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### 1898

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TWENTY-NINTH SESSION  
OF THE  
GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The twenty-ninth session of the General Executive Committee was held in the city of Indianapolis, Ind., commencing Thursday, October 27th and closing November 3d. The Roberts Park Church opened wide her doors and welcomed with royal hospitality the members of the Committee from all parts of our country, and missionaries from the ends of the earth. Mrs. C. D. Foss, the President, called the meeting to order, and assisted by Mrs. Joyce, led the opening devotional exercises, after which the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the Presiding Elder, Rev. Dr. Rawls, assisted by the pastors of the city. It was an occasion when all realized that "power is given to the faint, and to them that hath no might, he increaseth strength," and realizing this, the duties and responsibilities of the week were undertaken. This hour of spiritual uplifting was only the foreshadowing of the spiritual influences that pervaded the entire session and rested upon every heart.

Visitors were present from the adjacent cities and towns, and the interest in all the proceedings was unabated from the opening to the closing hour. Twenty-four missionaries were present from India, China, Japan, Mexico and South America. Among them were a number connected with the General Missionary Society. From day to day these toilers in the great vineyard told of their work, their needs, the opening doors, and their deep spiritual experiences. The morning hours were given to business, the afternoon to devotional meetings and the discussion of topics related to the general interests of the Society.

It was gratifying in the extreme to know that all the work of the year had advanced, and especially that the financial report had reached the highest mark in the twenty-nine years of the Society's history. Three hundred and twenty-eight thousand, four hundred and eighty-eight dollars had come into the Treasury, showing the increase

over previous year more than fourteen thousand dollars. This fact occasioned great joy and thanksgiving. But there was a cloud to the sunshine, for the Committee could not grant by nearly one hundred and fifty thousand dollars the amount asked for by the workers in the whitening fields, and for sixty-five new missionaries needed to enter opening doors.

As 1899 marks the thirtieth anniversary of the organization it was resolved to make an effort to raise a memorial fund of two hundred thousand dollars in addition to the three hundred and fifty thousand needed for the ordinary demands of the work.

A touching and beautiful memorial service was held on Saturday afternoon for the fallen heroines, those who had for so many years stood in the forefront of our ranks, Miss Schenck of Bulgaria, Miss Rowe of India, Miss Simons of Japan, and Miss Hastings of Mexico.

On the Sabbath the Committee had representatives in twenty-one churches and a number of members were added to the auxiliary societies throughout the city. Dr. J. F. Goucher preached in the morning at Roberts Park Church, a most helpful sermon. In the evening the anniversary of the Society was held, when the annual report was presented, and an address given by Mrs. Julia Lore McGrew.

Five missionaries were accepted for service, their fields yet to be designated, while the appointment of six by the Reference Committee in May was confirmed.

The social element was not overlooked. On Friday evening the pastors and their wives, and the Methodists of the city gave a reception at the church, which was largely attended, and on Tuesday evening Mrs. L. H. Dunning gave a reception to the Committee, missionaries and visitors in the beautiful building of the Woman's Club of Indianapolis. In many respects this was one of the very best meetings ever held and its influence will be felt during the coming year.

The last hour Thursday was given to prayer, praise, testimony and renewal of consecration vows. With a profound sense of the Divine presence, and the privilege of publishing to the ends of the earth the glad tidings of his love, the twenty-ninth session of the general executive was brought to a close.

The next meeting will be held within the territory of the Cincinnati Branch.

# Report of Foreign Work.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

## INDIA.

### NORTH INDIA CONFERENCE.

Organized as a Conference in 1864. Woman's Work commenced in 1869.

#### MISSIONARIES.

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MISS FLORENCE NICHOLS,\*  
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MISS EVA M. HARDIE,  
MISS FANNIE SCOTT,  
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MRS. WEST,  
MRS. A. B. HEWES,  
MRS. ASHE.

\*On home leave.

Some idea of how the heaven spreads in mission work can be gained by a glance at the North India Conference, where the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society began its first work twenty-nine years ago and the General Society only a little over one decade earlier. North India is now one of six conferences,



and is composed of nine presiding elders' districts. Twenty-six representatives of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and the wives of sixteen missionaries of the General Society have charge of women's work among the teeming millions found within the bounds of this conference. All forms of work for reaching women is prosecuted with tireless energy, and in many places the harvest is in sight. North India Conference has a woman's college, three high-schools, two orphanages, ten boarding-schools, where fifteen hundred girls are enrolled. Two hospitals, three homes for homeless women, one woman's training-school and three hundred and fifty Bible-women. There are city and day-schools, schools in the mohullas and under trees by the wayside, with evangelistic work, medical work and a unity of purpose and faith that betokens victory.

#### KUMAON DISTRICT.

**Naini Tal.** From four centers in this district a large and growing work is sending out streams of blessed influence. Day-schools and zenana work, under the charge of Mrs. Knowles, have been abundantly blessed. The English work has been superintended by Mrs. Humphrey and is also in good condition. But the whole Naini Tal work calls for more money and more helpers, so much more could be done were means available.

The Wellesley High-school has had a scourge of fever—the first in its history—that tried the courage of Miss Easton, especially when Miss Sellers, her strong dependence, was stricken down. But it passed, and in looking back over the year there was much to rejoice over and the prospects for the coming year are very bright. Miss Carver will be added to the staff in March, giving Miss Sellers the opportunity to come home, after ten years' continuous service. To many Naini Tal will hereafter be remembered with tender interest as the gateway through which Phebe Rowe passed to her heavenly home.

Dwarahat, with boarding-school and outlying stations where twelve Bible-women are employed, is under the care of Mrs. N. L. Rockey. Here her long experience and faithful work is apparent in the results already evident, and there is a most hopeful outlook for the future.

**Pithoragarh.** In the dispensary and hospital, in the school work and field work, in the spiritual growth of the girls and women, Miss Budden rejoices, and feels a strong conviction that the Lord who

sees the white fields of Pithoragarh will soon "send more laborers into His harvest." Mary Reed, rejoicing in a wonderful improvement in her health, is giving herself to her appointed work with a joyful willingness that makes the hard tasks easy and lights up the dark places. Dr. Sheldon, from the borders of Thibet, sends only reports of cheerful work, most enthusiastically done. She has companionship in the presence of Miss Browne, her assistant, and rejoices over a number of baptisms which she sees by faith to be only the advance guard of a mighty ingathering.

### GARHWAL DISTRICT.

**Paori.** Mrs. Gill is the missionary in charge. In the girls' orphanage and boarding-school, Miss Kyle, Superintendent, reports on the growth, spiritual as well as intellectual, of the more than one hundred girls under charge. The new buildings erected by the Philadelphia Branch were sorely needed at Paori and consequently much appreciated.

### MORADABAD DISTRICT.

This district is composed of fourteen large circuits, in each of which the native pastor's wife, assisted by teachers and Bible-women carry on a growing and aggressive work. In the boarding-school at Bijnour, under charge of the Misses Collins, sixty-eight girls are being trained for useful lives. Moradabad Boarding-school, under the superintendence of Miss Means, has had a prosperous year. This is the oldest school of the kind in India and teachers from it are found in many of the mission schools. One hundred and sixty-one were enrolled during the year. This school was enough for Miss Means, but when district work was added, and Miss Means seemed in danger of a breakdown, the situation was relieved by the arrival of her sister Alice from America. There are twenty-two day-schools in the city of Moradabad. A normal school for teachers and a training school for Christian workers are prominent factors in the work in Moradabad.

Pilibhit and Sambhal districts are made up of circuits and country stations and are superintended by the wives of the native presiding elders. There are forty-seven day-schools in the two districts and fifty-six Sunday-schools in which over seventeen hundred children are taught. Seventy-seven Bible-women carry the story of peace from village to village and "His word will not return unto Him void."



## BAREILLY DISTRICT.

**Bareilly.** The medical work and orphanage make this district a very important one. The results of the famine brought heavy cares on Miss English, not only in taking in the starved waifs, but in the care that had to be kept up for months afterward. Three hundred and fifty children require much service. Miss Elliott's arrival from America was a great relief to Miss English, who found it impossible to care for the educational work as well as the general superintendence of such an establishment. But a needier place called for her before her first year closed and Miss Elliott went to Lucknow. Miss Wilson has charge of the city and evangelistic work. Mrs. T. J. Scott has charge of the Woman's Training-school, which is a theological seminary of a unique kind, and one that widens its streams of influence with each year. Dr. Dart is alone in the heavy care of hospital and dispensary. Over 11,000 cases were treated in the dispensary, 600 in the zenanas, and 152 in hospital.

**Shahjahanpore.** The Bidwell Memorial-school had one hundred and forty girls crowded into it, and in spite of many drawbacks a good year is reported. Mrs. Parker had charge, and with her other duties in district work and the treasurership of the conference she was heavily burdened. Miss Widdifield was transferred to Shahjahanpore in October and remained there the greater part of the year. Her help was a great boon to the little ones, as she was a trained kindergartner and she not only trained the older girls in this school, but girls from other schools. This form of teaching is fast becoming a necessity in mission work. The city work was under the care of Mrs. Blackstock, also the Home for Homeless Women, where fifteen are cared for here.

Budaon City and zenana work is in care of Mrs. Hewes and includes six city, three mohulla and one vernacular-school for Christian women. This also embraces forty-six villages regularly visited. The Sigler Boarding-school is under Miss Greene. Ninety-five have been enrolled, the attendance has been regular and progress made most encouraging. The girls are being trained for useful lives and seem not only willing, but anxious to become workers in the needy vineyards around them.

There are eight circuits in Bareilly district where forty-seven Bible-women regularly visit over three hundred villages. There are day-schools and Sunday-schools. One report says: "Last Sunday we attended a church service under the shade of a large tree. The sacrament was administered and four women received into full membership."

### SITAPUR DISTRICT.

**Sitapur.** The city, with its outlying stations and five circuits, comprise the bounds of this district. There are twenty-six Bible-women employed under the care of Mrs. Dr. Wilson, who though sorely bereaved during the year, bravely held her post trying to fill, in some measure, some of the places left vacant when her husband was called home. She has also, when at home, a crowd seeking medical assistance which she freely gives. Twenty-seven Bible-women are employed under her care. The village work in the outlying circuits is also carefully watched and much good seed is being sown. The boarding-school under Miss C. Easton is a large factor in the work of the district. One hundred and thirty-eight girls are being trained for useful lives and many of them will go out as teachers or Bible-readers.

### ODDH DISTRICT.

**Lucknow.** The record of this district begins with Lucknow, the center of work and Christian activity, and to the high-school and college, the hope and desire of every ambitious native girl. The superintendent tells the story of the year as far as the school was concerned as follows: "One teacher home on sick leave, another unable to do more than half service, another on the verge of nervous prostration and no word of others coming made the first six months of this year the most trying in twenty-nine years' experience; but I have been kept, the school has been kept and prospered. There never was a time when the work we are trying to do seemed so important. There are constant applications for teachers from missions of all denominations and from private families, some of them belonging to the Hindoo and Mohammedan gentry who ask for resident governesses. Looking over the field I find that at present fifty-five of our pupils are teaching and eight practicing medicine. There may be others I have lost sight of. This does not include wives of preachers, Bible-women or other Christian workers, only those regularly engaged as teachers. All but four are in mission schools, three in government employ. Miss Widdifield is training two English teachers for army work and one of her pupils is earning her support by teaching kindergarten in a convent-school. She is an earnest Protestant Christian." We can see from this how far-reaching the influence of this school is. The number in college class is thirteen, in the high-school and lower grades 163. The kindergarten suffered when Miss Widdifield had to go to Shahjahanpore, but she returned and there was an effort to carry on training in both places. The first attempt to hold a teachers' institute in India was

tried in Lucknow in June. Over forty teachers were in attendance and there was much enthusiasm over the success. It will be a permanent institution after this.

The *Deaconess Home* was cared for in 1897 by Mrs. Jenkins and the various lines of work well cared for. In her report we find this item: "We began the year with a debt of 500 rupees, and the divine promise, 'My God shall supply all your need,' and ought I to say it; He surprised us all by doing it. After Mrs. Jenkins left, Miss Hardie carried this burden in addition to other duties, and when the day seemed darkest, news of Miss Fuller's coming made many hearts glad. Zenana work, industrial work, sheltering the homeless, teaching the ignorant, caring for the afflicted is part of the work done in this home. The district work and city-schools are superintended by Mrs. W. A. Mansell. There are seven circuits contained in Oudh District, and these circuits embrace forty-five stations, each the center of a growing work, under charge of the native pastor and wife. The number of Bible-women in Oudh is forty-seven. At Hardui, a little boarding-school has grown into existence out of their great need for such a help. Forty-five girls are gathered in, and an earnest plea for more help is forwarded.

#### GONDA DISTRICT.

A few years ago the District of Oudh contained all now covered by the Sitapur, Oudh and Gonda Districts, but the rapid growth of the work made more oversight necessary. Some twenty circuits are represented in the Gonda District. Forty Bible-women are employed. There are day-schools and Sunday-schools and different forms of evangelistic work. The work is all carried on by native pastors and helpers except the boarding-school in Gonda, which is under the superintendence of Miss Hoge. Small-pox, famine, fever, cramped quarters and insufficient help have been the portion of the missionary in charge of Gonda Boarding-school, and yet there has been a song of triumph over successful examinations and growth in the "better things" shown by pupils. Surely the day must soon come when a good house shall shelter this school. They have waited long and could any place be more needy? Seventy-five girls crowded into rooms intended for thirty-five. And so in the North India Conference the record for another year closes. God has been with His servants, and they go hopefully forward in the same path, feeling where He leads it will not be hard to follow.

E. T. COWEN,  
*Official Correspondent.*

## NORTHWEST INDIA CONFERENCE.

*Organized as a Conference in 1892.*

### MISSIONARIES.

MISS ANNA E. LAWSON,	MISS LUCY SULLIVAN,	MISS ANNA GALLIMORE,
MISS ADA J. LAUCK,	MISS LAURA S. WRIGHT,	MISS ELIZABETH TRYON,
MISS LILLIAN MARKS,	MISS EMMA SCOTT, M. D.	*MISS CLARA SWAIN,
MISS LAURA BOBENHOUSE,	MISS MELVA A. LIVERMORE.	

\*Home on leave.

### WIVES OF MISSIONARIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS EMMA MOORE SCOTT,	MRS. R. CLANCY,	MRS. J. LYON,
MRS. N. M. MANSELL,	MRS. J. C. LAWSON,	MRS. ELLEN DE SOUZA,
	MRS. C. HOSKINS,	

**Ajmere District.** At the last conference the number of districts was increased to nine. First in order is the Ajmere, where Misses Marks and Tryon have charge of the boarding-school and also of the woman's work. They report progress in the school, the improvement in the famine girls being marked. Of them Miss Marks speaks: "The drawn, pained expression has left their faces, all are fat and happy. They have learned eight psalms, the beatitudes, the ten commandments, the Apostles' creed, besides many selected passages of Scripture. They read the first Urdu and Hindi books and passed an excellent examination in the first catechism." "Our Epworth League of about one hundred members, including the boys from the boys'-school, is doing a good work through its bands of ready workers, who go three times a week into the mohullas of the city to preach to the new converts and to the heathen. We have endeavored to do as much as possible along the line of industries, with a fair amount of success. It is uphill work, the better classes consider manual labor disgraceful, and we must begin in our schools to overcome such prejudice. The city work has gone on steadily through the year, the people manifest a deep interest in the Word, but there have been few conversions. We pray, hope and work, and God will answer in due time if we faint not."

**Aligarh District.** In the Aligarh District Mrs. Mathews has charge of the orphanage and Miss Gallimore of the city and district work. Miss Gallimore has a vast field, the city itself is large besides eight circuits and in each a number of villages, sometimes as many as three hundred. Miss Gallimore writes: "Some of these

villages are far apart, often the workers walk eight and ten miles a day. Many of our Christians are from the lowest caste and we can only get them together in the early morning, noon or evening, as they are engaged in work during the day. When working among the heathen we go to the high caste first and are for the most part well received everywhere, and the people are often eager to hear and buy the Word of God. My Bible-women work among both Christian and heathen. I am glad to report advance in almost all the field, there is much to encourage. We found in one village a Brahmin who had a book given to him many years ago but put it aside without reading until three years ago. He believed what he read, put away his idols and began to preach Christ. He is now a very earnest Christian. He told us of speaking to the people about Christ in a village and a man spoke against Him, and he said, 'I beat him.' The preacher said, 'But, brother, you must never strike any one. The Bible says: 'If any man smite you on one cheek turn the other also.' But he said, 'He abused my Christ and I could not stand it.'"

**Agra District.** From Muttra, Agra District, Miss Sullivan writes: "If you could have looked in on our summer-school where were about sixty men and twenty-five women from the district, and talked with them, you would learn from what surroundings and life and beliefs they have come, and it would reveal to you in a startling way the great need for evangelistic work among these new Christians. We know already what a great loss has come to us in dear Miss Rowe's death, but what it is to the work no one will realize till the season comes to begin the itinerating. I never knew her to be so wrought up over the need of extended efforts in that line of work, nor so full of eager plans for the next year as when she returned last March after it became too hot to continue her tent life and was with us in Muttra two days before going up to Naini Tal. She said, 'Next year we must have at least four bands and cover all our territory if possible. The people are doing as well as they know, but many have never had a chance to be taught since they believed and were baptized.' But we have so few ladies in the field and so many schools that it is very hard to keep the schools supplied and have any one left for itinerating; then, too, the itinerating evangelist must be strong physically and ought to be an experienced missionary. How Miss Rowe's help and advice will be needed this coming cold season! I hope her desires for the work may be fulfilled and the four bands sent out to carry light into these dark villages. What a blessed work it is! Let me tell you of a young



woman twenty-two years of age, who is from the lowest class, has been a Christian four years and less than two years ago came from her village into our school. Then she knew nothing either of letters nor of the Bible. Now, she reads and writes Roman, Urdu and Hindi and is a member of a Bible class that I teach daily, and I believe she will be ready to join one of the evangelistic bands this season, so there is good material in this class though they are India's most menial servants and despised people. Our school is full and it is an inspiration to think of the privilege of having there many young lives separated from the heathenism of their village homes and brought into the school under our personal influence for these most impressible years of their lives, and to be sent out educated, converted and disciplined to become the teachers and mothers. Who can estimate the results?

"Our training-school does good work, but the early marriage system hinders us from having the numbers in the school that we should have. Miss Wright and I are together in Muttra. Dr. Scott has her home and dispensary, through Mrs. Calder's kind provision, in Brindaban, six miles from us, and feels that she has the most interesting place in India."

**Allahabad District.** Of the Allahabad District Mrs. Clancy writes: "There are five circuits, each under the care of a native pastor and his wife. Besides the district work we have a boy's orphanage and a girl's orphanage in Allahabad. Our girls—sixty-seven in number—are in a good-sized house near us and have a large dormitory with a stone floor and plenty of windows, so have good air where they sleep. As yet we have no school-room but the veranda, but as soon as Mr. Clancy can arrange for the boys in one of the villages he will give us their school-room and dormitories; then we shall be able to take in more girls and start our industrial work. I get only twelve scholarships from the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, but this year I am asking for ninety-five and hope they will be granted. Mrs. Luke looks after the Bulandshahr District, where are thirty-four hundred Christian women and girls who live in four hundred villages, and but twenty Bible-women to work among them. There is no appropriation for day-schools but over two hundred girls are regularly taught. There are thirty Sunday-schools with an average attendance of seven hundred. Five hundred women have asked for baptism, but their request has not been granted because there are not teachers to send to them."

**Mussorie District.** From Rurki, Mussorie District, Mrs. Lyon writes: "My work is in the Rurki circuit and four sub-circuits, where we have six day-schools in as many centers, and a Sunday-school with each; each Bible-woman works in the mohullas and some have five and six villages where they give the gospel message. All are willing workers, cheerfully toiling and enduring hardships bravely. By the ten dollars given this year I have a neat school-house in one village where our Bible-reader holds her school, and it is a great boon. I have asked for a like sum this year to build in another village. I have also asked for another Bible-woman as with our present number we are only reaching about half our Christian women."

Miss Lawson is the correspondent for this conference and sums up the work of the year thus: "On the whole, I think our work is in a better condition. We have a stronger band of missionaries and our stakes are being driven deeper and firmer. Our beloved Miss Rowe we cannot hope to fully replace but we have other strong, true women who are faithful and loyal to our Master's work. Miss Gallimore is the only one really free for evangelistic work now, but we hope for others to be ready to thrust out into this needy work soon. Mrs. Buck and others go out to the quarterly meetings with their husbands and get a good insight of the district workers. A very valuable and somewhat new feature of our work is the summer-schools held in the various districts for five or six weeks. This year a large number of women, Bible-women and village workers, came in and gained a great deal of inspiration and zeal and method from the systematic instruction received. Part of the summer-school is like a convention with reports and papers and practical discussions as well as revival meetings.

"Miss Boyd, who was associated last year with our dear Phebe, expects to take the same band of workers out this year. This itinerating work among the lowly villagers is a most pressing need and I wish we had half a dozen ladies free for it. Our schools are increasing in efficiency and numbers. The Howard Plested Memorial-school is increasing the grant in aid given by government year by year by reason of its satisfactory examination results. Aligarh has now a fine orphanage of over two hundred girls who are learning all sorts of industries. They spin and weave the cloth they wear besides many other useful things. This is a very busy hive and Mrs. Mathews is just the one to make such work move. The Muttra Training-school has recently taken fresh impetus and has gotten out a beautiful prospectus with fine plates. This bids fair to become a great institution.

"Miss Markes and Tryon are holding the fort at Ajmere and

making needful improvements. The new well has given greater security to health and some useful industries are being started.

"Cawnpore High-school is doing well and the debt has been decreased some. The native school is full and enjoying the nice new school building put up last year. They hope for dormitories next. Allahabad has bloomed out into an orphanage full of little waifs rescued from the famine.

"I can not mention all the faithful by name, but I think progress has been made all along the line. Those who have charge of district work have their hands at work and small day-schools are being started in many places. Famine has passed away and things are brighter. We need more workers, especially more to be free for evangelistic work, for we have fifty thousand new Christians in this conference."

MISS M. WATSON,  
*Official Correspondent.*

## SOUTH INDIA CONFERENCE.

*Organized as a Conference, 1876.*

RE-ORGANIZED 1886.

### MISSIONARIES.

MISS L. E. BLACKMAR,	MISS A. EVANS,	MISS F. FISHER,
MISS C. WOOD,	MISS GRACE STEPHENS,	MISS F. MASKELL,
MISS I. ERNSBERGER, M. D.		

### WIVES OF MISSIONARIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. ERNSBERGER,	MRS. RUDISILL,	MRS. COOK,
MRS. GARDEN,	MRS. WALKER,	

**Hyderabad District.** Gulbarga is our only station in the Kanarese field of the Nyzam's dominions. Mrs. Ernsberger writes: "It is impossible for the present force of workers to carry the work already in hand, and grand opportunities that can not be embraced make her heart ache. Girls'-schools could be made effective in three or more quarters of the city were there any one to take charge of them. Kolar, four hundred miles distant, is in the Kanarese field, but in the Mysore territory. In the circuits the Methodist Episcopal Church has opened, there are more than two millions of heathen and no other mission at work. Forty thousand women are waiting for the gospel in Gulbarga. Women in seclusion and women not in seclusion, beside the many villages within easy access of Gul-



barga are as yet untouched. Two new missionaries are greatly desired for Gulbarga and Raichur.

The medical work under Dr. Ernsberger is drawing large numbers of women daily from various quarters of the city and adjacent country. The assistant is teaching the Bible in the dispensary and doing outside work. Rev. and Mrs. Cook have opened work at Bidar and greatly desire the help of Bible-women. Rev. and Mrs. Garden, Vikarabad, have found the simple medical remedies they have used in connection with their work to be a great help in gaining the confidence of the people. They repeat with great earnestness the call for a medical missionary. Vikarabad is a very promising center for all kinds of work. The boarding-school is growing under Mrs. Garden's careful supervision and Bible-women are at work in the villages.

**Hyderabad City.** Girls' day-schools, Miss Wood in charge. She has six schools and says unless the appropriations are increased she will be obliged to close some of them.

Miss Evans, in charge of the orphanage and boarding-school, writes: "We have had a good year. The children are happy and are making the most of their opportunities. They do all kinds of work; grind the grain and wash their clothes over washboards as civilized people do. The fifty girls represent the rich and the poor; Eurasian and native Christian, Hindoo, Mohammedan and Parsee. New buildings or enlarged ones are a necessity, and no missionaries more richly deserve what they ask for than Miss Wood and Miss Evans. Stone floors have recently been laid in the school-house. For a number of days a mother brought her little girl and put her down in the plaster among the stones while she tended upon the masons. Was the child sleepy? She was laid on the stones and a dirty rag thrown over her. Did she cry? With one arm the mother carried her, while with the other she carried a basket of stones or a bucket of mortar." That these two most excellent missionaries may be comfortably housed and their expanding work accommodated new buildings are a necessity.

**Godavery District.** At the South India Conference of 1897 a new district was constituted, to be known as the Godavery District with the following circuits: Raipur, Jagdalpur (Bastar State) and Sironcha. The area of this district is 35,000 square miles with three millions of souls to whom, says Presiding Elder Gilder, we are the only messengers of the Cross. From Raipur—headquarters of the mission—to Jagdalpur is 183 miles; from there to Sironcha, 160 miles; from

there to the southernmost circuit, 120 miles. And all this must be retraced to reach home. This mileage of travel must be made by the elder in springless ox-cart over rugged trails, through dense jungles and across or through wide and deep rivers. The missionary force numbers two married missionaries and one single, the single being our Miss Blackmar, who, Mr. Gilder says, is bravely holding the fort and converting the wilderness into a garden. Raipur, a city of 30,000 inhabitants, is utterly destitute of any work among women and the situation here and through the entire district, with its opportunities, makes a strong appeal for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to go up and possess the land which the Lord God has said: "I will give it unto thee"

**Sironcha.** A considerable sum of money was sent Miss Blackmar, but only \$100 from our Society and that from the New England Branch, during the famine of 1897, which she expended in improving the mission property. As soon as the rains came word was spread that the famine was over and no more money was sent. This left her with some incompleted work, buildings unroofed, etc., but she made provision for these needs without applying to the Society. With her two assistants and two teachers, who are also Bible-women, she carries the orphanage and boarding-school and evangelistic work in the villages. She is putting the mission land under cultivation as fast as she can. She has raised the vegetables they use and realized profit from that sold, and beautified their home and grounds with the plants and flowers they have raised. At the same time health and happiness were their individual gain. Rev. C. B. Ward, who has recently inspected Miss Blackmar's work, estimates the Rupees 1,000 expended has added to the value of the Society's property Rupees 5,000, and says the progress already made will go a long way toward making a self-supporting orphanage. He adds: "Prejudice has been shattered and everywhere a new interest in the gospel is evinced. It is time to help Sironcha." A number of conversions are traceable directly to the influence of these noble women

**Madras District.** Bangalore. Notwithstanding frequent illness of the girls, Mrs. Walker reports the school doing nicely. They have had thirty-two girls in their home, and she attributes much of the sickness to the cramped quarters they occupy. Miss Fox, in charge of evangelistic work, says from July of 1897 to April of 1898, a total of 1,512 visits were made. She itinerates with the Bible-women in seven villages, visiting the homes and holding open-air services. A Sunday-school in the little village of Argodi has thirty-one names on

the roll. The parents are much pleased to have their children taught and when they see Miss Fox and her women coming they call their children in from their work. This is very significant, for they are all wretchedly poor.

**Kolar.** Miss Fisher writes: "The year has been one of blessing." Eighty-four children have been under her care. Her highest note of thanksgiving is for the redemption of an orphan of ten years. Though so young she was old in sin. Separated from the other girls and closely watched, prayer was made unceasingly that she might be saved from her base desires. After a few days she became reconciled to her changed conditions; was interested in her studies and a regular attendant upon all religious services. Not long after, in an Epworth League meeting, she told of a cleansed heart, and Miss Fisher says we were condemned for our unbelief. In six weeks lifted from the depths of ignorance and sin by looking unto Him who said: "And I, if I be lifted up will draw all men unto me." Fifteen of the girls have been baptized and others are asking for it, and says Miss Fisher, "I will not keep them waiting, for their lives show regenerate hearts." The school-work is most encouraging and grant-in-aid will be applied for. The class in training for teachers is doing excellent work. The number of widows remains the same. When the \$5,000 is granted additional accommodation will be made and more received. The William Gamble Deaconess Home is progressing and they do not cease to praise God for the noble woman who has so generously provided this home, nor to pray that the Lord will abundantly bless her and all the work in which she is so greatly interested. Miss Maskell reports 317 houses visited, 46 of them Christian, 183 Hindu, 88 Mohammedan. The women in 85 of the Mohammedan houses are never seen on the street, while the women in the other houses are compelled by poverty to go out and earn their living. There are conversions among these women and they are trying to lead other souls to Christ. Articles once used in idolatrous worship, as well as gods and goddesses are given as trophies of the gospel's conquering power.

The Christian villages, Elim, Bethany and Nazareth, have been visited as usual, and the children are trying very hard to be good. One little girl of five years was reproved for coming to the children's meeting destitute of clothing. Being late one day inquiry was made for her, and the answer was that she was dressing and had been ever since the woman's meeting began. After a time she came in with her mother's stiff new cloth wrapped round and round and round,

and being a plump child she made a very comical figure. Eighteen heathen villages are visited, and with good results. Four village-schools are a part of Miss Maskell's care.

**Madras.** No money being granted by the last Executive for building upon the new ground purchased, and not aware that the foundations were being laid with money in hand we were obliged to cable Miss Stephens: "Stop building!" But how could she stop? The corner-stone was about to be laid; the monsoon was approaching and to stop meant ruin to what had been done. Two friends of very different type; one a Hindu, the other a Christian, came to her relief. Mr. Vankatechellum bore all the expense of the illumination and celebration; and a grand thing he made of it. Dr. John F. Goucher, the generous, the friend of missions, placed in her hand \$1,000, and with this medium of comfort she went on with her work. Then that grand Branch, always devising liberal things, decided to devote its thank-offering to the building of the orphanage at cost of \$10,000, making it a memorial to its large-hearted Corresponding Secretary. Its corner-stone reads: "Erected by the New York Branch. The Harriet Bond Skidmore Memorial." Baltimore Branch, made the Deaconess Home one of the objects for its Easter offering, and wished it to be the Grace Stephens Memorial. To this Miss Stephens would not consent and it will stand as the Baltimore Memorial. Northwestern Branch will build the zenana cottage or Nicodemus House. The orphanage will have ample accommodation for 100 orphans, with all necessary class-rooms and a large hall. The home will be fitted for the superintendent and her associates; a study and assembly hall where religious services will be held and where it will undoubtedly be said of many a one. "She was born there." This work is under the supervision of Miss Stephens' brother, Mr. J. H. Stephens, the noted engineer and architect of Madras, many of whose prominent buildings stand as his memorial. His time and service are his generous gift to this work. The year has been a very notable one. First, for spiritual results; three generations at one time being in her home for instruction and preparation for baptism. Again four entire families for the same purpose.

Sooboonagam Ammal continues to be the "seven days' wonder." Modestly but bravely witnessing for Christ; at work among the zenanas and in the villages, often returning with bleeding feet. "Cholera Epidemic in Madras," so said the secular press. We read with fear, we prayed with trembling. It came to the orphanage and in a few hours two of the little ones had died. Quickly Miss Stephens

rose to the emergency. She placed the orphans in a rented house, provided a resident physician and skilled nurses and removed with her assistants to the Deaconess Home, living in picnic style. All this was at great expense, but life is never to be weighed against dollars. Four little ones were laid to rest; a Bible-woman also, and Elizabeth, the Evangelist, was brought to the very door of death. Surely it was none other than the Everlasting Arms that sustained this child of God under such trials. The latest word was that there had been no new cases; that Elizabeth was out of the hospital, though still needing care. Mrs. Rudisill has edited the Tamil Friend.

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## BOMBAY CONFERENCE.

*Organized as a Conference, 1892.*

WOMEN'S WORK COMMENCED, 1884.

### MISSIONARIES.

MISS M. F. ABRAMS,	MISS C. LAWSON,	MISS NETTIE HYDE,
MISS E. M. BENTHEIN,	*MISS ANNA E. ELICKER,	MISS E. HODGE, M. D.
MISS E. NICHOLS,	MISS C. J. PORTER,	MISS HARRIET BOSS,
	MISS KATHARINE A. SPEARS.	

### WIVES OF MISSIONARIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. S. E. VARDON,	MRS. ELLEN WARNER FOX,	MRS. T. E. MORTON,
MRS. EDITH ELSAM,	MRS. J. O. DENNING,	
MRS. W. H. STEPHENS,	MRS. W. BRUERE,	
MRS. J. M. THOBURN,	MRS. F. FELT,	
MRS. H. BUTTERFIELD,	MRS. E. F. FREASE.	

\*Home on leave.

### BOMBAY.

Miss Nicholls writes: "At the beginning of this year things looked more hopeful than usual. Plague had in a large measure abated, the zenana women had returned from out-stations, and many of them were quite eager to resume the study of the Word of God. But the hopeful outlook did not last very long for in February the plague broke out more violently than ever. Notwithstanding the great danger, the workers begged to be allowed to continue their work. The climax came when early in March the riot between Mohammedans and Europeans broke out. For some weeks we were



compelled to close the work as it was unsafe for any European to enter the homes. As soon as it was deemed safe the workers resumed their visits and were hailed with joy. One woman fell at the feet of one worker in tears and said: 'Thank God you are saved.' She had seen the mission ghari out on the day of the riot and said she had prayed to our God to protect us.

"A woman who had only been visited twice and had been told about the birth of Jesus, said with a beaming face, 'Was it not good of God to send His angels to tell the poor shepherds when Jesus was born?' The simple stories of the life of Christ create a deep impression on the minds of India's women, groping in heathen darkness whose former religious instruction has been purely of diabolical deeds committed by their unnatural gods.

"Besides our work among the Marathi and Hindustani people we have a Bible-woman at work among the Gujarati sweepers and also one in village work. It is hard to keep a record of these two latter as they go into different localities gathering about them all who will listen to the Word."

Miss Porter, in charge of the educational department of the school, "says that for the past two years the school work has been hindered by the plague. We were unable to get the teacher we wished for the higher grades because he wrote: 'How can I come to Bombay when that dreadful disease is making such ravages?' The teacher engaged left in March because his brother insisted upon his leaving on account of plague. As one of the girls was taken with the disease it was thought best to close school and send home those whose parents wished to take them. Owing to the frequent change in teachers the girls did not take as high marks at the government examination as we would wish.

"During the past year the Gujarati department has been a source of great perplexity. We had no one with the language to supervise the work, and the Marathi element is so strong that unless an entirely separate establishment were kept up it would be almost impossible for them to become proficient in Gujarati. So we have dissolved this department, putting the famine orphans into the Marathi department. The four or five real Gujarati girls we wished to send to Baroda, but their parents preferred to have them study Marathi rather than go so far away. Miss Thoy's work in the school is commendable. She makes herself useful in any department."

Miss Lawson writes: "In October I was transferred to the school and since conference have had charge of the home department and kindergarten. This, of course, means looking after the food and

clothing of the girls, caring for the sick and whatever cares would naturally fall to the mother of so large a family. We feel there is here a vast field for spiritual work and we often wish we had more time to devote to this work, but the treasurer'ship and the editing of a Marathi paper twice a month of course takes much time. We opened the kindergarten in February and in these few months the little ones have made good progress. In the shy, listless ones a great transformation has taken place and all appear animated and intensely interested.

"On Easter Sunday twenty-three famine orphans were baptized on profession of faith and three others united with the church on probation. Fifteen more were ready but their baptism was postponed to take place in the Gujarati service.

"We have not been able to give the day-schools much supervision because of our small force; owing to this and the plague they are not doing as well as we would wish. The Sunday-schools, however, are well attended and we believe the seed sown will bring forth fruit."

### POONA.

*Marathi Work.* Mrs. Fox says: "The gloom, owing to plague, which was casting its shadows over all our work at the time of my last report in December, 1897, has been removed, and all departments of our work are presenting a brighter aspect.

"All the four schools which we were compelled to close on account of plague, were reopened as soon as practicable, and the attendance in most of them, especially the Frederick Rice Memorial-school, is now even greater than before the plague broke out.

"We were greatly pained, on our return from conference, to learn that Josephinebai, the teacher of our girls-school, on Bhowani Peth, had contracted the disease and having taken to the plague hospital had died there very suddenly. Of course, after her death, it was thought best, in fact we were compelled to close the school. At first we feared it would be a long time before we should be able to reopen it, but to our surprise even before we had secured a teacher, some of the parents began expressing their desire to have the school re-opened. This was encouraging to us, as showing some appreciation of the work that had been done, on the part of those who had hitherto appeared quite indifferent to our efforts in behalf of their children, so a new teacher was installed, and the result is a larger attendance than before.

"Our Bible-woman, Prithabai, has had much encouragement in

her work, especially in her visits to the homes of her former pupils who have left the school owing to marriage.

"On July 31st my husband had the joy of baptizing an old woman, the fruit of Prithabai's labors, one whom she had been instructing for some time. She has come out very decidedly and brightly."

*Medical Work.* Mrs. Stephens reports: "It is just a year now since I was able to re-open the dispensary after having kept it closed three months; during that time the plague was at its height. It may seem strange that when from 80 to 100 were dying daily from plague we should close a medical dispensary, but as in one day 20,000 people were estimated to have left the city, and as the English Government had ample hospital accommodation for all the plague-stricken there was little left for us to do. At the end of August, 1897, we reopened in our present suitable quarters, with every prospect of usefulness; but alas! the smouldering embers of the plague began again to blaze up with alarming rapidity and we were soon left a second time with very few patients to attend, so in September at the earnest request of Mr. Bruere I drove out with him to see the famine children. Almost every one had a famine sore mouth or discharging ear or both, besides dysentery, diarrhoea, etc., and all emaciated to an extreme degree. My heart ached for them and my duty was clear. We planned to convert the large range of stables into a hospital and in a few days we had about twenty-five of the worst cases pretty comfortably established in the five stalls from henceforth to be dignified by the names of wards. Since then many have been admitted and many discharged from these wards. Some have passed from our lowly hospital to the great Mansion House above, and not a few have left unmistakable evidence of a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

"My Bible-woman has done good and faithful work and while we may not see much fruit, still she sows day by day and we trust our loving harvest-gatherers to find the fruit.

"The two girls I took from the Anglo-Indian Girls' Home nine months ago to teach compounding, have made good progress and I hope soon to have ready two efficient workers for our missions. Dr. Hodge, from Baroda, has already engaged one."

*Taylor High School.* Miss Benthien is doing well and writes as follows: "During the past year the school has increased from 43 to 59 and in the boarding department from 12 to 21. We have received 22 new pupils since January, but, of course, have lost some by withdrawals for work, on account of illness, or removal to other stations. During the year five of the girls have given themselves to Christ and have united with the church. Another of our girls has



entered mission work and is doing well. We felt a mark of the Lord's approval in the timely coming of Miss Boss, who is doing most excellent work. Health, harmony and happiness exist in our home, all due to Him whose we are and whom we serve."

Miss Boss reports: "My class is unique in a way. Three in number, a native girl, a Eurasian girl and an English girl. Soobo is a relative of the last king of the Marathas, the most courageous of the peoples of India, and a dear girl she is; she will enter mission work and we will some day be proud to claim her. Our Eurasian student is looking forward to teaching. Sarah, our English girl, is brilliant. She can but do the school honor in the examination. Coming from a state church home, since her advent here, she has made great spiritual progress. It has been a great inspiration, when in our reading of 'Faerie Queen' I have brought out the spiritual beauty of the poem to see the quick responsiveness of her face. It has been with deep sorrow that we have turned away bright students, knowing that they would find their way to the convent. Many can pay two-thirds fee and with \$100 a year to give partial aid we could save numbers from that fate."

*Poona Circuit Village Work.* Miss Abrams writes: "The work this year has been carried on faithfully and continuously. More than fifty villages have been visited, some once, some twice and others several times. The gospel has been preached in several places to different congregations, in each village each time visited, thus reaching a large number. We have found the people more accessible and have reached a larger number than last year.

During the seven months Pundita Ramabai was absent in America I superintended her mission for famine widows in Kidguam. Bheemabai, with the help of the Christian widows and other Bible-women on the district, carried on the work faithfully. Since Pundita Ramabai's return I am free for this work and find abundant evidence in the villages of faithful work done.

During the year I have held many services connected with the church in this place, consisting of about 200 widows. It has given me great joy to see them yield to Christ and witness their spiritual growth."

#### HARDA.

Mrs. Grenon writes: "We have now in Kheripuri a flourishing girls'-school of thirty children. This school is located in the midst of a small village of very poor people. They gen-

erally gain their living by bamboo work such as mats, brooms, baskets, etc., and as their children take to it at an early age much of their time goes in helping parents and guardians, hence the difficulty in securing their attendance in school. But our teacher, Julia, is a wise and earnest woman and goes so cleverly about her business that any day between 8 and 11 A. M. her school-room may be seen with a fair attendance. But for the existence of our school in this locality these precious little souls would grow up in utter ignorance and darkness. It is encouraging to see how much they appreciate the Gospel stories and hymns. Besides Julia we have an assistant teacher in Martha, who has been for some years trained by us and has now become a very intelligent woman of great promise."

### JUBBULPUR.

Miss Hyde, in charge of school work, writes as follows: "Early in the year Miss Elicker's failing health required that she return to the home land and this left the work of caring for the interests of the school in new and inexperienced hands. However, the Lord has wonderfully cared for the work and the year has been a prosperous one. Since January 1, 1898, fifty-four girls have come to us; all but nine of whom remain in the school, making a total of two hundred and fifteen. The health of the girls has been excellent during the year 1898. The only deaths having been among the weak famine children. The building of dormitories, which has been going on under Dr. Johnson's supervision for more than a year, is nearly completed and except for the great need of a school building we now have commodious and comfortable quarters.

*Bible Women.* Mrs. Felt, who has charge of the Jubbulpur Zenana work, writes: "The work among the women of Jubbulpur, both in zenana, mahulla and village work, is in an encouraging condition. Our force has been strengthened by the addition of another excellent Bible-woman. About eighty houses are being regularly visited in Jubbulpur and in neighboring villages. At present we have two candidates for baptism. The day-school for Hindu girls is improving, having now a large and more regular attendance than ever before. A day-school for Mohammedan girls is about to be opened. In connection with our zenana and mahulla work we have four Sunday-schools, numbering about 120 heathen scholars."

*Khundwa.* Mrs. Vardon reports: "Our small company of forty-four girls is giving us much satisfaction in every respect. While learning the

things of God, they have also learned to make very good crochet lace and thread buttons; both sell, and the profits, though small, go toward our new school-house now building. Our Epworth League has been a great help to our older girls and we can see signs of them trying to serve God.

**Training-class:** Three of our women passed a very successful first year's examination, and are doing a small work, besides continuing their studies. Being old and having children we find they need time for their studies.

**Nursingpur.** Mrs. Denning thus gives an account of her work: "At the beginning of the year I secured the services of Mrs. Hurst, an English widow lady, and about a week ago her daughter began work also. The doors and opportunities are open to us and the new workers have already all the work they can do in five mornings of every week. The number of houses in the three large towns has increased from fifty-five at the beginning of the year to seventy-two now."

**Baroda School Work.** Miss Spears writes: "We number sixty-seven girls. Some have been removed during the year—the usual result of vacations—and only special or needy cases have been taken to fill these places.

At no time during the plague were we fearful. We fulfilled our part in keeping things as clean as possible, and in having the girls inoculated. The trust and faith of the girls was sweet indeed. They questioned the necessity of inoculation since God had promised to care for them. Early during the plague season they seemed impressed with the verse, "Neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling." The simplicity of faith with which they claimed this promise was very refreshing. Thus far it has been literally verified to us.

During the summer vacation I frequently noticed a group of girls gathered together on the verandah for prayer and Bible-reading. They seemed to be following our habit of family prayer in the morning. Every night, before retiring, they again came together for the same purpose. Only a week ago one of this group was married to a very promising worker. Only two years ago she was a questionable character. The change in her is certainly that of a clean, pure heart. She is bound to be of use for Christ in her work in the villages.

The kindergarten, hitherto of fitful existence, is flourishing. The bright, interested faces are a standing reproof to the usual routine method used with the beginning child.

There is manifest a desire for English; it affects every one, from the kindergarten children to the teachers. I have just begun a class in English for teachers.

The famine children taken at the end of last year are proving themselves a capable set of children, and several of them are especially bright and of quick, spiritual insight.

The year truly closes in many blessings. Praise belongeth to God for His mercies to us."

*Baroda Medical and Village Work.* We began itinerating November 20th and from that time on till the end of April we were not much at home. Sometimes we tented and sometimes stopped with our native Christian workers. We have visited fifty-seven different villages and made ninety-one visits altogether.

The number of medical treatments given since the beginning of December till the present (August 22d) is three thousand and eighty-eight and the number of prescriptions given is three thousand six hundred and sixty-six. Sixty-six visits have been made in Baroda.

Sometimes it seems very hard on arriving at a village tired, hot and dusty, not to say hungry, and gathering the people, sing and talk for three-quarters of an hour trying your best to keep their attention, then afterwards give medicines to from thirty to sixty before getting any rest or food. But I will not go into details about it further for we do it gladly because He did so much more for us and was often weary. He does feed us with the bread of life and the more we give out the more we have. I generally feel happiest when working the hardest and especially if we seem to be really reaching the hearts of the people.

*Village Work.* Baroda Circuit: The Baroda Circuit, with the city as its center and lying mostly in native-state territory, is a difficult field. During the past year woman's work has been started in three villages, in charge of three fairly educated women, two of them from the Evangelistic School. Work in this circuit goes very slowly, but progress is being made.

Godhra Circuit: Last March Mrs. Morton, who was in charge of the Godhra Circuit, fell sick and was obliged to leave her work and the charge of it devolved on me. There are five women workers in this circuit, two of whom are fairly well educated and one sufficiently to be efficient. The work in this circuit has expanded very much during the past year, and every indication is that it will continue to do so.

**Baroda.** Mrs. Frease writes: "At the district conference in September, 1897, seven women were appointed to the school who remained in constant attendance up to the latter part of

May, when all passed the examinations very creditably. Five were given appointments and two were continued in the school; one of the two to fit herself to do Bible reader's work. She is teaching in the Summer-school, which is now in session.

*Worker's Summer School.* The Worker's-school for the district commenced the 8th of this month (August) to continue for about six weeks, followed by a week of special evangelistic meetings and the district conference. There are thirty-eight women in attendance, the largest number we have yet had. Only a few of them are employed. They are the wives of exhorters and pastor-teachers, and we are trying to fit them for the work. During the session of the Summer-school the Evangelistic-school is incorporated with it, and the teacher of the latter, under my direction, is in charge.

As in all heathen-lands the women are much more ignorant and superstitious than the men. They have even been taught that they are incapable of learning. Many peculiar difficulties must, therefore, be overcome. But this makes the work all the more necessary. It is very essential to the success and stability of our rapidly growing work that the women and girls should be led in the way of the Kingdom. For this women leaders must be raised up from among the converts through the schools."

**The Mahi River Circuit.** Mrs. Wood writes: "During the greater part of the year we have felt very acutely the effect of the plague in Gujrat, on account of the Government quarantine arrangements, which were of such a nature as almost entirely to prevent me from traveling in the circuit. Whenever I ventured I had to be provided with a certificate to the effect that, during the previous ten days, I had not resided in any 'plague infected area,' and this performance had to be repeated every time I left my station—thus seriously curtailing my movements throughout the greater part of the year. Nevertheless, I managed to do something in the way of travel and more by means of correspondence with the women in their own language—letters not being liable to quarantine.

"On the occasion of my visits, I was pleased to find much good work being done in a style considerably in advance of previous work, although it will take many years of faithful work to eradicate all the evils accruing from hundreds of years of oppression and superstition.

"In the Mahi River Circuit there now are six schools for women and I expect to have four more started before the close of the year."

MRS. M. S. HUSTON,  
*Official Correspondent.*



## BENGAL=BURMA CONFERENCE.

*Organized as a Conference 1886. Re-organized 1893.*

WOMAN'S WORK COMMENCED IN 1882.

### MISSIONARIES.

*MISS JULIA WISNER,	MISS J. STAHL,	*MISS E. MAXEY,
MISS K. BLAIR,	*MISS R. B. DAILEY,	MISS E. L. KNOWLES,
MISS FANNIE PERKINS,	MISS F. CRAIG,	MISS ANNA KEELER,
MISS E. L. LAMB,	MISS A. SUDERSTROM.	

### WIVES OF MISSIONARIES IN CHARGE OF WORK;

MRS. J. E. ROBINSON,	MRS. H. JACKSON,	*MRS. W. P. BYERS,
MRS. ADA LEE,	MRS. J. P. MEIK,	MRS. J. SMITH,
MRS. J. CULSHAW,	MRS. W. F. WARNE,	MRS. HILL,

\*Home on leave.

It seems impossible that a year should pass without the coming of some upheaval to interfere with our work and workers in Bengal. This year the plague has given the natives an excuse for inciting the populace to deeds of violence against all foreigners. Not the plague itself, because it has never been epidemic in Calcutta, but dread of segregation and inoculation maddened the people so that the removal of a patient to the hospital or the suspicion that a man was an "inoculator" was sufficient cause for an uprising of the natives, which often resulted in the death of innocent persons.

All Europeans felt the necessity of carrying arms. The Moham-medans claimed that by inoculation the foreigners were trying to destroy all their people and the maddened mob reckoned all foreigners as enemies. This tumult and excitement had its effect on the school attendance, yet at the time of sending the August reports nearly all the pupils had returned. Mrs. Lee reports less sickness in Calcutta than she had ever known before.

*Calcutta Girls' High School.* The Calcutta Girls'-school, with its 100 boarders and 200 day-scholars, still maintains its high standard of excellence. With these 300 girls in charge, Miss Stahl writes: "Their discipline does not cost me a moment's worry in a week. Of our scholarship girls and a number of others she says: They never have to be reprovod for misconduct and rarely ever for neglect of

duty, and many of them lead consistent, Christian lives. At the government examination our Methodist school headed the list of Bengali schools. Lizzie Moore, one of our scholars, was the only girl that won a place in the first division in the Middle-school examination, and her conduct is as perfect as her lessons. The girls of the school have a missionary auxiliary and use their dues for the support of a native Sunday-school in the Calcutta-Bengali work. Two of the girls have entered the Muttra Training-school. The younger girls all belong to the Junior League and are enthusiastically fond of their league, and of Mrs. Culshaw, their superintendent. Six of the present corps of teachers have been pupils in the school, and their excellent work is keeping the school up to the high standard it has so long maintained." Miss Lamb took full work in the high-school and middle classes during Miss Stahl's vacation of five weeks. The plague affected the school but little, many of the parents thinking their children were safer in school than at home.

A teacher for the kindergarten is greatly needed. The present teacher has had but little training, yet she has from fifty to seventy pupils while competing with trained teachers from Europe in the other schools. A fine room and the salary of a good teacher is waiting for some woman on this side of the sea.

Another place is open for some one who knows how to work, has management, practical, common sense and piety to take charge of the orphanage. Miss Stahl has had charge of this in addition to all the care of the 100 girls in Boarding-school, and feels that she cannot do justice to both institutions.

*Deaconess Home.* Miss Craig, on whom the burden of the deaconess work fell when Miss Maxey returned home, conducts two cottage prayer meetings, visits the sick in Government Hospitals, besides caring for a number of sick poor in her home. She carries about with her an atmosphere of love. The poor and the lowly rejoice at her coming. Mingled with this there is strong, common sense manifested in all her work. She greatly desires to open an industrial home in Calcutta, so that needy Christian women may learn how to support themselves and so lighten the expense of our work.

*Hindustani Work.* Miss Soderstrom and Miss Campbell are carrying on the Hindustani work in Calcutta.

The children are showing marked improvement, both mentally and spiritually. They have an Epworth League, to which the day-scholars belong, and the poorest of them never forget their pice for collection.

Mrs. Robinson, the presiding elder's wife, has all of these children over to her house for rally when her children are at home for vacation and her little Muriel visits the school almost daily. A Bible-woman visits twenty-five Mohammedan families.

**Beg Bagam.** The school at this place was almost broken up by the plague or rather the inoculation scare, but since reopening in June the attendance is increasing so that Mrs. Culshaw, who has supervision of this work, is hopeful that it will be larger than ever before. A competent, Christian teacher is in charge of the school. The parents are very poor and often the children are kept out of the school to beg. Mrs. Culshaw visits in these destitute, desolate homes and carries with her the hope-inspiring message of Gospel grace.

**Asansol.** Early in the summer cholera broke in Asansol-school and one of the girls and a woman servant died of it. Miss Biswas was greatly worn out with nursing the sick when an excellent young woman was sent to her relief. Eighteen girls were in the school in August, all in good health and others were just returning who had been kept at home by their parents to work in the harvest fields. Miss Biswas keeps her hand on everything and is an invaluable worker. New dormitories are being built.

**Pakur.** There are fifty-nine girls in Pakur-school, only thirty-four of whom are supported by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. These girls are making fair progress in their studies and in spiritual matters as well. Several of them have been converted during the year and are ready to take their part in public and family prayer. A spirit of self-help and helpfulness is growing also. The matron, proving untrustworthy and troublesome, had to be removed.

*The Bengali Work* has been so recently begun that there are so few native workers that it is difficult to secure the proper woman to train and teach these fifty-nine bright girls. Never was there a greater need for a godly woman from America to take charge of our work than in Pakur girls'-school.

*Widows' Home.* The large number of homeless, Christian widows in Pakur seemed to make a home for them a necessity and both the district and annual conferences recommended that one be started, yet no money provision was made for its maintenance. Eight destitute widows have been taken care of this year who partly support themselves by making flour, &c. Every day a class is held for these widows and other women for religious instruction and primary



teaching. They learn Bible stories, which they repeat to each other in their own simple language. Most of the instruction must be oral, as the vast difference between the written and the spoken Bengali makes reading unintelligible to them. The women are all beginning to learn so that they may be able to read the Bible for themselves, and for the benefit of others. Some are making good progress, others are hopelessly dull. The Bible-woman is gathering large crowds of non-Christian women who listen eagerly to her message. Miss Jacobson goes out on some of her itineraries with her. In the Pakur dispensary 9,125 patients have been treated during the year.

**Darjeeling.** Miss Knowles has been sick and will come home for a rest this year. She writes that the outlook for the year's work financially and in all other respects is most encouraging.

**Rangoon.** *The Girls' High School.* After many years of efficient service Miss Wisner, the beloved principal of this school, was obliged to return to America for rest and recuperation. Mrs. Hill, the wife of the new missionary sent to Rangoon, took up her work, and although everything was new and unfamiliar, she has proved herself to be the right woman in the right place. Mrs. Smith writes of her: "Too much cannot be said in praise of Mrs. Hill for the way she has held things in line since Miss Wisner's departure. Mrs. Hill reports the school in a prosperous condition, the percentage of passes in government examinations being far in advance of the previous year. Two of the girls passed the University entrance examination." The kindergarten classes are increasing in prosperity and attendance.

Miss Keeler, in addition to teaching two classes in the high school, superintends the boarding department, giving her best, not only to the secular side of her work, but also to the spiritual up-building of those she has in charge.

The Burmese Girls'-school has been this year under the supervision of Mrs. Smith. She visited the school twice from her distant home in Thandaung, and Miss Perkins visited it in July. Dr. Goucher visited the school in February and presented the annual prizes to the ones who could repeat all the golden texts of the year and who had been most regular in attendance at Sunday-school. Mrs. Smith reports the school in fine working order, standing only second\* or third in amount of government grant received, which indicates the rank in excellence of the school. Mah Pu, the good teacher of this school, was obliged to leave Rangoon because of ill-health. Her place was filled with a new teacher who is proving herself capable and efficient.

*Thandaung Orphanage.* The past has been a busy year at the new home in Thandaung and it is a relief to know that Bishop Thoburn has secured a competent teacher for the children. She comes to them at her own expense. The home has been entirely free from sickness and the children have taken hold of the household work nicely, with a growing interest in the work. Their work and appearance was heartily commended by the school inspector. They are working at a great disadvantage. All the cooking, washing and ironing, and in rainy weather the drying of the clothes, must all be done with two little cooking stoves. Miss Perkins is wishing for another Mrs. Bellingham to furnish money for a laundry and a few conveniences that would greatly lighten their work. Rev. Mr. Smith, the presiding elder, and his wife live in this home and have borne the burdens and shared the expenses of this new enterprise and deserve honorable mention. The history of one day's work given by Mrs. Smith is a vivid pen picture of this busy home.

"Here we are with two small cook-stoves, either of which my mother would have counted too small for a household of five, doing our cooking, baking of bread, heating of water for washing clothes and drying the clothes for a family of thirty. Aside from all the other household work of sewing, sweeping and keeping dormitories in apple-pie order, we teach five hours a day in a well-regulated school. The inspector visited us last week and, I think, was surprised to see work carried on after this fashion. It is hard work, but I believe it is the highest calling on the mission field of India to-day. How long we can travel at this rate is a question. This, Monday morning, being wash-day, we got up at four o'clock. Miss Perkins and I made the fires, soaped and put the clothes to soak in warm water while the girls got breakfast and straightened up the house. Mr. Smith and some of the boys proceeded to the butchering, while others carried water and wood, attended to the ponies, etc. By six o'clock the thirty of us had breakfasted and the washing was finished by twelve o'clock. Miss Perkins stood over the wash-tub rinsing, turning the wringer and starching clothes all this while. I could render little assistance in that line to-day as I hurt my left hand two weeks ago in wringing clothes and could not use it yet. Our one precious wringer had the handle broken, thus necessitating hand wringing. The afternoon has been devoted to drying clothes (the rain coming on again) and now at seven o'clock dinner is over, dishes put away and the children are at their studies. Miss Perkins is overseeing them and I am writing. The boys have chopped wood, carried water and done much other work to-day, required in a place

like this. This day's work is hardly a fair sample for we have had sunshine to help us out. To-morrow we will begin the school work and run it right along till Saturday noon. A little generosity on the part of some kindly disposed person would put us in the way of getting many conveniences to lessen our labor."

The work at Pegu has closed since the return to America of Mr. and Mrs. Schilling and has left us without a Methodist missionary there.

MRS. CHARLOTTE O'NEAL,  
*Official Correspondent.*

## MALAYSIA MISSION CONFERENCE.

*Organized as a Mission, 1887: as a Mission Conference, 1893.*

*Singapore.*

MISSIONARIES.

MISS SOPHIA BLACKMORE,

MISS MAY B. LILLY.

WIVES OF MISSIONARIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. E. FERRIS SHELLABEAR.

ASSISTANTS.

MISS NORRIS,

MISS GUNATILKA,  
MRS. JONES.

MRS. PIERCE,

*Penang.*

MISSIONARY.

MISS CLARA MARTIN.

WIVES OF MISSIONARIES ASSISTING IN WORK.

MRS. DR. WEST,

MRS. MARY CARR CURTIS,

MRS. PYKETT,

"I consider the Malaysia Mission, lying as it does in the great center of heathenism, with its thirty-seven different nationalities surging by ten thousands through its borders, the strategic point of our foreign missions." These are the words of one who has given time and thought and careful study and personal observation to our mission work and knows full well whereof he speaks. Eleven years have passed since we sent Miss Sophia Blackmore to begin woman's work in this Island Empire. To-day we have a deaconess home with grounds large enough for all the buildings which naturally accompany it, one well established day-school in the center of the city with 130 pupils, and another in Teluk Ayer, a ward of the city, with sixty

children, a large kindergarten and some seven Sunday-schools. Besides this a vast amount of evangelistic work is undertaken.

*Deaconess Home.* Miss Blackmore, in charge, writes: "At present we have forty-eight girls in our home. During the year we have received nine; and only yesterday I went to see a dying mother who was anxious for me to have the entire care of her two girls after her death. I have also been made the guardian of three Eurasian young women, who have sufficient means for their support. We have added to our family a Tamil baby girl, who is the matron's special care, but is a pet with all. The little one came to us when she was a month old. Besides the girls who live permanently with us, we have had several women who staid with us but a short time. We received a woman with her sick baby so as to be able to help it. They stayed but ten days, but the baby left looking so much brighter than when he came. On the first day the matron found a charm on the child's neck. She cut it off instantly, saying: 'Babies who come here to be made well can't wear that kind of thing.' An English lady was much interested in a young girl from Ceylon, who had proved refractory, so she boarded her with us for a month. She was much pleased with the improvement she saw in the girl. Three of our girls are teaching in Miss Lilly's school, one of the number being employed in the kindergarten class. Another girl is my right hand in the house, while yet another does all the sewing for the girls who wear dresses.

The League, to which all belong, is a great help to them. In connection with it the girls take up Christian work. Agnes has been visiting the pauper hospital with other workers. One Sunday, when she came home, she told me that there had been no one, that day, to speak Malay to the women, so she had done it. Her face looked bright as she spoke, but I do not know which felt the happier over it, she or I.

All but one of our girls have been baptized. This year there have been three baptisms and five of our girls have joined the Malay Church.

Of local help that we have received for the home that I would like to mention, has been a donation of \$60 (silver) from Miss Bellingham to close in a veranda, so that we might have more sleeping accommodation. I have been able to buy for this room ten iron bedsteads for the use of the older Eurasian girls."

*"Evangelistic Work.* "In the visiting work under my directoin, Mrs. Jones, Miss Dora Michaelson, Miss Chopard and Lim Neo have been

employed. Miss Edith Norris has now taken the work of Miss Chopard, and I am delighted with what she is doing. For years she has been visiting daily in homes, and everywhere she is loved and respected. Her reputation has gone abroad so that the women feel that it is an honor to have her visit them. Mrs. Jones always does faithful work, for her heart is in it, and she is not satisfied unless she has a definite talk before she leaves a house. Lim Neo, our Chinese Bible-woman, visits more homes than any other worker. I always enjoy the days I go out with her, for I always seem to accomplish something. It may be a table surrounded by women, all gambling. Lim Neo tells them they are to stop while Missie talks to them. One fingers uneasily with the cards, but others listen attentively, while I tell of the marriage feast—how 'all things are now ready' and the 'call' is for all. Or it may be we go to a home where the young women are persuaded to learn to read Malay, the mother-in-law giving consent. In a few days I take a teacher to the house, and soon they have nearly mastered our first book. Again, it is to the heathen wife of a Christian man. She attends my Sunday-school class, and is baptized afterwards with her little child."

*"Sunday Schools.* My open air work in this direction has suffered, owing to my taking the woman's class in the Malay Church Sunday-school, and eventually being elected as its superintendent. However, I have carried on two or three of these schools with more or less regularity. The Malay Church, I feel, has a great claim on me. Its name, perhaps, is somewhat misleading; it is composed of Malay speaking people, though of different nationalities. Its services were first begun, in 1890, in our girls' dining room. As it grew in numbers, it was removed to the Christian Institute. Our hymn book has grown with us. At first we had but two hymns. Now we have a fair collection, to which Mrs. Pierce and I have given our quota. The majority of our girls attend this church, and some of them are teachers in its Sunday-school. Two things Dr. Parker told me to do, when I left Moradabad to come to Singapore in 1887: 'Help build up the church and look after the children.' I think, in my planning, I have always kept these two things in mind.

To prepare the notes in Malay for Sunday-school workers has been my monthly duty, also. Every work brings its reward; and though it has seemed that I could not find time for these notes, I have been blessed in doing them, and one never knows what influence a printed page will have.

I was very sorry to give up our little 'Sahabat' for lack of funds; but one of these days there will be a Malay 'Friend' again. We need



more picture cards for our work, and would be so grateful for another picture roll on the Life of Christ.

The trip to Palembang came to us as an unexpected pleasure. Our way to go was opened up so nicely that we felt the hand of the Lord was in it. We took with us 1,000 Bible portions and little books, all of which we sold. We were pleased that the Bible we had left with our kind Chinese host, on the former visit, had been well used. "The women were well acquainted with its stories, and Chip Hiang told us he liked its teachings and at night he had his clerk read it to him. The Sunday in Palembang was a good day spent in singing, reading and explaining to different groups of women; and one's own heart felt the work of telling the message of God's love to be very sweet."

*"Methodist Girls' Mission School.* This has been in the care of Miss Lilly. Very early in the year the school opened on Mount Sophia by Miss Foster was suspended, the majority of the pupils uniting with the Mission-school at Middle Road. This has resulted in crowding the room to overflowing, but with only one missionary for both schools it became a necessity. It has also become evident that a different location should be sought for this large and important school, and permission has been granted to sell this property and secure other more desirable, provided it could be done without adding further expense to the society. The site for the new school, it was hoped, might be given by the Government. This hope has failed, and now our brave missionaries, Miss Blackmore and Mrs. Shellabear, are working to collect the funds needed, and have already secured about \$700.

Miss Lilly says: "The last of March the kindergarten outfit arrived, and two small rooms were secured just across a side street. I sent the primary class over to the kindergarten, and as it is twice as large as the outfit, it is divided into two alternating classes. Two of the Deaconess Home girls from last year's graduating class are there employed and give much satisfaction."

She adds: "We have just concluded purchase of a fine piece of land on which to erect that school-house for which we have been pleading, planning and hoping so long. In connection with the school we have a Sabbath-school lesson every Friday. There are a good many Jews who keep their children away all day Friday so as to avoid the Christian teaching. Last Friday we had 115 pupils present. Picture cards are given to the little ones and Sunday-school papers to the older ones. Our last Christmas box contained a great many



cards. They were needed also in the street Sunday-schools, and two or three times have been given to the women in the hospital and at the leper asylum and our supply is now exhausted."

Mrs. Emma Ferris Shellabear says: "Evangelistic work was assigned to me at conference last, but as our expected deaconess did not arrive I have kept on the work for the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in order to help our deaconess here.

"The school in Teluk Ayer has increased in attendance and we have now sixty-one pupils on the roll. We thought it was quite wonderful when a woman brought her daughter to school last year, but this year they have been brought by the fathers. I have not been able to visit among the children as much as usual and considering this fact the school has done remarkably well. On one occasion when visiting the school several of the children begged of me to go to their homes. I went with a little girl seven years of age who had her servant with her, a little slave girl. When we arrived we found that the mother was out, but I was told to wait a little and the father would come and talk to me. While waiting another little girl called me to her home, and as it was near I went. Two women met me whom I had known before, for formerly I held a Sunday-school in their home. They wanted to hear the stories of Jesus and while talking with them the little girl came to say her father was ready, and with a promise to return another day, I went back to see the father. I found a Chinese gentleman who spoke good English. He said he was glad his child was in school and he seemed very pleased because the little servant girl was learning the same lessons. He was delighted to tell me that his daughter was learning to sing and offered to play the piano for her if I wished to hear her. Of course I did, and I was astonished to hear him play 'Onward Christian Soldiers' and the child sang a verse and the chorus. It was the first time in my five and a half years' service that I had heard a Chinese play a hymn for his daughter to sing.

"I have had teachers in seven homes this year and fifty-two children have been and are being taught. Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan, of our Anglo-Chinese-school told me of a rich family who wanted a teacher. I went to see them accompanied by Mrs. Buchanan and made arrangements for the teacher to begin to teach in July last. This is the only new home which we have gained this year. It has been very difficult to get a Bible-woman suitable for the work, so I have given up one of my best teachers for the Bible work and now I do not know whom I shall get to fill her place, but we simply had to have a Bible-woman. The girls in the

homes learn portions of Scripture and sing Gospel songs daily and are Christians at heart, though not baptized. A Sunday-school is held weekly in each home. In the home in which the children were forbidden to sing any hymn with the name of Jesus in it, things are somewhat changed and the children sing any hymns they learn. The mother now looks on the singing as an amusement.

Mrs. Pierce, our Bible-woman, is busy here and there about the Lord's work. Her life is a constant witness to Christ. She gathers children into the schools and Sunday-schools, visits in seventy-six homes and holds Sunday-schools on week days as well as Sundays. She does a little of all kinds of Christian work.

The Sunday-school work is being prosecuted vigorously in schools and homes and on the streets. In Teluk Ayer school and in the homes and in two private Sunday-schools which I hold on Sunday we have over one hundred and fifty scholars, besides the Sunday-schools held by Mrs. Pierce, which have an attendance of over one hundred and twenty.

On one of my visiting days I met a man who is a leper; he seemed to feel the sadness of his lot and when I talked to him of the great physician he was glad to hear. He promised to read the Bible for a half hour each day if I gave him one.

"A short time ago the Chinese woman whom we call mother (Nonya Sin Neo) asked me to go and visit a woman to whom she had been talking about Jesus. She said: 'My friend wants to be a Christian.' I went to visit her and after her greeting she said: 'I have just got up from praying and now you have come to talk to me about Jesus.' She was delighted to talk to me about her love for Christ and her wish to be baptized. I asked her if her husband would object and she replied: 'No, he wants me to be baptized if I wish it.' I made arrangements for her to come to my home for further teaching and also promised to take her to church on Sunday to be baptized. She is very anxious to learn to read the Gospel for herself. On Sunday as I was going for her to take her to church I met her on the way going for Nonya Sin Neo, who had been used of God to bring her to Christ. She wanted her to be there when she was baptized. They came late, but the friend was there to witness the baptismal service. There was a dear little Chinese girl whose parents belong to our Chinese Church, baptized by Dr. Lucring at the same time. It is beautiful to see Christians bringing their friends and children to Christ.

"We were honored this year in having as guests in our home

Bishop and Mrs. Joyce, Bishop Foss and Dr. Goucher. Their visits to us were short but full of blessing and helpfulness and their words of counsel were appreciated."

### PENANG.

Miss Martin writes: "The Anglo-Chinese-school is flourishing at present, with an excellent prospect for the future. This month we have fifty-seven children enrolled. This membership includes two English children, six Eurasians, three Tamils, and the rest Chinese. Twenty girls are now preparing for Government examination, two more than we had last year. My sixth Standard girl, Veermamal, is working hard, and I hope will make a good record. As a rule the Chinese look down on the Tamils, but Veeramal, during the five years she has been in the school, has been so sweet tempered and so bright that all the children respect her. I am planning to have her begin teaching after examination, provided I can gain the parents' consent, both of whom are heathen. I shall allow her to teach only on condition that she comes to live with me, but I think her people will make no objection as Tamils are very fond of the 'Almighty Dollar.' Veeramal would like to be baptized if her parents were willing.

Eliza, our pupil teacher who began teaching after last examination, has been doing most excellent work. She has a large class of little folks, yet she controls them so quietly that her voice does not come up the court to me in the room above, nearly so often as the voices of the other teachers.

The children continue to enjoy Sunday-school lessons on Friday and respond very heartily with their texts. Surely when we have the promise that His word shall not return unto Him void, the Scripture these children are learning must bear fruit some time.

*Tamil School.* This work has taken on new life by the arrival of Mrs. Pykett, who is a most zealous worker, and, as Veeramal puts it, 'speaks truly Tamil,' and therefore can do in this work what I cannot do. There are now fourteen children in the school, and Mrs. Pykett has one girl living with her.

*Sunday Schools.* Mrs. West has a flourishing Sunday-school for Chinese women. Most of the women attending are converts to whom we teach the Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the Apostle's Creed, etc. Once in a while the Bible-woman brings in an outside woman who listens in open-mouthed wonder, for women have very strange ideas of what goes on in the church. In one house we

visited, the woman asked if they would have to be baptized at once if they came to the church. The Bible-woman answered, 'No, they might play awhile.' That is, they might come and find out about things.

My class in the English Sunday-school grows in numbers and in interest. My bright Chinese boys and Tamil girls, etc., answer readily when they can understand my English.

For the last few weeks, Mrs. Curtis has been training a Bible woman whom we believe will prove a rare treasure. She has an interesting history. When Dr. West was tramping over the hills of Bukit Mertajam he stopped at a hut where were ten or eleven men and this woman. He stayed there over night. The Chinese preacher at Ku Lim said this woman wanted to be baptized, and at his recommendation Dr. West baptized her. The husband said he also wanted to be baptized, but as he was smoking opium at the time, Dr. West refused. About two months later the husband drove her from home and she has never returned. She has since been living at Ku Lim, and has been most earnest in her service for the Master."

Over a year ago Miss Bellingham, of Scotland, a tourist, not a Methodist even, was so impressed with what she saw and heard and of the wonderful opportunities in Malaysia to win souls for Christ that she gave Bishop Thoburn \$1,000 for two years' support of another deaconess here, and we are waiting yet for some one to respond. 'Here am I, send me.' Surely the Lord has the prepared workers for these needy fields somewhere."

Miss Blackmore is sadly worn with ten years' service in that depressing climate with a break of only one year, and must have a change and rest. Mrs. Shellabear has given freely of her time and strength since her marriage and feels she can do so no longer, so not one but two missionaries are needed to reinforce this point. And so we earnestly plead for three more missionaries for Malaysia."

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*Official Correspondent.*

# CHINA.

## FOOCHOW AND HING-HUA CON- FERENCES.

*Foochow organized as a Conference, 1877.*

*Hing-Hua organized as a Conference, 1896.*

WOMAN'S WORK COMMENCED BY BALTIMORE LADIES' CHINA MISSIONARY SOCIETY,  
1858. WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY COMMENCED WORK, 1871.

### MISSIONARIES.

MISS C. I. JEWELL,	*MISS LYDIA WILKINSON,	MISS MABEL ALLEN,
MISS ALICE LINAM,	MISS LUELLA MASTERS, M. D.,	MISS LYDIA TRIMBLE,
MISS MARY PETERS,	MISS MABEL C. HARTFORD,	MISS JULIA BONAFIELD,
MISS ELLA LYON, M. D.,	MISS M. E. CARLETON, M. D.,	MISS WILMA ROUSE,
	MISS HU KING ENG, M. D.	

\*Home on leave.

WIFE OF MISSIONARY IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. GEORGE B. SMYTHE.

**Foochow,** Miss Jewell's appointment at conference read: "Woman's Training School, Foochow District. Bible-women and Hospital Evangelistic Work." Before conference was over the preachers were begging for Bible-women. and her one answer was: "Find me the woman and I'll train her for you as soon as I can." It seemed to Miss Jewell that the best hope for Bible-women was to get widows to enter the training-school, and she says if "prayer is the soul's sincere desire," she prayed for them. Applications for entrance soon came, and for the first term she had twenty-five, eight of whom were widows, and of these she admitted four. There were out in the field eight Bible-women; the matron at the girls'-school giving part of her time to the same work. The efficiency of some of these women is not all that could be desired, but they stand in the hardest places, endure much discomfort and oft times are the only ones to hold up the banner of light. The women are invited to return to Foochow each term for a review

in the school to mingle with other Christian workers. After that her plan is to have them together for the last month of the spring term each year. During the last two quarters these women have spent 576 days in the work and have held 143 prayer meetings. They have been teaching 233 to read in their homes, visited 193 who were sick, 1,074 families in all, of whom 170 were new families, unvisited before. They keep no record of the weary miles traveled over mountain and plain alone, or of discomforts and insults. Ah, no! Their chief complaint: "It is so hard to get the people where I am to believe," or "More could be accomplished could two of us go together." Miss Jewell has made one trip of twelve days in the mountain region of Iek Iong. Shorter trips—in the vicinity of the city—have been made as she had opportunity. She has conducted religious service at the Liang An Hospital, and in the Woolston Hospital. She has held a class-meeting in a Christian home near the hospital and has had charge of the meeting in the woman's-school. She gives each patient as she leaves the hospital a large sheet containing the commandments, Christ's summary of them, the Apostle's Creed and the Lord's Prayer. She asks that they be put up in their homes and that they ask their husbands to read them and see if it is not all "Good."

*Boarding School.* Miss Bonafield prefaces her report of work in charge of Miss Wilkenson and herself with: "It is not the amount of work one does but the quality that tells." This is very true, but the amount of work one has to do largely determines the quality. In the boarding-school 130 have been in attendance during the two terms last reported. Only twenty of the number were day-pupils, and boarding accommodations were crowded to the uttermost. The work naturally divides into three departments: housekeeping, class-room work and religious and moral instruction. The first named has been the most unsatisfactory and will remain so till help can be trained for the work. Much of it done by girls who come from homes where cleanliness is not reckoned a virtue, has taxed the matron's strength and patience to the uttermost.

The work in the class-rooms has been more satisfactory. Two teachers left the school, but the work was taken by the remaining two, assisted by under-graduates. The readiness of these teachers to take on extra work was very gratifying.

The English department has taken on new life and now requires and should have the entire time of one lady and an assistant. Five girls from wealthy and official families have come to the school for



English, and Miss Bonafield regards them as a promise of the many who will come in the near future, for the anti-foot binding society, which now numbers some 3,000 families in Foochow City alone, means not only unbinding of feet, but unbinding the fetters of ignorance also. "If we do not bind their feet we must educate them," is the general verdict. Upon the piece of land which has been added recently to the compound another building should be erected for the growing needs of the school and in it a chapel that would seat 300 persons. This building should accommodate the pupils anxious for a seminary course. Religious progress in the school has been gratifying. The jubilee which the girls had the privilege of attending did much for them. The story of fifty years of Methodism in China not only thrilled their hearts but impressed upon them the truth that they were to help make the history of the next fifty years. But the greatest benefit came through the week of special meetings conducted by Miss Trimble; to some came the peace of forgiveness, to others the joy of spiritual growth.

*Mary E. Crook Memorial Orphanage.* Just when Miss Linam had gotten her work nicely in hand she was transferred to Kucheng, and the orphanage was added to the already heavy burdens Misses Bonafield and Wilkenson were carrying. Five of the orphans have died and two had been taken in. Thirty-three the number reported. Six are in regular school classes, ten in the kindergarten, with others to follow. A number of the children are old enough to begin little household duties, and the missionaries hope to have them permanently located in little cottage homes where they can take turns at all the housework and be made responsible for the same.

*Day Schools and Evangelistic Work.* This great district is waking up and presents an ideal field for evangelistic work. While the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society supports but eleven day-schools, Mr. Miner has two hundred boys'-schools and each one opens tens of homes where mothers and sisters are ready to receive the gospel. These open doors call for at least two consecrated workers to give all their time to evangelistic work. Wherever a day-school is opened there you find the people ready to hear and ready to receive the Divine Message. "A school was recently opened," says Miss Bonafield, "and at our visit we had an attractive audience who heard for the first time of a Savior from sin."

*Medical Work.* Dr. Lyon says: "We have much to be thankful for. In no six months has our work been so successful. We have prayed that God would glorify himself in the conversion of souls, and he has wonderfully answered prayer. Sixty-one have been baptized;

forty-six have given their hearts to God and over 400 expressed a wish to become Christians. And as they have gone to their homes they have sent for the hospital Bible-woman to come and instruct their people. Fifty homes have been entered in that way and eight have become Christian homes. Miss Jewell's labors with the Bible-women have inspired them to greater effort."

Incidents of great interest are scattered through the doctor's report. One is of a leprous woman who has become a teacher in the leper village outside west gate. Another is of a woman with incurable cancer; deserted by her husband, yet saying over and over, "I have such peace." Abundant opportunities are found in connection with medical practice for the distribution of the tenth—the consecrated tenth.

Dr. Masters, in charge of the Woolston Memorial Hospital, says: "The work has shown a very satisfactory increase over any previous year. Though men are no longer treated at the dispensary the attendance is greater than ever before. There is also an increase in the number of women and children from the homes of the better class. Hospital facilities are very limited and only about fifty can be accommodated at one time. A site on Black Rock hill has been purchased on which to build an annex to the Woolston Hospital. It is the most beautiful location within the city walls; considered by the Chinese to be especially sacred as it is on the great artery and heart beat of the Great Dragon. Price paid was \$1,200, and Dr. Masters says it will encourage advocates of self-support to know that \$700 came from City Hospital receipts. Dr. Masters has shown great tact and skill in securing this property. A number of the patients have publicly accepted Christ while in the hospital, and seventy others have given their names as inquirers. Miss Jewell has been faithful in the religious service here, as has the matron, the assistant and Dr. Masters. More than 5,000 have heard the gospel from those connected with the hospital during the year. Dr. Hu's long and serious illness called out universal sympathy and importunate prayer for her recovery.

**Ku-Cheng.** Miss Hartford was appointed by Bishop Joyce to the Girls' Boarding-school, Ku Cheng Woman's-school, day-schools—city excepted—training-school and day-schools in Iong Bing District. Miss Linam had the Romanized-school and they decided to put it and the training-school in the same building and take charge of them by turns, each spending part of the time in the country. The plan has proved a success. Over forty women were in the two schools, and the heathen said: "It is wonderful! Forty women from different

families living together, and they don't quarrel! Why, even members of same family quarrel." They sent out seven women at district conference and took in as many new ones at beginning of spring term. All the women had had more or less training. The women take turns in going out to scatter the seed and return with happy hearts. The doors of the rich as well as the poor open readily at their knock, and the imprisoned women especially are made glad by their visits. Fully half of the large number admitted to the church this year have been women. Of the women who went out from the school last year one went to Dr. Carleton to be her hospital Bible-woman and go with her on her trips. The others are working on Ku Cheng District, some without receiving salary. Eighteen good day-schools are on the district. Eight pupils from the day-schools were admitted to the boarding-school last spring and ten last fall.

*Long Bing District.* The training-school was moved to Long Bing City, greatly to the advantage of the school and the church. Previous to this only two old women attended church and now women form a good part of the congregation. They sit in the front part of the church and it is difficult to tell who is the happier on account of it—the women or the preacher. They take turns in leading the Epworth League meeting. Four day-schools have been opened.

Miss Rouse says: "My work this year includes city day-schools and evangelistic work, also the west district work. My girls help me in the house to house visiting and in examining the day-schools and holding prayer-meetings. I think these girls often times exert an influence beyond that of the Bible-women. The hospital is still the school home, and I live with Dr. and Mrs. Skinner (July 30), but next year we will be moved into our own lovely new school building, which is steadily growing. We have had seventy girls this year; ten new ones. One was a cripple. When she was two years old an ulcer completely destroyed her hip joint and for ten years she had never had a bath. These are some of the conditions we meet."

*Ming Chiang Woman's School.* Miss Peters in charge. "The women," she says, "are very grateful for the teaching and the spiritual up-lift they receive in the school. Some are converted there and the general feeling is that they are there to prepare to do good work for Jesus. Five women were out during vacation doing Bible-women's work in very needy places. One of the five is to be matron in the school. Six of the seven teachers of girls' day-schools are from the training-school. The women have been heard to say, "I have felt the Holy

Spirit's power in my heart this term as never before." They have held noon-day prayer-meetings in their rooms, which have been indeed a means of grace."

*Medical Work.* Dr. Carleton says: "God's presence and blessing has attended us in spite of Satan's evident intention to undo and hinder our work." After the summer vacation Doctor Carleton began at once to itinerate over the district. The usual routine of work began with full dispensaries and splendid opportunities for scattering the Word and teaching the women. She speaks of the stimulus and encouragement given the church by the visit of Dr. and Mrs. Baldwin.

A little later in the year the Bible-woman who had some years previously shown a tendency to mental derangement again showed signs of a return of the same trouble, and about the Chinese New Year her eccentricities became so extreme the doctor was obliged to send her to her home. Then there was noticeable a change among the people; but few came to the dispensary; wards did not fill up as usual, and but few came to the chapels in outlying villages where Dr. Carleton went to dispense, and in one place filth was thrown upon her posters, even as she passed by, and frightened mothers hurried their children away from her sight. On investigating the cause of such strange treatment it was found that the deranged Bible-woman had said the doctor had taken out the eyes of children for medicine, and that she had seen her cut up and boil a baby, and whoever circulated the story added: "It was this sight that made the woman crazy." The story was spread all over the district before it reached Dr. Carleton's ears. Dr. Worley was at once informed and in conjunction with Consul Gracey it was brought to the attention of the district magistrate. As the result a very stringent proclamation was posted throughout the district, which not only prevented riot and restored confidence, but testified also to the wholesome and saving influence of Christianity. We give a few extracts from this strong document: "Were Dr. Carleton guilty of such an offense she would be breaking the laws of her country and religion, and would merit and receive severe punishment from her own country's magistrate and her God. The Christians have come here to save life, not to destroy it." The effect of this placard was at once visible. Patients come into the hospital and the dispensaries were again full. Doctor's report includes impressive incidents of conversions resulting from instruction in the hospital. In one case the recovery of a young man and his earnest efforts to bring his kindred to the same blessed One, for whose sake he had endured much persecution, resulted in placing

before the altar of the church, the father, the son, son's wife and two little grand-sons. A case of uncommon interest was the baptism on her death-bed of a woman over eighty years of age. She lay upon her bed of planks, responding eagerly to the questions of the native preacher, while at the foot of the bed stood a group of heathen women, curious and half afraid. On one side was a little group of Christians, and in the outer court a crowd of men and boys awed by the solemnity of the occasion. She witnessed a good confession and entered into life everlasting. That this great district should be left so long with only two missionaries, and no one ready for evangelistic work in the country and through the villages is hard for the two already there to understand.

### STATISTICS OF MEDICAL WORK.

#### *Dr. Lyon's Statistics.*

The work has grown rapidly this year in both hospitals.

Ward patients, 1,087; dispensary patients, 7,549; prescriptions, 8,564; seen in homes, 1,235; city ward patients, 537.

#### *Dr. Master's Statistics.*

Number ward patients, 537; number dispensary patients, 2,862; number visits in homes, 798; number attendants with patients, 100; total prescriptions filled, 5,926; total patients seen, 4,214; increase in number of ward patients over 1897, 175; total ward patients in the two hospitals during the year, 1,624.

#### *Dr. Carleton's Statistics.*

Dispensary patients, 3,185; prescriptions, 5,800; visits made, 370; prescriptions for same, 480; number of villages visited, 30.

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## HING-HUA CONFERENCE.

*Organized as a Conference, 1896.*

## MISSIONARIES.

MISS MINNIE E. WILSON,  
MISS PHEBE C. WELLS,MISS ALTHEA M. TODD,  
MISS MARTHA LEBEUS,

MISS ELIZABETH W. VARNEY.

The Hing-Hua Woman's Conference, with its short roll of missionaries lengthened by a dozen or more Chinese helpers, assembled for its second session on November 25, 1897. It is a significant fact that the opening devotional service was conducted by a Chinese woman and that her theme was the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

The work of the year has been successfully prosecuted throughout the conference, although under greater limitations in the matter of buildings and of workers than in most fields. Each missionary has a larger amount of work under her care than should fall to the lot of any.

In Hing-Hua Miss Wells is principal of the Woman's Training-school and superintendent of the leper day-school, also of the Bible-women and day-schools of Hing-Hua and Po-Cheng districts. Her entire time might be profitably spent in the training-school. The number of students in this school is between twenty and thirty. Greater care than formerly is exercised to admit only the most promising, and a step toward self-support has been taken by requiring all students to support themselves until they prove worthy of help. Miss Wells writes: "I have been much pleased with the progress in deportment and studies during the term. We are trying to make the women realize the responsibility placed upon them as God's chosen ones and they have been very faithful. On my return from an evangelistic trip one of the teachers told me 'they recognized God's presence there and were kept from stealing time.'"

The leper-school has twenty-five pupils. Many more would gladly attend could they receive a little assistance. As nearly all lepers must beg for a living a scanty dinner is given these pupils in order that they may have more time for study. They are better students than the majority of the day scholars, and as a rule they are glad to welcome the Gospel. The teacher is a leper, sorely afflicted with the disease, but is always at his post of duty, his whole heart and soul in his work. The pastor, not a leper, has been encouraged by the



increase in attendance at church services. Among the pupils are fifteen children who show no sign of the disease. It is in Miss Wells' heart to open a small boarding-school for these to save them, if possible, from the dread disease. Those who cannot be saved from it will become better trained for work among their own people. It is estimated that there are more lepers in China than in any other country in the world, and these smitten ones appeal with special emphasis to the heart of the church. The other day-schools have suffered in some instances through lack of well trained teachers, but as the girls and women in our schools become able to take these places that defect will be remedied.

The Bible-women are doing very good work. Miss Wells, with her Bible-woman, visits each one, spending a few days with them holding evangelistic services. They go from village to village, calling on the Christians and preaching in the open courts. In one letter she says: "During the past week about three thousand people had the privilege of hearing the Word. Whole villages came out to meet me. They are curious to see the 'foreign child' and will stand and watch me by the hour. It gives the preacher and Bible-women a chance to proclaim the glad tidings, and many are willing to listen."

Miss Minnie Wilson, upon her return from a short furlough in the home land, was assigned to duty in the Hamilton Girls' Boarding-school. There were seventy-eight pupils in the school this year. The graduating class numbered five, three of whom are very bright and the other two will do good work as ordinary day-school teachers. Miss Wilson's work has been heavier through lack of a matron. Failing to find one able to instruct the girls in methods of neat and clean housekeeping she has borne this added duty herself. The buildings in which this school finds habitation are native houses fitted over to suit their purpose, and they are now too small and crowded. Miss Wilson writes: "They need to be replaced with new ones, but we see so much new work and there are so many needs we cannot do without that we have not asked for much. We have been asking for three years for \$600 to repair and build an addition, but it has not been granted. We cannot grow much until we have more room. I have had to turn away scores this year for want of room. Some of them were willing to pay at least a part of their board."

A graduate from this school in a former year, Miss Li-Bi-Cu, is now studying in this country at our Folts Mission Institute who might never have entered on her promising career of usefulness had it not been for the Hamilton Girls'-school. And scores of girls were

turned away in one term for lack of a few hundred dollars to make room for them!

Miss Todd has superintended the work in the two interior districts of Sieng-iu and Ing-chung. It is a seven days' journey across these districts. At Sieng-iu a building is needed for the Woman's Training-school, and the work will be greatly crippled if this cannot be furnished. There is demand for a host of Bible-women in this region. Nearly all the women of the district are bound-footed and will never hear the Gospel unless visited in their homes. But where shall Bible-readers be secured if training-schools are not maintained? Thirteen of these messengers are at work in this district, and over ten thousand people have heard the good news from their lips, besides a large number have been helped by their daily lives.

In Sieng-iu, Baltimore Branch has this year erected a building for the girls' boarding-school as a memorial for their first beloved secretary, Miss Isabel Hart. May the story of that devoted life ever remain a potent influence for good over the girls who shall be taught within its walls.

In Ing-chung District the opportunities for work are unlimited. At remote points the women have had no instruction but have given up idols and wish to worship the true God. Miss Todd writes: "If you could see the eager faces of these dear women off in the mountain regions by themselves you would believe that you must send them the Gospel."

In Ing-chung city the girls' boarding and woman's training-schools are carried on together, but in unsuitable quarters. A missionary should be stationed in this center and Miss Todd hopes to make her home here.

Hing-Hua Mission has been reinforced this year by the coming of Miss Lebeus and Miss Varney, who have devoted their time to the study of the language. Two more missionaries are greatly needed.

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## NORTH CHINA.

WOMAN'S WORK ORGANIZED 1871.

*Conference Organized in 1893.*

## MISSIONARIES.

MISS E. G. TERRY, M. D.,	MISS A. D. GLOSS, M. D.,	MISS I. STEVENSON, M. D.,
MISS R. R. BENN, M. D.,	MISS A. E. STEERE,	MRS. M. L. BARROWS, M. D.,
MRS. C. M. JEWELL,	*MISS E. E. GLOVER,	MISS E. G. YOUNG,
MISS F. O. WILSON,	MISS C. M. FREY,	MISS MIRANDA CROUCHER,
MISS G. GILMAN,		MISS M. SHOCKLEY.

## MISSIONARIES' WIVES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. F. D. GAMEWELL,	MRS. F. W. VERITY,	MRS. W. F. WALKER,
MRS. G. R. DAVIS,	MRS. N. S. HOPKINS.	

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\*Home on leave.

**Peking.** The establishment of the intermediate grade in the Peking-school has demonstrated most conclusively the wisdom of this new feature in the general plan of the school. The appointing power made the transfer of Miss Shockley to Tsun-Hua, and Miss Gilman to Peking at the conference in September. Miss Gilman has given half a day to the primary department while continuing the study of the language, and this has enabled Miss Young to give time to the other two departments. Ten pupils have finished the primary grade, five the intermediate and one the high-school. This last has been teaching in the school more or less for three years, and has done very efficient work. She has also had a class in organ practice, which has made fine progress. Mrs. Gamewell gave lessons to a selected class during the winter, and Mr. Gamewell has kindly given an hour a week out of his busy life to give a class on elementary course, illustrated by experiments in chemistry and physics.

Near the close of the year two of the girls were married—one to a graduate of the university who is to join conference this year—the other married into a Christian family. One of the girls who was nearly ready to graduate, but had suffered from a chronic trouble for several years and was unable to go on with the course, but being one of the number without any home, was sent to the "hills" to the new sanitarium, where provision has been made for just such homeless girls, by the erection of a building near to the one occupied by the missionaries, containing three substantial rooms and a kitchen, where they can spend the vacation with good surroundings and plenty

of fresh air. Miss Young had charge of them this year. She did every thing possible for the comfort of the girl, but she became weaker and lived only two weeks, but left the assurance that she was going to the "Home of Rest" to live with Jesus. Two hundred and twenty-three pupils have been enrolled for the year.

*Tsun-Hua Boarding School* has made a fine record with its sixty-seven pupils, thirteen of whom were in the entering class, their ages ranging from thirteen to twenty years. All had unbound feet. The majority were able to furnish their own clothes. Indeed, thirty-five of the whole number did this, so that good progress is assured on the line of self-support. Good improvement has been made in most of the classes. Not much has been effected by way of grading this school, neither can this be done at present until our Society can have more day-schools of its own. At the close of the first term one of the officials visited the school and after listening to some recitations, asked for a recitation from the Christian books, then inquired if these girls were able to sew and cook. He seemed pleased with what he saw and heard. A most gracious revival came to the school in December resulting as usual in radical changes.

The singing classes, under the care of Mr. Verity, who has been unwearied in his efforts for this department, and has been most successful in using the Tonic-Sol-Fa system. The beginning of our industrial work has been established, and promises to be a source of revenue, as well as to inculcate habits of industry and of partial support in the future.

*Evangelistic Work.* Miss Steere has been pushing this work on the Peking District with very satisfactory results. She has visited many homes in the country and ready, eager listeners are everywhere to be found. She says: "Every year I feel more keenly the narrow, cramped condition of these Chinese women in their whole lives, their abject poverty, their ignorance and entire lack of hope. Oh, it is pitiful! But the work grows! I never was more hopeful about our women. They have been more interested in what I have said and less interested in me than in any year since I have been here. They listen better and understand more. But the funny comes occasionally, which may be favorable, relieving the background of this prevailing sombre shade.

Mrs. Verity, who has been such an inspiration to all departments of the work in Tsun-Hua, having charge of the training-school, doing evangelistic work, helping everywhere, will be greatly missed.

*Woman's Work in Tientsin* has never been quite as encouraging as during the last year. Large numbers of women and children have crowded the street chapel at the West Gate. Several women have been baptized. There has been a growing intelligence concerning the truth of the Gospel and its transforming power. Sixteen women have been receiving instruction that they too may engage in evangelistic work.

*Day Schools in Peking.* There are only ten pupils in the Tartar City, with one of the most capable women for teacher. It did not seem right to confine her to this small school and she was appointed as Bible-woman for the hospital and dispensary patients and a younger woman, formerly in the boarding-school, takes the school.

*The Chinese City Day School* has been most satisfactory. Martha—for that is the name of the teacher—has gone through much persecution because she is a Christian, but it has had no power to overcome her. She is a born teacher. And the very atmosphere of her school is most beautiful. The children learn psalms and verses of hymns and she rewards them with a lead pencil for learning ten hymns, or a ten-cent hymn book for forty. She also gave them oral lessons in Old Testament history. Thus the principal stories of the whole book were gone over. When Mrs. Jewell went to examine the school, after the regular lessons were reviewed, the teacher questioned and Mrs. Jewell acted as audience. The children answered in concert and loud enough to "wake the neighbors." One day, examination day, the teacher said: "If you will remember the text of the sermon and the golden text for each Sunday I think Mrs. Jewell will give you each a card at the close of the school." So, thereafter, these texts were shouted at Mrs. Jewell by these children.

*The Day School in Tsun-Hua* has done finely, and is really an annex to the boarding-school. Eight of these pupils are now ready to enter the boarding-school.

*Medical Work.* The Elizabeth Sleeper Davis Hospital, is only in its beginning, but it has already been a benediction to hundreds of poor, suffering women and children. The house patients have come largely from country places. Several have been wives of Christian helpers who have been in need of medical care and while here helped in the evangelistic work among the other patients. One has only to realize the futility or cruelty of Chinese medical practice to become an advocate of foreign hospitals even from a humanitarian standpoint of view. And when one has seen the constant opportunity these hospitals open for Christian work he must



feel that the church should make full use of these means to reach the souls we seek to save among this needy people. This hospital consists of not one, but a number of buildings, very simple in style, built under the very careful supervision of Mr. Gamewell.

The statistical report from Dr. Gloss for the year is as follows: Number of dispensary patients, 2,600; number of return visits, 7,500; number of out calls, 400; house patients, 60; foreign patients, 25.

In Tsun-Hua. Dr. Terry has had more cases of fracture in the hospitals and more calls to acute cases of poisoning than ever before. It would be of interest had we time and space to refer to some of these cases connected with spiritual light and blessing, as indeed it would be in all the medical reports. Dr. Terry has made thirty visits in the out-lying villages and attended five temple fairs, and in company with Mrs. Verity, made two country trips.

The report from the medical work in Tientsin is wonderfully interesting. Many of the incidents given are full of pathos. Patients treated in their homes, 610; patients treated in dispensary, 5,849; retreatinents, 13,569; patients treated in country dispensaries, 3,427; hospital patients, 157; obstetrical cases, 32.

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## CENTRAL CHINA.

Woman's Work organized in Kiukiang, 1874.

" " " " Chinkiang, 1884.

" " " " Nanking, 1887.

### MISSIONARIES.

#### *Chinkiang.*

MISS LUCY A. HOAG, M. D.,  
MISS GERTRUDE TAFT, M. D.,

MISS LAURA M. WHITE,

MISS M. C. ROBINSON.

#### *Kiukiang.*

\*MISS ALICE M. STANTON,

MISS GERTRUDE HOWE,  
IDA KHAN, M. D.,

MISS KATE L. OGBORN,  
MARY STONE, M. D.

#### *Nanking.*

MISS ELLA SHAW,

\*MRS. A. C. DAVIS,

MISS SARAH PETERS.

#### *Wu Hu.*

MISS EMMA MITCHELL.

\*Home on leave.

**Chinkiang.** Dr. Hoag writes: "The year of work in Chinkiang has been prosperous and without discouragements, though we have made no great advancement in the way of statistics. Over three thousand



medical requests have been answered. The Christian work in the dispensary has been done with loving earnestness by the school girls who have received a new impulse and an unwonted spiritual uplift during the year. The women are pleased to listen to the Gospel while waiting for medicine, and both the teachers and the taught have mentally profited by the sowing of the Word.

"Dr. Taft has had a year of jubilee, which means a year for the study of the language, with only minor interruptions, and which she has joyfully and diligently appreciated. In the spring the doctor made a trip into the country of about three weeks, with Miss Shaw dispensing medicine and filling the office of door-keeper and prayerful sympathizer, while Miss Shaw mounted a table for a platform and preached to the crowds of women who gathered in the chapel. Many had never before heard of God or of Christ, but the blessing of the Spirit accompanied the teaching and the names of twenty-six women were added to the church roll at this time."

Miss Robinson reports: "The Chinkiang Girls'-school was favored at its spring examination with the help of three teachers from the boys' institute, who assisted in looking over the papers of the nine subjects under examination. Twenty-one, or about half the school, passed. We hope to graduate two next spring. These will be the first who will have completed the ten years' course. Much more attention has been given this year to the art of cooking, and during a part of the summer vacation meals for over thirty persons were prepared by the school girls entirely. The Epworth League includes nearly every member of the school. The members are gradually learning how to give life in the conduct of these meetings. The delegate to the Shanghai Convention in June brought back a full and excellent report of the proceedings there. The use of Mrs. Hunt's temperance series, as text books in the school, serves to keep up a live and intelligent temperance sentiment in the school. The foot-binding crusade consists mainly in the dissemination of three thousand tracts, written by the Hanlin scholar of Szchuan. This was secured through the kind co-operation of our brethren in the other missions of Chingkiang, as well as of those in our own. Altogether the year's retrospect has given the assurance of two things: a greater love for study for its own sake, and greater sense of the need of preparation for the Master's service."

**Wuhu.** Miss Mitchell reports: "My appointment to itinerating work on Wuhu District was the best of news, and the past year has been one of seed-sowing among the humble homes of Wuhu, the

hospital and towns in the vicinity. Reading classes have been established at all these points, and in nearly every case have been successful; even grandmothers finding by perseverance the beginner's road to knowledge. At our Gospel services we have had many women in attendance; many from curiosity, while others seem interested in the truth. On account of much bad weather have only made fourteen trips to out-stations. Our work in the hospital has been very encouraging. All the women patients have had the Gospel given them, and we trust many of them have carried away the precious seed into remote villages. Through the faithful work of the Bible-woman stationed in the ward, four have asked for baptism; while another who sank under an operation, accepted Christ before passing away. I will never forget the look of pleading inquiry in the eyes of pain as she asked: 'If Jesus would be with her during the trying ordeal.' We were so glad to say yes. I wish to keep ever in mind the words of King Tama Too, who said: 'Let not our profession be like the bamboo which, when lighted, blazes most furiously, but leaves no fire or charcoal behind for future use.'"

**Kiukiang.** Miss Howe writes: "The boarding-school has taken on a new phase in its history which is still in the line of advance. In years gone by many of our pupils have come to us from the Wesleyan Mission. They have now opened a girls' boarding-school and are able to relieve us of the care of a large number of girls, while our own work has grown to a proportion that demands the full capacity of the school. During the year a dozen of the girls, who had not previously been converted, made confession of their faith and asked to unite with the church. Not many of the girls are now remaining with us for a great length of time. There is something to be said both for and against a long and a short term of study for a Chinese girl in the present social condition of the majority of the people, and we are endeavoring to 'walk slowly,' with a view to the natural adjustment of this, and some other perplexing questions; and we rely upon the guidance of the Holy Spirit in answer to many prayers. The medical work has furnished me with many gracious opportunities for a word of testimony to the women this year, for which I cannot be too grateful."

Dr. Ida Kahn, the young Chinese physician, reports: "The time has come again for us to give our yearly report, and we are very glad to be able to say that it has advanced in every direction. The year has been a very unhealthy one, and fevers have simply flourished, so that our nurses have been kept busy caring for patients often in a critical condition. During the year we were enabled to

make four visits into the country. Miss Stanton had been more free to do evangelistic work and take long intinerating trips than previously, and it has been a privilege for one of us doctors to accompany her on these journeys; by taking turns in going one of us could always attend to the regular work. People are awakening everywhere, and crowds flocked to us to hear the truth and receive medical treatment. Sometimes we dispense medicine to one or two hundred people a day. Our stock of medicine usually gave out, and many patients had to be turned away for lack of drugs. Everywhere they begged us to come and visit them again. At one place a party of women came at night to the boat where Miss Stanton and I were staying, inviting us to go ashore and organize a church. They told us: 'Men can hear preaching sometimes on the street, but we women never have an opportunity to hear anything except when you ladies come to teach us.' During the year beginning with August the number of patients treated is as follows: Visits to the dispensary, 3,973; patients treated during country visits, 1,249; visits to patients' homes, 134; hospital patients, 90."

"Miss Ogborn reports the woman's-school and girls' day-schools: "Fifteen women were in training part or all the year. Four of these were new pupils, three of whom are young and promising women. One had been in the girls' boarding-school when she was a very little girl, and was more ready to receive the Word than the others. She asked for baptism just before the close of school in June, and was deemed a suitable candidate. I was especially glad to have her take this obligation publicly before she went home. Only four of the women in the school have not unbound their feet, and three have not yet accepted Christ as their Savior. Two women went out of school at the New Year vacation to begin work as day-school teachers. Four women made regular visits as Bible-women during the year, from whose labors we may expect some day to reap a harvest. Some of the women did regular work in Sunday-school all the year. In the four day-schools in the city there have been, during the year, about seventy-five pupils, though the average attendance would not reach sixty. Yet very encouraging results have been reached. The actual work done by the day-schools is of real value, notwithstanding the many difficulties that stand in the way of education for girls in China. Some pupils have made remarkable progress, and all are getting a knowledge of the Word of God, which certainly will do much toward undermining heathenism, not only in their own lives, but in their families and neighborhoods. 'My Word shall not return unto me void' is the foundation of our hope. The attendance of

women and girls upon the church and Sunday-school has been quadrupled in one church, where pupils from two day-schools attend. Homes have been opened to the Messengers of the Gospel, prejudice broken down and every encouragement given to earnestly continue the work. Two children have been received into the church as full members from one of these schools, and have evidently exercised a very considerable influence over their homes, where they are the sole representatives of the Truth. Three of the day-school teachers unbound their feet during the year. A class in special Bible study was organized for the teachers in the day-schools, women's-schools and Bible-women, which proved a very great help to all who were in it. It was my privilege to have charge of a church class during the year, and I felt that its duties and privileges were mutually helpful to all its members."

*Evangelistic Work.* Miss Stanton writes: "My work in Kiukiang has been holding week-day meetings for women, visiting homes, teaching in Sunday schools, etc. One woman opened her house every week for a meeting, inviting and urging her neighbors to attend. It has been my privilege to make several trips, always with one of the doctors, to other stations on the district, where our Society has no workers. We have come in contact with many women and girls who have never heard the Gospel before, and have seen much interest manifested in the Savior who loves women as tenderly as men. The men who learn the Gospel are slow to feel the necessity of women being brought under its influence. Those who believe in Jesus are slow to feel the importance of their families being brought to church, or of teaching them at home.

The work in Kiang Si Province, of which Kiukiang is the river port, is opening up with wonderful opportunity to reach people with the Gospel. The provincial capital, Nan Chang, is a fine, large city, which, until two years ago, was entirely closed to Christianity and all outside influences. Now our church has several tens of members and several hundreds of enquirers. Among these are very few women. We now have two Bible-women in that city who are doing what they can to witness to the power of Jesus to save. They teach the women who come to Sunday-school, visit homes of members and have a weekly class for the women who understand enough of the religion of Jesus Christ to want to be saved. In other places there are a few Christians. We visited some of these, and were everywhere received with the utmost kindness and hospitality. Women said: 'When can you come again? Can you come next year? Can you come every year? When you come again come to my house,

won't you?' One woman, touched by the knowledge that Jesus invited her to Heaven, and by the thought that I expected to meet my loved ones there, said: 'I haven't any one there; could I go alone? I want to go.' These stations and others can be reached more conveniently from the provincial capital than from Kiukiang, and we all feel that it is imperative that we have two women for the work in the interior of the province with a home in Nan Chang."

**Nanking.** Miss Peters writes of work in Nanking and the Woman's Bible Training-school: "The past year marks a great advance in the work in this part of China. The harvest time has come at last. Truly the fields are white and we are constrained to pray the Lord to send forth laborers into His Harvest. We hear from all quarters of souls saved and of inquirers who need to be instructed. The work is taking definite shape. The people no longer seek us from curiosity, but to hear the Word and those of their own people who know the Word are in great demand. We have made Christian work especially individual work, the main feature of the training-school. We were blessed with a gracious revival in February and March. Mr. and Mrs. Welch, of Denver, Col., visited us and held special meetings and Bible readings daily for five weeks in the women's and girls'-schools. Many were converted and the women of the school and the other Christians were wonderfully quickened and stirred up to earnest study of the Word and work for souls. The weekly Gospel meeting has been attended with blessed results. We have had inquirers in almost every meeting and quite a number of conversions. A workers' class was organized in April with the women who wished to do Christian work, both of pupils and outside Christians. This numbers eighteen and meets once a week to study the Word to learn how to direct sinners to Christ. All of the members do work in the Gospel meetings and among their neighbors. The church meetings have been very full, as each weak member and inquirer is visited weekly and invited to come. There has been a gradual increase in the number, but a greater increase in the quality of the women received into the school."

*Evangelistic Work.* Miss Shaw writes: "The year has been one of blessing, the most distinctly a revival year of any in the history of our work in Nanking. The Pentecostal services held by Bishop Joyce during the annual meeting were a great inspiration to our membership in Nanking, and many began to pray for an especial outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the work. In February the Lord answered these prayers by sending us Brother and Sister Welch, of



Colorado, whose earnest work for the salvation of souls and the building up of believers will long be remembered. These meetings were held at North Nanking, but their influence has been felt all through the district. The district is the same as last year, one station in the city and four out-stations.

"The work at the street chapel has kept up the interest during the year. One woman strayed into the chapel during annual meeting from curiosity; the Holy Spirit touched her heart and she has become a regular attendant upon the services and is now a candidate for baptism. Weekly meetings have been held at this chapel and recently we have had many invitations to visit in the homes of the people. One small official's wife from Hunan has been frequently visited and her husband recently asked to buy a Bible. On taking it to him we found him just starting on a journey to the south of the province. After examining his Bible a few moments he put it into his trunk, saying: 'I am going on a boat and I shall read this on my journey.'

"A Christian woman who sews in official families has improved her opportunity for telling of Christ. In one case the 'taitoi' became so much interested that she asked Mrs. Loh to bring me to see her. I gladly accepted the invitation and had a most encouraging visit at her home.

"We have seen a decided advance in the work at the station five miles from Nanking. The preacher's wife there is an earnest Christian and her influence is being felt among the women. When not absent from the city we have made weekly visits to this place; formerly the women were rude and it was with the greatest difficulty that we could hold a meeting with them, but many of them are now interested and listen most attentively to the Bible stories. One woman has been baptized, two others are candidates for baptism and many others are wanting to believe; have not the courage to confess Christ before their people. On the way to Shan Sen Ho we often visit an old woman who has been a vegetarian fifty years; recently she has become a believer in the true God. Her mind is very dark and it is hard for her to grasp the truth, but I believe she is sincere and that the Holy Spirit will reveal to her a saving knowledge of Christ.

"The work at Kiang Ling Chen continues in interest. The members are becoming founded in the faith, and some of them are becoming interested in the salvation of others. The face of one dear old woman shines with joy whenever we see her and she always invites us to her home 'to pray the prayer of peace for her household.' The desire of her heart has been granted, for her only son and his wife have recently confessed Christ. One woman and one girl from here



have entered the schools at Nanking and as they have returned to their homes in safety others may come in the future. One can scarcely conceive of the gauntlet of criticism through which one must run if they wish to come to the foreign school from any of the country stations. They are told that their eyes and hearts will be dug out and that they will be carried away by foreigners. One girl from the country refused to eat for several days afterwards. She told the girls that the neighbors had told her that we put some medicine in the food to make people become Christians and she had been afraid to eat.

"The members at Song Chuan have met with much opposition from the idolatrous, superstitious people around them, and at each visit we have felt the powers of darkness; yet our faith has not failed and we are claiming this idol-ridden district for Christ.

"The most encouraging work in the circuit has been at Ho Cheo. At the annual meeting last autumn the preacher and one of the members from this place were greatly blessed. They returned home and began to pray for a revival, asking the Lord to give them one thousand souls. About Chinese New Year's they were gladdened by many wanting to come into the church. Over an hundred names were taken; the work was not confined to the city but two out-stations were opened, one six miles and the other ten miles from the city, the inquirers in these places opening their own homes for preaching places. Dr. Taft and I arranged to spend two weeks at Ho Cheo in May. We were warmly welcomed by the people and I have never found women so ready to listen to gospel truths. From morning until night the chapel was filled with women, among whom were many prepared hearts. Twenty-six women publicly confessed Christ, meetings were held in the evenings for these enquirers, in order to instruct them in some of the fundamental truths of the gospel. We were invited to the out-stations and were the first foreign women who had visited these villages. From one of these villages four literary gentlemen came to call upon us and to invite us to 'their mean village to teach the good doctrine.' This was an unprecedented event in my missionary experience and as they were conversing with me I was thinking of a verse which had come in my morning reading. 'For I work a work in your days, a work which ye shall in no wise believe, though a man declare it unto you.' In all the work of the year I have been most ably assisted by Mrs. Chi, our Bible-woman. She has been 'instant in season and out of season.' She went to her home at Wuhu in March for one week while Brother Welch was holding meetings there and she had the great joy of seeing her father, mother and two brothers brought to Christ.

"China is awakening and our greatest need now is more workers. I have never seen the country so ready for evangelistic work, and yet there are so few to do it. Surely, God is laying the burden of evangelistic work in the great Yangtze valley upon the hearts of some of our consecrated young women in the homeland. The doors are open now, political changes may close them in a few years. God forbid that we should miss the opportunity and delay until it is too late."

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### WEST CHINA.

WOMAN'S WORK COMMENCED IN 1882.  
DISCONTINUED, 1885.  
RE-OPENED, 1894.

#### MISSIONARIES.

MISS HELEN GALLOWAY,    MISS FANNIE E. MEYER,    MISS CLARA COLLIER,  
MISS GRACE TODD.

The work of the Society in West China has been prosecuted with constantly increasing success. Its present condition and future prospects are alike encouraging, and in none of our mission stations is there more enthusiasm, zeal or devotion than is found in the West China work.

The reports of Bishop Joyce have already called the attention of Methodism to the conditions and the opportunities for aggressive mission work which this field presents, with the result that this locality is receiving more intelligent consideration than has been given to it heretofore, and the further result that those in charge of the work are cheered and helped by the tangible assurance that they are receiving the sympathy and support of the church. The natives manifest unusual interest in all that the missionaries do and teach. They are eager for instruction, both secular and religious and gladly avail themselves of the opportunities opened up to them by mission workers. Nowhere do the efforts of the missionaries meet with more prompt or satisfactory reward.

Our new school building erected during the past year in Chung King is an object of great interest and has attracted much attention. The continuing wonder seems to be that such an enterprise should be undertaken "just for girls," for it must be remembered that the Chinese never place any extravagant value on that portion of their

community. But the interest which the missionaries take in these girls is contagious, and several of the Chung King merchants have signified a desire that their daughters may be educated in our institution. In order to secure this privilege in some instances they have consented that the girls' feet may be unbound. The school is prosperous in every respect. The instruction is thorough and the progress of the students is entirely satisfactory. In all the educational work, religious instruction has a prominent place and its especial importance is continually emphasized. In spite of the difficulties which attend the effort to substitute a Christian theism and Christian theories of life and duty, and new rules for personal conduct, and a new estimate of personal responsibility, for the teachings and doctrines of a paganism which has been undisturbed for centuries; still these efforts do succeed. The teaching is accepted and under the divine blessing its power to bring all the life and character of these heathen girls into harmony with the principles of the Gospel, is becoming more and more manifest.

On Chinese New Year's nearly three hundred women came to visit the missionaries. Light refreshments were served to them in the guest hall. They were delighted with their reception and kept the Misses Meyer and Galloway and the little Bible-woman busy answering their inquiries about "The new religion."

The evangelistic work, conducted by Miss Galloway, is prosecuted with constantly increasing success. Every opportunity to teach the native women about Christ and the Gospel plan of salvation is promptly embraced, and the people believe and are saved.

Miss Galloway's report quaintly refers to her special mission to the "*Grandmothers*" of the Church. She has a company of these numbering about twenty. She writes: "I love these dear old souls "more than I can tell you. Some of them have only recently found "Him, and their hearty testimonies and simple prayers are often "very touching. They come to me with their sorrows and burdens, "and I find myself trying to give comfort and peace to women who "are three score and ten years old." In a class which was conducted in another part of the city, there was found one unusually promising young woman, whom it is hoped can be so trained as to become competent in Bible work. Even already she is made available for some teaching. A part of Miss Galloway's work has been to teach music in both the girls' and the boys' school. Three young men have acquired sufficient skill to enable them to play the organ for any church service. Two of them have also the gift of song, and often times the chapel is filled with the Chinese who sit

spell-bound while they sing together in their native tongue, our Christian hymns.

The hospital is filled at all times and oftentimes many more patients are admitted than can well be accommodated. A young Chinese girl has been taken into the hospital as a medical student and is proving to be very helpful. The Bible-woman is a very important factor in the work at the hospital. She meets scores of women every week, and having herself grown very much stronger in Christian experience, she has been able much more successfully to lead others into a knowledge of Christ.

The membership of the church is increasing. Twenty persons were recently received at one time on probation, and over three hundred children are in the Sunday-school. Not long since thirteen men came from a city three hundred miles from Chung King for the sole purpose, as they avowed, of hearing more about the "Jesus doctrine."

An English merchant of Chung King has succeeded in bringing a small steamer through the perilous rapids and gorges of the Yang-tsi River, the first one that has ever gone above Ichang. By a recent treaty with China all her streams are now opened to steam navigation, so that this far-away mission, may at no distant day be brought into much more easy and rapid communication with the rest of the world.

Miss Collier writes from Chentu: "I have seen no place in China "where the women are so ready to listen to Christian instruction as "in this city of Chentu, and I have never had such faith in the power "of God to save these people." There are about twenty girls in the Chentu day-school, some of whom have been in school for three years. These girls will be lost to us after this year unless we can open a boarding-school arranged on some plan which will enable them to assist in their own support, as their families will not be able to provide for them longer.

The faithful Bible-woman, Mrs. Dong, has had many trials during the year, but the grace of God has proven sufficient for her needs. She has been patient through all of her untoward experiences and her trust in Divine guidance and support has never faltered. She has taught in the day-school, visited the dispensary, and has been regular in her attendance at church on the Sabbath to instruct the native women.

Mr. Chu, the ribbon seller, whose conversion was noted in a previous report, and who has been instrumental in leading three of his heathen relatives to a knowledge of Christian truth, has continued

his efforts to save his acquaintances, and has brought four women to the church as inquirers concerning the way of salvation. He devotes some portion of each day to telling his neighbors about Christ and the truths of the Gospel, and in urging upon them the value of the Christian faith.

In closing her report, Miss Collier says: "Many, many times "the secretaries have heard just such appeals as we are going to "make, but these appeals have never come from a more needy field "than Chentu. We wish we could coin some words to make our "statement more impressive. You have at present one worker in "the Chentu District, and you can see that it is impossible to do all "that is necessary to be done right around us here in the great city. "But for the work of the wives of the missionaries the cause would "sadly suffer. They bring to the work among women, the same "earnestness that our own women do, and give their time and "strength to it as far as possible. We earnestly hope to be reinforced "this coming autumn. Surely among all the deaconesses in "America, a few should be willing to come to West China."

The work in West China is much too heavy for the few persons who are trying to do it. One of them says: "It would make your "heart ache to see the open doors and no one to enter them," and our inability to respond often tends to discouragement.

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## JAPAN.

WOMAN'S WORK COMMENCED, 1874.

ORGANIZED AS A CONFERENCE, 1884.

## CENTRAL JAPAN.

## MISSIONARIES.

<i>Tokyo Tsukiji.</i>	<i>Tokyo Aoyama.</i>	<i>Sendai.</i>
MISS M. A. SPENCER,	MISS R. J. WATSON,	MISS F. E. PHELPS,
MISS C. H. SPENCER,	MISS H. S. ALLING.	MISS L. IMHOFF.
<i>Yokohama.</i>	MISS F. G. WILSON,	<i>Yokohama</i>
MRS. C. VAN PETTEN,	MISS N. M. DANIEL,	<i>Literary Work.</i>
MISS A. G. LEWIS.	<i>Industrial School.</i>	MISS G. BAUCUS,
<i>Nagoya.</i>	MISS ELLEN BLACKSTOCK	
MISS E. R. BENDER,	<i>Shinano District.</i>	
MISS C. A. HEATON,	MISS B. J. ALLEN.	
MISS M. H. RUSSELL.		

## MISSIONARIES' WIVES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

<i>Sendai.</i>	<i>Tokyo.</i>	<i>Nagoya.</i>
*MRS. H. W. SWARTZ,	MRS. B. CHAPPELL,	MRS. D. S. SPENCER.
MRS. C. W. HUETT,	MRS. J. O. SPENCER,	

\*Home on leave.

The annual report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in Japan was prepared in commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the establishment of our mission, and is made particularly attractive by pictures of all the school buildings and homes in that country. We are specially touched with the care and attention manifested in its preparation, as it is the result of the forethought and application of the two missionaries who were just completing their labors upon it when overtaken by sudden death and serious injury. The particulars of the terrible accident that in an instant removed Miss Simons to reward, on the eve of a well-earned vacation, after seven years of laborious service, and so nearly sent her dear personal friend, Miss Allen, to accompany her to the better land are now familiar to all our workers and need not be dwelt upon. We are devoutly thankful for Miss Allen's preservation, and with grateful hearts will give her a glad welcome to a year of rest. In reading the detailed report we are much impressed with the faithful industry of



our missionaries, who personally visit every part of the territory occupied and keep a guiding hand on all work in every place.

In the Sendai District the work of our Society is evangelistic, consisting of the care of Bible-women in various towns, Bible classes, women's meetings and Sunday-schools; but there has also grown up a school where some industries are taught, and the children are trained in Bible truths. In the country towns the usual opposition to Christianity is encountered, but love, patience and firmness break down prejudice and gradually win confidence. When the new school-house is built there will be room for girls on scholarships who almost invariably show the superior results of unintermitting influence and training.

The opening of the school year at Aoyama was greeted with a typhoon, which in its few hours of fury left damages requiring weeks to repair. There have been some changes in the teaching force, Miss Alling having come to Aoyama and Miss Russell taking her place in Nagoya, and new Japanese teachers having been employed. Eight of the girls have been baptized and received into the church, and at present all the larger girls are professing Christians. A six o'clock morning prayer meeting was kept up for some time. Several of the little ones were noticed with a bow of red ribbon pinned to the front of their dresses. Upon inquiry it was found to be the badge of an organization for those who pledged themselves not to quarrel with each other.

The usual benevolent and literary societies that help so much towards the moral and intellectual development of the girls in our schools, are all actively in force in this school and here as elsewhere bring forth good fruit.

The Industrial-school in the same locality prepares Japanese young women for self-support, an accomplishment for which there is much need, and little provision in all heathen lands.

The day-schools in Tokyo have advanced in some respects. They have had about the same average attendance, but the teaching and discipline have improved. All the principals and most of the teachers are Christians, many of them graduates from our own schools. Miss Allen has organized a Loyal Temperance Legion in each of these day-schools, to guard, if possible, the rising generation from the demoralization of the present.

While some of our ladies are definitely appointed to evangelistic work, superintending or training Bible-women, others whose specialty is teaching, find time for children's or women's meetings; and the wives of the missionaries generally overlook and carry on some particular department of work among the women. In most places

through the districts the attendance at the Gospel meetings has increased, and there is an evident revival of interest in Christianity. The harvest is ready for the reaper, and the need of laborers is great. In many of the interior towns the name of Christ is unknown, the people can not say whether it is the name of a city or country or a man.

The Bible-woman's Training-school, of Yokohama, graduated its first class of twenty-five women this year. Three of them had been graduates of Aoyama before entering the training-school, and all found immediate employment as day-school teachers or Bible-women, except one, who will continue her influence as the wife of one of the Japanese preachers. With the help of an old man and his wife these women do all the work of the school, cooking, sewing, cleaning, everything. Besides their daily lessons they teach in the Sunday-schools, visit the families of the scholars and distribute tracts.

The day-schools have struggled with increasing numbers and decreased appropriations. The effort to introduce industrial training into some of them was discontinued for want of means to carry it on. This work is full of hope and encouragement, and grows faster than our means to supply its necessities.

In the report from Nagoya we find a list of hindrances. Delays in the action of the government, difficulties with landlords, changes of teachers, disappointment in the matter of the new building, all have conspired against the school. It has, however, shown its vitality in outliving these difficulties; for God has been with the effort and the result has always been in favor of the school. Two missionaries new to the place being appointed to the charge of the institution, did not find the work easy to their hands, but they have been cheered by a manifest influence of the Holy Spirit convincing the girls of sin and righteousness, and a number have believed in Christ and given Him their hearts. From Nagoya Miss Russell has been obliged to return home to a bereaved family, and Miss Heaton has been sent to America by her physician that her eyes may be saved for future work. So Miss Bender is left alone, surrounded with difficulties in the midst of this bigoted, Buddhist city.

The Bible-women have been faithful and earnest in assisting the missionary in all possible ways and visiting with her the neighboring towns. It has not been possible to find trained workers for all the places where they are needed, but the seed has been sown, and some of the harvest is being gathered.

A new department in special literary work was opened in the past year. A Japanese monthly has been issued, and notwithstanding

the difficulty of undertaking a periodical that shall interest both the comparatively ignorant, and the best educated woman in the land, in a foreign language, for a strange people whose customs and manners, like their geographical position, are the antipodes of the editor, yet it is having an encouraging success and has found 300 subscribers. It is desired as soon as justifiable to add to this publication, tracts, leaflets and books that will more clearly show the way of salvation.

In Central Japan we are sustaining sixteen schools with an average attendance of 1,946 pupils, and are employing nineteen Bible-women.

S. L. KEEN.

*Official Correspondent.*

Since writing the above word from Japan has been received that a new and apparently vigorous effort is being made to exclude the Bible and all Christian teaching from the day-schools. Our native Christian teachers are much disturbed over this, but we have forwarded the message that the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is in Japan to teach the religion of the Bible. If that is excluded from the schools we have no reason for continuing, and must cease to support them.

S. L. K.

## NORTHERN JAPAN.

### HAKODATE.

WOMAN'S WORK COMMENCED, 1878.

#### MISSIONARIES.

MISS AUGUSTA DICKERSON, MISS M. S. HAMPTON, MISS FLORENCE SINGER.

*Caroline Wright Memorial School.* The total enrollment for the year is the highest yet reached, being 171. Eighty-eight are in the boarding department, forty-three are day scholars and forty are in the kindergarten. It has been found advisable for the best interests of the popular kindergarten to limit the daily attendance to thirty. Five girls were graduated in April and the four holding scholarships have entered upon the work of teachers, one going to the Hirosaki school and the other three assisting in evangelical work and in the work of the kindergarten and the school proper in Hakodate. The fifth was a day scholar who has shown her love for Bible study and English by attending two of the lower classes every day since graduation. She is an earnest Christian but has been forbidden by her

father to attend church or to be baptized. The various organizations of the school, such as King's Daughters, Epworth League and the Sunday-school, have been greatly encouraged in their efforts for others. The King's Daughters were enabled through the proceeds of the sale of their handiwork to establish a new Sabbath-school in the city and to buy cards for all the schools. The Epworth Leaguers have given attention to orphanages, making a study of their history and sending generous gifts to Mr. Hongo's orphanage. The Sunday-school has made monthly contributions to mission work in the Loo Choo Islands.

Although there has been but one baptism during the year noted advance has been made along spiritual lines. A weekly prayer meeting of half an hour with the teachers has proved a great blessing.

A temperance society, organized in the fall with Miss Singer as leader, continued to increase in interest to the close of the school year, and each girl went out on her summer vacation with the determination to win to the cause at least one home friend.

*Evangelistic Work.* Miss Hampton reports the evangelistic work on Hakodate District as more encouraging than for the previous eight years. Among the helpful causes are mentioned the visits of Bishop and Mrs. Joyce, Dr. and Mrs. Baldwin, Miss Parrish, of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and two or three missionaries, besides the earnest Christian living of the new pastor and his mother, a dear old Bible-reader. These two, with a few faithful members, have maintained a daily prayer meeting at 5:30 in the morning. Among the interesting incidents in this work is one which attracted considerable attention in the city. O Yoshi San, a Bible-woman, one day found by the wayside a poor woman too ill to reach her home. Yoshi San got her upon her back and carried her home, afterwards coming to the school for contributions. The teachers and King's Daughters gave her \$5, which furnished food for the woman and her family for four weeks. This came to the notice of the neighbors and police and resulted in an account in the newspapers filled with praise of such a circle of girls and such a woman as O Yoshi San, who would carry a poor woman home and thus minister to her.

Sapporo District is at a distance and difficult to reach. A missionary should be sent to this region especially for evangelistic work. A new church was dedicated at Sapporo by Bishop Joyce. This year Miss Dickerson made a trip into the district, accompanied by one of their teachers, Owada O Fumi San, who has a good voice for singing. In each place they taught the people five or six new hymns,

Owada San patiently repeating them over and over again. They visited one place up the coast where no lady missionary had been before and found a hearty welcome from the native pastor and his wife.

### HIROSAKI.

WOMAN'S WORK COMMENCED, 1889.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS ALICE OTTO,

MISS ELLA HEWETT.

Miss Hewett, after a sojourn of some years in the home land, returned to North Japan last November and assumed charge of the girls'-school. She was gratified to find a full force of efficient Christian teachers, several of whom are graduates from Hakodate, and also to note that the school had now the respect of the community, even that portion unfavorable to Christianity. One hundred and forty-two pupils were enrolled during the year. The school opens at eight o'clock in the morning, the first hour being spent in devotions and Bible study.

During the gracious revival in January twenty-three of the girls were converted and their daily lives bear witness to the uplifting power of Christ. The opposition which at first was encountered has been overcome, save in one instance, and the girls are allowed by their parents to attend church. In one case a woman who had opposed was won over by the better living of one girl, and she now declares that she will send her own daughter to the girls'-school as soon as she is old enough to enter.

This year a beginning has been made in the kindergarten so greatly desired by the Hirosaki people. Miss Southard, an independent worker, came to their help, opening this department and laboring for several months without compensation. Her assistant is a graduate from the Hakodate-school, who has had some experience in kindergarten teaching and is greatly beloved by the children. With present accommodations only twenty can be received, but many more applicants are waiting, and the kindergarten is proving a great advantage to the work. Families hitherto uninterested have been reached through this means.

In a recent letter Miss Hewett writes: "The interest in the Bible classes and prayer meetings gladdens our hearts. On Saturday mornings the girls in the higher departments meet in three divisions for prayer in place of the daily Bible classes. Each division is led by one of their own number. Last Saturday the three divisions met in one room, forty-one being present, and one of the girls led a most inter-



esting meeting in which several girls took part in prayer and testimony and five girls decided to accept Christ as their Savior."

A new school building is greatly needed, the present one being quite too small with insufficient protection against cold and storms of winter. The Japanese Christians are very anxious to erect another and have provided plans suitable for the school and kindergarten, but their means are limited. Miss Hewett says: "Until God sends us help in some way we must wait, but one thing we know, His blessing is on our work and I would not exchange our poor building for the finest an architect could plan if we could not there have the same manifestation of His power working in the hearts of our girls. Our little Japanese house seems like a mansion and our unpainted, barn-like-school building like the gate of heaven, while we are conscious of His presence and know that He is giving us the precious privilege of working with Him."

The evangelistic work in Hirosaki has been full of encouragement. Mrs. Alexander, whose husband was stationed here in the fall, relieved Miss Otto of the care of the woman's class and she has been a continued inspiration and help in many ways. Of these woman's meetings, Mrs. Alexander says: "Never have I seen such numbers of women gather for the weekly meetings as here. Not only do a great many attend but the earnestness which they show is a constant inspiration. Five women have received baptism, all of whom have had most interesting experiences."

In January Miss Otto purchased a magic lantern which has aided in the impressive presentation of Bible truths.

The visit of Miss Parrish and Mr. Miami stimulated the temperance work, through which some women were led to attend the religious meetings and a number of the brightest conversions this year were from the non-Christian members of the temperance society.

Of her evangelistic trips Miss Otto writes: "We have some very queer experiences in these trips, and some very blessed ones. At one place we heard of a woman who wished us to come and tell her about Christianity. When we reached her home we found that like Cornelius of old she had called together her household and her neighbors to hear the wonderful story. We found it an inspiring audience and had a precious season of prayer with them before we left.

"My fourth year is drawing to a close, and it is the best year so far. We had a gracious revival in January. Many of our school girls were converted and the church greatly strengthened by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit."

MRS. A. N. FISHER,  
*Official Correspondent.*



## SOUTHERN JAPAN.

## KIUSHIU.

## WOMAN'S WORK COMMENCED, 1879.

## MISSIONARIES IN NAGASAKI.

*MISS E. RUSSELL,	MISS ANNA V. BING,	MISS LOLA M. KIDWELL,
MISS IRENE E. LEE,	MISS MARIANA YOUNG,	MISS MARY E. MELTON.

## MISSIONARIES IN FUKUOKA.

MISS JENNIE M. GHEER,	MISS LEONORA SEEDS,	MISS LIDA B. SMITH.
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\*Home on leave.

Nineteen years ago Misses Russell and Gheer were on the Pacific on their way to Nagasaki, the first representatives of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, to that most inviting, because most needy field. They were told they were undertaking a hopeless task; that no place in Japan would be so difficult for Protestants to establish a mission. The story was repeated when they landed, and they were met with every form of discouragement. Not one resident pupil could be obtained and many told them it would take years to gain a foothold in Nagasaki. We know the story of that early effort. How a room was obtained and a school opened with one pupil. How, in spite of opposition that amounted to persecution in some instances, the school grew; of its early division into a normal and primary department, the normal modeled after the Empress-school in Tokyo with an English course added; how after two years a new building was granted and its erection superintended by Miss Russell. How more room was soon needed for the growing work; how after four years of seed sowing, the first wonderful revival came and a "mourner's bench" was seen in Japan, and genuine, old-fashioned conversions marked this most genuine revival. To-day we have in Southern Japan a mission conference, nine missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, assisted by twenty-seven native teachers and twelve Bible-women, who cannot meet the requirements of the rapidly increasing work. In this conference there are two boarding-schools with an aggregate of 259 pupils.

The new orphanage at Koga is finished and the children were moved into it May 11th. The house is commodious, conveniently

arranged, plain and substantial and will accommodate forty girls. The ground on which this orphanage is built is the gift of a Japanese lady, and as there is room for various self-supporting plans to be worked out it is hoped that it may soon meet the annual expenses incurred. There is a debt on the house which Miss Russell hopes will be met by gifts of interested friends. Miss Gheer will have charge of the orphanage as she lives near.

*The Kwassui Jo Gokko School* in Nagasaki covers all departments from the kindergarten to the collegiate, and the report for the year is one to call for a pæan of praise to Him who, through His willing servants hath wrought such a victory. In numbers, earnestness and religious growth it has been a good year. Miss Young joined the force of teachers in October, 1897, and thus a break-down in the superintendent was averted. In December Miss Melton arrived and was given city work and the charge of the Biblical department. Miss Young added a new element to the school life, that of physical culture. All the girls in the school were organized into classes and the improved health of the girls shows the benefit derived from the exercise. The music department, under Miss Bing, has more than held its own, fifty-one pupils have been enrolled. It has been demonstrated that Japanese girls can sing, that voices can be cultivated; the choir is a fixed feature in the church and the chorus classes are doing well. During commencement week the first and second chorus classes rendered the Cantata of "King Reni's," in an excellent manner and realized 34 yen for the orphanage.

The industrial department covers Japanese and foreign sewing, embroidery, knitting, drawn work, flower making and arranging, cooking, drawing, clay modeling, painting and wood carving. The wood carvers have finished two sets of pulpit furniture, one for the new church at Yokohama, and one for a new church in Seoul, Korea, while in drawn work and embroidery, so many orders have been filled that there was but little to show at the exhibition, commencement week. The expense of the science department is met by local receipts. There were three graduates in June, one from the collegiate, and two from the Biblical department. The city Sunday-schools are under Miss Melton's care. Forty of the older girls from the school under her supervision go out each week to teach in the city Sunday-schools and through the openings made in this way two preaching places have been established. A Christmas tree entertainment given these schools on Christmas Day was the result of money collected from the church members by these girls, which provided refreshments and a present for four hundred children and a fine programme made a pleasant hour for the older ones.

The school at Fukuoka is under the charge of Miss Lida B. Smith, who reports a visible improvement in the tone of the school over last year. Much regret is expressed over the departure of Miss Shimomura, the Japanese principal, who has won the love of pupils, and all connected with the school. The city and evangelistic work has been cared for by Miss Gheer in addition to her work as superintendent of Bible-women.

In the *Kwassui Dispensary and Hospital* a busy year has been spent by Dr. Mary A. Suganuma, 11,096 free prescriptions having been given, besides those partly paid for, and 297 free visits made. There have been thirty-three in-patients, no deaths; twenty discharged cured, five improved, one not helped and the others remain under treatment. A Sunday-school connected with the dispensary has been kept by school girls and is well attended; also a Bible class for older girls led by Miss Takamori; two members of this class were baptized lately. Larger rooms are needed for this most Christlike work of healing the body and enlightening the darkened minds.

The evangelistic work, superintended by Miss Gheer, consists of the work of thirteen Bible-women and the city work in Nagasaki. She says the spiritual growth of the women themselves is very noticeable. They work in the churches and are well prepared to teach Gospel truth. Miss Gheer says the majority of those brought into the churches come through the work of the Bible-women. The Bible-women's convention held in January was a source of great blessing to the women. In Kumamota and Kagoshima, and a number of other places the Bible-women have given most efficient service.

*Loo Choo Islands.* These are also under Miss Gheer's care. In November last she paid a visit to the islands and found a cordial welcome and a simple-hearted people, free from any prejudice against Christianity. The women are a strong race, with much strength of character showing in their faces, and will make valiant soldiers for Jesus Christ, Miss Gheer writes: "This work is supported by the contributions of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in Japan," some money having been received by Miss Gheer from almost every station where we have work under a missionary of this Society. In reading the account of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society Auxiliary, in Kwassui Jo Gokko, under the charge of Miss Bing, of its regular meetings, systematic mite box collection, and how when on thank-offering day the mite boxes were broken and 15 yen added to what had been otherwise given, made 40 yen for work in *Loo Choo*, it recalled a letter of Miss Russell's written fifteen years ago, after the first revival in Naga-

saki. She was telling the girls that in these islands they had never heard of Christ, when one happy girl said: "Shouldn't we send some one to tell them?" Miss Russell added: "When we do, it will be another case of 'enough to do at home' for the world to sneer at." And so the "regions beyond" will always be a point of interest to the Christian soldier until the last of Adam's race has heard the joyful sound of Gospel grace and the praises of our King shall belt the world.

MRS. E. T. COWEN,  
*Official Correspondent.*

## MEXICO.

WOMAN'S WORK COMMENCED, 1874.  
MEXICO CONFERENCE ORGANIZED, 1885.

### MISSIONARIES.

MISS M. D. LOYD, *Mexico City.*

MISS A. R. LIMBERGER, *Puebla.*

\*MISS H. L. AYRES, " "

MISS C. M. PURDY, "

MISS A. VAN DORSTEN, *Pachuca.*

MISS E. M. DUNMORE, *Guanajuato.*

\*Home on leave.

The girls'-schools in Mexico have reached their highest enrollment during the past year. All the schools collectively report the attendance of 1,624 girls, 159 of whom have been received into the church since our last annual report.

Epworth leagues are organized in all the principal stations, assuring the spiritual education of the young Christians, which must bear fruit in greater light and activity in all branches of church work. The kindergartens in Mexico City and Puebla are a very attractive feature in the schools, and win friends to our work as well as break down ignorant prejudices.

The teaching that forgiveness of sin can be paid for in money to man, cannot but have a most demoralizing effect on a nation. It destroys the sense of personal responsibility and the feeling of guilt, which accounts for the great spiritual indifference among the people where these ideas prevail. The work of our earnest Christian missionaries in the schools is one of the greatest factors in arousing the consciences of the young people who are the hope of the nation. The lives of these consecrated women as well as their teaching make a deep impression on their pupils, and the beautiful record that all the

boarding and fifty of the day-scholars in the school in Mexico City, and one hundred and one of those in the Puebla-school are members of our church, proves the true concern the teachers feel for the souls under their care. Some friend sent to Puebla the story of "What would Jesus do" and it has been translated into Spanish by one of our young women native teachers, and it will shortly be issued by our press in Mexico. In this school daily prayer circles are held at the close of the exercises, and weekly consecration meetings where the attendance is entirely voluntary, so that any roused conscience or serious disposition is nurtured into Christian life.

In Guanajuato the opportunity for much personal work is hindered by the inability to take care of more than a very few boarding pupils, nine girls, however, have come into the church, and the school is gaining in the confidence of the community. Miss Dunmore's health has kept her still at home through the year, and Miss Van Dorsten has been compelled to remain in Guanajuato instead of taking the appointment at Pachuca, which was arranged by the Bishop at the last conference. Now, however, the departure of Miss Hastings has made Miss Van Dorsten's charge of Pachuca a necessity, and Miss Dunmore expects to return to Mexico in December.

Eight girls' day-schools are sustained by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and nearly all of them find their teachers from the graduates of our larger boarding-schools. These use not only improved normal methods, but give Christian instruction and Gospel truth in these benighted villages and towns. The majority of teachers even in our best schools come from those educated in them, and the happy, peaceful atmosphere that prevails in them is largely due to this fact.

Miss Hastings, who gave twenty-six years as an evangelical instructor to the uplifting of the women of Mexico, passed from earthly labor to heavenly rest in the midst of the scene of her labors. The first two years spent in the mission she taught in the girls' orphanage in Mexico City, and then went to Pachuca, where for twenty-four years she has been a light shining in a dark place, ministering to all the spiritual wants of the people as they had necessity and she opportunity. Hundreds will rise up at the last day to call her blessed, and praise God for her life and teaching.

The teachers who were all from among her own pupils, and the scholars gathered in her room from time to time in the few days of her last illness to sing the hymns of Jesus's love that she had taught them, and kept her chamber filled with the flowers she loved. At her funeral the people crowded the church, the court and the street,



and every available space was filled by those who came to pay the last honors to her who had given herself so fully to them. Steadily she had borne her testimony through all the confusion and pain of sickness, "The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin." What a radiant truth to be proclaimed in a land of penance and bought pardons! At the semi-annual meeting of the presiding elders of the mission, the following resolution was passed:

The presiding elders hereby unanimously resolve to extend to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society an expression of their sympathy in connection with the death of Miss Hastings, a worthy representative of that Society, a virtuous and Christian woman, and a co-worker who with ardent zeal for twenty-six years has labored for Christ among the people of Mexico.

Signed,

JUSTO -M. EUROZA,  
P. FLORES VALDERRAMA,  
SEVERO I. LOPEZ,  
A. TOVAR Y BUENO,  
JOHN W. BUTLER.

MRS. S. L. KEEN,  
*Official Correspondent.*

## SOUTH AMERICA.

WOMAN'S WORK COMMENCED IN 1871.  
CONFERENCE ORGANIZED 1893.

### MISSIONARIES.

MISS M. F. SWANEY,  
MISS L. HEWITT,  
MISS E. S. GOODIN,

MISS E. LE HURAY,  
MISS R. J. HAMMOND,  
MISS E. THOMSON,

MISS M. E. BOWEN,  
MISS ELSIE WOOD,  
MISS BELLE WADMAN.

The South American Conference includes all the country east of the Andes, and within the bounds are the stations, with one exception, in which our Society has work. The year has brought some radical changes to the school work in Buenos Ayres.

**Buenos Ayres.** Miss Le Huray says: "Before making arrangements for the year I consulted with Miss Thomson, who has been associated with me in the school for six years, and we decided to take a little house, three blocks away, and re-open the school for girls and small boys under ten years of age. She was away on her vacation, as she always spent the three summer months with her family, and everything had opened nicely when conference came and with it the transfer



of Dr. Thomson to Montevideo. We were in Rosario at the time and I immediately appealed to the Bishop to use his influence to have her remain in the school for the present year. But all our efforts were useless, for at the close of the conference she told me she *could not* stay, and left the next day.

In losing her the school has lost its best teacher and the burdens fall very heavily on those who remain. She was an indefatigable worker and I feel very much alone without her. In transferring the school to new quarters and excluding boys over ten we very much reduced our numbers. Moreover, in the summer less than one-half of the school furniture is needed. The rest we contributed to a new evangelical school for boys, thus saving the expense of storing it. I was very sorry as I intended this as a gift to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, but we being unable to use it and they needing it so much, it would have been very selfish to keep it.

A few of the dear little children came with us, but it makes my heart heavy and sad to think of the many who could not come and the many we have lost merely for want of a house in which to put them. Since then we have enrolled eighty-eight, which is a number not to be despised, but we could just as easily have had 250, and did in 1895. Dear women of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, if you did but realize the possibilities in Buenos Ayres you would redouble your efforts. Most gladly would I work for you with all my strength, not for ten years, but twenty, if you will. But my hands are tied for lack of a home. Give me a house in some place and I will bring in hundreds of children.

"There's a cry along our streets day by day,  
There's a sound of little feet gone astray."

We have more than once, on Sabbath afternoon counted one hundred children at play in one block and there are said to be 25,000 children this year without school privileges of any kind. The teachers in the school are the same as last year. One for whom we had no work we loaned to the boys'-school until we may need her again. The children, too, are not new, but largely those of last year. In homes where I visit and among the sick of our congregation they are literally imploring me to take the boys back again and I have carried a burdened heart from many a home where I have been compelled to say *no*. This new school that we donated our furniture to had forty pupils the first day, and their new Sunday-school started with no less than sixty. Such is Buenos Ayres, in every sense of the word a "field white unto harvest."

In the boarding department we have had an unusually full year. Our location is very well known here, as we have not changed in eight years. We number twenty nice girls and could have more had we accommodations, and several pitiful cases are yet unattended to." Miss Le Huray had planned to come home this year, but as no one could be found on short notice to take her place it was simply impossible for her to leave. She was greatly disappointed that Miss Hewett was not assigned to Buenos Ayres as this had been planned for, but feel sure that under the circumstances she cheerfully accepted the decision of the "powers that be."

Owing to some special difficulties and embarrassments last year in connection with the schools in Rosario the numbers in attendance were greatly reduced and consequently this year opened not as favorably numerically and financially as for several years preceding this. Very soon after our general executive meeting word was received from Miss Bowen that she was to change her name and it would be necessary for us to secure some one to take charge of the school in Montevideo, as she would like to be released as soon as a substitute could be sent, but would remain until then or until the close of the school-year. Correspondence was commenced immediately to ascertain if Miss Hewett, who was there during the time that Miss Bowen was home on leave several years since, would come. Her health, which demanded her return home, had improved greatly and she had already decided that she could engage in work again in South America, but had in view being associated with Miss Le Huray in Buenos Ayres, and felt herself committed to work there, but was willing to go where most needed. She left in May and received a most cordial welcome in Montevideo the very day that Mrs. Bowen-Brown was leaving for Buenos Ayres, where her own home is for the present. She writes: "Miss Hewett will find many changes and improvements made during her absence, but a most interesting and prosperous work and I trust that under her direction it may continue to gain in influence as an educational and evangelizing power." We must refer to the labors of Mrs. Brown in this school. She has been a grand success and the grade of the school has been constantly improving during her supervision of its interests. We were very sorry to lose her from the list of our missionaries.

Early in the year Miss Hammond sent a brief report of her work in Acuncion but nothing has been received since so that this report must be very meager. There were enrolled at that time eighty-five pupils, all of whom were from Catholic families except two, in which case the father and mother are both Protestants.

The pupils all pay tuition, some of them very little. She speaks most highly of Miss Kher, a graduate from our school in Montevideo, who is assistant there. She speaks German, French, English and Spanish, is organist in the church—a most capable and efficient, devoted worker. A good deal of trouble has sprung up, but in the midst of it all we are keeping on in good courage and our work is going well. Thus far this year we have lost fewer scholars than in any year before this and the attendance has been very regular. She pleads for help from our Society for the schools, for under the existing state of affairs where they rule everything the only part of the work that can be held up before the public is this work of the schools. The longer the girls remain in school the more earnest and active they become. One by one as they get to be 14 years of age they are joining the temperance society. Slower but just as surely they are, one by one, joining the church. If all the support of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society is withdrawn we must tell all these girls that they cannot come and must stay at home and see all the advantages given to their brothers. Will you not help in this work? If you will suggest any change whereby it will be more satisfactory do let us know and give this work another trial.

**Peru.** Peru belongs in the Western South American Mission Conference which was organized in 1897. Our work has been in Callao represented in the school work, in charge of Miss Elise Wood, who has been a most devoted, enthusiastic and persistent worker. Brave and progressive, she seems well fitted to this work where every inch of ground gained must be in the face of obstacles seemingly insurmountable and persecutions the most bitter and terrible. In April her father removed to Lima, only twenty-five minutes' ride from Callao, so that she can go back and forth easily by train for her school work. She writes: "Our house is on the Inquisition plaza, where people were burned alive who displeased the priests. Now it is filled with flower beds and tall trees where the birds sing the year around. In the center is a statue of Simon Bolivar, for whom Bolivia was named. On one side is the old building where the victims were condemned, now used for the Senate Chamber."

L. A. ALDERMAN,  
*Official Correspondent.*

## BULGARIA.

WOMAN'S WORK COMMENCED, 1884.

CONSTITUTED A MISSION CONFERENCE, 1892.

### MISSIONARIES.

MISS KATE B. BLACKBURN,

MISS LYDIA DIEM.

### ASSISTANTS.

MISS AMELIA DIEM,

MISS RAICHAVA.

The General Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church does not seem to have come any nearer to a solution of the Bulgarian problem than it has at any time since first the question of continuing that mission was raised. In the meantime, the support of the school established at Loftcha by this Society is continued.

During the past year, and in the absence of Miss Blackburn, the charge of the school has devolved upon Miss Diem. In the discharge of this duty she has been faithful and efficient. The circumstances of the situation have often been perplexing. The almost open hostility of the local authorities has at times been embarrassing, and their opposition has occasionally had at least an appearance of persecution. On one occasion the school inspector wrote to Miss Diem, insisting that she must require the girls in the boarding-school to observe Lent, and further that she must take them to the Orthodox Church to partake of the Sacraments. Miss Diem could not comply with these requirements and she believed that in any event, the inspector had exceeded his authority. He, however, threatened to close the school on account of her disobedience. The number of students in attendance at the school has been somewhat less than in former years. The reason assigned by Miss Diem for the decreased attendance is that at least two-thirds of her pupils come from Orthodox families. Official opposition does to some extent diminish the patronage which the school receives. Still, inasmuch as so large a proportion of the pupils in attendance come from these families, notwithstanding official opposition, the school must be firmly established in the confidence of the community.

Without ostentation, but firmly and constantly, instruction as to the duties and obligations of a Christian life is made a part of the school work of every day, and the results of this teaching are mani-

fest in the daily conduct and bearing of the students. A day seldom passes when one or more of the girls do not come to Miss Diem for personal counsel and instruction, and the earnestness of their inquiries, and their statement of their experiences, attest the genuineness of their interest in the Christian faith.

Miss Blackburn has lately returned to her post, but she has not had time to review the situation or to come to any definite conclusions as to the future prospects of the school. The outlook for the coming school year is, however, more encouraging than could have been hoped for only a few months ago. It may be that the official opposition to which reference has been made, will relax, and that in view of the fine educational work for which the school is noted, the public sentiment will rally to its support. All of this, however, will have to be left for time to determine.

The annual conference passed a resolution of confidence in the school and of approval of its work, and also a resolution of thanks to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, "for their great efforts and sacrifices made in providing for a Christian education for the girls of Bulgaria."

The year has been a period of great anxiety and concern for this enterprise, but in no sense one of relaxation of effort or of yielding to despondency. It is confidently hoped and believed that the fidelity and courage of those who are carrying on the work, will be yet crowned by the Master with a gratifying success.

MRS. F. P. CRANDON,  
*Official Correspondent.*

## ITALY.

ORGANIZED AS A CONFERENCE, 1881.  
WOMAN'S WORK COMMENCED, 1886.

### MISSIONARIES.

MISS EMMA M. HALL,

MISS M. ELLA VICKERY,

MISS IDA M. BOWNE.

### ASSISTANT.

MISS ELEANOR IGLEHEART.

The first work which was undertaken by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, in Italy, was the employment of Bible-women, whose duty it was to visit at their homes those women of



the city who were unable to read and expound to them the Holy Scriptures. This seems like a very modest beginning as indeed it was, but that particular kind of service has been found to be especially valuable and efficient, but even at this date and in the Italian field where Bible-women were first employed and trained, it is difficult to find any considerable number of women who are qualified for this service and who are so circumstanced as to be able to engage in it. Two of the women have become familiar to us, Mrs. Mando, in Rome, and Miss Biondi, in Pisa. Both of them have been faithful, earnest and successful laborers, acting as assistants to their pastors. They visit the women of the church, stimulating them to increased religious activity, prompting them to greater fidelity, and in every practicable way encouraging and assisting them in their efforts to lead Christian lives. They also visit the unconverted and endeavor to interest them in those matters which have to do with a personal religious experience and a desire to know Christ as their personal Savior. Mrs. Mando has from the beginning been especially interested in the Sunday-school, in which she is now, as she has been for many years, a faithful and conscientious teacher. In addition to this work she seems to be practically the inspiration and life of a new Sunday-school which has been established in connection with the crèche. Miss Biondi, at Pisa, in addition to the usual work of her office, holds a regular service for women and another for the children. Both of these services are well attended and have resulted in great benefit to those who attend them.

The Isabella Clark Crèche has, ever since its establishment, been a marked success. Every day from seven o'clock in the morning and continuing until seven o'clock in the evening, the rooms are open for the reception and care of children from two to seven years of age. For the greater part of the year this institution has been in charge of Miss Quaratesi, of Pisa. A girl from the school at Via Garibaldi has been her assistant. The children who are brought to the crèche are kept clean, are well fed, and protected against the contaminating influences of the street. They are provided with innocent amusements and receive such instruction as is suitable to a Christian home. They are taught to sing and pray. Ordinarily these children come from the families of the very poor people. Many of them have been poorly fed and almost all of them suffer from want of proper care. The wholesome food, the cleanliness and the bright surroundings of the crèche, work marvels of improvement in the physique of these little people, and the pale-faced, wan little figures, soon change into chubby, rosy-cheeked babies full of life and happiness.

A kindergarten is also in successful operation under the care of a trained kindergartner, who is a member of our church in Rome. At the Sunday-school, which is connected with this work, there are more than fifty children present every Sunday afternoon. Of course these children come from Roman Catholic homes. The children are taught the Bible stories, the facts connected with the life of the Savior, and learn to sing little hymns and to pray.

The girls'-school has had a larger attendance than ever before, the total number registered being fifty. The classes have been large and the spiritual atmosphere which has pervaded the school has been very marked and inspiring. As it is expected that these girls will, when they go out from the school earn their own living, it is the aim of the school to prepare them to do so most effectively; therefore some of them are taught dress-making, embroidery, machine-sewing and ironing. While they are receiving that instruction which prepares them for the active duties of life, the most careful attention is given to that training which develops character, establishes them in virtue, and which through a saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ opens up to them the hope of everlasting life with Him.

An Epworth League has been established among these girls largely for the purpose of Bible study. On Tuesday evening of each week a brief praise service is held to which even the very little girls beg to come, and on Thursday evenings is held a regular prayer service which is led by some of the theological students.

Some changes in the buildings are very greatly needed. The most important one perhaps is that of converting an old mill which constituted a part of the property into a chapel. This is not only needed for use during the hot season and when on account of inclement weather the girls cannot attend the regular church services, but as this chapel would open on a crowded thoroughfare, its open doors, bright lights, attractive interior and the singing of the children might attract the passers-by, and thus become an evangelizing force in the community.

The school for the higher education of girls is now entering upon its third year and its success is well assured. During the past year, in the absence of Miss Vickery, Miss Igleheart has been in charge. She reports that during the year they accommodated thirty-seven boarders and ninety-one day pupils. The total receipts for board and tuition amounted to nearly three thousand dollars. A number of the boarders have been American girls, who have either been visitors in Rome, or young women attending the American school of classical studies. Miss Igleheart says, that "though the administration of the

"school is rendered more difficult by this diversity of tastes, age and interests, yet it has been good for the Italian girls to be surrounded with American students, and to see how many sided is the education and opportunities of American girls. Friendships have been formed and ideas exchanged with cultivated Christian women, which have dissipated many an international prejudice."

During the whole year, the Bible has been read daily; each girl having her Bible and reading in turn. This Bible reading is followed by prayer. All the students are required to be present at a Sunday morning Bible study conducted by the pastor of the church. Religious books and tracts have been provided for the day pupils while waiting for classes. The girls in the school are Catholics, but most of them are willing to attend our church services. Miss Vickery says: "Our aim is not to force, but to win them to Christ." In her last letter she writes: "To-night my heart is glad for one of my girls has confessed that all last year she fought against her own conscience, but now she will no longer resist, but will give her heart to Christ. We are sowing the seed with prayer, and trusting God for the harvest."

MRS. F. P. CRANDON,  
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## KOREA.

WOMAN'S WORK COMMENCED, 1885.

### MISSIONARIES.

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### WIVES OF MISSIONARIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. G. H. JONES, *Chemulpo*. MRS. W. A. NOBLE, MRS. E. D. FOLWELL, *Peng Yang*.

\*Home on leave.

Seoul. Mrs. Scranton writes: "In taking a look backward over the year we readily perceive many things for which we have reason to render praise and thanksgiving, but we must, at the same time, confess that the hopes and expectations of a year ago have not been altogether realized. One year ago we fondly believed that our oft-repeated cry for help was about to be heeded, and with the needed

reinforcement we fully expected to make advancement on many lines which, single-handed, could not be undertaken. Anxious days and months have passed; the year has closed; the new missionary has not come, and much of the work we hoped to do remains undone. There has been very little change in our methods of work in the Tal Sung Church and vicinity. Every day has seen something attempted, many days have witnessed results apparently good. Since last annual meeting forty-two women have received the ordinance of Baptism; twenty-five of whom have been admitted to full membership in the church; forty-nine others have given in their names as those who wished to 'study the doctrine,' making an increase of ninety-one. We have reason to believe that the women of our Tal Sung Church are true Christians. There are those among us who are far from being all we would like to have them, but a majority, as far as we can judge, are living consistent lives. They are most faithful in their attendance upon our regular church services, often packing our little chapel to its utmost capacity, whether the sun shines or the clouds lower. Not many Sundays ago, when the rain was falling in torrents, the pastor remarked: 'We shall have no congregation to-day.' But that same morning fifty women knelt at the communion table, and a goodly number of others were in the audience. Our women do fully their part toward paying the running expenses of the church. The last year has been an exceedingly trying one on account of the scarcity and high price of rice. There has been much suffering among us, but even the very poorest almost always brings her offering. Perhaps in some cases it is only the fifth part of a cent, but I am sure that 'Jesus sitting over against the treasury' has said of them: 'They have done what they could.' One old woman was remonstrated with by her son for going to the Church through the dark and uncertain ways of our streets without a lantern. Her reply was: 'I must have the candle money for the collection.' The Sunday-school attendance is also good. We have an average on the woman's side of over one hundred. Sometimes we have too many to get into the chapel, and they have stood outside windows and doors, greatly to their own discomfort. We have added one new department of church work during the year, the Epworth League. The Young Woman's branch of it numbers fifteen or more. One night a month they sit in silence behind the curtain and are instructed and entertained by their husbands and brothers. The remaining evenings they meet by themselves. I am glad to say that they are spending part of their time in teaching some of their number to read.

"The Tal Syeng Koun Day-school has had a year of comparative prosperity. Our numbers at one time reached sixteen, which is all our little room ought to accommodate. On account of the multiplicity of other duties I have been unable to give as much time to this school as it needs. Several of our girls are good little Christians. Some have received baptism during the year, and two have been admitted to full membership in the church. In all the work attempted or accomplished during the year I have been greatly assisted by my Bible-women. They have always been ready to carry out my plans and directions as far as they were able. Beside the three regularly employed by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, five additional ones have been granted by the British and Foreign Bible Society. There has been no difficulty in finding work enough for all, in fact a much larger number could be profitably employed. Mrs. Drusilla Ni has continued the work formerly assigned, namely the teaching here in the compound such women as come to us day by day. Sarah Kim and Hannah Chung have been from house to house teaching the Catechism and giving such other instruction as has seemed necessary. Sarah is in great demand for the visitation of the sick. She goes about the work firmly believing that 'the prayer of faith will save the sick' and cast out devils. There is not a tune she can sing correctly, but this makes no difference to her, and apparently none to her hearers. She exercises all the gift she has in this particular with great enthusiasm and delight, and as there are oft-repeated encores, I judge her efforts are properly appreciated by those who listen. The five women allowed me by the British and Foreign Bible Society give most of their time to work in the country. This work has been very hard for them during the winter. The Korean teacher, unaccompanied by the foreigner, does not always meet with a kindly reception, but our women are now winning their way, and are being solicited to visit and teach in many places. The reports which these women bring me from time to time are encouraging. They have prevailed upon quite a number to take down and destroy their *fetiches*, and give up ancestral worship, and pray to the true God only. They are endeavoring also to awaken ambitions in the minds of the women in regard to learning to read, and in some instances are succeeding. One woman whose work lies in the villages not far distant from Seoul, has already brought several into the church, and from the examinations I have given them, I am convinced she is doing her work well. I am thankful for the Bible-women, and believe they will be more and more useful. As for myself, I have sadly neglected the country work during the year. Message after



message from many towns and villages have been sent, urging me to come and teach, but the work in Seoul has been so great and so absorbing it has seemed impossible to leave it. I have made one visit only to the section at the south over which I have had nominal supervision. At that time, although I rode nearly four hundred miles in my Sedan chair, and was absent about one month, I failed to visit many points to which I had been invited. I think there is scarcely a town or village in all that region where the teacher would not be welcomed. I do not mean by this that everybody is ready to receive the Gospel, but they are ready to listen, and many almost always are convicted.

"There have been some severe persecutions in the south during the last few months. The people have been more than ever oppressed, and in greater poverty than we have ever known them; but after all the only real obstacle in the way of success of Christianity is the lack of a sufficient force of missionaries. We fully believe that the presence of the foreigner would be the means of averting many of the evils which now exist; but even if this did not come to pass, surely many of these poor people who are so 'weary and heavy laden' would learn where to go to 'find rest unto their souls.'

"During our trip we visited nearly all the places where the work had been previously organized. The women seemed to be holding on to the little light and truth which they had formerly received, but they are very young children in understanding; and, how could we expect them to be otherwise? Only a few of them are able to read, and according to the customs of the country, it is not proper for them to attend services where no separate room has been provided for them. I inquired of some of them if they did not 'ask their husbands at home' about these things, but the only satisfactory conclusion I could reach from their replies, was that the men were so very busy trying to save their own souls, they found little time to devote to the ignorant women. As I saw the condition of things in all this southern region, my heart was burdened and pained as never before. How long, oh how long must these things be? It seems as if the missionaries in Korea are working up to the limit of their time, and some I know work far beyond their strength. Ought they to attempt more? At least two missionary ladies should be sent at once to this portion of the field. If this is not done will it be simply a mistake, or does it become a crime?"

Miss Rothweiler sends us reports, but her great concern is to finish the buildings that she feels are so much needed. The school building was so untenable that safety required a removal and the new

building is partly erected, but the means sent is not sufficient to finish it. The work in every department in Korea has grown beyond our faith and expectation, and the appropriation of last year, as well as the number of workers, proved entirely insufficient. Our school building is an absolute necessity; the girls are crowded in a way that endangers health, and we cannot take any new girls. We fully appreciate the appeal for help which comes from those faithful missionaries endorsed by Bishop Joyce, and we trust the appeal may find a ready response from many patrons.

**Pyeng Yang.** Dr. Rosetta Hall arrived in Seoul November, 1897. She remained with Dr. Cutler in dispensary until April, when the superintendent of the mission thought best for her to proceed to Pyeng Yang, her old appointment. Bishop Joyce favored this change. Through the generosity of Bishop Joyce, Miss Rothweiler and others, the necessary funds were raised, and a comfortable home and dispensary built, through the judicious management of Rev. Mr. Noble.

Dr. Hall says: "We were very warmly welcomed by the foreigners and the native Christians, and were made to feel at home at Mr. Noble's house, while waiting for our goods to arrive." On June 16th our dispensary work commenced. A day or two before opening I received a visit from the governor, asking me to visit his wife. In a couple of visits I was able to completely relieve her of her suffering; the governor was very grateful, and sent a present of one hundred eggs and three spring chickens. A week later he was asked to name our medical plant. He said "he was grateful and happy that his lady was so soon healed through my grace, and that as hereafter multitudes of people would be benefited by my efficiency, he would name the dispensary I had opened 'Woman's Dispensary of Extended Grace.'" We are beginning our work. I have treated about 5,375 in homes and dispensary. Only fourteen out of four hundred women who come to the dispensary, can read. I had no help except the native sisters in the church giving religious instruction until this past month; since then I have had Susan, a tried helper from Seoul. Such a helper is a positive necessity in medical work. One woman who came for an operation, became interested in the good news she heard here and has joined my Sunday-school class, and I am hopeful for her conversion. I got out through the winter the beginning of a book to teach the blind to read, and I am instructing the little daughter of one of our Christians to read. I hope when she learns she may become a teacher for a class of little blind children. We need more workers, both native and foreign, to get the proper evangelical results of our medical work. There is a crying need here for mothers' meet-

ings, where a little hygiene and the proper care of children should be drilled into the minds of mothers. I am shocked to find as a rule that is almost without exception, out of seven or ten children in a family, three at most, and often only one is raised.

‘Over and over; yes deeper and deeper,

My heart is pierced through with life's sorrowing cry;

But the tears of the sower, and songs of the reaper,

Shall mingle together in joy by and by.’ ”

MRS. H. B. SKIDMORE,

*Official Correspondent.*

## Report of Home Work.

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In common with our sister Branches the legacy of "hard times" required both faith and courage to be really hopeful in reference to our financial matters, and we confess to very many fears and heavy

burdens on this line. Our running expenses were very much larger than in any previous year owing to the effort to furnish speakers for our auxiliaries through our itineraries, which added six or seven hundred new names to our auxiliaries, and increased our receipts, and we have this encouraging fact at the close of the year that the revenue from auxiliaries is more than one thousand dollars in advance of last year. And since our memberships are really the only basis upon which we can rely, increase in this direction is very cheering. We have received much less from donations, special gifts and bequests than we have averaged for the last few years; one of the last-named is in litigation, which diminished expected receipts something over two thousand dollars. And we may, in this connection, refer to two other bequests which have been made to local auxiliaries, one from a friend not a member of our church, the other from one of our own members—a generous contributor to this cause for many years.

Reports from conference and district secretaries are full of encouragement, evidencing continued and increasing interest in the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, showing that women of our auxiliaries do not forget that it is the aggregation of "two cents a week and a prayer" that enables our treasury to meet its obligations.

Conference and camp meeting anniversaries have been more than usually promotive of an awakening conviction in the minds and consciences of the hitherto indifferent disciples that the "Master hath need of thee" in this great work. And we are much pleased to notice the increasing interest among the pastors of our churches for an organization in my church as a wide-awake auxiliary or band seems to help in all departments.

Our young women's societies have been doing splendidly under the inspiration and guidance of Mrs. Nutter, who has given herself to the object of raising \$500.00 toward the Home in Ku Cheng by obtaining signatures—at ten cents each—to be written in an album and when the list is completed it is to be forwarded to the home as a memorial from the young women of New England Branch. This has involved a vast amount of labor, but still it is "more blessed to give than to receive." If we will stop a moment and consider what a joy and delight this home must be to those dear girls who share its comforts and blessings, and then turn to this noble army who have contributed this grand amount and recall the assuring words, "more blessed to give than to receive," we know the reflex influence must be sweet and comforting. Many girls and young women here in New England have registered their names as helpers in erecting this home.



Our children's work and little Light-Bearers, under the tactful management of Mrs. Harrison, is increasingly interesting and efficient. Thank-offering month received some attention, but one of two things is most apparent when results are considered. Our constituency is more conservative in this Branch than in most of our sister Branches, or our leaders lack the enthusiasm and "push" that is characteristic of some sections specially in the "broad prairie" districts and the "lake regions." When I look at our irrepressible Miss Cushman, with her wealth of suggestions and plans, the inspiration of her presence and earnest appeals and her unstinted, unflinching efforts in connection with others who find her interest and zeal contagious—and then find the pecuniary results out of all proportion to the efforts put forth—I am forced to the conclusion that we New Englanders are conservative. Miss Danforth did good work for us in the winter and spring. Miss Sites has had a large number of appointments scattered through the year. Miss Harvey made a successful itinerary in Maine during the summer. Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Butler and our own missionaries who are home on leave have been most welcome guests and speakers in our auxiliaries and at public meetings.

Miss Glover, who came home for health, will not be able to return to China this year. Miss Nichols will leave for India in January, rejoicing greatly over restored health and strength.

Miss Paine, who reached home in May, has been very anxious to get back to her work and planned to leave for Korea October 11th, but was detained. She hopes to leave on the 24th. Miss Hemingway, who goes to Singapore, expects to leave soon.

As we buckle on the armor for another year of toil we will remember from whence our help cometh.

"In the name of our God will we set up our banners."

Respectfully submitted,

L. A. ALDERMAN,  
*Corresponding Secretary.*

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT.**

October 1, 1897.	Total balance.....	\$ 8,719 60
	Total receipts.....	29,825 23
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		\$38,544 83
	Total disbursements.....	37,827 16
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October 1, 1898.	Balance.....	\$ 717 67

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The twenty-eighth annual meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, New York Branch, was held in Albany, N. Y., October 12-15, 1897. The closing hours of that meeting will long be

remembered by many of those present. After prayer and deeper consecration, sealed upon our hearts by the blessed Holy Spirit, we resolved to take up the work and increase our appropriations. Our hearts are filled with thanksgiving in reviewing the work of this year. The Lord has not been unmindful of our labor of love. He has abundantly supplied all our need. To Him be all the glory.

The reports of the conference secretaries are full of encouragement. The organized method of working and giving, through auxiliaries, "two cents a week and a prayer," adopted in the beginning, is still our dependence in obtaining money for quarterly remittances to the foreign field. Our increase or loss must be counted from this basis. We are grateful for all other helps; but special gifts are uncertain, and can never be the basis of support. We are glad to report an increase in members and auxiliaries. We have reason to believe the general interest in the work was never greater than at present. We have been greatly helped this year by special donations and bequests from loving friends who have gone to their heavenly homes and from those still with us.

Our thank-offering has brought us joyous response from many of the auxiliaries, and has brought us closer to Him who has promised to "supply all our need."

Our quarterly, district meetings and conference anniversaries have been seasons of influence and profit. The Ocean Grove anniversary was held as usual. We are grateful to Bishop Fitzgerald for the interest and personal help he gave to the meeting. God blessed the address of Dr. Oldham, and many were impressed as never before.

The International Missionary Union, of Clifton Springs, is a special power and blessing annually, and we are grateful to Dr. Foster for this meeting in our Branch.

We are greatly indebted also to our President, Mrs. Baldwin, lately returned from her Oriental tour. She has been in labors abundant, imparting information and enthusiasm all over our Branch.

There has been an increase in special work this year in one line which is important; some of the districts and auxiliaries have taken the support of certain missionaries on the foreign field for special work. We attribute this interest to the information given by our well planned itinerary, composed of foreign missionaries who have brought the work so near to the hearts of the societies that the demand for help seemed imperative.

We are glad also to report an increase in the Young Ladies' Societies, Children's Bands, Little Light-bearers, Epworth and Junior Leagues. This is a healthy growth in the right direction and should

be carefully cultivated. Some of the King's Daughters are coming to our help in the foreign field and we gladly welcome them.

Mrs. Edwards, our German Conference Secretary, reports an increase in interest and collections. She is very desirous that they should take the support of Miss Glenk, daughter of a German pastor who is under appointment for China; and we hope this will be accomplished.

The department of supplies meets with increased favor. No part of missionary work is of more importance than the circulation of our literature and we rejoice in a place where it can be supplied.

The necessity for an increased circulation of the "Missionary Friends" must be emphasized until every member of the Society shall come to feel her responsibility for the support of the papers, which are endorsed by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and which have contributed so largely to the success of our work.

For the second time death has invaded our ranks in the foreign field, and has taken from us one of our most valued missionaries. The death of Miss Mary Hastings was a sad and unexpected message. For twenty-four years she has labored for the Master in Pachuca, Mexico. The school was small in the beginning, but it has grown to be the largest school in any Protestant mission in Mexico, numbering over four hundred pupils; over two thousand have been under her instruction. Her influence so pure and true, has widened and deepened, touching three generations. Her memory will be cherished by thousands. She has gone to her eternal home sure of the welcome from her Lord, "Well done, good and faithful servant." Miss Hastings was laid to rest in Pachuca Cemetery. The funeral services were conducted by Dr. John Butler and the native pastors in the presence of her pupils and a large audience.

H. B. SKIDMORE,  
*Corresponding Secretary.*

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Total receipts.....	\$61,975 67
Balance on hand October 1, 1897.....	581 90
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	\$62,557 57
Total disbursements.....	62,065 23
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Balance October 1, 1898.....	\$ 492 34

MRS. J. M. CORNELL,  
*Treasurer.*

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MRS. J. H. BROWN, 6015 Walnut St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

The Philadelphia Branch would say humbly and devoutly, "Hitherto the Lord hath helped us." Notwithstanding the business depression throughout the country, notwithstanding the enthusiasm to help our sick soldiers, the relief committees and aid societies keeping the eyes and hands and hearts of our women close at home, with care for their own loved sons; many have still remembered the yet more



needy ones whom they have never seen. No halo of romance gilds the head of degraded and dirty heathenism, there is no glory or praise of men, no laurel wreaths nor grand parades, no swift and substantial promotions in the battles with sin and offensive ignorance. There are, however, some among us who through all distractions remember them that are bound as bound with them, and do not slacken their efforts to lift the larger and heavier end of the world's sin and sorrow. These are they who see the Lord in the faces of His feeble ones. These filled with enthusiasm for Christ obediently follow His command given eighteen centuries ago. There are some of them in Philadelphia Branch who do not forget.

Three of our missionaries have been at home through the year, but two of these, Miss Heafer and Miss Dunmore, are expecting to return to their fields in Mexico and India within a few weeks. We have come to depend much on our returned missionaries for renewing and intensifying inspiration in the work of missions, and all have helped the cause as they had strength and opportunity. One new worker from the Branch, Miss Charlotte J. Illingworth, is about to sail for Rangoon. She has an advantage in being a native of the place where she proposes to enter work, and no time will be necessary to acquire the language and become familiar with the people. She returns to her old home with every reason to expect usefulness and success.

The assignment of special work has revealed many touching incidents. Sometimes a mother's tender memory of a daughter has sent support for a bearer of the loved name, and that from a place where no auxiliary has existed and no apparent interest in missions been previously manifested. Several orphans and Bible-women are supported by those to whom it means real personal sacrifice. There is a better record kept above of these deeds than the modesty of the donors makes possible to put upon our books. The support of special work has largely increased in the past year, and though it involves greater industry and more hours spent at the desk, it is gladly encouraged because it surely means so many more prayers, so many more eyes peering into the darkness of the pagan world, so much more searching for information. We believe it to be a blessed sign of augmented interest.

Another unusual feature of the year's history has been the large amounts given through our treasury to help work outside of the appropriations. At least 1,700 dollars have been distributed in this way in the last twelve months. Sometimes we have sighed over this,

as it has seemed to detract from the gifts upon which we depend for our regular income. Then again we have considered that perhaps in that far off corner of the vineyard there was a greater necessity than was known to us, and some poor lonely despairing hearts had been besieging the Father, who yielding to their importunity, knew where He had a willing soul that would supply their need, and it was probably God's hand that directed where the shower should fall. Notwithstanding this, we believe that an intelligent carrying out of the organized system with which we are working, would bring better results and yet accommodate all spasmodic gifts.

This report would not faithfully record the work done, did it not bear testimony to the devotion of the branch conference and district officers assisting in its success. A marked feature of the last annual meeting was the manifest, absorbing interest all seemed to feel in the work, which extends to every member of every standing committee. The annual meeting at Williamsport will long live in our memories as one of unusual spiritual blessing, and some beautiful results have already appeared and we look for more to follow.

There have been seasons in the year's history when the financial outlook was gloomy. The darkest hour came when it was not possible to call together our friends in one place and in united prayer tell our trouble to Jesus, but it was very blessed and sweet when we did come together again to learn that more than one soul had gone to the Mercy Seat and with deep heart searchings had asked our God to supply all our need, and although unknown to each other, the two or three had met in spirit and the Lord took knowledge of their prayer and answered.

When on the eve of handing in reports it was learned that all appropriations had been met and no deficit appeared in our accounts, a song of thanksgiving went up from our hearts, and overflowing eyes could only look "unto the hills whence our help had come."

"For so the whole round earth is every way

Bound by prayer chains about the feet of God."

S. L. KEEN.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Total receipts for year.....	\$33,832 92
Balance October 1, 1897.....	7,664 71
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Total.....	\$41,497 63
Disbursements.....	36,217 91
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Balance October 1, 1898.....	\$ 5,279 72

MRS. T. H. WILSON,

*Treasurer.*

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INCLUDES MARYLAND, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA AND VIRGINIA.

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The year just closed will be a memorable one in the history of the Baltimore Branch. We came down from the heights of the Executive meeting in Denver with the stirring tones of Sister Smith's "Conquering Tread" reverberating through our soul; down to meet the "billows" we were sure would come. And how they have "dashed and sprayed!" The earlier months passed like ordinary months of previous years, but in September a billow struck us so suddenly and with such a strong undercurrent that we were in danger of being swept off our feet. Tidings of the awful tragedy in Yokohama harbor, conveyed by the secular press, started up like a nest of unclean birds all the hard and unanswerable questions; questions which harbored would lead to murmurings and weaken faith. So we put them away with, "Now we see through a glass darkly; then face to face." "What we know not now we shall know hereafter."

But it is a bitter disappointment not to greet among these blessed missionaries our dear Miss Simons. Close upon this bereavement followed another—the loss of our faithful treasurer, Mrs. E. R. Uhler. Though for months in declining health she held persistently to the work she loved so well, and we were shocked when we learned that

she, too, had passed within the veil. A long list of active workers, leaders in the several auxiliaries, have passed to their reward and the vacant places have been hard to fill. If chastisement is to be accepted as evidence of our Father's love it would seem as if he had peculiar love for this little branch. Within seven years she has been deprived of her president, corresponding secretary, associate secretary and twice her treasurer. To what ministries mother and daughter, Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Uhler, ex-treasurers, have been promoted, we may not know, but of this we are confident that having looked upon Him who gave Himself for the sins of the whole world, they are not less devoted to its complete redemption.

In February we sent Miss Amy G. Lewis to Yokohama that she might receive from Miss Simon's hands her work when she should return home on furlough. A very strong attachment was formed each for the other in the few months they were together, and we have remembered Miss Lewis in tender, prayerful sympathy in this, her personal bereavement.

We have not been favored with the presence or help of any of the Society's missionaries, but gratefully acknowledge our indebtedness to Dr. J. T. Gracey for his unique address at the Baltimore Conference anniversary; to Mrs. A. W. Rudisill, Mrs. G. H. McGrew and Dr. Goucher for inspiring words at camp-services, and to Mrs. S. L. Baldwin at our recent branch anniversary.

We are glad to report an increase, though slight, to our family of auxiliaries and to the membership. Mite boxes are coming more and more into use and recital of mite-box experiences is an attractive feature of the branch annual meeting. We have gotten out our own boxes for children, strong, attractive and durable. A smaller number of mission boxes than last year have been sent out, but these have been supplemented by gifts of money to Japan, where import duties have been so increased as to render the sending of merchandize unwise. We have had no bequest or special gifts, but Easter offerings were in excess of any previous year.

A pleasant surprise was given the corresponding secretary at the recent annual meeting in the presentation of a life-patron's certificate.

The cluster of maps is finding ready sale and will, if wisely used in connection with The Study, do much to promote interest in the monthly meetings.

Looking up and not down we pursue our "Conquering Tread."

E. B. STEVENS.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts from October 1, 1897 to October 1, 1898.....	\$12,530 49
Disbursements.....	13,333 56
Deficit.....	\$ 803 07

MRS. E. R. UHLER,  
Treasurer.

## CINCINNATI BRANCH.

THIS BRANCH INCLUDES OHIO, WEST VIRGINIA, KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE.  
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It is hard to compress into a few lines the many sided interests of the home department of a branch that has a territory covering four States, and including ten conferences, much of it missionary ground requiring different plans for work, according to surrounding circumstances, methods of organization, gathering of money, scattering literature, building up the waste places and adding needed appliances to make the wheels run smoothly. A busy year has been spent in this blessed service. All the plans for increasing interest and adding to receipts that were recommended have been most diligently followed. Mite boxes have been scattered far and wide and the growing report of money received from this source shows it has not been in vain. Our literature committee have done aggressive



work and the increasing demand for information concerning missionary work is most hopeful. Notwithstanding the resolution passed by the last General Executive Committee recommending the closing up of branch publications, it was decided by the board of managers that inasmuch as no missionary money was expended on our Quarterly, and it was filling a special want in the branch economy, that it should be continued. The fact that our increase of subscription lists bears a fair comparison with those of other branches not publishing quarterlies, seems to prove this decision a wise one. There has not been as much done in the way of organization as in previous years except in one or two conferences, but a determination to add to the membership in old auxiliaries has borne fruit in many places. The all pervading interest in the war has, in a large measure, interfered with aggressive work. God's servants are loyal and patriotic and a nation enlisted in the service of suffering humanity can claim the blessing of the God of battles. So it is not to be wondered at that the universal interest in our country and our boys should, for a time, interfere with the time and thought given to missionary work. The payment of money for the missionary debt has also been a hindrance. In many places money given for our Society has been diverted to this other interest, which is a worthy one, and to which as loyal Methodists we have contributed. We will rejoice when the last dollar is counted in, but our gratitude would have been deeper if the money had all been given for that special need, and not diverted from its original purpose. District meetings have been held with the best results all over the branch. Group meetings are a feature in some conferences. The young people, though sometimes drawn into other organizations, have on the whole given splendid service. Thank-offering day was widely observed, and rich in results. The April quarterly meeting held in connection with a thank-offering service, was a wonderful day, rich in spiritual blessings as well as in the gifts laid on the altar. The increase in our financial report comes from a memorial gift of Mrs. W. A. Gamble of \$5,000 to build a home in Kolar, India. Aside from that the branch falls below the sum given last year by just the amount given in bequests. None were found in this year's summing up. In May Miss Marion Newton and Miss Alice Means sailed for India in response to urgent appeals for immediate action in sending relief. Both were sent out with money given for that purpose in most evident answers to prayer. Miss Seeds sailed for Japan in September. Miss Wisner reached the home land in July and Miss Russell a month later, both greatly needing the rest they have well earned by years of most laborious service.

Misses Scott and Blair are preparing to return after their home leave, and later Miss Carver will follow to relieve Miss Sellers at Naini Tal. Dr. Emma Ernsberger waits a chance to go. But the money fails to cover this and other cases. More candidates offer than we can send because God's stewards withhold the money He has given them to use for Him.

The annual meeting held in Youngstown October 12th and 13th was a blessed season and God was with His children in a comforting and inspiring way. Surely there never was a band of workers more united in heart and purpose than the members of the Cincinnati Branch. It is an inspiration to work with them.

The labor of another year is laid at the Master's feet. How poor the offering we know only too well. But as Isaiah tells of the time "when for brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood, brass, and for stones, iron, and thou shalt know I am the Lord thy Savior and thy Redeemer, the mighty one of Jacob." So may we not hope that by some spiritual alchemy our gifts and our service may, through this "mighty one" be changed and glorified into a mighty power for the pulling down of Satan's kingdom? The work is His, and we are His servants glad to follow where He leads.

E. T. COWEN.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts from October 1, 1897. to October 1, 1898.....	\$44,700 59
Disbursements.....	49,700 59
Deficit.....	\$ 5,000 00

MRS. J. C. KUNTZ,

MRS. CLARA C. BOYD.

*Treasurers.*

## NORTHWESTERN BRANCH.

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	MRS. W. A. LAWSON, Baraboo, Wis.

The home work of the Northwestern Branch during the year which has just closed has been characterized by such earnestness, such a spirit of absolute harmony, such devotion and such a gratifying success that the preparation of this report is a most delightful duty. The spirit of genuine kindness, of mutual helpfulness and of consecrated service which pervaded our annual meeting one year ago, seemed not to be dissipated, nor its influence to be diminished as we went out each to do such work for our great missionary enterprise as her hand might find to do, but has tarried with us, quickening every good impulse and stimulating us to more earnest, persistent and successful effort. Some of the results of a year's work, under influences so gracious, have been collated and find expression in an increased number of auxiliaries, an increased membership in organizations already existing and in increased contributions to our treasury. There are other results of still greater value which come to us individually. They enrich our experiences, afford us that gratification which awaits on fidelity in service, and so deepen our love and expand our sympathies that we are constantly inquiring, what more can I do to help in the grand work of a world's redemption. Of all this no tabulation can be made, no account current can be stated, and yet these constitute the richest inheritance which the year has afforded us.

Everywhere the work of the year bears the imprint of fidelity and diligence. The officers of auxiliaries and conferences, as well as the officers of the branch, have rendered the best possible service; all have been animated by a single purpose and in unity of effort have achieved a signal success.

The increase in the number of auxiliaries is especially gratifying. These organizations are at the very foundation of our enterprise and if at any time the interest in this part of our work shall be permanently impaired, that fact will mark the beginning of the end of our Society. But so long as we can count upon such a constituency of noble women as they now enroll, so long is the success of our cause certain and its progress assured. We appreciate at what cost success is achieved. Cost of time and care and effort on the part of those heroic women who have determined that in no event shall failure come to the interests committed to their care; cost of self-denial to individuals and to homes where even a small contribution involves a corresponding economy; cost of prayers and devotion seldom so lavishly bestowed upon any enterprise.

The reports of the conference secretaries which were read at the branch annual meeting were comprehensive and replete with interesting details. Through them all, like a golden thread, could be dis-

cerned the animating purpose, that the success of the cause outweighed all personal considerations and dominated every arrangement and every plan.

In one conference, the reduction of presiding elder districts necessitated a corresponding consolidation of missionary districts, and for a time disturbed the unity of our work and created not a little embarrassment. The establishment of new district boundary lines also involved a change in our district officers. The details became vexatious, but were finally arranged and the organization readjusted to conform to the new conditions and is now in efficient working order. One of the districts, which by this re-arrangement was eliminated, celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of its organization. A meeting was planned at which eighty delegates were present, some of whom were charter members of the Society. At its closing service addresses were made by the president of the district and also by a saintly mother in Israel whose years had been numbered up to full four score. After the addresses, the large audience which the occasion had brought together, sang,

"We'll never say good-bye in Heaven."

and the district was disbanded.

One auxiliary distributed among its membership a small flock of missionary sheep, the number of which increases each year. The money that is received from the sale of their wool goes regularly into our treasury.

An enthusiastic pastor's wife who had organized a society in every church on her husband's circuit, found herself baffled at length when she attempted to form a children's band. Not discouraged by this failure, she organized her own family of five children into a band. They have their own officers and hold regular meetings, conducting them with as much dignity as though they had a membership of fifty instead of five.

Another pastor's wife who found upon going to a new appointment that no auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society had been established in that charge, immediately set about it to remedy that defect. To-day she has a promising auxiliary, a young people's society, a children's band and fifteen "Little Light Bearers." Thus her works praise her.

One indefatigable district secretary has during the last year travelled many miles by rail and carriage, meeting all of her expenses by selling cowrie pins and thus was able to serve the Society without charge. She has made twenty-two contracts for special work which should yield \$1,500 for the treasury. The interest in the work of this



Society and which permeates the whole Northwestern Branch is indicated by these incidents. The women who are thus working in season and out of season to promote its welfare are but types of a host of others who are working with equal loyalty and persistence for the same end. Happy indeed is any cause which can count upon such support.

It is gratifying to report an increased subscription list for our missionary periodicals. It has to be admitted, however, that in this particular, the advance has not kept pace with the growth of our work in all other directions.

The circulation of the *Friend* only amounts to one-fifth as many copies as we have members of the Society. It seems as if this ought not so to be. Certainly all are deeply interested in what is going on in the several mission stations where our work is located. The *Friend* furnishes this information in a newsy, sprightly and interesting form. If it were widely read the general interest in missions would necessarily be greatly augmented.

Space in the *Northwestern Christian Advocate* is always at our command for reporting items of local interest, or for any of the purposes of the Society. The cordiality with which this courtesy is extended is gratefully acknowledged and fully appreciated. Miss Baker has industriously gathered news items from every field and has always some interesting matter for her readers. The *Michigan Advocate* also has always a welcome for our communications and we are indebted to it for many favors.

The demand for news relating to missions and to mission interests and the appreciation of the help afforded by our literature is evidenced by the fact that our office secretary reports sales amounting to \$1,035.00 during the past year.

Much attention has been given to the preparation of attractive programmes for auxiliary meetings. Some of these programmes, of which samples are now on exhibition, are most excellent and bear ample testimony to the skill and literary ability which have been brought into requisition in their preparation. A lady who has given much attention to the matter of programmes has been advocating what she entitles "Club methods" in missionary work. She has organized in her own city a real, live missionary club. The meetings will be almost entirely conversational and will be directed by a leader. A syllabus will be printed for each month with the set topics pertaining to each subject and abundant references to books and magazines where the necessary information concerning the topic under discussion may be found. Current missionary topics will have a place on the

programme, as also a discussion of the best methods for auxiliary work. In the public library of that same little city is a missionary alcove and table on which can always be found the latest publications in missionary literature.

The observance of Thank-offering Day was very general throughout the Branch. It is believed that nearly all of the auxiliaries held a Thank-offering service. The most gratifying reports of these services have been received. They have been almost uniformly occasions for rejoicing as well as thanksgiving and have emphasized the interest which is taken in all missionary work. Our thank-offering was \$13,358.00.

Mite boxes are also in increasing demand. Of these, fourteen thousand, seven hundred and seventy-three were distributed during the year, and the returns from these boxes as reported at our Feast of Ingathering reached the sum of \$4,380.09. Twelve gifts and bequests amounting to \$8,695.00 have been received this year. Included in this amount is our annual gift from Mrs. Louise Soules for Aligarh. From the estate of Mrs. Littlefield, of Detroit, we received another \$1,000. A bequest from which we only expected to realize \$1,000 yielded us \$1,880. Mrs. Calder, our Home Secretary, has, at a cost of \$2,000, built the Mabel Colvin Home and Dispensary for Dr. Scott at Brindiban. We would be glad to enumerate all these tokens of interest, but they are registered in heaven and the saints who thus remembered us so lovingly are receiving the commendation of the Heavenly Father in the heaven above.

Dr. Lyon, Miss Hewett, Miss Vickery and Miss Blackburn, the missionaries who have recently been among us resting a little after long terms of service, and whose presence we have so greatly enjoyed, have all returned, each to the work which she previously had in charge. Mrs. Davis, of Nanking, is the only missionary representative of the Northwestern Branch, who is now home on furlough.

Early in the present year, Miss Melton, of Illinois, went to Nagasaki, and Miss Boss, of Michigan, to Poona. A little later, Miss Newton, also of Michigan, went to the Woman's College at Lucknow, and to-day another of Michigan's daughters, Miss Longstreet, is en route for San Francisco, whence she will sail for Foochow. A few days hence Miss Burman will start for Muttra, where she will reinforce our band of deaconesses. Later on Miss Zentmire will sail for Africa and Miss Forster for Bengal. Dr. Emma Martin was graduated from Northwestern University Woman's Medical-school in June of this year. She has since received the appointment of interne in one of the Chicago hospitals, and in this position is of course securing both

knowledge and experience which will be very valuable to her hereafter.

It is with grateful appreciation that report is made of the founding by Dr. I. N. Danforth of another missionary scholarship in this Woman's Medical College. The scholarship is a testimonial to Mrs. Elizabeth Skelton Danforth and bears her name. The sincere thanks of the Northwestern Branch are tendered to Dr. Danforth for this valuable gift.

During the year the Secretary of the Home Department of the Northwestern Branch has removed to St. Louis, Missouri, and has transferred her allegiance to the Des Moines Branch. We parted from her with great reluctance and regret. The Des Moines Branch is to be especially congratulated on the accession to its ranks of so earnest and efficient a co-laborer. The President of the first auxiliary organized in this great Western territory, her zeal in the service of the Society and her fidelity to its interests have never faltered. She carries with her our earnest love and leaves with us a memory which we fondly cherish. Another woman, tried and faithful and true, has, at our earnest request, assumed the responsibilities of this office. The coming of Mrs. Calder into this official relation to our work has been a joy to us all. We welcome her royally, first because of herself, and second, because we are assured that the administration of her office will leave nothing to be desired.

Our Annual Branch meeting, which was held at South Bend, Indiana, was an occasion of engrossing interest. The location was central and the attendance was unusually large. A spirit of delightful harmony and helpfulness pervaded every session, and every one seemed to feel that a new interest had been awakened and a vitalizing influence had been added to our work as the result of our coming together.

Bishop and Mrs. Hartzell presented the demands of the situation in Africa. They were gratified and encouraged when the Northwestern Branch assured them that before the merry peals of the Christmas chimes should again be heard, our first missionary to Africa should be commissioned.

The Rev. Dr. Stuntz was also present and spoke in the advocacy of his plan for organizing an evangelistic band which should carry forward and perpetuate the work which our own Phoebe Rowe inaugurated, to which she devoted her life and in the prosecution of which, that life was sacrificed. So graphic was his description of the condition of the Indian women to whom Miss Rowe had ministered, and so earnest was his plea that this band might be organized as an

agency for their evangelization and as a memorial to Phoebe Rowe, that pledges of support amounting to sixteen hundred dollars were received before the meeting closed. Of this amount, three hundred dollars were contributed by the auxiliaries in Detroit, who have so gladly and so generously supported Miss Rowe ever since eighteen hundred and seventy-four, when she first joined the ranks of the mission workers in North India.

With what phrase shall I attempt to describe the sorrow which was felt throughout our Branch when the news of Phoebe Rowe's death was received. To very many of us it was a personal affliction such as would be the loss of a cherished family friend. For more than twenty years she had been familiarly known as "our own Phoebe." We knew almost in detail the incidents of her itinerating service. Her simple equipment of springless cart and tent and oxen, though never seen, still seemed as familiar to us as the furniture of our own homes. We followed her with our sympathy, our prayers and our love, as over plain and valley and mountain path she went, seeking the sheep that had never known the care and love of the Great Shepherd. We could almost hear her singing to them about the way of life, the joy of believing and the hopes which the Gospel unfolds. We had never accustomed ourselves to the thought that she too would die. The people needed her so much, her ministry was so blessed and carried with it so constantly the tokens of Divine approval that it seemed as if the Master himself might esteem her as permanently essential to the mission work of India. She seemed to be so encompassed in the Father's love, and so Divinely endowed for the special service to which she was devoted, as to be scarcely subject to the conditions of ordinary mortal life. We grieve that she is lost to us, though we try to think of her only as one of the throng of the redeemed who "shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes."

Another of our faithful and beloved workers has been lost to us in the person of Miss Schenck, the pioneer missionary in our Bulgarian station. Her fidelity in service and her consecration to the work she had undertaken, have rarely been equalled. Failing health compelled her to return to her home, but the recovery for which we were all so solicitous was not realized. Not often has any society been so sorely bereft as we have been this year.

The report of our Annual Branch meeting would be incomplete,

if adequate reference were not made to an unusual and significant incident to which, on account of certain personal relations, I allude with diffidence and with some hesitation, but which neither justice to our cause, nor courtesy to the splendid women who planned and executed so worthy an enterprise, will permit me to pass without the fullest and most appreciative recognition.

It occurred to some of these worthy women, whose hearts are always suggesting, and whose hands are ever ready to execute generous deeds, that possibly increased interest and emphasis might be imparted to all of our work, if in addition to its constant features, some special object were presented, to claim a portion of our thought and attention.

In pursuance of this idea and after thoughtful consideration, it was determined that during the year the Branch would undertake to provide the funds necessary to erect one of the numerous buildings for which such earnest pleas are constantly being made by the workers in every mission field where our representatives are stationed.

Immediately methods were adopted for carrying this plan into effect. It may not be important to speak of these methods in detail, but they were adequate and effective. Contributions for this purpose were solicited and were received from all parts of the Branch upon the condition, and with the fullest understanding, that such contributions should in no wise interfere with the regular receipts of the Society.

In this manner more than thirteen hundred dollars were secured and the money was in hand at the time of the annual meeting. Pledges which have been received and which will be fulfilled will somewhat increase this sum.

The birthday of the Corresponding Secretary, which occurred on one of the days of the annual meeting was the time selected for the little ceremony connected with making public announcement of the result of the generous effort in which so many willing hands had participated. In happy phrase and with delightful enthusiasm the story of the enterprise was told, and the money which represented so much of careful effort, and which was yet to bring good cheer to some needy portion of the mission field, was presented to the Society with the stipulation that the Secretary should designate to what particular building it should be applied and that the building when erected should bear her name.



So quietly had all this been carried on, that during the entire year no hint of the undertaking had come to the Secretary's knowledge. The denouement was to her a complete surprise. Most profoundly did she appreciate so gracious a testimonial from the loved associates with whom through many years, and under so many varied circumstances, she had counseled and labored and rejoiced.

The form which was given to the testimonial was peculiarly grateful to her and on this account it has a value which, under other circumstances, it could not possess.

To the noble women of the Northwestern Branch, of whose love and tender regard this testimonial is so delightful and expressive, and to the friends whether personally known or unknown, whose generosity made the testimonial possible, the Secretary says: "God bless them all."

The record of the Northwestern Branch has been one of constant progress. From its earliest history until now, even through days of financial stress and disaster, our Branch has continually advanced its work and has met all its obligations. Its pledges have all been redeemed. It is not claimed or believed that all possible success has been achieved, but we know that from every quarter come encouraging reports that broader and more comprehensive efforts are being put forth in the cause of missions.

With a confidence that is founded upon the promises of God's Word, strong in the faith that the kingdoms of this world shall yet become the Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and with a purpose to secure all the results that await on diligent and persevering service, we address ourselves to the work of another year. Sometimes we meet apathy where we had expected cordial co-operation and a feeling of impatience ensues. Sometimes it seems as if opposition had usurped the place of encouragement and we are depressed. But we remind ourselves that the cause we have espoused is the cause of humanity, of righteousness and truth. Then a Voice out of the Excellent Glory seems to say: "Lo, I am with you and my cause shall triumph," and we press onward singing:

"Watchman, does its beauteous ray  
Aught of hope or joy foretell?  
Traveler, yes! it brings the day,  
Promised day of Israel."

MRS. F. P. CRANDON.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand October 1, 1897.....	\$ 4,243 38
Receipts from October 1, 1897 to October 1, 1898.....	79,892 97
Total.....	\$84,136 35
Disbursements.....	79,306 99
Balance on hand October 1, 1898.....	\$ 4,829 36

MRS. BERTRAND D. YORK,  
Treasurer.

## DES MOINES BRANCH.

INCLUDES IOWA, MISSOURI AND ARKANSAS.

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<i>Iowa Conference.</i>	<i>St. Louis Conference.</i>
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MRS. W. B. THOMPSON, Chariton, Ia.	<i>Missouri Conference.</i>
<i>Upper Iowa Conference.</i>	MRS. C. O. MILLS, Wyatt Park,
MRS. D. B. ALLBROOK, Mt. Vernon, Ia.	St. Joseph, Mo.
<i>Northwest Iowa Conference.</i>	<i>Arkansas Conference.</i>
MRS. A. G. CARTER, Morning Side,	MRS. M. L. PICKERING, 1506 Arch St.,
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In his Philadelphia address, Bishop Foss said that "the Christian religion has so taken hold in the vast empire of India, among almost three hundred million people, as almost to enable the careful observer to see the very footprints of the ever-living Christ all over the land; and I shall hardly exaggerate my sense of the truth on this subject if I should add that if the too laggard church could but come a little nearer to her divine, human Leader, His fresh foot-prints would be seen everywhere among the nations." Certainly Des Moines Branch has come nearer her divine Leader this year, for His foot-prints have been manifest in every conference. Our fifteenth year has been our best year.

No bequests have gladdened our hearts, but more money came into the treasury through the regular channels than in any former

year. More special work has been taken, and in this line Missouri Conference carries the palm. Two of our Conference Secretaries have been in the field most of the year, one of them securing six hundred new members. A falling off of numbers where no extra work was done, has given us a painful decrease. But our General Society has no membership, nor has the China Inland Mission, so we have come to feel with Asa: "Lord, it is nothing with Thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power. Help us, O Lord, our God; for we rest on thee."

Those who have helped in the conventions and canvass of the Branch are Mrs. Mary C. Nind, Miss Baker, Miss Kemper and our own missionaries. The Conference Secretaries report that these meetings reached a higher standard of excellence than in other years.

We mention with special gratification the admirable work of our Secretary of Literature. This department has grown to a most important arm of service. In these days of Epworth Leagues and Junior Leagues, it seems impossible to hold the Young Ladies' Societies and Bands until we begin to fear that ere long we will be literally a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

We do report a creditable increase of subscribers to our Friends. Surely they are worthy of the widest patronage.

Miss Griffiths reached home in December much worn by nine years of constant service in Japan. She was not allowed to rest long, for such urgent demands were made upon her that before doing any regular work she made twenty-eight addresses. Most of the time since April has been devoted to Branch work, by which untold good has been accomplished. Miss Elicker came in May, but has been too frail for active service. It will require a long rest to replace the vigor lost in the terrible strain of the famine. Four most taxing years in India have been her lot.

Stronger than either of the others, Miss Wilkinson arrived from Foochow in July. She was not ill, but in need of rest. She only asked for one month with her family and then eagerly responding to the demands upon her, presented the great needs of mission fields. We can never sufficiently thank these faithful missionaries for their abundant service.

Only two missionaries have gone out from us this year. In January Miss Bobenhouse went to India and has had a busy year in the High-school at Cawnpore.

In June, Miss N. M. Daniel, from Upper Iowa Conference, went to Japan. She is in the Aoyama Seminary with Miss Watson. Her first impression of heathenism so affected her that she directed her

outfit money and part of her outgoing expenses returned to the treasury to help in sending out more laborers.

Three candidates have passed the Branch Committee, and are now preparing for larger usefulness when they shall be sent out. One of these, Miss Josephine Mekkelson, of Northwest Iowa Conference, will probably go to Africa. Following Bishop Hartzell's advice, she is now studying medicine. The other two are in training-school. The year has indeed been one of the truest kind of prosperity in all our borders.

A few months since, when the trumpet sounded the call to arms and men and money came so speedily and abundantly at humanity's summons, we were very "jealous for the Lord of Hosts." Why cannot we command all the workers and all the money needed in our altruistic endeavor to bring back to our Lord Jesus His own out of every land?

*We can.* The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society may lay hold on the wonderful power of the Holy Spirit, for He holdeth not only "the wealth of the world in His hands," but the hearts of the children of men are His, and in humble faith we claim these infinite resources.

M. L. HUSTON.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

On hand October 1, 1897.....	\$ 4,951 92
Receipts from October 1, 1897, to October 1, 1898.....	31,029 50
Total.....	\$35,891 42
Disbursements.....	33,871 13
Balance on hand October 1, 1898.....	\$ 2,110 29

MRS. E. K. STANLEY,

*Treasurer.*

## MINNEAPOLIS BRANCH.

MINNESOTA, SOUTH DAKOTA, NORTH DAKOTA.

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### CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Minnesota.</i>	<i>Black Hills.</i>
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<i>South Dakota.</i>	Minneapolis, Minn.
MRS. L. P. HAUSER, Aberdeen, S. D.	<i>Northwest German.</i>
<i>North Dakota.</i>	
MISS SARAH MASON Wahpeton, N. D.	MRS. M. WELLEMAYER, Garner, Iowa.

### SUPERINTENDENT OF GERMAN WORK.

MRS. PH. ACHARD, St. Louis, Mo.

The Minneapolis Branch comes to the close of this, the fifteenth year of its history with a song of praise for all the mercies of the past. With gratitude we record advance along all lines and total receipts larger than ever before reported. This is due in part to the fact that two bequests of \$1,000 each have been paid to the Treasurer and something received from land given us a few years ago by our former Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Prescott. Yet the receipts from regular sources indicate life and actual growth. One district organizer has added fifteen auxiliaries with 225 members.

The work among young people has not grown as could be wished; but two societies have been added to the list and one at least of those before existing has doubled its membership. About the same number of Bands and Junior Leagues contributing have reported and show faithful work. More applications for special work have come from these than in any previous year.

The Light Bearers have as yet only eight Circles organized, but every one of these is a delight to the auxiliary. One Circle has 107 members enrolled and are supporting an orphan at Paori, India. We have a superintendent appointed who is deeply interested in this delightful part of our work and we look for larger results another year.

The Conference and District Secretary have zealously prosecuted



the work and in some instances have been untiring in their efforts to reach those women who could do so much if only they could be brought to see their opportunity and privilege. Countless letters have been written, auxiliaries visited, district meetings held, conference and camp-meeting anniversaries observed, pastors interviewed, literature judiciously circulated and every opportunity improved to disseminate information and win friends for our cause.

Thank-offering day was more generally observed than ever before and with excellent results. Last year we received from this source \$538. This year we asked for \$1,000 and rejoiced to find that \$1,095 had been received, one of our missionaries, Miss Abrams, sending \$500 as her gift of love.

In May our hearts were rejoiced and our work strengthened by the home-coming of our beloved Branch President, Mrs. Joyce. Her feet had hardly touched our shores ere we felt some of the burden lifted and since she reached us she has been in labors abundant, giving generously of her time, and strength to auxiliary and district meetings and public services and conference anniversaries, sometimes by request taking with her the Chinese girls to whom she gives a home in a Christian land while they complete their preparation for work among their needy sisters in China.

The monthly executive meetings have been regularly held and most helpful. The quarterly Branch meetings have been largely attended; at the third Bishop Joyce spoke for an hour, vividly picturing the needs of the women in the Orient and eloquently pleading for more work, more workers and deeper consecration in the home-land. He paid a high tribute to the work of our missionaries. The annual meeting held in the beautiful new Central Church in Winona, the former home of our first Secretary, Mrs. Nind, was most profitable and inspiring from the initial reception Saturday evening to the closing service on Tuesday. Sabbath morning Mrs. Achard, whom we greeted for the first time at our annual session, occupied the pulpit of the German Church. Miss Sara Bosworth spoke at the Olive Branch and Mrs. Joyce addressed an audience which filled the large auditorium of Central Church. In the evening in connection with the report of the Secretary, Miss Bosworth spoke interestingly of mission work in Foochow. On Monday evening Mrs. H. G. Harrison, of Minneapolis, took her delighted audience with her on her travels in the Orient. In her charming way she told how on board ship she had heard missions and missionaries spoken of lightly and their work condemned and she determined to see for herself. She admitted she had not known enough about it to answer objectors, had not indeed been very much interested

in foreign missions; but seeing was believing, and she came home filled with admiration and wonder at the change wrought by the work done in hospital and dispensary and boarding-school.

We are gratified to be able to state that our subscription to the *Woman's Missionary Friend* has increased nearly 30 per cent. While the *Children's Friend* has fallen off somewhat we still take 1,158 copies with only 1,217 children enrolled in bands. The *Frauen Missions Freund* also shows an increase and we note that their list combined with that of the *Friend* divided into the membership of the Branch in which they are of course included, gives one subscriber to every two and a half members, a record unparalleled anywhere else in the work.

We have published 1,000 copies of the Branch Annual Report and distributed forty copies of the General Report. The Quarterly Review has reached every auxiliary in the Branch and served its purpose well as a medium of direct communication between officers and members, and a resolution was adopted that it be retained in its present form. Through the agent of supplies much information has been sent out in book and leaflet form.

Our Mite-box agent has been deeply interested in her work and reports 870 of these silent pleaders placed in the homes. Eight boxes to missionaries filled with useful articles and freighted with love have been started on their glad mission and we have reason to believe others have gone whose donors forgot to report them.

Of our missionaries, Miss Abrams has been kept in health though in the plague infested district near Poona, and has seen 200 of the widows in her care converted and baptized in a church organized with Sunday-school class and prayer meetings. Rev. Bruere goes out once in three or four weeks for a Sunday, the rest of the services, Sabbath and week-day, have been conducted by her.

Miss Blackmore has been holding the fort, doing the work of two, while waiting for us to send help to Singapore.

Miss Martin has adapted herself readily to her work at Penang and is caring for a school of forty-seven pupils while trying to master the Chinese language.

Miss Blackstock reports the best year she has ever known in the Industrial School at Tokyo, while Miss Rouse has cared for boarding-school and woman's-school and done district visiting, besides superintending the new building at Kucheng.

We have sent no new missionary to the field, but hope to do so soon.

Miss Helen Ingram, of Brighton, England, intelligent, cultured, consecrated, accustomed to everything desirable that wealth can procure, having resided some time in India and been impressed with the great need of workers there, offers herself to us that she may help in India's redemption. She gladly gives up all that she may win some for Christ. She is highly recommended by Bishop and Miss Thoburn, Bishop and Mrs. Joyce and Mrs. M. C. Nind, all of whom know her personally. She has been accepted by the Branch and her papers are here in the hands of the Committee. Her father, an English barrister, not only gives her to us but he himself will take her to India and support her there. Another step, this, toward an Anglo-American alliance.

C. S. WINCHELL.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Cash on hand October 1, 1897.....	\$ 1,776 61
Receipts from October 1, 1897, to October 1, 1898.....	11,220 35
Total.....	\$12,996 96
Disbursements.....	10,297 20
Balance on hand October 1, 1898.....	\$ 2,699 76

MRS. C. W. HALL,

*Treasurer.*

## TOPEKA BRANCH.

INCLUDES KANSAS, NEHRASKA, COLORADO, WYOMING, TEXAS, UTAH AND  
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### CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

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Reading, KANS.	<i>Colorado.</i>
<i>Southwest Kansas.</i>	MRS. MARY WILSON, University Plk. Col.
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MRS. IDA J. MOE, Fremont, Nebraska.	

For a measure of success during the past twelve months we are truly grateful. We have paid out nine hundred dollars more than our appropriation, made a respectable addition to the subscriptions to our periodicals, given out two thousand mite boxes, held twenty district conventions, presented the work at all our conferences and sent three missionaries to the field. Miss Livermore reached India in December, of whom Miss Lawson writes: "She makes fine progress in the language, is proving to be just the helper I need and if Topeka Branch has more like her, send them to India." Miss Fuller's arrival in Lucknow the last of June was timely; she was placed in charge of the Deaconess Home to the relief of our missionaries in that city, who for months had been working far beyond their strength. Miss Varney received a warm welcome to Hing-Hua, begun at once on the language, hoping after a year's study to be able to take charge of the girl's school."

There was no provision for sending the two latter this year, but a gift of one hundred dollars each from two German sisters provided

Miss Varney's traveling expenses, and Colorado raised a special fund for Miss Fuller.

Our women have toiled faithfully, the only outside help being two weeks that Dr. Benn gave us as she returned East from the Executive meeting in Denver, and the Lord has blessed their labors. All have done well but the German Conference excelled them all, their receipts being several hundred dollars more than their apportionment.

As we close the fifteenth year of our Branch history we would record our gratitude for the loving kindness and tender mercy of our Father all these years. It can be said of our Branch as it was of His people of old, "He led them forth by the right way." Looking upon the years that are gone, only as a pledge for the future, with renewed courage we take up the work of another year.

MISS MATILDA WATSON,  
*Corresponding Secretary.*

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance October 1, 1897.....	\$ 863 75
Receipts from October 1, 1897, to October 1, 1898.....	13,767 54
Total.....	<u>\$14,631 29</u>
Disbursements.....	14,190 11
Balance.....	<u>\$ 441 18</u>

MRS. A. M. DAVIS,  
*Treasurer.*



## PACIFIC BRANCH.

INCLUDES CALIFORNIA, NEVADA AND ARIZONA.

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<i>Rec. Secretary,</i>	MRS. LAURA C. SPENCER, Piru City, Calif.
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MRS. LUCY M. VAN DEVENTER, Reno, Nevada.	MRS. C. K. JENNESS, Phoenix, Arizona.

Whenever we are threatened with a despondent mood there is nothing, aside from our assurance of Divine deliverance, that is so encouraging as a retrospect. It is a really panacea for all foreboding, and under its reassuring influence we again set up our Ebenezers with joyful thanksgiving. We trust, therefore, that at this closing year of our first decade we may be indulged in a few reminiscences. We have traveled slowly, oftentimes painfully, yet always hopefully and trustingly, as we have followed God's marching orders through these ten blessed years.

You will remember the timid knock of the tiny band that came to your door ten years ago asking to be made a member of the Branch family. Never before or since has so feeble a flock asked for the high honor, but you dealt tenderly with us, and gave us the ring and the welcome, and the honored name. Four hundred members, all told, undertook the work of running a new Branch which must have all the paraphernalia of Branch housekeeping even though numbers were few and money scarce. Each year's record has shown a forward move and never for one moment have we had reason to doubt the wisdom of your decision. From the 400 members of 1888 we now number 3,784. From the \$1,100 raised in 1888 we have gone up step by step until we have \$6,799.88 in our receipts of 1898. We have a strong corps of workers in the California Conference where we had not one single member in 1888. We have an active, plucky, working force in Nevada and a noble little band in the German California

Conference which puts to shame our larger, richer conferences by its generous giving and large subscription list to the Heiden Frauen Freund, having sixty-eight members of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and eighty-eight subscribers to their Friend. We had sincerely hoped that 1898 would be the turning point in our financial struggle, but God withheld His early and latter rain in the winter of 1897-98, and that with an unusually cold winter caused an almost total failure of the fruit and grain crop with its consequent scarcity of money. Then the fever and excitement of the war with our boys at the front or in camp at San Francisco divided the purses and hearts of many of our good women. At the beginning of the fourth quarter we had received but little more than half the money needed to meet our pledges. That was a condition that no retrospect could remedy, but our never-failing Helper, in time of need, wrought wonders for us and if our faith had been a little more steady we might have closed the year without the \$320 deficit we are obliged to report.

We have received a gift during the year of \$300 from Mr. Carlisle for a school-house in China, and a house and lot in Staten, Iowa, valued at \$500. Except Mr. Carlisle's our largest cash donation was from our beloved sister, Mrs. D. C. Cook, who has ever been our faithful friend. Many of our dear sisters have denied themselves of all luxuries to save \$20 for the support of a girl or Bible-woman. Our increase in membership has been about 240, each Conference having a proportionate number in this gain. Several of the auxiliaries have departed this life for the lack of "some one who cared" so that our gain of eighteen auxiliaries is all lost in the sad defection. Notwithstanding all this there has been an actual gain in numbers and money.

Our missionaries have had good health. Miss Marks, who is in malarious Rajputana had escaped the fever at her last writing. She has had a hard year, going as she did to Ajmere just before Rev. and Mrs. De Souza left for Europe, she was soon left as missionary-in-chief in Ajmere District. At my earnest entreaty Bishop Thoburn sent Miss Tryon at Conference to her aid and she secured two sisters from the Cawnpore-school as teachers in Ajmere-school. The intense heat coming on so early brought much of this work to a standstill and the lack of rain blighted the cotton crop that Miss Marks had built such high hopes upon, but the vegetable garden yielded finely. Miss Marks is developing an industrial plan for the partial self-support of her children, many of whom are famine orphans. The cotton she expects the girls to work up into cloth and with an incubator procured by Bishop Thoburn she expects to raise numbers of

chilekens. The mental and spiritual condition of her girls has wonderfully improved in the year. Her's is a prosperous and happy household.

Dr. Taft has spent half the year in improving her Chinese, a task far less pleasant than doctoring and teaching the natives. If she loved the language as well as she does those whose mother-tongue it is, the burden of study would be far lighter than it is. She has done some evangelistic work with Miss Peters and received a fresh anointing for her work during the visit of Mr. Welch and family of Denver to Chinkiang.

Miss Celesta Easton has had an overcrowded school this year and found herself with a large number of girls unprovided for, though God has raised up friends to help her out of her straits. A great loss has come to her during the year in the death of Rev. P. T. Wilson, who has given a father's care to her and all the interest of her work. In a large sense she shares the bereavement of Mrs. Wilson.

Miss Russell, who went to Japan three years ago, paid all her outgoing expenses with the proviso that if for any reason she might desire to return home within five years she would be at liberty to do so. She gave us three years of efficient service and was much in love with her work, had finished her four years' course of language study in three, when the call of duty to return home to care for her sister's motherless children caused her to lay down her work in Japan and return home some two months ago.

The death of Miss Simons and the disablement of Miss Allen at the time of Miss Russell's return, made her loss doubly severe to our work in Central Japan. At the opening of the year we had transferred into our borders two of the chief officers of Columbia River Branch, Mrs. Locke, its President, and Mrs. Hanson, its Recording Secretary. These sisters have shown themselves to be true yoke-fellows and Mrs. Hanson has consented to lift a part of the burden off of the Branch Corresponding Secretary by acting as her assistant.

MRS. CHARLOTTE O'NEAL,

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts from October 1, 1897, to October 1, 1898.....	\$6,797 61
Balance on hand October 1, 1898.....	2 27
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	\$6,799 88
Disbursements.....	7,115 34
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Deficit.....	\$ 315 46

MRS. Z. L. PARMELEE,

*Treasurer.*

## COLUMBIA RIVER BRANCH.

INCLUDES WASHINGTON, IDAHO, MONTANA AND OREGON.

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Columbia River Branch entered upon the year under loss of two Branch officers who had most efficiently aided in the initial work of the preceding five years. Provision was made for worthy successors, but the subsequent action of the Board of Bishops by which the resident Bishop of the North Pacific Coast was designated for work in Eastern Asia soon deprived us of the personal supervision of our newly elected President, Mrs. Cranston. Our keen disappointment at this unlooked-for turn of affairs has since been somewhat mitigated by her frequent messages which serve as new links to the mission field, and by unselfish joy in lending to our missionaries for a season, one whose winsome power and wise tact in presiding over their councils is heartily appreciated.

The appropriation of the Branch, which in view of the embarrassed condition of our churches had stood at the same figure for three years, was this year advanced with cheering result. All obligations have been met and the balance remaining in the treasury is a little above than for some years previous. No large gifts, as we count such, have been received. The faithful efforts of conference and district officers and the devotion of the members in general have

combined to bring this to pass. One instance serves to reveal such self-denial as marks our work. An auxiliary secretary, under long continued stress of circumstances, expended on her wardrobe during an entire year a sum equal only to her membership dues, which she still managed to pay in addition to the cost of the correspondence of her office. I wonder if the Master does not say of her as of the widow long ago: "She hath cast more in than they all." Surely we may expect His blessing to rest on such devotion and His multiplying hand to be over the treasury into which such gifts come.

The number of auxiliaries and the membership of the Society as well as our lists of subscribers to the Friends, have also advanced. Increased interest in the cause is manifested by a greater desire on the part of individuals to assume the support of special objects, particularly Bible-women.

Two years ago the Secretary of the magnificent Northwestern Branch reported as an encouraging incident the receipt of a gift of \$25.00 to their treasury which had been prompted by the perusal of their Branch Report. May I be pardoned a degree of gratification in the following evidence that the weakest Branch may yet approach the strongest in some particular item? This gift and message came to us in return for a copy of our last Annual Report: "I send you to-day \$20.00 as a life membership. Not that I mean this to be the payment once for all, but that I am in with you for the work for life. I am considering the matter of taking a Bible-reader to support, and my thought is not to make it temporary, but to so arrange by setting aside a fund for the necessary income that it will continue after I am gone so the cause will not be a loser by my departure. It strikes me that by bearing the small expense of a Bible-reader in India a person may be a pretty easy missionary there and at the same time remain at home."

At the solicitation of our Singapore missionaries our Branch this year became responsible for the establishment of a kindergarten department in the mission-school in that great city. This has awakened considerable interest among our young people and the outfit for opening the school has been contributed mainly by children. Some treasured coins too sacred for common use have found their way into this fund.

The Annual Meeting was held for the first time within the bounds of the Conference which is one in name with the Branch, and it was an occasion of great interest and rich in spiritual blessing. Unexpectedly we were favored with the presence of a woman whose connection with the interests of the Society on the Coast is historic. It



seemed especially fitting that in the absence of our President the duty of presiding should rest on Mrs. W. S. Harrington, who bears the double honor of having organized the first auxiliary of our Woman's Foreign Missionary Society on the entire Pacific Slope and of giving to the work a daughter, one of the first two missionaries sent from our church in the same region.

The session was also distinguished by the presence of two returned missionaries besides our own Miss Foster, Rev. Frank Spaulding, of South America, and Mrs. Arthur Prautch, from India. We may not express all the inspiration they brought us in presenting the needs of the lands represented, nor forget their eloquent pleading for an enlarged appropriation for the work of the coming year.

As we began so must we close the year with another change in the list of Branch officers. Mrs. Osburn, our Treasurer for the past four years, is unable to serve longer. No one could be better fitted for such trust, and she is released with regret. For the first time in our history the Branch has the honor of full representation in the General Executive Committee, having two delegates at the present session.

Our aim for the opening year is growth in membership, intelligence, devotion. Our trust is in Him who hath been our help in the past and whose promises are yea and amen, even forever more.

MRS. A. N. FISHER,

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand October 1, 1897.....	\$ 187 81
Receipts from October 1, 1897. to October 1, 1898.....	3,069 80
Total.....	<u>\$3,257 61</u>
Disbursements.....	<u>2,967 70</u>
Balance October 1, 1898.....	\$ 289 91

MRS. F. W. OSBURN,

*Treasurer.*

## GERMAN WORK.

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MRS. JESSE MANN,  
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*North German.*

MRS. A. HEMPEL, Koernerplatz 8,  
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*California German.*

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The remaining Conference Secretaries  
are also Treasurers.

### BUREAU OF SUPPLIES.

MRS. PH. ACHARD, 7101 Minnesota Ave., St. Louis.

"Have I not commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage; be not dismayed; for the Lord thy God is with thee in all that thou wilt do." When we asked the Lord for a promise to give to our auxiliaries at the beginning of the year, he gave us this verse and praise be to His name, He was true to His word all the year.

Our secretaries have found many hindrances in their work; the California Conference Secretary was ill a long time, also the one of the North Pacific Conference. The St. Louis Conference Secretary had to give up her work but we hope to have secured an efficient successor in Miss Olivia Heidel.

The work is progressing and the interest manifested in it is growing. We have been able to visit two German Conferences. At the Annual Meeting of the St. Louis German Conference Mrs. Huston kindly delivered an address, which was highly appreciated. At the North German Conference we had the privilege of hearing Bishop Joyce speak about the work of our sisters in pagan lands. We are impressed with the importance of having a representative at the Conferences because of the opportunities we have there to speak with the ministers and find out from them, where we can hope to organize an auxiliary or work otherwise in the interests of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Some who had been opposed to the idea of organizing an auxiliary of our Society have cordially invited us to come and do so now and we should be so glad if we could find an earnest Christian sister who would be willing to travel and organize. We find a good deal of opposition also, but hope by and by the prejudice will be overcome more and more.

Two District Meetings were held with good results and we should be glad to have more of these if the distances would not prohibit in most Conferences.

Camp Meetings were also made a means to further the interests of our Society and an afternoon was given for the cause in several cases where a large number of people heard of the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society who had never known of its existence before. At the Camp Meeting of the St. Paul and Minneapolis Churches Bishop Joyce spoke in such an impressive way about the work in foreign countries that his words will be remembered a long time and his address was mentioned a number of times as the best our people had ever heard on Missions.

We have sent out mimeographed letters to the auxiliaries and their Corresponding Secretary; also letters of missionaries to be read in the monthly meetings. They have been a great help and we were asked to send such letters oftener. It seems a written letter is listened to with greater interest than one that is printed.

Though our receipts are only about \$750 more than last year, we are not discouraged, because we believe that much preparatory work has been done. There is a large field for us to work in yet. In some Conferences almost every charge gives a little, but in others there are only a few that are interested. We pray the Lord to give us a few workers in every charge in the German Church and then we will accomplish much.

Miss Glenk's father is a German Methodist minister and our East German Conference Secretary is working hard to secure her support from our German Church in the New York Branch.

Another German girl who has heard the Master's call to work in the foreign field, Miss Caroline Schoelch, has gone to London to learn the English language, being a native of Germany. She was highly recommended by her pastor and hopes to be sent out by our Society some time to her chosen field of labor.

We praise the Lord for the help which He has given us during the past year and hope for better results as the interest in the work increases.

MRS. ACHARD.

## REPORT OF THE WORK IN SWITZERLAND, NORTH AND SOUTH GERMANY.

FOR THE YEAR 1897-1898.

We have reason to praise the Lord for the interest our sisters in Switzerland and Germany take in the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. There is an increase in auxiliaries, membership and subscribers to the Friend. One Conference Secretary expresses her sorrow at the indifference of the ministers' wives to the cause. She says if they would only read, they could not help being interested and could do so much to help; but they do not seem to care to read about the mission work. Yet a number of sisters have taken hold of it and push it as much as they can. The children in Karlsruhe and the deaconesses in Frankfurt would like to hear oftener from their respective charges; they are very much interested in them.

During the war we received several letters which said that the sisters were praying for us, that they were opposed to the war, but hoped America would win, as the Gospel would be sent to these benighted countries if we should gain the victory. The Epworth League in Zwickau prepared a large box of lint and sent it to this country where it was received in a Military Hospital. They wished to express their sympathy in the time of our trouble.

Miss Jessie Dietrich, our Treasurer, has married, but continues to give her services. The Secretaries in Germany have printed report blanks which suit their requirements, and send them to each circuit, and a good many have been returned to them from places where nothing has been done before, with the remark that the pastor would try and organize an auxiliary during the next year.

They also had circular letters printed for distribution among the so-called "New Methodists," the Wesleyans that were united with our church last year, with good results. The people there had to suffer

very much from our war and its effect on the exports from Germany; therefore, the collections were not as large as they might have been otherwise. But the sisters there hope great things for the future.

The reports of our Bible-women are interesting. They win friends for our work as well as souls for Christ. They are busily engaged in visiting the sick and the outcast and try to alleviate the sufferings of the poor. The pastors that enjoy their help expressed their thanks to the Society that supports them in their respective reports. In Germany their work must be among our own poor people, at least in Saxony, where the law forbids them to speak with any but Methodists concerning their spiritual welfare, while in other places and in Switzerland they are free to go anywhere and bring the glad tidings of the Gospel.

Every now and then a sister feels the call to work in the foreign field and one of these is in England at present to learn the language of that country, to prepare herself for the work she has been called to do. We hope that in some way these girls may be used in the work of saving souls for the Master in heathen lands.

The Lord has put his blessing on this work in Europe and it has grown in spite of many hindrances and He will graciously give us another year of toil and joy in this work.



## Statistics of German Work.

CONFERENCES.	Organizations.	Life Members.	Members.	Special Work.	Frauen-Missions Freund.	Wom. M. Friend.	Children's M. Frd.	Receipts 1897-1898.	Receipts 1896-1897.
Switzerland.....	37	..	1126	..	171	..	..	\$486 59	\$426 62
South Germany.....	31	..	575	2	336	..	..	290 25	304 26
North Germany.....	31	..	672	..	..	..	..	202 57	142 52
East German.....	21	..	603	3	442	16	85	755 32	647 02
Central German.....	19	3	455	8	211	17	14	920 08	757 43
St. Louis German.....	13	..	449	6	271	4	16	597 36	752 41
California German.....	9	2	68	5	88	5	5	278 75	333 03
North Pacific German.....	3	..	63	..	41	1	..	36 15	54 65
West German.....	33	27	617	2	450	8	31	1227 06	742 75
North German.....	28	34	609	3	409	13	38	1119 78	1021 28
Northwest German.....	27	2	466	6	326	2	10	651 84	635 67
Chicago German.....	11	1	250	..	300	1	30	450 96	413 20
Misscellaneous.....	..	..	...	..	380	..	..	.....	.....
Totals, 1897-1898.....	263	69	5953	35	3570	67	229	7017 61	6237 83
Totals, 1896-1897.....	230	66	5220	33	3389	68	217	6237 83	.. ..
Increase.....	33	3	733	2	121	..	12	779 78	.....
Decrease.....	..	..	....	..	....	1	..	.....	.....

# Summary Home Work for 1898.

## GERMAN WORK.

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BRANCHES.	The Study.									
	Auxiliaries.	Members.	Young Women's Societies.	Members.	Children's Bands.	Members.	Total Organizations.	Total Membership.	Light Bearers.	Members.
The Study.	Conference Secretaries.									
	District Secretaries.									
The Study.	Woman's Missionary Friend.									
	Frauen Missions Freund.									
The Study.	Children's Missionary Friend.									
New England.....	453	12,325	48	1,005	163	4,276	664	17,606	84	1,668
New York.....	796	24,788	68	1,670	92	1,728	965	28,328	9	142
Philadelphia.....	403	11,453	63	1,466	78	2,507	541	15,429	...	...
Baltimore.....	133	4,775	32	985	...	...	165	5,760	...	...
Cincinnati.....	822	15,680	126	2,518	126	2,150	1,084	20,348	21	130
North Western.....	1,130	27,335	91	1,936	131	3,548	1,371	33,100	19	291
Des Moines.....	579	13,130	55	1,192	44	887	678	15,209	...	...
Minneapolis.....	157	2,923	15	393	41	1,217	266	4,533	8	256
Topeka.....	288	6,000	18	370	27	453	333	6,823	5	100
Pacific.....	103	2,295	22	638	30	867	155	3,800	10	75
Columbia River.....	61	1,117	10	292	12	330	83	1,738	...	400
Scattering Subscriptions to Papers.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Foreign Subscriptions to Papers.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	4,025	121,814	548	12,268	747	17,963	6,308	152,674	156	3,403

About fifty boxes have been sent to the Foreign Field, and over twenty thousand mite boxes distributed among the auxiliaries.

## Report of the Publication Committee.

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1. *Resolved*, That the editorial management of the Woman's Missionary Friend, Der-Frauen-Missions-Freund, the Children's Missionary Friend and The Study is worthy of our hearty approval and we recommend the re-appointment of the several editors, pledging our best efforts to increase the circulation of all these publications.

2. *Resolved*, That, recognizing in Miss Walden one who has faithfully and efficiently served the Society as publisher with ever increasing demands upon her, we hereby express our highest appreciation of service rendered and recommended her continuance in office.

3. *Resolved*, That we recommend that the salaries of the several editors, the publishers and the Chairman of the Literary Committee remain as last year.

4. *Resolved*, That our sincere thanks be tendered Mr. A. S. Weed for auditing the accounts of our publisher, with the request that he kindly continue the favor.

5. WHEREAS, The Quarterlies in the Friend have been very helpful to the Branches in the prosecution of their work; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we recommend their continuance, and further, if there shall be any deficit resulting therefrom which is not met by increased subscriptions to the Friend, this deficit shall be arranged for by the Constitutional Publishing Committee.

6. *Resolved*, That notes relating to lectures, itineraries and new ventures are valued by the readers of the Woman's Missionary Friend, and that the several Branches may add to the usefulness of that journal by sending to the editor such items of interest.

7. *Resolved*, That we commend the reading course prepared by the Literature Committee, but ask them to substitute for "Chinese Characteristics" the "Real Chinaman," and add the "Life of Hū Yung Mi;" also each year the General Executive Report of that year.

8. *Resolved*, That we earnestly urge missionaries and all others addressing meetings in the interest of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to use their best efforts to increase the circulation of the publications of the Society and to take advantage of every opportunity to secure subscribers.

9. *Resolved*, That we recommend that the Literature Committee be composed of Mrs. J. T. Gracey, Miss P. J. Walden, Mrs. J. H. Knowles, Mrs. O. W. Scott and Mrs. R. H. Pooley.

10. *Resolved*, That there shall be a Secretary of Literature elected by each Branch as early as practicable and the name of such Secretary reported to Mrs. J. T. Gracey. The duty of these secretaries shall be to assist the Literature Committee through correspondence, by suggestions, by presenting the needs of their respective Branches and in any way the said Committee may desire. It shall also be the duty of these secretaries to advance the interests and increase the circulation of our publications and literature in every possible way.

11. *Resolved*, That all manuscript to be used by our publisher for the Society shall be presented to the Literature Committee by the Secretary of Literature from whose Branch it comes, and shall be approved by Literature Committee.

12. *Resolved*, That as one subscriber to the Friend for every five members will furnish funds sufficient to meet the cost of our publications that each Branch be urged to bring its list of subscribers at least to that number.

13. WHEREAS, We learn that the expense incurred by publishing the Quarterlies in the Friend was not met in the way provided by the General Executive Committee last year, but a deficit of \$281 exists; therefore,

*Resolved*, That this sum be divided equally among the eleven Branches.

14. *Resolved*, That we endorse the Resolutions of the Constitutional Committee, recommending the appointment of an assistant for Miss Walden, whose duty it shall be to take charge of the literature in the office, this appointment to be made when a suitable person can be secured.

15. *Resolved*, That the editor of the Woman's Missionary Friend be granted \$50 for special contributions.

16. *Resolved*, That we express our hearty appreciation of the services of Mrs. O. W. Scott and that \$100 be granted her for children's literature; also that we approve the project suggested by her of a special Children's Fund to be devoted to the building of the Baroda Orphanage.

17. *Resolved*, That the editor of German Literature be allowed \$50 for the printing and distribution of free German literature, and that she be permitted to prepare a German edition of the history of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

18. *Resolved*, That we recommend that the Secretaries' abridged Annual Report be enlarged and printed as a free leaflet, and that such other free literature be provided as the Literature Committee shall deem advisable.

19. *Resolved*, That we recognize the benefit and inspiration resulting from direct communication between missionaries on the field and workers at home, and that we request an increased publication of missionary letters and articles in the Woman's Missionary Friend.

20. *Resolved*, That as an intelligent use of maps always makes a missionary meeting interesting, we urge their use in all meetings, large and small.

21. *Resolved*, That as we desire to be accurate in all missionary information, we recommend a uniform spelling of proper names in the Annual Executive Report.

22. WHEREAS, The Committee on Publications appointed each year is, under the present arrangement, necessarily new to the work and the time of the executive meeting too short to become thoroughly acquainted with its needs,

*Resolved*, That we recommend that one of the two delegates from each Branch be appointed on this Committee for two years.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ISAAC W. JOYCE, *Chairman*,

MRS. LOUIS PAINE, *Secretary*.



## Resolutions of Committee on Finance.

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*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to take into consideration the conduct of the Girls' High-school in Rome, Italy, said committee to consist of Mrs. Keen, Mrs. Crandon and Mrs. Cowen.

*Resolved*, That Mrs. Crandon shall obtain the curriculum of both schools and the committee shall arrange with the teachers in these schools what degree of proficiency in scholarship shall entitle the scholars to entrance in the high-schools.

In reply to the memorial presented by the New England Branch requesting an appropriation to be made for work on the Philippine Islands, the Executive Committee will make the necessary appropriation whenever the General Missionary Society opens the way.

Having read with deep interest and concern the appeal of Mrs. La Fetra for help to purchase the orphanage in Concepcion, Chili, we sincerely regret our continued inability to take up work in this field which we recognize as such a needy one.

In response to the appeal from Mrs. Parker for an appropriation to support a worker at Helsingfors, Finland, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society regrets to state that, having been obliged to deny the request for sixty-five missionaries to re-inforce our own workers, for lack of funds, we are unable to grant the appropriation,

Signed,

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

## Report of Committee on Missionary Candidates.

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Your committee, after due consideration of the credentials of Miss Ida S. Robinson, Brooklyn, N. Y., New York Branch, recommend her as fully qualified for missionary work and advise that she be accepted for the foreign field.

Having examined the testimonials of Miss Helen Ingram, of Brighton, England, presented by Minneapolis Branch and finding them highly satisfactory, we recommend her acceptance for work in the foreign field.

The credentials of Miss Jennie Mayer, of Auburn, N. Y., presented by New York Branch, having been examined and approved, she is recommended for acceptance.

The committee, having examined the credentials of Miss Henrietta Andrews, Marionville, Mo., presented by Des Moines Branch, and finding them eminently satisfactory, recommend that she be accepted.

The application of Dr. Esther Chase, of Madras, India, presented by Baltimore Branch, has been considered by your committee and her references, and her experience as a worker in the foreign field are so thoroughly satisfactory that we heartily recommend her acceptance for work in India.

The papers of Miss Josephine Mekkelson, Alta, Iowa, from Des Moines Branch, were examined by the Reference Committee in May, and she was accepted for service in the foreign field, with the expectation that she be sent to Africa.

The testimonials of Miss Della Clinton, Hopkins, Mo., from Des Moines Branch, having been presented to the Reference Committee, she was recommended for work.

Mrs. Charlotte Illingworth, of Rangoon, Burmah, Philadelphia Branch, was passed upon by the Reference Committee and goes out to Rangoon, in November of this year.

We desire to recommend that the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society secure the services of Mrs. Peachy T. Wilson, of Sitapur, India, for evangelistic work in North India.

Miss Kate N. Smith was accepted by the Candidate Committee of last year, but expects to be in training another year and we recommend that she be left in the care of the New England Branch.

Miss Edith A. Hemingway, New England Branch, was accepted by the Reference Committee and has been appointed to Singapore.

It is ordered by the committee that the cases of Miss Lucy A. Bush and Miss Mary Felts be referred back to New England Branch.

MRS. W. H. THURBER, *Chairman*,

MISS E. NOTTINGHAM, *Secretary*.

## Report of Committee on Resolutions.

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*Resolved*, That a book be procured in which shall be registered the names of officers, delegates, missionaries and visitors in attendance upon the sessions of the General Executive Committee. This book shall be in charge of the Recording Secretary who shall present it each year at the meeting for registration.

WHEREAS, The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society completes this coming year the thirtieth year of its history and finds that its efforts for the salvation of heathen women have been so signally blessed that there is imperative need for buildings to accommodate our scholars, our hospitals and Christian workers.

*Resolved*, That we celebrate the incoming of twentieth century by a special appeal to the women of Methodism for a Thank-offering of \$200,000.

WHEREAS, We have read with delight and profit "Through India with Bishop Foss," and learned that when asked to send it to our Bureau the Bishop consented to prepare it in suitable form for our use; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we request the Literature Committee to print it at as early a date as possible.

*Resolved*, That we express our sympathy with the Secretary of the New England Branch who, because of illness, has been unable to attend this session.

*Resolved*, That our sincere thanks be extended to the various committees who have so greatly helped forward the work of this convention through their respective chairmen, Mrs. Frances A. Sullivan, Mrs. Julia Franklin, Mrs. C. E. Bacon, Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. Anna Baggs, Mrs. N. H. Kipp, Mrs. Adeline S. South and Miss M. I. Dickson.

*Resolved*, That we express our sincere gratitude to the trustees of the Roberts Park Methodist Episcopal Church for the use of their

commodious and convenient church building, to the ladies who have so bountifully provided for our wants, to the people of Indianapolis who have so cordially received us into their homes, to Miss Emma Ridenour, who so efficiently acted as postmistress, to Miss Frances Butcher and Mrs. A. S. South for their acceptable service in the literature room, to the editors of the several papers for their reports of our meeting and to the organist and singers for their music which has added so much to our pleasure.

*Resolved*, That we express our thanks to Rev. C. E. Bacon, D. D., pastor of Roberts Park Methodist Episcopal Church, and to the pastors of the other Methodist churches of the city for their sympathy and coöperation in our work and for offering their pulpits to our workers on the Sabbath.

*Resolved*, That we express our thanks to the janitor who has so faithfully cared for our comfort.

WHEREAS, We sincerely appreciate the effective service of Mrs. Foss as presiding officer, and the faithful, untiring service of Mrs. Gracey as secretary of the Executive Committee.

*Resolved*, That we extend to them our hearty thanks.

*Resolved*, That we realize the benefit to our work of the presence and words of our visiting missionaries, members of the General Society, Mrs. Mary C. Nind, Mrs. Julia McGrew, Dr. Goucher and Mr. Blackstone, and that we express to them our appreciation of the valuable help which they have rendered; that we extend our thanks to Mr. Blackstone for the maps used during the session.

*Resolved*, That we extend our thanks to the railroad officials who have granted us excursion rates, and that we also assure Mrs. Clark of our appreciation of her faithful service as Railroad Secretary.

*Resolved*, That, while appreciating the attention the work of our Foreign Missionary Society has received from all our church periodicals, we especially recognize the enterprise of the editors of the *Northwestern Christian Advocate* and accord to them our thanks for the same.

*Resolved*, That we hereby express to Mrs. L. H. Dunning our thanks for the delightful reception tendered us.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be given to the papers that have published our proceedings and to our own organ, the WOMAN'S MISSIONARY FRIEND.

ELIZABETH PEARSON,  
JULIA A. THURBER,  
MARGUERITE COOK.



# Appropriations for 1899.

## NEW ENGLAND BRANCH.

### North India.

<i>Naini Tal</i> , Assistants.....	\$ 120 00
Schools.....	50 00
House rent for assistants....	100 00
<i>Dwarahat</i> , Assistant.....	120 00
Scholarships.....	64 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Salary of Miss Tresham.....	300 00
Scholarships.....	48 00
Conveyance.....	65 00
Repairs.....	80 00
<i>Bhol</i> , Salary of Dr. Sheldon....	325 00
Salary of Miss Browne.....	300 00
Girls and teachers.....	80 00
Itinerating.....	33 00
Medicines.....	35 00
Conveyance.....	60 00
Conference expenses.....	25 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , First assistant....	240 00
Matron.....	120 00
School hospital and Medicines.....	120 00
Repairs.....	100 00
Teachers.....	140 00
Scholarships.....	600 00
Inspectress.....	60 00
Conveyance.....	84 00
Schools and Bible-women....	268 00
Mrs. Core's itinerating and Munshi.....	52 00
<i>Bijnour</i> , Second assistant.....	200 00
Scholarships.....	120 00
Bible readers.....	176 00
Conveyance and itinerating	132 00
Village work, Nagina.....	132 00
Nurpur.....	100 00
Mandawar.....	80 00
Dhampur.....	60 00
Sheohara.....	68 00
Sherkot.....	72 00
Najibabad.....	100 00
Kiratpur.....	40 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Orphans and scholarships.....	300 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Salary of Miss Nichols in part, and outgoing passage.....	800 00
<i>Shahjahanpore</i> , Medical scholarships.....	80 00
Mrs. Parker's itinerating....	33 00
<i>Sambahl District</i> .....	1000 00
Memorial Scholarships.....	60 00
Total.....	\$7,130 00

### North West India Conference.

<i>Muttra</i> , Training school assistant.....	\$ 240 00
Medicines.....	20 00
Conveyance.....	34 00
Scholarships.....	200 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , First assistant.....	200 00
Scholarships in High School.	216 00
Scholarships, native.....	100 00
<i>Meerut</i> , First assistant.....	220 00
Teachers.....	84 00
Total.....	\$1,314 00

### South India Conference.

<i>Hyderabad</i> , City girls' schools.	\$ 225 00
Assistant.....	200 00
Scholarships.....	80 00
<i>Madras</i> , Salary of Miss D. Jordan.....	260 00
Salary of Miss Young.....	260 00
Scholarships.....	192 00
<i>Bangalore</i> .....	220 00
Total.....	\$ 1,437 00

### Bombay Conference.

<i>Bombay</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 120 00
<i>Bassim</i> , Scholarships.....	200 00
Teachers and matron.....	90 00
Helpers.....	84 00
Conveyance.....	48 00
Total.....	\$ 542 00

### Bengal-Burmah Conference.

<i>Darjeeling</i> , Salary of Miss Knowles, and passage home.....	\$ 900 00
Total.....	\$ 900 00

### Malaysia.

<i>Singapore</i> , Salary of Miss Norris.....	\$ 216 00
Teluk Ayer, school rent.....	144 00
Scholarships.....	140 00
Outfit and passage of Miss Hemingway.....	900 00
<i>Penang</i> .....	300 00
Total.....	\$1,700 00

*Korea.*

One-half salary of Mrs. Seranton .....	\$ 300 00
One-half incidentals and traveling expenses of Mrs. Seranton .....	87 00
Salary of Miss Paine .....	600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
One native teacher .....	60 00
Man of all work .....	50 00
Day school .....	35 00
Fuel .....	175 00
Scholarships .....	540 00
School building, \$250 paid .....	750 00
Total .....	\$2,747 00

*Japan.*

Hakodati, Literature teacher .....	\$ 208 00
Pupil assistant .....	40 00
Scholarships .....	320 00
Hirosaki, Teacher of 5th and 6th grades .....	70 00
Bible-woman .....	50 00
Yamagati, Bible-woman .....	65 00
Aoyama, Scholarships .....	360 00
Science teacher .....	225 00
Miss Baucus' Magazine .....	35 00
Yokohama, Scholarships .....	320 00
Insurance .....	200 00
Ground rent .....	60 00
Preparatory teacher .....	75 00
Graduate teacher .....	50 00
Yamabuckichoo school .....	300 00
Salary of Miss Inagaki .....	120 00
Industrial School .....	100 00
Nagoya, Rent .....	135 00
Chinese and Japanese teachers .....	100 00
Sewing teacher .....	72 00
Matron .....	60 00
Nagasaki, Salary of Miss Lee .....	600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Scholarships .....	280 00
Total .....	\$ 4,163 00

*North China Conference.*

Peking, Salary of Miss Young .....	\$ 600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Salary of Miss Gilman .....	600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Scholarships .....	900 00
Training school .....	125 00
Tartar City day school .....	75 00
Chinese City day school .....	75 00
Tsun Hua, Salary of Dr. Terry .....	600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Salary of Miss Croucher .....	600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Home salary of Miss Glover .....	375 00
Boarding school .....	540 00
Day school .....	75 00
Hospital expenses .....	100 00
Drugs and medicines .....	100 00
Assistant .....	40 00
Matron .....	40 00

Coolie .....	40 00
Tientsin, Graveyard .....	200 00
Country schools .....	30 00
Total .....	\$ 5,715 00

*Central China.*

Nanking, Scholarships .....	\$ 120 00
Day school .....	30 00
Boarding school matron .....	25 00
Books and stationery .....	25 00
Total .....	\$ 200 00

*West China.*

Chung King, Scholarships .....	\$ 90 00
Bible-woman and itinerating .....	45 00
Rent and repairs .....	35 00
Chentu, Salary of Miss Collier .....	300 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Teacher .....	30 00
Rent and repairs, Furniture .....	
Books, &c. ....	108 00
Traveling expenses .....	20 00
Total .....	\$ 778 00

*Foochow Conference.*

Foochow, Scholarships .....	\$ 240 00
Orphanage .....	60 00
Ku Cheng, Woman's school .....	150 00
Repairs .....	30 00
Salary of Miss Hartford .....	600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Hai Tang, Woman's school .....	300 00
Bible-woman .....	96 00
Day schools and traveling .....	210 00

Total .....

*Hing Hua Conference.*

Salary of Miss Todd .....	\$ 500 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Day Schools and Bible Women .....	50 00

Total .....

*Bulgaria.*

Loftcha, Scholarships .....	\$ 80 00
Matron and other service .....	220 00
Total .....	\$ 300 00

*Italy.*

Rome, Scholarships .....	\$ 300 00
Total .....	\$ 300 00

*South America.*

Buenos Ayres, Rent .....	\$ 200 00
Teacher .....	200 00
Scholarship .....	65 00
Rosario, Scholarships .....	300 00
Salary of Miss Brunton .....	400 00

Repairs and taxes .....	200 00
Monterideo, School supplies...	1 0 00
Municipality tax .....	75 00
Scholarships .....	100 00
Gas .....	60 00
Insurance .....	40 00
Interest on debt .....	150 00

Total..... \$ 1,890 00

#### Mexico.

Mexico City, School supplies.. \$	200 00
Bible-women and supplies...	100 00
Scholarships .....	150 00
Pachuca, Two teachers .....	348 00
Scholarships .....	325 00
Garden and water tax .....	86 00
Puebla, Second assistant.....	320 00
Scholarships .....	150 00
Miraflores, Native teacher.....	240 00
Porter .....	70 00
New room for kindergarten...	60 00

Total..... \$ 2,049 00

#### SUMMARY.

North India .....	\$ 7,130 00
North West India .....	1,314 00
South India .....	1,477 00
Bombay .....	542 00
Bengal-Burma .....	900 00
Malaysia .....	1,700 00
Korea .....	2,747 00
Japan .....	4,163 00
North China .....	5,715 00
Central China .....	200 00
West China .....	778 00
Foochow .....	1,836 00
Hing Hwa .....	700 00
Bulgaria .....	300 00
Italy .....	300 00
South America .....	1,890 00
Mexico .....	2,049 00

Total ... \$33,701 00

#### APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1899.

##### NEW YORK BRANCH.

##### North India.

##### Kumaon District.

Naini Tal, Miss Curt's salary.. \$	50 00
Mrs. Newman's Bible-woman	50 00
Mrs. Newman's Bible-woman	
in Chandag .....	50 00
Dwarahat, Scholarships .....	80 00
Pithoragarh, Miss Budden's	
salary .....	325 00
Miss Hayes, salary .....	240 00
Miss Oram, salary .....	200 00
Scholarships .....	240 00
Woman's Home .....	320 00
Half scholarships .....	48 00
Expenses to conference and	
conveyance .....	66 00

Two Bible women, Mrs. New-	
man's .....	100 00
Four Bible-readers .....	96 00
Itinerating .....	40 00
Accountant .....	24 00
Circuit Bible-readers .....	25 00

##### Garhwal District.

Pauri, Third assistant or Mat-	
ron .....	180 00
Scholarships .....	128 00
Teachers .....	72 00
Medicines .....	33 00
Munshis for two assistants..	25 00
Mrs. Newman's Bible-woman	
"Sarali" .....	50 00
Mrs. Newman's Bible woman	
"Nora Gill" .....	50 00

##### Moradabad District.

Moradabad, Scholarships .....	60 00
Bijnour, Scholarships .....	40 00

##### Bareilly District.

Bareilly, Miss English's salary.	650 00
First assistant .....	240 00
Second assistant .....	220 00
Scholarships in orphanage...	1,200 00
Repairs .....	167 00
1 Agra medical scholarship..	40 00
City schools .....	133 00
Mohulla and village work...	165 00
Bible-woman .....	124 00
Conveyances .....	120 00
Medical work .....	235 00
Women's school, two teachers	68 00
Books and incidentals .....	8 00
Faridpur, Bible-women and	
schools .....	60 00
Khera-Bajhera, Bible-women	
and schools .....	48 00
Shahjahanpur, East, Bible-	
woman .....	108 00
Conveyances .....	33 00
Widows .....	67 00
Four city schools .....	53 00
Katra, Bible-readers and	
schools .....	48 00
Aonla, Bible-readers and teach-	
ers .....	148 00
Kakrula, Bible-readers and	
teachers .....	92 00
Binawar, Bible-readers and	
teachers .....	60 00
Ujhani, Bible-readers and	
teachers .....	68 00
Bilsi, Bible-readers and teach-	
ers .....	100 00
Bisauli, Bible-readers and	
teachers .....	116 00
Dataganj, Bible-readers and	
teachers .....	60 00
Bhamora, Bible-readers and	
teachers .....	68 00

Pilhiheit District, Supported by	
Bulalo District, Genesee	
Conference, N. Y. ....	\$ 1,000 00
Sitapur District, Scholarships.	120 00

Oudh District.

Lucknow, Woman's College,	
Miss Elliott's salary.....	\$ 650 00
Zenana village work, conveyances.....	160 00
Bible-women.....	80 00
District work, village women.....	72 00
" " conveyances.....	36 00
Interest.....	100 00
City Schools, Hardoi, Scholarships.....	20 00
Teacher and matron.....	44 00
Bible women and schools.....	188 00
School building.....	500 00
Unao, Bible-women and schools.....	200 00
Shahabad, Bible-women Itinerating.....	234 00

Gonda District.

Bahraich, Schools.....	\$ 43 00
Conveyance.....	53 00
Itinerating.....	16 00
Bible-readers.....	96 00
Kaisarganj, Bible-readers.....	24 00
Bhinga, " ".....	56 00
Nanpara, " ".....	24 00
Ellenpur and Mankapur, Bible-readers.....	120 00
Miss Loper, salary.....	500 00

Total, North India.....\$11,67 00

North West India.

Agra District.

Agra, Assistant (partil).....	\$ 200 00
Day schools.....	40 00
Bible-women.....	110 00
Conveyance and tax.....	125 00
Books and repairs.....	20 00
Multra, Native Scholarships.....	200 00
Village women.....	80 00
Bible-women "Caroline Richards" and "Georgiana Dempster".....	104 00
Conveyance.....	100 00
Boarding school scholarships.....	70 00
Brindiban, Bible-women.....	100 00
Aligarh District, Two scholarships.....	30 00
Allahabad District, Orphanage Assistant.....	160 00
Teachers.....	68 00
Matron.....	40 00
Scholarships.....	150 00
Cawnpore District, Matron.....	60 00
Teachers.....	108 00
Scholarships.....	200 00
Bible-women.....	400 00
High school scholarships.....	72 00
Meerut District, Scholarships.....	50 00
Bible-women.....	100 00
Itinerating.....	34 00
Evangelistic work.....	83 00

Total, North West India.\$ 2,704 00

Bombay.

Bombay District, Evangelistic work, Mrs. Fritchley, salary.....	\$ 240 00
Mrs. Bhimjibhoj, salary.....	160 00
Kitiji Sultan.....	60 00
Emily bai Abraham.....	52 00
Conveyance.....	170 00
Scholarships.....	500 00
Taxes.....	100 00
Miss Christina Lawson, salary.....	650 00
Miss Elizabeth Nicholls, salary.....	650 00
Central Provinces District, Narsingpur, Bible-women and conveyance.....	200 00

Bombay total.....\$ 2,782 00

South India.

Hyderabad District.

Gulbarga, Assistant, Miss Murray.....	\$ 180 00
Conveyance.....	160 00
Bible-women.....	108 00
Matron.....	80 00
Teachers.....	40 00
10 Scholarships.....	160 00
Rent for schools and dormitories.....	67 00
Secunderabad, Bible-women.....	67 00
Schools.....	80 00

Madras District.

Kolar, Scholarships.....	280 00
Widows.....	100 00
Rent for dormitories and school building.....	200 00
Conveyance.....	50 00
2 Bible-women.....	40 00
Madras, Mrs. Jones, salary.....	170 00
Taxes.....	100 00
Assistant, Miss Rogers.....	200 00
Munsbi.....	20 00
Conveyance.....	60 00
Matron.....	180 00
Scholarships.....	448 00
Three city and six village schools.....	428 00
Bible-women.....	140 00
The Harriet Bond Skidmore Memorial orphanage.....	5,000 00

Total, South India.....\$ 8,293 00

Bengal-Burmah.

Bolpore, Bible-woman.....	\$ 48 00
Girls' school.....	70 00
Village school.....	18 00
Pakur, Orphans.....	180 00
Rent and Repairs.....	50 00
Calcutta, Girls' school scholarships.....	168 00
Two orphanage scholarships.....	80 00
Bengal work, Mrs Ada Lee: Three Bible-women and scholarships.....	166 00



Deaconess Home: Miss Max- cy, salary.....	325 00
Rent for home.....	400 00
Hindustani work, Miss Soder- strom, salary.....	600 00
Boarding school, rent and expenses.....	200 00
Conveyance.....	100 00
Bible-woman.....	40 00
Darjeeling, Miss Files, passage	350 00

Total, Bengal-Burma.. \$ 2,795 00

#### North China.

Peking, Mrs. Jewell, salary....	\$ 600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Mrs. Gamewell, incidentals.....	100 00
Scholarships.....	510 00
Roundout day school.....	75 00
Three Bible-women.....	120 00
Shang Tung, Dr. M. L. Barrows, salary.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Tientsin, drugs and instru- ments.....	200 00
Training school.....	175 00
Coolie.....	40 00
Bible-woman, Mrs. Wang....	40 00
Five scholarships.....	150 00
Bible-woman.....	40 00
Repairs.....	25 00
Graveyard.....	200 00
Tsun Hua, Scholarships.....	500 00
Three Bible-women.....	120 00

Total, North China..... \$3,895 00

#### Central China.

Kiu Kiang, Miss Alice Stan- ton, salary.....	\$ 375 00
Scholarships.....	150 00
Orphans.....	60 00
Day school.....	50 00
Rent.....	30 00
Two Bible-women.....	50 00
Itinerating.....	30 00
Wuhu, Miss E. Mitchell, salary	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Rent and Repairs.....	330 00
Bible-woman.....	25 00
Itinerating.....	50 00
Day school teacher.....	18 00
Day school furniture and incidentals.....	12 00
Gateman.....	25 00
Nanking, Scholarships.....	45 00
Chinkiang, Dr. Hoag, salary..	600 00
Dr. Hoag, incidentals.....	150 00
Scholarships.....	150 00
Orphans.....	200 00
Watchman.....	24 00
Day schools and evangelistic work.....	100 00
Medical work, Katie's salary...	35 00
Assistant.....	30 00
Man servant.....	24 00
Drugs for hospital.....	190 00
Traveling.....	15 00

Total, Central China \$ \$3,518 00

#### Foochow.

Foochow District, Woman's school.....	\$ 150 00
Bible-women.....	120 00
Girl's boarding school.....	160 00
Orphans.....	240 00
Ming Chiang, Dr. May Carle- ton, salary.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Medical work.....	400 00
students.....	45 00
Instruments.....	50 00
Kucheng, Miss Linam, salary..	450 00
Incidentals.....	15 00
Woman's school.....	150 00
Bible-women.....	200 00
Day schools.....	150 00
Girl's boarding school.....	20 00
Miss Glenk, salary.....	500 00
Insurance.....	30 00
Publishing conference min- utes.....	25 00

Total, Foochow.....\$ 3,590 00

#### Hing Hua.

Miss Wells, salary.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
2 Bible-women.....	50 00

Total, Hing Hua,.....\$ 800 00

Total, China.....\$11,803 00

#### North Japan.

Sapporo District, Bible-women, Mrs. Wakiyama.....	\$ 72 00
Travel of district superin- tendent, tracts, &c.....	60 00
Hakodate District.	
Hakodate, Caroline Wright, me- morial school, salary of Miss Hampton.....	600 00
Contingent expenses.....	150 00
School ground rent.....	65 00
insurance.....	90 00
repairs.....	200 00
Scholarships.....	600 00
Teachers Chinese, Mr. Uno .	288 00
Chinda San, Matron.....	87 00
Pupil assistant.....	40 00
Industrial school, teacher...	40 00
rent.....	25 00
Evangelistic work, Bible- woman's house rent.....	40 00
Bible-woman's salary, Ishi- zuka Yoshi.....	72 00
Bible-woman's salary, Mrs. Yamaka.....	43 00
Hirosaki, Kindergarten, Miss Southard.....	200 00
Sewing teacher.....	65 00
Nurse girl's school, teacher..	30 00
assistant.....	25 00
Goshogawara, Bible-woman's salary, Iinuna.....	30 00
Yoshida, Sunday school rent and travel.....	30 00



Four monthly meetings, travel.....	30 00
Travel of Mrs. Alexander....	25 00
Total, North Japan....	\$ 2,907 00

*Central Japan.**Sendai District.*

Bible-woman's salary.....	\$ 40 00
Bible-woman "Xamac Sue"....	40 00
Rent and travel.....	26 00

*Tokyo District.*

<i>Tokyo, Aoyama</i> , insurance.....	125 00
Scholarships.....	160 00
<i>Mita</i> , Day school.....	420 00
Bible-woman.....	45 00
<i>Yotsuya</i> , Bible-woman, Mrs. Akiho.....	80 00
<i>Yokohama</i> , Scholarships.....	120 00
Miss Baucus, literary work.....	100 00
<i>Nagoya</i> , Scholarship "Ichiku".....	40 00
Teachers, first primary.....	108 00
" second primary.....	66 00
Bible-women, second church.....	72 00
<i>Toyohashi</i> , Bible-women.....	72 00

Total, Central Japan...\$ 1,514 00

*South Japan.**Nagasaki District.*

<i>Fukuoka</i> , Miss Smith's salary...\$	600 00
Contingent expenses.....	150 00
Insurance.....	72 00
Cook, janitor and watchman.....	100 00
Scholarships.....	280 00
Teachers, sewing and etiq- quette.....	100 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Scholarships.....	680 00
Teachers, assistant.....	180 00
" etiquette.....	40 00

*Nagasaki and Kagoshima Districts.*

Miss Gheer's salary.....	600 00
Contingent expenses.....	150 00
<i>Fukuoka</i> , Bible-woman's sal- ary, Miss Tsuda.....	55 00
Bible-woman's salary, Mrs. O'Kabe.....	35 00
<i>Kumamoto</i> , Bible-woman's sal- ary, Mrs. Oshima.....	110 00
Bible-woman's salary, Miss Tanaka.....	55 00
<i>Omuta</i> , Bible-woman's salary, Mrs. Hara.....	100 00
<i>Yatsushiro</i> , Bible-woman's sal- ary, Miss Imai.....	60 00
Sunday schools.....	50 00
Books, tracts, cards, etc.....	25 00
Travel of district superin- tendent.....	200 00

Total, South Japan...\$ 3,642 00

Japan, total.....\$ 8,063 00

*Korea.*

<i>Ewa School</i> , 50 Scholarships...\$	495 00
Native teachers.....	60 00

<i>Seoul</i> , Woman's hospital, in- patients.....	125 00
Fuel.....	125 00
Repairs.....	100 00
Dr. Cutler, salary.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Traveling.....	25 00
<i>Tai Sung</i> , Bible-woman Sarah, Bible-woman Hannah.....	50 00
Chairman.....	50 00
Day school.....	50 00
Mrs. Scranton's salary.....	375 00
" traveling.....	12 00
Keesoo.....	50 00
<i>Pyeng Yang</i> , Dr. R. S. Hall, salary.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Traveling.....	25 00
Dispensary assistant.....	75 00
Bible-woman.....	50 00
<i>Chemulpo</i> , Bible-woman Helen.....	50 00
2 Day schools.....	70 00
Drugs and instruments.....	260 00
Medical traveling.....	30 00
Freights.....	50 00

Korea, total.....\$ 3,677 00

*Bulgaria.*

<i>Lofteha</i> , Miss Getchova.....	150 00
Leona Vasileva.....	40 00

Total, Bulgaria...\$ 190 00

*Italy.*

<i>Rome</i> , Miss Bowne, salary.....\$	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Isabel Clark Crèche.....	150 00
Scholarships.....	50 00
Elsa Elsoffi.....	50 00
Margaret Moses.....	60 00
Sewing teacher.....	100 00
Matron.....	200 00
<i>Pisa</i> , Miss Biondi, Bible-woman.....	150 00

Total, Italy...\$ 1,510 00

*South America.*

<i>Montevideo</i> , Miss Waidman, salary.....\$	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Repairs.....	100 00
Mrs. Newman's Bible-woman.....	50 00
Interest.....	200 00

\$ 1,100 00

<i>Buenos Ayres</i> , House rent.....	600 00
Miss Le Huray, salary.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Scholarships.....	520 00
Assistant teachers.....	400 00
Servants.....	275 00
Taxes, etc.....	200 00
Bible-woman and supplies.....	100 00
School supplies.....	200 00
Physician and medicines.....	75 00
Mrs. Newman's Bible-woman.....	50 00

\$ 3,170 00

<i>Peru</i> , Miss Elsie Wood, salary	600 00
Incidentals, ..	150 00
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Total, South America.. \$ 5,020 00

*Mexico.*

<i>Mexico City</i> , Seven scholarships	\$ 350 00
Insurance.....	45 00
Plumbing.....	100 00
Mrs. Newman's Bible-woman	50 00
<i>Pachuca</i> , Teacher, Miss J. Ortiz	174 00
Teacher, Miss J. Martinez...	112 00
Mrs. Newman's Bible-woman	50 00
Books .....	60 00
Scholarships.....	325 00
<i>Tezontepec</i> , Teacher.....	210 00
<i>Puebla</i> , Miss M. Tovar. ....	150 00
Miss Mauriquez.....	170 00
Matron.....	180 00
Six scholarships.....	300 00

Total for Mexico..... \$ 2,276 00

<i>Norway</i> , Christiana, Mrs. Newman's Bible-woman.....	50 00
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Grand total.....\$60,737 00

*Summary.*

North India.....	\$11,607 00
North West India .....	2,704 00
Bombay.....	2,782 00
South India.....	8,298 00
Bengal Burma.....	2,795 00
	<hr/> Total for India.....\$28,186 00
North China.....	3,895 00
Central China .....	3,518 00
Foochow.....	3,580 00
Hing Hwa.....	800 00

Total for China.....\$11,803 00

Japan, Hakodate.....	2,907 00
Tokyo.....	1,514 00
Nagasaki .....	3,422 00

Total for Japan .....

Korea .....	\$8,063 00
Bulgaria.....	3,677 00
Italy.....	190 00
Italy.....	1,510 00
South America, Montevideo..	1,100 00
Buenos Aires..	3,170 00
Peru .....	750 00

Total for South America.....

ica.....	\$5,020 00
Mexico .....	2,276 00
Norway.....	50 00

Grand total.....\$60,775 00

PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

*North India.*

<i>Lohha Circuit</i> , Bible-woman..	\$ 25 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Scholarships.....	112 00
Bible readers.....	34 00

<i>Pauri</i> , Miss Kyle's salary ..	650 00
First assistant, Miss Lawrence.....	220 00
Scholarships.....	176 00
Village schools.....	50 00
<i>Bijnour</i> , Scholarships .....	60 00
<i>Barilly</i> , Orphanage.....	200 00
Fourth assistant.....	20 00
Kindergarten .....	74 00
Student's wife .....	30 00
<i>Shahjahanpur</i> , Scholarships...	60 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , City schools and conveyance.....	133 00
<i>Gonda</i> , First assistant.....	220 00
First assistant munshi.....	20 00
District Bible-women. ....	140 00
Itinerating .....	33 00
Ekka and horse .....	24 00
<i>Balrampur</i> , Bible-women.....	133 00
Miss Heafer's salary.....	650 00
Miss Heafer's return passage	300 00

Total..... \$3,544 00

*Northwest India.*

<i>Agra Medical Home</i> , Miss Seymour's salary.....	\$ 240 00
Medical Home expenses .....	210 00
<i>Multra District</i> , Bible-women.	240 00
<i>Allahabad</i> , Scholarships.....	50 00
Munshi .....	20 00
General work, assistant .....	140 00
Bible-women .....	154 00
Munshi .....	20 00
<i>Jinrikisha</i> , itinerating, conveyance.....	86 00
<i>Caenpore</i> , Scholarships.....	200 00
Bible-women and itinerating	122 00
Scholarships, high school....	72 00
Interest on high school property.....	50 00

Total, .. \$ 1,604 00

*South India.*

<i>Hyderabad</i> , Bible-readers ...	\$ 190 00
Girls' boarding school, scholarships .....	64 00
<i>Kolar</i> , Scholarships .....	64 00
<i>Madras Dist.</i> , Four village schools .....	160 00

Total, .. \$ 478 00

*Bombay.*

<i>Bombay</i> , Zenana Visitor, Miss Forbes.....	\$ 200 00
Scholarships .....	60 00
<i>Baroda</i> , Miss K. Spears' salary	650 00
School and Orphanage, teachers .....	184 00
Matron .....	94 00
Scholarships .....	1,540 00
School rent.....	32 00
House rent .....	240 00
Watchman.....	30 00
Conveyance.....	115 00
Miss McPherson.....	220 00

Miss A. McPherson .....	200 00
Pundit .....	40 00
Evangelistic school, 18 scholars.....	228 00
Jumnabai Elia .....	40 00
Rent and supplies .....	20 00
Workers' Summer School, expenses .....	50 00
Medical work, Dr. E. H. Hodge, salary.....	659 00
Drugs.....	282 00
Compounder .....	100 00
House and Dispensary rent.....	208 00
Watchman .....	30 00
Miss Nunan.....	200 00
Miss Neroy.....	200 00
Bible-women .....	64 00
Itinerating .....	150 00
Conveyance .....	150 00
Pundit.....	40 00

Total.....\$ 6,977 00

#### Bengal-Burma.

Rangoon, Miss Illingworth's salary, passage, &c.....	\$ 800 00
Mozafarpore, Orphanage .....	72 00

Total, .....

\$ 872 00

#### Malaysia.

Singapore, Mrs. Pierce's salary.....	\$ 216 00
Lim Neo.....	72 00
Scholarships .....	180 00
Contingencies .....	100 00
Tamil Bible-woman.....	72 00

Total.....\$ 640 00

#### North China.

Teking, Scholarships .....	\$ 120 00
Pientsin, Dr. Benn's salary.....	600 00
Dr. Benn's incidentals .....	150 00
Hospital expenses, drugs and instruments .....	200 00
Gate-keeper .....	40 00
Coolies .....	80 00
Chair hire .....	50 00
Boarding school, scholarships .....	300 00
Bible-woman .....	40 00
Repairs .....	25 00
Watchman .....	40 00
Gate-keeper .....	40 00
Towards purchase of grave-yard. ....	100 00

Total.....\$ 1,785 00

#### Central China.

Chin Kiang, Miss White's salary .....	\$ 600 00
Miss White's incidentals.....	150 00
Scholarships .....	75 00
Teachers.....	120 00
Kiu Kiang, Scholarships.....	120 00
Bible-women.....	50 00

Total .....

\$ 1,115 00

#### Foochow.

Foochow, Conference seminary\$	150 00
Hospital expenses.....	250 00
Night watchman.....	27 00
Medical students.....	80 00
Dr. Hii's salary.....	450 00
" " coolies.....	60 00
Orphanage .....	120 00
Ku Cheng, Bible-woman.....	100 00
Scholarships.....	60 00

Total.....\$ 1,297 00

#### Japan.

Otaru, Mrs. Takami, .....	\$ 30 00
School rent and travel. ....	14 00
Hakodate, Miss Dickerson, salary.....	600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Miss Singer, salary.....	600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Ladies' home, ground rent.....	27 00
Insurance.....	15 00
Repairs.....	25 00
Scholarships .....	569 00
Kindergarten teacher.....	108 00
Pupil assistant .....	40 00
Tokyo, Aoyama scholarships.....	480 00
Tsukiji, Miss C. H. Spencer, salary.....	600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Insurance.....	30 00
Furniture and repairs.....	40 00
Asakusa day school.....	350 00
Kanda day school.....	420 00
Tsukiji night school.....	22 00
Day school visitor .....	64 00
Miss M. A. Spencer, home salary.....	350 00
Asakusa, Bible-woman, Miss Kuno.....	68 00
Mizukaido, Bible-woman, Miss Sakuragawa.....	60 00
Travel of district superintendent .....	100 00
Yokohama, Miss Baucus, literary work .....	40 00
Hirotsuki, Miss Hewett, salary.....	600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Repairs.....	25 00
Teacher, first and second grades.....	55 00

Total.....\$ 5,723 00

#### South Japan.

Nagasaki Scholarships.....	\$ 200 00
Fukuoka, Bible-woman, Mrs. Takamori.....	90 00

Total .....

\$ 290 00

#### Korca.

Ewa School, Scholarships .....	\$ 135 00
Miss Pierce, salary.....	600 00
Incidentals .....	150 00
Hospital attendants.....	160 00
Bible-woman, Mary Whang.....	50 00

<i>Tal Sungi</i> , Bible-woman, Mrs. Ni.....	50 00
<i>Pyeong Yang</i> , Bible-woman, Sa-lome Kim.....	50 00
Day school.....	35 00

Total.....\$ 1,230 00

#### *Bulgaria.*

<i>Loftcha</i> , Miss Lookanova, salary.....	150 00
<i>Hotantz</i> , Teacher.....	80 00
Bible-work.....	100 00

Total.....\$ 330 00

#### *Italy.*

<i>Rome</i> , Isabel Clark Crèche.....	\$ 125 00
Scholarships.....	200 00

Total.....\$ 325 00

#### *Mexico.*

<i>Mexico City</i> , Miss Loyd, salary.....	\$ 600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Scholarships.....	250 00
Miss L. Aguilar.....	210 00
Matron, Miss P. Lotres.....	174 00
Plumbing.....	100 00
Treasurer's expenses.....	40 00
<i>San Vicente</i> , Teacher, rent, etc.....	200 00
<i>Puebla</i> , Miss Limberger, salary.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Miss Purdy, salary.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Miss Duarte, salary.....	240 00
Bible-woman.....	105 00
Scholarships.....	200 00
<i>Tetela</i> , Teacher, Miss N. Magos.....	174 00
<i>Guanajuato</i> , Miss Dunmore, salary.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Return passage.....	100 00
Rent.....	120 00
Water tax and repairs.....	50 00
First assistant.....	180 00
Scholarships.....	100 00

Total.....\$ 5,243 00

#### *South America.*

<i>Buenos Aires</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 134 00
Assistant teacher.....	200 00
Repairs.....	100 00
<i>Montevideo</i> , Assistant teacher.....	150 00
Interest on property.....	100 00

Total.....\$ 684 00

Mission buildings.....5,000 00

Conditional.....763 00

Total.....\$37,000 00

#### *Summary.*

North India.....	\$3,544 00
North West India.....	1,604 00
South India.....	478 00

<i>Bombay</i> .....	6,077 00
<i>Bengal-Burma</i> .....	872 00
<i>Malaysia</i> .....	640 00
<i>North China</i> .....	1,785 00
<i>Central China</i> .....	1,115 00
<i>Foochow</i> .....	1,297 00
<i>Japan</i> .....	6,013 00
<i>South Japan</i> .....	290 00
<i>Korea</i> .....	1,230 00
<i>Bulgaria</i> .....	330 00
<i>Italy</i> .....	325 00
<i>Mexico</i> .....	5,243 00
<i>South America</i> .....	684 00
Mission buildings.....	5,000 00
Conditional.....	763 00

Grand total.....\$37,000 00

#### BALTIMORE BRANCH.

##### *North India,*

<i>Naini Tal</i> , Schools, assistants, teachers, etc.....	\$ 225 00
<i>Dwarahat</i> , Scholarships.....	64 00
Bible-women.....	64 00
Conveyance.....	33 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Bible-women, Mary Reed's.....	135 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Scholarships.....	90 00
<i>Barilly</i> , Third assistant.....	220 00
Scholarships and orphans.....	250 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , I. Hart, scholarship.....	26 00
<i>Gonda</i> , Scholarships.....	100 00
District evangelistic.....	161 00
<i>Dharnid</i> , Work, Nannie Turner Scott.....	56 00

Total.....\$1,424 00

##### *North West India.*

<i>Muttra</i> , Bible-women.....	\$ 80 00
Conveyance.....	33 00
<i>Atigarh</i> , Miss Gallimore's salary.....	650 00
Bible-women.....	192 00
Conveyance and itinerating.....	82 00
Medicines.....	13 00

Total.....\$1,050 00

##### *Bombay.*

<i>Bombay</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 100 00
<i>Poon</i> , Frederick Rice, memorial school.....	100 00
Compounder and Bible-woman.....	48 00
Medical work.....	50 00

Total.....\$ 290 00

##### *South India.*

<i>Hyderabad</i> , City girls' school.....	\$ 60 00
Girls' boarding school.....	80 00
Miss Ross.....	240 00
<i>Siracha</i> , Bible-woman and teacher.....	40 00
<i>Bangalore</i> , Miss Fox.....	60 00
Munshi.....	20 00
<i>Kolar</i> , Orphanus.....	200 00
<i>Madras</i> , Miss Stephens.....	325 00



Bible-woman.....	20 00
Elizabeth.....	48 00
Sooboonagan.....	100 00
Mrs. Jones.....	130 00
Orphans and scholarships.....	224 00
Guilford avenue school.....	20 00
Complete payment on Baltimore Memorial.....	1,000 00
Total.....	\$2,667 00

*Korea.*

Seoul, Scholarships.....	\$ 450 00
Matron.....	50 00
Anna Cassidy.....	50 00
Miss Lewis, salary.....	600 00
Incidentals to work.....	150 00
Bed in hospital.....	20 00
Total.....	\$ 1,320 00

*North Japan.*

Hakodate, Scholarships.....	\$ 120 00
Hirosaki, Bible-woman.....	40 00
Total.....	\$ 160 00

*Central Japan.*

Tokyo, Aoyama scholarships.....	\$ 240 00
Industrial school scholarships.....	40 00
Teacher of penmanship.....	50 00
" " embroidery.....	64 00
Yokohama, Miss Lewis, salary.....	550 00
Miss Lewis, incidentals.....	150 00
Hackinanyato, Poor school.....	120 00
Yokohama, Bible-woman.....	50 00
Literary work.....	20 00
Nagoya, Miss Bender's salary.....	600 00
Miss Bender's incidentals to work.....	150 00
Total.....	\$ 2,034 00

*South Japan.*

Nagasaki, Scholarships.....	\$ 200 00
Primary teacher.....	30 00
Total.....	\$ 230 00

*North China.*

Peking, Scholarships.....	\$ 150 00
Tientsin, Hospital matron.....	40 00
Dispensary assistant.....	40 00
Total.....	\$ 230 00

*Central China.*

Chin Kiang, Orphans.....	\$ 30 00
Kiu Kiang, Scholarship and orphans.....	90 00
Guteman.....	25 00
Total.....	\$ 145 00

*Foochow Conference.*

Foochow, Girls' boarding school.....	\$ 240 00
Medical students.....	40 00
Hospital Bible-women.....	20 00
Repairs.....	25 00

City Hospital expenses.....	125 00
watchman.....	27 00
Orphanage.....	240 00
Ming Chiang, Woman's school.....	200 00
Matron and Bible-woman.....	25 00
Ku Cheng, Day schools and traveling.....	240 00
Official expenses.....	20 00
Conference minutes.....	10 00

Total.....\$ 1,212 00

*Hing Hua Conference.*

Hing Hua, Juliet Turner memorial school.....	\$ 300 00
General evangelistic.....	50 00
Juliet Turner scholarship.....	20 00
Sieng Iua, Girls' boarding school.....	100 00

Total.....\$ 470 00

*Italy.*

Rome, Bible-woman.....	\$ 150 00
Crèche.....	25 00

Total.....\$ 175 00

*Mexico.*

Mexico City, Scholarships.....	\$ 100 00
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*Totals by Countries.*

North India.....	\$ 1,424 00
North West India.....	1,050 00
Bombay.....	290 00
South India.....	2,667 00
Korea.....	1,320 00
North Japan.....	160 00
Central ".....	2,034 00
South ".....	230 00
North China.....	230 00
Central ".....	145 00
Foochow Conference.....	1,212 00
Hing Hua.....	470 00
Italy.....	175 00
Mexico.....	100 00

Total.....\$11,507 00

## CINCINNATI BRANCH.

*North India.*

Moradabad, Miss Mary Means.....	\$ 325 00
Miss Alice Means.....	325 00
Scholarships.....	150 00
Bijnour Scholarships.....	140 00
Medicines.....	20 00
Bareilly, Orphanage.....	340 00
Budaon, Second assistant.....	240 00
Shahjahanpore, Scholarships.....	800 00
Teachers and support of B. school.....	825 00
Tilhar, Jalalabad, Pawayan, Panabpore, Bible-women.....	300 00
Silapur, Support of boarding school.....	1,350 00
Zenana and evangelistic work.....	430 00
District work.....	250 00
Lucknow, Miss Thoburn.....	325 00
Miss Widdifield.....	650 00



First and second assistants..	460 00
Persian teacher .....	100 00
Scholarships, \$240; repairs, \$100.....	340 00
Home for Homeless Women, Assistant, \$240; matron and teachers, \$225.....	465 00
Repairs, .....	60 00
Gondah, Miss Illege .....	325 00
Miss Scott, .....	325 00
Second assistant, \$160; re- pairs, \$60.....	220 00
Scholarships .....	400 00
Barabanki, Schools and B. women.....	300 00

Total, for North India.. \$9,465 00

#### North West India.

Mulla, Repairs, \$60; scholar- ships, \$150.....	\$ 210 00
Mrs. Scott's conveyance: ..	60 00
Brindiban, Miss Scott, M. D. ..	650 00
Assistant.....	160 00
Medicines and compounder.	350 00
Evangelistic work under Mrs. J. E. Scott .....	400 00
Cawnpore, Assistant .....	200 00
Interest on school loan ..	100 00

Total, for N. West Con. \$2,130 00

#### Bombay Conference.

Poona, Schools and Bible- women .....	\$ 800 00
Medical work .....	150 00
Baroda, Scholarships .....	40 00

Total, for Bombay Con. \$ 990 00

#### South India Conference.

Hyderabad, Miss Thomas....	\$ 220 00
Gulbargar, Dr. Ernsberger..	650 00
Support of work .....	750 00
Sironcha, Land tax and other items.....	100 00
Vikarabad .....	250 00
Bangalore.....	200 00
Kolar, Orphans, \$240; rent, \$200.....	440 00
Contingent.....	200 00

Total, for South India.. \$2,810 00

#### Bengal Conference.

Calcutta, Miss Blair.....	\$ 325 00
Scholarships .....	80 00
Miss Campbell .....	200 00
Bengali work under Mrs. Lee	900 00
Tumuck, Schools and Bible- women .....	200 00
Pakur, Miss Jacobson.....	200 00
Bible-women and convey- ance .....	150 00
Dispensary, \$100; repairs and rent, \$50.....	150 00
Orphans .....	250 00
Rangoon, Miss Keeler .....	325 00
Mrs. Hill .....	100 00
Scholarships .....	120 00

Contingent .....	120 00
Miss Wisner's home salary..	225 00

Total, for Bengal Con. \$1,415 00

#### Malaysia.

Singapore, Bible-women .....	\$ 108 00
Repairs .....	90 00
Scholarships.....	120 00
Penang.....	20 00

Total for Malaysia .....

#### North China Conference.

Peking, Boarding school.....	\$ 570 00
Tsun Hua, Miss Shockley, sal- ary \$600, incidentals \$150.	750 00
Scholarships.....	150 00
Repairs .....	75 00
Watchman.....	40 00

Total..... \$ 1,585 00

#### Foochow Conference.

Miss Jewell, salary \$800, inci- dentials \$150.....	\$ 750 00
Bible-woman .....	120 00
Woman's school.....	150 00
Repairs .....	60 00
Boarding school, Miss Bona- field \$600, incidentals \$150	750 00
Scholarships.....	380 00
Medical student .....	80 00
Repairs .....	60 00

Total for Conference. \$ 2,350 00

#### Hing Hua Conference.

Hing Hua, Scholarships \$60, Leper school \$75.....	\$ 135 00
Day schools.....	450 00
Bible-women.....	350 00
Seng In, Miss Lebens.....	450 00
Woman's school.....	300 00
Day schools.....	420 00
B.-women.....	380 00

Total for Conference. \$ 2,465 00

Total for China... \$ 6,400 00

#### Japan.

Sapporo, Bible-women.....	\$ 58 00
Hakodati, Scholarships.....	160 00
Sendai, Rent .....	160 00

#### Shenano District.

Miss Allen, salary and inci- dentials.....	750 00
6 B.-women and rent .....	300 00
Tracts and leaflets.....	50 00
Tokyo, Miss Wilson, salary and incidentals.....	750 00
Scholarships .....	160 00
Teacher of etiquette.....	132 00
Matron.....	48 00
S. S. work, tracts and papers	50 00
Yokohama, Scholarships.....	80 00
Industrial school \$50, books and tracts \$30.....	80 00

Literary work \$40, Nagoya teacher \$98.....	138 00
<i>Fukuoka</i> , Miss Seed's salary and incidentals.....	750 00
Insurance \$100, repairs \$120 ..	220 00
Cook and janitor \$95, scholarships \$160.....	255 00
Science teacher \$300, intermediate teacher \$60.....	360 00
Teacher of mathematics \$35, Chinese teacher \$140.....	175 00
Fuel and lights .....	120 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Miss Bing, salary and incidentals.....	750 00
Miss Kidwell, salary and incidentals.....	750 00
Miss Young, salary and incidentals.....	750 00
Ground rent \$200, insurance \$175.....	375 00
Repairs \$300, water tax \$50.....	350 00
Scholarships \$540, art teacher \$260.....	800 00
Industrial dept. \$150, assistants \$300.....	450 00
Chinese literature \$180, Japanese literature \$75.....	255 00
City work and dispensary.....	300 00
Bible-women.....	175 00
Orphanage.....	500 00
Miss Russell's home salary.....	350 00
Total for Japan.....	\$10,540 00

*Korea.*

Miss Frey, salary and incidentals.....	\$ 750 00
Traveling and furniture.....	125 00
Scholarships.....	315 00
Stationery.....	50 00
Gatemen.....	50 00
Fuel.....	75 00
Bible-woman.....	50 00
<i>East Gate</i> , Miss Rothweiler, salary, &c.....	750 00
Traveling.....	35 00
Bible-woman.....	50 00
Freights and duties.....	50 00
Dr. Lillian Harris, salary \$690, incidentals \$150.....	840 00
Dr. Lillian Harris, traveling.....	35 00
Drugs and instruments.....	160 00
Dispensary fuel.....	100 00
repairs.....	50 00

Total for Korea ..... \$ 3,395 00

*Mexico.*

<i>Mexico City</i> , Miss Ayres, salary, \$600, incidentals, \$150 \$	750 00
Miss Sara Ascevez.....	210 00
Miss Sanchez .....	170 00
Porter.....	150 00
Repairs and incidentals.....	160 00
Plumbing.....	100 00
Scholarships.....	250 00
Total.....	\$1,790 00

<i>Puchla</i> , Miss A. Palacios.....	320 00
Music teacher.....	120 00
Porter.....	140 00
Taxes.....	240 00
Repairs.....	180 00
School supplies.....	180 00
Scholarships.....	100 00

Total.....	\$1,290 00
<i>Orizaba</i> .....	400 00

Total for Mexico..... \$3 470 00

*South America.*

<i>Asuncion</i> , Miss Hammond, \$600; incidentals, \$150.....	\$ 750 00
Miss Kehr.....	500 00
Teachers.....	450 00
Supplies and furniture.....	200 00
Rent.....	1,000 00
Contingent.....	100 00

Total ..... \$3,000 00

*Italy.*

<i>Rome</i> .....	\$ 250 00
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Total for branch..... \$46,413 00

*Summary.*

North India Conference.....	\$ 9,465 00
North West India Conference.....	2,630 00
Bombay.....	990 00
South India.....	2,810 00
Bengal-Burma.....	3,445 00
Malaysia.....	518 00
North China.....	1,585 00
Hing Hua.....	2,465 00
Foochow.....	2,350 00
Japan.....	10,540 00
Korea.....	3,395 00
Mexico.....	3,470 00
South America.....	3,000 00
Italy.....	250 00

Grand total..... \$46,413 00

NORTHWESTERN BRANCH.

*North India.*

<i>Dwarahat</i> , Assistant.....	\$ 120 00
Scholarships.....	272 00
Teachers.....	48 00
Doctor and medicines.....	33 00
Repairs.....	33 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Miss Clegg.....	220 00
Scholarships.....	224 00
Teachers.....	100 00
Deaconess.....	28 00
Hospital outhouses.....	233 00
<i>Bhot</i> , Bible-readers.....	144 00
<i>Pauri</i> , Second assistant.....	20 00
Scholarships.....	176 00
Bible-women.....	50 00
Itinerating.....	50 00
<i>Bainoli</i> .....	
<i>Ramni</i> .....	
<i>Lansdowne</i> .....	
<i>Srinagar</i> .....	
<i>Kaimur</i> .....	
<i>Kothdara</i> .....	
Bible-women.....	596 00

<i>Moradabad</i> , Miss Brittain.....	240 00
Scholarships.....	180 00
Woman's training-class.....	36 00
Village work.....	140 00
<i>Chandauli</i> , Bible-women.....	128 00
<i>Kundarkt</i> , Bible-women.....	136 00
<i>Kanth</i> , Bible-women.....	48 00
<i>Thakurdwara</i> , Bible-women.....	88 00
<i>Bijnour</i> , First assistant.....	240 00
Scholarships.....	220 00
Matron and repairs.....	60 00
Munshi.....	20 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Scholarships.....	400 00
Miss Wilson.....	650 00
Dr. Dart.....	650 00
Medical work.....	235 00
Training class.....	120 00
<i>Budaon</i> , Miss Greene.....	650 00
Scholarships.....	140 00
Second assistant.....	180 00
Mrs. Butterfield.....	124 00
City schools and Zenana work.....	167 00
Village work.....	206 00
Conveyances.....	100 00
Itinerating.....	33 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Miss Newton.....	650 00
Miss Singh.....	300 00
Third assistant.....	200 00
Mrs. Ledlie.....	160 00
Blind women.....	100 00
Wuslow scholarship.....	75 00
Mrs. Mansell's itinerating and munshi.....	43 00
Evangelistic band.....	17 00
<i>Gonda</i> , First assistant.....	220 00
Munshi.....	20 00
Scholarship.....	20 00
Total.....	\$ 9,243 00

## Northwest India.

<i>Multra</i> , Miss Wright.....	\$ 300 00
Miss Boyd.....	240 00
Miss Burman's traveling ex- penses.....	300 00
Second assistant.....	200 00
Zenana assistant.....	240 00
Matron.....	60 00
Teachers.....	160 00
English scholarships.....	180 00
Hindustani scholarships.....	280 00
Taxes.....	25 00
<i>Aligarh</i> , Mrs. Matthews.....	300 00
Mrs. Davis.....	210 00
Miss Bannaji.....	210 00
Matron.....	160 00
Teachers.....	100 00
Medicines.....	34 00
Repairs.....	34 00
Scholarships.....	2,100 00
Louisa Soules boarding school.....	1,000 00
Interest.....	194 00
<i>Allahabad</i> , Scholarships.....	200 00
<i>Endaushahr</i> , Bible-readers.....	440 00
Conveyance.....	60 00
Itinerating.....	31 00
<i>Cawnpore</i> , Mrs. Worthington.....	300 00

Scholarships.....	350 00
Medicines.....	34 00
Repairs and taxes.....	150 00
Village and Mohulla work.....	160 00
Conveyance.....	67 00
Munshi.....	20 00
Christian day-schools.....	72 00
Interest.....	50 00

Total.....\$ 8,264 00

## South India.

<i>Kolar</i> , Miss Fisher.....	\$ 325 00
Miss Peters.....	200 00
Miss La Personne.....	200 00
Munshis.....	45 00
Scholarships.....	356 00
Matron.....	200 00
Home expenses.....	70 00
<i>Madras</i> , Miss Doyle.....	240 00
Miss Z. Doyle.....	240 00
Munshis.....	44 00
Scholarships.....	160 00
Conveyance.....	60 00

Total, .....\$ 2,140 00

## Bombay.

<i>Bombay</i> , Miss Porter.....	\$ 325 00
Miss Chovey.....	140 00
Conveyance.....	170 00
Bible-women.....	116 00
Mrs. Williams.....	200 00
Native teachers.....	130 00
Conveyance.....	80 00
Scholarships.....	1,360 00
Assistant matron.....	60 00
Gate-keeper.....	58 00
Kindergarten supplies.....	20 00
Day-schools.....	140 00
Taxes.....	100 00
Building fund.....	500 00
<i>Poona</i> , Miss Bentheim.....	325 00
Miss Boss.....	650 00
Rent.....	750 00
Matron.....	160 00

Total, .....\$ 5,224 00

## Bengal-Burmah.

<i>Asansol</i> , Miss Biswas.....	\$ 240 00
Miss Forster.....	550 00
Outfit and traveling.....	500 00
Furniture.....	100 00
Scholarships.....	600 00
Teacher.....	200 00
Bible-woman.....	36 00
Completion of Dormitory.....	150 00
<i>Calcutta</i> , Miss Stahl.....	400 00
Miss Lamb.....	400 00
Miss Craig.....	325 00
Scholarships.....	420 00
Rent and incidentals.....	400 00
<i>Mazefferpur</i> , Orphanage.....	120 00
Matron.....	40 00
Teacher.....	40 00

Total, .....\$ 4,521 00

*Malaysia.*

<i>Singapore, Matron</i> .....	\$ 144 00
Scholarships.....	100 00
Contingent.....	100 00
Interest and expenses.....	216 00
Delegates to central Conference.....	90 00

Total.....\$ 650 00

*North China.*

<i>Peking, Dr. Gloss</i> .....	\$ 600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Miss Steere.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Scholarships.....	420 00
Training school.....	125 00
Drugs.....	300 00
Gate-keeper.....	40 00
Bible-woman.....	40 00
Repairs.....	100 00
<i>Tsui Hua, Training school</i> .....	300 00
Traveling expenses.....	75 00

Total.....\$ 2,900 00

*Central China.*

<i>Kiu Kiang, Miss Howe</i> .....	\$ 600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Miss Merrill.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Scholarships.....	225 00
Teachers.....	150 00
Woman's school.....	150 00
Teachers.....	50 00
Well.....	30 00
Furniture.....	50 00
Cook.....	20 00
Day schools.....	50 00
Repairs.....	125 00
Dr. Kahn.....	250 00
Medical work.....	250 00
<i>Nanking, Miss Peters</i> .....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Miss Shaw.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Mrs. Davis, home salary.....	375 00
Traveling expenses.....	300 00
Scholarships.....	135 00
Boarding-school teachers.....	115 00
Cook.....	20 00
Woman's training-school.....	150 00
Teacher.....	26 00
Bible-woman and itinerating.....	51 00
Repairs, rent and gate-man.....	50 00
<i>Chin Kiang, Miss Robinson</i> .....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Scholarships.....	60 00
Bible-reader.....	30 00
Repairs and taxes.....	125 00

Total.....\$ 6,567 00

*West China.*

<i>Chentu, Shansi day-school</i> .....	\$ 50 00
Bible-woman.....	40 00
<i>Chung King, Miss Todd</i> .....	300 00
Incidentals.....	150 00

Scholarships.....	150 00
Teacher.....	35 00
Woman's school.....	10 00
Bible-woman.....	30 00
Deaconess home.....	300 00
Medical work.....	250 00
Purchase of land.....	250 00
Safe.....	50 00

Total.....\$ 1,550 00

*Foochow.*

<i>Foochow, Day-schools and traveling</i> .....	\$ 300 00
Scholarships.....	200 00
Insurance.....	55 00
Hospital expenses.....	550 00
Hospital assistant.....	60 00
Matron and gate-man.....	57 00
Repairs.....	75 00
City Hospital expenses.....	250 00
City Hospital assistant.....	50 00
City Hospital matron.....	27 00
Dr. Lyon.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Dr. Master's traveling expenses.....	300 00
Home salary.....	375 00
Miss Longstreet.....	450 00
Traveling expenses.....	300 00
Orphanage.....	240 00
Enlarging orphanage.....	500 00
<i>Ming Chiang, Bible-women</i> .....	168 00
Day-schools and traveling.....	240 00
Woman's school.....	100 00
Miss Peters.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
<i>Ku Cheng, Romanized school</i> .....	250 00
Scholarships.....	200 00
Building.....	500 00
<i>Iong Bing, Schools and Bible work</i> .....	375 00

Total.....\$ 7,352 00

*Hing Hua.*

<i>Hing Hua, Miss Wilson</i> .....	\$ 450 00
Scholarships.....	90 00
Bible-women.....	100 00
<i>Iing Chung, Woman's and girls' boarding-school</i> .....	300 00
Day-schools and Bible-women.....	200 00

Total.....\$ 1,140 00

*Japan.*

<i>Hakodate, Scholarships</i> .....	\$ 240 00
Mathematics teacher.....	240 00
Preparatory teacher.....	144 00
Teacher, O. Noda San.....	87 00
Kindergarten assistant.....	160 00
<i>Aoyama, Miss Alling</i> .....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Traveling expenses.....	16 00
Chinese teacher.....	273 00
Literature teacher.....	98 00
Translation teacher.....	116 00



Music teacher.....	150 00
Kindergarten teacher.....	144 00
Primary teacher.....	96 00
Scholarships.....	680 00
Watchman.....	48 00
Repairs.....	100 00
Sarah E. Crandon memorial.....	2,000 00
<i>Tsukiji</i> , Day-school.....	350 00
Ground rent.....	172 00
<i>Fukigawa</i> , Day-school.....	350 00
<i>Yokohama</i> , Mrs. Van Petten.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Fuel and lights.....	150 00
Repairs.....	75 00
Books, tracts, &c.....	75 00
Training-school scholarships.....	280 00
Bible-teacher.....	180 00
Music and singing teacher.....	80 00
Graduate Bible-woman.....	50 00
Day-schools.....	650 00
District itinerating.....	80 00
<i>Nagoya</i> , Miss Heaton, home salary.....	375 00
Traveling expenses.....	250 00
Mathematics and science teacher.....	288 00
Music teacher.....	30 00
Repairs.....	60 00
Total.....	\$ 9,527 00

*Southern Japan.*

<i>Nagasaki</i> , Miss Melton.....	\$ 600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Scholarships.....	200 00
<i>Kagoshima</i> , Bible-woman, Mrs. Kubo.....	55 00
Bible woman, Miss Kawakubo.....	75 00
<i>Yanagawa</i> , Bible-woman, Miss Kizaki.....	55 00
<i>Fukuoka</i> , Bible-woman, Mrs. Tenda.....	55 00
Scholarships.....	200 00
Total.....	\$ 1,390 00

*Korea.*

<i>Seoul</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 270 00
Repairs.....	150 00
Insurance.....	150 00
Day-school.....	35 00
Fuel.....	175 00
Payment on home.....	3,000 00
Total.....	\$ 3,780 00

*South America.*

<i>Rosario</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 525 00
Miss Smith.....	400 00
New teacher.....	150 00
Matron.....	450 00
<i>Buenos Ayres</i> , Rent.....	400 00
Scholarships.....	134 00
Repairs.....	100 00
<i>Montevideo</i> , Miss Hewitt.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Scholarships.....	200 00
Assistants.....	850 00

Repairs.....	100 00
Taxes.....	150 00
Porter.....	100 00
Interest.....	350 00

Total.....\$ 4,959 00

*Mexico.*

<i>Mexico</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 300 00
Kindergarten, teacher and supplies.....	400 00
Doctor and medicines.....	60 00
Taxes.....	45 00
<i>Miraflores</i> , Rent.....	40 00
Sewing and drawing teacher.....	100 00
Furniture and repairs.....	75 00
<i>Pachuca</i> , Miss Van Dorsten.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Music teacher.....	165 00
Miss M. Orteiz.....	174 00
School supplies.....	60 00
Porter.....	132 00
Repairs and furniture.....	174 00
<i>Guanajuato</i> , Scholarships.....	150 00
Kindergarten and sewing teacher.....	180 00
Primary teacher.....	180 00
Rent.....	120 00
Porter.....	80 00
School supplies.....	60 00
<i>Puebla</i> , Kindergarten teacher.....	200 00
Scholarships.....	200 00
Dormitory supplies.....	25 00
<i>Apizaco</i> , Misses Rodriguez.....	210 00
Assistant.....	70 00
School supplies.....	45 00
<i>Tetela</i> , Miss Magos.....	210 00
Rent.....	105 00
School supplies.....	50 00
<i>Panotla</i> , teacher.....	174 00
Rent.....	35 00

Total.....\$ 4,569 00

*Italy.*

<i>Rome</i> , Miss Hall.....	\$ 630 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Miss Arnold.....	600 00
Miss Vickery.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Scholarships.....	275 00
Teachers.....	500 00
Taxes and insurance.....	200 00
Contingent.....	200 00
Rent.....	1,000 00
Furniture.....	200 00

Total.....\$ 4,475 00

*Bulgaria.*

<i>Loftcha</i> , Miss Blackburn.....	\$ 600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Miss Diem.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Miss Raichera.....	330 00
Miss Hoctova.....	150 00
Miss Dobrova.....	150 00
Repairs.....	100 00
Incidentals.....	150 00



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Traveling expenses.....	50 00
Books and apparatus.....	50 00
Scholarships.....	160 00

Total.....\$ 2,640 00

## North Germany.

Zwickau, Bible-woman.....	\$ 100 00
Schneeberg, Bible-woman .....	50 00
Berlin, Bible-woman. ....	75 00

Total .....\$ 225 00

## South Germany.

Pirmasens, Bible-woman.....	\$ 75 00
Strassberg.....	50 00

Total.....\$ 125 00

## Switzerland.

Hertsau .....	\$ 50 00
Lausanne .....	150 00
Zurich .....	50 00

Total .. ..\$ 250 00

## Africa.

Melange, Miss Zentmire .....	\$ 400 00
Outfit and traveling ex- penses. ....	500 00

Total.....\$ 900 00

## Summary.

North India.....	\$ 9,243 00
North West India .....	8,264 00
South India.....	2,136 00
Bombay .....	5,224 00
Bengal-Burma.....	4,521 00
Malaysia .....	650 00
North China.....	2,900 00
Central China.....	6,567 00
West China .....	1,615 00
Foochow.....	7,352 00
Hing Hua.....	1,140 00
Japan.....	9,527 00
Southern Japan.....	1,390 00
Korea.....	3,780 00
South America.....	4,659 00
Mexico.....	4,569 00
Italy .....	4,475 00
Bulgaria.....	2,640 00
North Germany.....	225 00
South Germany.....	125 00
Switzerland .....	250 00
Africa.....	900 00

Grand total.....\$82,132 00

## Special Gifts.

North West India, Phebe Rowe memorial evangelistic band .....	\$ 1,500 00
Brindiban, Mabel Colvin, home and dispensary .....	2,000 00
Madras, Zenana cottage, Nico- demus house .....	2,000 00

Kiu Kiang, Elizabeth Skelton Danforth, memorial hos- pital.....	3,000 00
Foochow, Seminary for high caste girls.....	1,000 00
Mutra, Widows' home, con- ditional .....	2,000 00

Total .....\$11,500 00

## DES MOINES BRANCH.

### North India.

Pithoragarh, Scholarships.....	\$ 368 00
Home scholarships.....	24 00
Pauri, Orphans.....	288 00
Repairs.....	67 00
Moratabad, Scholarships, .....	80 00
Miss Frederick.....	240 00
Bijnour, Scholarships .....	30 00
Bareilly, Scholarships.....	200 00
West Shahajahanpore, Scholar- ships.....	300 00
Budaon, Scholarships.....	300 00
Repairs and medicines.....	80 00
Lucknow, Miss Collins .....	650 00
Mathematics.....	200 00

Total, for North India.\$ 2,827 00

### North West India.

Ajmere, Miss Tryon.....	\$ 300 00
Conveyance.....	134 00
Mutra, Scholars.....	49 00
Aligarh, Bible-women.....	274 00
Cawnpore, Miss Lauck .....	650 00
Miss Bobenhouse.....	425 00
Scholarships, H. school.....	108 00
Debt .....	500 00
Meerut, Miss Lawson.....	650 00
Miss Harris .....	220 00
Scholarships .....	350 00
Kasganj district, Christian schools .....	266 00
Bible-women.....	640 00
Conveyance.....	60 00
Itinerating .....	34 00

Total, for N. West India \$ 4,651 00

### Bombay Conference.

Jubbulpur, Miss Hyde.....	\$ 600 00
Miss David.....	240 00
Miss Frank .....	160 00
Scholarships.....	4,400 00
Teachers .....	250 00
Matron, Mrs. Thorpe .....	200 00
Repairs.....	100 00
Evangelistic day schools.....	48 00
Bible-women .....	136 00
Conveyance .....	80 00
Khandwa, Miss De Cruz.....	220 00
Matron .....	40 00
Scholarships.....	400 00
Evangelistic school .....	80 00
Rent.....	60 00
Bible-woman .....	40 00
Building .....	500 00
Narsingpur, Bible-women.....	80 00
Nelliebai.....	40 00

Ashabai.....	52 00
Bullock cart.....	54 00
Miss Elicker, home.....	350 00

Total for Bombay..... \$ 8,130 00

#### South India.

Hyderabad, Miss Wood.....	\$ 325 00
House expenses.....	70 00
Conveyance.....	100 00
Orphanage, Miss Evans.....	325 00
Munshis.....	68 00
House expenses.....	70 00
Conveyance.....	100 00
Scholarships.....	480 00
Miss Tomlinson.....	200 00
New building.....	4,000 00
Kolar, Miss Maskell.....	325 00
Bible-women.....	40 00
Conveyance.....	50 00
Scholarships.....	112 00

Total, for South India..... \$ 6,265 00

#### Bengal-Burma.

Pakur, Orphans.....	\$ 260 00
Thandaung, Miss Perkins.....	325 00
Scholarships.....	280 00
Furniture, Miss Perkins.....	75 00
Ponies and conveyance.....	150 00

Total, for Bengal-Burma \$ 1,090 00

Total, for India..... \$22,963 00

#### North China.

Peking, Scholarships.....	\$ 300 00
Tientsin, Miss F. O. Wilson.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Scholarships.....	150 00
Training school.....	175 00
Bible-women.....	80 00

Total, for North China..... \$ 1,455 00

#### Central China.

Kiu Kiang, Miss Ogborn.....	\$ 600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Dr. Stone.....	250 00
Scholarships and orphans.....	185 00
Matron.....	25 00
Coolie and assistant.....	40 00
Dr. Stone's work.....	250 00
Business man.....	25 00

Total, for Central China..... \$ 1,525 00

#### West China.

Chung King, Miss Galloway.....	\$ 300 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Miss Meyer.....	300 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Scholarships.....	135 00
Teachers.....	35 00
Matron, books, etc.....	120 00
Day-schools, teacher.....	30 00
Rent.....	12 00
Books.....	18 00
Land purchase.....	250 00

Total for West China..... \$ 1,500 00

#### Foochow.

Foochow, Scholarships.....	\$ 400 00
Orphans.....	60 00
Miss Wilkinson.....	350 00

#### Hok Chiang.

Ngu Cheng, Miss Trimble.....	\$ 600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Miss Allen.....	450 00
Woman's school.....	300 00
Day schools and travel.....	420 00
Industrial work.....	700 00
Girls' boarding school.....	800 00
Repairs.....	60 00
Insurance.....	23 00

Total for Foochow..... \$ 4,313 00

Total for China..... \$ 8,793 00

#### Japan.

Hakodate, Scholarships.....	\$ 160 00
Oyama San.....	108 00
Takenaka San.....	87 00
Owada San.....	65 00
Hirosaki, Miss Otto.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Seventh and eighth grades.....	150 00
Bible-woman, Mrs. Korki.....	75 00
Traveling Supt.....	75 00
Repairs.....	25 00
Miss Southard.....	200 00
Sendai, Miss Phelps.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Interest and rent.....	100 00
Traveling Supt.....	100 00
Scholarships.....	100 00
Yonezawa Bible-woman.....	54 00
Yatioka Bible woman.....	50 00
Tokyo, Miss Daniels.....	400 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Mathematics.....	225 00
Scholarships.....	280 00
Yokohama, Miss Griffiths,	
home salary.....	350 00
Graduate teacher.....	50 00
Miss Baucus' work.....	35 00
Scholarships.....	160 00

Total for Japan..... \$ 4,499 00

#### Mexico.

Mexico City, Miss Eleazar Perez.....	\$ 210 00
Scholarships.....	200 00
Lights.....	100 00
Ayapango, Miss Jovita Benitez.....	174 00
Assistant.....	70 00
School supplies.....	45 00
Rent.....	35 00
Bible-woman.....	60 00
Tezontepc, Assistant.....	174 00
School supplies and rent.....	64 00
Puebla, Scholarships.....	200 00

Total for Mexico..... \$ 1,332 00

#### South America.

Miss Goodin's return.....	\$ 250 00
Home salary.....	300 00

Total for So. America..... \$ 550 00

*Italy.*

<i>Rome</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 200 00
Total for Italy.....	\$ 200 00

## SUMMARY.

India .....	\$22,963 00
China .....	8,793 00
Japan .....	4,499 00
South America .....	550 00
Mexico .....	1,332 00
Italy .....	200 00
Contingent.....	1,633 00

Grand Total.....\$40,000 00

## MINNEAPOLIS BRANCH.

*North India.*

<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Scholarships ...	\$ 208 00
Teacher .....	17 00
Matron .....	24 00
<i>Bhot</i> , Bible-reader.....	18 00
<i>Pauri</i> , Scholarships.....	176 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Scholarships.....	180 00
<i>Budawn</i> , Scholarships.....	130 00
<i>Gowla</i> , Scholarships.....	100 00
Teacher.....	29 00

Total.....\$ 882 00

*Northwest India.*

<i>Muttra</i> , Teachers.....	\$ 60 00
Assistant.....	200 00
Scholarships.....	60 00
<i>Ajmere</i> , Scholarships .....	120 00
Teachers .....	48 00
<i>Allahabad</i> , Scholarships.....	100 00
<i>Patiala</i> , Bible-women.....	80 00
<i>Deobund</i> , Bible-women.....	40 00
<i>Lahore</i> , Bible-women .....	132 00
Conveyance .....	34 00
Itinerating.....	20 00
Christian schools.....	20 00
<i>Roorkee</i> , Bible-women.....	192 00
Itinerating.....	34 00
Christian schools.....	10 00
Repairs on Gari.....	15 00
<i>Multan</i> , Bible-woman.....	32 00

Total.....\$ 1,197 00

*Bombay Conference.*

<i>Bombay</i> , Miss Edith Thoy ...	\$ 220 00
Scholarships.....	240 00
Day schools .....	100 00
Insurance.....	27 00
<i>Poona</i> , Bhemabai Dharmajee..	60 00
Miss Abrams.....	325 00
<i>Horda</i> , Bible-woman.....	28 00
Teacher.....	28 00

Total for Bombay.....\$ 1,028 00

*South India.*

<i>Kolar</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 61 00
Bible-woman.....	40 00

Total, South India.....\$ 104 00

*Bengal Burma.*

<i>Thandauy</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 120 00
Total.....	\$ 120 00

*Malaysia.*

<i>Singapore</i> , Miss Blackmore,	
home salary.....	\$ 325 00
Traveling expenses.....	200 00
Mrs. Buddery .....	144 00
Miss Meyer.....	144 00
Mah Li .....	50 40
Mrs. Jones .....	180 00
Miss De Souza .....	57 60
Eight scholarships .....	160 00
Conveyance.....	180 00
Repairing carriage and buy-	
ing harness.....	54 00
Delegates expenses.....	20 00
Building house for native	
girls.....	500 00
<i>Penang</i> , Miss Martin.....	114 00
Miss Martin, furniture.....	101 00
Vernacular teacher.....	57 60
For the work .....	200 00

Total for Malaysia.....\$ 2,516 60

*Bulgaria.*

<i>Lofcha</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 40 00
Total.....	\$ 40 00

*North Japan.*

<i>Hakodati</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 160 00
Total.....	\$ 160 00

*Central Japan.*

<i>Tokyo</i> , Harrison Industrial	
School, Miss Blackstock,	
salary .....	\$ 600 00
Contingent expenses .....	150 00
Insurance.....	30 00
Repairs and painting.....	75 00
Watchman.....	35 00
Scholarships.....	40 00
Mathematics.....	45 00
Literature .....	70 00
Penmanship .....	50 00
Cooking.....	80 00
Matron .....	50 00
Two assistants, embroidery	
and sewing.....	75 00
Literary work of Miss Bancus	
.....	20 00

Total for Central Japan \$ 1,680 00

*China.*

<i>Foochow</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 160 00
<i>Kucheng</i> , Scholarships.....	460 00
Repairs.....	30 00
Miss Rouse.....	550 00

Total.....\$ 1,200 00

<i>Hing Hua</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 150 00
Hamilton girls' school.....	500 00
<i>Chung King</i> , Scholarships.....	45 00

Total, for China .. ...\$ 1,895 00

*Summary.*

North India.....	\$ 882 00
Northwest India.....	1,197 00
Bombay Conference.....	1,028 00
South India.....	104 00
Bengal-Burma.....	120 00
Malaysia.....	2,516 00
China.....	1,895 00
Japan.....	1,840 00
South America.....	33 00
Bulgaria.....	40 00
Contingent.....	345 00
Total.....	\$10,000 00

**TOPEKA BRANCH.***North India.*

<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 80 00
Bible-women.....	30 00
<i>Pauri</i> , Scholarship.....	320 00
Bible-women.....	50 00
<i>Bijnour</i> , Scholarships.....	50 00
<i>Budaon</i> , Scholarships.....	170 00
<i>Barcilly</i> , Orphanage.....	140 00
<i>Sitapur</i> , Bible-women.....	80 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Miss Fuller, salary..	325 00
Conveyance.....	165 00
Repairs.....	60 00
Bible-woman.....	30 00
Medical student.....	40 00

Total.....\$ 1,540 00

*Northwest India.*

<i>Ajmere</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 400 00
Assistant.....	80 00
Re-thatching roof.....	50 00
Taxes.....	37 00
Bible-women.....	100 00
<i>Phalera</i> , Bible-women.....	173 00
Itinerating.....	17 00
<i>Meerut</i> , Howard Plested board- ing school, Scholarships..	400 00
Teachers.....	84 00
Matron.....	80 00
Medicines.....	33 00
Repairs.....	34 00
Miss Livermore, salary.....	650 00
Interest.....	260 00
Bible-women.....	425 00
Conveyance.....	67 00
Property.....	1,500 00
<i>Muttra</i> , Scholarship.....	20 00

Total.....\$ 4,410 00

*South India.*

<i>Sironcha</i> , Miss Blackmar, sal- ary.....	\$ 650 00
Miss Partridge.....	500 00
Munshi.....	20 00
Miss Martin.....	180 00
Munshi.....	20 00
Conveyance.....	80 00
<i>Kolar</i> , Scholarships.....	80 00

Total.....\$ 1,230 00

*Japan.*

<i>Tokyo</i> , Miss Watson, salary.....	\$ 600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Scholarships.....	120 00
History teacher.....	225 00
<i>Yokohama</i> , Training school.....	80 00
<i>Sendai</i> , Miss Imhof, salary..	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Teachers.....	190 00
Shinano district, Bible- woman.....	60 00
<i>Hakodate</i> , Scholarships.....	200 00
Scholarship teacher.....	40 00

Total.....\$ 2,415 00

*North China.*

<i>Peking</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 150 00
<i>Tientsin</i> , Dr. Stevenson, salary	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Teacher.....	50 00
Hospital, current expenses..	150 00
Drugs.....	100 00
Purchase of graveyard.....	300 00
<i>Tsun Hua</i> , Scholarships.....	210 00
Teacher.....	40 00

Total.....\$ 1,750 00

*Central China.*

<i>Chinkiang</i> , Scholarships..	\$ 75 00
<i>Kinkiang</i> , Scholarships.....	150 00
Bible-woman.....	25 00

Total.....\$ 250 00

*Foochow.*

Scholarships.....	\$ 80 00
<i>Ku Cheng</i> , Scholarships.....	450 00

Total.....\$ 530 00

*Hing Hua.*

Hamilton boarding-school.....	\$ 610 00
Miss Varney, salary.....	600 00

Total.....\$ 1,210 00

*South America.*

<i>Rosario</i> , Miss Swancy, salary..	\$ 600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Assistants.....	875 00
Scholarships.....	300 00
Repairs and taxes.....	200 00
Matron's assistant.....	150 00
Cook.....	120 00
Furniture.....	70 00

Total.....\$ 2,465 00

Grand total.....\$15,800 00

**SUMMARY.**

North India.....	\$ 1,540 00
Northwest India.....	4,410 00
South India.....	1,230 00

Japan.....	2,415 00
North China.....	1,750 00
Central China.....	250 00
Foochow.....	530 00
Hing Hua.....	1,210 00
South America.....	2,465 00

Grand total.....\$15,800 00

### PACIFIC BRANCH.

#### North India.

Bhabar, Bible-women.....	\$ 60 00
House rent.....	20 00
Dwarahat, Scholars.....	32 00
Pithoragarh, Scholars.....	192 00
Pauri, Scholars.....	192 00
Bijnour, Scholars.....	40 00
Barilly, Scholars.....	20 00
Budaon, Scholars.....	120 00
Gonda, Scholars.....	150 00
Sitapur, Miss Easton's salary..	650 00
Scholars.....	80 00
Lucknow, Inspectress.....	60 00

Total.....\$ 1,616 00

#### Northwest India.

Ajmere, Miss Mark's salary....	\$ 650 00
Scholars.....	200 00
Assistants.....	240 00
Matron.....	48 00
Bible-readers.....	300 00
Re-thatching roof.....	50 00
Itinerating.....	35 00
Munshi.....	30 00
Conveyance.....	52 00
Allahabad, Orphans.....	100 00
Cawnpore, Scholars.....	170 00
Meerut, Bible-woman.....	75 00

Total.....\$ 1,950 00

#### Bombay.

Kuntpli, Mrs Butterfield's salary.....	\$ 220 00
Bible-woman.....	60 00
Evangelistic work.....	60 00
Day schools.....	250 00
Rents.....	60 00
Conveyance.....	60 00
Part purchase of conveyance.....	30 00

Total, for Bombay.... \$ 740 00

#### Bengal-Burma.

Rangoon, Scholarships.....	\$ 280 00
Burmese school.....	200 00
Thandaung, Orphans.....	80 00
Pakur, Scholars.....	300 00

Total, for Bengal-Burma.\$ 860 00

#### South India.

Madras, Orphans.....	\$ 80 00
Bangalore, Bible-woman.....	25 00

Total, for South India.\$ 105 00

#### Japan.

Hokodate, Scholar.....	\$ 40 00
Nagoya, Bible woman.....	72 00

#### South Japan.

Nagasaki, Scholarships.....	80 00
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Total, for Japan.....\$ 192 00

#### Central China

Chinkiang, Dr. Taft's salary..	\$ 750 00
Medicines.....	50 00

Total.....\$ 800 00

#### North China.

Peking, Scholar.....	\$ 30 00
Tsun Hua, Bibie-woman, Ai Ling.....	40 00

Total.....\$ 70 00

#### Foochow.

Kucheng, Day school.....	\$ 25 00
Foochow, Girls' school chapel..	300 00

Total, for China.....\$ 1,195 00

#### Korea.

Seoul, Scholars.....	90 00
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#### Summary.

North India.....	\$ 1,616 00
Northwest India.....	1,950 00
South India.....	105 00
Bengal-Burma.....	860 00
Bombay.....	740 00
China.....	1,195 00
Japan.....	192 00
Korea.....	90 00
Ajmere, school building, conditional.....	250 00

Total.....\$ 6,998 00

Contingent.....502 00

Grand total.....\$ 7,500 00

### COLUMBIA RIVER BRANCH.

#### North India.

Dwarahath, Scholarships.....	\$ 48 00
Pithoragarh and Bhot.....	66 00
Budaon, Scholarships.....	40 00
Barilly, Scholarships.....	50 00
Lucknow, Mrs. Ward.....	160 00
Gonda, Scholarships.....	50 00
Teacher.....	29 00

Total.....\$ 443 00

#### Northwest India.

Aligarh, Scholarships.....	\$ 15 00
Muttra, Scholarships.....	30 00
Meerut, Scholarships.....	300 00
Munshi.....	20 00
Mussoorie and Rampore, Bible-women and teacher.....	145 00

Total.....\$ 510 00



*Bombay Conference.*

<i>Bombay</i> , Native teachers in girls' school.....	\$ 130 00
Scholarships.....	120 00
<i>Gujarath District</i> , Circuit work, conditional.....	350 00
Total.....	\$ 600 00

*Bengal-Burma.*

<i>Calcutta</i> , Bengali Bible-woman.....	60 00
<i>Thandaung</i> , Orphans.....	78 00
Total.....	\$ 138 00

*Malaysia.*

<i>Singapore</i> , Miss Lilly.....	425 00
Vernacular teacher.....	57 60
Conveyance and repairs.....	210 00
Delegate to conferences ..	19 00
Miss Gunatilaka .....	216 00
Miss Edith Norris .....	72 00
Scholarships.....	160 00
Native girls' house, conditional....	100 00
Total.....	\$ 1,199 00

*China.*

<i>Foochow</i> , Scholarships .....	\$ 40 00
<i>Kucheng</i> , Scholarships .....	20 00
<i>Hing Hua</i> , Safe.....	35 00
Total. ....	\$ 95 00

*Japan.*

<i>Hakodate</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 80 00
Graduate teacher.....	40 00
Repairs.....	25 00
<i>Hirasaki</i> , Bible-women .....	50 00
<i>Tokyo</i> , Industrial school, scholarships .....	120 00
Teacher of wood carving....	35 00
<i>Tokohama</i> , for literary work..	20 00
Scholarships in training school.....	80 00
Total.....	\$ 450 00

*South America.*

<i>Montevideo</i> , Interest.....	\$ 50 00
<i>Africa</i> , conditional .....	100 00
Total .....	\$ 150 00

*Summary.*

North India.....	\$ 443 00
Northwest India.....	510 00
Bombay.....	600 00
Bengal-Burma .....	138 00
Malaysia .....	1,119 00
China .....	95 00
Japan.....	450 00
South America .....	50 00
Africa, conditional.....	100 00
Contingent.....	415 00

Grand total.....\$ 4,000 00

# Summary of Appropriations for 1899.

## India.

### BY COUNTRIES.

North India Conference.....	\$49,721 00
Northwest India Conference.....	29,874 00
South India Conference.....	25,530 00
Bombay India Conference.....	26,403 00
Bengal-Burmah Conference.....	14,741 00
Total for India...	\$146,269 00
Malaysia Mission Conference.....	7,223 00

## China.

North China.....	\$19,385 00
Central China.....	14,120 00
West China.....	3,938 00
Hing-Hua.....	7,470 00
Foochow.....	24,940 00
Total for China..	69,853 00

## Japan.

North Japan.....	\$10,158 00
Central Japan.....	25,419 00
Southern Japan.....	14,645 00
Total for Japan.....	50,222 00
Korea.....	16,239 00
Italy.....	7,235 00
Bulgaria.....	3,500 00
South America.....	18,353 00
Mexico.....	19,049 00
Africa.....	1,000 00
Norway.....	50 00
North Germany.....	225 00
South Germany.....	125 00
Switzerland.....	250 00
Total for Countries.....	\$339,593 00
For Buildings and Contingent.....	20,195 00
Total Appropriations.....	\$359,788 00

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

AMOUNT OF MONEY COLLECTED FROM OCTOBER 1, 1897, TO OCTOBER 1, 1898, BY BRANCHES:

New England Branch.....	\$ 29,825 23
New York Branch.....	61,975 67
Philadelphia Branch.....	33,832 92
Baltimore Branch.....	12,374 30
Cincinnati Branch.....	44,700 59
Northwestern Branch.....	79,892 97
Des Moines Branch.....	31,029 50
Minneapolis Branch.....	11,220 35
Topeka Branch.....	13,767 54
Pacific Branch.....	6,799 88
Columbia River Branch.....	3,069 80
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	\$328,488 75
Amount raised 1897.....	313,937 86
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Increase for 1898.....	\$ 14,550 89

## SUBSCRIPTIONS TO PUBLICATIONS.

	Woman's Missionary Friend.	Children's Missionary Friend.	Women Missions Friend.	The Study.
New England Branch.....	2382	3838	67	2338
New York Branch.....	2883	2084	291	3426
Philadelphia Branch.....	2076	1998	55	2926
Baltimore Branch.....	829	685	45	735
Cincinnati Branch.....	2465	2234	217	3018
Northwestern Branch.....	4970	4571	685	5377
Des Moines Branch.....	2309	2031	499	3406
Minneapolis Branch.....	588	1169	565	591
Topeka Branch.....	1069	1051	572	1778
Pacific Branch.....	483	391	91	457
Columbia River.....	229	211	52	359
Scattering.....	349	187	30	12
Foreign.....	235	194	540	
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	20857	21759	3510	24443
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Increase for year.....	1832	2249	121	2774

# Receipts of Society Since Organization.

From March,	1869,	to April,	1870.....	\$ 4,546 86
" April 1,	1870,	to "	1871.....	22,397 99
" "	1871,	to "	1872.....	44,477 46
" "	1872,	to "	1873.....	54,834 87
" "	1873,	to "	1874.....	64,309 25
" "	1874,	to "	1875.....	61,492 19
" "	1875,	to Feb. 10,	1876.....	55,276 06
" Feb. 10,	1876,	to "	1877.....	72,464 30
" "	1877,	to "	1878.....	68,063 52
" "	1878,	to "	1879.....	66,843 69
" "	1879,	to "	1880.....	76,276 43
" "	1880,	to "	1881.....	107,932 45
" "	1881,	to Oct. 1,	1882.....	195,678 50
" Oct. 1,	1882,	to "	1883.....	126,823 33
" "	1883,	to "	1884.....	143,199 14
" "	1884,	to "	1885.....	157,442 66
" "	1885,	to "	1886.....	167,098 85
" "	1886,	to "	1887.....	191,158 13
" "	1887,	to "	1888.....	206,308 69
" "	1888,	to "	1889.....	226,496 15
" "	1889,	to "	1890.....	220,329 96
" "	1890,	to "	1891.....	263,660 69
" "	1891,	to "	1892.....	265,342 15
" "	1892,	to "	1893.....	277,303 79
" "	1893,	to "	1894.....	311,925 96
" "	1894,	to "	1895.....	289,227 00
" "	1895,	to "	1896.....	285,823 94
" "	1896,	to "	1897.....	313,937 86
" "	1897,	to "	1898.....	328,488 75
Total since organization.....				\$4,668,860 62

## Report of Publisher.

*Pauline J. Walden, Publisher, in Account with Woman's Foreign Missionary Society from Oct. 1, 1897, to Oct. 1, 1898.*

Oct. 1.			
To	Cash on hand.....		\$1,217 55
"	" Received from Subscriptions to W. M. F.	\$10,029 11	
"	" " " " C. M. F.	2,202 40	
"	" " " " F. M. F.	838 94	
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"	" " " " " The Study	\$ 612 53	13,070 45
"	" " " " Literature.....	1,940 52	
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"	" " " " Advertising.....	\$ 218 94	2,553 05
"	" " " " Interest.....	160 74	
"	" " " " Miscellaneous Sources....	9 05	
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			388 73
	Total.....		<hr/>
			\$17,229 78
By	Cash paid for Woman's Missionary Friend..	\$ 7,337 01	
"	" " " Editor's salary and incidentals.	736 42	
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"	" " " Children's Missionary Friend..	\$ 2,176 01	\$ 8,073 43
"	" " " Editor's salary and incidentals.	263 87	
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"	" " " Frauen Missions Freund.....	727 68	2,439 88
"	" " " Editor's salary and incidentals.	253 42	
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"	" " " Literature Expenses.....		981 10
"	" " " Publisher's salary.....	\$ 700 00	3,115 78
"	" " " Office expenses.....	424 07	
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"	" " " Insurance.....	23 85	1,124 07
"	" " " Commission on Advertising...	26 93	
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"	" " " Incidentals.....		50 78
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			58 33
<i>Advanced by order of General Executive Committee:</i>			
By	Traveling expenses of Editors and Publisher to Denver, Colorado, and return.....	\$ 244 70	
"	Cash paid for Certificates.....	86 00	
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"	" " on hand.....		\$ 330 70
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			1,055 71
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			\$17,229 78

PAULINE J. WALDEN, *Publisher.*

Examined and approved.

A. S. WEED, *Auditor.*



## Report of Literature Committee.

The development of missionary literature is of slow growth. As early as 1877 the General Executive Committee appointed a committee to take into consideration the publication of missionary leaflets and other literature, hoping thus to give information and awaken interest in a work which was then developing very rapidly. This committee worked for ten years, when in 1887 the Literature Committee was formed, and since that period, or for eleven years, time, thought, prayer and money have combined to develop this most important department of the work. We believe no part of the great interests of this Society has had more careful consideration than this matter of literature. The past year has certainly been the best year in our history. The last session of the General Executive Committee recommended the creation of an advisory board of one member to be elected from each Branch, whose duty it shall be by correspondence to assist the Literature Committee by suggestions, by presenting the needs of their respective Branches in any way the said committee may desire. As all Branches did not understand or fully respond, the suggestion was not of such practical value as was hoped for by the Committee.

The Committee met for its annual meeting in the city of New York in January. For two days the sessions were held at room 13, 150 Fifth Avenue, and one day at the residence of Mrs. J. M. Cornell. The entire committee was present, viz.: Miss Walden, Mrs. Knowles, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Pooley and Mrs. Gracey, Mrs. Pooley having been appointed at the last Executive Committee to take the place of Miss Nind, resigned. During the three days' session the committee was favored with the presence and help of Mrs. Stevens, Secretary of the Baltimore Branch; Mrs. Skidmore, of New York; Mrs. Keen, of Philadelphia, and Miss Hodgkins, Editor of the *Woman's Missionary Friend*.

The course of study for the year always gives the Committee the most concern, as they desire to select topics that will give the most valuable information and help to the one hundred and fifty thousand

members. A large proportion of the topics selected for 1899 are based upon various phases of the work in China, as that country is just now so prominently before the world.

*January.* Review of work in 1898 with special Bible lesson.

*February.* Ancestral worship in China.

*March.* Thank-offering service.

*April.* Teachings of Confucius.

*May.* Our work and workers in Foochow.

*June.* Face to face, or young people in Occident and Orient.

*July.* Our work and workers in North China.

*August.* Our work and workers in Central China.

*September.* Our work and workers in West China.

*October.* Korea, its work and its needs.

*November.* Christian and heathen literature for women.

*December.* His star and his scepter.

The Committee rejoices in the general advance of all the papers during the past year, but especially in The Study, which now has a subscription list of 24,443, having had an increase during the year of 2,774, the largest increase of any of our publications. The reading course requested by resolution of Executive Committee also was fully considered and reasons for its necessity presented, and a three years' course arranged, and the following books selected as suitable.

For the first year as follows:

"Light in the East," by Bishop Thoburn.

"The Holy Spirit in Missions," by Dr. Gordon.

"The Bishop's Conversion," by Mrs. Maxwell.

"In Journeying Oft," by Miss Baucus.

The Story of Sooboonagam Ammal.

Later by request the second book, "The Holy Spirit in Missions," was substituted by "The Story of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society," by Miss Baker.

Second Year, "India and Malaysia," by Bishop Thoburn.

"Japanese Girls and Women," by Miss Alice Bacon.

"Chinese Characteristics," by Rev. Arthur Smith.

"Among the Tibetans," by Mrs. Isabella Bird Bishop.

"In the Tiger Jungle," by Dr. Chamberlain.

Third Year, "Autobiography of John G. Paton."

"Korea and Her Neighbors," by Mrs. Bishop.

Sketches in Mexico.

"South America, the Neglected Continent," "Christian Missions and Social Progress," by Dr. Dennis.

In connection with this course it was also recommended that the Woman's Missionary Friend be a required part of the course. It was also decided that an inexpensive diploma be furnished to those who complete the course, and their names appear in the Woman's Missionary Friend. The question of maps was brought before the Committee by one of the Secretaries of the General Board. These maps, seven in number, and of a convenient size, are furnished for 75 cents for the set, with the stations of the Society marked on them. The matter was referred to the Corresponding Secretaries for advice and coöperation. Since then the maps have been issued and are being purchased by auxiliaries and found very helpful.

The instructions of the General Executive Committee provided for the issue of a leaflet combining the specific features of raising the deficit in the New York and Des Moines Branches last year. The one referring to New York was prepared by Mrs. Knowles and is now in circulation.

In connection with the series of historical leaflets issued the history of the boarding-school in Foochow and the school in Calcutta was ordered, and the former has been issued with a cut of the new building.

It was also voted to issue a hand book containing general information on the Society, which will shortly be ready.

### REPRINTS.

The following leaflets have been re-printed during the year:

		Pages.
5,000	8 pp. Dorothy's Nero.....	40,000
3,008	8 pp. Judith Earle.....	24,064
3,035	8 pp. Moving the Fence, &c.....	24,280
3,013	8 pp. Sunday-school Picnic in India.....	24,104
2,956	8 pp. Reflex Influence.....	23,648
5,000	4 pp. Bible-woman's Appeal.....	20,000
5,000	4 pp. How the Tenth Saved, &c.....	20,000
5,000	4 pp. Nellie's Gift.....	20,000
5,000	4 pp. Story of Kitija.....	20,000
5,000	4 pp. Duties of Officers.....	20,000
5,000	4 pp. Helps of Officers.....	20,000
5,000	4 pp. Scripture Exercises.....	20,000
5,000	4 pp. Alphabetical Roll Call.....	20,000
5,000	4 pp. A Little Girl and Her Mission Box.....	20,000
5,000	4 pp. Deacon and His Daughter Nannie.....	20,000

5,000	4 pp.	Suggestions from Dennis.....	20,000
5,000	4 pp.	Such Gifts and Givers, &c.....	20,000
5,000	2 pp.	Jack and the Japs.....	10,000
5,000	2 pp.	Penny and a Prayer.....	10,000
5,000	2 pp.	My Refuge.....	10,000
5,000	2 pp.	Never Refused God Anything.....	10,000
5,000	2 pp.	Only a Woman's.....	10,000
5,000	2 pp.	No Room, &c.....	10,000
<hr/> 107,012 Leaflets.			<hr/> Pages, 436,096

## NEW LEAFLETS.

6,200	8 pp.	Moradabad Boarding-school.....	49,600
3,000	12 pp.	Barcilly Orphanage.....	36,000
15,000	12 pp.	Leaflet Annual Report.....	180,000
3,000	8 pp.	Something About Tibet.....	24,000
3,000	8 pp.	Did It Pay?.....	24,000
5,000	16 pp.	Pundita Ramabai.....	80,000
3,400	8 pp.	Sacred Trees and Rivers of India.....	24,200
1,000	6 pp.	Sketch of Miss Whateley.....	6,000
3,000	8 pp.	Foochow Boarding-school.....	24,000
10,000	4 pp.	The Deficit.....	40,000
4,500	236 pp.	Twenty-ninth Annual Report.....	1,062,000
327,000	4 pp.	The Study.....	1,408,000
3,000	4 pp.	Wide, Wide World Series.....	12,000
3,000	4 pp.	Gratitude Tree Child's T. O.....	12,000
<hr/> 390,100 Leaflets.			<hr/> Pages, 2,981,800
497,112 Total Leaflets.			Total Pages, 3,417,896

The General Annual Report was considered and suggestions made for improvement of contents another year. This report is growing in size each year and becomes more valuable to the workers, and we desire to make it a necessary book of reference. Arrangements were also made for issuing leaflets on different countries for bands and societies in the form of questions and answers; the first, called the Flag Series on China has been issued and others are to follow.

No appropriation was made for free leaflets, hence was not discussed.

A thank-offering leaflet for children was ordered to be an exercise or story as the Editor of Children's Literature should decide.

The year's work is before you, imperfect it may be, but with Methodist proclivities we hope to go on to perfection, at least each year seeking more fully to give to our constituency that which will develop missionary knowledge and inspiration. We are living in wondrous times, the nations are making up and breaking up, and every movement means the opening up of the highways and the by-ways for the onward march of Christ's Kingdom. Let us seek for the most intelligent equipment and show ourselves workmen that need not to be ashamed.

Respectfully submitted,  
THE LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

### REPORT OF TREASURER OF LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

FROM OCTOBER 1, 1897, TO OCTOBER 1, 1898.

By Cash paid for	The Study.....	\$ 508 64	
" " " "	Literature.....	552 00	
" " " "	German Literature and Postage	69 20	
" " " "	Leaflets from Other Boards..	143 21	
" " " "	Annual Reports.....	557 60	
" " " "	Helps and Books.....	178 13	
" " " "	Express, Postage, &c., on Literature.....	194 73	
" " " "	Editor's Salary and Incidentals	441 72	
" " " "	Appropriation for Children's Literature.....	100 00	
" " " "	Office Help.....	329 57	
" " " "	Committee's Traveling Expenses	40 98	
			\$3,115 78
To Cash received for	The Study.....	\$ 612 53	
" " " "	Literature.....	1,391 57	
" " " "	Maps.....	40 00	
" " " "	Annual Reports.....	473 80	
" " " "	German Literature.....	35 15	
			2,553 05
			\$ 562 73
Assets in Literature on Hand.....	\$ 820 00		
Deficit in Cash.....	562 73		
		\$ 257 27	

PAULINE J. WALDEN, *Treasurer.*



## Report of Constitutional Publication Committee.

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The Constitutional Publication Committee reported the meeting of the Committee held in Cincinnati May 9, 1898. At this time reports of publishers and editors were received and acted upon, and the Secretary directed to hold further correspondence with Miss Walden relating to some changes proposed in her report and to employ an assistant in the publication office who should attend entirely to the business of the literature. The recommendation of Mrs. Scott, Editor of the Children's Missionary Friend, that some object should be selected that could be the object of children's gifts was approved, and it was

*Resolved*, That in view of the great need of an orphanage building in Baroda, India, this object shall be accepted to receive special gifts from Children's and Juniors' Societies and Bands, who shall report their work to the Children's Missionary Friend and the money to the Branch Treasurer and credited as all other funds.

WHEREAS, No Children's Missionary paper is now published by our church.

*Resolved*, That the officers of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society make special effort to introduce the Children's Missionary Friend into the Sunday-schools in which at present no Children's paper of the Church is circulating.

The Committee met again in Indianapolis October 26, 1898, and received the semi-annual reports of Editors and Publishers and Literature Committees, which were very fully considered. The Committee regretted to learn that the expenses of the Publication, taken as a whole, still exceeds the receipts, and the formerly accumulated capital is still further encroached upon in the sum of \$942.37. The increase of subscriptions to all periodicals is a cause of congratulation. Miss Walden represented that the business of the Publishing Office had so much increased that with present working force she finds it impossible to meet demands. The following resolution was passed:

*Resolved*, That we recommend the appointment of a lady to take charge of the Literature in the Publication Office, when one at a reasonable compensation who would be suitable for the position can be found.

It is very evident that under the existing state of things the Publications must be issued on sound business principles—the greatest efficiency at least possible cost. We must, if possible, secure still more rigid economy in expenses and the sale of all varieties of our Literature must be stimulated. To better effect this latter the proposition for a change in the personnel of the Executive Committee, which has been presented several times before and is at present before the Executive Committee in the report of the Literature Committee, was again brought forward and again very freely discussed. This, however, meets with very decided dissent from the Constitutional Publication Committee as giving undue preponderance to what, though a very important adjunct to our work, is yet an adjunct, and not the work itself. It is also subversive of the spirit of the Constitution, and would greatly limit the influence and inspiration of the General Executive Committee.

The official report of the Zenana Paper has not yet been received from India. The investments have yielded the past year \$803.75, which amount has been forwarded to the Treasurers in India.

S. L. KEEN, *Secretary*.

## Report of Woman's Missionary Friend for 1898.

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As a child, Halle, the musician, applied a test of his own devising to all music he heard, which was to go over it in his own mind at a certain favorite spot beside a waterfall. If there were no dissonance he knew that the music was attuned to nature and was beautiful. Such pieces as would not stand this test he rejected. The editor has had a not unlike test which she applies to every issue of the Woman's Missionary Friend she sends out. If it brings back from some member a note of response, she believes she has struck a true note.

This is of more moment than the happy increase of subscriptions that has come to us in the twelve-month just passed. The greatest things are free: sky, air, sun, water, and the grace of God, but we can't take in more sky than our environment will admit nor more air than the capacity of our lungs will allow, nor more sun than our northeast or southeast exposure gives us, nor more of God's grace than our souls are in an attitude to receive. Now God's grace has many manifestations, and one surely is an enlarged intelligence. Did you ever see a genuine growing Christian who did not immediately begin to develop larger intellectual life and become enriched in all utterance? and one form of that utterance is the taking of a missionary periodical.

Since last we met the subscriptions to our periodicals have been increased by about seven thousand (6,976), of which small number, more than one-quarter (1,832) belongs to the Woman's Missionary Friend. Nevertheless, the whole system needs readjustment, where still only one in six of our adult members (it was one in eight last year) subscribes to the Friend. It may be interesting to consider in detail the forward movement which I will read in the order of progression.

**ADVANCE.**

Des Moines.....	increase,	531
Cincinnati.....	"	344
Topeka.....	"	278
Northwestern.....	"	275
Philadelphia.....	"	150
Minneapolis.....	"	128
Pacific.....	"	55
Baltimore.....	"	54
Columbia River.....	"	48
New England.....	"	6
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		1,859
New York.....	decrease,	21

**PROPORTIONATE SUBSCRIPTIONS TO NUMBER OF MEMBERS.**

Columbia River.....	1 to 4
Pacific.....	1 to 4 1-8.
Minneapolis.....	1 to 5
New England.....	1 to 5 1-7.
Philadelphia.....	1 to 5 1-2.
Northwestern.....	1 to 5 1-2.
Des Moines.....	1 to 5 3-4.
Topeka.....	1 to 5 3-5.
Baltimore.....	1 to 6
Cincinnati.....	1 to 6 1-3.
New York.....	1 to 8 3-4.

Of these, New York, Cincinnati, Northwestern, Des Moines, Minneapolis, Topeka have large subscriptions to the *Frauen Missions Freund*. This has not been easily achieved. It has meant moral earnestness and consecrated purpose on the part of many women who have bravely set themselves against apathy and indifference and sometimes even flippancy with regard to missions, among the Methodist Episcopal women of our church.

Much is due our Quarterlies for increase of interest and enlargement of work. How often we have noted when God lays a special matter on one heart, He also places it on another and by and by these find that simultaneously they have been moving in one direction. Baltimore, New York and New England, each claim to have originated the Quarterlies in *The Friend*. Whose ever was the thought, a year's experience has proved it came from "Happy Thought Hall." How the testimonies came showering down on the editor in the early year!

**WHAT OUR CONSTITUENCY SAYS ABOUT THE QUARTERLIES.**

I like the new feature of the Branch departments. I have worked fifteen years for the circulation of the Friend, and feel that it is more than ever valuable to-day.—*Minneapolis Branch.*

I have much pleasure in preparing the Quarterly.—*Pacific Branch.*

I am delighted with the improvement in my January number by the addition of our Branch Quarterlies. I am sure in our Branch the publication of the Quarterly, in spite of my efforts to the contrary, lessened the number of subscriptions to the Friend.—*Des Moines Branch.*

Our Branch has great satisfaction in the new departure of our most excellent Woman's Missionary Friend. Every member who takes the Friend here says it is worth its weight in gold.—*New York Branch.*

The magazine is fine and the Quarterlies will add interest to every number.—*Philadelphia Branch.*

The number with the first new Quarterlies is fine.—*Baltimore Branch.*

I believe it greatly augments interest in the Friend. I am enjoying and appreciating the Friend with its added pages.—*New York Branch.*

All our women are greatly pleased with the idea of merging the Quarterly matter into a Home Department. It was recommended at our Branch meeting that our women have two fads this year—increase of membership and lengthening of subscription list.—*Pacific Branch.*

I am more than delighted with the present arrangement of the Quarterlies. They make the Friend so practical for workers.—*New England Branch.*

I was delighted with the plan for adding Quarterlies to our Friend at Denver. We needed this co-operative plan that we might have united energies and united interest in this important feature of our work.—*Des Moines Branch.*

I think the new plan regarding the Home Department is splendid.—*New England Branch.*

The praises of our magazine, with the Quarterlies added, should be sounded far and wide.—*Cincinnati Branch.*

I am glad the Denver Executive took such radical steps towards concentrating the Quarterlies.—*One of the editors.*

I have not seen the December Friend, but I hear it very highly complimented. One Quarterly editor who has made a fine success of her work wrote: "I have entered into this new arrangement as into the kingdom through much tribulation."



I fall into line willingly. Not only in a business sense is this change a good move, but our separate papers had a tendency to make more distinct our Branch boundary lines and lessened our connectional sympathy. We never want to be independent of one another; we are all one and want to remain so.—*Des Moines Branch.*

Somehow I feel the Friend in every number is even better than the last. The Quarterlies are fine and give one so wide a scope if carefully culled to gather new items for one's own little auxiliary.—*Des Moines Branch.*

#### CONTENTS OF THE FRIEND FOR 1897-1898.

We have 62 missionaries to India, 25 of whom reported to the Friend this year by article or letter; 48 in China, 15 of whom have reported; 8 in Korea, with 4 contributions; 28 in Japan, 5; 6 in Mexico, 3; 3 in Burmah, none; 7 in South America, 2; 3 in Italy, none; 2 in Bulgaria, none

Our home contributors have this year included Bishop Thoburn, Dr. McKenzie, of Harvard Memorial; Bishop Foss, Rev. Mr. Southgate, Julia Lore McGrew, Lucy Guinness, Edith Smith Davis, Emma Cooper Adams, Mrs. Baldwin, Keen, Gracey, Knowles, O. W. Scott, Mrs. Cheney and Mrs. Stansbury, Clara Cushman, Rev. E. B. Heaton, Meta B. Thorne, Ramabai, Phoebe Rowe, Drs. Gill and Spencer, Dr. DeForest, of the American Board; Dr. Hall and Dr. Ida Kahn, Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Parker, Fox, Lee, of the General Board, and Mrs. Denning.

Our magazine fund has grown from 25 per annum to 40.

Three maps have been published.

Three new departments have been added; the Lecture Calendar, New Ventures and the Quarterlies.

The Quarterlies have made us more of one heart and mind; they have enlarged our interest in other Branches. Says one: "I read every word of the reports from New England, for that was once my home. I read every word from New York, for it is so stimulating. I read every word from the great Northwestern, because I want our Branch to catch up with her. And I have other reasons for reading all the reports of every Branch." They have excited a wholesome emulation; they have given wider scope to the small auxiliary, and they have given the editor ten fine coadjutors whom she has loved for their work's sake and their own. Has the Friend then, been the ideal in the mind of its editor? By no means. This is what she sees in a vision: A magazine with more illustrations and finer; a magazine with the maps in colors; a magazine with songs and hymns

with music introduced, and the liberty that a deeper purse would allow to pay for contributions. This will be when we have a larger subscription list.

Here are six things that might be done to this end by the agent of the Friend in every auxiliary: 1. Go to the pastor and get a list of all the women of the church. From it, prepare a list of those who are not subscribers for the Friend. Then in the case of a large church, divide the list of non-subscribers among a committee who will agree to ask personally each non-subscribing member to take the Friend or the Children's Friend. Loan one's Friend every month, not always to the same person, to some one who does not subscribe. Present the Friend systematically at every public Woman's Foreign Missionary Society meeting, never thinking of saying, "We did not have time for it," any more than that "We did not have time for the opening prayer." Call attention to helpful and interesting contributions that have attracted the attention in any single number of the Friend. Elect for gaining subscriptions an acceptable woman. There are those who are good who do not seem endowed with the power to put their goodness into an attractive form. Every District Secretary, in sending out her letter of advice, can add a word for the Friend. A Cincinnati Secretary ends a letter of 1898 with "Don't forget that the Woman's Missionary Friend is by far the best missionary periodical published."

Every speaker sent into the home field should go equipped with a roll of our periodicals and take subscriptions and this is to be done not merely to increase subscriptions, but for our general intelligence in our work. There was a time not far away either, when people had to be ignorant of what was going on in the world. We are born in a time when we have to know. Ignorance surely is no qualification for anything that God intends his children to do, and intelligence spoils no one for anything that she ought to do. The greatest blessing God could give the women of our Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies is an enlargement of soul capacity.

The growth in missionary literature is one of the remarkable features of the last twenty-five years. A missionary library of more than twenty-five books would have been hard to collect fifty years ago. Now, one of the most noted libraries of the world is the Missionary Library at Copenhagen, Denmark, and even in our own country, there is a special missionary library at Yale College numbering thousands of volumes. Meantime missionary literature has grown from seeking to inform to edifying, from edifying to interesting, from interesting to fascinating.

An organizer continually in the field writes the editor: "My work is largely that of forming auxiliaries and gaining members for the societies. I have not presented the matter of subscriptions to the Woman's Friend except in a few instances." This most popular of missionary speakers secured to one Branch this year 1,700 new members in a few months, but that Branch during the same time increased in subscriptions less than ten and all of these few were taken in every case by another missionary in the field, who thought it worth while to take subscriptions.

Another difficulty that stands in the way of the advancement of the Friend as well as all other forms of Woman's Foreign Missionary Society work is the tendency especially when the foundation was enthusiastic to say, quote on all occasions when an advanced idea is suggested: "What we did when we organized." Such an instance has come to me this year. I inquired why a large auxiliary took so few Friends. The answer was prompt as an echo, "Why, we have the same woman for agent that we had when we organized. She has no go-ahead-ativeness and no business ability, but she is an old lady now and she would feel dreadfully if any one were appointed in her place." I suggested an assistant but was told that it would never do. Here is a lack of charity, of judgment.

"Hitch thy wagon to a star," is an old saying of a New England philosopher. The "bright particular star" to which our Woman's Foreign Missionary Society ought to hitch for its thirtieth year is 30,000 subscriptions for the Woman's Missionary Friend! We get what we wish for.

An incident is told of Napoleon, how, during a winter campaign, when wishing to cut off the retreat of an enemy, he gave a command to his gunners to fire and break up the ice of a frozen river. The only result was that the balls skimmed harmlessly over the icy surface. Instantly another command rang out from the great general, "Fire upwards!" and the balls, crashing through the ice, brought about the desired result. Is it not the case that our efforts oftentimes come to naught because we do not "fire upwards"? Much of our striving earthward work might well be spared, and give place to a more heaven-ward, God-ward aim. "With all prayer and supplication in the Spirit" is the uplifting force our work most needs, and it is that which more than anything else, will tell with power, both at home and abroad.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUISE MANNING HODGKINS.

TABLE OF SUBSCRIPTIONS TO THE WOMAN'S MISSION-  
ARY FRIEND FROM 1869-1898.

1870	3,000.
1871	21,000.
1872	22,000.
1873	24,000.
1874	25,000.
1875	16,000.
1876	17,313.
1877	16,000
1878	14,074.
1879	13,388.
1880	15,606.
1881	18,007.
1882	20,020.
1883	19,571.
1884	20,045.
1885	19,816.
1886	19,456.
1887	19,987.
1888	19,907.
1889	19,834.
1890	19,236.
1891	20,401.
1892	21,512.
1893	21,529.
1894	21,617.
1895	20,411.
1896	19,146.
1897	19,026.
1898	20,858.

## Report of Children's Missionary Friend 1898.

The *Children's Missionary Friend*, whose career you have watched through nine swiftly passing years, is, like the earth, still holding its face toward the sun and following its destined course. Unlike our terrestrial sphere, however, its orbit enlarges year by year, illustrating the eminently Christian virtue of progression. You will be glad to know that the gain in circulation over 1897 is 2,249, giving us a total subscription list of 21,769. When we stop to think that last year this Executive body raised the subscription price from 15 to 20 cents we may well feel encouraged over this marked increase. Another encouraging feature is, that without premiums or prizes, we have been able to hold our own in a field where nearly every juvenile periodical offers some special rewards for those who send clubs or even single subscriptions. So far as we know, however, the missionary publications of other Boards are pursuing a similar policy to our own; trusting to the extremely low price and real worth of papers and magazines, and the loyalty of their friends.

The character of the paper during the past year has already been "passed upon" by its readers, and they are both judge and jury. If you have seen anything to commend, use it in helping us to a still wider circulation; if you have seen that which should be censured or criticised, write us about it frankly and fully but "publish it not in the streets of Askelon!"

We have tried to give a pleasing variety, bearing in mind always that the ideal children's paper must slowly but surely impress its readers, until impulses become rules of action, and emotions grow into fixed principles.

The illustrations in the *Children's Missionary Friend* have not always been equal to the expectations of Publisher and Editor and in a few instances have deserved the kindly censure they have received; but know this, good friends! No critic recognizes a poor cut more quickly than we who feel responsible, nor regrets it more keenly. But we have had many *good* cuts, and more of them have been from photographs of our own than in any previous year.



Photographs from the foreign field are very valuable, and while a few reach us which must be exceedingly unjust to the heathen, others are so excellent that it is a pleasure to use them. Let no amateur photographer be discouraged in her efforts. Let her not only take children in *rows*, but catch views of the home life of the people, of their peculiar utensils and machinery, and method of "doing things." Such pictures will soon have great historic value as the new civilization advances in the Orient, and are at the present time almost indispensable in giving children a true idea of things described.

We never forget in giving an annual report to acknowledge our great indebtedness to our hard working and sometimes sad-hearted missionaries for the contributions which make your children's paper second to none in fresh, varied news from mission fields. We often feel that our workers resolutely put all their trials and discouragements behind their backs when they sit down to write for the children of American Methodism. God bless them for their brave, inspiring words, and may they by faith see the "better time coming," when through their efforts a new era of missionary enthusiasm shall dawn upon the church!

Home workers have also aided us by stories and poems for which they have received large checks of gratitude from the Editor.

But we have grounds of complaint against scores of Mission Band Superintendents who never report their work. Dear friends, let us know what you are doing and how you do it! Reports of entertainments, methods of earning and investing money, "self-denial weeks," mite box histories. All these are fuel to kindle new fires in some Band or League that did not know just what to do.

In our circular letter to the Branches we emphasized the fact that the *Children's Missionary Friend* is the only children's paper of its kind in our denomination. We wish to touch once again upon the subject to awaken, if possible, a sense of our added responsibility and opportunity.

Have you any method of training the children in your Sunday-schools to love, understand and work for foreign missions? If not, isn't it time to put into the hands of your boys and girls this paper which will do its part toward educating them in that direction? Natural goodness and benevolence will never convert the millions of heathen to Christianity. To meet the on-coming demands of the twentieth century we need to read, to think, to pray, plan and work as never before, and also to instruct the children that they may continue the work we have only begun.

We believe, in many cases, if the attention of pastor, Sunday-school Superintendent or Junior League Superintendent were called to the paper, it would be introduced for its educational value, if on no other ground.

In the October *Children's Missionary Friend* we mentioned a new project, namely a special children's fund to be devoted to building an orphanage in Baroda, India. This is the result of several years' appeal and was kindly granted by the Secretaries in their May meeting. We bespeak your kindly interest in it, that where it is practicable you may recommend young people and children, not otherwise pledged, to take shares in the Baroda Orphanage. These shares—\$10.00 each—can be taken by Sunday-schools, Classes, Junior Societies, Bands or individuals; always to be emphatically known as *Children's special work*.

The Junior League in Canton, Ill., has the honor of taking the first share. Hammond, Ind., has spoken for the second. A Baltimore gentleman writes for information which awakens hope for generous contributions, and so, even before it is fairly launched the project touches a responsive chord.

We look into the coming year—the last of our century—with the earnest prayer that all that is helpful and Christlike in our children's service may become *permanent*; that motives may be more pure, hearts more tender and true, efforts more self-sacrificing and results such as our Lord may bless to the redemption of His lost lambs in every land.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. O. W. SCOTT.

#### REPORT OF "DER FRAUEN MISSIONS FREUND" FOR THE YEAR 1897-1898.

The increase in subscriptions this year is only 121, but as we remember the different circumstances we are thankful for even a little increase. The German *Friend* is appreciated, and for our people in Europe, it and the Annual Report in Leaflet form, are the only sources from which they gather information.

This year we have had the beautiful story of Sooboonagam Ammal's conversion printed in German and it is read with great interest. We hope that it will be published in booklet form. Whenever I visit the different Societies some sister reminds me of what has especially interested her in the *Freund*. It is touching to hear them speak about the healing of Miss Mary Reed. They could not rejoice more if one of their own friends had recovered health.

This year we gave a list of helpful articles which had appeared in former numbers of the *Freund* to induce them to keep their papers on file and I was told that it had been a great help in Thank-offering service and Mite-box opening. Often we are encouraged through the letters we receive telling what a help the *Freund* has been.

We aim to make it a useful paper, a paper which our women feel that they can not be without. We are not yet satisfied, but we will try to improve it year by year.

We have 3,510 subscribers to our 5,953 members. We appreciate the help of our *Woman's Missionary Friend* as well in the money as in the articles and pictures which we are allowed to use, and we often feel sorry that we cannot use more of these excellent articles because the paper is so small.

We are very thankful to Mrs. Gracey for sending the Study so early; it is appreciated more and more and is, in my opinion, a good help to educate our women in the missionary line. I often wonder if there is a paper compiled and sent out that is wrapped up in more prayer. We have often experienced that the Lord leads even our pen. To Him be all the Glory.

PH. ACHARD.

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### LESSON TOPICS FOR 1899.

- January.* Review of work during 1898, with Bible Lesson.
- February.* Ancestral Worship in China.
- March.* Thank-Offering.
- April.* Teachings of Confucius.
- May.* Our work and workers in Foochow.
- June.* Face to face, or young people in Occident and Orient.
- July.* Our work and workers in North China.
- August.* Our work and workers in Central China.
- September.* Our work and workers in West China.
- October.* Korea. Its needs and our work.
- November.* Christian and heathen literature for women.
- December.* His Star and His Sceptre.

## Summary of Foreign Work.

FIELDS.	Missionaries.	Medical Missionaries.	Bible Readers.	Boarding Schools.	Pupils.	Day Schools.	Pupils	Orphanages.	Pupils.	Training Schools.	Pupils.	Hospitals and Dispensaries.	Patients.
North India Conference.....	23	3	307	15	1,228	219	3,975	3	390	2	78	2	8,486
Northwest India Conference.....	10	1	230	5	279	61	488	..	..	1	29	..	.....
South India Conference.....	8	2	17	2	46	20	920	4	146	..	..	1	3,786
Bombay.....	9	1	29	4	329	23	556	..	..	3	37	1	2,778
Bengal-Burmah.....	11	..	7	5	308	7	137	3	85	..	..	..	.....
Malaysia.....	3	..	..	2	41	13	303	..	..	..	..	..	.....
Foochow.....	17	5	27	3	318	58	938	1	33	5	92	2	15,755
Central China.....	14	4	..	3	167	..	.....	..	..	1	..	2	2,708
North China.....	14	5	8	3	227	14	142	..	..	4	72	3	10,659
West China.....	3	..	1	1	25	1	.....	..	..	..	..	..	.....
Korea.....	9	3	2	1	55	2	.....	..	..	..	..	1	.....
Japan.....	30	..	30	8	405	18	2,000	..	..	1	25	..	.....
Bulgaria.....	2	..	..	1	65	1	30	..	..	..	..	..	.....
Italy.....	3	..	2	2	70	..	.....	..	..	..	..	..	.....
South America.....	9	..	1	4	385	9	511	..	..	..	..	..	.....
Mexico.....	7	..	5	4	940	8	325	1	125	..	..	..	.....
Totals.....	172	24	666	63	4,948	454	10,325	12	779	17	333	12	59,172

These statistics are approximately, but not absolutely correct.

# Missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

APPOINT.	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1869.....	Miss Isabella Thoburn.....	Lucknow, India.....	Cincinnati.....	Delaware, O.
1872.....	" Gertrude Howe.....	Kiu Kiang, China.....	Northwestern.....	Lansing, Mich.
1872.....	" Lucy A. Hoag, M. D.....	Chin Kiang, China.....	New York.....	Ann Arbor, Mich.
1872.....	" Louise E. Blackmar.....	Haiderabad, India.....	Topeka.....	W. Springfield, Pa.
1878.....	" S. A. Easton.....	Naini Tal, India.....	Cincinnati.....	Washington, D. C.
1878.....	" Matilda A. Spencer.....	Home on Leave.....	Philadelphia.....	Germantown, Pa.
1879.....	" Elizabeth Russell.....	Home on Leave.....	Cincinnati.....	Delaware, O.
1880.....	" Anna Budden.....	Fukuoka, Japan.....	New York.....	Bellewood, Pa.
1881.....	" Minnie S. Hampton.....	Pithoragarh, India.....	New York.....	Almorah, India.
1881.....	Mrs. Carrie Van Petten.....	Hakodate, Japan.....	New York.....	New York, N. Y.
1881.....	Miss Emma L. Knowles.....	Yokohama, Japan.....	Northwestern.....	Newponset, Ill.
1883.....	Mrs. Charlotte M. Jewell.....	Darjeeling, India.....	New England.....	Newark, N. J.
1883.....	Miss Rebecca J. Watson.....	Peking, China.....	New York.....	California.
1884.....	" Lida B. Smith.....	Tokyo, Japan.....	Topeka.....	Nebraska.
1884.....	" Fannie M. English.....	Fukuoka, Japan.....	New York.....	Syracuse, N. Y.
1884.....	" Mary Reed.....	Barcelly, India.....	New York.....	Seneca Falls, N. Y.
1884.....	" Mary C. Robinson.....	Pithoragarh, India.....	Cincinnati.....	Beckets, O.
1884.....	" Carrie I. Jewell.....	Chin Kiang, China.....	Northwestern.....	Michigan.
1884.....	" Eleanor LeHuray.....	Foochow, China.....	Cincinnati.....	Hilmar, O.
1884.....	" Mary DeF. Loyd.....	Buenos Ayres, S. A.....	Philadelphia.....	Summit, N. J.
1884.....	" Lizzie Hewett.....	Mexico City, Mexico.....	Philadelphia.....	Hillsboro, O.
1885.....	Mrs. M. F. Scranton.....	Montevideo, S. A.....	Northwestern.....	Gilead, Mich.
1885.....	Miss Anna D. Gloss, M. D.....	Seoul, Korea.....	N. E. & N. Y.....	Cleveland, O.
1885.....	" Theresa J. Kyle.....	Peking, China.....	Northwestern.....	Chicago, Ill.
1885.....	" Emma Hall.....	Pauri, India.....	Philadelphia.....	Mt. Pleasant, Pa.
1885.....		Rome, Italy.....	Northwestern.....	Cazenovia, N. Y.

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APPOINT.	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1885.....	Miss Julia E. Wisner.....	Rangoon, Burma.....	Cincinnati.....	Berea, O.
1886.....	" Ella Hewett.....	Hirotsaki, Japan.....	Northwestern.....	Gilead, Mich.
1886.....	" Anna Lawson.....	Meerut, India.....	Des Moines.....	Ottumwa, Ill.
1886.....	" Delia A. Fuller.....	Lucknow, India.....	Topeka.....	Boulder, Col.
1880.....	" Hattie L. Ayres.....	Mexico City, Mexico.....	Cincinnati.....	Hillshoro, O.
1887.....	" Edna G. Terry, M. D.....	Tsun Hwa, China.....	New England.....	Boston, Mass.
1887.....	" Ella C. Shaw.....	Nanking, China.....	Northwestern.....	Moore's Hill, Ind.
1887.....	" Minnie F. Abrams.....	Poona, India.....	Minneapolis.....	Mapleton, Minn.
1887.....	" Mabel C. Hartford.....	Foochow, China.....	New England.....	Dover, N. H.
1887.....	" Sophia Blackmore.....	Singapore, Straits Settlement	Minneapolis.....	Australia.
1887.....	" May E. Carleton, M. D.....	Foochow, China.....	New York.....	Port Chester, N. Y.
1887.....	" Louise C. Rothweller.....	Seoul, Korea.....	Cincinnati.....	Berea, O.
1887.....	" Annie Gallimore.....	Aligarh, India.....	Baltimore.....	Newport, N. Y.
1888.....	" Belle J. Allen.....	Tokyo, Japan.....	Cincinnati.....	Bellevue, O.
1888.....	" Annie L. Bing.....	Nagasaki, Japan.....	Cincinnati.....	Delaware, O.
1888.....	" Julia Bonafield.....	Foochow, China.....	Cincinnati.....	Tunnelton, W. Va.
1888.....	" Kate A. Blair.....	Caltutta, India.....	Cincinnati.....	Painesville, O.
1888.....	" Mary A. Danforth.....	Home on Leave.....	New England.....	Colebrook, N. H.
1888.....	" Augusta Dickerson.....	Hakodati, Japan.....	Philadelphia.....	Philadelphia, Pa.
1888.....	" I. Ernsberger, M. D.....	Gulbarga, Decan, India.....	Cincinnati.....	Delfos, O.
1888.....	" Mary Ketrang.....	Home on Leave.....	Cincinnati.....	Napoleon, O.
1888.....	" Elizabeth Maxey.....	Caltutta, India.....	New York.....	London, O.
1888.....	" Emma Mitchell.....	Wuhu, China.....	New York.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
1888.....	" Sarah Peters.....	Nanking, China.....	Northwestern.....	Princeville, Ill.
1888.....	" Lucy W. Sullivan.....	Muttra, India.....	Cincinnati.....	Dayton, O.

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1888.....	Miss Martha A. Sheldon, M. D.	Pithoragarh, India.....	New England..	Excelsior, Minn.
1889.....	" Anna E. Steere.....	Peking, China.....	Northwestern..	Adrian, Mich.
1889.....	" Louise Inhoff.....	Sendai, Japan.....	Topeka.....	Lincoln, Neb.
1889.....	" Elsie Wood.....	Lima, Peru, S. A.....	New York.....	South America.
1889.....	" Mary B. Griffiths.....	Home on Leave.....	Des Moines.....	Marathon, Ia.
1889.....	" Frances E. Phelps.....	Sendai, Japan.....	Des Moines.....	Sioux City.
1889.....	" Frances O. Wilson.....	Tientsin, China.....	Des Moines.....	Corning, Ia.
1889.....	" E. A. Bender.....	Nagoya, Japan.....	Baltimore.....	Maryland.
1889.....	" Fanny Scott.....	Gondah, India.....	Cincinnati.....	Cincinnati, O.
1889.....	" Rue Sellers.....	Naini Tal, India.....	Cincinnati.....	New Matamoras, O.
1889.....	" Lydia A. Trimble.....	Foochow, China.....	Des Moines.....	Galva, Ia.
1889.....	" Ellen Blackstock.....	Tokyo, Japan.....	Minneapolis.....	Shadland, Ind.
1889.....	" Georgiana Baucus.....	Tokyo, Japan.....	New York.....	Ithaca, N. Y.
1889.....	" Amelia Van Dorsten.....	Guanajuato, Mexico.....	Northwestern..	Wisconsin.
1890.....	" Rachel R. Benn, M. D.....	Home on Leave.....	Philadelphia.....	Edinboro, Pa.
1890.....	" Ida Stevenson, M. D.....	Tientsin, China.....	Topeka.....	Chicago.
1890.....	" Ellen M. Lyon, M. D.....	Foochow, China.....	Northwestern..	Spencer Creek, Mich.
1890.....	" Leonora H. Seeds.....	Fukuoka, Japan.....	Cincinnati.....	Delaware, O.
1890.....	" Fannie A. Perkins.....	Rangoon, Burma.....	Des Moines.....	Indianola, Ia.
1891.....	" M. E. Vickery.....	Rome, Italy.....	Northwestern..	Evansville, Ind.
1891.....	" Mary F. Swaney.....	Rosario, S. A.....	Topeka.....	Manhattan, Kas.
1891.....	" Anna R. Limberger.....	Puebla, Mexico.....	Baltimore.....	Danville, Pa.
1891.....	" Kate L. Ogburn.....	Kin Kiang, China.....	Des Moines.....	Union Mills, Ia.
1891.....	" Laura M. White.....	Chin Kiang, China.....	Philadelphia.....	Philadelphia.
1891.....	" Ella A. Lewis.....	Seoul, Korea.....	Philadelphia.....	New York City.
1891.....	" Louisa Haefel.....	Shajahanpore, India.....	Philadelphia.....	Philadelphia.
1891.....	" Mary Bryan, M. D.....	Home on Leave.....	New York.....	Ogdensburg, N. Y.



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1892.....	Miss Effie Dunmore.....	Puebla, Mexico.....	Philadelphia.....	Auburn Corners, Pa.
1892.....	" Rebecca J. Hammond.....	Asuncion, S. A.....	Cincinnati.....	Blue Ball, O.
1892.....	" Josephine O. Paine.....	Seoul, Korea.....	New England.....	Boston, Mass.
1892.....	" Effie G. Young.....	Peking, China.....	New England.....	Waltham, Mass.
1892.....	" Luella M. Masters, M. D.....	Foochow, China.....	Northwestern.....	Thornton, Ind.
1892.....	" Elizabeth Hoge.....	Gonda, India.....	Cincinnati.....	Bellaire, O.
1892.....	" Anna C. Keeler.....	Rangoon, Burma.....	Cincinnati.....	Hubbard, O.
1892.....	" Kate A. Blackburn.....	Loficha, Bulgaria.....	Northwestern.....	Jacksonville, Ill.
1892.....	" Catherine Wood.....	Hyderabad, India.....	Des Moines.....	Humeston, Ia.
1892.....	" Ada J. Lauck.....	Cawnpore, India.....	Des Moines.....	Indianola, Ia.
1892.....	" Frances Craig.....	Calcutta, India.....	Northwestern.....	Evanston, Ill.
1892.....	" Josephine Stahl.....	Bombay, India.....	New York.....	Green Island, N. Y.
1892.....	" Christina Lawson.....	Home on Leave.....	New England.....	Boston, Mass.
1892.....	" Ella J. Glover.....	Home on Leave.....	Des Moines.....	Diagonal, Ia.
1892.....	" Lydia A. Wilkinson.....	Seoul, Korea.....	Cin. & N. York.....	Pomeroy, O.
1892.....	" Mary F. Cutler, M. D.....	Home on Leave.....	New York.....	Saranac, N. Y.
1892.....	" Alice M. Stanton.....	Home on Leave.....	Northwestern.....	Oak Park, Ill.
1893.....	Mrs. Anna C. Davis.....	Seoul, Korea.....	Cincinnati.....	Bellefontaine, O.
1893.....	Miss Lulu E. Frey.....	Home on Leave.....	Northwestern.....	Seymour, Ind.
1893.....	" Carrie A. Heaton.....	Loficha, Bulgaria.....	Northwestern.....	Berne, Switzerland.
1893.....	" Lydia Diem.....	Tokyo, Japan.....	Philadelphia.....	Chicago, Ill.
1894.....	" H. S. Alting.....	Hakodate, Japan.....	Northwestern.....	Shelbyville, Ind.
1894.....	" Florence E. Singer.....	Foochow, China.....	Pacific.....	San Francisco, Cal.
1894.....	" Minnie E. Wilson.....	Cawnpore, India.....	Minneapolis.....	Lakeville, Minn.
1894.....	" Lillian E. Marks.....	Foochow, China.....	Des Moines.....	Muscantine, Ia.
1894.....	" Willma H. Rouse.....	Home on Leave.....		
1894.....	" Anna Elcker.....			

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APPOINT.	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1894.....	Miss Mabel Allen.....	Foochow, China.....	Des Moines.....	.....
1894.....	" Mary Peters.....	Foochow, China.....	Northwestern.....	Princeville, Ill.
1894.....	" Florence Nichols.....	Lucknow, India.....	New England.....	Boston, Mass.
1894.....	" Lola May Kidwell.....	Nagasaki, Japan.....	Cincinnati.....	Delaware, O.
1894.....	" Alice M. Otto.....	Hiroaki, Japan.....	Des Moines.....	Delaware, O.
1894.....	" Irene Lee.....	Nagasaki, Japan.....	New England.....	Burlington, Vt.
1894.....	" Julia M. Donahue, M. D.....	Home on Leave.....	Cincinnati.....	Fremont, O.
1894.....	" Celesta Easton.....	Sectapore, India.....	Pacific.....	Riverside, Cal.
1894.....	" Lily D. Green.....	Budoan, India.....	Northwestern.....	Greencastle, Ind.
1894.....	" Mary E. Wilson.....	Barcelly, India.....	Northwestern.....	India.
1894.....	" Helen Galloway.....	Chun King, China.....	Des Moines.....	Mt. Ayr, Iowa.
1894.....	" Fannie E. Meyer.....	Chun King, China.....	Des Moines.....	Elm Grove, Mo.
1894.....	" Ruth A. Collins.....	Lucknow, India.....	Des Moines.....	Albion, Iowa.
1895.....	" Elizabeth S. Goodin.....	Asuncion, S. A.....	Des Moines.....	Des Moines, Ia.
1895.....	" Gertrude Taft, M. D.....	Chinkiang, China.....	Pacific.....	Los Angeles
1895.....	" Elizabeth V. Tryon.....	Cawnpore, India.....	Des Moines.....	.....
1895.....	" Jennie M. Dart, M. D.....	Barcelly, India.....	Northwestern.....	Kansas City.
1895.....	" Clara O. Collier.....	Chun King, China.....	New England.....	Laconia, N. H.
1895.....	" Phoebe Wells.....	Foochow, China.....	New York.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
1895.....	" Alice Linam.....	Foochow, China.....	New York.....	Leesburg, Ind.
1895.....	" Kate O. Curtis.....	Naimi Tal, India.....	New York.....	New York City
1895.....	" Emma Hodge, M. D.....	Baroda, India.....	Philadelphia.....	Greenville, Pa.
1895.....	Mrs. Mary A. Barrows, M. D.....	Tientsin, China.....	New York.....	Chattanooga, Tenn.
1895.....	Miss Laura S. Wright.....	Muttra, India.....	Northwestern.....	Washington, Ind.
1895.....	" Althea Todd.....	Foochow, China.....	New England.....	Boston, Mass.
1895.....	" Alice A. Evans.....	Hyderabad, India.....	Des Moines.....	Russell, Ia.
1895.....	" Miranda Croucher.....	Tsun Hua, China.....	New England.....	Boston, Mass.

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APPOINT.	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1895.....	Miss Hu King Eng, M. D.....	Foochow, China.....	Philadelphia.....	Foochow, China.
1895.....	" Eva M. Hardie.....	Lucknow, India.....	Cincinnati.....	New York City
1896.....	" Emma Scott, M. D.....	Muttra, India.....	Cincinnati.....	Columbus, Ohio.
1896.....	" Mary Means.....	Moradabad, India.....	Cincinnati.....	Akron, Ohio.
1896.....	" Flora M. Widdifield.....	Lucknow, India.....	Cincinnati.....	Cleveland, Ohio.
1896.....	" Mary E. Shockley.....	Tsun Hua, China.....	Cincinnati.....	Columbus, Ohio.
1896.....	" Katherine A. Spear.....	Baroda, India.....	Philadelphia.....	Reading, Pa.
1896.....	" Gertrude Gilman.....	Peking, China.....	New England.....	Springfield, Vt.
1896.....	" Fannie S. Fisher.....	Kolar, India.....	Northwestern.....	Danville, Ill.
1896.....	" Ida Khan, M. D.....	Kiu Kiang, China.....	Northwestern.....	Kiu Kiang, China.
1896.....	" Mary Stone, M. D.....	Kiu Kiang, China.....	Des Moines.....	Kiu Kiang, China.
1896.....	" E. M. Benethen.....	Poona, India.....	Northwestern.....	Millbrook, Ill.
1896.....	" Caroline M. Purdy.....	Puebla, Mexico.....	Philadelphia.....	Sunbury, Pa.
1896.....	" Anna Suderstrom.....	Calcutta, India.....	New York.....	New York City.
1896.....	" Elizabeth Nichols.....	Bombay, India.....	New York.....	New York City.
1896.....	" Carrie E. Merrill.....	Kiu Kiang, China.....	Northwestern.....	Flint, Mich.
1896.....	" Charlotte J. Porter.....	Bombay, India.....	Northwestern.....	Wheaton, Ill.
1896.....	" Clarissa E. Spencer.....	Tokyo, Japan.....	Philadelphia.....	Philadelphia, Pa.
1896.....	" Belle Waidman.....	Montevideo, S. A.....	New York.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
1896.....	" Frances G. Wilson.....	Tokyo, Japan.....	Cincinnati.....	Chattanooga, Tenn.
1897.....	" May B. Lilly.....	Singapore, Ss. Settlements.	Minn.&Col.Riv.	Arcola, Ill.
1897.....	" Grace B. Todd.....	Chung King, China.....	Northwestern.....	Delaware, O.
1897.....	" Lillian Harris, M. D.....	Seoul, Korea.....	Cincinnati.....	Marysville, O.
1897.....	" Mariana Young.....	Nagasaki, Japan.....	Philadelphia.....	Chattanooga, Tenn.
1897.....	" Nellie Pierce.....	Seoul, Korea.....	Northwestern.....	Jacksonville, Ill.
1897.....	" Mary E. Melton.....	Nagasaki, Japan.....	Northwestern.....	Cincinnati, O.
1897.....	" Martha Lebeus.....	Seeing Tu, China.....	Cincinnati.....	Cincinnati, O.

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1897.	Miss Ida M. Bowne.....	Rome, Italy.....	Northwestern....	Herkimer, N. Y.
1897.	" Clara Martin.....	Penang, Straits Settlements.	Minneapolis....	Hamline, Minn.
1897.	" Nettie M. Hyde.....	Jubbulpore, India.....	Des Moines.....	Iowa.
1897.	" Martelle Elliot.....	Bareilly, India.....	New York.....	Van Wert, Ohio.
1897.	" Emma L. Lamb.....	Calcutta, India.....	Northwestern....	Economy, Ind.
1897.	" N. M. Daniels.....	Tokyo, Japan.....	Des Moines.....	Tarr, Iowa.
1897.	" Melva A. Livermore....	Meerut, India.....	Topeka.....	Smith Center, Kas.
1897.	" Laura Bobenhouse....	Cawnpore, India.....	Des Moines.....	Cambria, Iowa.
1897.	" Harriet Boss.....	Poona, India.....	Northwestern....	Caro, Mich.
1897.	" Amy Gifford Lewis....	Tokyo, Japan.....	Baltimore.....	Jamestown, N. Y.
1898.	" Alice Means.....	Moradabad, India.....	Cincinnati.....	Akron, Ohio.
1898.	" Marion Newton.....	Lucknow, India.....	Northwestern....	Grand Lodge, Mich.
1898.	" Matilda Burnam.....	Muttra, India.....	Northwestern....	Chicago, Ill.
1898.	" Isabella D. Longstreet...	Foochow, China.....	Northwestern....	Owosso, Mich.
1898.	" E. Marguerite Glenk....	Kucheng, China.....	New York.....	Long Island City, N. Y.
1898.	" Elizabeth E. Varney....	Hing Hua, China.....	Topeka.....	Pueblo, Cal.
1898.	" Edith A. Hemmingway..	Singapore, Malaysia....	New England....	Springfield, Mass.
1898.	" Miriam Forster.....	Asansol, India.....	Northwestern....	Toronto, Canada.
1898.	" I Grace Loper.....	Barcilly, India.....	New York.....	Marilla, N. Y.
1898.	" Margaret Carber.....	Naini Tal, India.....	Cincinnati.....	Delaware, O.
1898.	" Cora Zeptmire.....	Angola, Africa.....	Northwestern....	Jay, Ill.
1898.	" Ida S. Robinson.....	South America.....	New York.....	Brooklyn, N. Y.
1898.	" Estelle Files.....	Darjeeling, India.....	New York.....	Brockport, N. Y.

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## ACCEPTED BUT NOT APPOINTED.

Miss Emma Ernsberger, M.D.	.....	Rice, Ohio.....	Cincinnati.
Mrs. Annie Norton, M. D.	.....	New York City.	New York.
Miss Elizabeth B. Matthews.	.....	Baltimore.....	Baltimore.
" Della E. Clinton.....	.....	Hopkins, Mo...	Des Moines.
" Josephine Mekkelson.....	.....	Alta, Iowa.....	Des Moines.
" Esther Chase, M. D.....	.....	Madras, India.	Baltimore.
" Henrietta Andrews.....	.....	Marionville, Mo	Des Moines.
" Jennie Mayer.....	.....	Auburn.....	New York.
" Helen Ingram.....	.....	Brighton, Eng.	Minneapolis.

## RETIRED AFTER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS' SERVICE.

Miss Sarah Woolston.....	.....	Foochow, China.....	Mt. Holley, N. J.
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## RETIRED AFTER TWENTY-SEVEN YEARS' SERVICE.

Miss Clara A. Swain, M. D....	.....	India.....	Castile, N. Y.
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1875.....	Miss Letitia A. Campbell.....	Peking, China.....	Died May 18, 1878.
1878.....	" Susan B. Higgins.....	Yokohama, Japan.....	" July 3, 1879.
1876.....	" L. H. Green, M. D. (Mrs. Cheney).....	Bareilly, India.....	" Sept. 30, 1878.
1881.....	" Emma Michener.....	Africa.....	" Dec. 11, 1881.
1884.....	" Ella Gilchrist, M. D.....	Kiu Kiang.....	" April 23, 1884.
1871.....	" Benlah Woolston.....	Foochow, China.....	" Oct. 24, 1886.
1880.....	" Cecelia Gueff.....	Montevideo, S. A.....	" Dec. 11, 1886.
1881.....	" Harriet Kerr.....	Bareilly, India.....	" Jan. 31, 1887.
1880.....	" Florence Nickerson.....	Lucknow, India.....	" Nov. 5, 1887.
1878.....	" Harriet Woolston, M. D.....	Moradabad, India.....	" Jan. 13, 1892.
1872.....	" Elizabeth M. Pultz.....	Moradabad, India.....	" April 22, 1892.
1883.....	" Emma J. Everding.....	Nagasaki, Japan.....	" Aug. 31, 1892.
1878.....	" M. E. Layton.....	Cawnpore, India.....	" Sept. 27, 1892.
1888.....	" M. E. V. Pardoe.....	Tokyo, Japan.....	" Dec. 4, 1895.
1887.....	" Mary A. Vance (Mrs. Belknap).....	Tokyo, Japan.....	" Jan. 4, 1896.
1880.....	" Anna B. Sears.....	Peking, China.....	" June 12, 1897.
1884.....	" Clara A. Downey.....	India.....	" March 22, 1898.
1888.....	" Mary E. Carroll.....	Bombay, India.....	" April 13, 1898.
1884.....	" Linna M. Schenek.....	Bulgaria.....	" July 29, 1898.
1881.....	" Phebe Rowe.....	India.....	" Aug. 15, 1898.
1889.....	" Maud E. Simons.....	Japan.....	
1874.....	" Mary Hastings.....	Mexico.....	

# Constitution

OF

## WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

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### ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This association shall be called "THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH."

### ARTICLE II.—PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Society is to engage and unite the efforts of Christian women in sending missionaries to the women in foreign mission fields of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in supporting them and native Christian teachers and Bible-readers in those fields.

### ARTICLE III.—MEMBERSHIP.

The payment of one dollar annually shall constitute Membership, and twenty dollars Life-Membership. Any person paying one hundred dollars shall become a Manager for Life, and the contribution of three hundred dollars shall constitute the donor a Patron for Life.

### ARTICLE IV.—ORGANIZATION.

The organization of this Society shall consist of a General Executive Committee, Co-ordinate Branches, Auxiliary Societies, to be constituted and limited as laid down in subsequent articles.

### ARTICLE V.—GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

SECTION 1. The management and general administration of the affairs of the Society shall be vested in a General Executive Committee, consisting of a President and Recording Secretary, the Corresponding Secretary and two delegates from each Branch, which delegates, together with two reserves, shall be elected at the Branch annual meetings, said meetings to be held within two months before the meeting of the General Executive Committee. Said committee shall meet in Boston, the third Wednesday in April, 1870, and annually, or oftener, thereafter, at such time and place as the General Executive Committee shall annually determine.

SECTION 2. The duties of the General Executive Committee shall be:

1. To take into consideration the interests and demands of the entire work of the Society as presented in the report of the Branch Corresponding Secretaries, and in the estimates of the needs of mission fields; to ascertain the financial condition of the Society; to appropriate its money in accordance with the purposes and method therein indicated; to devise means for carrying forward the work of the Society; fixing the amounts to be raised; employing new missionaries, designating their field of labor, examining the reports of those already employed and arranging with the several Branches the work to be undertaken by each.

2. To transact any other business that the interests of the Society may demand, provided all the plans and directions of the committee shall be in harmony with the provisions of the Constitution.

3. There shall be a Constitutional Publication Committee, consisting of the Corresponding Secretary of each Branch, to take charge of the missionary periodicals of the Society, and to arrange for the publication of an annual report of the work of the Society. This committee shall report annually to the General Executive Committee.

#### ARTICLE VI.—BRANCHES.

SEC. 1. The organizations already formed at Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Chicago and Cincinnati, shall be regarded as Co-ordinate Branches of this Society, on their acceptance of this relationship under the provisions of the present Constitution.

SEC. 2. Other Branches may be organized in accordance with the following general plan for districting the territory of the church:

DISTRICTS.	STATES.	HEADQUARTERS.
I.	New England States.....	Boston
II.	New York and New Jersey.....	New York
III.	Pennsylvania and Delaware.....	Philadelphia
IV.	Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia....	Baltimore
V.	Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee....	Cincinnati
VI.	Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin.....	Chicago
VII.	Iowa, Missouri and Arkansas.....	Des Moines
VIII.	Minnesota, North and South Dakota.....	Minneapolis
IX.	Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming and Texas..	Topeka
X.	California, Nevada and Arizona.....	Los Angeles
XI.	Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana.....	Portland
XII.	North and South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi and Louisiana.....	Atlanta

This plan, however, may be changed by an affirmative vote of three-fourths of the members of the General Executive Committee present at any annual meeting of the same.

SEC. 3. The officers of each Branch Society shall consist of a President, not less than ten Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, an Auditor and not less than ten Managers. These, with the exception of Auditor, shall constitute an Executive Committee for the administration of the affairs of the Branch, nine of whom shall be a quorum for the transaction of business. These officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Branch, and shall continue in office until others are chosen in their stead.

SEC. 4. The President or one of the Vice-Presidents, shall preside at all meetings of the Branch and of its Executive Committee.

The Recording Secretary shall give notice of all meetings of the Branch and of the Executive Committee, and shall keep a full record of the proceedings.

The Corresponding Secretary shall conduct the correspondence of the Society with foreign missionaries, with the other Branches, and with its Auxiliary Societies (hereafter mentioned), and shall endeavor, by all practical means, to form Auxiliary Societies within the prescribed territory of the Branch. It shall also be her duty to present to the annual meeting of the General Executive Committee a report of the work of the Branch during the year, for publication in its annual report.

The Treasurer shall receive all contributions to the Branch, keeping proper books of account, and shall make distribution of the funds upon orders duly signed by the Corresponding Secretary.

SEC. 5. The Executive Committee shall have supervision of the work assigned to the Branch by the General Executive Committee, provide for all the needs, and receive reports of the missionaries, Bible-women and Teachers, who, by the plan of the General Executive Committee, are to be supported by the Branch.

SEC. 6. No Branch shall project new work, or undertake the support of new missionaries, except by the direction or with the approval of the General Executive Committee.

SEC. 7. Each Branch may make such By-Laws as may be deemed necessary to its efficiency, not inconsistent with this Constitution.

#### ARTICLE VII.—AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Any number of women who shall contribute annually may form a society auxiliary to that Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary

Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, within whose prescribed territorial limits they may reside, by appointing a President, one or more Vice-Presidents or Managers, a Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, who together shall constitute a local Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII.—RELATING TO THE MISSIONARY AUTHORITIES OF

THE CHURCH.

SEC. 1. This Society shall work in harmony with and under the supervision of the authorities of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The appointment, recall, and remuneration of missionaries, and the designation of their fields of labor, shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and annual appropriations to mission fields shall be submitted for revision and approval to the General Missionary Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

SEC. 2. All missionaries sent out by this Society shall labor under the direction of the particular Conference or Missions of the Church in which they may be severally employed. They shall be annually appointed by the President of the Conference or Mission, and shall be subject to the same rules of removal that govern the other missionaries.

SEC. 3. All the work of the Woman's Society in foreign lands shall be under the direction of the Conference or Missions, and their committees, in exactly the same manner as the work of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Superintendent or Presiding Elder having the same relation to the work and the person in charge that he would have were it in the charge of any other member of the Conference or Mission.

SEC. 4. The funds of the Society shall not be raised by collections or subscriptions taken during any of our regular church services, nor in any Sunday-schools, but shall be raised by such methods as the Constitution of the Society shall provide, none of which shall interfere with the contributions of our people and Sunday-schools for the treasury of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and the amount so collected shall be reported by the pastor to the annual Conference, and be entered in a column among the benevolent collections in the annual and general minutes.

SEC. 5. Section 4 of this paragraph (§362) shall not be interpreted as to prevent the women from taking collections in meetings convened in the interests of their societies; nor from securing member-



ships and life memberships in audiences where their work is represented, nor from holding festivals, or arranging lectures in the interests of their work.

ARTICLE IX.—CHANGE OF CONSTITUTION.

This Constitution may be changed at any annual meeting of the General Executive Committee, by a two-thirds vote of each Branch delegation, notice of the proposed change having been given at the previous annual meeting; but Article VIII. shall not be changed except with the concurrence of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

## By-laws of the General Executive Committee.

I. The General Executive Committee shall convene not later than the last week in October.

II. The annual meetings of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church shall be held at such places as the said committee shall elect.

III. The President and Corresponding Secretary of the Branch within whose precincts the meeting of the General Executive Committee is to be held, shall fix the exact date of the meetings of said Committee, and arrange for the anniversary exercises.

IV. The Branch Corresponding Secretaries shall meet at least three days before the time of the meeting of the General Executive Committee for the purpose of nominating the members of the Standing Committees, and planning work for its session, and report the same at the opening of said Committee.

V. The Corresponding Secretary of the Branch within the bounds of which the Committee convenes shall preside over its meetings until a permanent organization is effected.

VI. The order of business shall be as follows:

1. Calling the roll.
2. Appointment of Standing Committees, *i. e.*, Committee on Publication, Committee on Finance, Committee on Application of Missionary Candidates, Committee on By-Laws.
3. Reception of Memorials and Petitions.
4. Reports of Corresponding Secretaries.
5. Report of Committee of Reference.
6. Report of Constitutional Publication Committee.
7. Report of Official Correspondents and presentation of information from foreign work.
8. Fixing place of next meeting.
9. Election of President and Secretary, who shall continue in office until the appointment of their successors.
10. Notice of constitutional amendments.
11. Miscellaneous business.
12. Reports of Standing Committees daily, immediately after reading minutes.

VII. The rules of order shall be as follows:

1. Each session shall open and close with devotional exercises.
2. All resolutions to be discussed shall be presented in writing.
3. No member shall be granted leave of absence except by a vote of the entire body.

VIII. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary of the General Executive Committee to forward to our foreign Treasurers, as soon as practicable after adjournment, a copy of the appropriations for each Mission.

IX. The Secretary of each meeting of the General Executive Committee shall keep a full record of all proceedings and place the same in the safe of the *Woman's Missionary Friend*.

## By-laws

### OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

#### I.—BRANCH CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.

1. The Branch Corresponding Secretaries shall superintend all the interests of their respective Branches; conduct the correspondence of the Society with foreign missionaries; be present at all Branch annual, and quarterly meetings, and present a quarterly report of the work of the Branch, and give to the public, or direct to be given, all communications and plans of the business of their respective Branches.

2. Each Corresponding Secretary shall be required to furnish in her report to the General Executive Committee the following items: Number of Auxiliary Societies, members, life members, honorary patrons and managers, subscribers to the *Woman's Missionary Friend* and the receipts of the Treasurer. In her report of the foreign work she shall include the number of missionaries, Bible-readers, boarding-schools, and orphans supported by her Branch.

#### II.—BRANCH TREASURERS.

1. Branch Treasurers shall be required to publish quarterly in the *Woman's Missionary Friend* their report of moneys received. They shall forward the appropriations immediately after the close of the General Executive Committee according to the appropriations for the next year, sending them directly to the foreign Treasurers.

2. The financial year of the Society shall commence October 1st. Branch Treasurers will close their accounts for the year by September 30.

3. The money received from annual memberships shall not be used to make Life Members, Managers or Patrons. Life membership shall be made by the payment of twenty dollars, given specifically for that purpose. If in installments, the final payment shall be made as soon as practicable, and the membership reported as complete only when that has been done; all the installments to be credited on the Treasurer's book, and acknowledged in the *Woman's Missionary Friend*.

4. In case any Branch is unable to meet the obligations it has assumed, any other Branch may, by the action of its Executive Board be permitted to use its surplus funds in aid of the Branch deficient.

5. Any bequest or donation made to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Branch within whose territory the bequest or donation is made, unless otherwise specified by the donor.

### III.—FOREIGN TREASURERS.

1. Our Foreign Treasurers shall forward their estimates, properly approved and printed, if possible, to each Corresponding Secretary before October 1.

2. The Treasurers in the foreign field are instructed to forward receipts for remittances and a statement of balance in hand, quarterly to the Branch Corresponding Secretaries and Treasurers and a full financial statement annually to the Official Correspondent of the specific mission field in time to insure its arriving before October 1st of each year.

3. The appropriations for the foreign fields shall be paid on the basis of the currency of the country, the exchange therefrom accruing to our treasury, with the exception of the salaries of the missionaries and buildings, which shall be paid on the basis of American gold.

4. The funds of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall be entirely under the control of the General Executive Committee, to be used only for the purposes designated by that Committee. Our missionaries shall not exceed in expenditure the amount appropriated by the General Executive Committee. Emergencies arising during the year can be met only by application, properly endorsed by the missionary authorities to the Committee of Reference.

5. If any surplus funds remain in the Foreign Treasuries from unused appropriations, exchange, or any other source, they must be reported to the Branches from whose moneys they accrue.

## IV.—OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

The Branch Corresponding Secretaries shall correspond with the missionaries, so as to be able to present a full report of the work in each mission, such information to be presented to the General Executive Committee, the fields assigned to the several Secretaries to be arranged by themselves.

## V.—THE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE.

1. The Committee of Reference shall be composed of the Branch Corresponding Secretaries.

2. It shall meet immediately after the adjournment of the General Executive Committee, and organize by the election of a Chairman and Secretary.

3. All cases of emergency that would come before the General Executive Committee, arising in the interim of its sessions, shall be submitted to this Committee, and decided by a majority vote.

4. The Chairman shall send each resolution that is submitted to the committee to each member, and when all have returned their votes, the Recording Secretary shall declare the result, and record both resolutions and votes.

5. The Committee shall present a full report of its action during the year to the General Executive Committee for approval and permanent record.

## VI.—INSTRUCTIONS TO MISSIONARIES.

We call the attention of the missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society especially to Article VIII., Section 3, of Constitution, in compliance with which they will consult the Superintendent of the mission in which they are laboring on all general plans of their work, and advise with him as to the most effective measures to be taken in the purchase of property, building and any important undertaking belonging to their special interest.

1. They are expected to attend the annual meeting or Conference of their mission, and they may confer with other members of the mission upon all topics connected with their own department, and will report quarterly to the Superintendent.

2. They will be expected to devote their entire time and attention to their legitimate work, as all their temporal necessities will be provided for by the Society.

3. They are required to send quarterly reports to the Corresponding Secretary of the Branch having charge of their work, and the action of the General Executive Committee will be communicated



to them through the Recording Secretary of the Reference Committee.

4. They, with the wives of missionaries who labor in the interests of the Society, shall constitute a committee to prepare, at each session of the Conference or annual meeting of the missionaries, the estimates for the ensuing year, which estimates shall have the sanction of said Conference or annual meeting before being forwarded to the General Executive Committee.

5. They shall incur no expense during the year to be met by this Society for which the estimate has not previously been submitted to, and approved by the General Executive Committee at its annual meeting.

6. They shall credit to the Society all donations received for the support of their work, and annually report the same with their financial statement.

7. All solicitations for funds for special work must be made through the proper official authorities, and missionaries are instructed not to apply to private sources for aid or support of their work.

8. A medical missionary shall be accountable to the Branch from which she is sent. She shall keep an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements, and report them quarterly to the Treasurer of the Mission; any surplus being remitted to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and her medical outfit shall be the property of the same.

9. If there prove to be a manifest unfitness for missionary labor, the General Executive Committee may cancel its obligations to a missionary whom it has appointed, three months' notice having been given to such appointee by the Committee of Reference, return passage to be paid by the Society, provided she returns at the expiration of the three months.

10. A lady missionary desiring her expenses paid by the Society for a return home from any other cause than that of ill health, must secure permission from the General Executive Committee or Committee of Reference, through the Corresponding Secretary of the Branch supporting her.

11. All rules pertaining to the relations of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church with its missionaries shall be published in the general annual report.

12. The Corresponding Secretary of the Branch by which any missionary is sent shall be required to sign the following contract: I, ———, Corresponding Secretary of ——— Branch, by which the money is raised for the support of ———, agree, on the part of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, to pay the traveling

expenses of —— from the time of her leaving home to that of her arrival in her field of labor, and also her salary from the latter date. In case of illness, I agree, on the part of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, to submit a resolution to the General Executive Committee, or in the interim of its sessions, to the Committee of Reference, asking the privilege of her return home. Such permission being granted, I agree to pay her return passage; and in case her relations to the Society are harmonious, her salary for the first year, at the rate of three hundred and fifty dollars, or if it be inexpedient for her to return, at the rate of three hundred dollars.

In case of emergency demanding her immediate return home, she shall bring a certificate of disability from a physician and the Superintendent of the mission.

13. We agree to pay our missionaries \$200 for personal outfit, and \$100 for the furnishing of the home, when necessary, the latter to be the property of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

14. We recommend, when practicable, that such an arrangement be made for the duties of our missionaries during the first year's service as shall allow them considerable time for the study of the language, and that their salary for that year shall be four hundred dollars, with one hundred and fifty for incidentals. Medical missionaries shall from the first receive full salary.

15. Each returned missionary shall be expected to attend the first General Executive Committee session after her return, and her traveling expenses to and from the place of meeting shall be met by the Branch supporting her, unless otherwise provided for.

16. We accept the relation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society to the authorities of the church, and to our workers in the field, as interpreted by the delegated conference in India, in their session of 1881, as follows:

WHEREAS, Certain usages having grown up and been found acceptable and successful in connection with our older mission field in India, we deem it expedient to formulate the same in the following rules:

1. In general: The position of a lady missionary, placed in charge of work in connection with any of our circuits or stations, is the same as that of a second missionary or "junior preacher" to whom special work is assigned.

2. In particular: The general plan of work, such as establishing new schools, employing and dismissing head teachers, arranging terms of tuition, board etc., and preparing a course of study, when

these matters are not fixed by the Educational Committee, selecting classes of people among whom work may be more successfully carried on, arranging dispensaries and deciding the proportion of medical work to be given to natives and Europeans, Christians and non-Christians, etc., all such *general plans* shall be arranged by the lady in charge of the special departments of work, after free consultation with the Superintendent or Presiding Elder.

3. The lady missionary in charge of work has full liberty to do the work assigned her in her own way, and to carry out the internal arrangement of her department in the manner which she deems best adapted to secure success.

4. The relation of the Superintendent or Presiding Elder to the work under the charge of a lady is the same as it would be were it under the charge of a member of Conference—he having a general advisory supervision, auditing the accounts (when not done by trustees), making suggestions, etc., exactly as with all the other work of his district.

5. Lady missionaries in charge of work, and all missionaries of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, are appointed by the President of Conference, at the same time and in the same manner that the appointments of Conference are made. Should, however, a President of Conference at any time decline so to appoint, the Superintendent or Presiding Elder in Council will arrange the same.

6. All new buildings or expensive repairs or changes shall receive the sanction of Superintendent or Presiding Elder, even though no appropriations of money be asked.

7. A class of laborers are employed in our work, known as "assistants." In the employment or dismissal of these ladies, the consent of the Superintendent of Mission or of the Presiding Elder must be secured. They may be transferred by the Presiding Elder, with the consent of the lady in charge of the department in which they are employed. When these lady assistants, being members of our church, by several years of faithful service, have come to be received as belonging permanently to our body of laborers, they may, on the recommendation of the Woman's Society, when such exists, or by quarterly Conference, be formally recognized by Conference, and appointed the same as woman missionaries are.

8. In case of a transfer of a woman missionary or an "assistant" from one Conference or charge to another, a written permission shall be secured, signed by Superintendent or Presiding Elder in whose jurisdiction the person may be employed, when, according to the condition in Rule 7, the engagement may be completed.

## OFFICIAL RELATIONS OF LADY MISSIONARIES.

1. Definition of relations of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, as given by the Bishops, in May, 1881.

"To the ladies of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society;

"To your questions we respectfully reply as follows:

"1st. We take the liberty to refer you to our action bearing date November 22, 1877, a copy of which is as follows:

" 'TEACHERS IN MISSION SCHOOLS.'

"In the judgment of the Bishops it is not within the right of the Superintendent of a mission to remove lay teachers from the schools to which they have been appointed, nor to interfere authoritatively with the internal arrangements of the schools, unless such right be expressly granted by the missionary authorities at New York.

"2. In case of difference between appointee and the Mission (including the Superintendent), which cannot be adjusted between the parties without unreasonable delay, we recommend that such difference, with the papers and facts, be referred by the parties to the Bishop in charge for final decision.

"3. It is our judgment that the missionaries sent by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society should be permitted to be present at the meetings of the mission and to speak on all matters relating to their work. Most respectfully and sincerely,

WILLIAM L. HARRIS."

## REQUIREMENTS OF MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

1. Each Branch shall appoint a standing committee of five, of which the Branch Corresponding Secretary shall be chairman, who shall investigate the case of any candidate within the limits of the Branch, and shall supply such candidate with blank for health certificate and constitutional questions, to be filled out and answered by her; and when practicable, a personal interview shall be had with the woman by two or more of the committee before her papers are forwarded to the Reference Committee or the committee appointed at the General Executive meeting. The Corresponding Secretary of the Branch presenting missionary candidates, shall have a personal interview with each woman presented, before her final appointment to a foreign field.

2. A missionary candidate must believe herself Divinely called to the work of a foreign missionary, and assert her belief that she is actuated only by a desire to act in, accordance with God's will.

3. She must indicate her ability to work in a foreign field by Christian usefulness at home.

4. She must declare her intention to make foreign missionary work the service of her effective years, and agree to give at least five years of continuous service, as a single woman, to the work of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, unless prevented by ill-health; this is not to be understood in the sense that the obligation to remain in the field ceases at five years, but that her obligations to refund passage and outfit money is binding for that length of time; she must also assert her willingness to labor in any field, though her preference is always to be taken into account.

5. The age of a candidate must not be less than twenty-five years. A thorough intellectual training, with a facility in acquiring languages, and a remarkable ability for Christian work, may be considered as a sufficient reason for deviation from this rule.

6. Financial and executive ability, and power of adaptation to circumstances, are essential qualifications.

7. She must present a certificate of health from a competent physician, and give satisfactory answers to the medical questions authorized by the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

8. Every missionary candidate is requested to sign the following contract:

"I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to conform to the above requirements and conditions while in the employ of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and failing in this, to refund the amount of outfit and passage money."

9. After the adoption of a missionary candidate, she shall be regarded as under the direction of the General Executive Committee, and of the Committee of Reference, in the interim of the sessions of that committee.

10. The case of any accepted candidate not sent out during the year, shall be brought before the General Executive Committee at its next session.

11. The application of a missionary candidate with corresponding testimonials shall cover the following particulars: Health, adaptability to people and circumstances, executive ability, intellectual qualities and culture, religious experience and usefulness, and general fitness for the work.

*First.* Health, attested by a properly certified health certificate.

*Second.* Personal religious experience. Belief in the doctrines



and identification with the membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church, experience and efficiency in Christian work.

Conviction and call to missionary work, and the intention to give to it the service of her life.

*Third.* Testimonials are further necessary as to grade of scholarship, whether it includes the study of Latin or any modern language, with facility in its acquirement; knowledge of music, vocal or instrumental. Diploma of scholarship.

Certificate of experience and success in teaching.

*Fourth.* Testimonials are also required as to executive ability, adaptability to people and circumstances, and whatever personal qualities are necessary for greatest efficiency in Christian work.

#### VII.—PUBLICATIONS OF THE SOCIETY.

1. The periodicals of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall be known as the *Woman's Missionary Friend*, *Children's Missionary Friend*, and *Der Frauen-Mission-Freund*.

2. The editors and publisher shall be elected annually by the General Executive Committee.

3. In the interim of the sessions of the General Executive Committee, the management of these papers shall be under the control of the Publication Committee provided by the Constitution.

4. The proceedings of the General Executive Committee shall be reported in the December number of the *Woman's Missionary Friend*, excluding appropriations and unimportant details.

5. The minutes of the General Executive Committee shall be incorporated in the Annual Report.

6. The Lesson Study prepared by the Literature Committee, together with the outline of study in the columns of the *Woman's Missionary Friend*, shall be a permanent publication.

#### VIII.—CONSTITUTIONAL PUBLICATION COMMITTEE.

1. This committee shall be composed of the Branch Corresponding Secretaries.

2. It shall meet and organize immediately after the adjournment of the General Executive Committee, by the election of a Chairman and Secretary.

3. The publisher of these papers shall give the Chairman an itemized report of the receipts and expenditures of the papers, properly audited, by the first of October. If she finds it necessary to deviate from the published instructions of the General Executive Committee, she shall lay the matter before this committee, and be subject to its direction.

4. A committee of three shall be appointed annually by the Constitutional Publication Committee, to whom shall be entrusted the investment and control of the funds of these publications.

5. The publisher shall commence and close her financial year with October 1.

6. If the office of editor or publisher becomes vacant during the year, this committee shall have the power to fill the vacancy.

7. The traveling expenses of the editors and publisher of these papers, and the Chairman of Literature Committee, to and from the sessions of the General Executive Committee, shall be paid from the funds of these publications.

8. There shall be a Literature Committee, whose work shall be to edit the annual report, to provide leaflets, uniform readings, lesson leaves, and other helps for monthly and public meetings, and to superintend all publications of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

9. In no case shall the amount used in publishing interests, or for any other demands, infringe upon a capital of \$5,000, to be retained in the treasury of the Society's publications.

10. This committee shall meet prior to each session of the General Executive Committee, and report to that body the work of the year.

11. These By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the General Executive Committee, by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

#### IX.—ZENANA PAPER.

1. The Constitutional Publication Committee shall take charge of the funds raised for the endowment of the Zenana Paper, and control of their investment and expenditure, and have the general supervision of the interests of the paper.

2. The Corresponding Secretary of each Branch shall have the control of the investment of the funds raised for the support of the Zenana Paper within the bounds of her Branch, with the approval of the Constitutional Publication Committee; the interest on investments to be paid semi-annually to the Treasurer of the Zenana Paper.

3. The Woman's Conference in India shall nominate a committee consisting of five persons, three ladies and two gentlemen, one of whom shall be the publisher, to supervise the interests of the paper and arrange with the Press Committee for editing and publishing the Zenana Paper in the various languages and dialects required; these nominations to be subject to the approval of the Constitutional Publication Committee in America.

4. The Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in India shall send an Annual Report of the Zenana Paper to the Chairman of the Constitutional Publication Committee, with the amount of circulation and items of interest, in time to be presented to the Annual Meeting of the General Executive Committee in America.

5. The Treasurer in India of the funds of the Zenana Paper shall furnish the Constitutional Publication Committee an Annual Report of the receipts and expenditures of said paper in time to be presented to the General Executive Committee meeting in America.

6. A report of the Zenana Paper shall be published in the Annual Report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

7. The Treasurer of the Zenana Paper funds in America shall send the interest on the investments direct to the Treasurer of the Zenana Paper in India, only upon order of the Chairman of the Constitutional Committee.

## Questions to Missionary Applicants.

1. Do you trust that you are inwardly moved by the Holy Ghost to take upon you the work of a foreign missionary?
2. Do you desire and intend to make this your life work, and are you willing to labor in any field?
3. Have you an experimental knowledge of salvation through the atonement of Jesus Christ, our Lord?
4. Have you an earnest desire to win souls to Christ, and how has this desire been manifest in the past?
5. Do you believe in the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as set forth in Section 2 of the Discipline?
6. Have you a thorough English education?
7. Have you studied Latin or any modern language; what proficiency have you made, and do you readily acquire the same?
8. In what schools have you taught and with what success?
9. Have you a knowledge of music, either vocal or instrumental?
10. What is the condition of your health?
11. Have you ever been married; if so, is your husband living?
12. Will you answer by *testimonials* to each of these questions?

## ACT OF INCORPORATION.

STATE OF NEW YORK, }  
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss.

We, the undersigned, Caroline R. Wright, Anna A. Harris, Sarah K. Cornell and Harriet B. Skidmore, of the City of New York, and Susan A. Sayre, of the City of Brooklyn, being all citizens of the United States of America, and citizens of the State of New York, do hereby, pursuant to, and in conformity with the Act of the Legislature of the State of New York passed on April 12th, 1848, entitled, "An Act for the incorporation of benevolent, charitable and missionary societies;" and the several Acts of the said Legislature amendatory thereof, associate ourselves together and form a body politic and corporate, under the name and style of "The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church," which we certify is the name or title by which said Society shall be known in law. And we do hereby further certify that the particular business and object of said Society is to engage and unite the efforts of Christian women in sending female missionaries to women in foreign mission fields of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in supporting them and native Christian teachers and Bible readers in those fields.

That the number of managers to manage the business and affairs of said Society shall be seventeen, and that the names of such managers of said Society, for the first year of its existence, are: Lucy A. Alderman, Sarah L. Keen, Ellen T. Cowen, Sarah E. Crandon, Mary C. Nind, Elizabeth K. Stanley, Harriet M. Shattuck, Eliza B. Stevens, Caroline R. Wright, Harriet B. Skidmore, Josephine D. Easter, Annie R. Gracey, Mary L. Dennler, Sarah K. Cornell, Annie A. Harris, Ordelia M. Hillman, and Sarah A. Sayre.

That the place of business or principal office of said Society shall be in the City and County of New York, in the State of New York.

Witness our hand and seals this 20th day of December, A. D., 1884.

CAROLINE R. WRIGHT,	[SEAL]
ANNA A. HARRIS,	"
HARRIET B. SKIDMORE,	"
SARAH K. CORNELL,	"
SUSAN A. SAYRE,	"

STATE OF NEW YORK, }  
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss.

On the 20th day of December, 1884, before me personally came and appeared Caroline R. Wright, Anna A. Harris, Harriet B. Skidmore and Sarah K. Cornell, to me known, and to me personally known to be the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing certificate, and they severally duly acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

ANDREW LEMON,

[NOTARY'S SEAL.]

*Notary Public, (58)*

*New York County.*

STATE OF NEW YORK, COUNTY OF KINGS, }  
CITY OF BROOKLYN, } ss.

On the 22nd day of December, A. D., 1884, before me came Susan A. Sayre, to me known, and known to me to be one of the individuals described in and who executed the foregoing certificate, and duly acknowledged to me that she executed the same.

F. G. MINTRAM,

[NOTARY'S SEAL.]

*Notary Public for King's County.*



STATE OF NEW YORK, }  
COUNTY OF KINGS, } ss.

I, Rodney Thursby, Clerk of the County of Kings and Clerk of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, in and for said county (said court being a Court of Records) Do HEREBY CERTIFY, that F. G. Mintram, whose name is subscribed to the Certificate of Proof, or acknowledgment of the annexed instrument and thereon written, was at the time of taking such proof or acknowledgment, a Notary Public of the State of New York, in and for the said County of Kings, dwelling in said County, commissioned and sworn, and duly authorized to take the same. And, further, that I am well acquainted with the handwriting of such Notary, and verily believe the signature to the said Certificate is genuine, and that said instrument is executed and acknowledged according to the laws of the State of New York.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said County and Court, this 24th day of December, 1884.

[SEAL]

RODNEY THURSBY, *Clerk*.

[Endorsed.]

THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

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Certificate of Incorporation, December 27, 1884.

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I, the undersigned, one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, for the first Judicial District, do hereby approve the within certificate, and do consent that the same be filed pursuant to the provisions of an Act of the Legislature of the State of New York, entitled, "An Act for the incorporation of benevolent, charitable, scientific and missionary societies," passed April 12th, 1848, and the several Acts extending and amending said Act. Dated New York, Dec. 26, 1884.

ABM. R. LAWRENCE, *J. S. C.*

STATE OF NEW YORK, }  
CITY AND COUNTY OF NEW YORK, } ss.

I, James A. Flack, Clerk of the said City and County, and Clerk of the Supreme Court of said State for said County, do certify that I have compared the preceding with the original Certificate of Incorporation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, on file in my office, and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole of such original. Endorsed, filed and recorded, Dec. 27th, 1884, 1 hour, 25 minutes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and affixed my official seal, this 12th day of November, 1888.

[SEAL]

JAMES A. FLACK, *Clerk*.

BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE CORPORATION, 1896-7.

HARRIET B. SKIDMORE,  
SUSAN A. SAYRE,  
ELLA J. KNOWLES,  
ORDELIA M. HILLMAN,  
HELEN V. EMANS.

SARAH K. CORNELL,  
ETTIE F. BALDWIN,  
ANNIE R. GRACEY,  
JULIA L. MCGREW,  
MARY H. BIDWELL,

ANNA A. HARRIS.

## FORMS FOR WILL AND DEVISE.

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Special attention is called to the following form of bequest and Devise required by the incorporation of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

### FORM OF BEQUEST.

I hereby give and bequeath to the "Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church," incorporated under the Laws of the State of New York ..... Dollars to be paid to the Treasurer of said Society, whose receipt shall be sufficient acquittance to my executors therefor.

### FORM OF DEVISE OF REAL ESTATE.

I hereby give and devise to the "Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church," (describe land, etc., intended to be given to the Society) and to their successors and assigns forever.

NOTE.—Prompt notice of all bequests and devises should be given to the Corresponding Secretary of the Branch within which the donor resides.

Mrs. H. B. Skidmore, 230 West 59th street, New York, is the Treasurer of the WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, with power to sign release to executors, through whom the Society may receive bequests, and to perform such other acts as are required by the Act of incorporation, and which cannot be legally executed by Branch Treasurers.

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The following resolution was adopted at the General Executive Committee at Springfield, Mass., and ordered published in the Annual Report:

*Resolved*, That the Treasurer of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of New York, be authorized to accept and receive all gifts and legacies to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, or to any Branch thereof, and to give all suitable receipts, releases and acquittances therefor, under the corporate seal, or otherwise; and also, by the direction of a majority of the members of the Reference Committee given either at a meeting of said Committee, or separately by the individuals comprising the same, to execute under the corporate seal, acknowledge and deliver conveyances or releases of any land or property owned, held or claimed by the said Society or any other instrument necessary or useful for the promotion of the purposes of said Society.

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## LIST OF REAL ESTATE

Belonging to WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, M. E. CHURCH.

<b>India.</b>			
Almorah, Sanitarium .....	\$ 4,000 00	Tsukiji .....	\$ 4,000 00
Budoan, School building .....	3,000 00	Hakodati, Home and School ..	13,500 00
Bareilly, Home, 43 acres .....	12,500 00	Fukuoka .....	10,300 00
" Hospital .....	9,000 00	Nagasaki .....	25,000 00
" Orphanage .....	3,000 00	Yokohama .....	10,000 00
Bijnour, School .....	3,000 00	Nagoya .....	2,640 00
Bombay, Home and School .....	25,000 00	Sendai .....	3,000 00
Cawnpore, School Building .....	8,500 00	Asakasu .....	300 00
" Home .....	4,500 00	Yamabukicho .....	1,000 00
Gonda, School Building .....	3,500 00	Koya .....	2,500 00
Lucknow, School Building .....	4,000 00	Total .....	\$85,240 00
Harriet Warren Memorial .....	10,000 00	<b>Korea.</b>	
" Home .....	7,300 00	Home and School .....	\$5,000 00
" Boarding Halls .....	4,000 00	Hospital .....	2,000 00
" Home for Friendless .....	4,500 00	Total .....	\$ 7,000 00
Moradabad, School Building .....	2,000 00	<b>Mexico.</b>	
" Home .....	3,500 00	Mexico City, Orphanage .....	\$32,000 00
Naini Tal, Boarding School .....	13,000 00	Pachua, Home School .....	30,000 00
Paori, Orphanage .....	3,000 00	Puebla .....	26,000 00
Pithoragarh, Adeline Newman Home for Friendless Women .....	4,000 00	Total .....	\$88,000 00
Seetapore, Boarding School .....	4,000 00	<b>South America.</b>	
Bidwell Boarding School, Shah-jahanpore .....	4,000 00	Montevideo, School and Home ..	\$21,000 00
Hyderabad, Home and School ..	10,000 00	Rosario .....	10,000 00
Aligarh .....	5,000 00	Total .....	\$31,000 00
Ajmere .....	5,000 00	<b>Bulgaria.</b>	
Meerut .....	5,000 00	Lofteha, Home and School .....	\$ 6,500 00
Kolar, William A. Gamble, Deaconess Home .....	5,000 00	<b>Italy.</b>	
Total .....	\$169,360 00	Rome, School Property .....	\$15,000 00
<b>China.</b>		Zenana Paper Fund, invested in this Country .....	25,000 00
Chinkiang, Home and Hospital ..	\$ 5,000 00	<b>Summary.</b>	
Foochow, Orphanage .....	4,000 00	India .....	\$169,360 00
" Girl's Boarding School .....	13,000 00	China .....	78,800 00
" Two Hospitals .....	7,000 00	Japan .....	85,240 00
Kiu Kiang .....	7,000 00	Korea .....	7,000 00
Elizabeth Danforth Hospital ..	1,000 00	Mexico .....	88,000 00
Nanking, School .....	4,000 00	South America .....	31,000 00
Peking, Home and School .....	14,300 00	Bulgaria .....	6,500 00
Tientsin, Hospital .....	12,000 00	Italy .....	15,000 00
" Home .....	5,000 00	Total .....	\$480,900 00
Tsun Hua, Home and School .....	4,000 00	Adding Zenana Paper Fund .....	25,000 00
" Hospital .....	2,000 00	Grand Total .....	\$505,900 00
Total .....	\$78,800 00	<b>Japan.</b>	
<b>Japan.</b>		Aoyama, School Tokyo .....	\$10,000 00
Aoyama, School Tokyo .....	\$10,000 00	Harrison Home .....	2,000 00
Harrison Home .....	2,000 00		

## Membership and Scholarship in the W. F. M. S.

The payment of one dollar a year, or two cents a week, constitutes membership.

The payment of twenty dollars constitute a person a life member.

The payment of one hundred dollars constitutes a life manager.

The payment of three hundred dollars constitutes a life patron.

The payment of ten dollars constitutes a child under fifteen years a life member.

Twenty-five dollars supports an orphan in India.

Forty dollars supports an orphan in Japan.

Seventy dollars supports an orphan in Mexico.

Sixty dollars supports a Bible reader in India.

# Missionaries and Their Stations.

## Angola, Africa.

Zentmire, Cora

## Asansol.

Forster, M.

## Asuncion, S. A.

Hammond, Rebecca I.  
Goodin, E. A.

## Aligarh, India.

Gallimore, Anna.

## Bareilly, India.

English, Fannie M.  
Lawson, Christine.  
Dart, Jennie M., M. D.  
Wilson, May E.  
Elliot, M.  
Loper, I. Grace

## Baroda, India.

Hodge, Emma, M. D.  
Spear, Katharine A.

## Bombay, India.

Porter, Charlotte J.  
Lawson, Christine H.  
Nichols, Elizabeth.

## Budaon, India.

Green, Lily D.

## Buenos Ayres, S. A.

Le Huray, Eleanora

## Calcutta, India.

Craig, Frances  
Lamb, Emma L.  
Maxey, Elizabeth  
Stahl, Josephine  
Sunderstrom, Anna  
Blair, Kate A.

## Cawnpore, India.

Lauck, Ada J.  
Marks, Lillian E.  
Tryon, E. V.  
Robenhouse, L.

## Chinkiang, China.

Hoag, A. Lucy, M. D.  
Robinson, Mary C.  
Taft, Gertrude, M. D.  
White, Laura M.

## Chung-King, China.

Galloway, Helen  
Meyer, Fannie E.  
Collier, Clara J.  
Todd, Grace

## Darjeeling, India.

Knowles, Emma L.  
Files, Estelle

## Foochow, China.

Allen, Mabel  
Bonafield, Julia A.  
Carleton, M. E., M. D.  
Lyon, Ella, M. D.  
Peters, Mary  
Rouse, Wilma H.  
Trimble, Lydia A.  
Wilkinson, Lydia A.  
Wilson, Minnie E.  
Linam, Alice  
Todd, Althea M.  
Hu King Eng, M. D.  
Hartford, Mabel C.  
Jewell, Carrie I.  
Lebens, Martha  
Wells, Phoebe  
Longstreet, I.  
Glenk, E. M.  
Varney, E. E.

## Fukuoka, Japan.

Gheer, Jennie M.  
Smith, Lida B.  
Seeds, L. H.

## Gonda, India.

Hoge, Elizabeth  
Scott, Fannie

## Gulbarga, India.

Ernsberger, L., M. D.

## Hakodate, Japan.

Dickerson, Augusta  
Hampton, Minnie S.  
Singer, Florence E.

## Hyderabad, India.

Wood, Catherine  
Evans, Alice A.

## Hirosaki, Japan.

Otto, Alice M.  
Hewett, Ella S.

## Hingwa, China.

Wells, Phebe

## Jubbulpore, India.

Hyde, Nettie M.

## Kiukiang, China.

Howe, Gertrude  
Ogborn, Kate L.  
Stone, Mary, M. D.  
Khan, Ida, M. D.  
Merrill, Clara E.

## Kolar, India.

Fisher, Fannie S.

## Loftcha, Bulgaria.

Blackburn, Kate B.  
Diem, Lydia.

## Lucknow, India.

Thoburn, Isabella  
Nichols, Florence L.  
Collins, Ruth A.  
Fuller, Della A.  
Newton, M.  
Hardie, Eva M.  
Widdifield, Flora M.

## Lima, Peru.

Wood, Elsie.

## Madras, India.

Stephens, Grace

## Moradabad, India.

Means, Mary  
Means, Alice.

## Montevideo, S. A.

Hewitt, Elizabeth  
Thompson, E.  
Waidman, Belle

## Muttra, India.

Lawson, Anna  
Wright, Laura S.  
Sullivan, Lucy  
Scott, Emma, M. D.  
Burman, M.

## Neerut, India.

Lawson, Anna E.  
Marks, Lillian  
Livermore, M. A.

## Mexico City.

Dunmore, Effie  
Loyd, Mary De F.  
Ayres, H. L.

## Naina Tal, India.

Easton, S. A.  
Sellers, Rue E.  
Curtis, Kate O.  
Carver, M.

## Nanking, China.

Peters, Sarah  
Shaw, Ella C.

**Nagasaki, Japan.**

Russell, E.  
Kidwell, Lola M.  
Lee, Irene  
Bing, Anna L.  
Young, Marianna

**Nagoya, Japan.**

Heaton, Carrie A.  
Bender, E. R.

**Peking, China.**

Gloss, Anna, M. D.  
Jewell, Mrs. Charlotte M.  
Steere, Anna E.  
Young, Elsie G.  
Gilman, Gertrude.

**Puebla, Mexico.**

Limberger, Anna R.  
Purdy, Carrie M.  
Dunmore, Elsie

**Paori, India.**

Kyle, Theresa J.

**Pachuca, Mexico.**

VanDorsten, A.

**Pithoragarh, India.**

Budden, Annie  
Sheldon, Martha, M. D.  
Reed, Mary

**Penang, Straits Settlement.**

Martin, Clara

**Poona, India.**

Abrams, Minnie F.  
Bentheim, E. M.  
Fisher, Fannie S.  
Boss, Harriet

**Rome, Italy.**

Vickery, M. E.  
Bowne, Ida May  
Hall, Emma M.

**Rangoon, Burmah.**

Keeler, Anna C.  
Perkins, Fannie A.  
Wisner, Julia E.

**Rosario, S. A.**

Swancy, Mary F.

**Seoul, Korea.**

Seranton, M. F., Mrs.  
Cutler, Mary M., M. D.  
Frey, Lulu E.  
Lewis, Ella A.  
Paine, Josephine O.  
Rothweiler, Louisa C.  
Hall, Rosetta S. Mrs., M. D.  
Pierce, Nellie  
Harris, Lillian, M. D.

**Singapore, Straits Settlement.**

Blackmore, Sophia  
Lilly, May B.  
Hemingway, E. A.

**Singapore, India.**

Easton, Celesta

**Sendai, Japan.**

Phelps, Frances  
Imhoff, Louise

**Shahjahanpore.**

Haefter, Louisa

**Sironcha, India.**

Blackmar, L.

**Tientsin (Tsunhwa), China.**

Benn, Rachel R., M. D.  
Stevenson, Ida M., M. D.  
Terry, Edna G., M. D.  
Croncher, Miranda  
Barrows, Mrs. M. L., M. D.  
Wilson, Frances O.  
Shockley, Mary E.

**Tokyo, Japan.**

Allen, Belle J.  
Baucus, G.  
Blackstock, Ella  
Spencer, C. E.  
Spencer, M. A.  
Wilson, Fannie G.  
Watson, Rebecca J.  
Alling, H. S.  
Daniels, N. M.  
Lewis, A. G.

**Wu Hu.**

Mitchell, Emma

**Yokohama, Japan.**

Griffiths, Mary B.  
Van Petten, Mrs. C. V.

## Missionaries.

SENT OUT FROM AMERICA OR EMPLOYED BY THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY SINCE ITS ORGANIZATION IN 1869.

m	Akers, Estella, M. D.	m	Bengel, Margaret	r	Crosthwaite, Isabella
r	Atkinson, Anna P.		Barrows, Mrs. M. L., M. D.	r	Craig, Frances
	Ayres, Harriet L.		Bentheim, E. M.		Cutler, Mary F., M. D.
	Abrams, Minnie F.		Basye, Edith	m	Christiansen, Christina
	Allen, Beile J.		Bowne, Ida May		Collins, Ruth A.
	Alling, H. S.		Bryan, Mary E., M. D.		Croncher, Miranda
	Allen, Mabel		Blackburn, Kate A.		Curts, Kate O.
m	Brown, Maria	m	Butcher, Annie		Collier, Clara J.
	Blackmar, Lou E.		Bentheim, E. M.		Carver, M.
r	Bushnell, Kate C., M. D.		Boss, Harriet		
	Budden, Annie		Bobenhouse, Laura	r	Denning, Lou B.
m	Benton, Emma	m	Burman, Matilda	m	Devine, Esther J.
	Bouafield, Julia A.	d	Carey, Mary F.	d	Downey, Clara A.
	Blackmore, Sophia		Campbell, L. A.		De Line, Sarah M.
	Bing, Anna L.		Chapin, Jennie M.		Danforth, Mary A.
	Blair, Kate A.	m	Coombs, L., M. D.	m	Dickerson, Augusta
r	Black, Lillian R.		Cushman, Clara		Day, Martha E.
	Bowen, Mary E.	r	Clemens, Mrs. E. J.	r	Daily, Rebecca
	Bender, Elizabeth A.	m	Corey, Catherine, M. D.	r	Dudley, Hannah
	Blackstock, Ella		Christianity, Mary F., M. D.		De Moite, Mary
	Baucus, Georgiana				Dunmore, Elsie
	Benn, Rachel R., M. D.	d	Carleton, May E., M. D.		Diem, Lydia
			Carroll, Mary E.		



	Davis, Anna L. (Mrs.)		Hoge, Elizabeth		Meyer, Fannie E.
	Donahue, Julia M., M. D.	r	Hartzell, Ada C.		Merrill, C. E.
	Dart, Jennie M., M. D.	m	Harrington, Susan		Means, Mary
m	Deaver, Ida C.	m	Hebinger, Josephine		Martin, Clara
	Daniels, N. M.	m	Harris, Mary W.		Melton, M. E.,
			Heaton, Carrie A.		Means, Alice
	Easton, S. A.	m	Harris, Nellie		
m	Elliot, Mary J.		Hardie, Eva M.	d	Nickerson, Florence
d	Everding, Emma J.		Hu King Eng, M. D.	r	Neiger, Lillian
	English, Fannie M.		Hodge, Emma, M. D.		Nichols, Florence
m	Elliot, Mary C.		Harris, Lillian, M. D.		Nichols, Elizabeth
m	Elliot, Margaret		Hyde, Nettie M.		Newton, Marion
	Ernsberger, L., M. D.		Hemingway, E. A.		
	Elicker, Anna			r	Ogden, Nettie C.
	Easton, Celesta		Imhoff, Louisa		Ogborn, Kate L.
	Evans, Alice A.				Otto, Alice M.
	Elliot, Martelle		Jewell, Mrs. C. M.		
m	Fisher, Elizabeth	m	Jewell, Carrie I.	m	Porter, Mary Q.
	Fuller, Delia A.	r	Johnson, Ella	d	Pultz, Elizabeth M.
r	Fied, Nellie H.		Johnson, Anna	r	Priest, Mary
r	Fincham, Ella B.			r	Pray, Susan, M. D.
	Files, Estella M.		Knowles, Emma L.	m	Perrine, Florence
m	Forbes, Ella R.	d	Kerr, Hattie A.		Peters, Sarah
	French, Anna S.	r	Kyle, Theresa J.	d	Pardoe, Mary E. V.
	Frey, Celia M.	m	Kelly, Lucila		Phelps, Frances E.
	Ferris, Emma E.		Kaiback, Anna L.	r	Parker, Theda A.
	Frey, Lulu E.		Ketring, Mary		Perkins, Fannie A.
	Foster, Eva M.	m	Kemper, Harriet		Paine, Josephine O.
	Fisher, Fannie S.		Kennedy, Mary E.		Peters, Mary
	Forster, Miriam		Keeler, Anna C.		Purdy, C. M.
		m	Kidwell, Lola M.		Porter, C. J.
d	Green, Lucilla H., M. D.		Kissick, S. E.		Pierce, Nellie
r	Gibbs, M. Eugenia		Khan, Ida, M. D.		
	Gheor, Jennia M.	m			Russell, Elizabeth
	Goodenough, Julia E.	d	Lore, Julia A., M. D.	d	Rowe, Phoebe
d	Gilchrist, Ella, M. D.	m	Layton, M. E.		Reed, Mary
d	Guelb, Cecelia		Leming, Sarah		Robinson, Mary C.
	Green, Nellie R.		Le Huray, Eleanor	m	Rotholofson, G. M.
	Gloss, Anna M., M. D.	r	Loyd, Mary DeF.		Rothweiler, Louisa C.
	Gallimore, Anna	r	Latimer, Laura	m	Rogers, Anna M.
	Grilliths, Mary B.		Lauck, Ada J.		Rouse, Wima H.
	Glover, Ella J.		Lawson, Anna E.		Russell, M. A.
	Greene, Lily D.		Lyon, Ella, M. D.		
	Galloway, Helen		Lewis, Ella A.	r	Swain, Clara A., M. D.
	Goodin, E. S.		Limberger, Anna R.	r	Sparkes, Fannie J.
	Gilman, Gertrude		Lawson, Christine H.	m	Schoonmaker, Dora
	Glenk, E. M.		Lauck, Ada J.		Spencer, Matilda A.
			Lee, Irene		Swaney, Mary E.
	Harvey, Emily L.		Locke, Jennie	m	Sparr, Julia A., M. D.
m	Hedrick, M. C.		Linnam, Alice	r	Sharpe, Mary
r	Hamifur, F. N., M. D.		Lamb, Emma L.	m	Spence, Mattie B.
	Howe, Gertrude		Lebeus, Martha	d	Sears, Annie B.
r	Howe, Delia A.		Lilly, May B.	d	Schenck, Linna M.
	Hoag, L. A., M. D.		Livermore, Melva A.		Seranton, Mrs. M. F.
d	Hastings, Mary L.		Lewis, Amy G.	r	Smith, Lida B.
m	Howard, Leonora, M. D.		Longstreet, I. D.		Shaw, Ella C.
m	Holbrook, Mary A.		Loper, I. Grace		Sullivan, Lucy W.
d	Higgins, Susan B.	m			Sheldon, Martha A.,
	Hampton, Minnie S.	m	Monelle, Nancy, M. D.		M. D.
m	Hoy, Ella J.	r	Mason, Letitia, M. D.	d	Simons, Maude E.
m	Hugaboom, Marion	m	Mulliner, Clara		Steere, Anna E.
m	Hyde, Laura, M. D.	m	McMillan, Carrie		Scott, Fannie A.
m	Hughes, Mary	d	Michenor, Emma		Sellers, Ruth E.
	Hewett, Lizzie	m	McKesson, Mary		Stevenson, Ida B., M. D.
	Hewett, Ella J.	m	Mansell, Henrietta		Sites, Ruth M.
	Hall, Emma M.	r	Miller, Oriel	m	Sherwood, R., M. D.
r	Howard, Meta, M. D.		McDowell, Kate, M. D.		Seeds, Leonora H.
	Hartford, Mabel C.	m	Maxey, Elizabeth		Stephens, Grace
m	Hale, Lillian G.		McBurnie, Susan		Stahl, Josephine
m	Hyde, Minnie J.		Mitchell, Emma L.		Stanton, Alice M.
	Haefer, Louisa	m	Masters, Lucila, M. D.		Singer, Florence E.
	Hammond, Rebecca J.		McGregor, Kate, M. D.	m	Sterling, Florence
			Marks, Lillian E.		

Spencer, C. E.		Todd, Grace		Wood, Elsie
Suderstrom, Anna		VanPetten, Mrs. Carrie		Wilson, May
Stone, Mary, M. D.		Vance, Mary A.	<i>m</i>	Wilson, Frances O.
Scott, Emma, M. D.	<i>d</i>	Van Dorsten, Amelia		Walton, Ida B.
Shockley, Mary E.		Vickery, Ella M.	<i>m</i>	White, Laura M.
Spear, Katherine A.		Varney, E. E.		Wilson, Mary E.
Thoburn, Isabella				Wood, Catherine A.
<i>m</i> Trask, Sigourney, M.D.	<i>d</i>	Woolston, Beulah		Wilkinson, Lydia J.
<i>m</i> Tinsley, Jennie M.	<i>r</i>	Woolston, Sarah H.		Wilson Mary
Terry, Edna G., M. D.	<i>m</i>	Warner, Susan M.		Wright, Laura S.
<i>m</i> Taylor, Martha E.	<i>m</i>	Whiting, Olive		Wells, Phebe
Trimble, Lydia A.	<i>d</i>	Woolston, Henrietta		Widdifield, Flora M.
<i>m</i> Thompson, Anna		M. D.		Waidman, Belle
<i>m</i> Tucker, Grace	<i>m</i>	Woodworth, Kate		Wilson, Fannie G.
Thompson, E.	<i>m</i>	Warner, Ellen H.	<i>r</i>	Yates, Elizabeth U.
Todd, Althea	<i>m</i>	Wheeler, Frances J.		Young, Ellie G.
Tryon, Elizabeth V.		Watson, Rebecca J.		Young, Mariana
Taft, Gertrude, M. D.		Wisner, Julia E.		Zentmire, Cora
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## Rules and Pronunciation

PRONUNCIATION OF INDIAN NAMES FURNISHED BY MISS THOBURN.

I find it difficult to give the pronunciation of Indian names in English, as requested, because some of the sounds cannot well be indicated by the spelling. A few rules may be helpful, not only in pronouncing the names already given, but those that may occur in letters and reports hereafter.

A has two sounds, a short like u in tub, and a long, as in far.

E has the continental sound, like the long e in there.

I is short as in sit, and long when accented, as i in machine.

O is always long as in no.

U short as in full, ù long as in rule.

Ai as i in mice.

Au as ou in our.

The syllable containing the long vowels is always accented. If there are no long vowels in a word, or if all are long, the syllables have equal quality.

There is some difficulty in applying these rules, because the long vowel is not often printed with the accent in our reports, and so cannot be distinguished from the short, and because some names are spelled in English and some in Roman-Urdu.

The stations mentioned in our Indian Mission report are pronounced, as nearly as they can be spelled, as follows:

Kamá on	Kamáwan	Badá on	Badown
Naini Tal	Nynce Táll	Bilsi	Bilsee
Bhábar	Bhaw-bar	Kakrauli	Kukroulee
Dwára Háth	Dwara Haut	Ghotá	Ghota
Garhwál	Gurhwall	Bissouli	Bissoulee
Srinagar	Sree-nuggur	Saiswán	Sicewan
Pithoragarh	Pithora Gurh	Ujaini	Ujiney
Rohilcund	Rohilcund	Data Ganj	Data Gugje
Bijnúr	Bijnour	Oudh	Ou as in Our
Morádabád	Morad'abad'	Laknau	Lucknow
Chandousi	Chundowsee	Kánpur	Cawnpoor
Amroha	Unroha	Ráí Bareli	Roy Barailly
Sambhal	Sumbhul	Barabanki	Bara-Bunkee
Bareli	Barailly	Sitápur	Seetapoor
Philibít	Philibeet	Hardi'í	Hur-doo-dee
Amíla	Ounla	Gonda	Gaonda
Fathganj	Futhagunje	Nawábganj.	Nowab-gunje
Kbera Bajhera	Khaira Bajhaira	Baraich	Baraich
Sháhjahánpúr	Shah'-jehan'-poor		

RULES FOR PRONOUNCING WORDS IN THE FOOCHOW DIALECT, FURNISHED BY  
MRS. DR. BALDWIN.

a has the sound of a in far.	ó has the sound of aw.
é " " " " a in fat.	u " " " " oo in fool.
e " " " " a in play.	ě has a guttural sound, like oe in Goethe.
è " " " " e in met.	fi has the sound of the French u in l'une.
i " " " " i in machine.	au has the sound of ow in cow.
í " " " " i in pin.	ai " " " " i in kind.
o " " " " o in bone.	

Hok-Chiang	Hoke-Cheang	Sia Sek-ong	Sea-ah Sake ong
Kucheng	Koo-cheng	Li Chá Mi	Lee Chá Me
Tiong-lók	Teong-lock	Kiu-Kiang	Kew Keang
Hú Pá Mi	Hú Paw Me	Wong Ting Ai	Wong Ting Eye
Li Yu Mi	Lee You Me		

It is almost invariably correct to accent on the last syllable of the name of place.

JAPAN.

Nagasaki	Nang-a-sá'kee	Kiushiu	Qú-shoo
Tsukiji*	Skec-gee	Liu Kiu	Loo-choo
Tsurunga	Suro-ong'-gü	Yezo	Yes'so
Shikoku	She-ko-ku	Dai	Dye

Kawatsei Sui (Quassui) Jo Gokke. Name of Nagasaki School.

\*"Ts" has German "Z" sound.

Fu-Ku-o ka.

PRONUNCIATION OF SPANISH NAMES FURNISHED BY MRS. REV. D. KEMBLE.

Puebla	Pwablá	Rosario	Ro-sar-io
Leon	Layon	Montevideo	Monta vid-a-o
Miraflores	Mee-rahflór-es	Buenos Ayres	Bwa-nos-ayres
Queretaro	Ker é tar-o	Orizaba	Ori-za-va
Real	Rá-íl	Pachuca	Pa-choo-ka
Del Monte	Del Món-ta	Silao	Se la o
Ayapango	Ay a pán go	San Juan	San-hwan
Guanajuato	G wan-a-hwáto		

Seoul, the capital of Korea, is pronounced as if it were spelled Say-ole.

## OFFICIAL MINUTES.

## TWENTY-NINTH SESSION

OF THE

## GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OF THE

## WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

## FIRST DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1898.

The General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church assembled for its twenty-ninth annual session in Roberts Park Church, Indianapolis, Thursday morning, October 27, 1898, at 9 o'clock. The President, Mrs. C. D. Foss, of Philadelphia, called the Committee to order in the main audience room. The fifty-first hymn, "Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim," was announced, after the singing of which Mrs. Foss read the seventy-second Psalm, and Mrs. Bishop Joyce led in prayer. After singing a second hymn, Mrs. Foss called upon the Rev. E. B. Rawls, Presiding Elder of the District, to take charge of the services, and assisted by a number of the ministers of the city, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered to the Committee, missionaries and visitors.

At the close of this service, the Committee repaired to the lecture room of the church, which had been arranged for the daily sessions. After the selection of tables, a verse of "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" was sung and prayer offered by Mrs. Matlack, of the Philadelphia Branch.

The following delegates answered to roll call:

*New England Branch:* Miss M. E. Holt, Mrs. J. Legg, Mrs. W. H. Thurber.

*New York Branch:* Mrs. H. B. Skidmore, Mrs. S. L. Baldwin, Mrs. A. H. Jones.

*Philadelphia Branch:* Mrs. S. L. Keen, Mrs. R. H. Matlack, Mrs. Mrs. T. H. Wilkenson.

*Baltimore Branch:* Mrs. E. B. Stevens, Mrs. C. W. Baldwin, Mrs. T. H. Martin.

*Cincinnati Branch:* Mrs. E. T. Cowen, Mrs. J. H. Creighton, Mrs. L. Paine.

*Northwestern Branch:* Mrs. F. P. Crandon, Mrs. R. W. Bosworth, Mrs. E. A. Hypes.

*Des Moines Branch:* Mrs. M. S. Huston, Miss E. Pearson, Mrs. T. H. Hagerty.

*Minneapolis Branch:* Mrs. C. S. Winchell, Mrs. I. W. Joyce, Mrs. J. Stafford.

*Topeka Branch:* Miss M. Watson, Mrs. C. C. Adams, Mrs. I. J. Moe.

*Pacific Branch:* Mrs. C. O'Neal, Mrs. D. C. Cook, Mrs. C. V. Kummer (not present).

*Columbia River Branch:* Mrs. A. N. Fisher, Mrs. T. S. Lippy, Miss E. Nottingham.

For the first time in twenty years Mrs. L. A. Alderman, Corresponding Secretary of the New England Branch, failed to respond to roll call, having been detained at home on account of illness. Miss M. E. Holt, Treasurer of the Branch, took the place of Mrs. Alderman.

An address of welcome was given to the Committee by Mrs. C. E. Bacon, to which Mrs. C. S. Winchell, Corresponding Secretary of the Minneapolis Branch, replied. The business of the Committee was taken up, and Mrs. E. T. Cowen presented the following names of Committees:

*On Finance:* Mrs. H. B. Skidmore, Miss M. E. Holt, Mrs. S. L. Keen, Mrs. E. B. Stevens, Mrs. E. T. Cowen, Mrs. F. P. Crandon, Mrs. M. S. Huston, Mrs. C. S. Winchell, Miss M. Watson, Mrs. C. O'Neal, Mrs. A. N. Fisher.

*Committee on Publication:* Mrs. J. Legg, Mrs. S. L. Baldwin, Mrs. T. H. Wilkenson, Mrs. C. W. Baldwin, Mrs. I. W. Joyce, Mrs. C. C.



Adams, Mrs. L. Paine, Mrs. E. A. Hypes, Miss E. Pearson, Mrs. T. S. Lippy.

*Committee on Missionary Candidates:* Mrs. W. H. Thurber, Mrs. A. H. Jones, Mrs. R. H. Matlack, Mrs. T. H. Martin, Mrs. J. H. Creighton, Mrs. R. W. Bosworth, Mrs. T. H. Hagerty, Mrs. J. Stafford, Mrs. I. J. Moe, Mrs. D. C. Cook, Miss Eleanor Nottingham.

*Committee on By-Laws:* Committee of the whole.

These nominations were confirmed. The reports of Home work were called for and presented by the Corresponding Secretaries of the Branches, with the exception of New England Branch, which was given by Miss Holt, and that of the Philadelphia Branch by Mrs. S. K. Cornell.

The German work was represented by Mrs. Achard, Secretary of the German work. These reports were all accepted. The time was extended to hear the reports of the Branch Treasurers, as follows:

New England Branch.....	\$ 29,825 23
New York Branch.....	61,975 67
Philadelphia Branch.....	33,832 92
Baltimore Branch.....	12,374 30
Cincinnati Branch.....	44,700 59
Northwestern Branch.....	79,892 97
Des Moines Branch.....	31,029 50
Minneapolis Branch.....	11,229 35
Topeka Branch.....	13,767 54
Pacific Branch.....	6,799 83
Columbia River Branch.....	3,069 80
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	\$328,488 75
Receipts for 1897.....	313,937 86
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Increase.....	\$ 14,550 89

The Secretary announced the amount for the year and the increase after which the Committee united in singing the doxology. The following missionaries were introduced to the Committee: Miss M. A. Spencer and Miss M. B. Griffiths, of Japan; Miss Anna R. Elicker and Miss Florence Nichols, of India; and Miss Lydia Wilkinson, of Foochow, China, all of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society; Miss Sarah Bosworth and Mrs. Walker, of China; Mrs. A. W. Rudisill and Rev. Mr. Thomas, of India, of the General Missionary Society.

The Rev. E. B. Rawls, Presiding Elder of the District, and Revs. Tinsley, Woods, DeLong and Rev. Mr. Zarnell, of the German Church, all pastors of the city, were introduced. Announcements of meetings of Committees were made, the doxology sung, and the benediction pronounced by Rev. E. B. Rawls.

## SECOND DAY'S PROCEEDINGS,

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1898.

The General Executive Committee convened on Friday morning at nine o'clock, with the President in the chair. The devotional exercises were conducted by the delegates from the Philadelphia Branch. The Secretary called the roll, after which the minutes were read, corrected and approved.

Permission was granted for the following persons to be seated at the tables with the different Branches, viz.: New England Branch, Miss P. J. Walden, Publisher, Miss Hodgkins, Editor of *Woman's Missionary Friend*; Mrs. C. S. Nutter, Secretary of Young Woman's Work, and Miss F. L. Nichols, Missionary from India. With the Minneapolis Branch, Mrs. Mary C. Nind and Mrs. B. S. Cowen. With the Philadelphia Branch, Miss M. A. Spencer, of Japan. With the New York Branch, Miss Alice Stanton, of China. With the Cincinnati Branch, Mrs. W. B. Davis, President of the Cincinnati Branch, Miss Maxey, of India, Miss Russell, of Japan, Dr. Donahue, of China, and Mrs. Loyd. With the Northwestern Branch, Mrs. Meredith, ex-Home Secretary, Mrs. M. S. Terry, First Vice-President of the Branch, Miss Frances Baker, Secretary of the Detroit Conference, Miss M. Dickson, Secretary of the Indiana Conference, Miss Anna L. Davis, of Nanking, China, Miss Sarah M. Bosworth, of Foochow, China, and Mrs. J. H. Gill, of Paori, India. With the Des Moines Branch, Miss B. Griffiths, of Japan, Miss L. Wilkinson, of China, Miss A. Elicker and Miss Kemper, of India, and Mrs. Archibald, of the North Iowa Conference. With the Baltimore Branch, Mrs. A. W. Rudisill, of India. After the seating of these visitors, Mrs. Chidester sang a solo: "Go ye into all the World."

Business was taken up and Mrs. Cowen, Secretary of the Reference Committee, presented a report, stating that the Committee had met in Cincinnati in the month of May. Eight of the Corresponding Secretaries were present. Bishops Joyce and Hartzell, and Mrs. Dr. Baldwin met with the Committee.

During the interregnum action was taken on fifteen items of business. Misses Marion Newton and Alice Means were accepted and sent out to India in May; Misses Cora Zentmire, Isabel D. Longstreet, Edith A. Hemingway, and Charlotte Illingworth accepted and

sent to Angola, Arica, Foochow, China, Singapore and Rangoon respectively, at a later date. Miss Miriam Forster, of Toronto, was accepted for Asansol, India, and Miss Josephine Mekkelson, of Alta, Iowa, for Liberia, Africa. Miss Ida Grace Loper, accepted two years since, was appointed to India. Accepted but not yet appointed, Miss Della E. Clinton, of Hopkins, Mo. Arrangements were made for meeting a claim in South America, and for re-opening work in Africa.

Miss Hodgkins presented the report of the *Woman's Missionary Friend*. The report was accepted and referred to the Committee on Publication.

The report of the *Children's Missionary Friend* was given by Miss Walden, as Mrs. Scott, the Editor, was not present. This report was accepted and referred to the Publication Committee.

Mrs. Achard, Editor of *Der Frauen Missions-Freund*, presented the report of that paper, showing the subscription to be fifty per cent. of the membership. Report was accepted and referred to the Publication Committee.

The report of Committee on Literature was presented by Chairman of the Committee, Mrs. Gracey, which was also accepted and referred to the Publication Committee.

The report of Miss Walden, Publisher and Treasurer, was then presented.

The subscriptions to the periodicals were as follows:

<i>Woman's Missionary Friend</i> .....	20,858
<i>Children's Missionary Friend</i> .....	21,769
<i>Frauen Missions-Freund</i> .....	3,510
<i>The Study</i> .....	24,443

Showing an increase in the *Woman's Missionary Friend* of 1,832, *Children's Missionary Friend* 2,249, German paper 121, and *The Study* 2,774, or a total of 6,976 to all the papers. Miss Walden's report was accepted and referred to the Publication Committee.

Four memorials were presented from the New England Branch by Miss Holt, one in regard to work in the Philippine Islands, one in regard to annuities, one concerning expenses to General Executive Committee, and another on memorial buildings. These memorials were accepted, and the first one, on work in the Philippine Islands, referred to the Finance Committee.

Mrs. Crandon moved that a special committee to be appointed by the chair to consider these memorials, and report the next day. This motion was carried. The last three memorials were referred to Special Committee.

Mrs. Joyce presented a memorial from the Minneapolis Branch, asking that the Constitution be changed so that the terms of membership in the Society shall be ten cents a month instead of two cents a week, so that the \$1.00 be used as membership fee and the extra twenty cents be used as a contingent fund. Referred to Committee on By-Laws.

A request was presented through Mrs. Joyce from Mrs. F. L. Parker, of Helsingfors, Finland, requesting the General Executive Committee to make an appropriation of \$325 for the support of a woman to do missionary work in the city of Helsingfors, the Finnish Capital. This request was referred to the Finance Committee.

Mrs. Cowen presented a letter of greeting from Miss Thoburn, of India.

The following missionary and home workers were introduced to the Committee, viz.: Miss Maxey, of Calcutta, Miss Kemper and Mrs. Gill, of India, Dr. Donahue and Miss Stanton, of China, Miss Russell, of Japan, Mrs. Grevy, of South America, and Miss Ayres, of Mexico; Home workers: Mrs. Nind, Miss Davis, Mrs. Loyd, Mrs. Nutter, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Terry, Mrs. Morgan, Mrs. Meredith, Miss Thomas, Mrs. Joyce, Mrs. Schenermann, Secretary Central German Conference; Mrs. Huntley, Mrs. Bosworth, Mrs. Dr. Eddy, and Mrs. Thurber, daughter of Dr. William Butler, and also the Conference Secretaries of the Northwestern Branch; Mrs. McKinsey, Mrs. Hudson, Miss Dickson, Miss Baker and Mrs. Hypes. The Rev. Mr. Lathrop, Dr. Lasby, Rev. Mr. McKinsey, pastors of the city, and Rev. Mr. Smith, connected with the Colored Baptist Missionary Society, were also introduced.

Mrs. Stevens moved that the Society take for its motto: "Saved for Service," which was seconded, and adopted.

Mrs. Crandon made a statement in regard to railroad certificates and Mrs. Baker made an announcement concerning the literature, and the time for adjournment having arrived, the doxology was sung and the benediction pronounced by Rev. Mr. Robertson.

## THIRD DAY'S PROCEEDINGS,

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1898.

The General Executive Committee convened at nine o'clock with the President in the Chair. The devotional exercises were in charge of the delegates from the Des Moines Branch. After calling the roll, the minutes of the previous session were read, corrected and approved.

The reports of foreign work were called for, and North India Conference presented by the Official Correspondent, Mrs. Cowen.

Mrs. Crandon asked that Mrs. J. W. Waugh, the first missionary sent from the Northwestern Branch, Mrs. Clark, Railroad Secretary. Miss Heaton, of Japan, and Mr. and Mrs. Blackstone be invited to seats with that Branch. The request was granted.

The President announced the Special Committee on Memorials as follows: Mrs. Winchell, Mrs. Crandon, Mrs. Creighton, Mrs. S. L. Baldwin, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Hypes, Mrs. Legg and Mrs. Matlack.

Miss Watson presented a report of the Northwest India Conference. Mrs. Cowen read a letter from Mrs. E. Moore Scott, of Muttra, India, giving some facts concerning the financial condition of the work in that Conference.

The estimates from the foreign field were presented, amounting to \$453,989.

Mrs. Stevens moved that a Committee on Resolutions be appointed and that the chair appoint such Committee. The motion prevailed. The report of the South India Conference was presented by Mrs. Stevens. The report was prefaced by reading a poem which had been sent to Mrs. Stevens by Mary Reed, and which was especially applicable to Miss Reed's experience.

The report of the Bombay Conference was presented by Mrs. Huston. In connection with this report a statement was made that the Baroda Orphanage for famine children would cost \$6,000, and that the Children's bands, not pledged to other work, would be asked to raise the amount, and that all money thus raised would be sent to Mrs. Scott, Editor of the *Children's Missionary Friend*. The chair announced the Committee on Resolutions as follows: Miss Pearson, Mrs. Thurber and Mrs. Cook.



A paper was presented by Mrs. J. T. Gracey concerning the gift of the Folts Mission Institute, located at Herkimer, N. Y., to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, a committee of four having been appointed by the New York Branch, consisting of Mrs. H. B. Skidmore, Mrs. S. L. Baldwin, Mrs. J. M. Cornell and Mrs. J. T. Gracey to represent the matter to the General Executive Committee. Mrs. S. L. Baldwin gave a history of Mrs. Folts' conversion, the development of her interest in missionary work, and the steps by which she was led to donate the valuable property to the Society, a property which, at a conservative estimate, is valued at \$125,000.

Mrs. Crandon moved that the Society accept the trust, and that the same Committee be appointed as had been appointed by the New York Branch, with the addition of Miss M. O. Allen, Preceptress of the Institute, and that the Committee complete all the arrangements for the transfer of the property, and report at the next session of the General Executive Committee. This motion prevailed, and the Secretary was instructed to write to Mr. Folts and express the thanks of the Committee, and notify him of the action.

The last hour of the morning was devoted to a discussion on special work in which a number participated.

Mr. W. E. Blackstone, Mrs. Julia Lore McGrew and Mrs. J. W. Waugh were introduced to the Committee. Announcements were made, the doxology sung, and the benediction pronounced by the Presiding Elder, Rev. Mr. Rawls.

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## FOURTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS,

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1898.

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The General Executive Committee convened at nine o'clock with the President in the chair. The devotional exercises were in charge of the delegates from the Topeka Branch. After calling the roll, the Secretary read the minutes of Saturday's session which were corrected and approved.

Foreign reports were taken up, and Mrs. O'Neal presented the report of the Bengal-Burma Conference. Report accepted. Miss Maxey, of Calcutta, supplemented the report. Mrs. Crandon announced that the ministers of the city were present in a body. Mrs. Mary C. Nind made an address, referring to the great help the ministers had always been 10

the work, and the impossibility of carrying it on without their sympathy and help. Rev. Mr. Rawls, Presiding Elder, replied on behalf of the ministers.

Dr. J. F. Goucher, President of the Woman's College of Baltimore, was introduced to the Committee and made an address, referring to the extent and character of the Society's work as he had been permitted to see it in his travels abroad.

Foreign reports were called for, and Mrs. Winchell presented the report of the Malaysia Mission Conference, supplemented by a letter from Miss Lilly, of Singapore. Report accepted.

Mrs. Archibald then sang a solo, "Who will go, or send?"

A motion was carried to hear brief reports of the services held in the various churches on the Sabbath. The delegates who had taken part reported profitable meetings and additions to the membership.

Mrs. Paine, Secretary of the Publication Committee, made a partial report as follows:

1st. WHEREAS, The income of the *Woman's Missionary Friend* is not sufficient to meet the deficiency for the publications of the Society, therefore

*Resolved*, That every Branch shall bring its subscription to the *Friend* to at least one in five members or give the equivalent in money.

2d. WHEREAS, The additional expense incurred by the publishing of the *Quarterlies* in the *Friend* has not been met in full,

*Resolved*, That we recommend that the present deficit be equally divided among the eleven Branches. It was moved and carried to accept and discuss item by item. The first resolution, referring to the income of the *Friend* being insufficient to meet the deficiency of the Literature Committee, was very generally discussed, when it was moved to lay the resolution on the table; but the motion was lost, and a motion to re-commit prevailed. The second resolution concerning the division of the deficit caused by publishing the *Quarterlies* among the eleven Branches, called out considerable discussion. Mrs. Winchell proposed an amendment that the deficit be divided among the ten Branches publishing *Quarterlies* in the *Friend*, but the amendment was lost. Mrs. O'Neal moved to re-commit, but Mrs. Baldwin moved as a substitute that it be referred to the Constitutional Publication Committee, but the substitute was lost, and the motion to re-commit prevailed.

Dr. Kate Cory Ford, formerly Medical Missionary in Foochow, China, and Miss Dailey, of Calcutta, were introduced. Announcements were made, the doxology sung, and the benediction pronounced by the Rev. Dr. Rawls.

## FIFTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS,

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1898.

The General Executive Committee convened at the usual hour with the President in the chair. The devotional exercises were conducted by the delegates of the Minneapolis Branch. The roll was called and the minutes read and approved.

Miss Holt, of the New England Branch, presented the following paper addressed to Mrs. Dr. Butler, which was adopted:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., November 1, 1898.

*Dear Mrs. Butler:*—The General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in session at Roberts Park Church, Indianapolis, Ind., through you, extend greetings to the Tremont St. Church, Boston, Mass., now celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of its organization. We rejoice in the prosperity of this, the mother church of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and pray that the blessing of the Lord may still rest upon it in all its departments of Christian work. It may be of interest to you to know something of the results of the little gathering within your walls, that rainy afternoon in March, nearly thirty years ago, when those eight consecrated women organized the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

With gratitude we record the fact that the Society now numbers 151,865 members, that it supports 175 missionaries in foreign lands, that it is carrying on educational, medical and evangelistic work with marked success, and that the contributions of the women of Methodism to this cause during the year just closed amount to the magnificent sum of \$328,488, an increase of more than \$14,000 over the receipts of last year, and the largest sum raised in any year of the Society's history. The total receipts during the twenty-nine years have been \$4,668,859.87. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society enters upon its thirtieth year with courage and faith, believing that the everlasting God who has never failed in the past will uphold and guide in the future.

MRS. C. D. FOSS, *President*.MRS. J. T. GRACEY, *Secretary*.

Mrs. Matlack moved that a letter of sympathy and regret at her absence be sent to Mrs. Alderman, Secretary of the New England Branch, through the Secretary of the General Executive Committee. Mrs. Keen, Secretary of the Standing Publication Committee, presented a report which was referred to the Publication Committee. A letter from Mrs. Scott was read concerning the proposed orphanage in Baroda. Mrs. Keen moved that the letter be published in the *Children's Missionary Friend*, and the suggestion made that the word "Sunday School" be left out. Mrs. Baldwin asked for information, if the funds raised might not be divided between this and the other orphanages proposed in Japan, but it was thought a division of money would thwart the purpose. Miss Watson moved that the official reports on Monday's programme be taken up. This led to the calling up of a former resolution that the Secretaries be confined to ten minutes in their reports. Mrs. Baldwin moved that the reports to be given be without limitation as the others, but the motion was lost, and the ten-minute rule prevailed.

Reports from China were called and North China was presented by Miss Holt. Central China was reported by Mrs. Skidmore, after which Mrs. Davis, of Nanking, was invited to speak. West China was presented by Mrs. Crandon. Her report was supplemented by Mrs. Joyce, who had recently visited that field. Mrs. Stevens presented a report of Foochow. Miss Wilkinson supplemented this report. Mrs. Fisher represented the Hing-Hua Conference. Report of Korea was given by Mrs. Skidmore. Mrs. Stevens told of a Korean woman, Mrs. Esther Pak, who was trained in Mrs. Scranton's school at Seoul, but who is now studying medicine in the Baltimore College. Japan was taken up and report of North Japan was given by Mrs. Fisher. Central Japan was represented by Mrs. Keen, and a letter read from Miss Dickerson concerning the developments in Japan and the need for more workers. These reports were all accepted.

Miss Butcher in charge of Literature, Miss Heaton, of Japan, Rev. T. Craven, of India, and Rev. Dr. Drees, of South America, were introduced to the Committee. Dr. Drees and Dr. Craven made brief addresses, when the Committee adjourned with benediction by Mr. Craven.

## SIXTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS,

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1898.

The General Executive Committee convened at nine o'clock with the President in the chair. The devotional exercises were conducted by the delegates of the New England Branch. The roll was called, and the minutes read and approved. Mrs. Clark, Railroad Secretary, made a statement concerning railroad certificates, after which the business was taken up and reports of committees called.

The Committee on Missionary Candidates presented a partial report through the Secretary, Miss Nottingham. It was moved and carried to consider item by item. The following missionaries were recommended and accepted, viz.: Miss Ida Robinson, of Brooklyn, from the New York Branch; Miss Helen Ingram, of Brighton, England, from Minneapolis Branch; Miss Jennie Moyer, of Auburn, N. Y., from the New York Branch, and Dr. Esther Chase, of Madras. Dr. Chase was referred to the Baltimore Branch.

Miss Josephine Mekleson, Miss Della Clinton and Miss C. Illingworth were accepted by the Reference Committee, and their acceptance confirmed by the General Executive Committee, and left with their respective Branches.

Mrs. Thurber, Chairman of the Committee on Missionary Candidates, suggested that in the future the questions and answers for missionary candidates be uniform and printed.

The Committee on Publication presented a report through the Secretary, Mrs. Paine. The report was accepted and considered item by item. The first six items of the report were adopted. The seventh item concerning the reading course prepared by the Literature Committee drew out a general discussion.

Mrs. S. L. Baldwin moved to substitute for Smith's "Chinese Characteristics," a sketch of Hu Yong Mi, a native minister of Foochow, China. Mrs. Keen moved to amend by substituting a "Cycle of Cathay," by Dr. Martin, and adding the sketch of Hu Yong Mi. Mrs. Baldwin moved a second amendment that the "Real Chinaman," by Chester Holcombe, be substituted for Smith's "Chinese Characteristics," and the sketch of Hu Yong Mi be added. This amendment



was carried by a rising vote of 17 to 11. The eighth and tenth resolutions were adopted. At this point in the report Mrs. Winchell asked that Mrs. Joyce be excused from further attendance on the committee. The request was granted and Mrs. Joyce gave a farewell word. The eleventh resolution of the committee, concerning the appointment of a Central Committee of Publication, was discussed and finally voted down. Seven other resolutions recommended were adopted. Mrs. C. C. Adams asked that a committee be appointed to frame a by-law to define the duties of the Publication Committee. Mrs. C. W. Baldwin moved that this matter be referred to the Reference Committee, who shall report at the first session of the next General Executive Committee, and the motion prevailed. Mrs. Huston gave the following notice of a proposed change in the Constitution:

*Resolved*, That Section 1 of Article 5 of the Constitution of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society be changed so that it shall read: The management and general administration of the affairs of the Society shall be vested in a General Executive Committee, consisting of a President and Recording Secretary, who shall be elected annually, the Corresponding Secretaries, the Superintendent of German work and two delegates from each Branch, which delegates, together with two reserves, shall be elected at the Branch annual meetings, said meetings to be held within two months before the meeting of the General Executive Committee.

The memorial which had been referred to the Committee on By-Laws from the Minneapolis Branch in regard to membership fee was discussed and decided that no part of membership fee could be used for contingent fund.

Mrs. Crandon moved that when the Committee adjourn it be to meet at three o'clock, which motion prevailed.

It was moved and carried that the place for holding the next session of the General Executive Committee be selected. An invitation was extended from the Cincinnati Branch through the Secretary, Mrs. Cowen, to hold the next session within the territory of that Branch.

Mrs. Keen, Secretary of the Philadelphia Branch, also extended an invitation from that Branch to hold the next session at Germantown, Pa. Mrs. Stevens moved that the invitation from the Cincinnati Branch be accepted, which motion was carried.

A communication was read by the Secretary from Mrs. May Wright Sewall, President of the National Council of Women of the United States, extending an invitation to the Committee to become affiliated with the Council. It was moved to accept the invitation and Miss Rariden, through whom the invitation was received, was asked

to represent the objects and aims of the Council, which she did, when the matter was referred to a special committee, consisting of Mrs. O'Neal, Mrs. Thurber and Mrs. S. L. Baldwin. Mrs. Stevens presented the following, which was adopted by a rising vote:

WHEREAS, Mr. J. H. Stephens, the noted engineer and architect in Madras, India, many of whose prominent buildings stand as his memorial, has shown great interest in the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society since its opening in that city, giving to its work much of his valuable thought and time, and

WHEREAS, He has recently declined the offer of a prince to remodel his palace, an offer that, if accepted, would have conferred additional honor and would have been highly remunerative, chiefly because it would have removed him from the supervision of the erection of our great orphanage, the "Harriet Bond Skidmore Memorial," the Deaconess Home (the Baltimore Memorial), the Zenana Cottage or Nicodemus House which the Northwestern Branch builds to shelter the lovely Sooboonagam Ammal and others, who like herself will flee at night to its protection, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stephens renders all this service without charge or wish for reward, therefore,

*Resolved*, That the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, assembled in Indianapolis, Indiana, this day (November 3), do express our appreciation of his valuable gift and that we will retain him in grateful memory.

The Secretary was instructed to communicate the action of the Committee to Mr. Stephens. Mrs. Skidmore made a statement in regard to Folts' Institute, and asked that the Committee give it their hearty support.

Mrs. Huston moved that the election of officers be the first order of business in the afternoon. The motion was carried. Mrs. Keen suggested that arrangements be made for reports of the General Executive Committee in the church papers. It was found that a large number had been arranged for by the editors previously. Miss M. O. Allen was appointed for the *Pacific Christian Advocate*, Mrs. Wilkin-son for the *Pittsburg*, Mrs. Caldwell for the *California*, and Mrs. Jones for the *Northern*. After the announcements the Committee adjourned with the benediction by Rev. Mr. Lathrop.

## AFTERNOON SESSION, WEDNESDAY.

The President called the Committee to order at three o'clock. Mrs. Stevens moved that a vote of thanks be extended by the Committee to Mr. Vancatachellan, of Madras, India, who had given so generously to provide the decorations in connection with the laying of the cornerstone of the memorial orphanage in Madras. A rising vote was taken, and the Secretary instructed to communicate the action. The order of the day was taken up, viz.: the election of officers. Mrs. Huston moved that the Secretary cast a ballot for Mrs. C. D. Foss for President, which motion prevailed, and Mrs. Foss was declared elected. Miss Pearson moved that the Secretary of the Reference Committee, Mrs. Cowen, cast a ballot for Mrs. J. T. Gracey for Recording Secretary, which motion was carried, and Mrs. Gracey was declared elected.

Foreign reports were taken up and Mrs. Cowen reported the work in Southern Japan. Miss Russell was asked to supplement the report and spoke of the orphanage she had established at Fukuoka. The Publication Committee reported through the Secretary, and it was moved and carried to accept and consider item by item. One resolution recommended a Secretary of Literature in each Branch, whose duty it shall be to communicate with the Literature Committee. Mrs. Keen moved as an amendment, that the duties of this Secretary be defined in regard to the work in her Branch, which was accepted and the resolution adopted.

The resolution granting \$50 to the Editor of the *Friend* for contributions, and \$50 to Mrs. Scott for publication of Children's Literature was, on motion, divided and the first part granting \$50 to the Editor of the *Friend* was carried. The second part Miss Holt moved to re-commit, but Mrs. Stevens moved as a substitute that \$100 be granted Mrs. Scott, and the substitute was adopted. This completed the report, when a motion to adopt the report as a whole prevailed. (See Report.)

Mrs. O'Neal moved that the report of the *Children's Friend* by Mrs. Scott, which was presented to the Committee, be printed as a leaflet, which was carried. Mrs. Keen referred to the annual report leaflet, and suggested that a nominal price be charged for it, or furnished at cost.

The Special Committee to whom was referred the invitation of the Woman's National Council reported as follows: Your Committee would state that, while appreciating the courtesy of the National

Council of Women in inviting the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church to join the council, it does not seem advisable to add to our responsibilities by affiliation with that organization.

MRS. CHARLOTTE O'NEAL, *Chairman*.

MRS. WM. H. THURBER, *Secretary*.

This report was adopted, and the Secretary instructed to communicate the action to the President of the Council.

Foreign reports were again taken up and Miss Holt presented the report from South America. An invitation to send a delegate to the next triennial convention of the Woman's Council to be held in Washington, in the spring of 1899, was given and discussed, and a motion made by Mrs. Winchell to send a delegate was lost, as the Committee deemed it inexpedient. Mrs. Stevens, Secretary of the Baltimore Branch, reported the exact receipts of the Branch, the report having been delayed on account of the death of the Treasurer. The receipts amounted to \$12,374.30, an advance of \$874 over that previously reported, showing the correct amount raised during the year to be \$328,488.75, making the advance of the year \$14,550.89. A motion to adjourn prevailed and the afternoon session closed by singing the doxology.

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## SEVENTH DAY'S PROCEEDINGS,

THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 3, 1898.

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The General Executive Committee convened at the usual hour with the President in the chair. The devotional exercises were conducted by the delegates from the Columbia River Branch. The roll was called, and the minutes of previous day read and approved.

Mrs. Keen moved that a message of greeting be sent to the Woman's Board of the Congregational Church, meeting in Springfield, Mass. Mrs. Crandon asked that the Board of the Interior, meeting in Kansas City, also be included. The motion was carried, and

the following message sent to Mrs. Judson Smith, Springfield, and Mrs. Moses Smith, Kansas City, Mo.: Greetings of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, First Corinthians xii, 2, and Philemon i, 4-5, signed, Mrs. C. D. Foss, President, Mrs. J. T. Gracey, Secretary.

Miss Nottingham, Secretary of the Missionary Candidate Committee, presented several items for consideration.

The first, recommending the employment of Mrs. P. F. Wilson in India, was adopted. The case of Miss Kate N. Smith, accepted by previous Committee, was left in the care of the New England Branch. Miss Edith Hemmingway, accepted by the Reference Committee, was confirmed. The cases of Miss Lucy A. Bush and Miss Mary Felts were referred back to the New England Branch. The report of the Committee on Missionary Candidates was then adopted as a whole. (See Report.)

A report of the work in Mexico was presented by Mrs. Keen. A letter was also read from Miss Loyd and Miss Ayres, in charge of the school in Mexico City, telling of modifications made in the school building for kindergarten work, which had been accomplished through the generosity of Dr. J. W. Butler, who appropriated to this use a bequest of five hundred dollars to him for work, the first bequest ever made in Mexico to a Protestant Church. A motion was carried that the Secretary write to Dr. Butler, and express the thanks of the Committee for his generous help. The report was accepted.

A report of the work in Germany and Switzerland was presented by Mrs. Achard, Secretary of the German work, and accepted.

Mrs. Crandon, Official Correspondent, gave a report of the work in Italy and Bulgaria, supplemented by a letter from Miss Blackburn. The reports were accepted.

Miss Butcher, in charge of the literature, announced that for the week the sales of literature amounted to \$164.10, orders having been received amounting to \$25.55. She had taken twenty-four subscriptions to the *Woman's Missionary Friend*, and seventeen to the *Children's Missionary Friend*.

Mrs. Matlack, Secretary of the Special Committee on Memorials, presented a report. It was moved and carried to consider item by item.

Having considered the memorial of the "Building Fund," we as a Committee recommend that each Branch select some needed building and whenever expedient appropriate its Thank-Offering to such demand. We also recommend in the acceptance of money upon the



annuity plan, that during the life of the donor said money be *invested* whenever practicable, the conditions, rate per cent. and age of annuitant being left to the Branch executive, also that the General Treasurer be requested to furnish a blank form for annuitant bond.

Your Committee believe that the time has not yet arrived for taking the action suggested of an equal division of railroad rates and recommend that the petition be not granted.

MRS. C. S. WINCHELL, *President*.

MRS. R. H. MATLACK, *Secretary*.

The report was adopted.

Mrs. Cook presented the report of the Committee on Resolutions, which was adopted by a rising vote. (See report.)

Mrs. Winchell presented a resolution that, as 1899 marks the thirtieth year of the Society's history, an effort be made to raise two hundred thousand dollars as a memorial offering. The resolution was discussed and finally adopted.

Mrs. Winchell moved that the statements of Bishop Foss concerning woman's work in India be embodied in a leaflet, which motion prevailed.

Miss Watson, Mrs. Moe and Mrs. Adams, of the Topeka Branch. Mrs. Hagerty, of the Des Moines Branch, Mrs. Bosworth, of the Northwestern Branch, and Mrs. Stafford, of the Minneapolis Branch, asked to be excused from the Committee, and the request was granted.

Miss Holt moved that a book be procured in which shall be registered the names of officers, delegates, missionaries and visitors in attendance upon the sessions of the General Executive Committee. This book shall be in charge of the Recording Secretary, who shall present it each year at the meeting for registration. The motion was carried.

Mrs. Crandon moved that Mrs. H. B. Skidmore be elected Treasurer; the motion carried, and she was declared elected.

The resolutions of the Finance Committee were presented by Mrs. Cowen, and adopted. (See report.)

The following telegram in reply was received from Mrs. Moses Smith, of Kansas City: Greetings of the Woman's Board of the Interior. Will you adopt with us Christ's commission to Paul, Acts xxvi, 16th, 17th and 18th verses?

The appropriations for the year 1899 were announced by the Corresponding Secretaries as follows:

New England Branch.....	\$ 34,137
New York Branch.....	60,765
Philadelphia Branch.....	37,000
Baltimore Branch.....	11,507
Cincinnati Branch.....	46,423
Northwestern Branch.....	92,656
Des Moines Branch.....	40,000
Minneapolis Branch.....	10,000
Topeka Branch.....	15,800
Pacific Branch.....	7,500
Columbia River Branch.....	4,000
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	\$359,788

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved. Mrs. Sullivan, Chairman of one of the local committees, and Miss Dickson, Secretary of the Indiana Conference, spoke of the blessing the meeting had been to those in attendance, and would be to the ninety thousand Methodists in the territory of the Indiana Conference. They were followed by numerous testimonies from the ministers and members of the Committee. The hymn, "God be with you till we meet again," was sung, and Mrs. Keen, Secretary of the Philadelphia Branch, led in prayer, after which the twenty-ninth session of the General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society adjourned.

MRS. J. T. GRACEY, *Secretary.*

Signed November 3, 1898.

## APPENDIX TO ANNUAL REPORT.

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### A Plea for a Perpetual Native Bible Reader's Fund.

WOMAN'S SPECIAL WORK FOR WOMEN.

By Mrs. J. P. NEWMAN.

ADDRESS, 150 FIFTH AVE., NEW YORK. Rcom 13.

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### BEHOLD THE BOOK WONDERFUL!

How to perpetuate and systematize the reading of the Bible of Christendom which to-day is translated into over three hundred languages of the babbling peoples of our earth.

The American Bible House of New York city alone has published during the seventy-six years of its organization over fifty-five million copies of the Holy Scriptures, and recently over two million twenty-five-cent Bibles, and over five million five-cent New Testaments. Such a numerical history no other book has ever had. This *Book Wonderful* may truthfully be called the keystone of Christianity, destined to take the place of all other sacred books claiming to be divine, and to exert as it already has, an ennobling influence upon the nations of the earth.

Not until Christians succeed in disseminating throughout the pagan world and the tens of thousands groping in the darkness of a perverted Christianity the saving truths of this book of books, all other efforts will be in vain. There can be no doubt that the nineteenth century is the Christian's opportunity to place in the hand of every man, woman, and child dwelling on the face of our earth an authentic copy of the last will and testament of Jesus the Christ, that all the human race now living may thereby claim their royal inheritance bequeathed to them by the King of kings and Lord of lords. As it is written, "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have everlasting life." With these extraordinary facts about the Bible I beg to be allowed to address a few remarks to the Christian women in our home land. It has been my privilege to roam nearly the wide world around and to come in close touch with the varied phases of humanity and to study the methods of many denominational missionary organizations, which compelled me to recognize the fact that an intelligent, converted Christian woman and her work for woman, with an open Bible in her hand, is the most hopeful and potent instrumentality to the evangelization of the world, more especially when men are not admitted into the charmed circle of home life, as in India and China.

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This thought impels me in the attempt to formulate a plan for a *systematized perpetual Bible Reader's Fund*, that may stimulate our home workers to an enduring, efficient cooperation with the host of ladies already in the field as earnest, consecrated missionaries, deaconesses, and sisters, together with the all-important aid of mothers' silent, everyday, holy influence on the childhood of the race. First, may there not be found another woman beside myself, and perchance one hundred women within my own radii, that may be inspired as I have been, and who are alike indebted to the precious Bible as a means of their conversion, religious experience, and a divine life within the soul? I say, one or one hundred women; but there may be thousands walking hand-in-hand with our Christ among the golden candlesticks, with God's own electric light flashing upon every page of the *Book Wonderful*, who are not only waiting but longing to do something in perpetuity as a thank-offering themselves, or may be in memory of a blessed mother or sister who is now with the redeemed in heaven. Shall it commence with one dollar by one thousand women or one thousand dollars by one hundred women invested in a perpetual fund? The interest to be paid annually towards the support of a converted native Bible woman, who will read the Holy Scriptures, especially the New Testament, at least three hours or more each day to heathen women in their homes, or wherever the door may be opened to those who have never heard of Christ in their native tongue, and teach the same as the Spirit shall give them utterance. This plan shall also include these countries where the Bible has been withheld from the common people, "who in the days of Christ's incarnation heard it gladly." For example, Mexico, South America, Spain, Italy, and other parts of Europe included, thus inspiring a love for Bible reading and fulfilling Christ's command, "Search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me," scattering leaves from the Tree of Life for the healing of the nations until all shall come to a saving knowledge of the one true God and Jesus Christ, our adorable Saviour.

This shall be called the *Erangel Perpetual Native Bible Reader's Fund Systematized*, which shall continue to work out its soul-saving results, when

" Our poor lisping, stammering tongue  
Lies silent in the grave,"

leaving behind us the blessed assurance

" That fixed for everlasting years,  
Unmoved amid the wreck of spheres,  
His word shall shine in cloudless day,  
When heaven and earth shall pass away."

To secure the permanency of this fund the principal shall be intrusted to the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal

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Church, and invested at the discretion of said Society, who shall give to each donor a pledge that the interest shall be paid annually to native Bible readers.

My reason for this: there could not be a better, safer investment, as every farthing given or invested in this society goes directly to woman's work for woman. The association is an incorporated body, with powers vested in an executive committee of responsible women duly elected by the auxiliaries of the various branches throughout the missionary work. Not a secretary nor an officer receives a salary—all is cheerfully given for the love of Christ and In His Name—thereby fulfilling a threefold commission: *First*, the command of the blessed Mary, mother of our Lord, who at the marriage feast said to those called to special service on that memorable occasion, "Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it," and "the modest water, awed by power divine, confessed its Lord and blushing turned to wine." *Second*, the angel guard with shining faces and garments white as snow commissioned the women who came to the sepulcher very early in the morning, at the rising of the sun, bringing sweet spices that they might come and anoint him, saying, "He is not here: for he is risen;" "Go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead." "And they departed quickly with fear and great joy, and did run to bring his disciples word." Again it is written, he said to Mary (and it was she who caught the very first fresh accents that fell from the Saviour's lips after his resurrection), "Go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God;" and surely it is worthy of note that from this *Book Wonderful* we learn this great fact, that women were the first commissioned to publish the three most notable events in the history of Christ. Grand old Peter and loving Saint John might have been intrusted with these two great commissions from the Christ's own lips had they but lingered just a little longer until the dawn of that first Easter and not left poor Mary (a woman as she was) to weep and wait alone at the tomb while it was yet dark. *Third*, the commission of Christ, recorded by Saint John alike to women as to men, "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you." "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain; that whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you." "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples."

"Set apart to serve him,  
Ministers of light,  
Standing in his presence,  
Ready day or night.  
Chosen for his service blest.  
He would have you always willing  
Like the angel host fulfilling  
Swiftly and rejoicingly each  
Recognized behest."



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And now, dear sisters, after all these years of untiring zeal and loving service don't say to me as one did after I had timidly read this paper for the first time, "I fear you will never see your plan realized to any extent." Rather remind me that nothing is impossible with God, or give me St. Paul's text to the Hebrews, "Cast not away your confidence, which has great recompense of reward," with the significant condition added, "For ye have need of patience, that after ye have done the will of God ye might receive the promises;" and again, "These all died in faith, not having received the promise, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them"—"these all having obtained a good report through faith"—"God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect."

Do not anyone imagine for a moment that I think to inaugurate a new system of Bible reading in the foreign field; this plan simply differentiates in a systematized permanency for all time to come. As we listen the glad halleluiahs resound through the vistas of the past from thousands of redeemed little girl children and tens of thousands of sheltered childless women, worse than widows, sold or hired to work in the fields, discarded by faithless husbands because childless. So you see, dear sisters, if our plan becomes a fixed star in the missionary firmament, we may be permitted to listen from the battlements of glory to the sweetest Easter choral ever sung, rising in exalted strains from the family altar of consecrated motherhood in all ages to come. "He is risen! He is risen, indeed! for the *Book Wonderful*, the Bible, tells me so."

Be glad and rejoice, O Christian workers, that the word of God has not and never will return void; the redemption of our heathen sisters draweth near through your efforts and intercessory prayers. The keynote of success is resounding all along the line of woman's work for woman. In all churches the yearning cry from consecrated hearts to-day is, "What wilt thou have me to do, dear Saviour?"

"That all who hear thy message, Lord,  
Its saving power may know."

"But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it: which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty."

Will all who read this humble paper unite in prayer at the dawn of each day for Bible readers all over the world? And when we say, "Our Father who art in heaven," emphasize "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."

Already several thousand dollars, of which one woman earns and saves is on this Bible reader's altar. And the *Book Wonderful* is being read daily in response to this plan in India, South America, Mexico, and in Norway, the Land of the Midnight Sun. "Have faith in God," that ere this century closes more than one hundred Bible readers will be in the

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field in answer to this perpetual roll call, ringing out from the rising of the sun to the going down of the same, like the chiming of Easter bells; until the word of the Lord shall have free course, run and be glorified and all accept the Christ of the *Book Wonderful*.

## FORM OF GIFT.

I. \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby give to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church the sum of One Thousand Dollars—as suggested by the preceding paper known as the “Evangel Perpetual Native Bible Reader's Fund Systematized”—with and upon the express promise and agreement of said Society to appropriate annually in perpetuity the sum of Fifty Dollars toward the support of Native Women Bible Readers, who shall devote at least three hours each day to reading the Holy Scriptures to all who will listen, with the supreme object of leading souls to a true knowledge of Christ as their personal Saviour, thereby preparing those who hear and are instructed from the Bible to be co-workers with the Lord Jesus in this life, and for a blissful life immortal when this earthly probation is ended.

Indorsed by MRS. H. B. SKIDMORE,  
*Treasurer of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society  
of the Methodist Episcopal Church.*

## GIFTS TO THIS FUND.

BY EVANGELINE ENSIGN NEWMAN.

Invested by the New York Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society:

In Buildings in India.....	\$5,000 00
In Buildings in South America.....	2,000 00
In Buildings in Mexico.....	2,000 00

Fifty dollars interest, to be paid annually on each one thousand dollars invested, to maintain in perpetuity the following Bible-readers:

No. 1. In memory of Mrs. Newman's father—Rev. Datus Ensign—Bible Reader to be known as "Mary", in Buenos Ayres, South America.

No. 2. In memory of her mother—Mary Winegar Ensign—Bible Reader "Mary", Montevideo, South America.

No. 3. In memory of her sister—Mary A. Ensign Campbell—Bible Reader "Anna", in Mexico City.

No. 4. In memory of her sister—Adria Eliza Ensign—Bible Reader "Adria", in Pachuca, Mexico.

No. 5. In memory of her brother—John Wesley Ensign—Bible Reader "Mary", in Pithoragarh, Kumaon District, India.

No. 6. In memory of her brother—William Fletcher Ensign—Bible Reader "Mary", in Pithoragarh, North India.

No. 7. In memory of her brother—Hiram Asbury Ensign—Bible Reader "Marie", at Chandag Heights, North India.

No. 8. In memory of her brother—Benson Coke Ensign—(Father of Mary E. Gill, Missionary in India, whose mother's name was Sarah.)—Bible Reader "Sarah", in Paori, Garhwal District, North India.

No. 9. One Thousand Dollars, gifts to Mrs. Newman for "The Flowery Orient" (a home for returned missionaries at Round Lake) afterwards converted by consent of donors, into this Bible Readers' Fund, in honor of Mrs. Pruda D. Harwood for Bible Reader "Nora", at Naini Tal, Kumaon District, North India.

*To all to whom these presents may come and to whom it may concern:*

WHEREAS, Mrs. Angeline Ensign Newman has paid over to the Treasurer of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Meth-

odist Episcopal Church, the sum of seven thousand dollars in seven instalments of one thousand dollars each up to date, upon the understanding and agreement hereinafter expressed.

Now, therefore know ye, that the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church in consideration of the payment of said sums of money above recited, has agreed and doth hereby agree to and with Mrs. Angeline Ensign Newman and any other person or persons who shall contribute a sum of one-thousand dollars for the purpose hereinafter stated, that for each sum of one-thousand dollars heretofore paid by Mrs. Angeline Ensign Newman as aforesaid, or hereafter to be paid to said Society by her, or by any other person or persons for the like purpose, the said Society will hold an invested permanent fund of one-thousand dollars and will ever hereafter apply the income thereof at the rate of five per-cent. per-annum, exclusively to the support of a converted native Bible-woman in such mission field as may be deemed advisable by said Society, and who shall be employed to read the Holy Scriptures in the native language of the country where such Bible-woman may reside, for at least three hours in each day to women and children of that country in their homes, or wherever found who will listen to the reading of the Bible.

In Witness Whereof, these presents have been subscribed by the members of the Executive Committee of said Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at a meeting of said Committee held in Cincinnati, Ohio, on            day of May, A. D., 1897.

HARRIET B. SKIDMORE,  
LUCY A. ALDERMAN,  
SARAH L. KEEN,  
ELIZA B. STEVENS,  
ELLEN T. COWEN,  
SARAH E. CRANDON,  
MARY S. HUSTON,  
CHARLOTTE S. WINCHELL,  
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CHARLOTTE O'NEAL,  
HARRIET D. FISHER.







## DEPOTS OF SUPPLIES.

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*New England Branch.*—Miss Julia F. Small, Room 29, 36 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.

*New York Branch.*—Miss M. L. Strow, Room 13, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York.

*Philadelphia Branch.*—Mrs. W. A. Spencer, 1018 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

*Baltimore Branch.*—Mrs. J. S. Rawlings, care Methodist Book Room, Baltimore, Md.

*Cincinnati Branch.*—Mrs. C. L. Morgan, Methodist Book Room, 220 W. 4th St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

*Northwestern Branch.*—Miss Anna Butcher, 57 Washington St., Chicago, Ill.

*Des Moines Branch.*—Mrs. W. O. Miller, 106 N. Wabash Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

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*Pacific Branch.*—Miss Josephine Marston, 2301 Durant Avenue, Berkeley, Cal.

*Columbia River Branch.*—Miss Annie Farrell, 231 West Park St. Portland, Ore.

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## POSTAGE TO FOREIGN LANDS.

The rates of postage to Mexico are the same as in the United States. To all other points where our Missionaries are stationed, letters weighing half an ounce are five cents; newspapers one cent for each two ounces; postal cards two cents. Foreign postal cards may be procured at any postoffice. All foreign postage must be fully prepaid.

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## FOREIGN MONEY.

In India a *Pice* is one-fourth of an *anna*, or about two thirds of a cent.

An *Anna* is one-sixteenth of a Rupee.

The *Rupee* varies in value, and is now worth about 33 cents.

JAPAN. The *yen* (or dollar) whether in gold or silver differs but slightly in value from the gold and silver dollar in the United States. One hundred *sen* in the *yen*.

CHINA. A *cash* is one mill. The *tael* is worth in gold about \$1.15. The Mexican dollar is also used in China.

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