage	150	00	
		Wildorado parsonage	150	00	
		Fort Worth (River Side) parsonage	150	00	
Jan.	4.	Winchell parsonage	120	00	
		Headley parsonage	125	00	
		Nolensville parsonage	125	00	
		Paducah parsonage	100	00	
Feb.	21.	Rotan parsonage	175	00	
March	25.	Literature bill	176	96	
		Peacock parsonage	150	00	
		Mrs. D. L. Stephens	818	90	— 3,245 86

OKLAHOMA CONFERENCE.

July	12.	Stuart parsonage	\$125	00	
		Fort Gibson parsonage	125	00	
		Sayers parsonage	75	00	
		Davidson parsonage	100	00	
		Konowa parsonage	500	00	
		Comanche parsonage	50	00	
		Terrall parsonage	50	00	
		Marietta parsonage	25	00	
		Hollis parsonage	50	00	
		Coolgate parsonage	75	00	
Aug.	3.	Mrs. W. H. Gilkey	109	72	
	16.	Natura parsonage	125	00	
Oct.	21.	Cimarron parsonage	100	00	
Nov.	5.	Martha and Blair parsonage	100	00	
		Ryan parsonage	100	00	
		Union Chapel (McCloud) parsonage	50	00	
Nov.	15.	Mrs. W. H. Gilkey	72	00	
Feb.	8.	Anadarko parsonage	200	00	— 1,581 72

PACIFIC CONFERENCE.

July	21.	Gault parsonage	\$250 00	
		Visalia parsonage	100 00	
		Visalia parsonage	100 00	
March	20.	Mrs. E. O. Burkes.....	208 77—	\$ 658 77

SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

June	19.	Mrs. W. A. Rogers.....	\$ 50 00	
Sept.	21.	Mrs. W. A. Rogers.....	75 00	
Nov.	18.	Anderson, West End Mission, parsonage.....	300 00	
	30.	Britton's Neck parsonage	50 00	
Dec.	24.	Mrs. W. A. Rogers.....	75 00	
Feb.	21.	Mrs. W. A. Rogers.....	100 00	
March	18.	Mrs. W. A. Rogers.....	100 00—	750 00

SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.

May	24.	Sale City parsonage	\$ 50 00	
July	21.	Adel parsonage	250 00	
		Shellman parsonage	100 00	
Sept.	7.	Mrs. H. E. Wilson.....	19 76	
	28.	Mrs. H. E. Wilson.....	379 02	
Jan.	20.	Willacoochee parsonage	200 00	
		Thomasville District parsonage	200 00—	1,198 78

SOUTHWEST MISSOURI CONFERENCE.

April	26.	Mrs. J. M. Hull	\$100 00	
		Literature bill	60 44	
Aug.	18.	Mrs. J. M. Hull.....	150 00	
Nov.	6.	Metz parsonage	200 00	
		Duenweg parsonage	200 00—	710 44

ST. LOUIS CONFERENCE.

April	13.	Esther parsonage	\$100 00	
		Whitewater parsonage	118 00	
	15.	Mrs. W. S. Baker.....	104 08	
Aug.	2.	Bonne Terre parsonage.....	200 00	
Oct.	20.	Labodie parsonage	150 00	
Nov.	18.	Mrs. M. A. Andrews.....	76 75	
Dec.	24.	Mrs. M. A. Andrews.....	62 43	
Jan.	20.	Washington parsonage	50 00	
March	18.	Campbell parsonage	150 00	
		Blodgett parsonage	150 00	
	22.	Mrs. M. A. Andrews.....	162 36—	1,323 62

TENNESSEE CONFERENCE.

May	24.	Livingston parsonage	\$100 00	
		Chestnut Mound parsonage	150 00	
		Gillis Mills parsonage	150 00	
		Hohenwald parsonage	150 00	
		White Bluff parsonage	100 00	
		Delrose and Shiloh parsonage.....	100 00	
		Lebanon parsonage	50 00	
		Fayetteville parsonage	100 00	
July	21.	Carroll Street (Nashville) parsonage.....	75 00	
Feb.	18.	Mrs. W. C. Pollard	150 00—	1,125 00

TEXAS CONFERENCE.

May	24.	Miss E. L. Hill.....	\$388 42	
July	21.	Thornedale parsonage	100 00	
		Silsbee parsonage	300 00	
		Garrison parsonage	100 00	
		Dayton parsonage	100 00	
		Liberty parsonage	100 00	
		Columbia and Brazoria parsonage.....	75 00	
		Sour Lake and China parsonage.....	100 00	
Sept.	6.	West End (Galveston) parsonage.....	100 00	
Jan.	5.	Miss E. L. Hill.....	100 00—	1,463 42

VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

May	4.	Mrs. R. I. Owens.....	\$438	29	
Aug.	7.	Brunswick parsonage	160	00	
Oct.	21.	Brunswick parsonage	40	00	\$ 638 20

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE.

April	2.	Garden City parsonage	\$125	00	
Nov.	18.	Falfurnias parsonage	250	00	
		Brownsville parsonage	200	00	
Jan.	20.	Harper parsonage	200	00	
		Nixon Circuit parsonage.....	200	00	975 00

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

July	16.	Miss Effie Jenkins	\$131	54	
	21.	Dilworth parsonage	50	00	
		Brevard parsonage	75	00	
		Cherryville parsonage	100	00	
Sept.	28.	Miss Effie Jenkins	35	00	
Oct.	21.	Rockford parsonage	25	00	
Nov.	18.	North Catawba parsonage	100	00	
		Epworth (Concord) parsonage	100	00	
March	24.	Miss Effie Jenkins	269	87	886 74

WESTERN VIRGINIA CONFERENCE.

Oct.	15.	Mrs. J. M. Beale.....	\$246	68	
Jan.	16.	Beckley parsonage	100	00	
March	26.	Mrs. J. M. Beale.....	135	02	481 70

Total expenditures of Conference half of dues.....\$33,342 75

RECEIPTS FOR YEAR 1909-10.

CONFERENCE.	Dues.	Specials.	Loan Funds.	Educational Endowment Fund.	Total.	City Missions per Voucher.
Alabama.....	\$ 1,481 96	\$ 889 46			\$ 2,371 42	\$ 1,275 97
Arkansas.....	1,020 66	457 05		\$10 75	1,488 46	
Baltimore.....	1,161 66	986 51	\$ 25 00	5 00	2,178 17	470 80
Columbia.....	237 35	179 18			416 53	
Denver.....	205 16	75 65			280 81	
East Columbia.....	161 80	12 95			174 75	
Florida.....	2,441 23	1,175 70		2 00	3,618 93	
Holston.....	2,814 59	1,834 28			4,648 87	1,277 16
Kentucky.....	1,415 55	1,517 86			2,933 41	
Little Rock.....	1,841 72	3,192 34			5,034 06	
Los Angeles.....	643 40	416 87			1,060 27	1,267 95
Louisiana.....	1,592 24	1,352 97	150 00		3,095 21	900 00
Louisville.....	1,262 53	2,463 59			3,726 12	2,044 27
Memphis.....	1,899 76	1,079 69			2,979 45	1,938 89
Mississippi.....	2,129 87	1,094 14			3,224 01	369 33
Missouri.....	1,323 41	793 93	20 00		2,137 34	923 07
Montana.....	116 25	75 75			192 00	
New Mexico.....	422 23	201 00			623 23	
North Alabama.....	1,922 73	1,388 42	1,000 00		4,311 15	1,132 95
North Carolina.....	1,833 43	1,730 74			3,564 17	
North Georgia.....	3,555 81	3,230 15	130 00		6,915 96	9,048 29
North Mississippi.....	2,268 88	2,010 70	5 00	48 80	4,332 88	
North Texas.....	3,634 85	2,325 18	3 00		5,963 03	1,024 11
Northwest Texas.....	6,491 75	5,098 35	10 00		11,600 10	479 45
Oklahoma.....	3,311 99	710 52		2 85	4,025 36	
Pacific.....	1,111 25	345 38			1,456 63	
St. Louis.....	2,003 11	1,401 58		2 00	3,406 69	5,441 19
South Carolina.....	1,475 84	1,251 89			2,727 73	
South Georgia.....	3,526 29	5,501 65	5 00		9,032 94	1,778 81
Southwest Missouri.....	1,918 64	993 29			2,911 93	8,052 91
Tennessee.....	2,171 71	2,032 61	45 00		4,249 32	1,347 92
Texas.....	3,438 96	3,754 12			7,193 08	1,939 89
Virginia.....	1,573 41	1,128 04		10 00	2,711 45	1,190 16
West Texas.....	2,438 63	1,252 68		5 50	3,696 81	
Western North Carolina.....	1,536 11	1,107 27			2,643 38	211 56
Western Virginia.....	498 65	361 61			860 26	
White River.....	918 98	499 88	2 50	3 00	1,424 38	
From other sources.....		16,585 90			16,585 90	
Total.....	\$67,802 39	\$70,511 90	\$1,395 50	\$89 40	\$139,799 19	\$42,770 68

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

Amount received from balance of April 1, 1909.....	\$ 1,969 74
Amount received from dues.....	67,802 39
Amount received from specials.....	70,511 90
Amount received from loan funds.....	1,395 50
Amount received from Educational Endowment Fund.....	89 40
Total.....	\$141,768 93
Total expenditures.....	139,994 21
Balance on hand April 1, 1910.....	\$ 1,774 72

RECAPITULATION.

Total cash collection for connectional work, 1909-10.....	\$139,799 19
Reported by voucher.....	42,770 68
Total connectional work.....	\$182,669 87
Expended for local work.....	328,726 93
Grand Total.....	\$508,296 80

A STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS.

Borrowed from Florine McEachern fund, 1903-09.....	\$2,500 00
Borrowed from Florine McEachern fund for current expenses, 1900-9.....	3,318 91
Total.....	\$ 5,818 91

ANNUAL REPORT OF LOCAL WORK BY CONFERENCE TREASURERS,
1909-10.

CONFERENCE.	Amount Expended on Parsonages During Year.	Total Expended on Local Church Work.	Value of Supplies Given Locally.	Raised and Expended on Nedy.	Report Here All Local Work Not Included in Preceding Columns.
Alabama.....	\$ 1,268 43	\$ 2,119 32	\$ 838 09	\$ 466 05	.....
Arkansas.....	1,312 22	1,435 92	704 58	618 02	.....
Baltimore.....	2,535 78	2,245 24	705 53	696 39	\$ 163 00
Columbia.....	709 36	510 78	105 30	51 50	15 68
Deuver.....	173 40	45 00	129 50	65 15	.....
East Columbia.....	439 95	123 10	47 15	86 00	.....
Florida.....	2,928 38	1,618 05	940 57	625 54	.....
Holston.....	2,965 01	3,068 07	1,439 63	1,078 24	.....
Kentucky.....	1,805 04	1,907 71	737 85	639 39	333 12
Little Rock.....	3,048 97	4,273 73	2,025 96	1,649 28	113 65
Los Angeles.....	1,366 66	664 42	767 43	161 00	142 75
Louisiana.....	2,640 62	3,302 21	1,284 71	964 43	545 45
Louisville.....	1,383 06	822 40	378 45	269 86	.....
Memphis.....	2,969 99	6,524 56	1,714 05	1,575 56	.....
Mississippi.....	3,649 75	3,671 74	638 85	690 90	2,005 29
Missouri.....	1,144 74	2,964 84	2,450 76	388 76	.....
Montana.....	369 14	204 04	.....	48 00	237 50
New Mexico.....	2,464 32	1,609 97	988 32	347 16	.....
North Alabama.....	5,195 08	5,892 14	2,847 50	1,225 78	.....
North Carolina.....	1,857 57	2,871 10	1,227 86	960 52	.....
North Georgia.....	4,673 17	1,965 01	3,746 44	4,491 28	56 84
North Mississippi.....	4,011 61	4,285 42	1,839 55	825 41	84 74
North Texas.....	5,088 93	8,928 96	2,953 27	2,018 85	646 00
Northwest Texas.....	11,628 50	11,496 45	3,768 54	2,628 70	.....
Oklahoma.....	4,214 72	5,697 78	1,413 27	803 99	.....
Pacific.....	2,183 23	1,947 10	791 75	326 85	33 00
St. Louis.....	5,123 53	4,997 09	2,963 66	2,417 31	116 02
South Carolina.....	723 52	888 30	231 04	738 38	50 00
South Georgia.....	2,529 40	6,423 37	2,325 67	1,561 30	249 44
Southwest Missouri.....	2,282 85	4,751 16	2,354 42	643 44	103 45
Tennessee.....	1,277 49	2,213 99	3,347 62	1,845 77	.....
Texas.....	11,547 34	7,795 57	3,620 85	2,279 22	.....
Virginia.....	1,340 07	2,653 06	2,622 98	1,653 90	593 62
West Texas.....	6,162 51	5,173 80	1,003 61	805 87	.....
Western North Carolina.....	1,704 19	1,709 83	1,464 90	606 71	502 17
Western Virginia.....	462 95	1,674 78	269 54	119 71	268 00
White River.....	562 59	2,266 22	261 60	908 65	8 50
Total.....	\$105,744 07	\$120,772 23	\$54,939 90	\$37,285 51	\$6,985 22

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

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We have this day examined the books of Mrs. W. D. Kirkland, Treasurer of the Home Mission Society, from April 6, 1909, to April 1, 1910, and find proper vouchers and receipts for all money paid out, also proper balance on hand to agree with balance in bank book of the Fourth National Bank.

D. M. SMITH,
C. G. STEPHENS.

June 11, 1910.

FOR YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1910.

* Unknown, 34.

MRS. R. W. MACDONELL, *General Secretary.*

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.....	50,883 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
1907-08.....	147,909 62.....	270,433 60
1908-09.....	167,818 50.....	283,428 44
1909-10.....	<u>182,569 87</u>	325,726 93
Total.....	\$1,219,579 89.....	\$2,045,574 28
Grand total.....		3,265,154 17
Amount contributed to Loan Fund.....		35,110 48
Total value of goods sent through Supply Department.....		249,632 47

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STATISTICS FROM 1886 TO 1910.

Adult and Young People members.....	76,464
Brigade members.....	15,998
Total number of members.....	92,462
Receipts for connectional work.....	\$1,219,579 89
Receipts for local work	2,045,574 28
Total receipts	3,265,154 17
Parsonages built and aided.....	2,588
Money donated to parsonages.....	\$ 259,411 88
Value of supplies distributed outside of receipts above ...	\$ 249,632 47
Day schools supported	10
Night schools supported	2
Pupils enrolled	1,659
Deaconesses, missionaries, and teachers employed	150
City Mission Boards	27
Rescue Home and Door of Hope	1

SOME FACTS FROM 1906-1909.

The Society gave \$24,225 to parsonages last year and sent 1,314 boxes of supplies, valued at \$39,112:08.

Mountain Schools.—Sue Bennett School, London, Ky.; enrolled 379 students; fifteen teachers. Brevard Industrial School, Brevard, N. C.; enrollment, 168; eight teachers. Holston Industrial: Two teachers, sixty-five students.

Cuban Schools.—The four schools for Cubans enrolled 621.

Korean and Japanese Schools.—One night school, one kindergarten and primary. Enrolled 65 students. Four teachers employed.

Ann Browder Home and School, Dallas, Tex.—Eighty-five girls entered during the year. Eight teachers.

Vashti Industrial School, Thomasville, Ga.—For friendless girls, 90.

Paine Annex, Augusta, Ga.—Industrial classes at Paine for negro girls, with 200 girls.

City mission work carried on in 28 cities, 82 salaried missionaries being employed.

COLLECTIONS FOR ALL PURPOSES.

By cash.....	\$139,799 19
By voucher.....	42,770 68
Total	\$182,569 87
For local work	325,726 93
Grand total	\$508,296 80

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.	15,000
Paine Annex, Augusta, Ga.	7,000
Homer Toherman Deaconess Home, Los Angeles, Cal.	10,000
Brevard Industrial School, Brevard, N. C.	13,000
Vashti Industrial School, Thomasville, Ga.	30,000
Mary Helm Hall, Alameda, Cal.	8,500
Grand total	<hr/> \$141,500

ANNUITY FUNDS. WHAT ARE THEY?

Money given by persons to the Woman's Home Mission Society on which the donors or those in whose names the gifts are made are to be paid a special rate of interest as long as they live, constitutes the *annuity funds* of the Society. When these persons die, the interest ceases. It cannot be transferred, but the money goes on through the missions of the Society, giving Christian education and training to the poor and illiterate, helping to rescue and redeem the sinful and outcast girls, to Christianize and civilize the Christless and heathen immigrants that are pouring into our country, and to do whatever else must be done to bring the people in our own land to a knowledge of Jesus Christ as a personal Saviour.

A person from thirty to forty years of age receives on an annuity gift three per cent interest; from forty to forty-five, four per cent; and from forty-five to sixty, six per cent, etc.

For Christian women who are dependent upon some kinsman, friend, or lawyer to attend to their business an annuity investment in the Woman's Home Mission Society will relieve them of a constant burden of anxiety and insure a semiannual income from a source that will not fail.

Many Christians long to give more than they do to help bring the unsaved to Christ, but their incomes are so small they have barely enough to live on, and as each pressing need is presented they turn away with a heavy heart, not seeing how they can possibly give even a little more than they do.

To these, and to many others who are the Lord's stewards, we would say: "Put your money, or some part of it, into the Woman's Home Mission Society on the annuity plan. You will then receive in semi-annual payments a fixed rate of interest on your gift during your lifetime; and, far better than that, you will have the joy of knowing and seeing how God is not only letting you labor with him in the redemption of the world while you live, but how he has made a way by which your gift will continue to lift up and save fallen men and women after you have gone to be with him in the house of many mansions."

CONTRIBUTORS ON ANNUITY PLAN.

Mrs. M. J. Branner, Waynesville, N. C.....	\$ 500
(Educational.)	
Miss Sallie J. Brown, Nashville, Tenn.....	100
(Educational.)	

Miss Mary Werlein, New Orleans, La.....	\$1,000
(Werlein Loan Fund.)	
Mrs. Ruth E. Hargrove.....	1,000
(Barker Loan Fund.)	
*Mrs. Belle Linn, Louisville, Ky.....	200
(Preachers' Wives' Loan Fund.)	
†Mrs. Lucy E. Stith, Elizabethtown, Ky.....	100
(Preachers' Wives' Loan Fund.)	
Mrs. M. Watkins, New York.....	300
(Preachers' Wives' Loan Fund.)	
Miss Martha J. Watkins, New York.....	400
(Preachers' Wives' Loan Fund.)	
Miss Sallie S. Fulton, Saltville, Va.....	1,000
(Creed Fulton Loan Fund.)	
Miss E. S. Stinson, Camden, Ark.....	100
(Preachers' Wives' Loan Fund.)	
Mrs. M. E. W. Aycock, Waverly, Ala.....	3,500
(\$300 Preachers' Wives' and \$3,200 Educational and City Mission.)	
Bishop R. K. Hargrove.....	2,000
(Hargrove Loan Fund.)	
Mrs. Nancy Bevan	2,500
(Directed to Ann Browder Home and School, \$1,500; Ruth Hargrove Seminary, \$1,000.)	
Mrs. Mary A. Morton.....	500
(Gift directed to Vashti Home and School.)	
Miss Harriet Musselman	2,000
(Gift directed to Vashti Home and School, \$1,000; Sue Bennett School, \$1,000.)	
Mrs. S. C. Trueheart	750
(Directed to Paine Annex.)	
Mrs. Annie O. Wallace	250

* Declines annuity. † Deceased.

REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

MISS BELLE H. BENNETT, SUPERINTENDENT.

The Educational Department does not show growth as we would desire. The Board has maintained twelve schools, carrying sixty-eight teachers, at a cost of \$44,588.83. The income from fees has been \$10,943.06, which reduces the actual expense of the department to the Church to \$33,645.77. This makes the cost of each student \$20.25.

This educational work has been rich in the building of character and in the creation of high ideals, which make our students live rightly with their fellow-men. As proof of this, within the past decade from our mountain schools some twelve students have entered universities, looking to enriching personality by higher education for broader usefulness.

The complete change of faculty at Wolff Mission School, Ybor City, Tampa, Fla., has brought new life to the work. Miss Lotie Adams has been ably assisted with her faculty, and together they have reached the mental, moral, and social nature of the Cubans. One hundred and twenty-one children have been enrolled.

Ruth Hargrove Seminary, Key West, Fla., has enjoyed unprecedented prosperity, notwithstanding financial depression on the island and the severe storms of the fall. The purchase of four lots has enlarged the campus, and the home for the principal has somewhat relieved the crowded conditions of the school. The increase of pupilage, however, has continued to crowd the class rooms.

The faculty was materially changed at Brevard Institute, Brevard, N. C., the past scholastic year; but notwithstanding these changes and an epidemic of fever, the school has done excellent work.

Plans for the girls' new dormitory and chapel at Sue Bennett School, London, Ky., are being perfected, and we hope that the opening of the fall session may find the buildings ready for occupancy.

Your appropriation for night schools at Oakland, Cal., for the Japanese and at San Francisco, Cal., has not been remitted to the field, owing to the fact that it was found impracticable at Oakland on account of the proximity of another school and the lack of demand for one among the Koreans. The closing of these schools reduces the numerical report of this department.

The industrial schools at Dallas, Tex., at Thomasville, Ga., and at Augusta, Ga., have been faithfully carried on by their respective managements. Better equipment is needed at each; and when the new buildings have been erected at Dallas and Augusta, these requirements may in some measure be met.

There remains \$7,500 yet to be collected before we have the right to claim a pledge of \$5,000 from the General Education Board for Paine Annex. By the date fixed for the redemption of this pledge we are assured that the necessary amount will be in hand.

REPORT No. 1.

SCHOOLS.	Teachers.	Pupils.	Cost of Maintenance to Board.	Income from Fees.	Value of Property.
Wolff Mission School, Tampa, Fla. (Cuban)	5	121	\$ 2,686 97	\$ 289 50	\$ 6,700 00
Night School, Tampa, Fla. (Cuban)	1	25	.....	.....	.....
West Tampa School, Tampa, Fla. (Cuban)	2	96	980 00	129 50	1,300 00
Ruth Hargrove Inst., Key West, Fla. (Mixed).....	15	379	7,992 65	1,643 86	15,000 00
Sue Bennett School, London, Ky. (Mountain).....	14	365	11,164 71	4,283 25	35,000 00
Brevard Institute, Brevard, N. C. (Mountain)...	8	168	6,430 50	1,912 35	13,000 00
Holston Industrial S., Greeneville, Tenn. (Mt.)...	2	65	.....	.....	.....
Ann Browder, Dallas, Tex. (Rescue).....	8	85	4,500 00	1,667 60	15,000 00
Vashti, Thomasville, Ga. (for Friendless Girls)...	5	90	8,288 00	.....	30,000 00
Paine Annex, Augusta, Ga. (Industrial, Negro)...	4	300	2,186 00	.....	7,000 00
Japanese Night School, Alameda, Cal.....	2	30	180 00	.....	8,500 00
Japanese Kind'g'ten & Primary, Alameda, Cal..	2	35	180 00	454 25	.....
Total	68	1,659	\$44,588 83	\$10,943 06	\$131,500 00

REPORT No. 2.

Your committee recommends:

1. The pursuance of the usual plan for selecting the faculties of our schools.

2. The reappointment of principals of schools as follows: Prof. J. C. Lewis, Sue Bennett Memorial School, London, Ky.; Prof. C. H. Trowbridge, Brevard Institute, Brevard, N. C.; Prof. A. W. Mohn, Ruth Hargrove Institute, Key West, Fla.; Miss Lotie Adams, Wolff Mission School, Ybor City, Tampa, Fla.; Miss Emelina Valdes, West Tampa, Fla.; Prof. E. E. Bishop, Vashti Industrial School, Thomasville, Ga.; Miss Sue Lyons, Ann Browder Home and School, Dallas, Tex.; Miss Ellen Young, Paine Annex, Augusta, Ga.

3. We also recommend that the faculties for schools on the Pacific Coast be supplied by the superintendent of the Pacific Coast work.

MISS BELLE H. BENNETT,
MRS. R. W. MACDONELL,
MISS MABEL HEAD.

DEPARTMENT OF LITERATURE.

MRS. LUKE G. JOHNSON, SUPERINTENDENT.

The Department of Literature, being the last addition to our lines of work, is still not well organized, but during the past six months has accomplished something in its special field.

Annual Reports.

Eight thousand five hundred reports of the last Board meeting were prepared by the Secretaries and distributed throughout the Conferences. In this annual Board report is to be found the information which is vital to the life of the work; and we would urge a more general study of this valuable pamphlet.

Bulletins.

Five thousand five hundred *Bulletins* have been issued monthly from the general office at Nashville in accordance with the action of the Board in Savannah. Coming as they have from the fountain head of our work, they have been invaluable to the workers, as they have given the latest and most accurate statements concerning not only our own work, but also the broad lines of other work in the home land. We would urge that every auxiliary, without exception, take advan-

tage of this concise array of facts and use the *Bulletins* for the information and inspiration of the workers in the monthly meetings.

Leaflets.

Twenty thousand adult leaflets and five thousand leaflets for the children have been issued each month. The subjects treated were the topics upon which the monthly meetings were based. Mrs. MacDonell, Miss Helm, Mrs. J. D. Hammond, and Miss Head have each rendered valuable assistance in the preparation of these leaflets.

Reading Course.

This section of the Department of Literature is in charge of Miss Head. Up to the present it has been difficult to get accurate information as to the study circles or the number of persons taking the reading course. Inasmuch as there is perhaps no other thing that will so inspire our workers as a definite study of home mission books, of which there are now numbers that are thrilling and intensely interesting, it is to be regretted that so few take advantage of this means of growth.

A circular letter was recently sent to each Conference Superintendent of Literature and Press asking for definite information about study circles and the number of persons taking the reading course. The replies reveal the following statistics:

Number Using Reading Course.

Conference.	Auxiliaries.	Members.
North Georgia	20.....	157
Little Rock	10.....	..
South Georgia	10.....	..
St. Louis	6.....	..
Florida	4.....	28
Baltimore	4.....	..
Virginia	2.....	58
Kentucky	1.....	74
South Carolina	1.....	27
Total	58.....	344

In addition to the books named in the reading course, we would recommend the following: "Christianity and the Social Crisis," by Dr. Walter Rauschenbusch, price, \$1.50; "The Basis of Ascendancy," by Edgar Murphy, price, \$1.25; "The Spirit of Youth and the City Streets," by Jane Addams, price, \$1; "Christ and Life," by Robert E. Speer, price, \$1.

Our Homes.

Our Homes has been most ably edited by Miss Helm, and in the six months just passed has been invaluable in its presentation of truth and information concerning the special topics designated for each month.

The Home Mission Society of the M. E. Church, South, is to be congratulated upon having as its very own a periodical second to none in the nation in the special field to which it is devoted. In inspirational lines it is most helpful and the information given full and far-reaching. This periodical has only 23,175 subscribers, which marks an increase of 3,352 for the past six months; and yet in comparison with the great numbers of women in our Church is but a beginning. We cannot content ourselves until this monthly magazine is in every home of our entire membership.

In this day, when many of our Church papers are often struggling for existence, it is a cause for gratitude to our Board that the financial management of *Our Homes* is so good as to keep the paper out of debt and annually pay into the treasury a creditable sum of money. It is with gratitude to God that the Department of Literature makes mention of the fine business ability, consecration, and devoted service of the Editor of *Our Homes*.

Press Work.

The press work of the department has been entirely in charge of Mrs. Charles Phelps, who has labored long and unceasingly for the development of the work. She it is who has had the close touch with the Conference Superintendents and who has given out both information and inspiration. Mrs. Phelps says:

"Most Conferences now have a Conference Press Superintendent, who not only mails the *Bulletins* to the auxiliaries each month, but also does fine work in the columns of the Conference papers and by personal letters stimulates the Auxiliary Superintendents to greater activity. Some of these columns are so well edited as to be strong forces for righteousness.

"A comparison of last year's work with this will not show the progress we have made, as, owing to some confusion, some reports have not been available, nor could figures adequately express the advance.

"One Superintendent writes: 'I am gratified at the great increase in the number of Auxiliary Press Superintendents and in their work.' Another says: 'More interest is being taken than ever before. The work grows rapidly.' Still another tells how much of her time is used in answering inquiries in regard to the work: 'Our women are beginning to feel the importance of this department.'

"There have been difficulties, of course, chief among them the ever-present one—that strange disinclination to report promptly the work done. I believe that uniform blanks for the use of auxiliaries would do much to overcome this. The use of the blackboard, the poster, and the chart is increasing rapidly, and the Yearbook is generally used in the larger auxiliaries; and where the Conference issues them many smaller ones are discovering how helpful they are.

"I would urge our workers to send any items they may wish published in the Conference paper to the Conference Press Superintendents, and not to the editor of the paper. This applies as well to the secular press reporters; but a really interesting message usually finds ready entrance in the secular papers.

"May each Press Superintendent look upon herself as a 'King's trumpeter,' and study how she can best set forth its claims!"

Inasmuch as we recognize the untold power of the pen, we would urge Conference Secretaries to aid the Conference Superintendents in establishing a well-organized chain of information running from the General Office to all the Church and secular papers and to each auxiliary.

Special Work.

In addition to these regular lines of work, this department has been "instant in season and out of season" in an effort to scatter information throughout the length and breadth of the Church concerning the action of the Board at Savannah asking the General Conference to grant laity rights and privileges to the women of the Church.

Under the direction of the Executive Committee we have published and sent out one hundred and seventy-five thousand special leaflets since February 1, and, in addition, have made special efforts of various kinds to make this matter understood throughout the Church.

The General Office has also sent out fifty thousand leaflets bearing on this question and forty thousand copies of the memorial.

As a department we have striven in all the sections of our work to bring ourselves and our constituency to a broader knowledge of the work committed to our hands that we each and all may become workmen that need not be ashamed.

Statement of Press Work.

CONFERENCES.	No. Auxiliaries.	No. Auxiliaries Using Bulletin.	Auxiliaries Having Press Supts.	Using Secular Press.	Reading Course Circles.	Circulating Libraries.	Bulletins and Other Literature Sent Out.	Column in Church Paper.	Subscribers to Our Homes.
Alabama.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 36 books each	4,006	Yes	...
Arkansas.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	900	Yes	...
Baltimore.....	85	35	14	10	4	.....	.....	.....	.....
Columbia.....	15	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	600	Yes	75
Denver.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	925	.....	81
Florida.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	374	Yes	.....
Holston.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Yes	.....
Kentucky.....	70	30	13	.....	1 74 persons.	.....	1,755	Yes	.....
Little Rock.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Yes	.....
Los Angeles.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Yes	.....
Louisiana.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Yes	.....
Louisville.....	62	37	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	Yes	.....
Memphis.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1 300	.....	.....
Mississippi.....	98	10	.....	.....	10	.....	.....	Yes	.....
North Carolina.....	61	61	.....	.....	9	5	.....	Yes	.....
North Georgia.....	131	131	.....	37	20 157 persons.	45 50 books each	2,972	Yes	.....
North Mississippi.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	410	Yes	.....
North Texas.....	.....	.....	117	.....	.....	.....	2,805	Yes	.....
Northwest Texas.....	.....	.....	282	.....	.....	.....	3,792	Yes	.....
Oklahoma.....	138	138	.....	8	4	.....	.....	Yes	.....
Pacific.....	56	56	.....	25	.....	10	.....	Yes	.....
St. Louis.....	88	88	.....	some	.....	Yes	.....	Yes	.....
South Carolina.....	83	83	.....	25	.....	20	.....	Yes	.....
South Georgia.....	163	75	.....	25	20	.....	.....	Yes	.....
Southwest Missouri.....	90	86	.....	5	3	.....	.....	Yes	.....
Tennessee.....	100	100	.....	13	5 100 members.	.....	1,300	.....	.....
Texas.....	174	90	.....	65	5 160 per ons.	.....	.....	Yes	.....
Virginia.....	50	37	.....	5	.....	Yes	731	Yes	.....
West Texas.....	.....	30	.....	20	.....	.....	.....	Yes	.....
Western N. Carolina.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	28	.....	.....	Yes	.....
White River.....	45	30	.....	.....	several.	.....	.....	Yes	.....
Total.....	1509	1117	425	.....	.....	.....	21,870	.....	156

Yearbook.

The suggestive form for the Yearbook which was ordered by the Board at its last session in Savannah has been recently put in shape by Miss Mabel Head. She now has ready for distribution among the Conference Secretaries this form, which we believe will be found very helpful to all auxiliaries who desire to put out a Yearbook.

Auxiliaries will also find it helpful to use this form, adding to it such other bits of information as they may desire for their own particular use.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY.

SCARRITT BIBLE AND TRAINING SCHOOL.—MABEL K. HOWELL.

The year 1909-10 (March to March) is drawing to a close. It is my sixth year in the school, and as I look back over this year and the other years I cannot express too strongly what they have meant to me. One cannot live in the midst of or teach year after year young women whose lives are consecrated to God's service and whose purposes are so noble and true without gaining an uplift that is abiding. I feel grateful to God that he gives me health and strength and the privilege of doing my work for him here. I am happy in it, and my greatest desire is to measure up more and more to the ideal for my work that I have before me.

The months of April and May were spent mostly in class rooms, finishing up work of the year. Scarritt teachers, like all others, feel the press of work at the close of the school year. The fact that Miss Gibson was not well and harder pressed with work than usual made the rest of us hold fast the reins even more tightly than under ordinary circumstances. After the close of school the rest of the month of May was spent attending the Southwest Missouri and the Missouri Conference meetings. At both Bible lessons were given each day and several general addresses made. The summer work at the Institutional Church was next planned out, and I then went directly to New York City to take the summer course in the New York School of Philanthropy. The subject of the course there covered one of my senior courses here, and for that reason was very helpful. A study was made on my return the first of August of several institutions in Chicago. During August a visit was made to St. Joseph to assist them in locating their new Wesley House and in holding a mass meeting of all the Methodist people. The rest of the month was used for rest and preparation for the new year of work.

Four courses in sociology have been conducted throughout the year: two on social conditions, one on social service and pedagogy, and another on scientific philanthropy. In both the latter courses new syllabi have been prepared. I have also conducted the senior course in Church history. Provision was made at the opening of the year whereby I have closer supervision over the home mission students than before. I have had entire control of the practice work of both juniors and seniors, and have held the weekly preparation meetings and the monthly report meetings. In them we have come very close together and drawn very near to our Father. The lines of work in which the seniors have had practice are: House-to-house visiting, boys' club work, industrial school work for boys, sewing school, kitchen garden, mothers' club, cooking classes, Helping Hand evangelistic services, night school, and noonday factory meetings in the packing house. The eight young women who presented themselves for consecration as deaconesses in April have been well trained, I feel, having had the above work as well

as considerable summer experience in fresh-air work both at the Institutional Church here and at the Kingdom House in St. Louis. The work in house economics, conducted by our new teacher, Miss Bolz, of Pratt Institute, and also in domestic art, conducted by Miss Rouse, of the Teachers' College of New York, has been valuable preparation. The cooking classes still have to be held at the Institutional Church; but we hope that we can secure the \$300 that we need to equip our own domestic science kitchen.

I am eagerly looking forward to three months in London this summer, where I hope to spend my time studying social conditions and the various lines of social service work in order that I may return to my classes next year better prepared to give inspiration to the students and to give broad, intelligent instruction.

RELIGIOUS AND SOCIAL SERVICE OF THE METHODIST TRAINING SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS.—ESTELLE HASKIN.

As teacher of methods and superintendent of the field work for the Methodist Training School for Christian workers I have since the opening of the fall term directed all my efforts toward making practical for the students the instructions received in the class room in the departments of Bible, sociology, pedagogy, domestic science, and manual training. I have spent three hours each week in the class room, giving instruction in methods of Bible readings and teaching and storytelling; also in methods of social observation and friendly visiting and instructions in the conduct of clubs, classes, and other meetings.

The practical work of the school is carried on at a number of points in the city—viz.: Warioto Settlement (an institution supported by the mill superintendent and the school), the Wesley House, Community Hall (a building on the school compound), the North Nashville Day Nursery, and the Jewish Settlement. We have conducted at these points two large Bible schools for children (in which Bible manual work has been done), three courses for children in the art of home-keeping, two sewing schools, one mothers' meeting, four boys' clubs, two young men's clubs, one young woman's club, one Sunday afternoon service, one girls' gymnasium class, one Junior Girls' Club, and two cooking classes.

In addition to these, there has been a mission study class conducted at Walden University for the colored students, also a sewing school for colored children, and a Bible class for colored Sunday school teachers at Capers Chapel.

This work for these needy ones in our own midst has vitalized the real missionary spirit of the school as nothing else could do, and the happiest occasion of all the Christmastide was the little Christmas service and the tree given to the children of the colored sewing school.

The seniors have been trained as leaders, each one having the conduct of at last one feature of work.

As superintendent of the field work I have spent at least half an hour each week by appointment with each leader and her individual helpers, planning the work and requiring the most carefully planned and prepared program that it has been possible to secure.

In addition to this, I have visited an average of four features of work each week, watching the students in the execution of their plans, making careful notes and giving suggestions for improvement. In addition to the requirement of the seniors to have entire charge of some special meeting, they have each visited the work of some other student twice each month and brought in a carefully written report of observations made. The plan followed has given to the seniors time

and opportunity for the development of original work and for its proper execution, and has stimulated to the best possible efforts.

The juniors have each been assigned one block in the city, which is for the year, an individual settlement for careful social observation and friendly visitation. A tabulated record of observations and work done has been required. In addition, the juniors were appointed to assist the seniors in the different institutional features, thus being given an opportunity to gain experience before taking the responsibility of leadership.

The aim has been as follows:

1. To bring every student into close sympathy with human life and its problems, and thus bring back to every other department of the school a new zest and interest and a new power to learn.

2. To teach the students that the Christ life touches every phase of human interest, and Christian service means the endeavor to uplift and vitalize all life.

3. To develop the powers of leadership.

4. To develop in each student a real teaching ability, according to the approved methods of pedagogy.

Although there has been small equipment, yet the work of the students has been most gratifying. There have been a real enthusiasm, a promptness for duty, an originality of plan, and an evidence of leadership that have made the service a real joy. During the year the work has deepened and intensified and has become more vital to the students and to the people with whom they have worked.

With the enlarged settlement building which is promised for the near future and a capable assistant, this department has in it promises for a larger and more effective training for the students of the Methodist Training School.

DEPARTMENT OF TITHING.

MRS. J. W. PERRY, GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT.

We are grateful to our Father for the continuation of his blessings upon this department of our work. There has been a marked increase in the demand for literature and for instruction on the subject of tithing, indicating a deepening consciousness of the great responsibility of Christian stewardship. The number of leaflets and other literature sent out from the General Office on this subject far exceeds that of any previous year. The demand was so great for "Benny's Tithe," by Miss Helm, that a second edition has been necessary.

The resolution requesting the pastors to preach a special sermon on the subject of "Tithing" on the fourth Sunday of February was responded to most cheerfully by a large per cent of the pastors throughout the Church.

In addition to a circular letter sent by the Superintendent of the Tithing Department and the Conference Second Vice Presidents to the six thousand of our Church, the February number of *Our Homes*, through the kindness of Miss Helm, was made a tithing number, and a copy was sent to each pastor.

In addition to this, the editors of the *Christian Advocate* and the various Conference papers were asked to have an editorial on "Tithing" or "Christian Stewardship" for the third week of February. A number of the papers contained excellent articles on the subject. We acknowledge our obligation to all those who assisted in executing this plan.

Coming so late in the year, it is impossible to give an adequate report of the results of this special effort; but so encouraged are we by

what we have known of the results that we come to you desiring that you may deem it wise to instruct us to repeat the effort on the fourth Sunday of January, 1911.

This report would be incomplete were I to fail to express my gratitude to the faithful corps of Second Vice Presidents, to whose untiring efforts the success of this department is largely due.

Again South Georgia leads in the number of tithers, and Montana in the per cent of auxiliaries reporting. The great necessity of Auxiliary Second Vice Presidents who realize the importance of reporting promptly is emphasized by a comparison of the number of auxiliaries in the Conferences and the very small number reporting.

We are gratified to report 14,081 tithers, an increase of 4,088 during this year.

MRS. J. W. PERRY, *Superintendent of Tithing.*

REPORT ON TITHERS BY CONFERENCES.

CONFERENCE.	Auxiliaries.	Reporting.	Total Number of Tithers.
South Georgia	150	65	1,563
Northwest Texas	293	70	1,528
Texas	168	95	1,051
North Georgia	124	101	1,016
North Texas	150	69	814
North Alabama	85	65	700
Holston	125	60	644
West Texas	112	50	437
South Carolina	75	23	432
North Carolina	68	37	419
Memphis	90	.....	411
Mississippi	111	76	409
Florida	125	26	386
Southwest Missouri	82	42	370
North Mississippi	168	45	331
Missouri	65	51	292
St. Louis	80	36	282
Kentucky	68	38	257
Baltimore	80	38	253
Tennessee	92	32	252
Little Rock	74	34	251
Louisville	46	29	238
Alabama	70	36	230
Oklahoma	76	20	212
Pacific	49	23	193
Virginia	40	26	188
Western North Carolina	68	19	187
Los Angeles	28	17	164
Arkansas	48	.....	163
New Mexico	40	25	121
Louisiana	72	14	96
White River	48	22	73
Denver	9	3	36
Columbia	14	6	24
Montana	7	7	21
Western Virginia	22	7	9
Total	3,034	1,310	14,081

DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLIES.

MRS. J. H. YARBROUGH, SUPERINTENDENT.

It is with much joy and thanksgiving that we report the work of this department for the past year.

You will note that there is an increase both in the number of donations sent, as well as in the value of the same. We still have great trouble and delay in getting blanks early in the fall; but there is some improvement along that line. If the women in charge of such work in each Society were more careful in making their reports to the Conference Superintendents and to the General Superintendent, much labor and expense would be saved, and the report would show much more accurately the real work done by the Church. Always in making reports of donations sent give the name of the auxiliary, the name of the Conference (as some States have several Conferences within their bounds), and give the value and destination of each donation.

The Conference Superintendents have done a noble work this year, and our hearts are glad because of the comfort and joy this department has been in many places and in many ways. A little more patience in waiting for blanks, a little more care and generosity in preparing boxes, and a great deal more promptness in sending boxes and reporting them carefully would lighten the labor of Conference Superintendents and greatly increase the usefulness of the department.

You perhaps do not realize how much more service a box sent in due season is to a family. If you wait till severe weather comes, they spend the little money they have for goods and garments that will be sent them later. That money is much needed for other necessities in the home.

Twelve hundred and forty-five donations have been sent this year; but we can credit in our table only thirteen hundred and fourteen, for in reporting twenty-three donations in the South Georgia Conference no destination was given.

The Texas Conference sent the largest number of donations and the most valuable, having sent one hundred and eighty-eight, valued at \$4,916.76. North Georgia was second in point of value, having sent ninety-six, valued at \$4,251.47. North Mississippi was third, having sent ninety-two, valued at \$3,342.88. Special mention must be made of the St. Louis Conference Society, as it sent forty-seven donations, valued at \$2,374.87, and forty-two of the donations were sent to preachers. (See table on next page.)

REPORT OF SUPPLIES BY CONFERENCES.

CONFERENCE.	Donations sent Preachers.	Donations to H. M. Schools, City Mission Boards, Rescue Homes.	Donations sent Conference Or- phanages.	Miscellaneous: Storm and Fire Sufferers, etc.	Total Number Donations Sent.	Value of Dona- tions.
Alabama	1	.....	13	.....	14	\$ 279 70
Baltimore	16	1	.....	.....	17	298 85
Florida	6	3	1	3	13	294 60
Holston	2	.....	112	.....	114	1,690 01
Kentucky	10	3	8	.....	21	732 00
Little Rock	8	.....	1	.....	9	518 17
Louisville	15	1	3	.....	19	939 93
Louisiana	2	15	30	5	52	753 50
Memphis	10	6	.....	2	18	550 02
Mississippi .....	.....	.....	34	.....	34	1,426 80
New Mexico	1	.....	.....	.....	1	28 50
North Alabama	21	.....	5	.....	26	1,596 64
North Carolina	7	18	55	.....	80	1,530 18
North Georgia	21	28	47	.....	96	4,251 47
North Mississippi	10	1	80	1	92	3,342 88
North Texas	4	57	31	12	104	2,703 95
Northwest Texas	13	33	28	.....	74	2,272 85
Oklahoma	20	.....	.....	.....	20	908 94
Pacific .....	.....	17	.....	.....	17	84 00
St. Louis	42	5	.....	.....	47	2,374 87
South Carolina	3	1	13	.....	17	695 55
*South Georgia	12	38	35	2	87	2,817 69
Southwest Missouri	2	2	.....	.....	4	181 70
Tennessee	18	9	.....	1	28	1,338 27
Texas	17	78	37	56	188	4,916 76
Virginia	13	.....	26	.....	39	1,451 78
West Texas .....	.....	35	7	.....	42	685 45
Western North Carolina.	2	10	4	.....	16	280 18
Western Virginia	2	1	.....	.....	3	140 56
White River	2	.....	.....	.....	2	126 28
Total	287	362	583	82	1,314	\$39,112 08

*In South Georgia there were twenty-three donations sent whose destinations were not given, and so could not be included in this table.

REPORTS OF INSTITUTIONS.

CUBAN WORK.

WOLFF MISSION, YBOR CITY.—MISS LOTIE ADAMS, PRINCIPAL.

ESTABLISHED 1902.

The teachers (four in number) and the matron are all new in this field. The grades taught are from first to eighth, inclusive, in the day school, and English only at night. The division of work is as follows: Higher grades, Lotie M. Adams, Principal; intermediate and sewing class, Janeta Hettenhauser; primary and Junior League (fifty-two members), Rose Baker; music and Girls' Club (twelve members), Virginia Ragland, Matron; Boys' Club (twenty-four members), Winifred S. Wilcox. Enrollment: Day school, 121; night school, 25; total, 146. Tuition collected, \$214.50; services rendered valued at \$75; total, \$289.50. Remitted to General Treasurer, \$214.50. Maintenance: From General Treasury, \$2,686.97; from Mrs. Alexander, \$10; from others, \$4.50; services rendered, \$75; total, \$2,776.47.

The Home is really the center of social life of the Cuban Church, the Christmas celebration and the monthly League fiestas being held in it. Through these avenues (the social meetings, the clubs, and the school) many lives are touched, brightened, and helped. One-third of the school children are regular attendants at the Sunday school; while from the night school the Senior League and the young men's class have secured members, one young man having presented himself for Church membership.

WEST TAMPA.—MISS EMELINA VALDES, PRINCIPAL.

The past year has been a very trying one, even more than last year, to the entire school work. There has been so much measles and chicken pox that we have lost many children, not only from the school but also many homes have been saddened by their departure from this world. Owing to the illness of children, widowed mothers have had to leave their work to nurse them, and consequently their need has been beyond measure; nevertheless, our school has kept quite a good enrollment, owing to circumstances. We have had as many as one hundred and five enrolled; our present enrollment is ninety-six, and our average attendance sixty. Some changes have taken place this year. My assistant teacher, Mrs. Dolores Ozeguera, has charge of the primer pupils and also of the sewing class. This is much better than in the past, as the children are kept busy with their sewing as soon as their studies are over. We always had our sewing class after lunch, from 1 P.M. to 3 P.M.; but this year we have made this change, and it is much more convenient to teachers and pupils, as when the sewing teacher came in the children naturally would get excited over it. Those that were advanced would be happy over her coming and express their feelings. Those that were dull would feel afraid of being

punished or scolded. But as we have it arranged now it is quite different. In the morning before school the work is prepared, and as they finish their studies they take up their sewing. This, as I have above explained, has a great deal to do with the order of the school. This teacher is very much loved by the children, and her work is very satisfactory not only in the schoolroom but also in the Sunday school and Church work. We collected this year, at the rate of twenty-five cents per month, \$129.50. Out of this \$21 was used for incidentals, and \$85 was received from the General Treasurer for the same; \$765 was received as salary, making a total of \$850 received from the General Treasurer for the West Tampa work.

I cannot close without mentioning Brother Guillermo Perez, who has assisted me very much in my school work during my mother's illness. He helped in the boys' room.

I will also state the great need of a new fence. Our fence was put up nine years ago, and of course it is in a dreadful condition. Our schoolroom needs painting very badly, but we can manage with that; but we cannot do without the fence. The Lord has graciously provided for me always, and I hope that he will provide likewise this time. It is 9 P.M., and I am sitting by my mother's bedside writing, and she tells me that I must tell her sisters that from her bed she prays for their success. She has been on that bed for thirteen months. We pray that the Lord may be with you.

RUTH HARGROVE SEMINARY, KEY WEST, FLA.—PROF. A. W. MOHN,
PRINCIPAL.

ESTABLISHED 1900.

I hereby submit the annual report of the Ruth Hargrove Institute. Conditions are, on the whole, quite satisfactory. We have a very full school, and the attendance is more regular than formerly. Our enrollment to date is three hundred and seventy-nine. We have refused admittance to a number of students for lack of room. We have had to date ten students boarding and rooming in the dormitory, and could have had many more but for lack of accommodations. Two are now in the attic. It is a great satisfaction to know that, in spite of the recent destructive hurricane, the continuous financial depression, and the completion of a fine public school building, our enrollment continues to increase.

The faculty numbers fifteen, the principal and fourteen assistants. The work in the class rooms has been of a high order, and, in addition to this regular work, many calls have been made, and much work has been done in the downtown Churches and Sunday schools.

A Commercial Department was opened at the beginning of the year, and gives promise of being a very important part of the school work. A special teacher should be employed for this department. I would also recommend that a night school be opened for factory workers and that sub-schools be established for those Cubans living at a distance.

The Cuban Sunday school, which meets every Sabbath afternoon, continues to flourish. It has about one hundred members. The Institute Mothers' Club, which was organized late last year, now has over eighty members. This organization is doing much to bring into closer relations the home and the school.

We have received to date \$1,777.38 in fees, of which amount \$1,456.93 has been remitted to the General Treasurer, and \$320.45 has been spent in commissions and incidentals.

MOUNTAIN WORK.—Miss Belle H. Bennett, Superintendent.

ESTABLISHED 1896.

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

I take pleasure in submitting the fourteenth annual report of the Sue Bennett Memorial School.

The enrollment for the year was 365, of whom 187 were boys and 178 girls. We are thankful that we have been able to maintain our enrollment in the face of many and serious difficulties.

The faculty gave efficient and conscientious service, and efficient work was done in all departments of the school. During the fall the faculty consisted of ten teachers, one field agent, and one housekeeper; during the winter months, twelve teachers, two student assistants, one housekeeper, and one matron. The religious and moral tone of the school during the year was excellent, and quite a number of students were converted.

The income from fees was \$5,250, of which \$4,900 was in cash. The running expenses of the school were more than last year, owing to the increase in the cost of everything, including raw material and wages.

We were rather unfortunate in our selection of an architect to draw plans for and to supervise the erection of a new dormitory for girls last fall. Through causes induced by his moral failure we suffered serious financial loss as well as grievous disappointment in not being able to provide accommodations for the large influx of students for the new year. It is confidently expected that the needed buildings will be built and ready for occupancy by the time the new year comes again.

We need absolutely fifty thousand dollars with which to provide a girls' dormitory, chapel, power house, and industrial equipment. Who is willing to invest this much in producing from one of the purest stocks in America men and women of character and power? Kentucky needs them. The Church needs them. You, my brother, sister, God's stewards, need them.

BREVARD INSTITUTE, BREVARD, N. C.—PROF. C. H. TROWBRIDGE, PRINCIPAL.

ESTABLISHED 1903.

Brevard Institute has come to be one of the well-recognized educational centers of North Carolina. The property is constantly enhancing in value because of the improvements we have been able to put on the campus of thirteen acres. Last year we enrolled one hundred and sixty-eight students, and covered the following departments of work: Grammar and high school grades, sewing and millinery, normal, stenography and bookkeeping, and music.

In the fall we were visited by an epidemic of typhoid fever, which we promptly stamped out by the aid of our good physician, Dr. Cheatham, and the hearty coöperation of teachers and students. The grade work was moved to a rented building in the town, while many of our boarders returned to their homes. The kindly consideration of the citizens of Brevard and the willing help of friends of the institution place us under obligations not easy to be forgotten. The school was never closed, though somewhat disorganized by the affliction. Death claimed two of our most promising students.

By the new year the buildings had been disinfected and order restored, and two-thirds of our old pupils were back at work, contented and studious. The discipline has been better than at any previous time during my administration, and I have been able to spend more time with the teachers in planning for various departments, which has resulted in the appreciable strengthening of the work.

We have not been without visible fruit of our effort at character-building during the year, and this fact has given us courage to press forward with renewed energy.

The following financial statement for 1909-10 may prove interesting to those who stand back of the school, and, we trust, suggestive as to our many needs:

Receipts.

Cash balance reported last year	\$.	9	55
Tuition fees collected during year		1,972	22
Boarding Department		3,425	86
Store and deposits		1,046	43
Miscellaneous sources		137	33
General Secretary		500	00
Mrs. Ross		169	82
Cash from General Treasurer for current expenses and incidentals		6,856	50—\$14,117 71

Disbursements.

Cash fees remitted to General Treasurer	\$1,912	39
Boarding Department	3,346	76
Salaries	4,889	75
Farm	324	86
Store and deposits	1,029	27
Advertising, postage, printing, etc.	391	07
Educational expenses	127	09
Permanent improvements and repairs	178	38
Fever expenses	852	73
Labor and miscellaneous expenses	394	64
General Secretary	500	00— 13,926 49
Balance		\$ 190 77

GREENEVILLE, TENN., INDUSTRIAL HOME AND SCHOOL.

S. S. Boyer, Superintendent.

Teachers	2
Students enrolled	65

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

During the short mission year closing March 31 there have been quite a number of changes in the personnel of the workers; but the places of those retiring have all been filled, and we have never had a more harmonious adjustment of the work than at present.

THE HOMER TOBERMAN DEACONESS HOME.

I had the pleasure of visiting this institution during the month of March, and of being present at the meeting of the City Mission Board. There seems to be no abatement of interest among the ladies of our Churches in Los Angeles. In the month of September it was the sad privilege of the workers of the Home to minister to her to whom, perhaps, more than any other the institution owes its existence—Mrs. J. R. Toberman. When this elect lady found that the breaking down of her physical powers indicated an early departure from this world, she requested to be taken to Homer's Hospital. Eager hands were ready to receive and care for her, and, surrounded by our workers, she fell asleep to wake in the presence of the dear son to whose memory the Home was dedicated.

The bereaved husband was prostrated, and it is doubtful as to

whether he will ever again regain the strength to engage in active business. It is his desire to see the capacity of the Hospital Department greatly enlarged, and to have the institution placed upon a sure basis as to income, and he has expressed a desire to give a sum not less than twenty thousand dollars to insure this end. We already own sufficient ground for the building of an annex that would make room for twenty-five or thirty beds. With such a plant we should be able to incorporate, graduate our own trained nurses, and become a really important factor in the work of ministering to the suffering of the city. I know of no form of service that would be more acceptable or that would more largely contribute to the prestige and strength of our work in Southern California. I am earnestly praying that Major Toberman may find such hearty sympathy and coöperation among our people on both sides of the mountains that his plans may be speedily realized.

OUR JAPANESE WORK.

During the last two years more than seven thousand Japanese have returned to Japan from San Francisco, and very few have entered the country through that port. Most of those now about the bay have acquired the first elements of our language, and we are finding that the use of night schools as a means of access to them has lost much of its importance. There is, however, a growing interest in the study of Christianity, and we are now able to use methods more directly evangelistic. The preaching services and Bible Study Classes are better attended, and the results of work are more satisfactory.

At the Mary Helm Hall, in Alameda, our work among the children continues to command a good patronage. After several months of effort, we secured a teacher for the kindergarten in the person of Miss Okui, a young Japanese lady who had been trained for that work in one of the missions schools in Kobe. She was not long in winning the affection of the children and the confidence of the parents.

The school is entirely self-supporting, any insufficiency of tuition being made up by voluntary contributions from the patrons.

By a recent arrangement Mrs. E. G. Smith, who has for some time been teaching music in the kindergarten and primary schools, now has entire charge of the morning session of the primary school; and Mr. Sobrea, the night school teacher, takes the Japanese work in the afternoon.

The night school at Alameda has not so large an enrollment as formerly, but a much more regular attendance, the object of the pupils being to really get an education rather than to acquire a little smattering of English in order to get a job.

Mr. Yanagiwara, our pastor, has established himself in the confidence of the Japanese community, and is looked to for counsel and help in all matters of general interest, and the outlook for work in Alameda is hopeful.

KOREAN WORK.

In December J. S. Ryang, who has been my able and faithful assistant since we began work among the Koreans, decided to take a course at Vanderbilt preparatory to engaging in mission work in Korea. He had been so effective that I hardly saw how I could let him go, but did not feel justified in keeping him from what he felt would be a larger field. I am glad to know that he has taken good standing at the university and is in high favor with the faculty and students at Wesley Hall.

Fortunately we found a good man to take his place in the person of

Mr. P. K. Yoon, who had had quite an extended experience in Korea as assistant to Brothers Hounshell and Cram, of our Korean Mission, and later in evangelistic work in Hawaii. He is an excellent preacher and pastor, and is succeeding admirably in the editorial work of the *Korean Evangel*.

This periodical is steadily increasing in circulation and influence. The subscription price is necessarily high for the Koreans, who, for the most part, are very poor. Yet I should very much dislike to lower the standard of the magazine. The number of readers is steadily though slowly increasing; and if we can double the present list of subscribers, it will be self-supporting.

We are greatly encouraged by the reports received from the work in Siberia and Mexico started by workers who have gone out from us. Several hundred are reported to have received Christ through this ministry, and we feel that in no small sense they are the real children of our mission.

I have recently received several communications from Mrs. Sherman, who has been conducting work among the Koreans in Los Angeles, but who now finds herself no longer able to continue. She desires that we shall take up this work.

Communications have come to us also from Redlands and other places in Southern California, urging that we open work in those parts.

It seems to me that an opportunity is offered by which we may have practically all the Koreans in this country and Mexico under our influence, and it seems very desirable that we should enter this open door.

I believe that the additional expense would not amount to more than one thousand dollars per annum. I think that I have the workers in sight, and would respectfully urge that arrangements be made for thus extending our work as soon as possible.

MARY HELM HALL, ALAMEDA, CAL.

Japanese Mission, Primary Department; Mrs. Eldridge Smith, Teacher.—I have been with the school just a little over a year. My work is teaching the children English and singing, and, little by little, as fast as they are able to comprehend and understand our language, I am trying to instill into their little minds the principles of the Christian religion. I am greatly encouraged in the wonderful progress that they have made during the year I have been with them, and I am very much interested in the work. We had a fine entertainment on Christmas, and I wish that you could have been here to have heard them sing and recite their little pieces.

Mr. N. Yanagiwara, Japanese pastor at Mary Helm Hall, reports sixteen little Japanese as attending the Kindergarten Department, under Mr. Obe's direction. These schools are maintained by contributions of our Japanese members and by fees from the children, as is shown by the following statement: Fees, \$213.75; contributions for support of school, \$240.50; total income, \$454.25. Salary and current expenses, \$498.80. Amount received from contributions for repairing, \$82.95; amount received from general treasury for repairing, \$70; total amount for repairing, \$152.95.

Mrs. Edna Standefer reports the Japanese night school, taught also at Mary Helm Hall, as follows: "Our school is not a boarding school, though there are a limited number of Japanese young men who board in the mission until they can get employment; but this is entirely

separate from our night school, and the fees are kept separate. During the year we have had thirty young men in the school, and we feel safe in claiming seven of these as genuine converts to the Christian religion. Our boys pay one dollar a month for tuition; and, with the many changes of students and the necessary coming and going among them at the change of the season, I reckon that their fees reached some sixty dollars. Our current expenses are light, only three dollars per month.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

VASHTI INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FOR FRIENDLESS GIRLS, THOMASVILLE, GA.

Prof. E. E. Bishop in Charge.

ESTABLISHED 1903.

During the fiscal year ending February 28, 1910, ninety students have been enrolled in Vashti Industrial School, eighty-eight of whom were girls and two boys. All of these except four were boarders.

The health of the school has been good in general. One of our girls was recently operated on at the Wesley Memorial Hospital, Atlanta, Ga., and three others had mild cases of pneumonia during the early part of the winter. These four cases represent all the sickness that could be called serious.

School Work.—The excellent work being done in the schoolrooms is making an inconsistency in your regulations. You provide for but eight grades of school work, but an age limit of eighteen for going out. Our eighth grade this year has half a dozen girls in it between fifteen and seventeen; so it seems that an additional year, at least, will have to be added to meet the needs of next session.

Our Girls.—During the past year twelve girls went from the Vashti Home. Two of these are now living with relatives and two are domestics, one in Thomasville and the other in Macon; the other eight desired to continue in school, and left us, one going to each of the following places: Meridian, Miss., Wilmore, Ky., Brevard, N. C., Birmingham, Ala., Sparks College, South Georgia College, South Georgia Business College, and Thomasville Business College. Of the dozen girls that are to leave the Home this year, about the same proportion desire to continue their education. This eagerness for more training on the part of our older students appears to me to be a very wholesome symptom.

Discipline.—The discipline of the school gives us very little concern and less trouble because it is automatic. The girls govern themselves, and in doing so they have developed a very healthy public opinion. Every week the girl who has been elected judge calls a grand jury to inquire into the conduct of the school. Offenses discovered are reported to court, and the trial takes place before the whole school. We have had no serious offenses since near the beginning of the school year, and those were committed by new students, and all were promptly found out by other girls and reported to the grand jury.

Religion.—During last vacation, feeling that the school needed special religious attention, and not having any one to conduct revival services, the superintendent concluded to try it himself. The meetings continued several nights, and nearly all the girls professed conversion that were not already living right. While some of these professions were not sincere, the meetings were generally helpful. Most of our girls belong to the Y. W. C. A., and this year we sent a delegate to the Annual Convention of the Gulf States, which convened at

Athens, Ga. We also had the pleasure of entertaining the Y. W. C. A. Secretary, Miss Wales, about four days.

Advertising.—During the past year I have done more advertising than usual, having sent out about ten thousand circulars. My purpose has been to interest every auxiliary.

Applications.—Applications for scholarships are very numerous. We have several every week; but for lack of money or for lack of room we request them to file applications and to wait for vacancy. I regret that we cannot accept all applicants. The girls we have received have yielded so readily to good influence and have developed so remarkably in conduct, appearance, and in scholarship that it seems a crime that all homeless girls cannot have the same privilege. I believe that every child has a right to be carefully trained. I wish that we might provide for three hundred, instead of for less than one hundred, girls.

Donations.—Supplies have come in from almost every quarter. All have been recorded by items, and the record makes a considerable book; so I could not enumerate them. These donations consist chiefly of cloth, towels, stockings, table linen, bed clothing, etc. These donations have been a great help to us, and we urge a continuance of them. Some of our special needs are pictures, rugs, tablespoons, knives, etc.; but our greatest need, perhaps, is sewing machines. We need three or four good machines, preferably the Singer, as it stands hard usage better than others. Money for scholarships, for clothing girls, and for furnishing rooms is always in order. We have perhaps twenty alcove rooms yet unnamed.

Library.—Mrs. A. B. Slappey, of Marshallville, Ga., gave us a very handsome set of bookcases, tables, and chairs for our library. Gradually books were collected until last Christmas, when Miss Helm sent us in a select collection that filled our bookcases. Since our cases were filled more books have been donated by other parties; so we will have to call upon Mrs. Slappey for more cases, that Miss Helm and other friends may donate more books. While our library is ornamental, the greater beauty lies in its being read. Books out average forty at a time. Last year we had some dime-novel readers; but we have nothing of the sort this year, and we are glad that our readers are forming good tastes in literature.

Finances.—When our February check comes in to round out the year's receipts, we will have received from all sources about \$10,700. I say "about," because the value of supplies sent to us in boxes is only an estimate. Of the above sum, nearly \$8,300 came from the General Board and \$2,400 from scholarships, donations, etc. This large sum of money was spent as follows: Teachers, \$3,000; old debts, \$1,200; improvements, \$2,500; supplies, farm labor, etc., \$4,000.

Industries.—We have the following industries started: Dairy, poultry, garden, farm, dressmaking, domestic science, and Business Department. Though not well developed, these industries help us considerably. The dairy supplies all of our milk and butter; chickens furnish all of our eggs; the garden produces vegetables in season; the farm furnishes all of our corn, hay, oats, fodder, molasses, and meat; the Dressmaking Department makes all of our clothing; the Domestic Science Department does our cooking and laundering; and the Business Department supplies our office help. While we have spent considerable money in developing some of these industries, you will observe that \$4,500, the amount spent for food and clothing and for producing the supplies, is not a great sum for the maintenance of a family of seventy for a year. You will observe from the financial sheet that it is not the supplies that are so costly, but that teachers' salaries and improvements have been a large item in our expenses.

Appropriation.—Next year we will need about the same appropriation as that of last year—viz., \$585 per month for the same number of students that we now accommodate. Additional improvements would be desirable and economical in the long run, because the school at present is not very well balanced, since we could accommodate more students, if we had the room, without increasing the number of teachers. We cannot decrease our number of teachers very well, because our various departments require that number. The only way, therefore, to secure the proper proportion is to provide for more girls. Such provision could be made either by building another large house similar in capacity to the one we have, or it might be provided for by improving the cottages that we have on the premises. The latter can be done at small expense. For next year I recommend that you allow the same number of assistants as at present—viz.: a teacher of domestic science, who will also act as matron, a dressmaker, and two teachers for the grades. These, with such help as I can secure from the school or vicinity, will be able to do the work.

ANN BROWDER HOME AND TRAINING SCHOOL FOR UNFORTUNATE GIRLS,
DALLAS, TEX.

Miss S. L. Lyons, Principal.

ESTABLISHED 1893.

The records for the year 1909-10 show:

Girls on roll	51
Girls entered during the year	35
Girls cared for during the year	86
Girls left during the year (having completed two years).....	25
Infants in the Home at the present time	19
Infants born during the year	25
Infants adopted	16
Girls entered with babies	3

Financial Report.

Received from the General Board	\$4,695 00
Received from board of girls	1,667 60
Cash donations	443 90
Industries	419 73
Total from all sources	\$7,226 23
Paid to physicians	\$ 360 00
Paid to teachers	2,005 00
Current expenses	4,837 63
Total expended	\$7,202 63
Total received	\$7,226 23
Total expended	7,202 63
Balance	\$ 23 60

In addition, we have received one scholarship of fifty dollars from Tennessee. We also received a special collection of one hundred and fifty dollars through the Arkadelphia Woman's Home Mission Society to be used to outfit needy girls on going out of the Home.

Received from sewing room	\$254 56
Expended on sewing room	40 00
Received from laundry	140 20
Expended on laundry	171 88
Garments laundered	60,930

Report of Hospital.

Visits from Dr. Gordon	107
Visits from Dr. Swaim	49
Visits to doctor	30
Infants born	30
Infants adopted	16
Infants died	6
Girls entered with babies	3
Infants taken by mothers	3
Total amount expended by Culinary Department..	\$2,460 21
Garments made in sewing room for customers...	284
Garments made for Home	1,101

A greater number of girls have completed their two-year course of training this year than ever before in the history of the Home. The girls going out have made a finer record and have commanded better positions than ever before. No girl has been placed at less than four dollars a week. Quite a number have entered school.

FOR NEGRO GIRLS.

PAINE ANNEX, PAINE COLLEGE, AUGUSTA, GA., INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT.

Miss Ellen Young in Charge.

ESTABLISHED 1902.

I am very glad to submit a report of our work from September 28 to March 1. So far we have had a very successful year. We have an earnest set of girls, who are trying to get all that they can in order to be well prepared for the work that they must do when they leave here.

We have more students this year than we have had before. There are one hundred and fifty girls in the Plain Sewing Department, who are doing the foundation work; and there are fifty girls in the second, third, and fourth-year classes who are doing very good work in the Dressmaking and Cooking Departments. More and better work has been done this year than ever before. Miss Nancy Walker came to us last fall as teacher of the Cooking Department. She is a graduate of Hampton, and a good worker.

We have had to be unusually economical in our Boarding Department, as groceries are so very high. We have received \$695.24 for board, and our groceries, table furnishings, and repairs have amounted to \$973.74, which makes a deficit of \$277.50. When all back board has been collected, however, we hope to be able to make ends meet.

The girls' weekly Y. W. C. A. midweek prayer meetings and Saturday Evening Literary Society have been most helpful in so many ways.

We have received a gift of \$500 from Mrs. Bingham, of Carrollton, Miss. This sum was given as a memorial to a faithful negro woman, who lived in Mrs. Bingham's family for twenty-six years. When we get our new building, this money will be used to fit up our Cooking Department, which will be called the "Amanda Jones Cooking School," in memory of the woman who served so faithfully in the Mississippi home.

We have our days of sunshine and days of shadow; but the Lord is blessing us in so many ways that we thank him for everything that he sends us.

REPORTS OF CITY MISSIONS.

ASHEVILLE, N. C.

Miss Josephine Guffin, Missionary.

We wish to express the joy and gratitude that we feel to the dear Lord in permitting us to work another year among the people that we have learned to know and love. The year has been one of increasing responsibilities, but of greater peace and thankfulness also—of greater responsibilities because of growth in the work and the lack of workers.

The pastor of Riverside Chapel, our little church in the factory district, being with us only a few times during the year, it was rather difficult to keep up the interest in the Church without regular preaching services; but as there were many who found the Lord in last year's wonderful meetings here, our Senior and Junior League meetings have been well attended throughout most of the year. Very noticeable has been the spirit of thoughtful earnestness, even among those who were not Christians. We are now looking forward to larger and better things, as the Conference in December appointed a young man, who is now the missionary in charge of the Riverside Chapel, our tannery mission, and North Asheville mission; and your worker is now acting as assistant missionary in these places. Since that time there has been quite an increase of attendance and interest in the missions, especially among the men.

Our regular work in these missions has been kept up throughout the year through the Sabbath school, weekly prayer meetings, and women's industrial meetings at the tannery, at North Asheville, the Sabbath school, the Sunday night service, the Junior Christian Endeavor, and the weekly prayer meeting. This has sometimes been difficult, owing to the few who were willing to help.

Our North Asheville Mission has this year been under the auspices of Chestnut Street Church, the pastor holding revival services here, resulting in thirty-eight professions. The Sabbath school has been growing steadily, until now our building is too small for the work. At Christmas time so much was contributed that we had an unusual treat, all working to make that time joyous for the children, who had so little brightness in their homes. So each child was given a very nice gift, besides candy, nuts, and oranges. At the tannery also we had our regular Christmas tree, the money being contributed by the owner of the tannery.

Very interesting meetings have been held at the jail and County Home. We hold meetings every week at the jail, except during the terms of criminal court.

The past year more work has been done through the Associated Charities than ever before. City missionaries are members of the Advisory Board of this organization. The people come to us for assistance, and we apply to the Associated Charities, whose worker has not time to investigate these cases. Much of our work it seems hard to report, such as soliciting garments for the poor, material for our Women's Industrial Club, collecting money, securing a doctor for the sick, and of the hours spent at the telephone. The ladies of the City Board have been very kind in assisting in this work. Having had our work for over four years, it is natural for those in need to

apply to us for assistance; and while it may not always be wise to assist them, these cases must be investigated.

It has been our privilege to speak of our Saviour to many souls, perhaps just once or twice; and then they would pass from under our influence. So we cannot tell how many souls have been saved; but we know that there are those who have received their first desire of a better life because of our work. There are those who were only nominal Christians who are now active, earnest Christians. And we are content to leave the results in the Father's keeping, knowing that "he alone giveth the increase."

Our year's work shows:

Trained worker employed by your Board	1
Salariated worker employed by your Board	1
Women's prayer meetings held	28
Women's Industrial School	1
Women enrolled in Industrial School	9
Junior League meetings held	41
Junior Christian Endeavor meetings	42
Young men's class meetings	2
Girls placed in Industrial School	2
Hours spent with sick	9
Hours spent in special service	14
Children placed in Methodist Episcopal Orphanage.	3
Hats given	28
Pairs of shoes given	82
Sabbath school classes taught	70
Sabbath schools affiliated with work	2
Children enrolled in Sabbath schools	115
Conversions	4
Money received for distribution	\$63 55
Visits made	661
Visits received	73
Visits to institutions, hospitals, jails, etc.	31
Opportunities for prayer and Bible-reading	72
Special religious conversations	378
Meetings conducted	216
Meetings addressed	125
Meetings assisted	158
Professions in special meetings	38
Garments given	613
Groceries given	\$ 1 00
Money given	25 00
Papers and tracts distributed	597
Bibles distributed	11
Testaments distributed	19
Gospels distributed	25

ATLANTA, GA., WESLEY HOUSE.

Miss Dollie Crim, Head Resident; Miss Mary Dickinson, Kindergarten; Miss Nell Robertson, District Nurse; Miss Florrie Crim, Day Nursery Matron; Miss Mildred Haggarty, Domestic Science Teacher; Mrs. Freddie Rowland, House Mother.

The scope of settlement work surely should be just as broad and extensive as the needs of humanity. St. Paul expressed the principle for us when he said: "I am become all things to all men, that I

might by all means save some." While there are many problems yet to be worked out, still we realize that the Wesley House is meeting a heartfelt need in this cotton mill community. To illustrate this it may be well to show how the settlement has helped the community in the solution of some of its difficulties. Eight little children have been placed in institutions; girls and boys, as well as men, have been placed on probation; a girl of fifteen was taken from her father and placed with her sister in a home for the girl; four wayward girls have been placed in industrial schools; vagrant men have been set to work; three young men from families of good character, who for stealing a few pocketknives and shirts were sentenced for two years in the penitentiary, were released on probation; and two young women have been snatched from the very dregs of sin and shame. In these, as in many other cases, the settlement has investigated, advised, and coöperated with individuals, city and State courts, as well as with almost every philanthropic organization in the city.

An unusual amount of relief work has been necessary in the community, one hundred and sixty families or individuals being given material help. This was the result not of lack of work or because of low wages, but because of the increased cost of living. It is of interest to look over our records and see where families with little assistance have been made self-sustaining; while some people, not realizing their own resources, had applied for charity, were helped to see and use their power for self-help. In this relief work we have had the coöperation of the Associated Charities, the city warden, and the mill company, as well as individuals.

A true spirit of coöperation was shown when the settlement secured the loan of a playground, a much-talked-of and longed-for place. The Playground Association gave the director for two months, and the Fulton Bag and Cotton Mills the apparatus. All of these forces resulted in a most successful playground near the settlement.

A summer outing was provided by the Home Mission Society of one of our country towns, and ten children were given ten days of joyous reality, and have since enjoyed ten months of joyous memory of "God out o' doors."

The flower contest for prizes offered by Mr. Oscar Elsas, Vice President of the mills, for the best earth garden class and best box garden class still grows, thus beautifying the neighborhood and community. Recently another street was planted with trees—a reward because the best garden was on this street.

Mrs. Rowland, the House Mother, reports, besides many visits made in the homes of the community, "about one thousand magazines given away, nine hundred and fifty-seven books loaned, and a number of donations to the House."

Miss Florrie Crim, the Day Nursery Matron, says: "The work with the mothers, as well as the babies, has been of special interest, the large number of school children demanding the greatest part of her time. The mothers have greatly appreciated and enjoyed the dinners served them for ten cents per day. The coöperation of the mothers has been splendid. Growth and progress have been shown."

Miss Mary Dickinson, the Kindergartner, submits the following report: "In the kindergarten the value of early development along the line of good is recognized and used. Through games, plays, hand work, stories, music, and the kindergarten gifts the little children are given opportunity for growth. The social life of the group of children has a direct nurturing influence upon the moral and spiritual development. Excursions of helpfulness to hospitals and to places in the

country that will broaden his sympathies are often arranged. The Wesley House enrollment is from forty to forty-two, and two student assistants from the Atlanta Kindergarten Normal School give daily practice work. The coöperation of the mothers has been beautiful, and an unusually regular attendance has been the particular forward step this year."

In September the Domestic Science Department was reorganized. Miss Mildred Haggerty, of the Thomas Normal Training School of Detroit, came to take charge. Miss Haggerty reports: "There are five classes, two being at night for those who work in the day. A great deal of interest and enthusiasm is shown in these classes. We try to give the girls the most practical work possible, that these lessons may be of the greatest use to them not only now but later on, when they themselves are the home makers. Just recently we opened a dining room in connection with the Domestic Science Department. This enables us to give the girls lessons in serving the food as well as cooking it properly. In our sewing school we teach the girls the common stitches, and give them simple articles in which to apply these stitches. Each girl who completes a year's course has a book in which she can mount her work. At present we have a Primary Department and three divisions of older girls."

The Department of District Nursing is a concrete example of that part of Scripture which says: "I was sick, and ye visited me." Miss Nell Robertson renders the following: "Aside from caring for the clinic cases and sick in the neighborhood, a number of cases have been sent to the hospital, doctors have been called for those sick at home, wounds have been dressed, patients have been taken to specialists and treated for special diseases, and valuable association and coöperation have been maintained with the anti-tuberculosis clinics and the doctors and nurses engaged in medical inspection of public schools. A great number of children have been vaccinated and school tickets secured. Recently a boy was successfully treated at the clinic for hookworm. The most valuable work of the nurse is the checking of disease in its incipency."

Not many day schools could boast of such an excellent faculty as we now have in our night school. We teach through the seventh grade. Although quite a number of night school children have been sent to the day school, still the attendance keeps up, and progress in this department is an assured fact.

There have been twenty-four parties and receptions and six concerts and entertainments. The clubs and classes have entertained from time to time. A most enjoyable affair was the banquet given by the women of the Woman's Club to their husbands.

The Wesley House Athletic Club, composed of twenty young men, enjoyed three days of delightful camp life last summer. These young men have raised \$90.11 for apparatus this year. Miss Dickinson has charge of this splendid club, while the superintendent of the Sunday school, Mr. Blanchard, is physical director. Miss Dickinson also has a club of "Happy Afternoon Girls" under twelve years of age.

Miss Haggerty has charge of the Knights of the Wheel Club, a boys' gymnasium. Mr. Dockstader is the physical director. Miss Haggerty also has a Girls' Gymnasium Club, which is splendid for our girls.

The total number of shower baths taken in the summer and clubs is 2,572.

A Drumming Club was in charge of a volunteer worker. One of the boys is to receive in a few days a handsome drum for best work. Valuable volunteer service has been given in the clubs.

But nowhere have we such valuable service given as in our Sunday school. Two of our former night school teachers, two former assistants of the kindergarten, two teachers from our immediate neighborhood, and the young men we have spoken of before who have been tried and tested for these four years, are faithfully working here for God and humanity.

Of the \$960.23 raised by the community, \$327.08 came through the Sunday school, which presented the Wesley House with a beautiful piano last Easter.

The Sunday school stands for direct spiritual teaching. Although the "word in season" is not neglected, the Sunday school offers opportunity for public worship and gatherings where we can realize more vividly that we are all of one kindred through Him.

"So in all things to all men" may the Wesley House bring Christ to the hearts of the people, and may it always be true of each worker that "he was a friend to man and lived in a house by the side of the road!"

AUGUSTA, GA., KING MILL MISSION.

Miss Jennie Ducker, Deaconess, Head Resident; Miss Cornelia Wicker, Deaconess; Miss Louise Dixon, Kindergartner.

We are better equipped for the needs of our work than ever before. The president of the mill, realizing just what the work will mean to the operatives, has given us the use of the third six-room cottage. The first house we have for our kindergarten, which we also use for the club work, the Sunday school, and gospel services. The rooms in the rear are used for the primary Sunday school and the young men's reading rooms. The third house is fitted up with the necessary equipment for the night school, while the rooms in the rear are used for the day nursery. The second house is used for the living rooms.

Our Sunday school is well attended. We have a large Home Department and Cradle Roll, which have recently been organized. The gospel service on Friday evening is anticipated with great pleasure both by our people and the workers. Music is one of the chief features of both the Sunday school and the gospel service. The ministers of the city conduct these services. It is an inspiration to visit the Mothers' Club. Large numbers of these women gather each week.

Our Young Men's Club was organized with twenty-four members. The President is a real general, and the organization has grown rapidly. The Y. M. C. A. Secretary is very much interested in our work, and furnishes us a physical director. We have fitted up a reading room, which our young men very much enjoy. It is pathetic to see some of our boys who are unable to read just sit with the other boys and spend hours looking at pictures in the magazines.

The cooking classes are well attended. Many of our girls put into practice in their homes the lessons that they have been taught here.

Our Day Nursery is open from six o'clock in the morning until six o'clock in the evening, when the tired mothers come by and take the happy little tots from what seems to them a paradise as compared to what they call "home." The children all like to stay with us, and one mother often has to resort to the rod to get the two-year-old child to consent to go home. God has greatly blessed this work, and we are satisfied that he has greater things in store for us.

Miss Cornelia Wicker has charge of our night school, housekeepers' class, and sewing schools, and reports these departments as follows: "It would be a hard matter to tell you just what my part of the work is. I have had everything from the day nursery up to general director.

I am at present reigning in the night school, directing the sewing school, kitchen-garden class, and making parish visits. We have an enrollment of thirty-five in the night school, and an average attendance of twenty-nine. We have twelve girls in the kitchen-garden class, and there has never been one absent. We introduced the graded sewing course this year, though it did not become so popular as the old-fashioned way of making garments. I am superintendent of the Home Department and Cradle Roll of our Sunday school. Our people are appreciative, and they have opened their homes and hearts to us, and we love them dearly. A great deal of my time has been devoted to the sick. I find there is not an easier way of reaching the soul than by ministering to the body. Our pay in this service has been largely that of love and appreciation. Our little deaconess bonnets mean much to these people, and I am often sorry that the Woman's Board doesn't furnish their deaconesses with two bonnets, for it is often embarrassing to refuse to lend the one I have."

Miss Louise Dixon has charge of the kindergarten, and writes of her work as follows: "In the Kindergarten Department of this work we have an enrollment of thirty-five, with an average attendance of twenty-six. These bright little girls and boys between the ages of four and seven years come regularly every day. No matter how bad the weather may be, there is always a crowd of happy children to greet me when I open the door every morning. They never seem to get tired of the kindergarten, and are always ready and willing to help with every part of the day's program. But their home life isn't so pleasant, and no wonder they enjoy coming to the kindergarten, where everything is done to make them enjoy themselves. Since these children came to us in June there has been great improvement in a great many respects. The children used to come to the kindergarten so unclean that they were almost unbearable, their personal appearance not being pleasing at all. These same children come now just as sweet and clean as the majority of children ever look. In other respects there has been equally as much progress made."

BALTIMORE, MD.

Mrs. R. G. Mowbray, Secretary.

The City Mission Board of Baltimore, an organization composed of members of several home mission auxiliaries, take pleasure in submitting the following annual report:

From March 1, 1909, to March 1, 1910, we have raised from all sources \$459.11, which was judiciously expended in the furtherance of this work. The principal expenditure was the salary of the two graduate kindergarten teachers, who were each employed at \$25 per month. The two kindergartens were conducted, I think I can say "successfully," notwithstanding many difficulties, with an enrollment of about ninety children. The average attendance was good. The great result of this work will tell in years to come. A mothers' meeting has been held one afternoon in each week under the supervision of the kindergarten teacher and the cooperation of the ladies of the Board. Various ministers of the city, superintendents of district nurses, prominent doctors, and many of our consecrated women have addressed these meetings at various times, instructing the mothers in those things that go to make better homes, wives, and mothers, and, as a result, endeavoring to win them and their families to Christ.

The development of our work is greatly limited by the lack of funds.

The field is large, and with more money at our command more homes could be reached and more lives blessed; but we feel that money is not the only essential. Our motto should be: "Pray much; trust much." God has great things in store for those who trust him.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., WESLEY HOUSE.

Miss Hettie K. Phillips, Deaconess, Head Resident; Miss Helen Shugart, Assistant Missionary.

As I come now to make out my second annual report, the eighteen months that I have been permitted to spend here seem only half that long.

Before the close of our first year the Board realized the need of larger quarters and more money with which to carry on the work. We moved on October 1 into a much larger and more suitable building, which was nicely furnished and made ready for the opening up of our organized clubs. In order that our Church friends might have the opportunity of seeing our new home, the Board members and the workers were "at home" on November 10 from 2 to 5 o'clock. During those hours eighty visitors were shown through the house, and they were delighted with its artistic appearance and homelike atmosphere. Our new piano, which is being paid for by the Sunday schools of the city, was used for the first time, and fruit punch was dispensed as the guests passed through our clubrooms. We were the recipients of many nice edibles for the pantry; also a silver offering amounting to several dollars.

Not having another trained worker appointed to us when the Board met in October, we secured a young woman, who expects later on to enter the Training School. She has charge of our household affairs, assists in the sewing school, and is librarian.

Miss Shugart makes the following report of the sewing school and library: "The sewing school, having an enrollment of fifty-three girls from seven to fifteen years of age, is an interesting feature of our work. We have an efficient corps of volunteer teachers, who have rendered invaluable assistance. As we do not take girls of kindergarten age, our graded course covers only three years. The older girls who came last year and are with us this year have made rapid progress, and we hope to have several graduates in another year. We meet on Saturdays at 2:30 o'clock. We spend the first half hour in singing, story-telling, and learning Bible verses, which the girls always enjoy; then the classes are formed for sewing, which last one hour. When the signal is given to put up their work, they always wish that the time might be just a bit longer, as they are so much interesting in completing some model. Each month an entertainment is given, which furnishes them pleasure, and is an incentive to better attendance."

During the year two Leagues and two Philathea classes of the city have placed in the library quarter-sawn oak sectional bookcases. Our library now numbers three hundred well-chosen volumes. We allow the books to be taken out for two weeks, and the library is being well patronized by the boys and girls; also by a number of adults. Several magazines and periodicals come regularly to the reading room, and kind friends send in others, which are distributed among our club members. By providing wholesome reading matter for our people we have opened a channel through which much good is being accomplished.

The Home Makers' Club was reorganized, and the semimonthly meetings have been very encouraging. A physician talks once a

month on prevention of disease and treatment of simple diseases by the mother. A trained nurse follows this talk at the next meeting with suggestions and practical demonstrations on the care of the patient. It is gratifying that such a large per cent of the members will join in our prayer circle after the Bible lesson has been given. On two of our meeting days within the past few weeks it has been cold and raining; but some of the ladies came anyway, because they said that they could not afford to stay away.

The Young Heroes' Club (for boys from nine to fourteen years of age) meets every Friday at 3 o'clock. A pleasant and helpful hour is spent with stories, songs, and games. The boys are divided into two companies, each with a captain and other officers. A young woman who has had one year in missionary training has been the leader in this club.

We have no clinic or dispensary, but physicians have given their services when I call on them to visit sick cases, and the city nurse has ministered to the sick in their homes and placed in the city hospital such cases as needed hospital treatment.

In social life we have had picnics, auto rides, special Christmas entertainments for all the clubs, and we have a social every month for the young people.

The religious side of our work has been stressed, and many who have become interested in the clubs have been enrolled in Sunday school, and attend Church services. A choir has been organized, and a decided improvement in church music is noted.

The past twelve months have been crowned with our Father's blessings, and we can see results from the seed that we have tried to sow day by day. To him be all the praise.

BRISTOL, TENN., WESLEY HOUSE.

Miss Mae Lockard, Deaconess, Head Resident.

As we have served this appointment less than three months, and that during the winter season, when roads are almost impassable (for there are no sidewalks in this district), it will not be possible to report great achievements.

The Sunday school connected with this work has been well attended all winter. The teachers have been faithful and regular in attendance, even under the greatest difficulties, coming oftentimes through mud, snow, or rain that would have been enough to make the strongest shrink from the task; and too much cannot be said in appreciation of their services and the good that they have accomplished.

The day school, which has been held five mornings of each week, has numbered about a dozen children. We have endeavored earnestly and conscientiously to instruct these children in the branches usually taught in the public schools. We believed, however, that they would do better in the public school, and, as there is one not far away, their mothers have agreed to send them there.

Prayer meetings have been held on Thursday evenings, and every effort possible has been made to help the people. However, on account of the furnace and the steel plant closing, most of the families have moved away, either to other towns or to other parts of Bristol, and the Board has decided that, for the present at least, it will be better for the worker to live in town; and accordingly last week we moved in, so that we are now in close contact with the four Churches represented on this Board. The present arrangement enables us to attend

the churches and get acquainted with the people, which is not only a pleasure to the deaconess, but of real benefit to all.

There have been much sickness and many deaths in our town during the winter, causing our hands and hearts to be full many, many times; but we thank God for the privilege of serving, and are drawn close to him amid scenes of distress and bereavement.

DALLAS, TEX., WESLEY HOUSE.

Miss Grace Hemenway, Deaconess, Head Resident; Miss Willimaud Landman, Missionary; Miss Dora Sanders, Assistant.

The Wesley House in Dallas is located in a cotton mill district, and we feel that the field is wide and that the harvest is white. We believe that God's hand guided the Mission Board in the selection of this location, and we hope that much good will be accomplished by its being here. The people have rallied to us, and we know that God has been with us and some lives have been made better and brighter. The people are beginning to know that we are their friends, and they are coming to us for advice and help in many ways.

Many of our people are not wicked people, but are perishing for lack of knowledge. One of the first things organized was a little housekeepers' class. This consisted of twelve little girls. They were given lessons in the different phases of housework, such as sweeping, making beds, setting a table, washing dishes, making fires, washing and ironing, etc. We felt that this work is needed much, as very few of the children are taught anything about housework.

Our Young Men's Club is growing rapidly, and a great interest is manifested in the work. We are giving them something to think about and trying to create an interest in each other. Two of the young men who have not been to school for years are going to school now, and expect to enter a preparatory school in the fall. The name of the club is "Lend a Hand." They are indeed true to their name, for they never refuse to do what they are asked to do.

The Mothers' Club is not as large as I wish it to be, but the mothers are more and more coming to take an interest in each other. They are urged to visit those who need them. The Gospel of St. Mark is being studied, and books are being made by the mothers to illustrate the study.

The young boys from eleven to sixteen years of age have been hard to deal with; but now we have a gentleman who is helping us with them. The club has been organized into a Boys' City, with a mayor, four commissioners, and other necessary officers. The boys are to publish a paper and are to secure advertisements to pay the expenses. We feel that much can be accomplished now, and we know that we have boys who can make good and useful men if they are inspired with the right ideals now.

We have sixty girls enrolled in the sewing school, and we are praying that this work will bring forth much fruit. Some of the girls take a real interest in the work, and try to do their very best. In all these things we are trying to teach the people the dignity of labor.

The cooking school consists of young women over sixteen years of age. Great interest is manifested in this. The young women come regularly, and no visiting is done for the class. This, I think, shows the interest they are taking in the work.

Miss Landman reports: "Boys will be boys;" and such are the King's Knights' of our Wesley House, composed of little boys between the ages of seven and eleven years. They are lively little chaps, but

are indeed interesting; and what a joy it is to see the slight improvement from week to week in their little lives! They have games for the first fifteen or twenty minutes; then I have given them some drill work, and now they are making raffia picture frames, and will do other industrial work.

"The 'Clover Chain Circle' is composed of little girls between ten and fourteen years of age. This is only two weeks old, but has fifteen members. Their motto is, 'We live for each other;' and as a badge of recognition they have the green and white arm bands of felt with 'C' on them. In this club I hope to take up a course of reading which will help them, and they will do some embroidery and raffia work and play games.

"The 'Choral Club' meets on Wednesday afternoon, and is composed of boys and girls from seven to eleven years of age. My plan has been to have the boys whistle and the girls sing. I have tried to select some good songs, and they have seemed to enjoy them. I usually tell them a story to add to the interest.

"But come and take a peep into the 'Blue Flower Club,' composed of young women sixteen years of age and over. You will find there a very enthusiastic club, with thirty-two members. Their motto is, 'No time for anger;' colors, blue and white; and they have just gotten a blue-and-white enameled pin. In these girls I see great possibilities. They have their by-laws and constitution, and have indeed set a high standard for their members. The first Saturday night we have a devotional meeting, the second a social, the third a literary, and the fourth a miscellaneous program. They are young women without much education and with little religious training, but with whom there is every hope for a great development in character and ideals."

DALLAS, TEX., EVANGELISTIC WORK.

Mrs. Ida Reeves.

My work is done through one industrial school, with thirty-five children; one Bible class, with twenty-five students; a boys' club of thirty-five; a young women's club of eleven; a mothers' club of twenty-five; and a dispensary, where 325 persons have been treated during the year. I have made 893 visits and received 3,027; I hold the noon-meeting every Friday at the factory, and have addressed fifty meetings. In addition, the following figures give some account of our activities: Sixty-nine persons received nurses' attention; linen loaned to eighteen persons, besides hot water bags, etc.; 156 free baths given; seventeen Thanksgiving baskets; twenty-seven Christmas baskets; twenty-two entertainments given; cottage prayer meetings every Tuesday night, with an average attendance of fifteen. Wesley Chapel and Settlement has eleven services a week, besides district visiting, nursing, and clinic work daily.

DANVILLE, VA.

Miss Annie Bass, Missionary.

The Board of City Missions was organized in Danville, Va., during August, 1909; and I began my work under this Board on September 1, 1909.

I would like to tell you something about how our Board was organized, as it may be helpful to others who would like to begin work in other cities. After graduating at the Scarritt Bible and Training School in May of last year, I came home to spend my vacation; and

I had not been in Danville long before I received a letter from Mrs. MacDonell urging me to try to organize a City Mission Board here. I thought over the matter for quite a while, talked to a number of my friends who seemed to favor the work, and then asked Mrs. W. G. Catlin, one of our deaconesses, who was spending some time with her family in Danville, if she would make a talk on the work of a City Mission Board. Then we had a called meeting of the ladies from all of the Methodist Churches of our city at Main Street M. E. Church. There were quite a number of ladies present at this meeting; and Mrs. Catlin made a splendid talk, describing fully the work of a City Mission Board. She based her talk on the "City Mission Manual," written by Miss M. K. Howell, and on the work of the Board of City Missions, under which she worked as a deaconess in the Institutional Church of Kansas City, Mo. After her talk a vote was taken, and it was decided to organize a Board here. Then our officers were elected, and I was employed as city missionary. A few days after the organization of the Board the officers met, and, after agreeing upon the special forms of work to be undertaken, divided the members of the Board into five committees—namely, the Sewing School Committee, the House Committee, the Finance Committee, Devotional Committee, and Visiting Committee—each member of the Board being on some committee. The chairman of each committee was asked to call a meeting of her committee to plan their work.

The sewing school was opened in our Methodist Mission Church on September 11, and the ladies of this committee decided to divide the committee into two parts, half to go as teachers one month and the other half the next. There have been sixty-three scholars enrolled, and the children are very much interested in their sewing; they like to come, and beg to have the sewing school oftener than once a week. Just now the larger girls are making a bedquilt.

The House Committee was asked to secure a suitable building in which we could have our girls' club, sewing school, a reading and game room for boys; and, as the work grows, we hope to add a kindergarten. This committee has recently secured from the cotton mill directors the use of a large, twelve-room brick house, which they are now having put into thorough repair for us at a cost of \$700. The building is located near our mission church and right in the midst of the people whom we are trying to uplift. It is to be our Wesley House.

In order to assist the Finance Committee to raise the salary for the missionary, there were two circles of girls formed; and while the circle of older girls has helped the missionary in many ways, yet the younger ones, under a businesslike leader, have been able to raise more money. In December these young girls made over fifty dollars for our city mission work.

The Visiting Committee was formed to help the missionary with her visiting among the poor and needy.

And last, but not least, the Devotional Committee helps to lead the devotional exercises of the Board.

There has been much interest manifested by the people of Danville, especially the Methodists, in our work. I have been visiting under the direction of the Methodist pastors of our city each afternoon of the week, except on Thursday, which is the afternoon for our sewing school. In the mornings I visit among the sick and needy. Two nights out of each week I teach at our city's night school, and every Thursday night I lead a girls' club composed of working girls.

My report for the time that I have worked (from September 1, 1909, to February 22, 1910) is as follows:

Visits made	803
Visits made to hospital, orphanage, and poorhouse..	57
Value of supplies and money received for distribution	\$151 29
Opportunities for prayer and Bible-reading	34
Persons helped	79
Garments given, 120; value	\$ 47 92
Groceries and fuel given to fifty-six; value	81 30
Money spent for medicine and railroad fares	10 35
Papers and tracts given	83
Meetings led or addressed	21
Spent for miscellaneous expenses	\$ 11 72
Conversions	5

I wish that I had the time and the space to tell of some of the blessed experiences I have had during the past six months. May I say, however, that I know there is no work in this world that can make a person as happy as working for the Master and trying to help bring his kingdom here on earth?

GREENSBORO, N. C.

Miss Nell C. Rogers, Deaconess.

Three and one-half months is such a short time that of course few great things have happened in that time, and the many little things that fill up the days seem too insignificant to relate after weeks have passed.

As the whole city of Greensboro and vicinity is my parish, a great deal of time at first was spent in studying the map of the city and the street car schedule, as well as the telephone book, and getting acquainted with the people.

The ladies of the Church are kind about taking me to see their "special cases" and offering me their horses and buggies. I have availed myself of their kind offers, and old "Bono" and I are seen in all parts of the city. People often wonder what Dr. T.'s horse is doing in that "out-of-the-way place." As I have been in every part of Greensboro, the people no longer ask: "Why will that little woman persist in wearing that funny little bonnet and white tie?"

West Market Street Church has been very fortunate in having the pleasure of entertaining the Laymen's Missionary Convention. It was indeed inspiring to see fifteen hundred of North Carolina's most prominent business men gathered together to discuss ways and means of carrying out our Master's last command; and because of their liberal giving to foreign missions, the reflex influence is telling already, and any need at home that comes is liberally responded to. A more generous people could not be found, I am sure.

On account of the continued bad weather and some of the mills having shut down, there has been much need this winter. The Associated Charities, the district nurse, and the deaconess all coöperate in the work, and, after careful investigation of these needy cases, we are made to rejoice in seeing the sick made well, the cold and hungry warmed and fed, and the almost naked clothed. Many heavy hearts have been lightened and many sad lives brightened by a few verses

from God's Word and a few words of prayer; and I am sure that the heart of the deaconess is the happiest heart of all.

My work carries me not only into the homes of the poor and lowly, the sick and sinful, but also into the homes of the wealthy; and I find that human sorrow and joy are the same in every walk in life, and the invitation spoken by our blessed Lord, "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest," is the message that brings peace and joy to hearts in homes of luxury as well as to the poverty-stricken. O, it is such a joy to do the work in his name!

Most of my time is spent in visiting; but as I try to come in touch with all the machinery of the Church, of course much time has to be spent with the Epworth League and various missionary societies, making posters, charts, etc. Then I have the great pleasure of being a member of the first Philathea class, which has one hundred and fifty members enrolled. Many of these girls are in business or teaching or are college students, and I count it such a privilege to visit them in their places of business. This class, too, has many meetings, "musical teas," etc., which require preparation; and the deaconess is always supposed to be there. We are so glad to give our girls this little bit of social life, and our teacher's home is an ideal place for holding the socials.

One of my chief joys is our mission Sunday school on Buffalo Heights held on Sunday afternoon. Does that sound like it is away out of the city? Well, it is, and no car goes near it. It is a pretty long walk, especially when the snow is three inches deep; but it is worth the long walk to see those bright, eager faces and hear the splendid blackboard talks given by one of our members.

We have begun some work with the girls at the cigar factory. We have a noonday meeting in the dining room and on Saturday, at which we study the Sunday school lesson. Many of these girls attend church and Sunday school, but we hope to reach those who are not interested. The girls live in all parts of Greensboro; so it is almost impossible to get them together in the evenings for any purpose.

I have made several visits to the jail and the Rescue Home. I spend a part of one day in each week at the hospital, and count it such a privilege to go in and have just a word with the sick ones. They seem so glad to see me, for many of the patients come from out of town and have no friends to visit them. The "sisters" consider me a privileged character, and I go to wards and private rooms at my pleasure. I often give the patients Testaments and little cards, and many times we have a prayer together. I go to the negro wards, too, and the hearty amens that come from the beds all over the room seem to renew my faith and give me strength.

Our Church cares for several old ladies. The other day as I was leaving one of our old ladies she said: "The Lord bless you, child, and correct you in everything you do." Dear old Aunt Betsie can neither read nor write, and often gets her words mixed. I know she meant "direct."

As yet we have no institutional features at West Market Street Church, but we have plans for the future when the new Sunday school room is completed.

It is needless for me to say that I fully realize that "the lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places," and that the three and one-half months spent in His service in Greensboro have indeed been happy months.

HOUSTON, TEX., WESLEY HOUSE.

Miss Mattie Minor Wright, Deaconess in Charge; Miss Adeline M. Peeples, Deaconess, Parish Visitor; Miss Mildred Julian, Kindergarten; Miss Mary Belle Howell, Assistant Kindergarten; Miss Audrey Wade, House Mother.

During the recent annual election of representatives from the various auxiliaries of Houston to compose the Board of City Missions frequent expressions of gratitude for this privilege were heard. The Wesley House stands for something worth while not only in Methodist circles, but throughout the city.

The past year has been marked by a steady development of the departments already undertaken rather than by the addition of new ones. While each department is managed by a worker eminently qualified to do her part, it has been impossible to secure an addition to the force in order to undertake any new enterprise.

The Coöperative Home, with Miss Audrey Wade as Matron, has had a prosperous year. Miss Wade reports: "At no time since last March have there been less than twenty girls in the home, and more than once we have been taxed to our utmost capacity, the average number being twenty-five. Without any advertising, we have had as successful a boarding house as can be found in the community. I am quite sure that it would be difficult to find a class of boarders anywhere who are as 'good pay' as our working girls. The Home has supported itself during the entire year, the total amount paid in by the girls being \$3,466.85. So much for this department as a good business investment. But the real good accomplished cannot be estimated in figures. It has furnished at cost a home with clean, wholesome surroundings to more than fifty girls for a long or short period; it has provided headquarters for every other department of work carried on by the Board of City Missions; it has been the residence of the employees of the Board; and it has been a helpful factor in uplifting the social life of the community."

Miss Julian reports as follows: "When we opened the kindergarten in September, 1908, there were five children who were brave enough to come, prompted chiefly by curiosity, I think. There were several little Syrian children who hung around the door until they saw some one coming, and then they would run for their lives. The mothers themselves seemed suspicious of what we wanted to do. By Christmas we had forty children enrolled, and the mothers were delighted to come to the Christmas tree and enjoy it with the children. The attendance last year was very irregular, while this year it has had a steady growth. We have over forty children who attend regularly now, including five nationalities—Syrian, Mexican, German, Italian, and American. Another improvement I have noticed is in the readiness with which they bring their money at the end of the month, each child bringing just what he is able to, if it is only ten cents. It has taken a great deal of visiting and hard work to build it up; but we have been paid for it many, many times by seeing the improvement in the entire kindergarten and watching the marvelous development of the different children."

In September Miss Peeples was appointed as pastor's assistant, and since that date her work has been exclusively at the McKee Street Church. Her report is as follows: "One year ago I began work for McKee Street Church in connection with the Wesley House, to which I had been sent the November previous. Reviewing the year now—

gone, I realize the need of many trained workers for the 'whitening fields.' This floating population requires much visiting in the homes, and only those who watch the varying Sunday school records can fully appreciate just what I mean. I have averaged one hundred and fifty visits each month, looking up strangers, Methodists who have 'dropped out' since coming to the city, the needy poor, the sick in both homes and hospitals, and Sunday school absentees, besides various other duties which come to every deaconess.

"We have a graded Sunday school, and I enjoy very much my class (the adult Bible class), which has more than doubled in membership since its organization in July. It is demonstrating the fact that many fathers and mothers can get to Sunday school on time (9:30). The Home Department numbers thirty-six, and through it some have come into the Sunday school.

"In September I was appointed pastor's assistant for McKee Street Church, all my time being given to that work, which is growing dearer to me each day. The kindness and love of the people have certainly been all that I could ask, and have made my work indeed a delight.

"Our little Church has a good League and both Home and Foreign Missionary Societies. The adult Bible classes are doing fine work, and the social feature is helping much toward giving that 'homey feeling,' so often wanting in city Churches. My own soul is wonderfully blessed in ministering to the hungry souls scattered here and there, and I am often assured that this promise is mine: 'The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.'

"Since the Laymen's Missionary Convention the McKee Street Church has assumed the support of a pastor in the foreign field, besides that of the home pastor and deaconess."

The fact that we have been able to even hold our own with the foreigners is surprising, since we have not been able to secure a permanent worker for this department. Miss Susie Mitchell gave valuable service during her vacation, but left us again in September to attend the Training School at Nashville. Miss Lillie Hartwell was with us a few months, and made many friends, but has returned to her home in Mississippi.

Both the Sunday school for the Mexicans and that for the Syrians have continued, although the need for assistants has been imperative. The most hopeful feature of our work with the Mexicans is their faithful attendance at the monthly preaching service, although we have had no visitor to advertise the meetings.

No report of the Wesley House could be complete without mention of the invaluable service rendered us by our pastor, Rev. H. M. Whaling. There has been no detail of the work too trivial to merit his interest and support. The year's success is largely due to his untiring efforts in securing the hearty coöperation of the other Methodist pastors of the city, as well as the support of the daily papers. Through his efforts "City Mission Day" was observed in all our churches and a sufficient sum added to our income to enable us to meet our monthly expenditures without the usual hard pull at each business meeting of the Board. He has the remarkable record of being the one pastor who has allowed nothing but the annual session of his Conference to interfere with his attendance on these meetings.

Plans are almost perfected for opening at the Wesley House a day nursery. There has been a serious lack in provision for an institution of the kind in Houston, and we are assured of the hearty coöperation of a number of friends interested in the success of the new enterprise.

KANSAS CITY, MO., INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH.

Miss Ethel Jackson, Deaconess; Miss May Shelton, Deaconess; Miss Stella Womack, Deaconess; Miss Laura V. Lull, Musical Director; Mrs. Ann L. Farris, House Mother; Miss Joanna Leuth, Children's Matron; Miss Louise Meyer, Children's Assistant Matron.

Every passing year leaves the work of the Institutional Church on a firmer and broader basis. It is with hearts full of gratitude to God that we are permitted to send you our reports as deaconesses. We have traveled largely in old paths, yet they are ever new. Very few new features have been added. It has been an effort to work more successfully on the old, established lines. The work as supported and controlled by the City Board falls into these main coördinate departments, the reports of which are as follows:

Women's, Children's, and Relief Departments, Miss Jackson.—It is my privilege to have the supervision of the children's work, and my love for my department grows stronger, deeper, and sweeter, because I am convinced that it is God's work. In the day nursery we have prevented many homes from being broken up. During July and August eighty-three children and a group of tired mothers were given a delightful ten weeks' outing on our beautiful 'Melrose Farm.' Our playground work was under careful supervision all summer, the average attendance being seventy-five a day. About four hundred children were regular attendants.

We continue to be a receiving home for the juvenile court children. Hundreds of neglected children have been cared for in our home, and seventy of these have been placed in new homes. A visiting nurse inspects our children twice a week, thus preventing the spread of contagious diseases. We also have a special physician in charge of children's health.

My Mothers' Club continues to be my pride. Forty-seven are enrolled, with an average attendance of twenty-five. Often when we have an especially educative program the Men's Club of twenty-five meets with us.

I visit in the morning when favorable; the afternoons are spent in the office. I have received from people wanting help and comfort over two thousand visits. In all these I have had to be the burden bearer, the "mother heart." I still teach the young men's Baraca Bible Class.

Through the Relief Department much suffering has been relieved, many positions found, and many opportunities given to point to Christ. I feel that in all our work the largest service is by no means material. God is blessing us with spiritual blessings.

Gymnasium, Pure Milk, and Domestic Arts Department, Miss May Shelton.—Since my appointment to the Institutional Church I have had charge of all gymnasium and club work and also work along lines of domestic art. Every evening from 4 to 5:30 o'clock a cooking class is held in the cooking school. A class of boys meets each Friday evening, and they are as interested as the girls, but they are not deeply impressed with feelings of dignified silence.

The kindergarten class, composed of bright Jewish girls from seven to eleven years of age, meets once each week under my direction. We try to teach them the rudiments of house work in a bright, cheerful way. We want to put poetry into dish-washing and spring sunshine into house-cleaning. We want to build up the home and make happy house mothers for the future.

I have one hundred and forty-three in the different gymnasium class-

es. Each class has a director, and some of my basket ball teams cannot be beaten in the city. I also have charge of the Pure Milk Depot, and every day from 7 to 9:30 o'clock my station is open to sell milk. I have sold this year alone forty thousand bottles, amounting to \$605. A very successful baby show of pure-milk babies was held, and beautiful prizes given the babies most benefited by the milk. In the afternoon comes my visiting, and many are the opportunities to speak of Christ. It has been a gracious year.

Department of Educational and Culture Classes, Miss Stella Womack.—My report must necessarily be short, as I have been here but three months. It was December before I got my bearings and fully realized that I must try to adapt myself to new work. Owing to the lack of workers at the beginning of the year, the educational classes that were assigned me were not opened. The long delay was discouraging to the pupils, and hence the classes are not nearly so large as in previous years. We believe, however, that the results will be more satisfactory than could have been expected had the classes been crowded.

Another phase of work assigned me was to develop thrift among the children. From the Provident Association I obtained equipment for the Penny Provident Bank, and have opened it to the sewing school children on Saturday afternoon. As a result there has been less chewing gum and cheap candy bought, and the children who have denied themselves are heard to say: "I have some more money for the bank."

My chief delight since coming here has been the new reading room. I was allowed to have a suitable room properly furnished. It is a delightful cozy-corner on cold winter evenings and long Sunday afternoons. There are about three hundred and sixty books and current magazines. New ones will be added from time to time. We are well pleased with the first month's record in the new line of work.

I am also secretary and visitor for the sewing school and the boys' industrial school that are carried on by volunteer workers. My afternoons are spent in the office. My work fills my waking hours and often intrudes upon my dreams.

KNOXVILLE, TENN., WESLEY HOUSE.

Miss Hettie Stewart, Head Resident; Miss Sue V. Herrick, Kindergartner.

Our work here is new, being little more than one year old; but we only need more money and more workers to make it one of the largest and best missions in our Church. We have the people, plenty of them, out of reach of other social and religious influences which tend to their higher development, and they are willing to be taught and helped. One of our boys said last night, "Read some to us, please; don't be so stingy with your education," which seems to be the prevailing sentiment, for they come to us to know the pronunciation and meaning of words, for us to "count up" their grocery bills, read and write letters for them, tell them who discovered the North Pole, and with every imaginable question about everything, as cooking, sewing, housekeeping, in trouble, sickness, and sorrow.

The dependence of some of our people on us and their confidence in us make us tremble for our own weakness and limited knowledge and pray that He whose we are and whom we serve may give us strength and wisdom to lead these less fortunate ones aright.

Christ said: "I have overcome the world." We believe he meant that he had set in motion forces which would eventually overcome the evil in the world, and we are trying to instill into the hearts and minds of these people the principles which he lived and taught.

Believing the home to be the most important factor in the development of human life and character, we are trying through all our work to build up the home and set higher ideals of home life before the people. We have recently organized a Mothers' Club, through which we hope to teach the mothers many helpful lessons. We have a simple, practical Bible-reading and prayer, a short talk on some vital subject pertaining to home life, such as sanitation, ventilation, care of the sick, diseases of children, etc. The mothers ask questions, and the general discussion gives us a chance to make many helpful suggestions. We close with special music, recitations, or something entertaining, and serve refreshments. They are very enthusiastic and attend regularly.

Our Home-Makers' Club of young women has done splendid work this year. They have learned to make many useful and pretty things for the home, besides doing some things about cooking, serving meals, housekeeping, and sewing. We have read several books together and enjoyed social features of the club greatly.

The Boys' Club is our most gratifying work. We have kept the same boys for over a year now, and see a great improvement in them. They were almost like wild boys when the club was first organized, and it took most of our time trying to keep them orderly; now they are never troublesome, and we have nearly perfect order. One of them was happily converted not long ago at the Wesley House, and we hope that others will be.

The girls between ten and sixteen years of age form the little housekeepers' class. They chose as their club name "Willing Workers," and are proving true to it. They have caps and aprons, and are learning to do all kinds of housework, songs, Scripture verses, etc. We always have a story and a prayer. The president presides, and does it well. We are trying to train some of the most capable for future leaders.

The Sunday school here is in a flourishing condition. We have volunteer teachers from the city Churches, who render willing and efficient service. We have the young men's class, and teach them in the Wesley House on account of limited room in the church.

Work is now being done on a new basement to our church, which is being built by our City Mission Board to be used as a club and kindergarten room and for Sunday school class rooms. They are also going to paint and repair the church. This will help our work greatly.

Miss Herrick's report of the kindergarten is as follows: "We have a wide-awake, enthusiastic kindergarten, with an average attendance of thirty-five children at present, and two assistants, who are doing most satisfactory work. The children throw their whole souls into their songs, work, play, rhythm, everything; so do we three teachers; therefore, we are benefited and made happy. Since our opening last January one year ago we note a threefold development in the children. For example, their moral sense has been developed in the little rules of fairness that they must obey in the games. Their mental powers have been strengthened by using their minds in planning how certain parts must be joined together to produce a finished occupation (a toy), the unfinished parts being placed before them on a table. We try to help them spiritually with religious songs each morning and Bible stories occasionally.

Our work for the year shows:

Visits made	975
Visits received	3,875
Girls in clubs	49
Boys in clubs	26
Mothers in clubs	12

LOUISVILLE, KY., WESLEY HOUSE.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Smith, Deaconess, Head Resident; Miss Roberta Baker, City Missionary; Miss Nan Cunningham, City Missionary; Mrs. Carrie L. Bond, District Nurse.

The past few months have been filled with prayers and plans for enlarging our building, making it thoroughly modern in equipment and adequate for our needs. A portion of the amount needed we already have in hand, and we are looking to God for what is lacking. We hope in the near future to begin the improvements which are so necessary if we are to meet our increasing demands.

In looking back over the year we find much cause for gratitude. The nervous breakdown that I suffered in the spring sent me away for a four months' rest; but the other workers very faithfully and efficiently carried on the work in my absence, and there has been decided growth along all lines.

Churches of other denominations and the various charitable and philanthropic organizations make frequent inquiries regarding the Wesley House, asking often for suggestions and coöperation from us, and we in turn gain much from them.

In the Louisville Federation of Mothers' Clubs we lead in point of numbers, and we have had other social workers ask us: "How do you get your members to come, and how do you keep them so interested?" I believe it is because we have learned the secret that the life is more than food and the body more than raiment; that the unseen things of the Spirit, which we emphasize, are the things that are most real. Through the Bible studies of the mothers some of their husbands are becoming interested in the Scriptures. One man asked permission to come over to the club the other day to hear the Bible lesson.

The Boys' Club is being conducted along better and more systematic lines than ever before, and we find these lads from the street most delightful and interesting. In their excellent behavior they put to shame many a Sunday school class that I have seen; and I am often surprised at the vast amount of chivalry and manliness that I find under what is sometimes an unprepossessing exterior.

Our working girls seem to thoroughly enjoy their Monday evening club. We find them very ignorant of the Word of God, but glad to learn, and two of the most faithful attendants are Catholics.

In the Mission Study Class, composed of members of the Marcus Lindsay Epworth League, we are absorbed in the missionary problems of South America.

Our weekly evangelistic service has borne fruit in conversions and reclamations, and in our daily visiting we have been able to lead many nearer to Christ.

Miss Baker, who with Miss Cunningham has charge of the Children's Department, says of her work: "The cooking class has an enrollment of eighteen. We cannot take a larger class, since we have not the necessary room and equipment. We try to make the lessons of practical value to the girls. After short devotional exercises and about ten minutes of physical culture the lesson in cooking is given. We make out menus for the meals, but cook and serve only one dish at each lesson. The girls copy the menus and recipes in little books for future reference. The library records show a circulation of 3,966 books. Almost every week a number of children come, asking if they may 'join the library.' The story hour, which we have in connection with the library, is a time of delight to the children, from the wee tots up to the big boys of sixteen. I count it a special privilege to teach

the little 'beginners' of Marcus Lindsay Sunday School. It is an inspiration to come in contact Sunday after Sunday with these little ones who seem so near the kingdom."

Miss Cunningham renders the following report: "The sewing school has been doing some very good work this year. The children have taken much interest in their Bible lessons. Many of them have memorized 1 Corinthians xiii., Psalm c., and Psalm xxiii. We gave a Bible to a little Catholic, and she and a small Jewess study their lessons together. We use the scientific sewing course, very much like the one taught in the Manual Training School in Kansas City and in the Institutional Church there. We have three departments: the kindergarten, primary, and intermediate.

"In our club for working girls, after the Bible lesson, which Miss Smith teaches, we give the young women an embroidery lesson; and while they work we listen to the reading of some standard book. With their dues of five cents a week they pay for all materials they use and for the refreshments served at their social meetings held once a month.

"The Epworth League of Marcus Lindsay Church has grown in every department this year, and the spiritual condition is very much better. As President of the League I have had an opportunity of touching the lives of young people, whom otherwise I would not have reached.

"In the Sunday school class of boys thirteen and fourteen years of age we have had some good results. Some of the boys come from homes of dirt and vice and others from some of the best homes; but they hold together well and are interested in their work."

Mrs. Bond says: "For four months last summer the Babies' Pure-Milk Association kept open at the Wesley House a pure-milk station through which scores of babies were kept well during the hot, trying weather.

"In our clinic we have treated 935 patients, and the doctors and nurse have visited 2,225 in the homes. Our Mothers' Club, which through the weekly dues of five cents keep our chest supplied with medicine, take pride in the clinic as their special work, and they have been most faithful in helping us visit the sick. They have made among themselves 1,276 visits this year, and their hearty good will and earnest desire to help are good to see.

"Through the medical work many have come to know better the great Physician, whom we try always to bring to them."

LOS ANGELES, CAL., HOMER TÖBERMAN DEACONESS HOME.

Miss Maria M. Elliott, Deaconess, Head Resident; Miss M. Frances Mann, Deaconess, Parish Visitor; Miss Bessie Peirson, Nurse.

Events have a way of treading so rapidly upon one another's heels out here in California, where we are wont to count the seasons by looking at the calendar only, that one loses all idea of the flight of time; and so it seems incredible that another year has passed and time has come for another annual report. It has been a busy year and filled with many opportunities for service; but so many and various are the channels into which our energies are directed that it is impossible to put it down in black and white or tabulate the work in figures.

We are seeking, first of all, to hold up the ideal of Christian service and to inspire in others a realization of its joys and blessings. Through the hospital, which has been well patronized throughout the year, notwithstanding the change in superintendents, not only sick bodies but sick souls have been reached and ministered to, and the loving service given by the nurses has been a revelation to many. A patient said

recently: "I never was in a place before where *everybody* was good and where it didn't seem to *hurt* them to be good."

Through the sewing school, which has been maintained under difficulties, we have reached some children who but for this would have practically no religious instruction, and through its influence several children have been brought into the Sunday school. Our Boys' Club, though small, has been helpful to its members, as several mothers have gladly testified, and several of them have come into the Church during the year. Through house-to-house visiting and friendly visiting we have sought to carry the Church of God to the unchurched; through the Sunday school, the Epworth Leagues, and other agencies we have tried to keep in touch with the young life of the Church; and in the Home and Foreign Missionary Societies, by giving Bible lessons, or in any other way possible, we have tried to inspire or help or encourage the noble women who are laboring in this difficult field. We have even figured in the justice's court and in the superior court in bringing a man to justice who had deserted his family through drink; and we have had the satisfaction at last of seeing him clothed and in his right mind, a sober workman once more.

Miss Mann sends the following report: "God in his wisdom saw fit to send me to beautiful Southern California, and in this land of flowers and sunshine my heart is full and my hands are very busy. More than half of my time is spent in the Home, doing the work of housekeeper and bookkeeper. Besides these duties, I am frequently called upon to lend a hand in the hospital, and for three months this past year I was engaged in doing that work alone. The truly consecrated Christian nurse has many opportunities to speak a word in the Master's name.

"In the afternoons I visit for the pastor of Trinity Church, this being the work I enjoy above everything else. It has been my privilege to visit four hundred and forty-eight homes this past year. Then there is the work in the Sunday school, sewing school, and boys' club. How my heart rejoices in it all! It is always a blessing to come close to the heart of a child. I am so thankful for countless blessings enjoyed, and am praying that my work this coming year may be a blessing to humanity and an honor to Him whom I serve."

Miss Peirson reports her work as follows: "After the resignation of Miss Moizelle Elliott as Superintendent of the Hospital, I took up the work here somewhat under difficulties, having to follow one who had been with it from the start and who had won for herself the esteem of many Los Angeles physicians by her excellent qualifications as manager. She left me with two nurses in training, who did excellent work while here: Miss Lucy A. Anderson, who soon after I came finished her training with us, and has since entered the California Hospital in the city, where they have allowed her credit for the time spent here and will give her a diploma at the end of a year; Miss Winona Leadlay was the other nurse, but she soon left on account of ill health. As no other young women had entered for training, I engaged two trained nurses, Miss Bettie Lawrence, of St. Louis, and Miss Jeanette Barley, of Indianapolis, both of whom have worked faithfully and cheerfully since August and October, respectively. We have now one nurse in training, Miss Jessie Hill, of Winnipeg; and so our work goes on and prospers. We have only ten beds in our hospital, but it often taxes both our physical and mental strength to give them the necessary attention and to keep everything in proper order. Two of our rooms in which we take great pride are the finely lighted operating room and the sun parlor, with its nine large windows. Total number of patients during the year, 143; of these, there were ninety-six surgical, forty-two medical, and five maternity cases.

There were nineteen patients in the free bed at an expense of \$469.25, over a hundred dollars more than our appropriation for that fund. The extra expense was met by the income from pay patients."

LEAD BELT MISSION, FLAT RIVER, MO.

Miss Zadie Royalty, Deaconess.

The Lead Belt Mission Board was organized on May 31, 1909, at Flat River, Mo., and is composed of members from eight auxiliaries in the Farmington District. The Lead Belt includes a number of towns and mining settlements. The plan of work adopted by the Board was to secure a building or room in each town in which to carry on social and educational work, each department being under the direction of a general chairman, with a local chairman in each place.

I began work October 1, and have done some work in six different places. It has not been possible to carry out the general plan of work in many places on account of the scattered territory, inability to secure buildings, and in some places those who were willing to undertake the work have been unable to render service.

In one section of Bonne Terre, called Settletown, a building was secured in which a mission Sunday school was organized, with an enrollment of twenty-nine, which has increased to about one hundred. A mothers' club and weekly prayer meeting were also started. A stove and lumber for seats were donated. Good work has been done at this place. A Christmas entertainment was given at which more than one hundred children and old people were made happy with sweetmeats and gifts.

At Esther a sewing school was opened at the church. The enrollment is twenty-one. At this place grounds for a park have been donated by the Doe Run Company. The young men and boys are to be organized into a club for the purpose of improving the grounds.

Supply stations have been established in three places, and through these many needy have been assisted.

My work has been house-to-house visiting in some places and working in revival meetings, which have been held in our churches at Esther, Elvins, Flat River, East Bonne Terre, and a few services at Leadwood. In these services I have come into personal touch with more people than I would have been able to reach in any other way and some whom I might have reached in no other way. God has wonderfully blessed my work in these services and used me to lead a number to a knowledge of Christ as their Saviour. I believe that not less than twenty-five or thirty were converted as a result of my work, besides others whom I may have influenced. Much of my visiting was in the homes of those who had become interested through the revival services, and as a result of one visit I had the joy of seeing one man and his wife accept Christ in the home. This work has been a great joy and blessing to me, and has also been the means of interesting many people in the work of our Board. Some outside of the Church are beginning to come to me for help and advice and to report cases to me for investigation. One case I was sent to was a woman who had tried to kill herself by taking poison. I have made a number of visits to the sick and to the bereaved, and in every case my visits were appreciated. I made a number of visits to one woman who had been sick for months. She always wanted me to read the Bible and pray with her before leaving. Sometimes she would ask me to sing some of her favorite songs; and though I am not much of a singer, I was willing to do my best in that way if it would give her any pleasure. She has since died; and I am always

glad, when I think of her, that I did what I could to make her last days a little brighter. That is reward enough.

The Lead Belt Mission Board has a library of thirty volumes. These are circulated among the members and friends of the Board, and through them we hope to stimulate a greater interest in our work on all lines of mission work and Bible study. Dr. Palmore, of the *St. Louis Christian Advocate*, donated twenty-four of these books.

A yard contest is being planned for the spring, and promises to be interesting. Seeds have been donated by a St. Louis house.

Wherein we have failed to carry out our own plans we believe that we have been following higher plans than ours. We believe that God is directing and blessing our work. These five months of work in the Lead Belt have been the best and happiest of my life. They have brought me in closer touch with the Master; and in trying to help others in his name I have been helped and made stronger.

Visits made	504
Visits received	4
Opportunities for prayer and Bible-reading	14
Meetings addressed	11
Revival services attended	106
Cottage prayer meetings	10
Visits to sick	54
District meetings	2
Home mission auxiliaries visited	4

I have taught Sunday school classes from the Bible class to the junior class. The outlook for the coming year is encouraging.

MACON, GA., DOOR OF HOPE.

Mrs. F. M. Knowles in Charge.

God has allowed me to be a mother in this Home eight and one-half years, and I am not tired of my children and grandchildren. He has kept me in body and in soul, for which I praise him. Our current expenses for the year have been \$1,624.61, and the building fund \$727.50. We have had thirty girls in the Home during the past year and twenty-three babies. Five of these girls stayed only a few days. After signing their pledge cards two girls broke their pledge by leaving the Home. Twelve girls have good homes. There are eleven girls in the Home now and nine babies. There have been twelve births; four of these were stillborn. Three girls go out by the day; they have been in the Home over a year. Our Home is as peaceable and refined as any home. These girls are kind to each other; and there is only one in the Home not a member of the Church. They realize that the world never forgives them, but that God forgives and forgets. We spend two hours a day reading and studying God's Word and lifting our hearts to him for everything, knowing that he cares for us.

"Does Jesus care when I've tried and failed
To resist some temptation strong?
O, yes; he cares! I know he cares—
His heart is touched with my grief."

MEMPHIS, TENN., WESLEY HOUSE.

*Miss Ida Adreansen, Head Resident; Miss Janette Haskin,
Kindergartner.*

The records of the Wesley House from March to June, 1909, cover a ministry in a section of Memphis where nearly all the residents are Americans. In October, after much prayer that God would direct us to the place where we could do the most work for him, we opened a storeroom in a downtown section of the city, and commenced work among Italians, shanty-boat people, a few Protestants, a large community of Catholics, and a larger number of Russian Jews. In this district there are a number of crowded tenements and rookeries, and we have many cases of squalor and filth to deal with.

Nor has the work been easy, although God has given us unusual favor with the people. In the early months of our sewing school the opening of a Jewish sewing school near by was the signal for the threatened withdrawal of nearly half of our scholars because we would sing Jesus songs; but prayer prevailed, and we had nearly our usual number of children in attendance, while those who had prophesied our downfall came about to peep in to see if the rest of the children were there. We still sing Jesus songs and also talk about the Master, leaving the Jewish children to content themselves by saying it is all right to sing about Jesus so long as you don't believe on him.

The Hebrew children do not come to our Sunday service in large numbers, as they did at first, because the parents coax them to go to nickel shows and elsewhere. We have had forty children at a time in our audience who knew practically nothing about Jesus, and who spoke of God as one who punishes you. A very few Jewish parents are sending their children to learn the religion. Two little girls have been told to turn their backs when we go by. A boy living opposite us has been whipped for coming to the Wesley House. Some come without the knowledge or consent of the parents and some come by night. In personal work from house to house a cordial welcome usually awaits us, and they listen attentively and hungrily to the Word. But invariably they tell you that God does not hear us any more. One Jewish mother said the coming of the worker to her home rested her.

The sewing school is the center of attraction for the girls, who do good work under the direction of the teachers that come from various Churches to render this service. Mrs. John L. Richmond, as director of the sewing school, has been unfailing in attendance and interest since the opening of the school, and has done much to make the school a success. Many fine Bible stories have been told the children at these Wednesday gatherings, and a number of good songs have been learned.

We have adopted a new course in sewing, with cards and penelope canvas for the younger children, overhauling dolls and patchwork quilts for the children from seven to nine years, while girls from nine to eleven years work on seven attractive models in which there is practice in all common stitches used in garment-making. The older girls spend their time stitching their own garments.

Our Boys' Club is under the direction of Lance J. Forsdick, who each week comes with several members of his large Sunday school class of seventy young men to conduct the club exercises. About eighty boys are on the membership list, and their ages range from six to sixteen years. Jews, Italians, and Americans gather about the tables to read or play games, while the restless boys are kept busy in the rear of the hall. Nearly a hundred young men and boys were feasted

on Washington's birthday in the beautifully decorated hall, bright with flags, bunting, and pictures.

Miss Janette Haskin writes of her department as follows: "The kindergarten has been smaller than it otherwise would have been had there not been another one conducted for the Jewish children in the same community. We have about forty on the roll, and great interest and enthusiasm are shown both by children and parents. It has been a pleasure to watch the development of these little ones who have little or no teaching that will uplift them. One Jewish mother sends her children in order that they may receive the Christian teaching. A class in English has been conducted for the Jewish women. They are so eager to learn and have been so persevering in their study that we hope through this personal touch to give them the message of their Saviour."

MERIDIAN, MISS.

Miss Clara Cope, Missionary.

In many respects our work shows a decided improvement over last year. For a few weeks we were decidedly handicapped by the illness and death of Mrs. Davis, who lived in the house where the Elizabeth Cochran Reading Room is located, and who kept our room and kitchen neat and clean. She was faithful to duty, and ever ready with a word of encouragement. Though the summons came unexpectedly, she was ready for the great change, and is now promoted to a higher sphere of usefulness.

During the illness incident to her death our night school and sewing class were conducted in the church and a room in one of the near-by homes.

Our night school is proving a great blessing to the mill boys and girls, some of whom scarcely knew the alphabet when they came to us, and are now reading nicely. Some boys have advanced from the primer to the third and fourth readers. We have had several entertainments to help cultivate the social natures. Mr. Cohen, the general manager of the mill, visited the school recently and offered four prizes, embracing as many features of the work. For these there are twenty-four competitors. One prize is for neatness, and it has wrought a wonderful change among the pupils. Most of them come every night looking as neat as on Sunday morning. Our sewing and cooking classes have made as marked progress. Two girls have advanced to dress-making.

My work in the Sunday school has always been with boys; but recently I was asked to teach the Bible class of young women. Through the liberality of Mrs. C. W. Cochran a room was secured and furnished, and a school opened for the Syrians. On account of the limited number of children of scholastic age and some unreasonable demands by the parents, it was short lived, but accomplished good by causing the children to enter the public school, and thus saved them from running the streets and growing up in ignorance.

The young preachers of the Meridian Male College have rendered faithful and efficient service in the open-air meetings for Syrians. May the Lord reward them!

Mrs. Dr. S. B. Flynt, District Secretary, organized a Home Mission Auxiliary, with twelve members. The meetings are held the second Friday night in each month at our reading room. It promises to develop into a useful society. After the second meeting they report sixteen members, five tithers, and six subscribers to *Our Homes*.

"The field is white unto the harvest: . . . pray ye therefore the

Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth more laborers into the harvest."

MOBILE, ALA., WESLEY HOUSE.

Miss Mary Ogilvie, Head Resident; Miss Dora Hoover.

Realizing the importance of knowing their field, the Mobile Wesley House residents began their work by planning a thorough house-to-house canvass of the community.

We are just now in the midst of this visiting campaign, and so many opportunities are presenting themselves that we are in danger of neglecting the work already established. Each visitor is constantly on the lookout for the unschooled, the unchurched, the sick, the stranger, the neglected children, and for all kinds of unsanitary conditions.

Only white families are thoroughly canvassed, the colored people not being interviewed except for the school census. The following data was gathered from a canvass of 446 white families: Unchurched adherents of Protestantism, 125; children past fourteen years of age out of school, 101; children under fourteen years of age out of school, 50; persons in need of medical treatment, 60.

In twelve families we found startling conditions of immoral living, and in seven of these families were neglected children. These we promptly referred to the juvenile court.

On account of lack of room and equipment and because there were few calls for its continuance, the day nursery was closed in December, and in its place a free medical dispensary was opened on February 5, with a staff of five physicians, three general practitioners, and two eye, ear, nose, and throat specialists.

Thirty-five children have thus far been treated, most of whom are children with adenoids, enlarged tonsils, and eye and ear trouble. The visiting nurse finds many opportunities for giving little health talks in the homes, in the club meetings, and in night school classes. A special effort is directed in a warfare against the "great white plague."

The Mothers' Club, a settlement group of exceptional intelligence and energy, have taken for their work this year the raising of funds for the new dispensary.

The night school now numbers thirty-three, an earnest body of learners who do good work in spite of tired minds and bodies from their work in mill and shop and store. Occasionally a school entertainment is given, and boys and girls enter into old-fashioned games with the real spirit of play that most of them have had to lay aside to become family wage-earners.

The Mobile School Board in a recent session decided that, inasmuch as there is no demand for public night school classes, an appropriation for that purpose would be unnecessary. We hope soon to convince the School Board of its error; better still, we hope through earnest coöperation with kindred agencies to convince the Legislature that Alabama must have a compulsory school law. Our recent school census reveals the fact that colored parents appreciate the public schools more than white parents do.

The best of the community is represented in the Sunday school of eighty members, where the faithful teaching of our predecessors is more clearly seen than in any other department. Some of our best club members and night school pupils have grown up in the Sunday school.

Miss Hoover, our City Missionary, not only does the greater part of the visiting, but is successfully directing the Young Women's Club

and the Industrial School. She also teaches the senior classes in the night school and in the Sunday school. Miss Hoover gives the following report of her special work: "Upon our arrival we found the Young Women's Club well organized and consisting only of the best young women of the community. The name they have selected for their organization, the 'Hartwell Club,' evidences with what love and admiration their former leader is held among them. These girls have taken the library as their special work for the Home, and have by means of a book shower secured two hundred additional books.

"The sewing school is appreciated by both the children and the parents of the community. Its success is due largely to the faithful service of one of the members of the Board. She is the moving spirit of the school. There is an additional corps of ten volunteer teachers.

"Our house-to-house visiting has revealed the fact that the opportunities for evangelistic work are unlimited. The field is ours if we will but claim it. We not only find a goodly number of unchurched Protestants, but many who are merely catholic in name."

Mrs. N. E. Austin, our new resident worker, a woman of large experience in Christian work, came to us only a few weeks ago. Her work as home-keeper, teacher, and house-to-house canvasser already assures us that her coming was providential.

During the five and a half years of its existence the Wesley House has become well known, even beyond its boundary lines in South Mobile. It is now conceded to be the best all-round social agency in the city; and because of the great lack of other benevolent institutions it has many times assumed responsibilities that do not properly belong to the work of a settlement.

The Charity Organization Society is still in its infancy, and the Wesley House workers have repeatedly been called upon to make investigations and give material relief to families reported by other organizations.

There is no free public library in Mobile, and our little store of books lures many people to us who would not otherwise care to come.

There is no Detention Home for little girls being tried in the juvenile court. We have cared for three of these little lawbreakers for several days at a time during the last quarter.

There is no Rescue Home for older delinquents, and several unfortunate women who had nowhere else to go have sought and found shelter with us from time to time.

There is no Wayfarer's Lodge, and stranded women are directed by the police to the Wesley House.

We do not complain of having done work for others; rather we are glad if through this coöperative work we can be used of God in helping to establish other much-needed institutions.

The following is our statistical report:

Trained workers employed by the Board	2
Salaried workers employed by the Board	3
Volunteer workers employed by the Board	23
Children enrolled in industrial school	53
Children enrolled in night school	33
Persons attending the reading room	100
Young women enrolled in club	11
Women enrolled in Mothers' Club	45
Patients treated in dispensary (February, 1910) ...	35
Children enrolled in Sabbath school	80
Value supplies and money received for distribution.	\$90 00
Visits made	1,027

Visits received	250
Visits to institutions	12
Opportunities for prayer and Bible-reading	33
Meetings conducted or addressed	16
Persons aided	40
Garments given away	150
Papers and tracts distributed	500
Children referred to juvenile court	10
Families referred to Churches	58
Wayward girls rescued	3
Children placed in Orphanage	6
Children placed in private homes	4

NASHVILLE, TENN., WESLEY HOUSE.

Miss Bessie Allen, Head Resident; Miss Annie Campbell, Kindergartner; Miss Emma Reynolds, House Mother.

The past year has been one of varied and trying experiences for our Wesley House. The Head Resident for the first quarter in 1909 was sent to Richmond, Va., to meet a pressing need there, and another worker was appointed to succeed her here. Unforeseen delays occurred, causing our Home to be closed for four months. This has naturally hindered the work to some extent, and accounts for the lack of a larger statistical report.

I came to the Wesley House as Head Resident on October 1, 1909. Much time has been spent in getting acquainted with the people, studying conditions, and in perfecting the organization of our clubs. We have a very successful mothers' club, sewing school, boys' club, and kitchen garden, and story hour for the smaller boys and girls. The first three are under my own supervision, and the last two are conducted by students from our Methodist Training School.

We are hoping for large returns from our educational, literary, and musical evenings. We have one of these (and sometimes two) each month. We try to have the best talent of the city to give these entertainments, and in this way we give our people, old and young, something that will educate as well as entertain. So far they have been a great success.

Every Thursday, which is our reception day, we invite three of our mothers to dine with us. We feel that we can get closer to them and at the same time bring them in touch with our Home and give them object lessons in cooking, setting the table, and serving meals.

Our kindergarten is the best and most productive feature of our work. Miss Annie Campbell, our Kindergartner, has the following to say of her work: "The kindergarten has been very successful this year with the assistance of three kindergartners from the Methodist Training School. We consider the kindergarten the foundation of all our work, as the child is taken at the habit-forming age and given the highest and best conceptions of life. The work gives an insight to the parents of the needs of their children, and they are ready to continue sending them to our clubs. Unconsciously our people are being touched by these little ones; and how true this is: 'Ye do it to me when ye do it to these!'"

We have three salaried workers, ten helpers from the Methodist Training School, and eighteen volunteer workers from our city Churches. We coöperate with Fillmore Street Church in all of her work. I have a Sabbath school class and am Fourth Vice President of the Ep-

worth League, and have the pleasure of being a member of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

We feel encouraged by the advancement that we can already see in the work, and are ready to "ask great things of God, attempt great things for God, and expect great things from God."

NEW ORLEANS, LA., TCHOUPITOULAS MISSION.

Mrs. L. Meekin, Missionary.

NOTE.—The New Orleans City Mission Board carries the Tchoupitoulas Mission in addition to the support of a deaconess and furnishing a band of volunteers at St. Mark's Hall, on Esplanade Street. The report of the work done at St. Mark's Hall appears under the department of Gulf Coast Work.

It would be well-nigh impossible to keep a record of all the many requirements of the work in this factory settlement, so varied are the opportunities for service, a ministry in almost every capacity. As we glance back over the year, which has had in it so much of persistent, hard work, we feel that the seed-sowing has not been in vain, and good results are visible in hearts and homes. There are manifold claims to minister to the temporal and spiritual needs of this large crowd of "these of His" huddled and crowded together in these old tenement buildings—this "other half," into whose lives there comes little of sunshine.

Through the efforts of the godly man who has been appointed to this mission this year the work has been stimulated, and many have been added to the Church membership. His influence in the homes and from the pulpit cannot be estimated. We realize more and more that there are hidden possibilities in the lives of these people so deprived of advantages for development. The establishment of the family altar in many of the homes has been a source of great blessing, and the echoes from this systematic Bible-reading have been sweet messages of encouragement to me. There is a visible spiritual uplift in many homes.

The band of women comprising our Woman's Home Mission Society of this mission Church deserve especial mention. They are earnest and devoted. Nearly every member is a wage-earner, which necessitates our holding our meetings at night. Our pastor is President, and is beloved by all.

We have for our Sunday school superintendent a consecrated woman who is interested in the work.

The two Epworth Leagues are in prosperous condition, and the devotional meetings are profitable and interesting.

So much is to be done in the house-to-house visiting that the monotonous, adverse conditions tend to bring discouragement, and these people need to be spiritually fed and stimulated to press on.

The following is the statistical report:

Visits	871
Visits to sick	129
Visits to institutions	124
Papers and tracts given out	280
Bibles, Testaments, and copies of Gospels	25
Opportunities for prayer and Bible-reading	323
Nourishment given to sick (times)	159
Amount spent for medicine for poor	\$10 35
Amount spent for other needs of poor	58 40
Given in cash	22 00

PORTSMOUTH, VA., WESLEY HOUSE.

Miss Nanette Hudson, Deaconess.

The work of the City Board of Portsmouth has been carried on in an old store building for the past year, and it was an occasion of great rejoicing to the deaconess and the members of the Board when they held their first meeting in the Wesley House. That was in February; so the Home is still an experiment. Through the generosity of the people of Portsmouth the house has been completely furnished, and is a comfortable home for the Deaconess and her assistant. A few days after we were established in the house the ladies of five of the Churches surprised us with a most bountiful donation that more than filled our larder.

Conditions in Portsmouth differ from those in most places from the fact that we have no distinctively slum sections in our city. The needy families are scattered, and that makes them harder of access; but there are not the cases of overcrowding or of bad sanitary conditions that are often found.

The largest of our Wesley House activities is that of the sewing school. We have enrolled about one hundred girls, of whom eighty are still with us. The work is interesting, and the girls are enthusiastic in their attendance and in their tasks.

The most satisfactory work is that of the night school. Thirty young people, most of whom work in the factories, are taking advantage of the opportunities offered, and are conscientious in their efforts. They are making splendid progress. Three conscientious and devoted assistant teachers are doing much toward the success of this school.

The Boys' Club is the youngest and most absorbing interest in the Wesley House now. For an hour and a half on Saturday mornings they fill the house with that buoyancy and life that only twenty boys can bring into a place.

We have no Sunday school because most of the children attend elsewhere, and because of the various denominations represented it is inadvisable to have a Junior League. We have, therefore, what is known as the children's hour on Sunday afternoon, when the children are taught Bible verses and are told Bible stories.

There are many things done by the deaconess that cannot be put on paper nor in any report. The words of comfort to those in distress, the prayers and Bible-readings in homes of ignorance, poverty, or sickness, and the words of encouragement and cheer mean much, but cannot be put into print.

The months that are past are months that chronicle growth and prosperity, and the outlook is bright. The deaconess has been most cordially received, and God has blessed us abundantly. For all success and for all the growth of the work our Father receives all praise, for to him and to him alone it is due.

RICHMOND, VA., METHODIST INSTITUTE.

Miss Hattye G. Sellars, Deaconess.

Between my work now and last year there is a striking contrast; but, as a sister worker recently wrote in regard to the work, "it is all joy." Richmond has its individual need, its peculiar people, its unsolved problems, and its philanthropic helpers; but in the line of our Home Mission work it is largely an untried field.

My report will cover only six months, as I did not come to Rich-

mond until September 1, and no record was kept of work until that time, with the exception of a census which Mr. Dixon, the Superintendent, had taken during the summer.

The district has its disadvantage in shape: two long sections form a right angle where the Methodist Institute is located. The population is between twenty-five hundred and three thousand whites, and estimated an equal number of colored. One-third of this population is foreign. Many nationalities are represented, with Jews and Syrians in the predominance. The Church affiliation of nearly one-half the entire population is non-Protestant, Jews and Catholics being usually of the stricter type. While going on my rounds investigating conditions and locating forces for good and evil I counted thirty saloons and liquor stores in the district. These are well patronized, too, as the great number of drunken men and drinking women, wrecked homes, and the awful state of poverty would indicate.

This in brief is the field in which we work. The work done has not been great if numbers must be the criterion, but one of constant plodding, prayerful planning, and joyous self-giving. It seems to be a recognized fact that the hope of such districts is with the children. While we are not neglecting the older ones, our supreme effort is being made to lift the children to a higher and nobler plane of living.

About the middle of September we opened the sewing school. Since that time fifty-five children have been enrolled. We do not hope to have a very large school here, because of another well-attended one two blocks away; but some good work is being done. By the close of the year we believe that we will have an exhibition of work that will do credit to the children and delight our City Board and friends.

One Kitchen Garden Class has completed the sixteen weeks' course, and is now taking up cooking lessons.

The Children's Story Hour was started in November, and has now completed the series of stories of the journey of the children of Israel into the promised land. This is the one organization we have where Jews and Gentiles attend and work alike. It has proven a popular thing with them, and many have made books of the illustrated sheets prepared. Games are more and more brought into all regular club meetings, and are much enjoyed by the children.

As our work is tributary to Trinity Church, four blocks away, and because of the full ripeness of the field around, we opened a club for young women, which meets in a Sunday school room of this church. This was started about the middle of November. The interest and faithfulness of these girls have been a surprise to me as well as a great delight. Almost all of the girls are working girls, and have little to make life beautiful, joyous, and worth while; consequently they are interested and will be greatly helped by a club planned to develop their cramped lives.

The Woman's Club is the only organization I found when I arrived existing from previous work. Mrs. Tunstall, who is a very efficient, consecrated volunteer helper, had charge of it, and on request of the members had carried it on during the summer. This club has an enrollment for the year of forty-nine women, a large number of whom work in factories all day. It seems that they would be too tired to go anywhere except for rest at night; but on Monday night they slowly plod their way down to "our club," as they fondly call it, to sing the songs of rest, peace, and joy and join in the discussions of how to improve and beautify their homes, or listen to some helpful talk. The linen closet that they are furnishing for the use of the sick members

of the club was bought and is sustained by their dues of one penny a week.

Three Boys' Clubs are in process of organization now. Some young men from uptown Churches have volunteered their services for these clubs. A small campaign is being made to furnish a gymnasium, which we are trusting will soon be fitted up.

Mrs. Dixon, the wife of the Superintendent, reports of her work as follows: "When Mr. Dixon first took charge of the Institute, we found a large number of beggars in this community. He had work for the men, so they had fallen into the habit of sending their wives to beg. At his request we organized the Woman's Sewing Club in order to give the women work. Those in need of help have the privilege of coming here one day each week and sewing. They are paid for their work either in clothing or groceries. We have found this club a great help, and we are able to distinguish the worthy from the unworthy. Eighteen women have taken advantage of this work, and four hundred and eighty-seven hours' work has been done.

"I also have had charge of the Boys' Industrial Club. We have eighteen boys on roll, and they are divided into five classes. The smaller boys do the advanced kindergarten work, and as they grow more efficient they are promoted to the classes of basketry, chair-caning, hammock-making, and burning wood. We hope soon to put in the carpenter benches for the more advanced boys."

ST. LOUIS, MO., KINGDOM HOUSE.

Miss Helen Gibson, Deaconess in Charge; Miss Cora Borchers, Deaconess; Miss Frances Denton, Kindergartner; Miss Helen Boyer, Boys' Clubs; Mrs. Anna Ehrengart, House Mother.

The past year has been eventful, for we have realized the attainment of our ambition to have commodious quarters and adequate equipment for our growing work. We were fortunate in getting the buildings recently occupied by the Walthen Lutheran College; one, a school building, is adapted for our club work; the other, a residence, formerly the home of Governor Crittenden. Possibly the ground surrounding the buildings is as valuable as the buildings themselves. We have 360x130 feet, a portion of which is used for our public playground for the children of the district. We also have ground for basket ball, tennis, and a garden. The property almost adjoins the old Kingdom House, so we have not suffered by the move; it has rather been a gain.

All the institutional features of last year are continued, and we have added a day nursery, gymnasium, baths, and a small public laundry; also some new clubs and classes have been formed. We have a new clinic, to which three rooms are given. It has recently been put under the Washington University. During the first month there were ninety-seven patients, one hundred and eleven treatments, and three operations. Miss Mary Hamilton, a graduate nurse of Bethesda Hospital, St. Louis, is our district nurse. She has charge of the milk station, giving much care to the babies. She is also attending nurse in the clinic, and the close coöperation of the clinic with the milk station has been a Godsend to our babies.

The building formerly used for the college we call our chapel building. In it is the auditorium, which, when opened into the adjoining kindergarten room, will seat five hundred. The basement and the second and third floors of this building are devoted largely to the work of the men and boys. All of our residents live in the resident building. Our model Housekeeping Department, occupying the entire fourth

floor, proves an interesting feature to all visitors. It is composed of a kitchen, with two long tables, where twelve girls may cook at one time. On the shelves of the Dutch cupboards will be found everything needed in a modern flat. Adjoining this is a large dining room opening into a bedroom; and in front is the sitting room, where girls may read and rest, and where millinery and shirt-waist classes meet. It is steam-heated, electric-lighted, and has hot and cold water.

Misses Rosa Breeden and Caroline Smith, two juniors from the Scarritt Bible and Training School, had charge of one neighborhood playground last summer. They were most successful in their work, and had a phenomenal hold on some gangs of street boys. They were also helpful in their visiting, in the street meetings, and all along the line. It was with regret that we gave them up in the fall to resume their school work. The boys they won are still coming to Kingdom House.

The Epworth Outing Farm, under the auspices of the Woman's Board of City Missions, was a great blessing to our people. We sent one hundred and fifty children for a two weeks' stay, besides mothers with sick children. Our Epworth League and Woman's Circle frequently resorted to the farm during the warm weather.

Our new quarters have attracted the favorable attention of the district, and many new people are coming for help and counsel.

The devotional work, under Rev. G. J. Evans, is steadily growing. The Sunday school, with an enrollment of three hundred, is one of the best features of our work.

We have always felt that the work of Kingdom House was the Lord's; we have felt his providential guidance. Again we commit it to him. Our highest hope is to have it applied to Christianity and to have all that we do in accordance with his will.

The workers in various departments submit brief reports of their work. Miss Borchers reports: "In our sewing school we are endeavoring to give the girls a scientific course in plain sewing, including the cutting and fitting of garments. Each child is most anxious to finish her book of sample stitches, so that she can make her own suit of underwear and dress in which to graduate.

"The work with my two basketry classes is a real pleasure. I read to them while they weave baskets.

"Many make deposits in our Penny Savings Bank, and are thereby taught the art of saving.

"I have the pleasure and privilege of visiting for the Sunday school, sewing school, and other departments of our work; and the joy which comes through giving the personal touch for Christ in the homes cannot be expressed."

The following is Miss Frances Denton's report of the kindergarten: "By means of songs, games, hand work, stories, talks, play with balls, blocks, etc., the kindergarten develops suppleness of body, resourcefulness, a sense of order, imagination, accuracy, and a host of other desiderata. A striking fact connected with mission kindergartens is that children from what seem the most depraved homes often are most strongly attracted by the songs, etc., that idealize home life. And, happily, few parents are wholly uninfluenced by the discovery that their little ones expect the most exemplary conduct from father and mother.

"To a lover of boys and girls and books nothing could be pleasanter than to have charge of our circulating library. Readers old and young, of both sexes, we have (about twelve at a time) two afternoons in the week. Beginning often with the pure adventure story, we have tried

gradually to cultivate a taste for better literature; and in not a few instances the results have been encouraging."

Miss Helen Bowyer, in charge of the Boys' Club, reports as follows:

"The Boys' Club opened the first week in November with a series of parties, to which all of last year's members were invited in groups according to age. These boys and a number of new ones were organized as rapidly as possible into gymnasium classes and game clubs, so arranged that each child could attend one of each twice a week. There were formed besides three carpenter classes, one basket-weaving class, and one clay-modeling class, all of which were primarily intended for the boys under fourteen.

"There are at present about one hundred boys, ranging from eight to twenty years of age. The number, however, is still growing. The average attendance is about forty, except on Saturday nights, when it usually runs higher.

"Ten volunteer assistants have coöperated in the work, six of whom are still coming regularly, and to whose unselfish efforts whatever success we have had is largely due.

"A limited amount of self-government has been introduced into the clubs, and will be more fully developed as the *esprit de corps* of the boys warrants it. The most important work at present is to foster among them a public sentiment in favor of order, loyalty, and fair play."

ST. JOSEPH, MO., WESLEY HOUSE.

Miss Frances Scott, Deaconess.

In answer to the united prayers of the good people of this city our work has come, and is proving a great blessing to these servants of God and the people among whom we labor.

I was sent to the field in June in response to the call made by the newly organized City Mission Board. The first three months were spent in canvassing the territory of our proposed work and in educating and enlisting the women of our seven Methodist Churches in this broader work. I found great need for social service, especially among the women and children. Ours is a packing house people, many of whom are Slavs and unreached by the Church.

On November 19 we formally opened our work in the Wesley House, a ten-room house, well built for such lines of service as we can do.

We have a day nursery, in which we have enrolled twenty-six children, having an average daily attendance of fourteen. These little ones enjoy the home life here afforded, and carry many helpful ideas back into homes where prayer was never uttered nor uplifting song sung. We have engaged as attendant for the children an excellent young Christian woman, Miss Sallie Miller, whose influence is splendid with her little ones. Christmas was a happy time with them and their mothers, and never did the life of the Christ seem so precious to me as I was allowed to carry the cheer to so many hearts.

My field work is interesting and varied, consisting of house-to-house visiting, sick calls, investigations for the Humane Society and the police as to the conditions morally and physically of the children of the poor around us, distributing garments, food, and fuel among the suffering, and in many ways ministering to those to whom I feel that the Lord has sent me.

I have made 426 visits and received 213 in the office, conducted forty meetings, taken twelve children into Sunday school, and have gone into many homes where I have been allowed to read the Bible and pray with the sick or distressed.

Our house is becoming more and more a community center, and all kinds of distresses are poured into the heart of "the little woman with a queer bonnet."

Our Board has already spent \$924.87 in furnishing our house and carrying on our work, and plans for a larger outlay are being made.

I thank God every day that he allows me this opportunity of serving him and these people who so much need his love and light in their hearts and homes.

TAMPA, FLA., YBOR CITY.

Mrs. W. F. Alexander.

There seems so little to put upon paper, though the time has been fully occupied. It is impossible for me to separate fully the city mission work from that of the Conference Society.

Since May 1, 1909, I have made two hundred visits in the city, nearly all to foreigners. I have spoken at or led forty missionary meetings, visited five District Conferences and the Annual Conference. Time is also given to the Sunday school, League, and the local Missionary Society. There are so many opportunities, and apparently the time to get around is not enough. We must lack something in system or undertake too much in that every one is too busy.

THURBER, TEX., MARSTON HALL WESLEY HOUSE.

Miss Eugenia Smith, Deaconess, Head Resident; Miss Martha Norburn, Missionary; Miss Ruth Coleman, Kindergartner.

I have spent nearly two busy, happy years in Thurber, and at last some of our hopes are being realized.

I remember so well my first impression after coming, my utter helpless feeling, and I thought: What can I do? I realized that I was indeed very small among so many; but the first meeting after I came as I saw the men coming in from the mines, where they had been shut away from God's sunshine, with the little lamps on their caps, I thought: Where are all these men going to spend eternity? A deeper love than I had known before came into my soul, and, as much as I loved my former appointment, I was glad to be here; and I realized that if we accomplished anything, it would be only through Christ. None owned their own homes, none expected to stay; they were just getting over a big strike, and had just sent away a number of anarchists.

Dr. Macune, the pastor, had worked faithfully and nobly for over a year, and had reorganized an abandoned Church. I gave all of my time to visiting in the homes, cottage prayer meeting, Junior League, and the Sunday school. Dr. Macune and I both realized the need of a Wesley House, and began to plan and pray. At last the managers promised us a four-room cottage, and we were so glad; but on account of crowded conditions they could not keep the promise, but told us that they would give us another later on. In December they gave us the old drug store, and we moved in on January 17. At least one thousand dollars' worth of repairs were put into it for us, and we are now very conveniently fixed in the best part of the camp to reach all the people. We have fourteen rooms, including the library and reading room, and about two thousand volumes. Six of the rooms are bedrooms to be furnished by auxiliaries. The clubrooms, parlor, and other rooms are all on the first floor.

Miss Martha Norburn came to our assistance on December 1. Of

the work of these months she says: "These two months have shown that the need of Thurber is for a knowledge of the Christ life, and for a higher plane of home life. It is to meet these needs that we visit and hold weekly cottage prayer meetings. It is to meet the need of a home life on a higher plane that we have organized kitchen garden classes for both foreign and American children and conduct cooking classes. The aim of these classes is not only to give a knowledge of means and methods, but a love for the home and a knowledge of the true home life.

"The Girls' Club is doing splendid work. There are twenty-six enrolled. We meet each Wednesday evening for Bible study and a gymnasium class, and each Saturday evening for talks, social enjoyment, and gymnasium work.

"Much of our time is given to teaching. Three hours are spent each morning in the Italian school. These quaint little foreign folks are given Bible stories and manual work as well as the common school branches. We also have an English class for adult foreigners.

"So the weeks pass, each beginning with teaching in the Sunday school and assisting in the League and closing with the Girls' Club. Looking back, we feel that seed has been sown which will bear fruit for the redemption of Thurber."

We have realized the need of a kindergarten, and I believe that we can make it self-supporting when the scarlet fever scare is over. Miss Ruth Coleman, the teacher of the kindergarten, says: "Our kindergarten work here is practically in its infancy, as it has been opened for the reception of pupils only since February 7; and in spite of quite an epidemic of scarlet fever, we commenced with an encouraging number. We hope to help each little one in Thurber grow to be a useful, true little citizen, in harmony with all mankind, nature, and God.

"At eleven o'clock each Saturday morning we begin a story hour for the school children, and find that it is received with intense interest and good attendance. Every story told carries some deep spiritual truth, and we feel sure that each seed sown through them will reap in time a beautiful harvest.

"We will have our first mothers' meeting Saturday, and expect to do a great work through these meetings, where we will discuss how to truly be mothers to our children."

Our work is very encouraging in many respects, yet I find that many responsibilities are added as the work broadens. I have had but little help, so of course the domestic work has taken a great deal of my time. We have done quite a good deal of writing to our home mission women about our work, answering letters of inquiry, making suggestions about donations, and something of everything connected with housekeeping. I teach my American class at Sabbath school in the morning and a Mexican class on Sunday afternoon.

The Junior League meets at 3:30 P.M., the Mexican prayer meeting on Wednesday, and in the afternoon I teach in the Italian school. Some are quitting the Catholic Church and coming to our school. We have several Mexicans, Polanders, and Italians in our little school, and will have to enlarge our house soon. We keep the library open at night when not convenient for Dr. Macune to come down.

We have enrolled twenty-five very fine boys over fifteen years of age in a club. They have three departments (literary, social, and physical), and elect their own directors for each department. They manage it finely, and are as brave and true boys as there are in the world.

A few days ago a poor Mexican woman, with not even a bed in her house, lying on a cot sick with tuberculosis, sent for me; and I went,

thinking that she surely wanted material help. When I asked her what she wanted, however, she made me understand that I must read and pray. I had tried to read to her before; but she understood English poorly and I Spanish poorly, so I didn't know whether I had done any good by my previous visit. I had tried to read to her in her own language and prayed and gave her a copy of John. When I made my second visit I asked her where the little book that I gave her was, and she had it in her empty purse under her pillow. She took it out for me to read more, which I did, and her poor, thin face showed that she understood what I read from John xiv.

Another came in to visit me before my room was furnished, and when she saw that I had no bed said: "Me give my good bed to you." I told her that I had one promised.

God is so good to us, and we praise him for a place in Thurber to hold up Christ Jesus. We love our work here, and do pray that we may all work together to take Thurber for Christ.

REBECCA SPARKS CO-OPERATIVE HOME, WACO, TEX.

Mrs. M. L. Stone in Charge.

The City Mission Board sent out hundreds of invitations, and celebrated the tenth anniversary of this grand work on February 10 at the Home. Notwithstanding the snow was falling thick and fast, this beautiful Home was all aglow with warmth and good cheer. The scene inside, with the lovely decorations of flowers and ferns, was more beautiful because of the strong contrast with the cold and snow and sleet without. But before the evening closed we found that we had had quite a shower within doors, a linen shower if you please: sheets, pillow slips, towels, nice long linen tableclothes and napkins, dresser and washstand scarfs, table covers, preserves, etc., and all so very acceptable. We are continuing to give thanks for them.

This is a beautiful modern building, with modern conveniences, built by the good women of Waco to help the working girls of this city. O that there were one in every city to aid the struggling, noble, independent honest class of girls whose circumstances force them to go out and battle with the world, not alone for their own support, but often to sustain others dependent upon them! They have nicely furnished rooms, hot and cold water for baths, electric lights, use of a beautiful parlor with piano, and three good, substantial hot meals a day for the sum of thirty-five and five-sevenths cents a day. This pays all the current expenses of the Home, including salaries and insurance. During this last fiscal year (from March, 1909, to March, 1910) these fine sturdy young women have paid into the treasury of the Home the sum of \$3,055.30. Their salaries range from four dollars to seven dollars per week. When we took charge three months ago we found the Home two hundred dollars in debt for current expenses, but by the closest economy we have paid more than half of the debt.

With an Investigating Committee, no young lady can remain in the Home unless she is of good moral character; and so closely is this adhered to that it is a reflection on a young woman to be asked to find another boarding house.

During the year eighty-six have been sheltered; but at present we have only twenty-three in the Home.

Ours is a very busy family; and as work was one of God's sweet gifts to men, ours is a pleasant, happy family.

While we have an entirely new Board for this fiscal year, the out-

look is very promising for a good year's work. They are planning some good and great as well as some very pleasant things for us.

It would touch a heart of adamant to see the noble effort put forth by these pure, sweet, and some of them delicate girls to meet all obligations with the small pittance they receive as salaries.

This is one of the grandest works projected by Christian women. The girls are enabled to maintain their independence and look the world square in the face with the proud thought, "My character is unimpeachable, if I am only a working girl," as they are often made to feel.

The good women of Waco deserve all praise and honor for their thoughtful care of the working girls of their city. If there were more homes like this, there would be no need of plants like the Mission Home and Training School.

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C., WESLEY HOUSE.

Miss Florence Blackwell, Deaconess.

I cannot say at the close of this year, as I did many times last year, that we have had nothing to discourage us. A great many unfavorable but unavoidable circumstances have seemed to hinder our work; and yet the end of the year finds us much in advance of what we were at the beginning.

Since the first of March last year our Institutional Church (the first one in North Carolina) has been built. In the place of the old one-room frame structure we have a large brick building. The auditorium is larger than the old one, and we have in addition a large room, which was intended in the beginning for a Sunday school room; but before the church was finished our Sunday school had grown too large for it. Here we have prayer meeting, sewing school, social gatherings, etc. There are also ten smaller rooms used for Sunday school classes and other purposes. The shower baths are becoming very popular. The Baraca Class of our Sunday school has charge of this department for men and boys, and on Saturday afternoon they often bring in boys from the street, and not only give them baths but provide decent clothing and invite them to Sunday school the next day.

Adjoining the church is the Wesley House, which was purchased and furnished during the last year. We moved into it in May and opened our day nursery. We had seen the need of this for some time, and were so thankful when it was made possible for us to begin the work for the children. For a few weeks we had only two or three children, and some of our women were inclined to feel disappointed and discouraged, thinking that the working mothers did not care for the help we were offering them. But we have now more than we can comfortably care for, having enrolled eighteen this month and have still other applications. We have had twenty-six children since the beginning. Several of these have been put in orphanages.

We feel that this work has been a decided success. Our friends tell us that they can see very marked improvement in the children since they have been with us.

We started the sewing school late this year, as the church was not ready for us until late in October, and then we labored under difficulties for a few weeks until everything was in order. We have enrolled during the year eighty-five. On account of contagious diseases and so much sickness generally our work has suffered in every department.

We were not able to begin work with the Boys' Club until a few weeks ago, and we have only a small number as yet; but they are very enthusiastic.

A number of young girls from one of our Churches have organized a Sewing Circle for the purpose of making aprons, blouses, or any garments needed in the nursery. They now have us pretty well supplied with necessary things. They are planning also for outings for the children during the summer.

We have now four Woman's Home Mission Societies represented on our City Board, and hope to add two or three new ones during the coming year. Our women are becoming better acquainted with city mission work and studying it more, and therefore are much more interested than before.

We had some plans that we have not been able to work out this year; but we have not given them up. We are planning for greater things, and are going to work to that end.

We have had twenty-two volunteer helpers, and we hope to enlist others soon. We have need of all the help that we can get. We see so much to be done, and we have only made a small beginning. We are praying the Lord of the harvest to send us more laborers.

DEACONESS WORK AS PASTORS' ASSISTANTS.

ALEXANDRIA (LA.) DISTRICT.

Miss Minnie Martin.

It is rather a difficult task to write a report of my six months' work in this district, as it has been so scattered; but none the less profitable, I hope.

In September, 1909, I came to this district to assist Rev. Paul M. Brown, the presiding elder. My first work was to assist in the meetings which were conducted by the pastors in different towns. These meetings usually continued about ten days, and my part in them was to sing, pray, and sometimes conduct the services. I assisted in four such meetings in Selina, Jena, Lecompte, and Alexandria. I spent about three months in Selina as pastor's assistant, and what time we did not have a pastor I was my own assistant. I learned to love our members in Selina, and my work there was a blessing to me. I gave special attention to the mothers in the homes. I visited every day, most of the time in the mornings as well as in the evenings.

The employees of the sawmill were not forgotten, although they did not have opportunity to attend church very often. The hours in the mill were from 6 A.M. to 6 P.M.—all day and every day, Sunday not excepted. We put attractive pictures illustrating the life of Christ, with appropriate Scripture verses, all through the mill. These proved not only interesting, but helpful as well, to the men, and now they outnumber the women in the Sunday congregations.

We opened a reading room in the church, but we haven't very many books to interest those who attend. However, as the work grows we expect it to grow larger also.

A Junior League was organized, with an enrollment of thirty-three. It is in a flourishing condition. I had just made a small beginning in Selina when I was appointed to the First Church in Alexandria to assist Rev. H. R. Singleton. Again I had to begin anew; but despite the fact that I made mistakes and sometimes I felt like my efforts would be in vain, I kept up courage, and now we are beginning to see the results of our labors.

A Home Department of the Sunday school has been organized, with ninety members enrolled. The Sunday school has 353 members, including all departments.

A Home-Makers' Club has been organized in a new part of Alexandria. This club is for mothers who have no opportunity to attend church or any other public meetings.

We have a beautiful new church, which we hope to dedicate in a few weeks.

While I have been here just two months, I have enjoyed the work, and as I continue to stay my joy increases.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., FIRST CHURCH.

Mrs. W. G. Catlin, Deaconess.

On December 1, 1909, I arrived in Birmingham ready and eager to begin my new work of pastor's assistant at First Church. Miss Mary Vaughn, my sister deaconess, who has preceded me for three years, met me at the train with a welcoming smile and hearty handclasp. Her knowledge of my new field of work and valuable information given concerning conditions as she knew them meant much to me in "getting me started."

At the time of this writing I have been in Birmingham only two and one-half months. This statement seems almost incredible. I feel as though it had been years, and I mean this entirely complimentary. I feel that I can now call so many whom I have met in this great congregation friends in the truest sense of the word. I have found a beautiful welcome and response as I have gone into the homes of many, and again as I have met with my people in the various organizations and services at the church.

I have had no difficulty in learning the city; it seems home to me.

My first work was to copy for myself a church register. I copied this in a book, and it has served my purpose; but I am now working on a much more advanced and accurate system. I am making a card catalogue of the membership in two ways: first, alphabetically; second, by sections of the city—that is, grouping together the members living in a radius of, say, six blocks. These sections are to be numbered. I will visit section No. 1 on one day, section No. 2 on another, and thus be able to go through the entire membership of the Church in the most systematic way. My pastor has said that this system when completed will be worth its weight in gold to him.

I am teaching a class of college young women in the Sunday school. We are having sweet and helpful times together. Not long ago I entertained them at an informal "at home" party, trying in this way to come in personal touch with each one, and hoping thereby that my influence on Sunday morning might be deepened.

At our workers' meeting on Wednesday evening I have given the Bible lessons for the month of February. We are studying the Gospel of Matthew by chapters. Mrs. Cole, one of our most charming and consecrated Church members, instructs the class at this hour in general Bible study. Last evening we had ninety-five present. We enjoyed a delightful lunch served by the ladies of the Church. It is a privilege to attend one of these meetings. The spirit of real fellowship created and felt among the faithful workers of the Church cannot be described in words. It is no wonder that First Church can boast of one of the finest Sunday schools in the South. At these Wednesday evening meetings these earnest, intelligent, and enthusiastic workers think out and plan the best ways to advance the real work of the Sunday morning hour.

I have my office hour in the church parlor every morning from 9 to 10 o'clock. Here Brother Branscomb and I talk over the day's work,

and I receive any who wish to consult with me. On Friday morning I assist in editing the *Church Bulletin*.

Our Church is now looking forward to having a gracious revival in April, conducted by Rev. John E. Brown. We are busy now laying the foundation and praying for great success. Personally I am planning to take charge of a Personal Workers' Class in the Epworth League preparatory to these services in April. We have in our League as fine a body of young people as I have ever known. An earnest desire to *win souls* for the Master they love is expressed to me on every hand, and I feel the sincerest privilege in undertaking the work that I have just mentioned. May God bless our efforts!

First Church ever reminds me of one of St. John's "Seven Churches." She is preëminently a "working Church;" she is alive, wide awake, and consecrated to her mission. Is there any wonder that she gets the results? Not a single Sunday passed the whole of last year when her pastor was not in the pulpit, nor has a Sunday passed so far this year that some man, woman, or child has not joined her ranks, numbering themselves with God's people.

It is a continual joy to serve such a Church, such a people, and such a pastor in the capacity of deaconess.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., CENTENARY CHURCH.

Miss Emma Burton, Deaconess.

As I review the work of the past year, I realize that it has been the busiest year of my life; yet when I try to tell what has been done, it seems so little; but there are many things that cannot be accounted for in figures.

As pastor's assistant my work is largely that of calling and receiving calls during my office hours. I have an office in the church annex, and spend the mornings there. My afternoons are spent in visiting. The calls fall into five groups—viz., visits to the Church members, the nonmembers, the sick, the bereaved, and to institutions, making a total of 1,204 calls made.

The office hours afford many an opportunity for consultation, etc., and I have had 314 calls during this year. This winter has been a hard one on some of the working class, because of so many being out of employment, etc.; hence there have been many demands for help. We have a large supply closet, and a great many second-hand clothes are sent in for distribution. Some are sold for a nominal sum to those who can afford to pay; but often they cannot even pay the small price. The members of Centenary Church are the most liberal people I have ever known. They give me everything I ask for, and more. It is not an unusual thing to receive a check or to have a piece of money placed in my hand, with the request: "Please use this for some one who needs it." The sum of \$290.25 has been spent in relief work. In addition to the worthy poor, we have the professional beggar as well; so it is not always easy to discriminate.

A short time ago I went before the Home Mission Society and asked them to furnish a room that could be used to provide a shelter for young women who are out of employment and have no homes. Before I had hardly finished telling what I wanted one lady said that she would give a bed, another a mattress, another a pair of blankets, and so on, until everything was promised before I had taken my seat. Three girls have been thus kept until they could secure a position.

Our Sunday school is in a most flourishing condition, with an aver-

age attendance of 495. I have a class of nineteen girls in the Intermediate Department, and naturally feel a peculiar allegiance to this class, though I take pride in every department of the school. I am superintendent of the Home Department, but have fifteen visitors to assist me with the work. The membership is ninety.

We have a sewing school, with an enrollment of thirty-five and an average attendance of fifteen. All of the material has been given.

This winter will be long remembered by our people for the great spiritual uplift that has come not only to our own Church, but to other Churches as well. The second week in November all of our Southern Methodist Churches united in a Church Extension Campaign to raise the sum of \$20,000 in one week, and raised more than the amount and with far less effort than was anticipated. Next they decided to launch a great Revival Campaign to begin at Centenary and extend to all of our congregations in and about the city. The first service was November 28. On December 20 the meeting was suspended until after the holidays, and on January 15 started again, and the end is not yet in sight (February 28). On February 23 they moved from Centenary to Trinity Church. There has been no evangelist and no great excitement, but the Holy Spirit has been working in the hearts of the people. Brother Baylor and Brother Priddy have done the most of the preaching; one preaches one night and the other the next; but words are not big enough nor deep enough to tell of the work which this meeting has done in our Church and community. Eternity alone can reveal it. Families have been transformed; young lives and old lives have been literally turned about. In this great reaping I have had the joyous privilege of some share. It has truly been an old-fashioned Methodist revival. It is not an unusual thing for some one to shout for joy. Several street meetings have been held and largely attended, and many have been reached in this way that could not have been reached otherwise.

I teach the Sunday school lesson at the Crittenton Home every Sunday afternoon, and since the meeting we have had evangelistic services there quite often; every girl has been converted, and every one testified at the service last Sunday. I praise the Lord for what mine eyes have seen and what my heart has felt during the past few weeks, and thank him for the privilege of working in Centenary Church.

CROSSETT, ARK.

Miss Willena Henry, Deaconess.

I began work in Crossett, Ark., on September 1, 1909. The pastor supplied me with a list of the names of the families and their house numbers. With this in hand, it was a very easy task to find the homes of the many who were sick.

I have made 555 visits, and most of these have been to the sick. The company physician gives me a list of the sick each morning, which enables me to not only visit them, but to report at once any sick member to the pastor. I have averaged five hours a day visiting.

We have one of the finest Sunday schools in the State. Our teachers' meeting on Friday night is always well attended. The first forty-five minutes is directed by our pastor in a study of the Sunday school lesson; the remaining half hour I have charge of the teacher-training course. The Baraca Class has been given to me, and now numbers twenty-four. These young men represent almost every phase of saw-mill town life, from office men to truckers, from Vanderbilt graduates

to night school pupils in the first grade. Energetic and always ready to work, they hold up my hands in many ways. They pledged \$25 on the Mae McKenzie Memorial Fund, and have helped in the support of our medical missionary in China. Their socials are well attended and thoroughly enjoyed.

The Senior League, with an attendance of from thirty to fifty boys and girls from fifteen to twenty years of age, is developing some very strong young people, ready and capable of helping me in any place I need them.

We have few cases of destitution, as all who live in Crossett must work for the company. However, sickness has disabled a few heads of families, and in these cases I have directed help amounting to \$75. Our Sunday school took a collection at the Christmas tree, which amounted to \$12. This was used for the poor. Through our earnest physicians, both of whom are Methodists, clinic work amounting to over \$300 has been done.

We have established two new reading rooms, one in each of the waiting rooms at the hospital. The wife of the gentleman who gave to Crossett the beautiful clubhouse not only supplies the reading rooms of the clubhouse with good literature, but also furnishes literature for our reading rooms.

Our night school enrolled twenty-four pupils, with seven good teachers. The attendance has not been good, but the advancement of the faithful has been marked.

Our Home Department numbers more than sixty. There are forty-four ladies in the Home Mission Society and twenty-five in the Foreign Missionary Society. I attend the meetings of these societies unless I am called away.

The young ladies of Crossett organized a club and elected me president. We have twenty-five on roll, and meet every two weeks to read or sew. We have begun a linen closet; and if in my visiting I find need of linen, it is loaned and then returned to the club.

Just before the meeting of the Little Rock Conference, which I had the pleasure of attending, we made a careful canvass of the town, and I prepared for the pastor a book giving the name, Church, number in family, boarders (and their names, etc.), and the house number of every family in town. I have begun this same kind of canvass in the camps, but bad weather has delayed it.

We helped in the revivals at the camps in the fall, and organized a Mothers' Club, with fifteen members, at the nearest camp, which is now fourteen miles away. We are trying to find a school-teacher for two of the camps who will also help in our Church work. A young lady is coming this week to see the work. It will mean a great deal if a consecrated woman can be found who will take the place.

There is much to be done, and, with Frances Havergal, I would cry:

"O strengthen me, that while I stand
Firm on the rock and strong in thee
I may stretch out a loving hand
To wrestlers with the troubled sea!

O teach me, Lord, that I may teach
The precious things thou dost impart;
And wing my words, that they may reach
The hidden depths of many a heart!"

FORT WORTH, TEX., FIRST CHURCH.

Miss Ida Stevens, Deaconess.

The first four months of our Conference year were spent at the Methodist Temple in Louisville, Ky. The middle of August found me at First Church, Fort Worth, Tex. The membership of this Church is fifteen hundred and fifty.

I keep regular office hours, during which I assist with the correspondence, receive visitors, plan my work, and use the telephone, for in such a large congregation I find that a telephone plays an important part.

In our splendid Sunday school I act as one of the substitute teachers. This enables me to get acquainted with more of our young people and have an opportunity to visit occasionally in the different classes. I am also superintendent of the Home Department of the Sunday school. This department is steadily growing. I have eleven visitors and one hundred and sixty members.

We have Senior, Intermediate, and Junior Epworth Leagues. I try to assist in the Senior and am superintendent of the Intermediate League. Here I was fortunate enough to find a colaborer who knows how to do things. Our Intermediate League is growing in interest and numbers. Sixty-five are now enrolled. We have agreed this year to pay for a scholarship in Mexico, and plan too to support a boy and girl in Korean schools. The boys and girls work well on the different committees, and we pray and hope for great things from this fine body of young people.

Our Women's Societies are a constant joy to me. Here I find that to tell a need is to have it supplied, and the ladies expect me to keep them informed about new members and strangers in our midst. These are promptly called on and every effort made to get them interested in the different departments of Church work.

I cannot tell just the number of persons who have been induced to attend church; but I know that many have come. I know that some have taken up active work and several have given me their Church letters. I praise God for a place in his harvest field.

My statistical report is as follows:

Visits to Church members	805
Visits to non-Church members	397
Visits to sick	214
Visits to bereaved	43
Visits to institutions	12
Total number	1,471
Visits received	408
Prayers in homes	51
Lessons taught in Sunday school	30
Meetings attended	325
Meetings conducted or addressed	35
Papers and magazines distributed	260
Garments given	72
Value of same	\$16 95
Value of other supplies distributed	25 00

MONTGOMERY, ALA., DEXTER AVENUE CHURCH.

Miss Maybelle Marshall, Deaconess.

The joy of reappointment to Dexter Avenue Church has remained through the few short months since my last report.

While we had a net increase of eighty-eight in membership last

year, almost every face is familiar, and the work grows in interest as the needs of the people with whom we labor are better understood and the coöperation with those who are interested in the work more easily secured.

The entire Church register has been revived and a new list of our membership by streets prepared for our new minister, whose presence among us has already been the means of a spiritual awakening.

While visiting the sick and strangers in our community constitutes the most important part of my work, assistance is given in every organization of our Church, and several other churches in our city have been visited in the interest of home or foreign missions.

For several months I have filled the vacancy in our Primary Department, acting as superintendent and teaching the lesson, and until very recently have led the Teacher-Training Class in our Sunday school.

The children are doing good work in their Missionary Society, having raised this year \$71.70 and finished the study of several interesting books on home and foreign work. They are now studying the "Golden Key," by Mary Potter Angall. I meet this society every Sunday afternoon.

We have an interesting City Mission Board, who are always ready to coöperate with me in any line of work suggested, and are only awaiting the appointment of a trained worker to begin a splendid service for neglected ones.

Three Conferences have been visited during the year at Biloxi, Miss., Union Springs and Greenville, Ala. Three days have been spent assisting at Dothan and Selma, with splendid results.

Constantly, as the many opportunities of doing work for the Master that reflects into the heart of his servant such joy must be refused, I am wondering why hundreds of young women are not consecrating their lives to service, for indeed the harvest is great and the laborers so few.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., RAYNE MEMORIAL.

Miss Myrtie Long, Deaconess.

I came to New Orleans last October to begin my work as pastor's assistant for Rayne Memorial Church. The women of the Home Mission Society assured me before my coming that I would be welcome in their midst, and on my arrival reassured me of this welcome.

I entered my work feeling a very heavy responsibility, at the same time knowing that my all was cast in Him who said: "I will not leave thee alone."

Our foundation for work is solid, for we are founded on the Rock, Christ Jesus, and we hope to erect a monument to his name.

"Give us more laborers" has been the earnest cry of my heart to God since I began my work at the church house.

In numbers we have not increased greatly over last year. In fact, we are just about the same. This is not discouraging, however, for we have as many as our house and equipment will accommodate. Especially am I happy to say that we have almost the same people to work with this year that we had last. This to my mind is encouraging in that it shows the steadiness of our growth.

In our work with the boys we have come in touch with about eighty. We have them organized, according to age, into two clubs.

While we have not by any means reached our ideals for work with the boys, we feel that we have had an influence for good over them. They are not the loud, boisterous boys who came to us in the beginning of our work. In every one we can see the smouldering spark of

true manhood, and our hearts' desire is that we may lay on the fuel that will cause this spark to burst forth in a flame, lighting the life and fitting it for God's purpose.

I love the work with the girls. Before entering my work last autumn I asked God to give me twenty-five girls between the ages of fourteen and eighteen. He answered my prayer. I have thirty enrolled in my sewing school. We are teaching them to cut and make garments, and some of them do excellent work. When they came to us they were so rude that sometimes I would almost despair of ever teaching them the first lessons of behavior. I kept in mind the fact, however, that I had asked God to give them to me and that I must be brave. By and by they began to show signs of obedience, and now we hardly realize that they are the same girls. We have divided them into committees of five. Each committee in turn entertains the other girls each month with a party. It is interesting to see how neatly they arrange the rooms and how beautifully they work together preparing and serving refreshments.

In our sewing school for girls between the ages of six and thirteen we have enrolled 80. These children are doing splendid work. It is such a joy to us to have the opportunity of teaching them.

I am a great advocate of firmness in teaching children, but wasn't aware that I had stamped this fact so forcibly in the minds of these under me, until one day this winter a number of my little ones came in to sew. One of them spoke for herself and the others. She said: "Miss Long, we knew it was cold and raining; but you told us to come, and we knew you meant just what you said." I appreciated the fact that they were beginning to understand my method of dealing with children.

Our work with the mothers hasn't developed as we hoped it would, yet we believe that in time we can give a glowing report of our Mothers' Club.

Our Sunday afternoon work with little girls is worthy of mention. Their little hearts respond earnestly to the lessons and songs we teach them.

We have been presented this year with a new and beautiful piano; \$28 has been donated by friends for the furtherance of our work. We have our entire house arranged orderly, and it rejoices our hearts to have visitors remark on our neatness and order in housekeeping. God is with us, and we are expecting greater results from our work in the future. Bless his holy name!

PULASKI, VA., RURAL WORK.

Miss Louise Whitman, Deaconess.

At the time of my appointment in October I had entire charge of the Home, my mother being in Pennsylvania, where she remained until about Christmas. Numerous household cares left but little time for outside work. Then came the winter storms and bad roads, making it impossible to do much visiting; however, a few visits have been made, and each week I have tried to give out literature to the sick families who live near. In some instances the papers have been read and passed on to a second and third family. Two have been induced to subscribe for the *Youth's Companion*.

From May until November I taught in two Sunday schools. I had a class of thirty-five young people at my home church in the morning, and in the afternoon I taught a class of thirty young people at a little church where there had been no services for several years. My heart was set on a Baraca class, but, having so few teachers, I was forced

to take all the boys and girls from fourteen to twenty-five years of age. This made it hard to lead them in any organized effort. One class became sufficiently interested in Korea to raise five dollars for a boys' school there. I thanked God and took courage. True, the amount was pitifully small; but coming from the children of tenants who have had so little teaching, it meant much. Two boys in this class are attending the high school this year, and another one plans to go next year. This, too, is encouraging, as the children from these families are usually satisfied with the little teaching that they get in the country schools.

When spring comes I hope to do more visiting and take up work in the Sunday schools again. Both schools closed for the winter. Necessarily most of my time must be given to home duties, but I do want to have a little part in extending the kingdom.

Pray for the work in rural districts. Many laborers are needed to build up the waste places.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX., TRAVIS PARK CHURCH.

Miss Elizabeth Taylor, Deaconess.

My work here began in February, so my report is not more than an account of first impressions. Brother Burgin was in Kansas City when I arrived; his father was quite ill, and is still so.

I found a large Church, Sunday school, and Home Mission Society, all at work and fairly well organized; so different from First Church, New Orleans. Yet in some things First Church is ahead, for it is almost fighting for life. Here everything is comparatively easy, for Travis Park Church is the leading Protestant Church; and the Catholic Church here is almost another Church than it is in New Orleans, where it entirely overshadows all Protestant denominations and controls the city politically and religiously, and, we might say, socially.

The Church gave me a warm and hearty welcome, and I am beginning to feel at home in this quaint city, with its winding streets and many bridges over the San Antonio River, which is more winding than any river anywhere else. Then there are so many short streets, with all kinds of angles, numbered regardless of any other street.

I have not been through the Mexican section yet; but from what I saw from the outside there is great need of some kind of settlement work for them, and I am hoping that we may see our way open to something of that kind. I have been to the Rescue Home twice, and am quite sure it is doing good work now, probably the best it has ever done. Mr. and Mrs. Haines are undoubtedly very fine people, and are doing good work, making the Home a power for the uplifting of those lives that have been so darkened by the power of sin.

The Conference President lives in San Antonio, and I find her a very lovable woman, also a capable and religious woman. At present she is not able to do all she would like because of her baby boy, who is about three months old. Then there is some prospect that the annual meeting may be here. This too is to the baby boy's credit, for which I am glad, yet it may not be changed.

Our Woman's Home Mission Society had their election of officers last week. It was an exciting time, yet in the main harmonious and inspiring. There were sixty or seventy-five present, with forty-five voting. Every woman nominated by the committee was elected. The new President is from Fayette, Mo., but apparently the right woman for the place. Brother Burgin said she was a very competent President when he was at Fayette. The society meets twice a month.

At the second meeting we are going to take up the Bible study outlined in *Our Homes*, also the Reading Course book, and at the close we are to have a social hour; this last is not a new feature, but was a part of last year's program.

I have said little about myself, but there is not much to tell. I am beginning to find my place in this great congregation and to know a few of the people. I spend the entire morning in Brother Burgin's study, and visit in the afternoons. Still I do not get much calling done yet, because I am only beginning to find the people. Brother Burgin gives me the names of strangers every week. That keeps me pretty busy, because they live in different sections of the city. I have a class in the Sunday school, and will conduct the Bible study for the Woman's Home Mission Society. I am superintendent of the Home Department of the Sunday school. This will be all the special work that I will take up this year unless we begin some kind of city mission work.

SPARTANBURG, S. C., CENTRAL CHURCH.

Miss Annie Mutch, Deaconess.

"In following Jesus Christ human character rises to its best and brightest expression." O the joy of following and trying to lead others to follow! No new features of work could be projected until we get in our Wesley House. Interest in the work already begun has grown and improvement is noted.

I have attended two district meetings and one annual meeting, trying at each as best I could to lend interest to the work. We have endeavored to awaken an interest in the juvenile court law. Each Woman's Home Mission Society of the State took up the question, and through them it was presented to the Legislature. A juvenile court law and compulsory education would solve more than one problem of this work.

*A superintendent of the mill said: "There is such an improvement in your girls, even to their personal appearance." A mother said: "There is such a change in my daughter. She is becoming so gentle, so thoughtful, and so helpful. Christ is shining through her life."

The "Overcomers" have helped to make our Sunday school class room very attractive, putting in new furniture, and, most attractive of all, many are trying to live on "Love's Street." There is a joy in watching their spiritual development; but sadness comes with the thought of the vast number out of Christ and indifferent to their salvation.

A scholarship has been furnished for one girl and two have been entered in industrial schools. A recent letter from the one at Vashti states that she has been genuinely converted.

Several children's eyes have been treated, and glasses fitted when necessary. There was a successful operation for cross eyes in one instance.

O how close God comes to us in our cottage prayer meetings! How strengthening are these services, which cause us all to feel stronger for the duties which crowd upon us!

The children's meetings every Sunday afternoon have been largely attended all the year, much interest has been manifested, and we believe they will result in lasting good.

At the opening of the sewing school this fall arrangements were made for bathing the hands and face, and neatness now prevails. One little runaway child had his face and hands bathed after reaching the sewing school. A little girl watching the performance remarked: "O, he had to be *washed* after he got to the sewing school!" On Thanksgiving we

had a special service for them. They sang sewing school songs, repeated the commandments they are learning, then a friend told the pilgrim story. Special music was furnished. As each child marched out she was given a bag of fruit. The first Saturday in December they were given cloth to make mother an apron for Christmas. Most of them were finished, delighting both mother and child.

The house-to-house visiting—sometimes five, often twenty-five visits a day—is a work which counts. Here we learn the heartaches, trying in our feebleness to teach them that all trials, material and spiritual, met in God's strength are diminished and sometimes vanish.

It was our privilege and pleasure to assist in initiating a work at a mill hard by, which work is making itself felt in the community.

Several ladies and gentlemen gathered one afternoon at a service where a shut-in had decided to change her life and give herself into God's keeping. Among the visitors was a friend; so after this impressive service we visited other shut-ins. As we parted we told her how glad we were to have her. Replying, she said: "The joy is mine. Life has a new meaning to me."

A party was given the messengers and newsboys of the city. There was a thrill of delight as we witnessed the joy of the boys being entertained with stories, music, and many good things to eat. The hours of labor were shortened for those thirty boys for many days by the memory of that party.

The Wesley House is being built, and we are trying with God's help to plan for a larger and better work another year.

COTTON MILL AND INDIVIDUAL WORK.

LINDALE, GA., MASSACHUSETTS COTTON MILL SETTLEMENT WORK.

Miss Addie Stokes Mitchell, Deaconess, Head Resident; Miss Lucile Pearson, Kindergarten.

The past year, fraught with its blessings and perhaps many unseen opportunities for fruit-bearing, "as a tale that is told" will, I trust, in the future be revealed as *the* story that was told, for the One who sent us said: "Abide in me: . . . for I have chosen and appointed you, that ye should bring forth fruit."

In considering any work instituted for the good of our fellow-man we find that the heart and life of a little child is the best field in which to sow the seed; so always first and foremost comes the kindergarten. Ours is in a fine condition, with an excellent teacher and a competent assistant, backed by the mill management, who gives to the little tots not only his own personal encouragement, but supplies their every need. There is also a Mothers' Kindergarten Club specially interested in the welfare of the kindergarten.

The sewing school, with an average attendance of forty, is composed of little girls ranging in age from six to fourteen. We have five fine volunteer teachers, who first offered their services from a sense of duty, but now serve because they love the work and the children. Many of the larger pupils work in the mill, and look forward to the Saturday afternoon sewing school with as much pleasure as if it were a party. And we have parties too: the last day of sewing school, the Saturday following Thanksgiving, the Saturday preceding Christmas, and the last Saturday in February. The mothers furnish the cake, and the mill provides the accompanying refreshments.

Our library is large, commodious, well lighted with electricity, where any one may enjoy an evening of reading. Through its quiet table

games of crokinole, checkers, dominoes, etc., recreation is afforded the operatives who cannot read.

A source of happiness and instruction to the busy mothers is the Mothers' Club, which meets in the kindergarten room the first Tuesday of each month, affording a pleasant topic of conversation for them the rest of the month. Adding an inspiration to higher, cleaner living is our Mothers' Prayer Circle, held in the homes during the week days.

But the dearest work to me, and I believe exceedingly beneficial to the home life, bringing its own reward through the appreciation written on every line of the mothers' sometimes weary but always smiling countenances, is the house-to-house visitation. Here are found opportunities to minister to every need of the home—physical, social, and spiritual. Only one worker among so many who are filled with diversified and multiplied cravings seems even less than the five loaves and two fishes blessed of the Master on Galilee's shore nearly two thousand years ago. In our heart-to-heart talks sometimes a secret spring is touched, and suddenly there stands glaring a family skeleton "of such hideous mien" that even the outsider shrinks back affrighted until Christ whispers low: "Peace, be still." Then is the timid owner comforted: "Be not alarmed." It is only a skeleton, and our Lord has promised: "Lo, I am with you alway."

The woman's work of the local Churches has received an impetus through the help of your worker, who belongs to the Baptist, Presbyterian, and Methodist missionary societies, trying to enlist the sympathy and coöperation of the women of each denomination in their own Church activities. Lastly and uniquely cornered in her heart are her morning and afternoon Sunday school classes of small boys, representing the future citizens of mill communities, which, I trust, shall some day be greatly uplifted through the influence of these same manly fellows, quickened and developed into men strong and noble through the presence of the Holy Spirit. May it truly some day be said of them, "I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one!"

ROBERDELL, N. C., ROBERDELL MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

Miss Sarah K. Lowder.

Another year has gone beyond recall. I regret that I have not accomplished more for the Master, yet in my weakness I have tried to do my best.

Our community has been healthier than in former years. No epidemic of fever has visited us, and very little sickness of any consequence. Many have attributed this to my ministry among them, yet I have had very little part in bringing about this condition of affairs. I thank God for having given me favor with this people and for his presence to aid and direct.

My work in connection with the Church has been as last year—that is, to aid in the Sunday school, Epworth League, and missionary societies. I hold an office in each of these, and try to help in every way I can. My Sunday school class is an inspiration to me. It consists of twenty-two young women, all of whom except two are Christians and members of the Church.

A part of each day is spent in house-to-house visiting. I try to pay special attention to the sick, taking notice of their needs and trying to supply these. In health, sickness, joy, or sorrow the people seem to consider me their friend, and call upon me to share either with them.

During a part of the year I have taught a class in cooking and sewing. The young people seem anxious to learn all they can about both. I have had one assistant in the sewing classes. The club work has been only in physical culture with the girls and young women. Sixty-two have been enrolled. I hope to interest the boys in some form of club work during the coming year.

Thirty-eight have been enrolled in the night school, but these have been faithful and have done excellent work.

The only new feature added to my work has been the Mothers' Club. Each meeting is opened with a devotional service, followed by a practical talk on some phase of home life. The mothers seem interested, and attend very well.

I have spent a part of the year in taking a course in domestic science. I hope to be able to render better service as a result of this. We feel that the Lord is guiding us, and trust that the coming year may bring greater results.

NASHVILLE, TENN., WARIOTO SETTLEMENT.

Miss Mabel E. Wheeler, Deaconess, Head Resident.

Our work is in the midst of the Warioto Cotton Mill district, hence our name, although many are employed in near-by factories. The settlement is really one department of the Methodist Training School, as this is where much of the practical training of the student is received, which is indeed our gain. The clubs are under the leadership of members of the senior class, while the juniors assist in club work and are assigned regular blocks for visiting.

The building that we are using is furnished by the mill company. They also give us electric lights and water. We have tried to make this an example of an ideal home for the community by having it neat, clean, and attractive, always ready for their use.

The schedule for our clubs finds us busy with eight a week. At the Tuesday Afternoon Club, which is the kitchen garden class of girls from eight to twelve, you will find them eagerly learning how to do the practical things in the homes.

The young men's club and the young girls', known as the G. W. I., or Girls with Ideals, have meant much to those who attend. The young men have enjoyed their programs, consisting of lectures, debates, and social evening; the girls have been busy making fancy articles, cooking, and some lectures have been given on hygiene.

Nothing has been of greater interest than the children's story hour on Wednesday afternoon. The children are graded as in the public school, the larger ones making books to illustrate the story, while the younger ones do paper-cutting and folding, clay-molding, etc.

Our Home-Makers' Club has met with marked success. Beginning with a few, we have grown into a club of nearly thirty members. Many features of their work are worthy of note. Before Christmas they made articles for a bazaar. This gave them the idea of dainty and pretty gifts, the proceeds of which went toward the filling of the children's stockings. They have a freewill offering each week, and at various times this is opened and contents given for the sick. With all our various entertainments, none have been more enjoyed than the ones given for the mothers, especially the valentine party, when they had such a good time.

On Friday afternoon the little girls have a club, consisting of those who have completed the kitchen-garden course, and are now busy doing fancywork.

An average of twenty attend the Saturday night boys' club, called "Best Endeavors." Many of them attend night school, so they are ready for a good time when they gather. Their programs have been instructive and helpful. The first of the year they studied the various exploring expeditions to the North Pole. Now they are very much interested in studying the different nationalities who have settled in our country.

Our pleasant Sunday afternoons gather in a crowd of from fifty to seventy-five. This has been a pleasure and profit to the community.

Since beginning my work, in September, I have made seven hundred and eighty-eight visits, a larger number being in the homes of the sick, where there is such a need. In our visiting we are trying to elevate the homes. There is little thought given to beautifying the homes or training the children.

We have a small dispensary, and the clinic is open twice a week. This is made possible by the kindness of one of the physicians from the city.

There are many ways to administer to them: by preparing trays for the sick, distributing literature, the circulating library, and carrying flowers to the sick. No opportunity is missed to get children in school, especially the strangers, many of whom come from the country, knowing little of the city ways and needing just such friendly aid as we can render.

Each day is a busy day, sometimes hard and often filled with responsibility and the thought of how we can best serve these people; but each day is a happy day, and we look forward to the next day, to fill it just as full of good deeds as possible, trying to give them the example of Him who went about doing good.

TAMPA, FLA., WOMAN'S HOME AND HOSPITAL.

Miss Elizabeth R. Davis, Deaconess.

This has been a year of peculiar trials, but one of success. Ill health caused one very valuable worker to resign, and family sickness called me from the work several months, thereby crippling some parts of the work; but we are thankful to say that the year closed with all of the girls saved.

The spirit in the Home is good, the spiritual life growing as they learn more, and the financial condition of the Home is very good.

A weekly work list is made. Each girl is allotted her work, for which she receives a certain amount (when correctly done), the money being all made by the industrial work done in the Home. With this money the girls buy their clothes and those of their babies. They buy all of their clothes, most of them new from the stores, except the gingham dresses that are given to them when they enter. All dresses are alike, only made to suit the person. Our aim is to teach them to be neat in dress, to know the value of clothes and money, and to be independent in spirit. It is a pleasure to watch the girls enjoy their money, and the care they take in spending it to the best advantage is worth while noticing.

Our work extends to unfortunate girls first; they sign a contract and remain with us one year, and we extend a hand to the girl who needs only protection. We find employment for such girls, and often shelter them for several days at a time, till we can make good arrangements for their welfare.

Industrial work certainly solves the problems of such Homes. We

teach cooking, laundry work, stretching and laundering lace curtains, bread-baking, sewing, and such, these being a branch of teaching as well as a source of income to us. Three of our girls have been placed in boarding schools and one in a Bible school.

In the evening we have our school. It is the best time of all. The girls enter heartily into the spirit and study well. They appreciate the opportunity more than any girls I ever saw. Hospital work is also a source of training as well as an income. If one would come to our place or consider, he or she must see that the hospital is a source from which we can teach many things to the girls that they would not otherwise learn. They learn how to cook, clean, and do many other things relative to sick rooms. They learn how to handle the clothes of the sick, how to disinfect, etc., and they take keen interest in this work. Besides, in rescue work the hospital is a necessity, but is a great expense. A nurse must be kept, medicines, operating room, beds, covers, and clothing. Why not enlarge it and make it pay its own expenses? That is what we did this year.

During the year we have placed in homes and secured work for a number of women and girls. We had under our Home care twenty-two girls and six babies; in hospital, pay patients, 32; charity patients, 43, including our inmates.

Receipts from pay patients.....	\$ 769 93
Sale of bread.....	1,663 25
Lace curtain laundry.....	112 25
Baking, roasting, etc.....	116 38
Total	<u>\$2,661 81</u>

CHATTANOOGA, TENN., TRAVELERS' AID.

Mrs. M. N. Carr, Deaconess.

Four months of the fiscal year, 1909-10, were spent in Birmingham, Ala., first in the Girls' Home and then in the Wesley House as assistant to Miss Hettie Phillips.

In September the Travelers' Aid was inaugurated in Chattanooga under the auspices of the Young Women's Christian Association. It was my fortune to be called to this important work, which has proven to be a daily joy because it furnishes so many avenues of service. Our home life in the Young Women's Christian Association is so sweet and "homey," and the association with the girls and the earnest, consecrated workers an inspiration to do one's best. A great sorrow came to us on the 14th of February. Our dear Miss Kendall, General Secretary, was called to the life "more abundant." Though she has passed away, her work for the Association endures.

In illustration of the many phases of the work, I will give notes from my daybook:

1. Two Hungarian women were fed and cared for; they had been without food for over twenty-four hours. They, with their husbands and ten other men, were stranded at the Terminal Station. The city provided the women with transportation to Birmingham, the men walking. The men requested that the women be cared for, saying through the aid of an interpreter that they had their pipes and tobacco, but the women had nothing. The Travelers' Aid cared for them while in the Terminal Station, providing for all of them.

2. One young girl to whom we gave a letter of introduction to parties

in Birmingham secured a position at once with a reliable firm there. On a trip back to Chattanooga at Christmas time she told me that she was planning to take her mother to live with her at Easter, and stated that she would ever hold me in grateful remembrance for the assistance and comfort given to her, and that she never went to sleep without praying for me.

3. During the holidays fifteen old ladies (sixty-five to eighty-two years) were cared for and sent on their way. Some one on each train offered to look after them.

4. A young girl came into the station with no friends and not quite enough money to go on. I secured a ticket for her and sent her on. I called up the Y. W. C. A. in Knoxville and asked them to meet her and take care of her overnight and send her forward to her destination.

5. A woman, very ill, on her way to Atlanta was taken off of a Memphis-bound train. She was taken in the rolling chair to the bus and transferred to the Union Station. She was undressed and placed on a local sleeper, and her friends in Atlanta were telegraphed to meet her with an ambulance. Nourishment was provided for her.

The Ramsey Class of the Centenary Church, with an enrollment of two hundred, have adopted the Travelers' Aid work, and will furnish all the emergency fund. On Sunday, February 28, "as a token of interest and the esteem in which they hold our deaconess and the work in which she is engaged," they presented your worker with a gold pin, enameled in the colors of the Ramsey Class, with which to pin on the Travelers' Aid badge, and also a special check book.

Statistical Report.

Persons assisted.....	620
Persons directed to hotels.....	245
Persons assisted in tracing friends.....	355
Sick assisted.....	23
Persons assisted financially.....	28
Girls directed to friends.....	15
Girls accompanied home after 10:30 P.M.....	4
Girls assisted in shopping.....	3
Girls cared for by Y. W. C. A.....	6
Girl cared for by Centenary Church deaconess.....	1
Girls placed in charge of conductor.....	25
Girls given letters of introduction.....	6
Girls furnished car fare	20
Women given transportation.....	18
Old people looked after.....	30
Foreign families assisted.....	28
Friendless sent to Lewis Mission.....	8

Hours.—From 9:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M., from 3 P.M. to 10:30 P.M. Sunday: From 5 P.M. to 10:30 P.M. The hours extend sometimes until 1 A.M., but full rest is taken before returning next day.

Financial Statement.—Tickets, \$14.75; meals, \$4.70; car fare, \$1.75; long distance phone, \$65 cents. Total, \$21.85.

Up to the 1st of February the money used in relief was contributed by traveling men, trainmen, the traveling public, and some by the members of Centenary Church. In the future this part of the work has been undertaken by the members of the Ramsey Class of Centenary Church.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., RAYNE MEMORIAL.

Miss Mary H. Frankland, Deaconess.

The first part of the year I was engaged with the various duties of pastor's assistant. Visits to the sick and strangers, Sunday school work, absentees and assisting Miss Long with the night work at the church house, besides many small duties that can hardly be classified, all had a share of my attention, and the days passed quickly away.

With the summer came a change in the club work, as the sewing schools were closed and most of the young men who had been working in the boys' club left the city. During June and July we kept in touch with the young people by means of outdoor games in the evenings, two of the young men taking charge of the boys and one of the ladies of a sister Church and myself caring for the girls.

Four illustrated talks on as many Sunday evenings about the life of Christ interested a number of children, young people, and a few of the grown-ups.

After my vacation I began on the 1st of September the new work to which I had been assigned for the year—namely, that of assisting Dr. W. W. Butterworth, of this city, in making an investigation relative to infant mortality here. Three-fourths of my time was at first given to this work and the remaining fourth to visiting our Sunday school absentees and assisting Miss Long with the night work at the church house. Since that time the death rate has increased, so that now I am using all my time for the investigation. This calls for visiting in families that have been bereaved of their little ones (two years old and under), also in foundling and orphan asylums. It takes me into the homes of the rich and poor, the white and the negro, and of course into every part of the city, from the best community to the lowest haunt of vice.

Viewed from a business standpoint, the success during the last six months is all that can be wished. Many thought it would be impossible to secure the information desired because of the personal nature of some of it; some seemed to think it unreasonable to expect people to talk to a stranger about such things, and especially at a time when they were in deep sorrow. However, the helpful side of the question appealed to me, and I felt that it would also appeal to the mothers. Then, too, I felt that this was the work to which I had been called at this time; and knowing that our Father never assigns us a duty and leaves us unable to perform it, I took up the work, trusting him to remove any obstacle that would be too great for me. Without his help I could not have had the success which has attended the work. The fact that more than three hundred and twenty visits have been made into homes and only three persons have refused any information is proof enough of the coöperation of the mothers.

Just how much good has been accomplished from a missionary standpoint cannot be determined. I have no way of following up any work that I may do. There have been many families that I have wished to revisit, but time does not permit it. I have handed the names of some to mission workers, whom I thought might have opportunities to help them. One family which seemed to be in need I reported to a charitable agency.

Perhaps one-third of the visits I make are in the homes of negroes, and this gives me an opportunity to observe something of conditions among them and sometimes to sow a few good seed. Very little of per-

manent good can be accomplished in one visit, though they are very responsive.

This research work has carried not only the opportunity of the friendly touch when there is sorrow in the home, but the effort to find the cause of the great amount of infant-mortality is the essence of our Lord's parable of the good Samaritan applied to modern needs. The relief to humanity is divine service, and our Father is good to let me have some part in his work.

GULF COAST WORK.

GALVESTON, TEX., GULF COAST WORK.

Rev. A. E. Rector, Superintendent Immigrants' Home.

During the past year some seven hundred vessels have anchored at the port of Galveston, most of them bringing freight. But 8,529 immigrants have also reached our shores on some of these ships, 5,000 of whom came on the German lines. It has been the privilege of the Church to care for 2,500 (nearly one-third) of these strangers in the Immigrants' Home. These vessels have been met by the superintendent and missionary upon their arrival; and after the immigrants have passed the thorough examination exacted by the government, we have induced many of them to rest with us until their trains would bear them into the interior.

While we have made these people welcome to our American homes and soil, we have placed a nominal charge on the privileges they have enjoyed at the Immigrants' Home. The 2,500 incoming foreigners and the five hundred immigrants who have stopped with us as they returned home have had the blessings of the protection and care of a Christian home. Books and periodicals in various languages have been accessible on the table or bookcases, while shower baths and lavatories have meant everything to these people, who have been so long as steerage passengers.

Pathetic stories of the homesick women, sick babies and little ones, and even strong, brave men who have come to us would repay for any labor we may have expended and to you who have given liberally to this cause. The cost of maintaining this institution has been \$7,175.69, which was realized as follows:

From mission boards.....	\$2,503 51
From Texas Conferences.....	3,167 50
From voluntary contributions.....	42 50
From board paid by immigrants.....	1,462 18
Total	<hr/> \$7,175 69
The expenditures have been:	
Furnishings	\$ 832 34
Salaries and labor.....	3,846 34
Groceries	1,557 53
Rents, lights, water, etc.....	1,360 26
Total	<hr/> \$7,596 47

The Seamen's Home.

An important recent item is the moving of the Seamen's Home under the same room with the Immigrants'. Both departments are separate, but work harmoniously and helpfully together. The new arrangement

saves one employee and renders a close supervision practicable. The work done in both departments is of a character that should commend it to every one who loves God and his fellow-men. There are constant difficulties to be met in the administration, but there are constant compensations in the evidence of good accomplished in the ministries of mercies.

A smaller number of vessels have reached Galveston this year than usual, but they brought about 25,000 sailors. We have cared for from four hundred to six hundred monthly. Perhaps no greater good has been done with smaller outlay, as but fifty dollars per month for rent and caretaker has been expended. The sailors themselves have contributed \$200.45 toward the expense. We have striven to give them a pleasant rest and reading room with innocent games, baths, concerts, and chapel services.

This report is largely made from data obtained in our books and records. My own superintendency began with the new year; so I speak for only three months' service.

GULFPORT, MISS.

Rev. W. T. Griffin, Superintendent.

Vessels in port, 274; sailors in port, 4,656; visits to ships by superintendent, 416; visits of sailors to reading room, 10,678; sailors attending gospel services, 3,275; sailors attending concerts, 2,860. Refreshments are furnished monthly; temperance services are held bimonthly; checker and crokinole boards are kept in the reading room; stereopticon views and lectures on some vital subject or missions are given monthly. The sailors join in the concerts in singing and recitations, often furnishing all the entertainment necessary. Two hundred and fifty-seven packages of magazines, etc., have been distributed, and tracts and booklets without number; Bibles and portions, 305; stranded sailors helped, 61; employment found for twenty-eight; twenty-two papers in foreign languages come to the reading room weekly. These are eagerly sought, especially by Scandinavians. Quite one-third as many vessels and sailors come to Moss Point, and Brother Vanderwall looks after them as best he can. They often attend his Sunday school class, and the stewards of that Church help liberally and financially to care for them. Many of these men are signally blessed at these meetings, but I cannot tell how many are converted.

The cost of the Gulf Coast Mission has been as follows:

Salaries for twelve months.....	\$1,978 96
Rents	496 00
Lights (water free).....	75 46
Improvements	280 00
Equipment	420 25
Sundry expenses	145 09
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Local	\$3,395 26
Income from sailors.....	\$ 172 90
Received from Mississippi Conference Board of Missions	796 81
Collected from citizens, local and otherwise.....	322 96

More than three hundred letters have passed through our hands to and from families and relatives of sailors. Having sufficient cots, we now care for all British and German seamen who become consular

charges through sickness or accident. We have furnished free beds to two hundred and five stranded sailors and fifty-four free meals to help them through to secure jobs.

The Sunday night services have become seasons of power, and many are blessed. With good music and spirited singing, our house can be filled. They sing as no other class of laboring men, and they enjoy it.

The boards have provided for an assistant who has been to sea five years, a devout, well-educated Christian, who is a good musician and can help in any service. We feel that we are very fortunate in securing Mr. R. A. Pearce. He is very popular with the sailors.

BILOXI, MISS.

Miss Rhoda Dragoo, Deaconess.

I began work at "The Point" on the 9th of August. I knew from history that Biloxi has been under the influence of Catholicism for two hundred years, and that I had a most difficult task before me. I talked with every one whom I thought understood social conditions. No one gave me a word of encouragement. The first thing I had to do was to get into the homes and study the people. I did this by making the day home and kindergarten (plan of Gulf Coast Mission) a point of contact. I canvassed the whole section. This was no easy task on account of the various languages. I found the field very needy. Every line of work outlined in the plan of the Gulf Coast Mission is needed with the exception of the nurse deaconess, and we need a night school instead of the primary school. There is a charity hospital in this part of town, but there is so little sickness that few of my people are sent there. There is a good school in this ward; but there is no compulsory educational law, and the little ones work in the factories.

The Catholic Church has but little influence. The priest says mass in the chapel every two weeks, but he touches few of them. In September I started a Sunday school in the little Oak Street Methodist Church (mission). I had ten children. It has gradually grown until I have an enrollment of one hundred and eight. Two ladies have volunteered to help me, and we now have an organized Sunday school with three classes. Every Sunday morning I gather up the children in the "camps" and take them to the church. Many of these cannot understand a word I say, but they can sing. The priest seems indifferent to the efforts I am making.

Few people in "The Point" can read the Bible intelligently. Soon after my arrival I began a series of Bible-readings in the homes. They seemed to be hungry to hear the word of God. The homes were always crowded, and they listened attentively. I have discontinued these meetings on account of the other work opening up.

Several young women from the Main Street Church have offered to assist me in the club work; so the future looks bright.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., ST. MARK'S HALL.

N. E. Joyner, Superintendent; Miss Margaret Ragland, Head Resident; Miss Daisy Duncan, Nurse Deaconess; Miss Alberta Keithly, House Mother; Miss Lottie Keithly, Assistant Housekeeper.

St. Mark's Hall was begun at a venture. It was determined to enter a new field, an extremely difficult one. The point of attack and largely the method were problematical. The field presented the most aggravated form of the "city problem" to be found in the exclusive territory

of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. After careful study of the city, an old three-story brick double residence building was rented on Esplanade Avenue, in the downtown or French part of the city and in direct touch with the large Italian colony. We took possession of the property March 1, 1909, and began to organize such departments as were needed by the immediate neighborhood. Beginning with night school, sewing school, outdoor gymnasium work, and a pleasant Sunday evening hour, we added to our activities as opportunity offered until we had in operation twenty-three distinct features, with an average daily attendance of forty-two in the various departments, a total of more than fifteen thousand for the year. A detailed account of each department cannot be given in this report, but a quotation or two from the individual reports of the residents will give some idea of the work.

Miss Duncan says of her experiences: "My visits in the homes of the Italians are helping me to understand and appreciate them as I could not otherwise do. They are very responsive to any kindness shown them, not wishing to receive a favor without returning it in some way. Fruit, oysters, and vegetables they offer liberally upon receiving any benefit. About one hundred sick have been helped through the dispensary and our visiting in the neighborhood. The dispensary was opened the latter part of last September. This work began with the women and children, with Dr. Ada Schwing Kiblinger in charge. Recently we have arranged hours for the men and boys, and another physician has been added to our force. Our well-supplied linen closet is an unfailing source of comfort. Fresh sheets appeal to every woman, no matter how unclean are her surroundings."

Miss Ragland, the Head Resident, has had splendid success in her work with the girls, and reports: "That the sewing school has met with a ready response from the children of the community is evidenced by an average attendance of fifty-two during the present term and an unfailing enthusiasm that makes the hour and a half of work seem all too short. Eight girls have completed the course in the stitches of plain sewing, and are making garments for themselves. The aim of the department is to teach practical garment-making that will minister to the ends of economy and industrial efficiency and to give an opportunity for Christian social service to those who help in the work. Since New Orleans provides free night schools, we have limited our night school work to the teaching of English to foreigners. The school has not been large, yet it has been of value in interesting many in other departments of our work. For instance, out of the night school has developed an Italian Bible class with a membership of twenty. Seasonable work affects the attendance in the school, making the summer attendance double that of the fall and winter. Our cooking school, in charge of Miss Alberta Keithly, is one of our best departments, and promises large development. The jealous pride that each girl takes in the keeping of her narrow space of house room will surely bear fruit in the housewives of the future."

We believe that St. Mark's Hall has not only justified in the first year of its existence the action of those who projected it, but has shown itself worthy of a liberal support from the whole Church. Its task was beset with the most trying and adverse circumstances. St. Mark's Hall stands in a section of New Orleans where no Protestant Church or mission has ever been able to establish itself. The plant itself is wholly inadequate. From the beginning we have been hindered for lack of room and equipment. We have no auditorium, no playground, no gymnasium. An irregular yard about sixty feet long and thirty feet wide,

inclosed on three sides by the building itself and on the fourth by a twenty-foot wall and paved with flagstones, serves as playground, gymnasium, and auditorium as the capitious weather of our climate allows. Contending with these conditions, we have had a total attendance for the year of 15,315. Nor does this include hundreds of incidental visits made to the hall. It is no longer necessary to inquire: "Can the work be done?" The question is: "Will the Church furnish the buildings, the equipment, and the trained workers?"

The following report of the institutional features makes interesting history for our first year's work:

	Enrolled.	Total Attendance.
Club work, men and boys.....	150	4,210
Girls' clubs, sewing and cooking classes..	340	2,116
Night school.....	205	1,227
Free baths.....	200	2,426
Dispensary	94	441
District visits.....	...	768
Visits received.....	...	667
Sunday evenings.....	250	2,781
Totals	1,239	14,636

Receipts.

From General Boards.....	\$5,453 34
From City Mission Society.....	1,051 40
From the Louisiana Conference Board of Missions.	120 00
Cash locally.....	93 05
Total	\$6,717 79

Expenditures.

Salaries	\$3,983 55
Equipment	1,051 40
Household expense.....	440 65
Rent	845 00
Specials	71 00
Incidental expense.....	352 05
Total	\$6,743 65

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

DEACONESS WORK AND CITY MISSIONS.

REPORT No. 1.

The year 1909-10 made a record in the city mission work of the Woman's Home Mission Society which cannot pass from the history of the Church. Twenty-eight City Boards, with a force of eighty-two salaried workers and three hundred and forty-seven volunteers, have been at work. City Boards were organized at Jackson, Tenn., Greensboro, N. C., Danville, Va., and Lead Belt District, Farmington, Mo. Forty-three deaconesses and thirty missionaries have been appointed by the Board, and have served as follows:

Pastor's assistants	11
Institutional work	34
Cotton mill work supported by mill owners	3
Coöperative Homes	2
Kindergartens	8
Nurses	3
Schools	3
Specials	3

This work has been carried on in sixteen Wesley Houses; the Institutional Church at Kansas City, Mo.; the Homer Toberman Deaconess Home; Coöperative Homes at Waco and Jackson, Tenn.; Door of Hope, Macon, Ga.; St. Mark's Hall, New Orleans; Mary Werlein Missions, New Orleans, La.; Kingdom House, St. Louis, Mo.

During the year there have been several changes among the appointments made at the last session of the Board. As the Columbus City Mission Board determined to suspend operations for a year, and the General Board of Missions felt unwilling to enlarge the Gulf Coast work by entering Mobile, Miss Mary Ogilvie, who was thus liberated from the Columbus appointment by the action of the City Mission Board, was now made free for appointment to the Mobile City Mission Board, and now carries forward the Wesley House work at this point, as has been the custom in the past. Miss Lillie Hartwell and Miss Mary Madaeris retired from the work to enter further preparation. The deaconess, Miss Mary Vaughn, after three years of devoted service, retired from the work. Owing to the financial causes at First Church, New Orleans, they gave up its appointee, Miss Elizabeth Taylor, who was then appointed to San Antonio. With these few changes, the work has prospered as never in the past. We recommend the renewal of certificates to the following deaconesses: Miss Florence Blackwell, Miss Cora Borchers, Miss Emma Burton, Mrs. M. N. Carr, Mrs. W. G. Catlin, Miss Elizabeth Davis, Miss Rhoda Dragoo, Miss Jennie Ducker, Miss Daisy Duncan, Miss Maria Elliott, Miss Mary Frankland, Miss Helen Gibson, Miss Grace Hemenway, Miss Willena Henry, Mrs. Almeda Hewitt, Miss Nanette Hudson, Miss Ethel Jackson, Miss Mabel Kennedy, Miss Mae Lockard, Miss Myrtie Long, Miss Maybelle Marshall, Miss Fannie Mann, Miss Salina Monohan, Miss Annie Mutch, Miss Adeline Peeples, Miss Constance Palmore, Miss Hettie Phillips, Miss Margaret Ragland, Miss Nell Rogers, Miss Zadie Royalty, Miss Frances Scott, Miss Hattye Sellars, Miss Mae Shelton, Miss Eugenia Smith, Miss Mary E. Smith, Miss Ida Stevens, Miss Eliza-

beth Taylor, Miss Stella Womack, Miss Mabel Wheeler, Miss Cornelia Wicker, Miss Bessie Wilhoit, Miss Mattie Wright.

Miss Lee Crittenden, after three years of beautiful service, on account of ill health has withdrawn from the ranks. We recommend that Miss Stella Womack and Miss Annie Trawick, for family reasons, be granted a leave of absence for one year.

We also recommend that Miss Mary Smith be given a leave of absence for needed rest.

We recommend the following missionaries for reappointment: Miss Bessie Allen, Miss Ida Adreansen, Miss Annie Bass, Miss Frances Denton, Miss Janette Haskin, Mrs. F. M. Knowles, Mrs. L. Meekin, Miss Hettie Stewart, Miss Nannie Cunningham, Miss Josephine Guffin, Miss Dora Hoover, Miss Sarah Lowder, Miss Martha Norburn, Mrs. M. L. Stone, Miss Mary Ogilvie.

Miss Lily Hartwell, Miss Mary Madaeris, and Miss Maud Landman have withdrawn from the ranks, and we recommend that Miss Sue Herrick, Miss Dollie Crim, Mrs. Ida Reeves, and Miss Roberta Baker be granted leave of absence either for further study and preparation or a much-needed rest.

We recommend that the following missionary applicants be accepted for appointment: Miss Louise Hopkins, Miss Eunice Segars, Miss Jennie Sneider, Miss Jean Wood, Miss Kathron Wilson, and Miss Lillie Fox.

REPORT No. 2.

Your committee desires to recommend to you as eligible for the work and office of deaconess and for consecration during this session of the Board the following: Miss Rosa Breeden, Miss Mary Daniel, Miss May Ora Durham, Miss Ellen Gainey, Miss Ida Hockemeyer, Miss Susie Bell Jeter, Miss Mamye Reams, Miss Alice Sheider, Miss Caroline D. Smith, Miss Berta Thomas, Miss Laura Harris, Miss Alice Himes.

REPORT No. 3.

We, your committee, recommend that wherever there is a woman over fifty years of age recommended by an approved Training School for a work which requires the deaconess uniform and for whose qualifications there is a special demand in the field, the age limit for acceptance as deaconess candidate shall be extended.

Whereas the responsibility of city mission work is so great as to demand maturity of judgment and such knowledge as can be gained only by life experience; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Woman's Board of Home Missions shall not hereafter support in training in the Training Schools any young woman who is under twenty-one years of age or appoint as a city missionary a young woman under twenty-three years of age.

REPORT No. 4.

Whereas we believe that there is need of a larger and closer spirit of fellowship among our workers, that the workers are in need of the uplift and inspiration of an interchange of plans and methods, and that the Board would profit by getting the view-point of the workers, knowing their desires and plans of work; therefore be it

Resolved: 1. That when the Deaconess and City Mission Committee convenes three days previous to the Board meeting of 1911 as many as possible of the workers under the appointment of said committee shall come together for counsel and conference.

2. That in view of the expense of such a meeting the Churches and Boards shall be asked to make it possible for the workers in their employ to attend the Conference. Where several are employed the City Board shall decide the number to attend, and the workers shall select their representatives.

3. That a committee consisting of two deaconesses, one city missionary, and two members of the Deaconess and City Mission Committee shall be appointed to plan for the meeting. These plans shall be submitted to the Executive Committee of the Board at the midwinter meeting for its approval.

REPORT No. 5.

In accordance with the memorial sent from the New Orleans City Mission Board, your committee makes the following recommendation: That the words "Corresponding Secretary" be inserted in By-Law No. 2 governing City Mission Boards.

MISS BELLE H. BENNETT,	MISS M. L. GIBSON,
MRS. L. P. SMITH,	MISS ESTELLE HASKIN,
MRS. J. W. PERRY,	MRS. GEORGE CALL,
MRS. R. W. MACDONELL,	MRS. J. H. THOMAS,
MRS. FRANK SILER,	MRS. J. H. YARBROUGH,
MISS MABEL HEAD,	MRS. W. D. KIRKLAND,
MISS MABEL HOWELL,	MISS MARY HELM.

COMMITTEE ON SOCIOLOGY AND PHILANTHROPY.

REPORT No. 1.

Your Standing Committee on Sociology and Philanthropy has as its duty "to study social conditions obtaining in our land and the most successful philanthropic methods in use. It shall make a report of the results of this study at the annual meetings of the Board. It shall also make suggestions as to certain matters whereon it is desirable for the Board to legislate.

During the two years of its existence the committee has pointed out to you certain great existing social evils, and suggested topics for local investigations and study. The committee believes that these recommendations, covering the subjects of wife desertion, child labor, compulsory education, traffic in girls, liquor traffic, dependent and delinquent children, have been of educational value in that they have directed the attention of our membership to such conditions.

The committee, however, is by no means satisfied with what has been accomplished, and desires to be of still greater assistance to auxiliaries, districts, and Conferences. We submit and make the following recommendations, which outline our plan for the coming year if they meet with your indorsement:

1. That the committee prepare schedules for local investigations that can be used by Conferences, districts, auxiliaries, city Boards, and trained workers so that they may have guidance in making their investigations and a method of tabulating their results.

2. That the committee keep on file for the society any statistics and facts regarding conditions within the bounds of our constituency that may be of value, and also to make report of the same at the annual meetings of the Board.

3. That the above work may be accomplished, that the committee secure the coöperation of every Conference, district, auxiliary, city Board, and field worker in calling the attention of the committee to subjects

and localities that need investigation and in suggesting women capable and willing to carry on such local investigations.

4. The committee desires also to ask for a small appropriation of one hundred dollars for the use of the committee in printing its schedule blanks and in conducting the necessary correspondence that will make the above program possible.

REPORT No. 2.

In accordance with its policy of previous years, the committee makes the following recommendations:

1. Since in a number of our Southern States more than one-half of the children and young people of school age are not in school, and since we realize how vital is the importance of proper educational equipment and laws, more especially in rural districts and among the non-Christian population of our Southland, this committee recommends a vigorously expressed public opinion and concerted effort in behalf of (a) a longer school term, (b) more adequate school buildings and equipment, (c) better salaries and consequently a better-prepared teaching force, and (d) compulsory education laws.

2. Another matter that deserves careful consideration, and one in which the Woman's Home Mission Society may exercise a definite influence, is the increasing prevalence of the drug habit. In this connection the committee recommends:

(a) That every woman in the Woman's Home Mission Society privately and publicly exert her influence against this evil.

(b) That individually and collectively we help to create such a healthy public sentiment on the subject that physicians will eventually exclude from their medical fraternity men addicted to the drug habit.

3. Your committee recommends that the warfare begun last year by the Society against the "white slave traffic" be continued vigorously in every section of the Church's influence.

MISS MABEL HOWELL,
MISS BELLE H. BENNETT,
MRS. FRANK SILER,
MRS. LUKE JOHNSON,
MISS ESTELLE HASKIN,
MISS VIVIAN CONWAY.

DEPARTMENT OF LITERATURE.

REPORT No. 2.

The Department of Literature has examined the form for the new Conference Treasurer's book prepared by Mrs. W. C. Pollard, and recommends:

1. That this be published as soon as possible, and that the issuing of these books be in charge of a committee composed of Mrs. W. C. Pollard, Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, and Mrs. H. R. Steele.

2. We recommend concurrence in the memorial from the North Georgia Conference asking that new memorial certificates for the Baby Roll be printed, and suggest that the preparation and printing of the same be in the hands of a committee composed of Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Mrs. Thomas Steele, and Mr. C. R. Kilvington.

3. The following resolution from the floor was considered:

Whereas the splendid list of home mission and deeply spiritual books is constantly increasing; therefore be it

Resolved, That the number of books read in each Conference be reported to the General Secretary. We recommend nonconcurrence, for

we believe that this is sufficiently covered in the plans for the Reading Course.

4. The following resolution also came before the committee:

Resolved, That we, the members of the White River Conference Home Mission Society, request the Board of Home Missions to prepare a form for the installation of auxiliary officers and also for the reception of new members to be printed as a leaflet.

ADA L. ROUSSAN, *President*.

We recommend that programs for the installation of auxiliary officers, Conference officers, superintendents, and district secretaries be prepared.

Respectfully submitted.

MRS. L. G. JOHNSON, *Chairman*;

MISS MABEL HEAD,

MRS. CHARLES PHELPS,

MRS. R. W. MACDONELL,

MISS MARY HELM.

COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

Your Committee on By-Laws submit the following report:

The following resolutions were presented at or immediately preceding the Annual Meeting of 1909. Thus failing to meet the requirements of the law, they could not be acted upon at that session of the Board:

"Item 1. Any individual making a donation of \$10,000 or more on the annuity plan to the Woman's Home Mission Society shall, in case of permanently wrecked health, be allowed to withdraw one-third of the amount donated, provided said donor is known to have given two-thirds of his or her entire estate to the Society, and provided said donor is more than fifty years of age."

We recommend nonconcurrence.

"Item 2. *Resolved*, That on page 188 of the Board minutes Item 12 shall be so amended as to read: 'No money shall be paid out of the local treasury without a majority vote of all members present and voting.'"

We recommend nonconcurrence, deeming it wiser to leave each auxiliary to make by-laws to meet its own needs.

"Item 3. Whereas there is no definite method whereby the Conference President may keep in touch with the auxiliaries of her Conference, we beg that this Board will so change or add to the by-laws governing Conference Societies as to require the District Secretaries or the Auxiliary Corresponding Secretaries to report new organizations to the Conference Presidents."

We recommend nonconcurrence. We think that this matter could best be arranged personally by Conference officers.

"Item 4. Whereas the Woman's Board of Home Missions has large educational and mission enterprises which are dependent solely on the Board for existence and support; therefore be it

Resolved, That no Conference, district, or auxiliary shall enterprise or consent to raise funds for any institution which does not belong to the Woman's Board of Home Missions."

Your committee deems action unnecessary, since this is entirely covered by Article 6 of the Constitution for Conference Societies, but would have our Conferences impressed with the importance of observing this law.

"Item 5. *Resolved*, That Article V. of the Constitution of Auxiliaries shall be so amended that the last clause shall read: 'A report of the work of the year shall be read at the March meeting, and a copy of the same be given to the pastor.'"

We recommend concurrence.

The following resolution was recently received:

"Item 6. We respectfully memorialize the Woman's Board of Home Missions to rescind the by-law governing Conference Societies, making sixty-five years the age limit of those holding official positions in the Woman's Home Mission Society."

We recommend nonconcurrence; but to prevent misunderstanding, would recommend that Item 11 of the by-law for Conference Societies should be changed to read, "Conference Societies," instead of "Woman's Home Mission Society."

Respectfully submitted.

MISS MARY HELM, *Chairman*;
MRS. R. W. MACDONELL,
MISS MABEL HEAD,
MRS. B. D. BELL,
MRS. W. B. SULLINS.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES APPOINTED FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING.

PARSONAGES.

Your committee recommends:

1. That inasmuch as half of the dues retained by the Conferences for parsonages within their bounds has grown to such generous proportions, this Board shall make donations only in emergency cases, where the Conferences are unable to render the needed assistance.

2. That as the loan funds are wholly inadequate to meet the demands, May 23 be set apart as Loan Fund Day to be observed by the auxiliaries, and that the Department of Literature be requested to prepare literature for same.

REPORT No. 2.

Your committee has considered fifty-nine applications. The amount applied for was \$14,700.

We recommend grants to the following parsonages:

<i>Conference.</i>	<i>Place.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>
Arkansas	Beech Grove	\$ 50 00
	Fairview	50 00
Florida	Bunnell	200 00
Los Angeles	Nogales	400 00
	Safford	200 00
New Mexico	Sanderson	150 00
	Dexter and Lake Arthur ..	200 00
	Blacktower	100 00
	Elida	100 00
	Tularosa	200 00
	Sierra Blanca	300 00
	Canton	100 00
Northwest Texas	Spur	150 00
Oklahoma	Wister	100 00
	Cordell	100 00
	Eldorado Station	100 00
	Ardmore Mission	100 00
	Blanchard	75 00
	Dryden and Red Hill	75 00
	Whitefield	125 00
	Dustin and Lamar	100 00

<i>Conference.</i>	<i>Place.</i>	<i>Amount.</i>
Oklahoma	Washington Circuit	\$ 100 00
	Rall	100 00
South Carolina	Anderson	200 00
Western North Carolina	Dilworth and Big Springs.	100 00
	Forsythe	75 00
White River	Parkin	100 00

5. We recommend the following loans:

Arkansas	Harris	\$ 400 00
Florida	Bunnell	400 00
Los Angeles	Safford	200 00
Memphis	Greenfield	400 00
Mississippi	Bay St. Louis	600 00
New Mexico	Sanderson	200 00
Northwest Texas	Spur	500 00
Oklahoma	Cordell	400 00
	Eldorado Station	200 00
	Blanchard	275 00
	Dryden and Red Hill	200 00
	Anadarko	500 00
	Hooker	300 00
	Guyman Station	400 00
Pacific	Arbuckle and Dunnigan ..	300 00
South Georgia	Poulan	350 00
Southwest Missouri	Mountain Grove	200 00
West Texas	Sabinal	300 00

MRS. GEORGE CALL, *Chairman*;
MRS. RUFUS BROWN, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EXTENSION OF WORK AND APPROPRIATIONS.

1. Inasmuch as we feel that the collections from the Week of Prayer in the past might have been larger had there been a more aggressive agitation of the subject and more information given concerning the objects to which the collections were given, we would recommend the following:

(a) That the first week in October be fixed as the date for the Week of Prayer.

(b) That the leaflets for the Week of Prayer be prepared by July, thus giving time for the Corresponding Secretaries to get them to the auxiliaries in time for study and intelligent use.

(c) That the definite sum of \$20,000 be the amount for which we work and pray.

2. Whereas our present membership is insufficient to carry forward the work of home missions; and whereas our women need the enlargement of life that comes from a study of conditions in our home field and from the giving of self to the betterment of those conditions, we recommend:

(a) That the months of September, October, and November be set apart as a season to work for an increased membership. We recommend that leaflets and other printed matter be prepared by the Board to be used in this campaign.

(b) We recommend that the Executive Committee of each Conference select a leader who shall conduct this campaign. She shall conduct this directly through the Presidents of the auxiliaries, and shall formulate such plans as are best suited to her Conference.

3. Whereas there is no fund provided for the maintenance of the trained workers of the Woman's Home Mission Society in case of sickness or other disability; and whereas the Board is pledged to provide for its deaconesses after ten years of service; therefore we recommend that we establish a fund to be known as the "Relief Fund for Trained Workers," this fund to be raised by auxiliaries contributing annually a sum equivalent to ten cents per member annually.

4. Whereas there is a growing conviction that the liberality of the women of our Church has from the first been limited by the use of the expression, "One dollar extra per member above the dues," in designating their freewill offerings, we recommend:

(a) That no limit be set upon the gifts, but that the auxiliaries be requested to raise each year an undirected special in keeping with their love and liberality.

(b) That the March meeting of the auxiliary be made a pledge meeting, at which time voluntary pledges shall be made by the members and a report of the same be forwarded to the Conference Corresponding Secretary for use in forming a basis of appropriation at the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

5. Owing to the need of an increased and a more efficient literature, and also owing to the fact that the duties and calls upon the Superintendent of Literature are constantly increasing, we recommend that a competent woman be put in charge of this department and be paid a living salary.

6. We recommend that the North Alabama Conference Society be given the privilege of finishing and furnishing the dormitory at the Flat Rock School, provided said privilege shall not interfere with the collection for connectional work.

7. Two propositions for the projection of new work have been given most careful consideration by this committee:

(a) A memorial from South Carolina Conference asking the privilege of building and equipping a school to be given the Board when established.

(b) A proposition from the faculty of the Methodist Training School, in Nashville, Tenn., and the offering of a worker to enterprise a training school for Christian workers among our negroes.

In view of the fact that the General Conference has a contemplated readjustment of the missionary work of the Church, we deem it inexpedient to recommend the acceptance of any of these propositions at this session. However, we do recommend that the Committee on Education be authorized to investigate the South Carolina proposition with a view to making some report to this body a year hence.

We further recommend that the Committee on Education be authorized to investigate the feasibility of establishing, in coöperation with the Colored Methodist Church, some institution where missionaries for foreign and home work among negroes may be trained; and, if practicable, to begin during the year.

REPORT NO. 2.

1. Whereas a memorial was submitted from the Woman's Home Mission Society of the Pacific Conference relative to our work among the Orientals, we recommend that the Committee on Education be instructed to look carefully into this work and be authorized to readjust the work if found necessary.

2. Whereas our women in some of our small Conferences in the Far West are hungering for information of our work and the privi-

lege of seeing and hearing some of the general officers, we recommend that some of them visit these Conferences annually, if practicable.

MRS. R. W. MACDONELL, *Chairman*;
MRS. F. H. E. ROSS, *Secretary*.

REPORT No. 3.

We recommend the following appropriations:

CUBAN WORK.

Ruth Hargrove Seminary, Key West, Fla.:

Salaries of principal and teachers	\$ 7,000 00	
Janitor and incidentals	250 00	
Repairs	500 00	
Summer school	150 00	
Emergency fund	100 00—	\$ 8,000 00

Wolff Mission School, Ybor City, Tampa, Fla.:

Salaries of principal and teachers	\$ 2,304 00	
Household and incidentals	270 00	
Improvements and repairs	150 00	
School supplies and summer work	75 00	
Piano	300 00—	3,099 00

West Tampa, Tampa, Fla.:

Salaries of principal and two teachers	\$ 810 00	
Insurance and telephone	90 00	
Repairs and incidentals	40 00—	940 00

Total for Cuban work	\$12,039 00
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MOUNTAIN WORK.

Sue Bennett School, London, Ky.

Current expenses	\$ 4,500 00	
Outstanding debts	2,000 00	
Improvements and repairs	2,500 00—	\$ 9,000 00

Brevard Institute, Brevard, N. C.:

Current expenses	\$ 2,700 00	
Purchase of lots	529 00	
Painting and building	300 00	
Incidentals	300 00—	3,829 00

Total for mountain work	\$12,829 00
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GULF COAST WORK.

Galveston, Tex.	\$ 2,616 00	
New Orleans, La.	3,500 00	
Gulfport, Miss.	1,200 00—	\$ 7,316 00

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

Ann Browder Home and School, Dallas, Tex.:

Salaries of principal and teachers	\$ 2,460 00	
Current expenses	2,800 00	
Insurance	300 00—	\$ 5,560 00

Vashti Industrial School, Thomasville, Ga.:

Salaries of principal and teachers	\$ 3,000 00	
Insurance	180 00	
Current expenses	3,000 00	
Janitor and farm	300 00	
Repairs	250 00	—\$ 6,730 00

Paine Annex, Augusta, Ga.:

Salaries of principal and teachers	\$ 1,320 00	
Incidentals	645 00	
Repairs	180 00	— 2,145 00

Total for industrial schools		\$14,435 00
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PACIFIC COAST WORK.

San Francisco, Cal., Korean Mission:

Rent of building	\$ 690 00	
Salary and travel of pastor	600 00	
Korean Evangel	600 00	—\$ 1,890 00

Alameda, Cal., Mary Helm Hall (Japanese Mission):

Salary of pastor	\$ 600 00	
Night school	360 00	
Taxes and incidentals	200 00	
Teacher of English and music in kindergarten.	380 00	— 1,540 00

Oakland, Cal., Japanese Mission:

Rent of building	\$ 540 00	
Secretary of Mission	180 00	
Salary and travel of superintendent	1,350 00	— 2,070 00

Los Angeles, Cal., Homer Toberman Deaconess Home:

Stipend and board of two deaconesses	\$ 720 00	
Salary of nurse	360 00	— 1,080 00

Total for Pacific Coast work		\$ 6,580 00
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DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY.

Teacher of Sociology, Scarritt Bible and Training School

Teacher of Applied Methods, Methodist Training School

Sociological work

\$ 750 00	
750 00	
150 00	—\$ 1,650 00

MISCELLANEOUS WORK.

Parsonages	\$ 4,000 00	
Deaconess work	2,000 00	
City Missions	4,109 12	
Annuities	600 00	—\$10,709 12

BOARD EXPENSES.

Printing	\$ 2,500 00	
Office of President	500 00	
Salary of General Secretary	1,800 00	
Salary of Associate Secretary	1,200 00	
Travel of Associate Secretary	600 00	
Salary of General Treasurer	600 00	

Office expenses of General Treasurer	\$ 35 00
Expenses of General Office	1,000 00
Clerical help	900 00
Expenses of Supply Department	300 00
Expenses of Tithing Department	150 00
Expenses of Board meeting	1,000 00—\$10,585 00
Total appropriation	\$76,143 12

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

MRS. R. B. JOHN, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S AND CHILDREN'S WORK.

1. We recommend concurrence in the memorials presented by the Tennessee and North Georgia Conferences requesting that a superintendent of young people's work be elected in each Conference, with her duties defined as follows: That she correspond with the auxiliaries and Churches in her Conference with a view to organizing. She shall also stress home mission education and correlation with Leagues and Sunday schools. She shall attend annual and district meetings, present the work, keep in touch with societies already organized, and send a report to the Associate Secretary and the Conference Corresponding Secretary each quarter.

2. That the Superintendent of Young People's Work arouse interest in the Summer Conferences held in Corpus Christi, Tex., Asheville, N. C., Biloxi, Miss., and Missionary Week at Monteagle, Tenn., and secure a good attendance on them.

We make the following recommendations:

1. That at least two programs for public meetings be prepared each year to be used in connection with the work of the Baby Roll.

2. That the following books be used for the children in Junior Leagues and in the Junior Departments of the Sunday school, Home Mission Handicraft, Pioneers and Coming Americans, Home Mission Post Cards, and series of Pioneers in Home Missions.

3. That the Associate Secretary prepare or select a third book for the children's reading course.

4. That in places where Junior Leagues are organized correlation of missionary training be brought about wherever practicable.

5. That in order that the foundation for financing the kingdom of God be well laid, the work of the Conference Second Vice Presidents be carried on in the Young People's Societies and Brigades as in the Adult Auxiliaries.

Respectfully submitted.

MISS HEAD, *Chairman*;

MISS CONWAY, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS TO GENERAL CONFERENCE.

At our annual meeting in Savannah a memorial to the General Conference asked that Article III. become Article IV., and now in accordance with the suggestion of our President that the Woman's Board be enlarged, your committee now recommend that Article IV. be amended to read as follows:

"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, three Vice Presidents, a General Secretary, one or more Associate Secretaries, a Re-

cording Secretary, a General Treasurer, the Corresponding Secretary or alternate of each Conference Society, the General Superintendents of Departments, and the Editor of *Our Homes*. 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.

MRS. W. H. PEMBERTON,
MRS. W. H. ALEXANDER,
MRS. T. D. POWER,
MRS. H. E. WALL.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Your Committee on Resolutions would preface its report with a prayer of thanksgiving: "Thy mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens, and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds. How excellent is thy loving-kindness, O God! And because we thy children have put our trust under the shadow of thy wing, we have realized that since last we met our paths have been ordered by thee."

While the invitation to this Board, so eloquently given in beautiful, historic words by Mrs. Bennett D. Bell, of the Tennessee Conference Home Mission Society, to hold its twenty-fourth annual session in Nashville, a city dear to Southern Methodist hearts, was replete with promises of rare treats in store for us and of whole-souled hospitality awaiting us, it nevertheless but faintly portrayed the reality, and we must perforce exclaim: "The half has not been told."

Mrs. John H. Moore and her coworker, Mrs. W. C. Pollard, who labored faithfully and well and succeeded admirably in placing each one of us in the most delightful home in the city, will ever have our grateful thanks; nor would we forget Police Officer Walsh, who, proudly wearing the reception badge, counted it a privilege to give to these elect women his assistance in meeting the trains and directing delegates to their homes.

To our hostesses, true daughters of our Sunny Southland, who received us into their homes as honored guests and surrounded us with all comfort and luxury, we have not words to express the deep feelings of our hearts. We can but hope their loving ministry to us will be twice blessed—blessing them who gave so freely as well as those upon whom it was bestowed. They can receive full compensation only when they hear the loving voice of the Master saying: "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these, . . . ye have done it unto me."

Our hearts were strangely warmed within us when at the beautiful reception tendered the Board and visitors at West End Church Thursday evening we listened to the heartfelt words of welcome from Mrs. Hume Steele for the Tennessee Conference Society. Her presence and the charming personality of Mrs. Bell, Conference Secretary, fairly radiated good cheer and helpfulness throughout the entire session.

Mrs. Bell has further endeared herself to us by her kind thoughtfulness in providing for each delegate as a souvenir a set of post card pictures showing the evolution of McKendree Church from its most unpretentious beginning to its present stately magnificence.

To Dr. Byrd, who, with characteristic geniality and on hospitable thought intent, in his own name and representing the membership of West End Church, bade us welcome and proved truly to be a host within himself; to Mrs. W. F. Tillett, Mrs. J. B. Morgan, and Mrs. Steele, with their respective committees, who, with such assiduous care and thoughtful consideration, provided for every want and comfort and convenience in the Church; to the ladies of the several Church-

es of the city who prepared and served each day such dainty and satisfying lunches; to the pages and to the ladies in the post office, who were so attentive to our demand, we make most grateful acknowledgment.

No gladder welcome has been accorded us than that which came through strains of sweet melody and songs, lifting hearts toward God in the infinite breathing of music, and Mrs. Pinson and Mrs. Rawlings, together with all who assisted in this sweet ministry of song and praise, have a place in our hearts peculiarly their own.

We tender appreciative thanks to Dean and Mrs. W. F. Tillett for the charming evening spent in Wesley Hall, Vanderbilt University, where the social hour was blended with songs and delightful readings from the University Quartet and delightful readings from Professors Harris and Painter. We also thank Dr. and Mrs. McCulloch and the faculty of the Training School for the privilege of seeing and receiving entertainment in the place where our girls are being trained for the Master's use.

The press is an acknowledged power in our land to-day and a potential factor in shaping the opinion of men; we therefore the more heartily acknowledge our indebtedness to the excellent newspapers of the city for the space given in reporting our daily proceedings and the prominence accorded our programs.

The railroads through their courteous officials have placed us under renewed obligations for favors shown. "Long may they wave, and never waver."

The noon hour Bible lessons given each day by Dr. O. E. Brown have been to us a feast of good things, and we have been led by him into fountains of living waters. We have been satisfied with the fatness of thy house, O Lord, and have drunk of the rivers of thy pleasure. The enrichment of our spiritual natures and the inspiration to a more perfect surrender of our lives are the things that abide. Appreciative hearts find it difficult to express in words thanks for such inspiring, helpful ministry as we received daily from Dr. Brown and at the sacredly beautiful deaconess consecration service on Sunday, conducted by Bishop Morrison, with his colleague, Bishop Hoss, assisting. These, together with Dean Tillett and Chancellor Kirkland, Drs. Lambuth, Winton, Cook, Nelson, Byrd, Carré, and all others who gave to us words of counsel and wise suggestions, grace be to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

And these things which ye all have been and done unto us shall be as the alabaster box of precious ointment broken for the Master's sake, and our hearts will be ever filled with the fragrance thereof.

MRS. P. C. ARCHER,
MRS. W. B. SULLINS,
MRS. STELLA TOLLESON,
MRS. R. P. HOWELL,
MRS. ADAH ROUSSAN,
MRS. W. H. GILKEY.

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,
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Miss Lizzie Stinson,	Mrs. A. A. Norris,	Mrs. Hugh Chatham,
Mrs. L. M. Daly,	Mrs. V. C. Pemberton,	Mrs. M. M. Floyd.

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.

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Missouri Conference.—Mrs. Mary Anne Stone.

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

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

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

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

Virginia Conference.—Mrs. J. C. Reed.

1898-99.

Baltimore Conference.—Mrs. W. B. Gallaher, Mrs. Mary S. Williams.

Florida Conference.—Mrs. J. H. Perkins.

Holston Conference.—Mrs. Robert E. Humphreys, Mrs. David Sullins, Miss Mary Cass.

Kentucky Conference.—Miss Kate Petry.

Little Rock Conference.—Mrs. F. B. Rudolph, Mrs. Lou A. Hotchkiss.

Memphis Conference.—Mrs. Sue Allen Hurt, Mrs. G. T. Sullivan, Miss Tilly Talley, Mrs. L. B. Hotchkiss.

Missouri Conference.—Mrs. S. P. Emmons, Mrs. S. A. Newland, Mrs. Jerusha Leiper, Mrs. S. P. Cresap.

North Alabama Conference.—Mrs. D. A. Burns.

North Georgia Conference.—Mrs. Georgia Allen, Mrs. C. E. Moore, Rev. C. E. Patillo.

North Texas Conference.—Mrs. F. B. Carroll, Mrs. L. P. Smith.

Northwest Texas Conference.—Mrs. W. L. Nelms, Miss Sadie Fincher.

South Georgia Conference.—Miss Anna Phillipbar.

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

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

1899-1900.

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

East Texas Conference.—Mrs. M. Haggard.

Florida Conference.—Mrs. D. A. Cook.

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

Indian Mission Conference.—Lucile Coppedge (Juvenile).

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

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

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

Mississippi Conference.—Mrs. Rebecca Parker Gay.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

1900-01.

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

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

Holston Conference.—Mrs. Mattie White Hardaway.

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

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

Little Rock Conference.—Mrs. Dan Gilman.

Louisville Conference.—Mrs. Virgil Elgin.

Memphis Conference.—Mrs. Sue F. Mooney.

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

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

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

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

Northwest Texas Conference.—Mrs. Mary C. Majors, 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.

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 Parkes, Mrs. W. H. Bumpas.
Virginia Conference.—Mrs. H. E. Wall.
White River Conference.—Mrs. A. G. Dickson, Rev. J. W. Smith, Mrs. R. N. Holloway, Mrs. Richard Jackson.
- Total number of life members this year, 54; total number of life members on the roll, 221.

1902-03.

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

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

1903-04.

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

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

East Texas Conference.—Mrs. George Call.

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

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

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

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

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

Memphis Conference.—Mrs. J. T. Jones.

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

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

New Mexico Conference.—Mrs. Ada Cruickshank.

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

North Georgia Conference.—Mrs. Lee Trammell, Mrs. Robert Fowler, Mrs. D. B. Freeman, Mrs. G. R. Bickers, Mrs. S. R. Fortson, Mrs. George Loehr, Sr., Mrs. Minnie 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 Parkes (child).

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

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

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

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

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

1904-05.

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

Columbia Conference.—Miss Elsie Burkhart.

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

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

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

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

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

North Alabama Conference.—Rev. Anson West, D.D., Rev. T. G. 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. Wlnenon.

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

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 Tluker (child), John Tinker (child), Mrs. Flora N. Hey.
St. Louis Conference.—Mrs. G. F. Sprake, Mrs. M. E. Lane, Mrs. J. B. 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.

1907-08.

- Alabama Conference.*—Mrs. T. D. Power, Mrs. R. E. Hardaway.
Arkansas Conference.—Mrs. Stella Tolleson, Francis Jennings Tolleson (child).
Baltimore Conference.—Rev. H. M. Canter, Mrs. H. M. Canter.
Holston Conference.—Mrs. M. J. Bruce.
Kentucky Conference.—Miss Mabel Head, Miss Kate Petry, Mrs. Clara Pointer.
Little Rock Conference.—Mrs. S. B. Proctor, Mrs. Virginia C. George.
Louisville Conference.—Mrs. Emma Cooper, Mrs. George Gaulbert, Miss Mary Elizabeth Smith.
North Alabama Conference.—Mrs. Emily Williams Hayes.
North Carolina Conference.—Mrs. Elizabeth Lee Hart, Mrs. C. C. Aycock.
North Georgia Conference.—Mrs. J. H. McCord, Mrs. Fletcher Johnson.
North Mississippi Conference.—Mrs. T. P. Johnson.
North Texas Conference.—Mrs. J. F. Metcalf, Mrs. A. L. Andrews, Mrs. Emma C. Blankinship, Mrs. B. M. Bounds.
Oklahoma Conference.—John William Ray, Miriam Eleanor Campbell, John Sims Linebaugh.
South Carolina Conference.—Leonard Phillips Stanley (child), Mrs. W. A. Smith.
Tennessee Conference.—Mrs. J. L. Parkes, John Bateman McClure.
Texas Conference.—Mrs. J. T. Dumble, Mrs. Andy Murray, Mrs. J. C. Davis, Walter Hillis Mills (child).
Virginia Conference.—Mrs. Clara Bagley.
West Texas Conference.—Mrs. Theophyllus Lee.
Western North Carolina Conference.—Theodore Rowe, Mrs. T. F. Marr, Mrs. C. F. Sherrill, Mrs. Nancy E. Hood.
White River Conference.—Mrs. I. A. Barnett, Mrs. Frank Ritter.

1908-09.

- Arkansas Conference.*—Mrs. J. B. Crump.
Baltimore Conference.—Rev. P. W. Jeffries.
Holston Conference.—Mrs. J. R. Brown, Mrs. Luella Lower, Mrs. J. W. Perry.
Little Rock Conference.—Mrs. W. C. Watson, Mrs. Virginia George, Mrs. C. H. Hudson, Mrs. J. W. Smith, Mrs. A. P. Few.
Louisiana Conference.—Elizabeth Rice (child), Ruth Dodson (child), Joshua Lockwood Logan (child), Mrs. R. H. Wynn, Rev. George Jackson.
Louisville Conference.—Dr. R. E. Beauchamp, Mrs. Lucinda Jane Campbell, Rev. S. M. Miller, Mrs. J. L. Malin, Mildred Cresap (child).
Memphis Conference.—Clinton Witherspoon Barlow (child).

North Alabama Conference.—Miss Annie Dee Rogers.
North Carolina Conference.—Harry Smith Spiers (child).
North Georgia Conference.—Mrs. C. P. Howard, Mrs. C. F. Hope, Mrs. E. P. Hull, Mrs. B. F. Frazier.
North Mississippi Conference.—Mrs. W. C. Gann, Mrs. W. L. Duren.
North Texas Conference.—Mrs. J. G. Frey, Mrs. R. L. Rountree.
Northwest Texas Conference.—Mrs. N. A. Price, Mrs. C. L. Cartwright, Mrs. C. C. Armstrong, Mrs. John S. Gray, Mrs. Joella Sealey, Mrs. J. L. Smith, Mrs. A. J. Hunter, Mrs. R. E. Goodrich, Mrs. Fannie Hart, Mrs. H. C. Carson.
Oklahoma Conference.—Mrs. Thomas H. Gilliland.
Pacific Conference.—Mrs. M. A. McKnight.
South Carolina Conference.—Mrs. W. A. Rogers.
South Georgia Conference.—Emily Lumpkin Thomas (child).
St. Louis Conference.—Mrs. Mary V. Johnson.
Texas Conference.—Mrs. Sue Hurley, Mrs. J. Walter Mills, Walter Hillis Mills (child).
Virginia Conference.—Mrs. W. G. Venable.
West Texas Conference.—Mrs. M. E. Gerhard.
White River Conference.—Mrs. Duncan Johnson.

1909-10.

Arkansas Conference.—Mrs. O. E. Jammison.
Baltimore Conference.—Mrs. Essie Hoffman, Mrs. L. Y. Long.
Florida Conference.—Mrs. E. M. Staley, Richard Wyands Mohn, Mrs. J. M. Due, Mrs. G. W. Dayton.
Little Rock Conference.—Mrs. Gussie Steele Gray, Mrs. L. H. Dickerson, Mrs. James Thomas, Mrs. James Giles, Mrs. Joseph H. Buchanan, Bessie Catherine Brown.
Louisiana Conference.—Mrs. J. G. Howell, Mrs. Irene Proctor.
Memphis Conference.—Mrs. Delia Patterson, Mrs. S. H. Estes, Mrs. G. B. Baskervill, Clifton Witherspoon Barlow.
Missouri Conference.—Mrs. E. H. Allen.
New Mexico Conference.—Mrs. Mary P. Corbean.
North Carolina Conference.—Margaret Elizabeth Turner (child), Lucy Brown Manning.
North Georgia Conference.—Mrs. R. H. Smith, Mrs. C. W. Jerome, Mrs. M. C. Alexander, Carolyn Walton Shivers.
North Mississippi Conference.—James Bennett Duren (child), Mrs. William Will, Mrs. James E. Young.
North Texas Conference.—Mrs. Alice Wolf, Miss Annie Denman.
Northwest Texas Conference.—Mrs. J. T. Griswold, Mrs. Jane Gafford, Mrs. J. B. Price, Mrs. Jerome Duncan, Mrs. W. H. Rice.
Oklahoma Conference.—Mrs. I. D. Hitchcock, Harriet Lucile Johnson.
South Carolina Conference.—Mrs. S. G. Kilgo, Rev. D. D. Dantzler, Mrs. R. W. Barber.
South Georgia Conference.—Emily Lumpkin Thomas, Henry Bishop.
Southwest Missouri Conference.—Mrs. S. G. Welborn, Mrs. L. P. Norfleet, Mrs. Margaret Pauline Watson, Mary Orr Nixon, Mrs. Nellie Boyer, Mrs. Bessie Orr Nixon.
St. Louis Conference.—Mrs. Kate Wilson, Mrs. Mary V. Johnson.
Virginia Conference.—Mrs. R. J. Owen, Miss Willie Woodson, Mrs. C. D. Whiting.
West Texas Conference.—Mrs. William Will, Mrs. Mary Miles, Mrs. T. A. Brown, Mrs. Sue Walsh, Mrs. R. L. Stanfield.
Western North Carolina Conference.—Eleanor Goodhue Trowbridge, Mrs. Allie M. Copeland, Mrs. J. H. White.
White River Conference.—Huldah Greenhaw, Mrs. Jennie Morris.
 Total life members, 658.

MEMORIAL ROLL.

Little Rock Conference.—Mildred Vera Clower.
Missouri Conference.—Mrs. Mary Hukell.
Mississippi Conference.—Inez Neva Guice, Percy Guice Bell.
North Georgia Conference.—Mrs. Georgia W. Allen, Frances Hammond Shivers, Alice Chandler Scott.
Tennessee Conference.—Maurice W. Hussey, S. C. Batson, Mrs. S. C. Batson.

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.

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. *in her absence of the P. H. M. S.*
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. The Second Vice President shall be also the Superintendent of the Department of Tithing. *They shall receive*
3. The Recording Secretary shall give notice of all the annual meetings of the Board, and shall keep the minutes of all meetings.
4. The General Treasurer shall send notice to the Conference Treasurer whenever money is sent to the Board of Church Extension from the fifty per cent dues of that Conference society.
5. Money raised through the Brigade shall be separately reported to the Board and be specifically directed by it each year.
6. 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.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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.

10. 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.

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 General Secretary, after consulting with the President and Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society within the bounds of which the Annual Meeting of the Board is to be held, shall fix the date of the meeting, prepare the programme, and make necessary arrangements therefor. If for any cause it should become necessary to change the place of the meeting, it may be done by the officers of the Board.

14. During the annual meetings of the Board a half hour at noon shall be set aside for devotional services.

15. Sixty-five years shall be the age limit of those holding official positions in the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

16. These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting.

BY-LAWS TO ARTICLES XVII. AND XVIII. OF CONSTITUTION.

GOVERNING DEACONESSSES.

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, unless because of her qualifications she is recommended by an approved Training School for positions where there is special demand for the deaconess uniform.

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 a deaconess withdraws from the active work in response to family or other calls that she regards as providential, she may have her certificate renewed and wear the uniform for one year, but not longer. If, after continuing out of the work for several years, she desires to return to it, she can do so without reconsecration, but must furnish satisfactory testimonials of her life during the interim and of her health at the time when she applies for readmission.

9. 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.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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.

14. All deaconesses shall be required to pursue a continuous course of study and reading prescribed by the Committee on Deaconess Work.

15. 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.

16. 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.

17. 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.

18. 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.

19. 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.

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) A Parliamentary Calendar shall be used in the transaction of business at the Annual Meetings of the Board.

(g) At Annual Meetings a timekeeper shall be appointed, who shall give prompt signal when each time limit is reached.

(h) Courtesies shall be limited to the fifteen minutes preceding the noon hour.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Standing Committees shall be as follows:

A Committee on Education.

A Committee on Deaconess Work and City Missions.

A Committee on Sociology and Philanthropy.

A Committee on By-Laws.

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.

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 involving expenditure of money. The Treasurer of the Board shall be a member of this committee *ex officio*.

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 hold annual meetings, determine amounts to be appropriated to parsonages within its bounds and the incidental expenses of the Conference.

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, and shall constitute the Executive Committee. These officers shall be nominated by a committee composed of one representative from each district, and elected by ballot. This does not debar the parliamentary privilege of nominations from the floor after the committee's report has been presented. 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. The Executive Committee shall prepare the programmes for the Annual Meeting.

ART. 5. The Conference Society shall make its appropriations from the fifty per cent of dues subject to its direction. It shall adopt a plan for raising a fund to meet the expenses of the Conference. If this fund should prove insufficient, it may be supplemented from the Conference fifty per cent of dues.

ART. 6. No Conference Society shall project or accept work or respond to special calls for aid without the approval of the Woman's Board of Home Missions.

ART. 7. No Conference Society shall elect or appoint as its representative at the Annual Board Meeting any person not a member of said Conference Society.

BY-LAWS TO CONSTITUTION OF CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society, actively advance its interests, and countersign all drafts on the treasury.

2. The Vice Presidents shall, in their order, perform the duties of the President in her absence. The First Vice President shall cooperate with the Auxiliary First Vice President in raising the standard of parsonage building and furnishing, and in making the local work more distinctively missionary in character. 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. She shall give due notice of the Annual Meetings of the Conference Society.

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 Presidents of auxiliaries or to District Secretaries, as the Conference Society may direct. She shall organize or have organized 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 send to the Conference Board of Church Extension, for incorporation in the minutes of the Annual Conference, a report of all appropriations made to parsonages by her Conference Society. She shall give due notice of all executive meetings of Conference officers. 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, special donations for connectional work, contributions to Loan Funds, offerings of Week of Prayer and money for life memberships, accompanied by an explicit statement of names and purpose of special donors and donations. She shall send to the General Treasurer the total number (not names) added to the Baby Roll made in the Conference during the quarter, with the amount of membership fees to correspond.

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 her district—viz., the number of charges and preaching places, the membership and financial condition of each, looking to the organization of or increased usefulness of auxiliaries, and the spiritual, social, and educational status of the people, looking to the bettering of conditions through the local work of the auxiliary wherever needed. The District Secretary shall correspond with the auxiliaries in her district, and, if the Conference so direct, she shall send the literature direct to the presidents of the 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. No Conference or auxiliary of the Woman's Home Mission Society shall enter a student in either Training School upon a scholarship supported by funds raised in or through the Society without first submitting her testimonials to the General Secretary of the Woman's Board and receiving the approval of the committee appointed for that purpose. This approval, however, shall not be considered equivalent to an acceptance of the candidate if upon graduation the Board decides she is unsuited to the work. No Conference or auxiliary shall send to either Training School any person who does not expect to go into work of some kind under the auspices of the Home Mission Society. No person entering at her own expense or at the expense of others in the Conference as a student in either Training School shall be considered a candidate of the Home Mission Society unless her testimonials have been favorably passed upon by the General Secretary and the committee, nor after her graduation shall the Board, the student, or the patron consider the Board under any obligation to employ her unless she meets the requirements for a deaconess, a missionary, or a teacher.

9. The Conference Society may make such by-laws as the work demands, provided they do not conflict with those made by the Board.

10. If, during the year, an office becomes vacant, the Executive Committee shall fill the vacancy.

11. During the annual meetings a half hour at noon shall be set aside for devotional services.

12. Sixty-five years shall be the age limit of those holding official positions in the Conference Societies.

AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Any number of women may become an auxiliary to the Woman's Home Mission Society by adopting the Constitution and By-Laws and electing a President, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and by the payment of the regular dues.

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 inform women and children of the need of home mission work and to encourage them in active efforts to advance the cause of Christ in our own land; to raise funds for procuring parsonages and maintaining the institutions under the care of the Woman's Home Mission Society, and to do such benevolent work as local conditions require.

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 at the March meeting 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.

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.

The Conference Superintendent of Young People's Societies shall have charge of this work.

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 coöperate with her in the plans for this work.

5. The Third Vice President shall, with the Auxiliary Third Vice President,* plan for the coöperation 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.

*Where there is no auxiliary, the young women should carry on this work by themselves.

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*.

THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

This department shall consist of the Baby Roll and the Brigade, and shall be under the superintendence and management of the Associate Secretary of the Woman's Board of Home Missions. The Third Vice President of the Conference shall have charge of the Baby Roll and the Brigade work in her Conference.

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 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 Auxilliary Third Vice Presidents shall have charge of the Baby Roll, and its meetings shall be held at such time and place as she shall determine.

THE BRIGADE.

Constitution.

ARTICLE I. The object of the Brigade is the education of the children in home missions and temperance, and their enlistment as soldiers of Jesus Christ in the uplift and salvation of our own country. Daily Bible study, knowledge of the needs of our country, liberality in giving, and the cultivation of the prayer life are all objects to be attained.

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 adult auxiliary shall be responsible for the organization and management of the Brigade in her Church.

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. A public meeting shall be held annually, when a review of the year's work shall be given.

Art. V. The mite boxes used by the Brigade shall be called the "Florine McEachern Mite Box," and shall have her name and picture printed on them.

By-Laws for Brigades.

1. The Auxiliary Third Vice President shall appoint or have elected from the members of the Brigade a President, Vice Presidents, a Corresponding Secretary, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer. She shall instruct them and aid them in performing the duties of their respective offices.

2. Each child shall be furnished with a mite box when enrolled; the same shall be renewed when too much worn for service.

3. 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.

Plan of Organization.

Divisions.—The whole organization is called "The Brigade." This is divided into regiments, which form the Conference organizations. Each local society is also called a Brigade, and this is divided into companies of not less than five nor more than ten children. These are to be called Company A, B, C, etc. The Conference Regiment is composed of all the local Brigades within its bounds.

Officers.—The Associate Secretary, who has charge of all the whole Brigade, would, in military terms, be the Brigadier General. The Third Vice President of each Conference is the Colonel of that regiment. The Third Vice President of the adult auxiliary is the Captain of the local Brigade. The leader of each division is a Lieutenant. When needed, there may be under officers, as Corporal and Sergeant.

General Instructions.

How to Organize.—Call the children of the Church together and present the work and explain the organization, then ask for enrollment. This may be done at the Sunday school. The children are ready to work. Pray that our women may be ready to lead!

Officers.

The Brigade—the entire organization.

Commanding officer—Brigadier General (Associate Secretary).

The Regiment—all the companies in the Conference.

Commanding officer—Colonel (the Conference Third Vice President).

The Brigade—the local society. (In a city it would bear the name of the Church also.)

Commanding officer—Captain (the Auxillary Third Vice President, or other person in charge).

Company A, B, C, etc. (as many as the membership requires—five to ten in each).

Commander—a Lieutenant (one of the children).

Under officers—Sergeant and Corporal (one of the children).

For general business and conduct of the meetings a Brigade should elect a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer (all children).

General Instructions.

Meetings.—Meetings must be held at least quarterly, and should be held monthly. It may be better to hold semimonthly or weekly meetings, according to local conditions. If the children are in the Junior League, the two may be correlated. Meetings are presided over by the President; in the absence of the President, by the Vice President; in the absence of both of these, by the Lieutenants in order—A, B, C, etc.

The Recording Secretary shall keep a correct roll of the membership, and furnish the same quarterly to the Captain. She shall also keep the minutes of each meeting.

The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Society, present the *Bulletin*, and assist the Captain in making quarterly reports of the work.

The Treasurer shall collect the enrollment fees and make out the membership cards, keep a record of all money used for local work or special purposes (such as the Week of Prayer), and turn it over to the Captain as she directs. The Treasurer shall also keep a record of mite box collections, which must be held quarterly.

The President, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer shall make quarterly reports to the Society, and an annual report at the last meeting before March 1.

The Lieutenant shall preside at Company meetings, and at roll call shall report for the Company the names of those absent, and if possible the reason. The Lieutenant shall be the leader in the drills.

The Sergeant shall be Secretary of Company meetings, and shall conduct the correspondence of the Company.

The Corporal shall have charge of any money raised by that Company aside from the enrollment fee and mite box collections, and shall turn the same over to the Brigade Treasurer.

The meetings should begin on time, the business be conducted promptly, and good parliamentary practice observed. Children should begin to learn this early.

Membership.—All persons between the ages of five and fifteen who pay an enrollment fee of ten cents may become members. Each is further supposed to give voluntary offerings, for which a mite box will be provided. (See By-Law 7 of Constitution for Brigades.) Membership cards may be obtained by application to the Conference Third Vice

President (the Colonel), who may obtain them from the Associate Secretary. These cards are to be given out only after the enrollment fee has been paid.

The Captain (the Third Vice President, or the one who acts as leader) has general oversight of the work and plans for it. She must be the religious leader of the children. She is to develop them, not do the work for them. She shall make quarterly reports (1st of June, September, December, and March) to the Conference Third Vice President, and shall see that reports are given to the Society in due form, and that all other business is properly conducted, and that programmes are educative as well as interesting. The success of the work depends largely upon the Captain, though it does not require any unusual woman to do this work. She should love children, realize the need of their training, and be willing to be used of the Master in this service.

Brigade Council.—The Captain, officers, and Lieutenants shall constitute the Brigade Council, which shall hold special meetings as often as the Captain may deem best, to plan for the work of the Brigade.

Company Meetings.—When the Brigade is large, Company meetings should be stressed; in fact, the work may be largely carried on by them, with the whole Brigade together, bimonthly or quarterly. In such case the Captain will need assistant Captains. The Companies should be encouraged to correspond with our workers—for instance, with pupils in our mountain and other schools, with city missionaries and deaconesses—and have the letters read at the Society. Company meetings afford opportunity for drill work.

Methods of Work.—Each Company should be assigned some phase of local work—as Company A, detailed to put flowers or plants in the Sunday school rooms and church for the services, and to make the Brigade room attractive by putting the chairs, tables, etc., in order for the meetings. After the flowers have been used in the church, they should be given to the poor or sick, or to some institution. This may be done by Company A or by another Company detailed for that purpose. Company B might have for its duty to hunt up and bring in new children to the Sunday school and other services, and to welcome them when there; Company C to assist the First Vice President of the auxiliary in carrying out her plans of work, etc. This work should be changed before it becomes monotonous, and also to train the children in the different lines of work. The Company idea may be carried out in the programmes, one meeting having the entire programme (except drills) given by one Company; next, having one Company give the Scripture lesson, another items of home mission news, another talks on papers on the special topic, another having charge of the music, etc. One representative from each Company should take the parts on the programme. Various suggestions will come to the mind of the leader and will be suggested by the published programmes.

Mottoes.—The motto of the Brigade is: "Our Land for Christ." Each Company should have a motto and a Scripture verse, which it may se-

lect. The following are only suggestive: "Save America to Save the World," "America Freed by the Gospel of Christ," "Ours a Nation with Christ as Its Head." 1 Thess. v. 21; Col. iii. 17; 1 Tim. 15; 2 Tim. ii. 19; Heb. iv. 16.

Salutes.—Each local Brigade should have a good-sized American flag, and each Company should have one also, though it may be smaller. The Sergeant or Corporal or especially appointed person may be flag bearer for the Company. At roll call each Company should rise and together salute the flag, giving motto and Scripture verse. They should be taught how to drill and to salute the officers properly.

Drills.—They should be taught how to march, salute, present arms, face, etc. Special drills will appear from time to time in *Our Homes* and be kept in leaflet form in the office. The same will be true of programmes. Brigades should order them from their Colonel (Conference Third Vice President), who will obtain them from the general office. Mite boxes are obtained from the Colonel also.

Other Helps.—Many juvenile leaflets are published and kept in stock. Practically every month something will appear in *Our Homes*.

Colors are red, white, and blue, and a small enamel pin with the motto on it may be obtained for fifteen cents. A booklet of home mission songs sells for two cents each.

Prayer.—Give monthly or weekly special subjects for prayer—such as a certain deaconess or city missionary and her work, Vashti Home, the mountain boys and girls, etc. Do not forget to include in this list sometimes the general officers and the Conference officers. Tell the children about each subject, so that they may pray intelligently. At meetings ask for a report from those who remembered the subject in special prayer, also from those who read the Bible daily, and from those who put something into the mite boxes. Cards with daily Bible readings may be obtained from the office in Nashville, Tenn.

RULES GOVERNING DEPARTMENTS AND COMMITTEES.

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 Donation.

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 and 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.

DEPARTMENT OF LITERATURE.

1. This department shall be composed of a Superintendent and a committee of seven, as follows: The President, General Secretary, Associate Secretary of the Board, the Editor of *Our Homes*, and three other members selected by these *ex officio* members.

2. This department shall have in charge all the literary interests of the Society. The Superintendent shall divide among the members of the committee the different parts of the work, to be subject to the revision of the whole committee.

3. It shall prepare the Annual Report and publish a monthly bulletin. It shall issue quarterly six leaflets—three for adults and young people and three for Brigades—and keep a stock of such booklets and leaflets as it deems necessary for furnishing instruction and information to the Society. It shall arrange reading courses on home mission work and Bible study for adult, young people's auxiliaries, and Brigades, and do all in its power to secure the adoption and continuance of these courses by auxiliaries, schools, and individuals. It shall aid in making *Our Homes* more efficient and in extending its circulation. It shall spread information in regard to the Society and its work by a systematic plan of publication in the Church papers and secular press. It shall secure as far as possible the admission of home mission books in the Epworth League, Sunday school, and public libraries.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

1. This department shall consist of a committee of three, who shall be 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. The Chairman of this committee shall be the Superintendent of the department.

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.

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. The duty of this committee shall be to audit the books of the General Treasurer and *Our Homes* and the accounts of the officers and superintendents who receive appropriations as such from the general treasury.

COMMITTEE ON BY-LAWS.

This committee shall be composed of the General Secretary, the Associate Secretary, and three other members elected by the Board. To this committee shall be sent all amendments to any Constitution or By-Laws of the Woman's Home Mission Society not later than sixty days before the Annual Meeting of the Board. This committee shall send a list of these proposed amendments to the members of the Board before the meeting of the Board.

COMMITTEE ON SOCIOLOGY AND PHILANTHROPY.

1. This committee shall consist of the President and the Recording Secretary of the Board, the teachers of sociology in both Training Schools and two other members elected by the Board.

2. This committee shall study the social conditions obtaining in our land and the most successful philanthropic methods in use. It shall make a report of the results of this study at the Annual Meeting of the Board. It shall also make suggestions as to certain matters whereon it is desirable for the Board to legislate.

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 coöperate 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.

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 Recording Secretary, a Corresponding 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. The Board shall not support in Training Schools any young woman who is under twenty-one years of age, or appoint as city missionary a young woman under twenty-three years of age.

5. It shall employ as missionaries only those whose testimonials have been considered and approved by the executive officers of the Woman's Board.

6. 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.

7. A monthly report shall be made to each Auxiliary by its representatives.

8. An annual report of the work shall be made to the District Conference.

9. The Board shall apportion to each Auxiliary the amount necessary to be paid by it for salaries of those employed and other current expenses.

10. 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.

11. The Board shall also report annually its work to its Conference Society and to the Woman's Board through the General Secretary.

12. 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.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.

LOCAL WORK.

Duty of the Auxiliary First Vice President.

The First Vice President shall have in charge the local interests of the auxiliary, and is Chairman of the Committee for Local Work.

This local committee looks after the parsonage and benevolent work of the Church. It is elected annually, or quarterly, as the auxiliary may prefer; it elects its own treasurer for local funds, which are raised in any way the auxiliary deems best.

The ideal First Vice President selects a large committee, which is divided into subcommittees according to the departments of home work and individual fitness for the work to be done. These subcommittees are as follows: "Parsonage," "Church," "Local Benevolent Work," and "Visiting Sick and Strangers."

1. The *parsonage* work is committed to wise, tactful women. One of these is made *treasurer* of the *parsonage fund*. A list of Church members is secured and divided among them, and they secure a contribution from every one possible. While the care of the parsonage is given over to the Woman's Home Mission Society, no member of the Church should be denied the privilege of caring for the preacher's home. Once a year a canvass of the Church is made, and most members, men and women, contribute a dollar each, which keeps the committee supplied with a fund available at any time for refurnishings, interior repairs, and renewing the table and bed linen. These women approach those who are not disposed to contribute anything to the parsonage in such a manner as to win their favor, if not coöperation. Each month they visit the preacher's wife, and in such a sisterly way find out the needs of the home as to make her feel they are her best

friends. By keeping up with the needs of the home, that deterioration of property which makes some parsonages look forlorn is avoided.

2. The *care of the church* is given to ladies who are proverbial for tidiness and taste. By friendly grace they inspire the sexton with a desire to have the building well swept and dusted.

3. Several women are put in charge of the *benevolent work*. One is selected as treasurer of the local fund for helping the needy, which may be raised by dues (ten or twenty-five cents per month). Often the regular collection for the poor, which is taken at the communion service, is turned over to the Home Mission Society for distribution. A wise distribution of these funds must be brought about by letting judgment direct them instead of sentiment.

4. Tactful women should be given charge of *visiting the strangers and sick* in the community. They should make a point of speaking to strangers at church and visiting them in their homes. The services of this committee must be available for the sick and dying, and the pastor ought to find them live helpers in the spiritual affairs of the Church.

A united meeting of all these subcommittees must be held every month, and from their reports the First Vice President is enabled to make a report of all the local work at the regular monthly meetings of the Woman's Home Mission Society. In this manner all the women of the Church are kept informed of the local work being done, and hold themselves in readiness to serve intelligently at the call of any department. Time is thus saved and useless discussion avoided. A clear statement about the collections and expenditure of funds should always be made, and occasionally some fact which shows that God is using the local committee for great good may be given.

TITHING.

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.

There shall be a Superintendent of Young People's Work elected in each Conference. The duties of the Superintendent of Young People's Work shall be as follows: She shall correspond with the auxiliaries and Churches in her Conference with a view to organizing a Young People's Auxiliary. She shall stress home mission education and correlation with Leagues and Sunday schools. She shall attend annual and district meetings, present the work, keep in touch with auxiliaries already organized, and send a report to the Associate Secretary and the Conference Corresponding Secretary each quarter.

BRIGADE AND BABY ROLL.

DUTY OF AUXILIARY THIRD VICE PRESIDENTS.

Baby Roll.

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.

Brigade.

1. The Third Vice President shall also have charge of the *Brigade*, and shall keep in a book a true record, where she shall enroll the names of the children as they enlist.

2. She shall furnish each child with the mite box which is known as the Florine McEachern Mite Box, and shall arrange for mite box openings, for which she shall have instructive programmes. 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.

3. She 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 it to the Conference Treasurer.

4. 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.

5. 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.

SUPPLY DEPARTMENT.

1. The Conference Superintendent of Supplies should correspond with the presiding elders in her Conference, especially those in whose districts there are missions or poor circuits, to secure the names and addresses of preachers who are really needing help. These names should be sent to the General Superintendent. If there is a mission school or rescue home belonging to the Woman's Home Mission Society or Conference Orphanage, she should secure boxes for these, always giving preference, however, to the needy preachers and their families. These must be reported to the General Superintendent every quarter.

2. She should keep in touch with each auxiliary in her Conference, urge the sending of boxes promptly, and in every way possible aid in their preparation and sending them out. She should keep a list of the names and addresses of Auxiliary Presidents or Corresponding Secretaries, in order to communicate with each as necessity arises.

3. As soon as these boxes are sent out she should see that they are correctly and promptly reported, on blanks prepared for this purpose, to the General Superintendent, and each quarter a report of all supplies sent must be made to the Conference Corresponding Secretary. The value of the box as a whole is all that is needed for the Conference Secretary.

4. It is also her duty to make a report to the General Superintendent not later than the 15th of March, June, September, and December.

The following instructions for auxiliaries, if properly carried out, will do much to improve and enlarge the usefulness of this grand and noble work:

General Instructions for Auxiliaries.

1. The Woman's Home Mission Society wants to make the standard of donations as high as possible, and insists that nothing be sent that is not both valuable and suitable, purposing that quality and serviceableness, rather than quantity, be the standard.

2. Guard against publicity, and let only the Corresponding Secretary and President or two or three members who assume the responsibility

of the work know the name of the preacher to whom donations are sent.

3. Money intended as personal gifts should be sent without delay to the Superintendent of Supplies, Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough, Nashville, Tenn.

4. Ship boxes, barrels, and packages direct to the parties for whom they are intended. Goods should be clearly marked with the name of the recipient in full, also name of city and State, with name of sender, and ask the railroad agent in each case to follow shipment with a tracer.

5. Donors should prepay the entire cost of shipping, and get from the railroad or express company a bill of lading or express receipt. Care should be taken to mark each package (with red paint) "Charges Paid Through," so that no extra charge can be made by agent at place of destination.

6. Notify at once parties to whom you send the goods, and inclose bill of lading or express receipt, requesting acknowledgment of the receipt or nonreceipt of the goods. If lost, see that the railroad or express company looks it up at once.

7. It is important that your gift be made as early in the fall as possible, so as to reach those in need before the severity of the winter begins.

8. Fill out and send to Mrs. J. H. Yarbrough the blank for reporting supplies.

9. The donation and value of same should also be reported at once to the Conference Corresponding Secretary.

There is often complaint on the part of auxiliaries that they cannot get the applications early in the fall. Every effort has been made to secure the needed information early in the season; but as Conferences are often held as late as December, it seems impossible to avoid this delay. Every year there are preachers who hope to do without help and wait as long as possible, until the cold days come and find the family unprepared. Let us not criticise this, but fully sympathize and respect this delicacy and be ready to help whenever and wherever needed.

DEPARTMENT OF LITERATURE.

Conference Superintendents.

Each Conference Society must have a Superintendent for this Press Work, who is expected to coöperate with the General Superintendent. These "Bulletins" are forwarded to her for distribution to the auxiliaries in the Conference. By her personality she establishes a comradeship which inspires a spirit of hearty coöperation throughout the connection; and if she enters into this work with zeal, she will soon learn that it is a God-given opportunity for serving the Master. She must have a record book or directory, where the name and address of each Auxiliary Superintendent is kept, because she must send these

"Bulletins" to them every month. Any blank book will serve this purpose, but she must have it, as it will not do to trust her memory to carry the names of auxiliaries or their superintendents. Every quarter she furnishes her Auxiliary Superintendents with report blanks, upon which they give an account of their work. From these combined reports she gives an account of her own stewardship to the General Superintendent of Press Work. These reports enable her to know what becomes of the "Bulletins" and something of their help to the auxiliaries. From them she gleanes facts which may be used to the edification of others through the "Bulletin." In addition to this contact with the auxiliaries, she endeavors to furnish her Conference paper with bright, telling facts, which she may gather from the "Bulletin" or from other sources. These are always rewritten in her own words.

Auxiliary Superintendents.

Upon this officer, who is often the Corresponding Secretary, depends the successful execution of this press work. To her is given the opportunity of making a willing people, as she gives out the information contained in the "Bulletins." An informed people is a willing people, and ours need but to know what must be done in order to be ready to give of their substance or their service. The duties of this auxiliary officer may be defined as follows:

1. She shall present the items received from the Conference Superintendent monthly to the meeting of her auxiliary; also any other information she may gather relative to the home mission work. It shall be her duty to keep the auxiliary, and, as far as practicable, the women of the Church, informed of the work and needs of the Home Mission Society—this to be done in whatever way her ingenuity may suggest. Never read but tell the facts. By use of a blackboard the facts may be made much more effective and interesting. A live superintendent will make this one of the most interesting and profitable parts of the monthly programme.

2. The superintendents in towns and counties where weekly secular papers are published shall endeavor to secure space, and then use it to the upbuilding of the work. She shall use the items and any other local news concerning the work that she may be able to get; in short, pointed paragraphs, no paragraph to be more than ten or fifteen printed lines. After securing space, she should establish confidence in the work by regularly filling it. Irregularity will cause the publishers trouble. Let them know you are to be depended on for your part.

3. As a sameness of wording would be very objectionable to the many papers in our connection, she shall always use her own language in giving these items to the papers, seeking to retain her individuality of expression.

4. It shall be her duty to coöperate in every way possible with the Conference Superintendent, sending her all news concerning her own auxiliary that might be used elsewhere for the good of the work.

5. It shall also be her duty to put on foot such methods as will result in the use of the Reading Course and in every way possible advance the Department of Literature.

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.

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.

For Auxiliaries.

Annual Report. *Our Homes*.

"The Price of Power." Stuart Holding. Price, 50 cents.

"From Darkness to Light." Helm. (For Adults.) Paper, 35 cents; cloth, 50 cents.

"Upward Path." (Young People.) Paper, 35 cents; cloth, 50 cents.

"The Pioneers." Crowell. (Brigades.) Paper, 25 cents.

"The Immigrant Tide." Steiner. Price, \$1.50.

For City Mission Boards.

Annual Report. *Our Homes*.

The Survey. (A Weekly.) Price, \$2; in clubs of ten or more, \$1. (Published at 105 East Twenty-Second Street, New York City.)

"The Bitter Cry of the Children." Spargo. Cloth, \$1.25.

For Workers under Appointment of the Board.

Annual Report. *Our Homes*.

Record of Christian Work. (Monthly.) Price, \$1. (Published at East Northfield, Mass.) *The Survey*.

"The Bitter Cry of the Children." Spargo.

"Memoirs of Brainerd." Sherwood. Price, 75 cents.

LIST OF HOME MISSION BOOKS.

1. *Our Country*. By Strong. Paper, 30 cents; cloth, 50 cents. Baker & Taylor Co.

2. *The New Era*. By Strong. Paper, 30 cents; cloth, 50 cents. Baker & Taylor Co.

3. *The Next Great Awakening*. By Strong. 75 cents. Baker & Taylor Co.

4. *Religious Movements for Social Betterment*. By Strong. 50 cents. Baker & Taylor Co.

5. *The Institutional Church*. By Judson. 60 cents. Lentilhon Co.

6. *American Charities*. By Warner.

7. *Principles of Relief*. By Devine. \$2. Lentilhon Co.

8. *Practice of Charity*. By Devine. 65 cents. Lentilhon Co.

9. The Present South. By Murphy. Cloth, \$1.50; paper, 25 cents. Macmillan Co.
10. Friendly Visiting among the Poor. By Richmond. \$1. Macmillan Co.
11. The Burden of the City. By Horton. Paper, 30 cents; cloth, 50 cents.
12. Modern Cities and Their Religious Problems. By Loomis. Baker & Taylor Co.
13. Crime and Its Causes. By Morrison. Scribner.
14. The Social Evil. By Committee of Fifteen. \$1. Putnam Co.
15. Factory People and Their Employers. By Shuey. 75 cents. Lentilhon Co.
16. Development of Thrift. By Brown. \$1. Macmillan Co.
17. Immigration. By Hall.
18. The Incoming Millions. By Grose. Paper, 30 cents; cloth, 50 cents.
19. The Social Teachings of Jesus. By Peabody.
20. History of the Deaconess Movement. By Goulder.
21. The Boy Problem. By Forbush. 75 cents. Pilgrim Press, Chicago.
22. The Boys of the Street, and How to Win Them. By Stelzle. 50 cents. Revell.
23. The Making of an American. By Riis.
24. How the Other Half Lives. By Riis.
25. Peril and Preservation of the Home. By Riis.
26. Social Settlements. By Henderson. 60 cents. Lentilhon Co.
27. Poverty. By Hunter.
28. How to Help. By Conyngton. \$1.50.
29. Substitute for the Saloon. (Committee of Fifty.) By Calkins. Houghton, Mifflin & Co.
30. The Challenge of the City. By Strong. 35 and 50 cents.
31. The Leaven in a Great City. By Betts.
32. The Bitter Cry of the Children. By Spargo.
33. The Shame of the Cities. By Steffen.
34. On the Trail of the Immigrant. By Steiner.
35. Italians in America.

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, 605 Church Street, Nashville, Tenn.

MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS.

- \$ 0 25 makes a baby member.
 60 per year dues makes a member of the young people's society.
 1 20 per year 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 a year is the cost of a scholarship in the mountain schools and in the industrial schools.

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.

DIRECTORY.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CONFERENCE OFFICERS.

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APPENDIX.

Members and Officers of the Board of Missions.

On May 18 the Executive Officers of the Woman's Board of Home Missions and the Woman's Board of Foreign Missions met in Asheville, N. C., according to the call of the General Conference, and nominated the following representatives for the Board of Missions:

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Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Department, Mrs. J. B. Cobb.
Recording Secretaries, Mrs. F. S. Parker, Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. Frank Siler, Atlanta, Ga.

PORTIONS OF THE CONSTITUTION, BOARD OF MISSIONS, M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH, THAT BEAR ON THE WOMAN'S WORK.

The missionary operations of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, shall hereafter be conducted under the following provisions and regulations:

ARTICLE I. There shall be a Board of Missions, which Board shall have charge of foreign missions and of such missions as are not provided for by the Annual Conferences. The Board shall carry on its operations under two departments—viz., the Department of Foreign Missions and the Department of Home Missions.

ART. II. Said Board shall consist of a President, Vice President, a General Secretary, two Secretaries for the Department of Foreign Missions, two Secretaries for the Department of Home Missions, two Educational Secretaries, two Editorial Secretaries (one of these Secretaries in each instance shall be a woman), and thirty managers, of whom ten shall be preachers, ten laymen, and ten women (one of whom shall be the President of the Woman's Missionary Council); the Bishops, the Treasurer of this Board, and an Assistant Treasurer (who shall be a woman); the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Church Extension, and the President of the Laymen's Missionary Movement shall be *ex officio* members. Said Board shall be elected quadrennially by the General Conference as follows: The President, Vice President, and Managers on nomination of the Committee on Missions; the General Secretary by ballot at the time of the election of other connectional officers; the members elected to continue in office until their successors are chosen. The Board shall fill all vacancies that may occur. The Secretaries for Foreign Missions, the Secretaries for Home Missions, the Educational Secretaries, the Editorial Secretaries, the Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer shall be elected quadrennially by the incoming Board, the women on the nomination of the Woman's Missionary Council. The officers and members shall continue in office until their successors are elected.

ART. III. The Board shall be located in the city of Nashville, Tennessee; but its annual meeting may be held in such place and at such time as the Board shall determine.

Authority.

ART. IV. The Board shall have authority to regulate its own proceedings; to appropriate money to defray current expenses; to establish missions; to build churches and residences for missionaries, and to build and maintain hospitals and schools; to select and publish books and other suitable literature for its work at home and abroad; to aid in the establishment and support of training schools for Christian workers, for native converts and preachers, and to coöperate with other Churches in the establishment and support of such schools wherever it may be practicable; to decide the lines of work to be committed to the Woman's Missionary Council and the amount of money to be used in the same; to make provision for the missionary education of the Church; to provide for the support of superannuated missionaries and widows and orphans of missionaries who may not be provided for by any Annual Conference; to provide funds, and to appropriate the same for the maintenance of all the work under its care. It shall also publish annually a statement of its transactions, naming the missions supported by it, and the amount appropriated and paid to each, and lay before the General Conference a report of its operations, including the location and value of property held by the Board.

General Secretary.

ART. V. The General Secretary shall have direction and oversight of all the affairs of the Board, and shall be responsible to the Board for the execution of its policies and for the administration of its funds in all departments. He shall preside at a Conference of all the Secretaries of the Board to be held monthly for the consideration of the interests under their care. This Conference, with the addition of three members of the Board (one of whom shall be the President of the Woman's Missionary Council) to be appointed annually by the President, shall hold a session prior to the annual meeting of the Board to consider the work and needs in the different fields, the number of persons to be employed in each, to estimate the amount that may be necessary for the support of each missionary and for the necessary expenses of the Board, submitting a full report of the same to the Board in annual session.

Foreign Department and Duty of Secretaries.

ART. VI. The Department of Foreign Missions shall administer all the missions of the Church in foreign lands and the funds appropriated for the same, and shall supervise the work of the foreign missionaries on the field, who shall be subject to appointment by the Bishop in charge.

This work shall be directed by the Secretaries for the Department of Foreign Missions.

ART. VII. The Department of Home Missions shall administer the home mission enterprises of the Church, provided the Annual Conference Boards shall have charge of all the missions they may establish and provide for within their bounds. Candidates for mission work under this department shall be accepted by the Committee on Candidates on the basis of candidates for foreign work as to fitness and tenure of service. When accepted, such candidates shall be nominated for appointment to the Bishop in charge of the Conference in which they are to work; provided, further, that this paragraph shall not be construed as forbidding Annual Conference Boards of Missions employing other than such candidates. The office and work of deaconess shall be under the direction of this department. The work of this department shall be directed by the Secretaries for the Department of Home Missions.

Home Department and Duty of Secretaries.

ART. VIII. The Educational Secretaries shall provide suggestive plans and policies for the missionary education of the Church, with special reference to the Sunday school, the Epworth League, the schools and colleges of the Church, the Laymen's Missionary Movement, the Woman's Missionary Societies, and other agencies of the Church.

Educational Secretaries.

ART. IX. The Editorial Secretaries shall edit the missionary periodicals of the Church, and shall have editorial supervision of all other missionary literature.

Editorial Secretaries.

ART. X. The Secretaries shall reside in Nashville, Tenn. It shall be their duty to keep a permanent record of the proceedings of the Board, and to publish an abstract of them in the Church papers; to conduct its correspondence; to attend to its legal business; to prepare the annual report, and to publish monthly (either in a missionary paper or in the Church papers, as the Board shall direct) statements of the condition, needs, and prospects of the various missions; and to discharge such other duties as the Board may direct. The salaries of the Secretaries shall be fixed by the Board, and all their necessary traveling expenses shall be allowed.

Residence and Salaries of Secretaries.

ART. XI. The Board shall meet annually to determine what fields shall be occupied as missions, the number of persons to be employed in each, and to estimate the amount that may be necessary for the support of the missions under its charge, and to apportion the same to the several Annual Conferences.

Annual Meeting.

- Quorum.** ART. XII. Eleven members shall constitute a quorum at an annual meeting of the Board, and nine at a called meeting.
- Executive Committee.** ART. XIII. There shall be an Executive Committee of the Board, consisting of nine members, three of whom shall be women, which shall meet quarterly and hear reports from the fields, consider and decide all questions that may arise from time to time, excepting such questions as they may deem necessary to refer to the Board. This committee shall keep a record of all of its proceedings to be reviewed by the Board.
- Missionaries.** ART. XIV. The Board shall employ only effective missionaries for its work, and shall require each one to make a quarterly report to the Secretaries concerning the state and prospects of the work in charge.
- Sources of Revenue.** ART. XV. The revenue of the Board shall be derived from apportionments to be distributed to the several Annual Conferences for collection in every congregation; from the Woman's Missionary Societies, provided that the funds raised by the Woman's Missionary Societies shall be appropriated to the work established by them or hereafter to be inaugurated under these provisions; from the Sunday school and Epworth League; and from such other plans as may be adopted by the Board or congregations; from special collections by the Secretaries and the Bishops; and from donations, annuities, and legacies.
- Treasurers, Duties and Salaries.** ART. XVI. The Treasurer shall hold the funds in safe deposit in the name of the Board of Missions, subject to the drafts of one of the Secretaries designated by the Board, payable when countersigned by the Treasurer. He shall also furnish an annual report, to be published with that of the Secretaries, and perform such other duties as the Board shall direct. The salary of the Treasurer and of the Assistant Treasurer shall be fixed by the Board, and each shall give bond to the Board in such sum and upon such conditions as the Board may fix. The accounts of the Board shall be examined at least annually by an expert accountant, and a report of the same made to the Board.
- Training Schools.** ART. XVII. The Board shall conduct the Methodist Training School at Nashville, Tennessee, and the Scarritt Bible and Training School at Kansas City, Missouri (the latter is an institution chartered under the laws of the State of Missouri), for the purpose of training home and foreign missionaries and other Church workers. It shall conduct the Methodist Training School in affiliation with the Vander-

bilt University, and shall elect quadrennially, on nomination of the Missionary Secretaries, a Board of Directors consisting of fifteen members, provided that these shall include two Bishops, the General Secretary of the Board of Missions, the Dean of the Vanderbilt Biblical Department, the Secretary of Education, the Editor of Sunday School Literature, the Secretary of the Epworth League Board, and at least three laymen; it shall elect quadrennially, on nomination of the Missionary Secretaries, a President of the school, who shall be *ex officio* a member of the Board of Directors; and shall appropriate annually for the maintenance of the school such sums as it may deem necessary, and take such other steps as may be required for its proper management. The Board of Directors shall meet as soon after its election as practicable upon the call of the General Missionary Secretary, and elect from its own members a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Recording Secretary, and Treasurer. Five members being present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum. The Board of Directors shall elect the faculty, supervise the work of the school, and do all things necessary for the successful development of the institution.

ART. XXVI. The Treasurer of the Conference Board of Missions shall give bond in such sum as the Board may require, said bond to be approved by the Executive Officers of the Board. He shall transmit to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions on the first day of each month all the moneys he may have on hand for foreign missions, including amounts contributed by the Sunday schools, a separate account of which shall be kept. His accounts shall be audited annually by a committee appointed by the Annual Conference Board. The Annual Conference Treasurers of the Woman's Missionary Societies shall transmit quarterly to the Assistant Treasurer of the Board of Missions all the moneys they may have on hand for the general missionary fund.

ART. XXVII. It shall be the duty of the presiding elder to preach on the subject of missions annually in each charge in the district; to see that efficient and well-defined plans be adopted for the missionary education of the Church and for raising missionary funds; to conduct with his preachers a missionary institute early in the Conference year; to see that they hold missionary mass meet-

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ings; and to encourage the organization and foster the work of Woman's Missionary Societies.

Duty of the
Preacher in
Charge.

ART. XXVIII. It shall be the duty of the preacher in charge to preach frequently on the subject of missions, to organize a Missionary Committee, and to hold missionary mass meetings annually in every Church in his charge; to see that a canvass is made of every member early in the Conference year for a missionary contribution; to see that each Sunday school is organized as a missionary society, and that at least one monthly collection shall go to missions; to see that each League hold a monthly meeting and study the subject of missions; to circulate missionary literature, and to seek in every way the education and inspiration of his people concerning the evangelization of the world; and to see that Woman's Missionary Societies are organized in every Church where at all practicable. (See Paragraph 247, Discipline of 1906.)

Woman's
Missionary
Council.

ART. XXIX. The women of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, shall conduct missionary work through an organization to be known as the Woman's Missionary Council, having a Home and a Foreign Department. It shall develop missionary work among women and children in accordance with the policy of the Board of Missions. This Council shall consist of a President, four Vice Presidents, two or more Secretaries, two Recording Secretaries, and the Corresponding Secretary, or alternate, of both the Woman's Foreign and Home Mission Societies of each Annual Conference. The Secretaries of the Board of Missions, Assistant Treasurer, and the women who are members of the Board of Missions shall be *ex officio* members of the Woman's Missionary Council. The Council shall hold annual meetings to hear reports of the work in all fields, receive appropriations and plans from the Board of Missions, to arrange the details of the appropriations, and to consecrate the women who are accepted for service. The Council shall also plan to enlarge the membership of these societies, to increase the collections, and to further the work of missionary education among women and children. At the annual session preceding the General Conference the Council shall elect its officers by ballot and nominate the women who are to be officers and members of the Board of Missions. The Council shall make its own by-laws and provide a constitution and by-laws for Conference and Auxiliary Societies in harmony with the Constitution of the Board of Missions.

Auxiliary
Societies.

ART. XXX. The work of the Woman's Missionary Council shall be carried on through Conference and Auxiliary Societies under the Home and Foreign Departments. Its revenue shall be derived from membership dues, life and honorary membership fees, from devises, annuities, bequests, voluntary offerings, and collections at meetings appointed in behalf of the Society; provided that 50 per cent of the regular dues in the Woman's Home Mission Societies shall be directed by the Conference Society in which it is raised, subject to the approval of the Woman's Missionary Council.

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