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2	"	1871,	"	"	Chicago, Ill.
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4	"	1873,	"	"	Cincinnati, O.
5	"	1874,	"	"	Philadelphia, Pa.
6	"	1875,	"	"	Baltimore, Md.
7	"	1876,	"	"	Washington, D. C.
8	"	1877,	"	"	Minneapolis, Minn.
9	"	1878,	"	"	Boston, Mass.
10	"	1879,	"	"	Chicago, Ill.
11	"	1880,	"	"	Columbus, O.
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13	"	1882,	"	"	Philadelphia, Pa.
14	"	1883,	"	"	Des Moines, Iowa.
15	"	1884,	"	"	Baltimore, Md.
16	"	1885,	"	"	Evanston, Ill.
17	"	1886,	"	"	Providence, R. I.
18	"	1887,	"	"	Lincoln, Neb.
19	"	1888,	"	"	Cincinnati, O.
20	"	1889,	"	"	Detroit, Mich.
21	"	1890,	"	"	Wilkes Barre, Pa.
22	"	1891,	"	"	Kansas City, Mo.

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TWENTY-SECOND SESSION
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GENERAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Twenty-Second Annual Meeting of the General Executive Committee, which was held in Kansas City—a city of most remarkable growth—was a session of unusual interest. Although the delegates numbered only about thirty-five, yet they represented Methodism from the New England coast on the east to Portland and Los Angeles on the west. As these gathered in the new and commodious Independence Avenue Church, recently dedicated, and now beautifully arranged with choicest flowers and plants, a most cordial greeting from the church was tendered to the Committee by the Pastor, Dr. Miller, and on behalf of the auxiliary societies of the city, by Mrs. Parker. Everything that could add to the comfort and convenience of the Committee was done by the local Committee of Arrangements. The meeting was in session eight days, commencing Wednesday morning, October 28th, and adjourning at noon on Thursday, November 5th.

The reports presented, both from the Home and Foreign fields, showed advance; but especially was the Financial Report cause of great rejoicing and gratitude. Never in any year of the Society's history had such an amount of money been raised, and when the announcement was made that the advance was forty-three thousand dollars over the preceding year, the Committee gave vent to their joy in a song of praise.

The usual devotional meetings, held from four to five o'clock each afternoon, were well attended, and were blessed seasons of rest and spiritual help. Meetings were also held in the afternoons and evenings at which different phases of the work were represented by the Missionaries in attendance.

The following were present: Dr. Gloss from Tientsin, Mrs. Jewell from Peking, and Dr. Carlton from Foochow, China; Miss Spencer from Tokyo, and Miss Hewett of Hakodate, Japan; Mrs. Scranton from Korea; Miss Harvey from Cawnpore, North India, and Miss DeLine, Bombay, South India; also Mrs. Johnson, wife of Rev. T. S. Johnson, M. D., one of the associated workers who had spent more than thirty years in North India. The Anniversary was held on Sabbath evening in the Independence Avenue Church. Mrs. Skidmore presided. The Annual Report was presented by the Secretary, and addresses were made by

Mrs. Scranton, of Korea, and Miss DeLine, of Bombay. A large and enthusiastic audience was present, and gave substantial evidence of their interest. On Sabbath members of the Committee held Missionary Services in the various Methodist Churches of the city. Mrs. Mary C. Nind, who for years was the efficient Secretary of the Minneapolis Branch, but was compelled to resign her position on account of poor health, was present and spoke frequently with her accustomed vigor.

The pastors of the various churches manifested their interest by daily attendance; also the pastors of the Southern Methodist Churches. Bishop Hendrix, of the Southern Methodist Episcopal Church, was present and made an address, speaking encouraging words and representing the "Scarritt Bible and Training School for Missionaries and other Christian Workers," now being erected in Kansas City under the auspices of the Woman's Board of Missions of the Southern Methodist Church. Through the courtesy of Bishop Hendrix, carriages were provided and the Committee visited the Institution, which is beautifully located, overlooking the city. This was one of the pleasant episodes of the meeting, and as we went through the building, so beautifully arranged for the training of Missionaries, we realized that here was no North, no South, but we were all "one in Christ Jesus."

The afternoon of Friday was devoted to a memorial service for Miss Isabel Hart, late Corresponding Secretary of the Baltimore Branch. The whole session was saddened by a sense of her loss. For twenty years she had been one of its most active and efficient members, and the loving hearts of her associate workers testified to her devotion in the various relations she had held in connection with the work.

The session on Monday afternoon was a memorable occasion. The Presiding Elder of the District, assisted by the Pastors of the city, administered the Communion to the Committee and Missionaries, with other visitors. The workers from China, India, Japan and Korea, knelt together with the home workers and commemorated the love of the Master to whose service all had pledged their loving devotion.

The reports to be found in the following pages will give a very full and clear account of the work as presented to the Committee.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

[The following report of the year's work was read by the Secretary of the General Executive Committee, Mrs. J. T. Gracey, at the anniversary of the Society, held in Independence Avenue Church, Kansas City, Sunday evening, November 1st, 1891.]

Recently in a company of cultured ladies and gentlemen this question was asked, "What event of this century is most significant and far-reaching in its power for good to the human race?" Answers followed in quick succession. One said, "Discoveries in Medical Science," another, "Explorations and discoveries in Africa," another, "The application of electricity to the service of man," etc. When these subjects had been discussed, a lady, watching her opportunity, modestly said, "Woman's service in giving the gospel of Christ to the secluded and down-trodden women of the world, in a word, the work of women as an evangelizing force is the most significant fact of the century"! The establishment of Woman's Missionary Societies and the consequent utilization of the sympathies, talents and energies of Christian women was not a matter of chance, but of divine plan. We are here to tell you something of the carrying out of this divine plan during this past year, by the human instrumentality of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. This Society girdles the globe in its loving ministrations and sympathies, and we want to give a glance at its work, so that we may come into electric touch with it.

THE HOME WORK.—The following figures will show whereunto the Society has attained this past year. Its auxiliary societies stretching from the Atlantic to the Pacific Ocean, number 4,436, with 122,422 members, distributed as follows :

	AUXILIARIES.	MEMBERS.
New England Branch.....	425	11,319
New York Branch.....	871	30,000
Philadelphia Branch.....	311	10,938
Baltimore Branch.....	134	5,218
Cincinnati Branch.....	670	16,332
North Western Branch.....	1,192	28,668
Des Moines Branch.....	344	9,250
Topeka Branch.....	270	5,600
Minneapolis Branch.....	190	4,350
Pacific Branch.....	29	747
	4,436	122,422

Young Ladies' Societies, 423, members, 8,204 ; Children's Bands, 622, members, 13,343; making total of organizations, 5,481, and a total membership of 144,264, an increase in membership during the year of 5,019. There are 7,803 life members, 71 Conference Secretaries and 279 District Secretaries.

It is with feelings of devout gratitude to God that the Society has raised the largest amount of money during the past year, and made the greatest advance, of any year in its history.

With burdened hearts, weary feet, and often aching heads, have the officers of the Society gone to and fro in the land to inspire courage and enthusiasm in struggling societies, and they have come up here to find the toiling has not been in vain.

" In thy service dear Lord,
One consecrateth a precious coin,
Another droppeth only a tear.
But look Master, the love is here."

And the love and the coin have expressed themselves in a contribution for this great work of *Two hundred and sixty-three thousand six hundred and sixty dollars*. The amount contributed from October 1st, '90 to October 1st, '91 by Branches is as follows :

New England Branch.....	\$ 33,807.35
New York "	45,442.11
Philadelphia "	27,950.07
Baltimore "	10,624.47
Cincinnati "	39,823.98
North Western "	63,680.18
Des Moines "	17,759.29
Minneapolis "	10,483.66
Topeka "	11,581.58
Pacific "	2,508.00
	\$263,660.69
Last year.....	220,329.96
Increase	\$ 43,330.73

Of this amount only about twelve thousand dollars has come by donation or bequest, the remainder has been through the regularly organized channels.

YOUNG PEOPLE.—The young womanhood and childhood of the church has contributed of its enthusiasm and Christian zeal to bring about some of these results. We look out and see an army of over twenty-one thousand young people in the ranks of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, who are being trained to take the work that is falling from older hands ; twenty-one thousand young heads to plan ; twenty-one thousand warm hearts touched with loving sympathy for the woe

and sorrows pressing upon the young life of heathendom ; twenty-one thousand right hands clasped to follow where the Master shall lead, and twenty-one thousand who have learned to pray, "Thy Kingdom Come."

GERMAN WORK.—The German work is scattered over a large territory with organizations in seven German Conferences in the United States. There are also societies in Switzerland and Germany. In the United States are 125 auxiliaries, 13 in the Tzerland Conference, and 25 in the Germany Conference, with a total membership of 4,161. The secretary of the Germany work has visited the Switzerland and Germany Conferences during the year and brings home most encouraging reports.

LITERATURE.—The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has not had a spasmodic growth. From the very start its plan was to give intelligence in regard to every branch of its work. It has established papers, spent thousands of dollars in preparation of good wholesome food, and spread its table with the very finest missionary luxuries obtainable from both Occident and Orient.

First. Every month comes the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and any woman who will read thoughtfully one number of this paper, will find her mind stored, her outlook broadened, her soul fed with the "finest of the wheat." While we are Methodists in word and deed, and accept the itinerancy, as a Society we do not believe in an itinerant editorship which must be changed every few years, and so this paper which has been organized 22 years has the same editor, Mrs. Dr. Warren of Boston, who took the editorial chair in June 1869. The circulation of this paper has advanced the past year, and now numbers twenty-thousand four-hundred and one (20,401) subscribers. Its subscription price is only 50 cents a year. One fact concerning this paper has been stated every year in the Annual Report, but as the years pass by it gains additional force, that with a woman for editor, its business management entirely in the hands of women, it has never incurred a debt, but has not only met its own expenses, but accumulated sufficient funds to cover nearly all the expense of other publications of the Society.

Second. The Society publishes a paper in the German language for our German Constituency. This eight-paged paper has a circulation of 2,135. Its subscription price is 25 cents. This paper is edited by a German sister—Mrs. Ph. Achard-Jacoby. It is not wholly self-supporting, but in the six years since its establishment, the *Heathen Woman's Friend* treasury has met its deficiencies by the payment of \$1,861.

Third. A twelve-paged illustrated monthly paper for children, called the *Heathen Children's Friend* has been established for two years, and

has a circulation of 8,750. This paper is issued at 15 cents a single copy. In the two years, the *Heathen Woman's Friend* has contributed to its support about \$559.

Fourth. Seeing the great needs for a good christian literature to put in the hands of the women of India, the society, eight years ago, established a Zenana paper, in India called the "*Woman's Friend*," which is published in four dialects. To this the *Heathen Woman's Friend* contributed the necessary funds for the expense of the first year, and has supplemented each year a small amount, making a total of \$1,723.

This completes the family circle of papers.

Added to all this the Society issues and scatters broadcast throughout the auxiliaries annually a large number of missionary leaflets, descriptive of the work both at home and abroad. These leaflets have become a very great necessity for carrying on the work, and millions of pages are distributed annually. In the nine years past the *Friend* has contributed nearly ten thousand dollars to meet the expense incident to this department of work, so that above and beyond meeting the cost of its own circulation, this little missionary paper, in the last nine years has contributed a little over twenty thousand dollars to print and scatter other missionary literature.

MISSIONARIES.—The Society supports 120 missionaries, 101 of whom are in the Foreign field, and 21 are at home on furlough. Of this number 12 are medical women in active service. The following have been accepted during the year by the Reference Committee: Miss Layton, for India, Miss White for China and Miss De Motte for Japan. Two of these have sailed for their fields, also Miss Effie G. Young from the New England Branch. Miss Harriet E. Kemper from Des Moines, Miss Kate Blackburn from the North Western, Miss Alice M. Staunton and Miss Ella A. Lewis from New York, and Miss Louisa Haefer, Philadelphia, have been accepted and appointed and will shortly leave for their respective fields. Of the missionaries in the field 31 are in India, 25 in Japan, 23 in China, 8 in Mexico, 4 in South America, 2 in Italy, 1 in Bulgaria, and 3 in Korea.

DEATHS.—The year has not been without its clouds in the Home work. One of the standard bearers has fallen. Miss Isabel Hart, Corresponding Secretary of the Baltimore Branch, died September 5th, at her home in the city of Baltimore. She has stood among the foremost workers, not only in the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, but in all church, benevolent and educational work. Her name carried with it something of the charm of her influence even to distant lands, for she inspired by her devotion not only workers *for* but workers *in* our mission fields.

Sad will be the hearts of the missionaries whom she so often cheered by words of encouragement, and many will be the tears which will rain down dusky faces in India and China, when the mournful tidings of her death reaches those far-off climes. Not only the Society, but Methodism has sustained a loss which cannot be estimated.

As long as she could guide the pen, then in whispered dictation, her heart went out in loving counsel to workers at home, and in words of cheer to those across the sea. Associated with and aiding in every department, her life seemed not only essential to the work, but to the workers.

Isabel Hart lived *in* Christ, she lived *for* Christ, and when the testing time came it was easy for her to pen the message to her Branch at one of its quarterly meetings, "Living or dying, I am the Lord's." We carry in our hearts the message from the suffering couch to this Executive Meeting, "Tell them the most important thing in life is to be fully and entirely consecrated to God, and then to use every faculty of body and mind in service for Him." She has realized the force, and has entered into the realization of Charles Wesley's hymn of inspiring hope.

"Who suffer with our Master here,
We shall before his face appear,
And by his side sit down ;
To patient faith the prize is sure
And all that to the end endure
The cross, *shall* wear the crown."

FOREIGN WORK.—We would that we might bring even in part, a panoramic view of the work that has been developed and which has grown to such proportions that three hundred and sixty thousand dollars seem to be the very lowest estimate for meeting the emergencies. Importunate calls come from every field for more workers, for there is no limit to the wide-open doors. It would seem as though the pleading facts and messages that come from the women would stir the whole womanhood of the church to action. "We live with no purpose, die with no hope" says one. Another touchingly appeals to a Missionary by saying, "Can't you come to our house, we want you to love us?" Another, "In all these years of sorrow you are the first one who has spoken about such true Comfort." Another who had been instructed, repeated the name of Jesus over and over again, so as to impress it upon her memory and kept saying, "For *us* because He loved *us*." "Come read your beautiful book to us, and let our sinful ears hear something good," says a Mahomedan woman. These pathetic appeals, coming from hearts longing for a purer and better life reach us from every land.

In **North India** the work is carried on through the agency of 22 Missionaries of the Society, 25 wives of Missionaries, 32 Assistants, 257 Bible Readers, and nearly 300 teachers. Over 16,000 women are being taught; nearly 6,000 girls are receiving Christian education, and 20,000 women have received medical care in our dispensaries and hospitals.

It is an interesting fact that Epworth Leagues have been organized in all the large and in many of the smaller stations, and in each league bands of "Ready Workers" go out every week to aid in evangelistic labors.

Four girls from our mission schools have graduated from the Agra Medical College, and have gone out to work in Hospital and Dispensary and fifteen more are pursuing their medical studies. The Christian women from our schools are leading in this work, and are occupying responsible positions.

In **South India** the work has been full of promise. Doors that our women have passed, wondering often who would roll away the stone, have been entered, and eager listeners have heard the story of the manger and the cross. Our women have gone into heathen temples, and have stood before the dumb gods and told of One "mighty to save and strong to deliver." Hindu, Mahomedan and Parsee women have come out of their seclusion, and mingled in the enjoyments of the Missionary's home. Over 1,200 pupils are receiving instruction in the schools throughout this territory, among whom are many believers. One of the missionaries in this territory has been requested to take charge of the children of a native Prince, who asks for a resident teacher to instruct the women of his palace, and is willing that teacher shall be a Christian. A marvelous opportunity!

In **Singapore**, that remote point of the world, one representative of the Society stands alone visiting the houses and directing the education of ninety Tamil and Chinese girls.

In **China**, North, Central and Southern there are twenty-five missionaries with over 1,600 girls in school, with training schools, and a large and growing medical work. In North China over 11,000 women have been treated during the year, and in Foochow over 5,000, and in Chinkiang over 2,000. A new hospital, "The Woolston Memorial" was built within the city walls (Foochow) and is now ready for occupancy. Twenty years ago we had one school, now we have fifty with over a thousand pupils in the Foochow District. In Central China the work has been somewhat interrupted by the political condition of the country. The schools in Nanking and Chinkiang were disbanded. In the former city the missionaries were warned to leave which they did, and were just

outside of the city when the houses were attacked, the mob entered and looted both home and school house, and set the school building on fire, but fortunately the flames were extinguished before much damage was done. The officials promptly rendered compensation for the damage done, and the missionaries are again at their work.

In **Japan** twenty-five missionaries are at work in nine of the large cities. Every phase of Christian work is being developed. In twenty schools nearly fifteen-hundred girls are being trained. Over thirty-five Bible women are going out from house to house to publish the glad tidings. In the boarding school at Tokyo, the missionary asked the girls if they would not like to attend a meeting in which every one spoke for Jesus, and they all expressed the desire to do so. At the next meeting they were asked to fulfill this desire by thus speaking, when all but one, and she a timid child who had lately entered the school, arose and spoke. At another time they were asked to write on paper what they would give to Jesus, and their answers were collected and read without giving the names. Some of these answers were indeed beautiful and forcibly remind us of the words of the prophet, "A little child shall lead them." One sweet little girl wrote, "I give my soul and body, and all my treasures, and all my hope." Another wrote, "I offer my heart, my love, my faith, to Jesus." Eight have been baptized and received into full membership and one has asked for baptism, since our last report.

The matter of Christian literature is also receiving attention. The experiences of Hester Ann Rogers have been translated into Japanese by Miss Spencer; also a Commentary on the First Epistle of John by Mrs. Chappell; and a Commentary on First Thessalonians by Mrs. Van Petten into the same language.

KOREA. Though opposed by greater and more embarrassing obstacles, the work has kept full pace with that among men. The native laws which govern woman's conduct, and keep her in strict seclusion, would seem to render it impossible to reach any above the very lowest classes with the Gospel message; but meetings have been maintained for the benefit of all classes, and not infrequently the aggregate number reached on a Sabbath is over one-hundred. Twenty-two women are now probationers in the Seoul circuit, and during the year three have been received into full membership. Up to the present time nineteen have been baptized, a Methodist preacher having baptized the first woman to receive that ordinance at the hands of Protestant Christianity. One of the significant facts was the announcement that two of the girls in the school, both Christians, had married Christian men and gone out to establish Christian homes. These make three Christian homes

which have thus been established—the beginning of a work which will not cease until the land shall be covered with such bright spots and a new era introduced for women in Korea.

MEXICO.—In Mexico the battle of truth against ignorance, light against darkness, christianity with error and superstition still rages, but with the sure hope of victory. We recognize in the Protestant schools of the Society, established in twelve large cities with nearly a thousand girls, a Christian power undermining the false teachings of Popery.

SOUTH AMERICA.—In the 3 stations occupied there are 11 schools, and nearly a thousand pupils.

ITALY.—Two Missionaries with 1 school and 30 pupils represent the work in Rome, while Bible women have carried on work at four outside stations.

BULGARIA.—We have only one representative in Bulgaria who is now at the head of a boarding school of 50 girls. Thirty of these have been received into the church, while in years past, many have gone out to be Christian teachers.

In the north of India a woman started from her home on a pilgrimage to a sacred shrine over a hundred miles distant, as so many of them do, in the hope of obtaining salvation, and the remission of sins. On arriving and bathing in the sacred but filthy waters, she went to the priest and temple to offer gifts. The priest gave to her a certain kind of bread to eat, which he said would secure to her the forgiveness of all sins. She ate it and became alarmingly ill, and for days was laid in one of the pilgrim houses, with no one to care for her, or give her so much as a drink of water. At last a Missionary in charge of a Hospital was informed and the woman removed, where she received kind, loving care, and listened to the words of the blessed gospel and accepted its teachings and said, "I have found what I sought, not at the hand of priest, nor in the temple, but at the feet of Jesus." Here at his feet, would we bring the whole wide world of weary, soul-hungry women.

Report of Foreign Work.

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NORTH INDIA CONFERENCE.

ROHILKUND DISTRICT.

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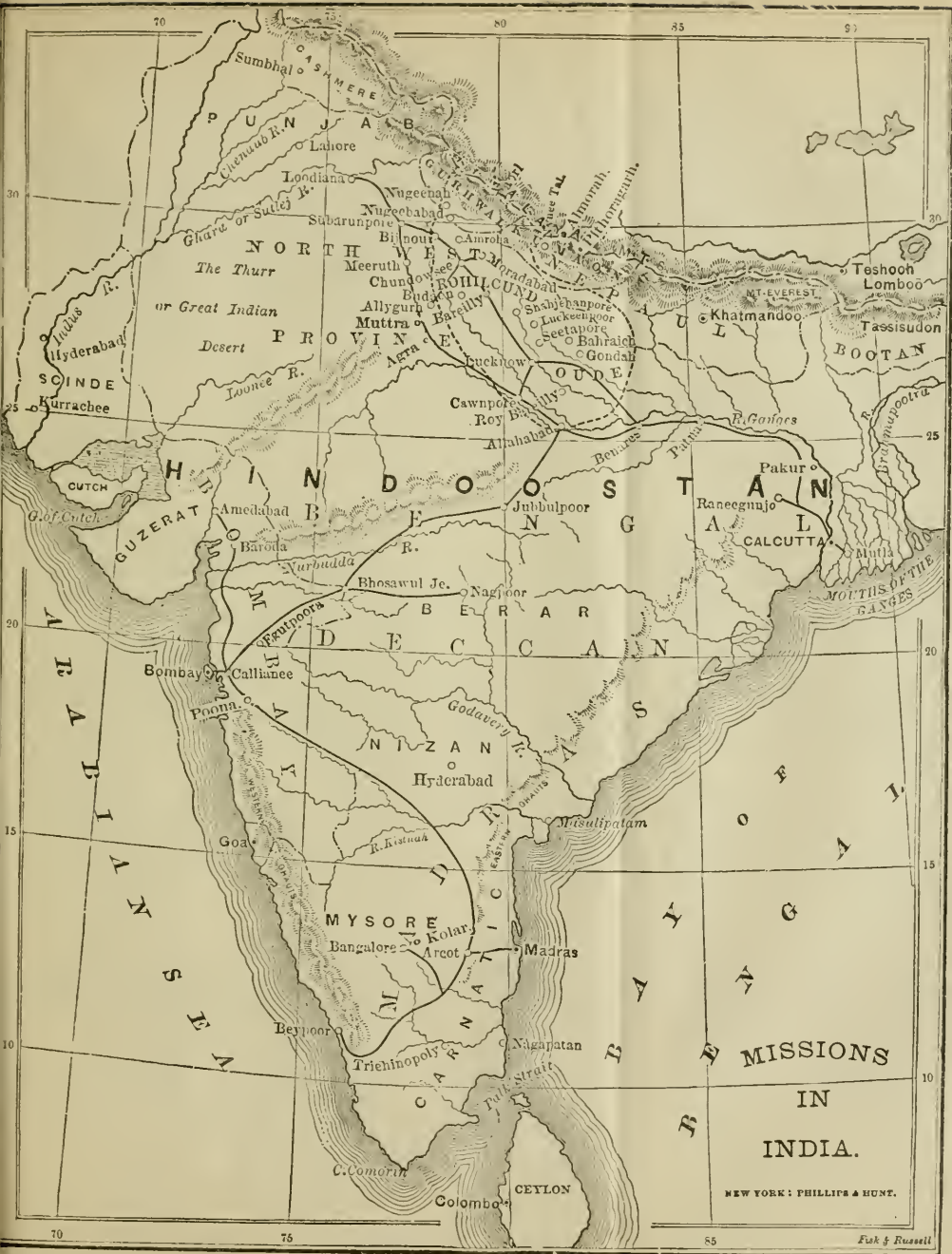
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MRS. N. L. ROCKEY,
MRS. J. C. BUTCHER,
MRS. S. S. DEASE,
MRS. J. BLACKSTOCK.
MRS. MARY KHAN,

MRS. F. H. NORTHRUP.

* Home on Leave.

The territory formerly embraced in this District is now divided into six Presiding Elder's Districts. Three of these Districts, Agra, Bareilly, and Moradabad are in charge of Americans, while Amroha, Aligarh and Philibhit have native Presiding Elders.

The chief stations in the Agra District are Agra, Ajmere and Muttra, from which centers work is carried on in many towns and villages. In Agra work has been carried on chiefly in Mahullas (wards) and the near villages where many have been baptized. The work of special interest is in the Home for girls from all our mission stations who are studying in the Agra medical college. Four of our mission girls have graduated from this institution and have gone out to work in Dispensaries and Hospitals, and fifteen more are still studying. This medical work opens up to young women wonderful opportunities for doing good, and it is a branch of work which aids in all our other work. Christian women are leading in this and are securing positions of responsibility.





The work in *Ajmere* has recently been transferred to our conference. It is in charge of Mrs. Lyon who is assisted by the native preachers' wives and a few Bible Readers. The work is new and is largely among new Christians and inquirers. In *Muttra* Mrs. Scott has been in charge of the village work and city schools. In one of these schools thirty high-caste girls sing our hymns and listen to the Bible without the slightest hesitation. There were a number of conversions in one of the out-stations, but the wives of the converts refused to become Christians. So it was thought advisable to close some of the heathen houses, and send the Bible readers to teach these women. The medical work in charge of Dr. McDowell has been carried on very successfully and many friends have been made among Hindoo women of the higher classes. The Zenana work in *Muttra* and *Brindaban* is carried on by the ladies of the Blackstone Deaconess Home now in charge of Dr. Sheldon. The Bengali work and that among the widows in *Brindaban* has been specially interesting and hopeful. The work in the Training School has been carried on with increased numbers and interest. The lessons the students are receiving not only in the school room, but in practical work will be invaluable to them when they go out for independent work. A Boarding School for Christian girls has just been opened here in which more than twenty girls whose homes are on that side the Ganges are being taught.

The Aligarh District is in charge of Rev. H. R. Khan and all the workers male and female are natives. Work is carried on from eight centres, and during the year large numbers have been baptized in each of these circuits, and still larger numbers are asking to be taught.

In the Amroha District the work has been carefully supervised by Mrs. Hakk who accompanies her husband in his trips through the District aiding the Preachers' wives and other workers by holding special services for the women. Work is carried on from fourteen centers by more than forty workers.

Bareilly District includes the large stations of Bareilly, Budaon and Shahjehanpore with twelve smaller circuits. Miss English has charge of the Girls' Orphanage in Bareilly, and writes as follows: "During the year the work at the orphanage has gone steadily forward, and gradually the minds of the girls are becoming enlightened and prepared for future usefulness. During the cold season as much outside work in villages was done as we could find leisure for. In the summer the remaining girls from the Shahjehanpore district were sent back there for school. This has reduced our numbers, leaving us only about two hundred girls besides the day scholars. But we expect to have more soon from the new work which has opened in the District. Last autumn

a heathen woman who was weak and lame, with her little girl three years of age was sent to me. I took the mother in order to get the child, letting her help me with the little ones. In the spring the child became ill and died. The poor mother was left alone nearly heart-broken. Shortly after she was taken ill, and in a few weeks died, saying she was a Christian. She seemed to have lost all fear of death. During the vacation I asked Miss Rowe to come and have some meetings with the girls. I think they were much helped." Mrs. Scott has about fifty women in her school for the wives of the students in the Theological School. Twenty-five of these are taking the regular Bible Readers' course of study, eight are in the preparatory class and the remainder are village women most of them learning to read and write. Prayer meetings are kept up for them and they are members of the Epworth League.

Dr. Christiancy who has been in charge of the medical work is obliged to go home on account of failing health. She reports that the number of patients in attendance at the dispensary has not been as large as in some former years. A number of interesting women from distant stations have been among the patients staying in the Hospital.

Miss Lawson in charge of the Zenana and city school work writes: "The work of visiting the Zenanas is carried on regularly by the help of six Bible Readers who have worked cheerfully during the trying heat of the past season. Some of the women we visit are very anxious to learn and are very favorably inclined toward Christianity. Two bright, young women are desirous of going to the Agra medical school. One is preparing to go next year, the other who is a widow is held back by her family. Her lot is a very pitiable one, but enlightenment is gradually coming to these women and their lives are being broadened.

Miss Scott, a daughter of the Rev. T. J. Scott, D. D., has given most earnest and efficient help in the City Girls' Schools. She writes of them as follows: There are nine schools supported by the New York Branch. A tenth was closed, but will be re-opened as soon as a better teacher is found. These are all schools for Hindoo girls, and have an average attendance of from sixteen to twenty-five each. The scholars range, in ages, from six years up to gray-haired women. All are very fond of singing and they often seem touched and impressed by the words they sing: "Those are comforting words," said one woman, "I wish I could hear them every day."

City Schools—The work in City Schools here, as elsewhere, does not seem to bear immediate fruit in conversions to Christianity, but there is, beyond doubt, a leavening power, broadening narrow, ignorant

minds. These girls becoming wives and mothers will not stand so much in the way of men in the households who are less bigoted and more ready to accept Christ.

The Village and Mahulla (Ward) Work is in charge of Mrs. Dease, is carried on from three centers and reaches many women both Christian and heathen. Several of these are anxious to learn to read. The Missionary Auxiliary Society connected with Mrs. Scott's Training School supports one teacher specially for the new Christians. The work in *Budaon* has been strengthened by the arrival of Miss Wilson, daughter of Dr. Wilson, who is already aiding Mrs. Wilson in the Girls' Boarding School, and other work. There are more girls in the school than at any previous time, and all the work of the school is encouraging. From the school some girls are sent out every year to break the bread of life to village women and girls, and from these girls we secure our best Zenana workers. The great burden now is to supply teachers to the many who have accepted Christ. In this district not less than 2,000 have been baptized during the year. At least one-half of these are women and children, while thousands more are ready to be taught. Our cry is unto God that more laborers may be sent into this vineyard. Mrs. Rockey writes, with regard to the *Shahjahanpore* work: "Our Christian Girls' Boarding School has continued growing and the new property, for which so many prayers have been offered, is ours and we are rejoicing over the advantages it affords us, and now our prayers are that the Lord may open the hearts and purses of some of His consecrated children to give us the money we need. The school has increased in numbers and we cannot refuse the applications that come to us from the village Christians. In the city the Mahulla work has opened up in a most wonderful way. For several months we have had from one to five baptisms from this branch of our work. The women say to us: 'Tell us about your Jesus and your religion, so we may know for ourselves. Teach us your hymns so we can sing with you, for it all sounds so good.'"

Mrs. Blackstock is in charge of the work in East Shahjahanpore where a school is kept up for Mahommedan girls, and sixty women are taught in their homes. There are but two women remaining in the Widows' Home. Work is carried on in *Panahpore*, especially among the Christians, but several Bible women visit the neighboring villages, and a few have become Christians through their labors. In the Mahomdi Circuit the good tidings of salvation have been proclaimed in more than five hundred homes where several have accepted Christ. Several girls are being taught to read, and three Sunday Schools are regularly kept up.

Moradabad District includes the stations of Bijnour, Moradabad, Chaudausi, Najibabad, Nagina and Mandawar, with several village circuits. The work in Bijnour is in charge of Mrs. Thomas.

The Girls' Boarding School has increased in numbers until it needs a lady who can devote her whole time to teaching and training the girls. All departments of work are being carried on, but the great interest centers in the district work where there are so many new Christians and inquirers to be taught. Last cold season a camp meeting was held near a village owned by a Raja. Several visits were made to the women of his family, and one evening Scripture pictures were shown by the stereopticon. This gave an opportunity to tell the Gospel story to many who may have never heard it before. In Nagina, Najibabad and Mondawar there are schools for both heathen and Christian girls and the women are visited in their homes. In each of these circuits there have been baptisms. In *Moradabad* each department of work has been kept up with more or less interest and success. Miss Day came from Calcutta at the beginning of the year to work in the Girls' Boarding School and Miss Dudley, from Australia, joined the work in July, so we have now a better staff of teachers than we have ever had before. There are one hundred and fifty-five girls in attendance and there has been marked improvement in every department of the school. The general work was strengthened by the coming of Mrs. Butcher, from Bijnour, and Mrs. Grant, from Naini Tal. The work in Sunday Schools for Hindoo and Mahomedan girls continues interesting and hopeful. Several girls and women from the villages have been baptized. The medical work met with a great loss in the removal of Dr. Sheldon to Muttra, but Mrs. Plummer, who has been in the work for many years, is doing her best to carry on this part of the work. The Hospital buildings have been a blessing to many sick ones who have been brought in from the villages. Dr. Goucher supports twenty girls in the Boarding School and six primary schools, in which more than one hundred girls are learning.

Philibhit District Work is carried on from seven centers by forty Bible readers and fifteen teachers, superintended by the wives of the preachers in each circuit. There have been a large number of baptisms in the district, and the special work is for Christians and inquirers. It is an interesting fact that Epworth Leagues have been organized in all the large and in many of the smaller stations. Young People's Prayer Meetings are held regularly, and in each League bands of "Ready Workers" go out every week to aid in Evangelistic work, so that a large army of workers is being raised up and trained here on the field to aid in the great work God has committed to our care.

OUDH DISTRICT.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS I. THOBURN,
MISS PHEBE ROWE,
MISS F. PERRINE,
MISS L. SULLIVAN,

MISS T. KYLE,
MISS S. MCBURNIE,
MISS D. FULLER,
MISS A. GALLIMORE.

MARRIED LADIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. S. KNOWLES,
MRS. D. E. MONROE,

MRS. DR. WAUGH.
MRS. B. H. BADLEY,

MRS. LEONARD.

Mission work in the Province of Oudh has made marked progress during the past year. While there has not been such wonderful display of Divine power as witnessed in some Districts, still there has been growth and development in every line of work.

Miss Gallimore reports the Boarding School under her care. Thirty-seven bright, industrious girls are making rapid progress in books and practical lessons for usefulness, as well as in learning the way to heaven. One has married and is doing Bible work. Another is with Miss Rowe. One other has been taken as pupil-teacher. Five have been brought directly from heathenism. "A girl 11 years of age was baptized by Mr. Knowles. She had been cast off by her husband, dirty, ragged, and with a disease that must be cured before she can be taken into the school, and yet bright, intelligent, with a soul that can be made white by the blood of the Lamb." Enlarged buildings are greatly needed. Mrs. Knowles says: "Never did we find the women of the city and villages listen with such unflagging interest to Bible teaching. The four Bible women are doing a good work in the Zenanas, and fifteen baptisms are the result. The district work is equally encouraging. In *Balrampore* the four Bible women have had as successful work. From the villages and Zenanas precious fruit has been gathered, and twenty-five women have been baptized, and some of these have become real helpers in bringing others to Jesus. The girl's schools are doing a grand preparatory work. In *Chandanpore*, among the Tharus, five women are working earnestly, and a number have sent for Mr. Knowles to go out and baptize them, and thus I might speak of *Nawabgunge*, of *Mankapur*, of *Ellenpore*, of *Colonelgunge* where our faithful women are at work, and God has given them all fruit. The number baptized since July of last year is 160. We hope the time is near when these downtrodden sisters will flock to Christ by the thousands. This is no vain hope. 'The mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.' Two hundred Zenanas are visited in *Ajudya*, two day-schools and three Sunday-Schools are carried on, several baptisms have resulted."

SITAPORE.

The Boarding School so long under Mrs. Lawson's care was given to Mrs. Munroe when Mrs. Lawson returned to America in February. The year closed with fifty-four on the roll. Mrs. Munroe writes of the Epworth League and Ready Workers, and the practical lessons taught them in Sunday-School and Zenana work. Two hundred are numbered in the Sunday-School in Sitapore. There are fourteen Sunday-Schools in this district.

Miss Fuller has charge of the Zenana and village work, with two assistants and five Bible women. Eight day-schools are carried on successfully. The Zenana work has increased rapidly and seemed so important that Miss Fuller had to close four of her day schools to get the means to prosecute it, as the case demanded. Houses are opened almost every day. Thirty-eight villages have been regularly visited, and in them five hundred women receive regular instruction. Men and boys as well as women and girls are reached in this way. Three Bible women are working at Lakimpore. Of Elizabeth, Miss Fuller says: "She is such a faithful old woman. She works from daylight to dark, and walks all over the country, through the villages, as well as the city. When she is at a Mela she is up and out talking and singing and preaching before the rest of us are dressed."

ALLAHABAD.

Mrs. Waugh's absence and sickness of the Bible women interfered with the work here, but a good assistant has been found, and another Bible reader secured, and the work promises well, not only for Zenana visiting, but for schools.

CAWNPORE.

Miss Kyle has under her charge a Christian girls' school, two Zenana assistants and three village workers, and good work has been done by all. Two hundred and eighty women are under instruction, one Bible reader visits the Government Hospital. The village work has been most encouraging throughout the year. Six day-schools were carried on last year, besides the school for native Christian girls.

The enforced return of Miss Harvey on account of ill health left Miss McBurnie with the heavy responsibility of this large school. The removal of the school into the Boys' Memorial building and all the changes connected therewith took place before Miss Harvey left. The members have increased and one hundred and ten are enrolled. The Government aid has been increased, and the Inspector especially commended the school, and the work it was doing. There has been religious growth in the Christian girls and clear cases of conversion in others.

LUCKNOW.

The Day Schools were under charge of Mrs. Mansell until her return to America. There are nine schools, and this work is under great obligations to Miss Paul, the Inspectress, for the able manner in which she has carried it on. The Deaconess Home and Zenana work has been under charge of Miss Sullivan, Miss Rowe's time being largely given to evangelical work. Besides caring for the thirty-five women in the Home, a number of whom have gone out to work in turn for others, systematic work has been done in seeking nominal Christians. In five months Mrs. Tucker visited five hundred and eighty-two families, and her work, especially among Roman Catholics, has been very successful. Numerous cases of souls saved in this way are reported. It is touching to see the eagerness with which many listen. Nine Bible women and four assistants are busy with the Zenana work, and during the last year much fruit has been gathered, and the numbers who love the Lord Jesus Christ are increasing all over this big city, where sin hath abounded.

The Women's College and Girls' High School has reached the highest enrollment in its history. After over seven years most faithful service Miss DeVine left for home in February and Miss Thoburn again took charge of this work. The aim of this school has been to give the most thorough education possible, at rates low enough to meet the wants of poor people. Several of the older pupils have borrowed scholarships, and after passing the examination for which they have studied have paid this debt. Not one pupil who has had time to do so has failed to refund the money advanced. Of eighty-five boarders, all but twelve are supported by their parents. The college class is small but promising, the new rooms very nice, and when further changes are completed, still greater room for expansion of school work will be realized. Miss Perrine has been very well this last year and her work shows her efficiency. Mrs. Hunt also has been of great assistance not only in teaching but in caring for the girls. Harmony of spirit and union of aims and works have made it a pleasant thing to work in Lucknow.

Under the head of *Barabanka* five stations or circuits are reported. Mrs. Paul the pastor's wife superintends the work of twelve Bible women. Fifty Zenanas are visited in Barabanka and one school kept up. At *Bahramghat* fifty Zenanas and a large village work, at *Daryabad* thirty Zenanas and two large villages, at *Futthipur* thirty-five Zenanas and at *Saadatganj* twenty-five Zenanas and one village. In this out-lying work fruit has been gathered and the promise for greater results is cheering. Mrs. Leonard superintends the work at *Rai Bareilly*. In six other stations six Bible readers are sowing the seed of the Kingdom and three flourishing schools are kept up.

Bariach has seven Zenana workers, and two girls' schools. The poor have the gospel preached unto them, and many have given up idolatry.

Hardui. Under care of the native pastor's wife, Bible woman's work, and girls' schools are carried on and the Sunday-School work is very promising. A number of baptisms have taken place. In *Unas* Mrs. Joyce with eleven Bible women and four teachers carry on school and Zenana work in six other villages. Over two hundred houses are visited, five day schools and eight Sunday-Schools carry light in many dark places, and Mrs. Joyce closes her report with "Thousands of praises be to God by whose blessings we have passed through another year in His service."

It will be seen that from the twelve centers in this district there are influences going out that are shown in a network of out-lying stations under native helpers surrounding each. God has set before them a wide open door and blessed their efforts in entering it.

KUMAON DISTRICT.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS S. A. EASTON,

MISS RUTH SELLERS,

MISS ANNIE BUDDEN.

MARRIED LADIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. J. H. MESSMORE,

MRS. J. H. GILL,

MRS. M. C. B. WHITBY.

The **Naini Tal English School** is in charge of Miss Easton. It numbers eighty-three boarding pupils, and twelve day pupils.

Miss Easton says: "Year by year I mark an advance of thought and behavior among the girls, and this year we have the first coming out, declared disciples. This is seed time, the harvest will be when some one, to be envied, teaches these girls' children.

Four of the girls who passed the final standard last December earning Rs. 870, have returned as pupils, so we have sixteen beyond the examination standard. They form a high, an intermediate and a matriculation class. They add to our work, but as a year of school to a girl of sixteen class means more than two years to a younger one, we are glad to have such a school. During the past year we received from the Government Rs., 3,822. The debt upon the school has been so reduced that I am confident, without omitting repairs—always in order in India—it will be cleared off in two years. Meanwhile, we are gaining favor among our patrons, people in general and the Educational Department.

There is scarcely a failure among the girls who are sent up for examination and the last year our girls did so well, we were publicly complimented by the Director, Inspector and Registrar.

Money is the sinew of war in educational work and when debts are paid we shall have more to spend, and it will not be my fault if we do not become the first school in the Northwest Provinces. But all the time it is to be kept in mind, we are not working simply to give these girls scholastic training, but to make Christian women.

My household, for two years, has numbered a few short of one hundred and its care fills my hands completely; but if my Father spares me five years longer and gives me strength I want to spend them in this work. I thank God for the privilege of serving; I would my service had been less self-seeking."

Mrs. Messmore and Mrs. Whitby superintend the Day Schools and Zenana work at this station. The former are three in number with sixty pupils.

Sixty Zenanas are visited. The work is moving on and the people turning to Christ. Mrs. Gill looks after the Paori work. Prosperity has attended it this year and there are calls for more workers to spread out over a wider space.

Mrs. Gill writes, recently: "When I compare the work now, with what it was eighteen years ago when I first came here, I thank God and take courage. There are many Christian homes now where then there was not one outside of Paori, the mission headquarters."

We cannot do better than to give the report from Pithoragarh in Miss Budden's own words. "The school of fifty girls is cared for by Miss Tresham. Their health has been remarkably good, and as the Lord gives their teacher more and more of His Holy Spirit, I notice the degree of spiritual life among the girls increases in proportion. In the 'Home' there have been forty-five women during the year. Two have died in peace. Miss Cummings spends her whole time with these women and is rewarded in the love she has gained and the marked improvement in many of them. The 'Home' is the hardest department of my work, but I believe none will prove more acceptable to the Master, nor bring more blessing for time and eternity. Ellen Hayes has charge of the Medical Class, as well as of all the sick in the community and many in the villages. The village schools number six with one hundred and fifty girls in attendance; most of these are high-caste girls and are anxious to learn. Miss Harris makes daily trips, visiting each school in turn and the good being done is incalculable. One of these village schools sent three girls into the Christian School this year, one of whom is the first high-caste girl who has ever come. There are applications for many more schools that cannot be opened for lack of funds.

"Most wonderfully has the feeling of people changed and now there is no opposition to teaching the girls or talking to the women. All the way long the work has prospered, souls have been saved, new openings made, and except the Village Women's Sewing Class, which was stopped because the women seemed Gospel-hardened and cloth-avaricious and ceased attending the S. S.; nothing has been discontinued.

"My helpers are all developing into whole-hearted missionaries and a continual thanksgiving arises in my heart that the Lord not only patiently trains me, but does just the same for each of those he has placed with me; and though, perhaps, I have never had such a succession of varied trials to test faith and courage as this year, never have I more vividly felt the everlasting arms under me and the sheltering wings over me."

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BOMBAY DISTRICT.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS S. M. DE LINE,

MISS MARY E. CARROLL,

MISS MINNIE F. ABRAMS.

ASSISTANTS.

MISS L. THOMAS,

MISS MCGUIRE,

MISS M. TAYLOR.

MISS CROFTS,

MISS A. LANNAHAN.

MISS ALICE SITES.

MISS M. ROBOTTON,

MISS OLIBO CROFTS.

Kampti.

MRS. M. C. STEVENS, in charge.

Poona.

MRS. ELLEN WARNER FOX, in charge.

Baroda.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS ANNA M. THOMPSON.

MISS I. ERNSBERGER, M. D.

BOMBAY DISTRICT.

This District includes Bombay, Baroda, Kampti and Poona. The most important work is at Bombay, being the entrance, as it were, of all India. The Zenana work, during Miss De Line's absence, has been under the care of Miss Carroll, and her assistants.

Miss Carroll says: "There are many direct believers among our pupils, and we have helped many to live better and nobler lives, and when almost utterly discouraged at how little has apparently been

accomplished, how good and encouraging the words of the Father: 'Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye *know* your labor is not in vain in the Lord.' On a recent Mahommedan feast day we thought it scarcely worth while to visit Mahommedan houses, but when the next visit was made, a lady said to Miss Thomas: 'It makes no difference to me, always come.' She had invited a number of friends to hear the Scripture read and explained. Another Parsi young girl, well educated and wealthy, professes to believe in Christ, and never allows a lesson to pass without fully understanding it. Miss Lannahan gives great comfort to a Parsi girl, who is ill, and often asks for a story of Christ. Among the low-caste women there have been several baptisms.

Our Sunday-School work is quite encouraging. The one held out of doors has been abandoned since the rains. Last Sunday morning a man stood in the door and listened to the story of the Woman at the Well. He could not understand why Jesus, if He were God, would allow a wicked woman to come to Him. When it was explained He came to seek and save that which was lost and that He invited *all* to come to Him, he said, 'But I am very poor, my clothes are very bad. How *can* I come?' And thus we find in all classes, an aching void that nothing but Christ's love can fill. Miss Crofts has been acting as Matron for Miss Abrams in addition to her Zenana works.

After an old Bible woman's death, a sum of money was found to be used as a nucleus of a Bible woman's fund. The school at Magagon has been closed and the work is merged in the other native works of the city. My housekeeper is an earnest Christian woman who does much good in tract distributing and is a real mother in the Home. Miss Lannahan has been very fortunate in her work among the Ben Israelites. She has had several baptisms among them."

Miss Abrams writes of her school work: "The past year reveals the well known fact, yet one that we must learn over and over again that success arises out of our trials, defeats and failures. I had taken in a class of girls who had been so taught that our Methodist ways were unpleasant to them. They rebelled against our class meetings and secretly ridiculed any girl who took the sacrament, because she had not been confirmed. Their spirit was in opposition to the spirit of the work we were trying to do. Being girls with pleasing manners and good characters, they were very influential. They led many dissensions and caused me much trouble. I hoped they would be converted and at Christmas time they were deeply convicted of sin. Yet they held out and after they returned from their Christmas holidays they were harder than ever. One of these was a pupil teacher. After repeated warnings

concerning her perverse ways and double dealings I sent her and those who were of a like mind to their parents. These were boarders. One other large girl I sent to her father, another I sent home because her parents did not pay the boarding fee. In the early part of the year we had much sickness. Measles, chicken-pox and all the ailments common to childhood seemed to be our portion. We had days and nights of anxious watching. Two or three cases of fever proved to us that the house was too crowded. After sending home the girls above mentioned I decided to take only the most urgent cases until we get a home of our own where there will be more room. We now, at the close of the year, enjoy better health, and cheerfulness, hope, courage and zeal pervade the home. There is not a perverse spirit. We praise God for the victory and go on with renewed courage. The girls are making rapid progress in learning to do all kinds of work.

We have four Vernacular Grades according to Government standards, and above these four Anglo-Vernacular Grades. This represents all the work up to the High School, in which we have one class. When we consider that this school was started in June, 1887, and that nearly all the girls began with the alphabet, we cannot call our work a failure.

The spiritual growth, in many of the girls during the year, has been very marked. Several have been received into the Church. Some time ago a cousin of one of the girls died. I asked, 'Was he a Christian?' A year ago she would have said, 'Yes,' but now she said: 'I don't know.' I asked, 'Ashabai, are you a Christian? Are your sins forgiven?' She answered, 'Yes, about this I know.' A year ago she would have said, 'I don't know;' and the year before that she would said, 'Yes, certainly, I was born a Christian and have been baptized.' We have maintained three day schools, besides one supported by Miss Carroll. A Sunday-School is also kept up. The older girls in the orphanage teach and help with the singing.

This report would be incomplete did I not mention the valuable aid Miss Seitz has rendered in the moral and spiritual training of the children and the efficient services of Miss Crofts in teaching the girls to do their work properly.

Her vigorous English ways are a wonder to these slow and easy-going temperaments of the Tropics; but the example does good. She has also taught two Zenanas, visited the day schools, and taught in the English Sunday School. Miss Thomas helps us an hour four days of the week in the fancy work department and Dr. E. Brainerd Ryder has been our good medical friend in times of illness. We also

gratefully acknowledge the care given to cases of long illness in Cama Hospital for Women and Children. Thus day by day the Lord hears His children when they cry, and supplies all their needs."

POONA.

Mrs. Fox says of our work in Poona: "Our five girls' schools have been steadily increasing in number during the year. At present we have about three hundred on the roll. Two of our schools are for high caste, two for low caste, shoemakers and the like, and two for sweepers. These are all day schools for heathen children, though there are a number of Christian children among them.

We believe many, especially the elder girls, are Christians at heart, and if allowed to decide for themselves would gladly make a public confession of their faith.

The cruel system of infant marriage is a great drawback to our work; they are compelled to leave school at so early an age, and though we sometimes visit them in their homes afterwards, there is little opportunity of real teaching.

In connection with each day school we hold a Sunday service. The children learn Scripture Text, Hymns and the Catechism, and the little ones, not more than three or four years old, repeat the Golden Text correctly. At the beginning of the year we offered prizes to all who would, at the close of the quarter, repeat the twelve Golden Texts. The prize was a Marathi New Testament and about fifty were at our Christmas gathering, carried away into heathen homes.

All our teachers are Christians, and in a *sense* Bible women, but we hope soon to put a Bible woman into each school district who can devote all her time to this work. One of our sweeper's converts is now engaged as a Bible woman, giving her whole time to reading and explaining the Scriptures to women in their homes, and she feels some are almost persuaded to openly accept Christ, only the fear of becoming outcasts from their entire community has prevented.

All our Girls' Schools are held in rented rooms, three being on the second floor with stairway leading to them not more than two feet wide. The floors are dry mud without matting of any kind and are kept hard and smooth by a preparation of cow dung spread on with the hands.

The children sit on the floor. The teacher has a chair and sometimes a stool for a visitor. The school furniture consists of a table, a box in which to lock books and slates at night, a blackboard, one or two maps, and a large piece of card board, showing the primary colors. Two of the schools have clocks, and if there is anyone who desires to present a clock to any of the others it will be kindly received, as it is almost impossible to secure punctuality without them."

BARODA.

Miss Thompson writes: "The work has grown during the past year. I am not able to enter near all the open doors. Owing to Baroda being a city with few European inhabitants it is hard to secure workers; since it is a Native State, it is not possible to send Native Christian women without a European worker with her. In the Zenanas we have had some conversions. One woman, a high caste Mahomedan, whom we visited, was with her husband converted and so persecuted for it they were forced to leave Baroda. We have two native women in this work. During the year we have told the story of the Gospel to 1,343 people and given away 1,712 tracts. We have thirty scholars, sixteen of these are now Christians. They study the Bible every day and its effect is being felt. We have many bright girls in this orphanage who we trust will become useful workers in the Lord's vineyard."

Dr. Ernsberger says of the Medical work: "During the year our work has continued to grow. We have two Dispensaries; one in the city being open four days in the week and one in the the Camp some hours each day. We have a waiting-room in each, where patients sit and receive religious instruction while they wait. Portions of Scriptures and tracts are read and explained, songs sung and personal instruction and conversation about their salvation. We have two Bible women. Many patients have come not much ill. I could not understand until I learned they thought they could not come unless they had treatment and they wanted to hear. Since then, they come only to listen. During the year over 4,300 patients have been treated and over 2,300 have had the Bible explained. Among the women patients in the Dispensary over fifty signers were obtained for the petition for the protection of the child-wife."

KAMPTI.

Mrs. Stephens writes of Kampti: "We have been able to open another girls' school with a converted high-caste woman in charge. This school was opened in June and many of the girls are able to read the First Reader, repeat the Lord's prayer, the ten commandments and several texts, besides singing very nicely. Mrs Benjamin's school increases more and more. There are now forty-five pupils and three teachers. Many of these girls pray regularly every night. The parents come to us and say: 'Formerly our children were wild and disobedient and now they honor and obey us. They are no longer quarrelsome but are gentle and kind. Whence the change?'

The Zenana work under Mrs. Johns is increasing rapidly and we now teach the women in classes of thirty or forty. In this way we are

able to reach many more than formerly. Some of these are high-caste, but we still find as of old 'The poor receive the Gospel gladly.'

Nevertheless the foundations of God standeth sure having this seal. 'The Lord knoweth them that are His.'—II Tim., 2-19."

MADRAS DISTRICT.

MISSIONARY
MISS GRACE STEPHENS.

ASSISTANT
MISS DE JORDAN.

DEACONESS
MRS. EMILY JONES.

MADRAS.

Letters from Madras during the year have brought good tidings and notes of praise, and we have rejoiced together over the prosperity of the work. Since the marriage of Miss Hughes the entire responsibility has rested upon Miss Stephens, and she surely would have fainted by the way had she not learned to cast her care upon the Lord, knowing that He careth for her.

The Zenana work has been full in promises and rich in fruitage. Doors that our women have passed, wondering often who would roll away the stone, have been entered, and eager listeners have heard the story of the manger and the cross; 8,558 visits and lessons have been given in the homes, and besides the regular pupils (190) it is estimated that each month the missionary and her co-workers have had about 1,200 listeners. The seeds of life have been scattered not only in the homes and schools, but by invitation our women have gone under the leadership of those inviting, into heathen temples, and have stood before the dumb god and told of One who is mighty to save and strong to deliver. A Zenana party, a thing heretofore unknown, was given in the home of our missionary, and its enjoyments participated in by rich and poor, high and low, Mahommedan, Hindu and Parsi; the numbers attending much beyond the expectations of their hostess.

The Bible women have gone into all sections of the city and adjacent villages, and women are forsaking the temples and abandoning practices they once deemed essential to salvation. One pupil who had worshiped the cow's tail in order to be saved, now says: "Jesus is the only way; He only can give salvation." Another who used to worship the grave of a man whom she thought especially holy, carrying there her offerings, is now a worshiper of Jesus, and offers to Him herself and her service, going with Miss Stephens and her assistants into other homes, where she sings and talks to the women. Dying beds in the dingy Zenana have been made soft as the everlasting arms have encircled the occupants, and the freed spirit has sped away to Him who gave it, with songs of rejoicing. An epidemic turned many homes into hospitals, and

some who gave promise of changed hearts under the pressure of fear returned to heathen rites. Miss Stephens was brought to the gates of death, and the evidences of love on the part of the women she had served was most touching. She says of her Deaconess sister, Mrs. Jones, that her work has been in season and out of season, and abundantly blessed of God. Faithfulness and love have characterized the work of Miss DeJordan, and made it a success. Three Bible women have been employed. A native gentleman bore strong testimony in the "Madras Mail" to the noble character of Miss Stephens and Mrs. Jones, and to the importance and value of the work they are doing. The orphanage and schools have continued to be sources of blessing.

The "Woman's Friend" in Tamil, edited by Miss Stephens, increases in popularity, and the women say: "It is not only a Friend but a Mother." Numerous testimonials to its excellence have been given, even Roman Catholics welcoming it to their homes, admitting that their wives and children are greatly benefited by its perusal. Seven other Missions take the paper and find it a valuable adjunct to their work.

KOLAR

MISSIONARY.

Mrs. BAKER

Kolar mission has a unique history. It was begun by Miss Anstey, an English lady, in 1877, and fostered by her with all of a mother's tenderness for thirteen years, till, outgrowing her ability to provide for its needs, she placed it under the wings of the Methodist Episcopal Church. And thus it is that we have received it as a sacred heritage of work for the women and girls of Kolar. It consists of Bible women's work, an orphanage and a day school. The Bible women's visits are generally welcomed, and they are doing their work in the fear of God and for love's sake, and the seed thus sown is sure to bring forth a great harvest. The orphanage shelters both large and small girls, many of them Christians, and seeking equipment that will render them workmen approved of God. Fifty pupils are in the school, the majority of them doing well in their studies.

HAI DARABAD.

MISSIONARY.

MISS L. E. BLACKMAR.

FOUR ASSISTANTS.

Miss Blackmar, who was transferred to South India Conference in 1880, and appointed to open work among Urdu-speaking women and girls in Haidarabad, situated five hundred miles from any other of the Society's missionaries, is the only American in the place. The





doors she can not enter, the work she may not touch is a heavier burden to her heart than that which fills her hands—a day school fast merging into a boarding school, Zenana visiting and Sunday-Schools. Rajahs are calling for resident teachers to instruct their wives and daughters, accompany them in their rides, etc., and she is urged to receive as boarders and pupils sons as well as daughters. From all quarters and on all sides are requests to visit the Zenanas—the work she most covets. She greatly needs a suitable building for a Home, and an assistant superintendent.

The Romish Church recognizing the advantage of occupying in high-caste and influential homes the position of resident teachers, has responded to one such opening by the sister of a Cardinal, "And," says one well qualified to speak, "they will enter this and every other open door if Protestants do not."

BENGAL CONFERENCE.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS EMMA L. KNOWLES,
MISS KATE BLAIR,
MISS ESTELLA FILES,

MISS MATILDA E. DAY,
MISS FANNIE SCOTT,
*MISS M. C. HEDRICH.

MISS JULIA WISNER.

*Home on leave.

Bengal Conference includes Mussoorie, Calcutta, Rangoon, Jubbulpore, Burhanpore, Khandwa, Lahore, Landaur, Roorkee, Ajmere District, Pakur, Hurda.

Mrs. Bishop Thoburn writes: "I have had the privilege of seeing most of this work, and all things considered it compares favorably with the best I have seen in other parts of India. This work is new compared with that in North India.

Mrs. Ward has an interesting work in Jubbulpore, and wishes that a lady might be sent to take charge, as she feels it is growing too heavy for her, and I would second her appeal. The money sent to Asansol is most wisely used. Mrs. Ward asks that her two assistants be continued and that means be furnished for six Bible women. Mrs. Nash visits forty homes, and 300 women hear of Jesus and His love. Once a week Mrs. Nash has a Bible class for the Christian women who will become our workers in the future.

We are having wonderful times here seeing so many come out for God. Baptisms are occurring all the time, and those baptized months ago are still faithfully working for Jesus in their own villages. We must soon have a boarding school for Christian girls.

Mrs. Jackson's work in Mozufferpore has been most excellent, as well as that of Mrs. Byers at Asansol, though under great difficulties and with much self sacrifice.

Mrs. Scott at Rangoon is a real success. I am so pleased with her patient efforts in the orphanage; she is bringing order out of chaos. In addition to her work there she has taught in Jew houses.

The work in Calcutta in which you are most interested is the Girls' School and the Deaconesses' Home. Miss Knowles is at Calcutta. We were on the whole gratified at the result of our recent examinations by the Government inspectors. We had reason to fear that the amount granted by the Government would be cut down on account of the absentees, caused by sickness, but it was increased, which shows that the work done by those who escaped illness was sufficiently good to make up for the loss caused by the absent ones. Miss Dailey is more and more a success, and the school is in every way encouraging. Miss Blair is doing nicely in the Bengali work; she has opened a new school since I last wrote for our native Christian children. Miss Knowles is greatly pleased with the teaching she has done in her school of the Bengali classes.

The Deaconesses' Home has been in charge of Mrs. Thoburn, who reports. Miss Maxey and Miss Blair are the two deaconesses sent out by your Society, and we have two probation deaconesses taken in this country. One of these, Miss Orsen, educated in our Girls' School, supported by the Auxiliary of Oil City, Pa., came to us when she was a very little girl. Her's is evangelistic work in the homes of the Bengalees. She does a good deal among our native Christians, who greatly need to be taught and built up. She is a most faithful, painstaking worker. The other deaconess on probation is Miss Campbell, of Scotch descent. She assists Mrs. Warne, our pastor's wife, who is in charge of the Hindustani work, lives in the Home, and gives her services free. By this I mean that she does not take even the small pocket allowance made to deaconesses nor all of her uniform. She has special gifts for working among young people, having been twenty years a teacher before coming to us. This Home was started with a small amount of money raised in America. The Philadelphia Branch the first year gave us \$200.

We are hoping to open a new school in Darjeling, in which case Miss Knowles would divide her time between the two schools. This seems a providential opening. The only non-confirmist school in the place, which was opened less than a year ago, has failed, and we are asked to open one. We can be started with very little outlay for salaries for teachers, as we have two mission girls who are now ready to give two years each without salary—girls educated by the Mission Fund.

We are expecting a new teacher from Australia shortly, a lady; she pays her own passage, and will receive her salary from the school.

Looking back over the years we can see where we could have done better work, where we have made mistakes, but we look forward hopefully to the coming year, trusting that we may be so guided that our mistakes may be fewer and our fruits more abundant.

MALAYSIA MISSION.

SINGAPORE.

MISSIONARY.

MISS SOPHIA BLACKMORE.

ASSISTANTS.

MISS FOX,

MISS NORRIS,

MISS BEINS.

Miss Blackmore writes: "This year, to me, has passed so quickly; partly on account I think, of the three months that I was away from my work, taking the little boy who was bitten by a mad dog to Paris, for treatment under the celebrated M. Pasteur. The child is well and happy now, so glad to be with his dear parents, he roguishly says to me in Malay, 'You have no boy now. The boy has gone home to papa's house.' The change did me good, and came at a time when I needed it.

"In our house we have twelve girls living with us. They are of three different nationalities, but mostly Chinese. All the girls in the home who are of suitable age go to our Tamil school daily, as it is near, as our house is not large enough to have school in. On Sundays we have a service in our largest room, which is often quite full. It is conducted in Malay. We have prayers in Malay twice a day and these services often take the form of a meeting. I am sure the children's Saviour has received some of our girls, for they are trying to serve Him. We have a Malay servant who is desirous of accepting Christ, but is afraid of the consequences.

The Tamil school is progressing and has fifty pupils. At the beginning of the year we lost some of our older pupils because they were too old to leave their homes. This school passed a most satisfactory examination, when inspected by the Government Examiner last year.

Our school for Chinese girls is the only one of its kind in the Straits' Settlement, and it is not surprising that it has been uphill work to keep it up. The children give us a good deal of trouble, yet if its existence is a struggling one, we shall hold on to it,

Quite a number of families have teachers in their homes. Here is a house, with three daughters. They have had a teacher for quite a

long time. They read and write very nicely, and sing sweetly for Chinese girls. Two of their neighbors' daughters have lately joined them in their lessons. The mother of the latter was not very civil to me when I first spoke to her about her girls learning, but she has changed her mind. We are breaking down some prejudices. After I have examined their general studies they sing a hymn and repeat the text that they have learned that week, which gives me a subject to talk about. The grandfather of these children has said to their teacher she may teach his children to read the Bible and to pray. 'Surely God has opened his heart to make him say this to me,' says the young worker with tears of gratitude in her eyes.

Another house lately opened. The new teacher is rather original. She has not lived in Singapore very long, so her knowledge of Malay is limited, but she struggles bravely through her Bible-story in that language, feeling quite rewarded if the women are not very much amused at her mistakes. I had a pleasant talk the day I went. It was such a pleasure to see the upturned face of one of the little girls as she listened with wonder to the story of the Saviour's love she was hearing for the first time. I was surprised to hear the teacher call her pupils by English names, and when I asked how they came to have them she said: 'Oh, I have given them those names. I could not learn their Chinese ones.' The pupils did not object. The 'Straits-born' Chinese are rather fond of taking up some of our customs, but it is usually the bad ones they choose.

We feel our visiting work has not been in vain this year. The workers are becoming more bold in dealing with the women. Last week I saw a young woman listening so intently to Miss Fox's words. Quite a number of interruptions came which drew the other members of the family away, but she stayed. Afterwards she said: 'I do feel God is with me all day and I pray to him morning and night.' Another young woman said to me yesterday: 'When people come here I ask them 'Why do you pray to the dato (idol)? It can't help you, but God can. Pray to him.'

Some time ago I took the parable of the lost sheep for my lesson for the week. I had such a happy time as I related the story in different houses, and several of the women acknowledged that the Good Shepherd had found them. But to confess Christ openly: Oh! there are so many difficulties in the way. I try to explain that no matter what race we belong to, there is likely to come some time in all our lives when we have in some way to choose between Christ and those we love best in the world. But they think we western women have so many privileges we cannot appreciate their position."





CHINA.

FOOCHOW.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS CARRIE I. JEWELL,

*MISS M. E. CARLTON, M. D.,

MISS JULIA A. BONAFIELD,

MISS ELLA JOHNSON.

MISS LYDIA A. TRIMBLE,

MISS E. M. LYON, M. D.,

MISS RUTH M. SITES,

*Home on leave.

The history of Christian work for women and girls in Foochow is an illustration of the parable of the mustard seed. The tiny seed planted by the Misses Woolston has indeed become a tree, in the grateful shelter of whose branches multitudes have found and are finding supply for all their need. The past year has seen a reinforcement in the number of workers by the return of Miss Jewell and the arrival of Miss Sites, a gain in fact of but one, as Dr. Carlton has been obliged to return home.

The Boarding School, the first department opened for girls, has added to its record of labor and success, of trial and triumph.

Prominent among the discouragements is the brief period parents allow their daughters for study; the wedding comes all too soon, or her services are required at home. A class of six, however, graduated in June, having finished the eight years' course of study satisfactorily. One returned for extra studies, three are employed as teachers, one has begun her medical studies, and the other has become the wife of a preacher, a position for which she is well fitted.

The spirit of benevolence was seen in the older girls earning and then expending twenty dollars that the younger girls might have a "happy time."

The highest number in attendance at the school has been sixty-five, and the examinations were most gratifying to teachers and examiners.

Spiritual growth has been marvelous in some cases and noticeable in all. Seventeen have united with the church, and the record shows twenty-eight full members and eight probationers.

Fostering spiritual life has been Miss Trimble's special charge, and it has been "Advance on your knees." Woman's Schools, supervised by Miss Hartford, have been six in number, the largest of these is in Foochow, with a membership of fifty during the year, ten of them received into the church. Grateful acknowledgement is made of help rendered by Mrs. Brewster and Mrs. Wilcox in schools in the Hing Hwa and Ku Cheng Districts. The average membership for the year has been one hundred and ten.

Day Schools—forty-five in number—continue to shed light upon the surrounding darkness. One thousand and two pupils have received instruction from faithful teachers. One of them, realizing the power of example to be as strong as that of precept, says: "When I think of this great beads of perspiration stand out on me, so deeply is my whole being stirred."

Medical Work. An event to rejoice over was the graduation of a class of four students who had completed the required course of study, running through five years. In Hospital, Dispensary and homes the words that are life have been given, while the healing art has been applied to the suffering body. Total number of patients, 5,543; total prescriptions, 7,600.

Deaconess work, resumed in the past year, has been attended with success quite beyond the highest expectations of those favoring its reorganization. Already the eleven deaconesses are coming in, bringing their sheaves with them. Another cloud of blessing appears upon our horizon—an Orphanage. For the present the wee babes are received into Christian families.

Our latest missionary, Miss Sites, is making a flattering record in her studies, while in charge of the music in Girls' Boarding School and Woman's School in Foochow.

NORTH CHINA.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS ANNA B. SEARS,
MISS MARY KETRING,
MISS FRANCES O. WILSON,
MISS ANNA E. STEERE,
*MRS. C. M. JEWELL,

MISS LILLIAN G. HALE,
MISS EDNA G. TERRY, M. D.,
*MISS ANNA D. GLOSS, M. D.,
MISS RACHEL R. BENN, M. D.,
MISS IDA STEVENSON, M. D.

MARRIED LADIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. GAMEWELL,

MRS. HOBART,

MRS. WALKER.

*Home on leave.

PEKING.

The year's work has been one of encouragement. Miss Sears has been wonderfully sustained and strengthened for and in the great pressure that has been upon her, in caring for the school—with Miss Ketring's loyal and hearty co-operation.

About one hundred girls have been in attendance varying in age from ten to twenty-one years. Fifteen of these have been baptized during the year and a number have joined the church on probation.

The Training School has had a class of thirty-three women, nearly half of whom were in the class of the previous year.

From the experiences of the year it has been deemed advisable to change the *name* of this special department of work from "Training School for Bible Women" to "Bible and Industrial School for Women," thus giving employment and food to the needy as well as an opportunity to learn of the "doctrine." Mrs. Gamewell, who has thrown herself into this work most enthusiastically, says: "I have longed to see the Spirit take hold of these women, but many discouraging developments have appeared now and then. However, we have had many blessed times together and I have faith to believe that God did for these women better things than I know of. Who can estimate the darkness of a soul that has developed to old age and gray hairs in the midst of heathen night?"

Mrs. Gamewell had one recitation in Girls' School until dismissal of the Woman's School, when she took a much larger share in the school work to relieve Misses Sears and Ketring.

Day School, in Southern City, has had the good fortune to have one of the girls, who was educated in Peking Boarding School, for a teacher, since Mrs. Gamewell was obliged to leave, and she has given good satisfaction. Several women have been brought into the Church through the work done there during the year.

TIENTSIN.

Our work here sustained a very great loss in the enforced departure of Mrs. Jewell and Dr. Gloss, both of whom had a very warm place in the hearts of that people, as has been so fully shown by the frequent inquiries made by both "heathen and Christian" in regard to their health. Then the great *vacancy* made in the work was felt most keenly.

The arrival of the two medical ladies, a few days before, brightened the outlook somewhat for that department. The assistance of Mrs. Richards, of the English Baptist Mission, a lady who had lived long in China and had excellent command of the language, was secured for a part of each day. She gave most efficient work in the Training School as well as among the women and children of the West City and in the Hospital.

Mrs. Walker was very earnest in her efforts in the Training School and care of the weekly prayer meeting for women.

The interest shown by the women in the West City, in Church, Sunday School and Prayer Meeting and their desire for more light, is evidence that the work moves.

The Day School, in charge of Miss Wilson, has been in a prosperous condition. Three women from the Training School have taken turns in teaching this school, numbering fourteen pupils.

The Training School has averaged twenty-six women. The Industrial Class was not started last year, but will be opened this fall.

The medical work, consists of a city clinic, held twice a week, the daily clinic at the Hospital Dispensary, the ward treatment and an extensive *out* practice, closing the year, May 1st, with the following statistics :

Number of new patients treated.....	3,768
Number repeated dispensary treatments.....	6,812
Patients in wards.....	90
In homes since November 1, 1890.....	497
Total.....	11,167

Hospital patients have been unusually promising. Some have believed. Others have gone to their homes with a knowledge of the truth, which will bear fruit.

The Dispensary and out-practice has been very satisfactory. From the homes of the poor and suffering, up through all grades, to the Viceroy's Yamen, our ladies have gone to administer to the sick. All who came to the Dispensary, the beggar from the street in all her filth, and the "lady" in her silks and jewels, all heard the story of salvation. The earnest voice of the Bible woman, telling in the waiting room the "good news," has given new strength to the weary physician many a time.

In closing the report for the year these ladies say : " There is much in the past year's experience to prove that the practice of medicine among the women of North China from a purely professional point of view, is not inspiring ; but turn the missionary electric light full upon it, then it is that we forget the long rides through filth and wretchedness, such as we never dreamed of at home, forget the weary struggle to understand and make ourselves understood in this tangled and entangling language, forget the weary days and sleepless nights spent in a hand-to-hand fight with poverty, filth, vermin, superstition and death, and thanking God, take courage and send the glad shout across the waters : ' The Lord's work prospers.' "

TSUN HWA.

Boarding School has been full, crowded to the utmost extent of accommodations, while many applications must be refused. Miss Hale has borne bravely the great disappointment in not receiving an appropriation for enlargement of the home. Her school has numbered over thirty pupils, who have made good improvement during the year.

The Training School opened the middle of November with thirty women in attendance, some of whom were in the school the previous year. General progress in study, satisfactory. One woman, fifty-eight years old, for several years servant in a Chinese family, entered the school four weeks after the beginning of the term and in the first two weeks read a little book called, "First Steps in the Holy Religion," and in two weeks more she had finished the Catechism. Before the close of the term she had read nine chapters in Matthew. It was a delight to see the grasp of her mind on divine truth. Her face would light up with joy when talking of what Christ has done for us. Some of these women come from Christian homes and had some knowledge of the truth. One woman would frequently remark, "Yes, I understand that, I have heard my husband explain that at home." A few, however, knew very little and the object of all the teaching and instruction was to give them a clear idea of the way of salvation, and impress upon them the importance of right living.

The medical work shows some increase during the year. The country clinics have always been well attended, but owing to the pressure of other work the country trips have not been as frequent or as regular as the previous year.

The country work is important as there are always so many opportunities for teaching and instructing as well as for dispensing medicines.

CENTRAL CHINA.

CHIN KIANG.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS M. C. ROBINSON,

MISS LUCY HOAG, M. D.

MISS SARAH PETERS.

Concerning the work in Chin Kiang, Miss Robinson writes: "Chin Kiang school work has been permitted to move steadily on through another year and we think there has been progress in the movement.

"A great blessing came to it at the opening of the New Year by the coming of Mr. Tung to take charge of the class-room work. It was a dark day when Miss Lo left us last June. Her mantle had not fallen upon her two successors and darker grew the prospects until Mr. Tung came and by his intelligent methods and faithful work cleared away the clouds.

"Mr. Tung is a graduate of Dr. Mateer's celebrated school in Shantung, and has had in addition, four years experience in teaching a girls' school at Tungchow. He is thoroughly acquainted with western sciences, and being a sincere Christian, can be trusted to teach the native classics without secretly seeking to prejudice the children's minds in their favor as against the Christian classics. His wife's cheerful zeal in every good work is another unspeakable good to our household of women and girls.

"Five girls have been allowed an extension of time, but soon, at best, these will leave the school, and on them depends in great part, the future reputation and usefulness of this department of our mission work. It is not to be wondered at if an especial solicitude is felt for these five when they shall go out to live again under heathen influences.

"The singing and organ instruction is in the carefully trained hands of Katie Hoag while the older girls are making capital teachers for the younger ones and we shall soon be independent of outside sources for help in the primary grades. The little ones in the nursery will, by and by, take their places in the school room. Their nurses are learning to read and there is so much study and reciting going on in their hearing that these tots appear already to have imbibed the spirit for learning that is in the air.

"At the last annual meeting it was very encouraging to know that those in charge of boys' schools were unanimous in favoring every endeavor to create the healthier sentiment of natural feet for the girls of China. The fact is more clearly recognized that it is here the crusade must begin, before much effectual work can be done in putting away this cruel, mind-debasing delusion.

"Four have been baptized and one is seeking her mother's consent to join them. Twelve are professing Christians. School and nursery occupants number thirty-three."

Medical Work. Dr. Hoag has been very successful with her medical work at Chin Kiang. She reports 2250 patients visited. This work affords large opportunities for evangelistic work and Miss Peters gives her time and attention to teaching the women. The riots have made some confusion in the work here, but the missionaries have suffered no inconvenience and have been able to furnish an asylum for those less fortunate. Dr. Hoag says: "We are safe in Chin Kiang so long as gunboats are anchored at the wharf, and the officials are able to control the people."

KIU-KIANG.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS GERTRUDE HOWE,

MISS FRANCES WHEELER.

The work was somewhat interrupted by the riots. Miss Howe writes: "Our school was disbanded for a week, but part of the girls came back. I am not discouraged as to the final success of our work here but am unspeakably sad as to the present aspect of affairs."

NANKING.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS EMMA MITCHELL,

MISS ELLA SHAW.

Miss Shaw writes of the work in Nanking as having prospered during the year. Five of the school girls have become Christians. Day schools have also been opened. Miss Shaw says: "One of our school girls who was married last winter has opened a small school in her home. This, with another opened about the same time by the Presbyterian mission, marks the beginning of this branch of work in Nanking. The parents here are more willing for their girls to learn to read than in many places, and through the children we would be able to reach the mothers.

"Our Temperance Union which was organized last year has kept up its interest. We have also meetings for the women, but I have found it difficult to get them to give their experiences freely, and am earnestly praying that they may have more of the power of the Spirit in their hearts. It is with difficulty that they realize that a belief in Christ implies a heart experience; not a mere intellectual knowledge of Him. Our last meeting before the riot was one of unusual interest. In consequence of the floating rumors, I dwelt upon the theme of their responsibility as witnesses for Christ among their own people, and asked them if we should be driven away if they would try to spread the knowledge of Christ.

"This thought led them to plead earnestly for courage to be faithful even in time of danger. The testing time soon came, and many have stood the ordeal.

"Some outside women have been organized into a class which has been daily taught by the Bible woman. The outside women have come to see us on pleasant afternoons, and five hundred and thirty have been received during the year. Since our work has been broken up it has been a comfort to me to know that these women have heard of Christ, even though their knowledge of Him is very imperfect. The leaven will be working in their hearts and sometime the bread cast upon the waters will be found again.

"My active work closed about the first of April as I was overtired and compelled to rest until time to start to Kiu-Kiang for our annual meeting which was held April 15th. After the meeting Miss Wheeler and I went to our bungalow in the mountains for a week, then after spending a few days at Kiu-kiang with Misses Howe and Wheeler, I returned home full of hope for the reopening of the work. Less than a week after I reached home came the news of the riot at Wuhu, and rumors that there would be trouble in Nanking,

"We could not believe them at first but threats thickened until on May 24th we were warned to leave the city. The school was dismissed hastily, the girls who lived in Nanking were sent home, the others put in the care of a native Christian.

"Such of our belongings as we could put into our trunks were taken with us. All the foreign ladies and children left the city on the morning of May 25th. We were not outside of the city gates before most of the foreign houses were attacked, but the arrival of the soldiers prevented very serious damage. Our compound was entered by the mob. Both house and school house were looted and fire set to the school building, but the flames were extinguished before much damage was done. The officials have promptly replaced the losses. Miss Mitchell returned for one day the following week to see what had been taken but it was not considered best to remain longer as there was still a hostile feeling among the natives. We both remained in Shanghai until the last of June. I then returned to Nanking for a few days to arrange things for the summer, then came to our Ladies' Home at Chin Kiang to remain during the heated season.

"The effect which the recent riots will have upon our missionary work the coming year remains yet to be seen, but as Christians we should not become discouragèd in the least, for 'the battle is not ours, but the Lord's.' If the enemy has been aroused and is marshaling his forces against us, let us rally our forces and by faith, prayer and personal consecration, overcome in the name of our Lord. Would that a spirit of prayer for China might come upon our Churches!"

JAPAN.

TOKYO DISTRICT.

MISSIONARIES.

*MISS M. A. SPENCER, Tsukiji,
 MISS R. J. WATSON, Aoyama,
 MISS M. E. V. PARDOE, Tsukiji,
 MISS L. IMHOF, Yonezawa,
 MISS E. R. BENDER, Aoyama,

*MISS A. P. ATKINSON, Aoyama,
 MISS M. E. ATKINSON, Yonezawa,
 MISS M. B. GRIFFITHS, Tsukiji,
 MISS F. E. PHELPS, Tsukiji,
 MISS E. BLACKSTOCK, Aoyama.

MARRIED LADIES IN CHARGE OF WOMAN'S WORK.

MRS. B. CHAPPELL, Aoyama,

MRS. J. F. BELKNAP, Aoyama.

*Home on leave.

Aoyama Girls' Seminary—The general scholarship of this Anglo-Japanese School was never so high as now, and the pupils are doing excellent work. Thirty-nine were enrolled during the year, of whom all but one are Christians. One, known as the "Praying Girl," by her schoolmates, because she remembered everything in her prayers, died in March last, and although her family were not believers, they desired a Christian burial, her grandmother insisting that the girl's Bible should be buried with her, because it was what Yoshi loved best. La Grippe visited the school in January, but, with that exception, the health of the pupils has been good. One assists Miss Alling in her weekly meeting for women and so zealous is she, that she would gladly go without food and sleep to gain time to visit the women. Ten girls engage in work in five Sunday Schools and one teaches a class of servant women from the families in the Compound. The Missionary and King's Daughters' Societies continue to have profitable monthly meetings. In the former the girls have raised over twenty-three yen to send two Bible women from the Yokohama Training School into the country for Evangelistic work during the summer vacation. The King's Daughters have abounded in deeds of charity and love among the poor.

Miss Atkinson has found time for visiting the homes of twelve pupils, and in every case but one, was cordially received, realizing as never before how much may be done in this way to strengthen the bond between teacher and pupil and extend the influence of Christianity.

Miss Bender has proved a most valuable worker, evidencing ability and tact in the class-room, a ready understanding of the Japanese character and unusual aptness in acquiring the Japanese language.

Miss Vance was married to Professor Belknap in December, but retained full charge of the music and of her daily Bible class until the close of the school year. A very successful musical was given in June, the pupils showing great proficiency and advancement.

It is a cause of deep regret that Miss Atkinson, so wise in her management of the school from its organization, three years ago, and so beloved by all, is compelled by failing health to take rest. With Miss Carr, as companion, she will travel through India and other countries hoping to return to her loved duties at the expiration of a year. Miss Carr gave most welcome assistance in teaching during the spring term, Miss Watson has been appointed to Aoyama and will engage in work there immediately upon her return to Japan.

Tsukiji Girls' School—This school is under Miss Pardoe's very efficient management. Eighty pupils have been enrolled, of whom seventeen were promoted to Aoyama in June. Nearly all are Christians. At a class-meeting of the younger girls where more than forty were present, all spoke but one, a timid child who had been in the school but a short time. At another meeting Miss Phelps asked the children to write on a slip of paper what they would give to Jesus. One, a sweet little girl of eight years, wrote: "I give my soul and body to Jesus, and all my treasure and all my hope." Another: "I offer my heart, my love, my faith to Jesus." Eight have been baptized during the year and one remains on probation. Eleven girls are sent out each Sunday into eight different parts of the city to teach in Sunday Schools and assist in music at the church services. The Girls' Missionary Society has forty-two members who have raised yen 43.55 this year. Part of this is pledged to an Orphanage in the North, part to a charity school in Sendai, and part to the support of a Bible woman in the interior. The King's Daughters' Society has seventy-five members, meeting semi-monthly for charity work, and weekly in "Tens" for prayer, each girl taking her turn in leading. At Christmas they gave five yen and thirty pairs of wristlets to the Day School children. Since then they have paid three yen monthly to the Relief Society, raising the money by self-denial and voluntary offerings. For nearly a year they have done without cake or fruit once a week, of the semi-weekly allowance, that the money might go to the poor.

Christmas was a most joyous occasion, the beautiful gifts received from home in the Mission Boxes, supplying everyone and leaving a surplus for the Day Schools. Nothing is more appreciated than a gift from America, and a doll is an untold treasure.

Miss Phelps has engaged in the distribution of tracts in addition to her daily teaching and study of the language, and has scattered, during the year, eight thousand of these white-winged messengers.

Miss Locke, a graduate of Pennington Seminary, was sent out in December and has been very helpful in the school, assisting in English and in music. Miss Blackstock has taught the drawing classes once weekly.

With Miss Locke's help, Miss Spencer has given instruction to twenty-seven pupils in instrumental music, and to five singing classes per week. She has also had the management of the five Day Schools at Mita, Kanda, Fukagawa, Asakusa and Tsukiji, numbering five hundred and five pupils, and of eight Sunday Schools with four hundred and forty-four pupils. The new building has been completed for the Asakusa Day School and was opened in June with very interesting religious exercises. An edict, passed by the Government forbidding assemblies in school buildings, has compelled the Mita church to seek other quarters. At Fukagawa, also, the christians, hitherto meeting at the school on Sunday evenings to hear the Word, are obliged to meet from house to house, being too poor to pay the rent of a preaching place.

Miss Sagara, the Day School visitor, has rendered efficient aid in the management of the schools, as well as giving weekly instruction in English, singing and the Bible. With two exceptions the twenty-three teachers are Christians. A course of Bible study has been prepared for the Day School, the ease with which the children commit and recite Scripture, giving much to hope for in their knowledge of God's Word.

Under Miss Spencer's direction, five weekly meetings have been held for women with a membership of fifty. The Bible woman, Mrs. Uehara, has been abundant in labors, assisting in two of the meetings and carrying on two by herself. Miss Spencer writes, "Mrs. Uehara is always humble, but full of zeal, and seldom goes into a shop without urging Christianity upon the inmates and inviting them to church. One of our meetings has been held at the house of a physician, whose wife was an earnest christian but in delicate health. As long as she could she attended the meetings, and when no longer able to sit up, would vacate her room that the ladies might still meet there. Looking in upon her as I was leaving one afternoon early in June, I inquired how her soul prospered, and with a bright smile she replied, "My heart is at rest. I have given up everything to God. Whether I live or die all is well." Two weeks later she fell asleep in Jesus, and leaves behind her this testimony, a comfort and inspiration to us all. A sure growth in grace crowns the meetings of the year and a sweet sympathy has bound us all very closely together.

After seven years of labor Miss Spencer found a year's rest imperative and has returned to her home. Miss Griffiths, hitherto stationed

in Yonezawa, has been appointed to Tsukiji, Tokyo, in her place and has already shown a fitness for the work and a grasp of the situation which augers success for the future.

YONEZAWA.

The Yonezawa school began last year with eighteen students and ended with forty-eight. Next June a class of five will graduate, all christians, and all expecting to enter the Aoyama Seminary. A class of little ones, ranging in age from five to eleven, were admitted this year, and learned easily and rapidly verses of Scripture, hymns, reading, writing and paper folding, but best of all else, learned to be good.

When Miss Griffiths was called to Tokyo, Miss Mary Atkinson the teacher bravely undertook the work of two women and carried the school successfully through the year. She has had the comfort of seeing not only her pupils, but older people, who came at first only to listen curiously, kneeling at Jesus' feet and there finding the joy and comfort they failed to find in other gods. Miss Griffiths was called to Tokyo in May, but her Bible woman, Mrs. Yamaka, and her helper, Miss Kono, remained and carried on her good work. Meetings were held regularly in three villages and in one of these especially, the word of God has been gladly heard and studied and the Christian hymns memorized and sung heartily. The Old Testament has only recently been translated into Japanese and a most interesting part of the year's work has been a class of Christian women studying this wonderful book. Miss Griffiths closes her report by saying: "Alone together, in our mountain home, we have been very happy working and praying for the salvation of our people. It was hard to leave Yonezawa, my first home in Japan, but if the Lord has work for me elsewhere, He can provide a better worker in my place and out of that benighted city many shall turn to the Lord and be saved. And so although we have not seen as great results from our work as we had hoped to see this year, we are grateful indeed to have had the privilege of witnessing for Jesus in Yonezawa, for as much as we know that our labor is not in vain in the Lord."

YOKOHAMA.

MISSIONARIES.

MRS. CARRIE W. VAN PETTEN,

MISS A. S. FRENCH.

As we review the year in Yokohama we are assured that God cares for His "work and workers" in sunshine and storm. The training school has had a year of success and prosperity, with the corps of teach-

ers, courses of study and general plan of work, the same as the year previous. A class of fifteen entered the school at the beginning of the year, four of whom were self-supporting, and two partially so, one died, two were compelled to leave on account of poor health, and ten continued to the end of the year. Two came so late that they will probably enter beginner's class of the coming year.

All of these thirty-five Bible women have done work in the city during the year, holding meetings of some kind. Some of the older ones have been appointed leaders of church classes, meeting not only the Christian women, but others who may have been invited to come, from time to time. Some have held meetings at the houses of Christian women, and the neighbors invited to come and listen to the truth. In a little village, in which we have a day-school, which has been noted for its wickedness—a nursery of crime—much good has been accomplished. Mrs. Matsumoto, formerly a member of the training school, premed to that place, and she opened her house and assisted in sustaining the meetings. The children of the day-school brought their mothers and some of these have expressed a wish to become Christians. Meetings for servants, for children, and for the blind have been held, and house to house visitation one afternoon of each week has been done by some of the older pupils.

Two classes have been sent out to work during the year; one in October, the other in April. The good that is being accomplished through this training school cannot be over estimated. Its possibilities for the future of this Empire, are incalculable. The Japanese government recognizes two classes of private schools—Charity schools in which tuition is free, and Private schools in which tuition is charged. Before any school can be started a "permit" must be obtained from city authorities and certain requirements complied with. 1st. Every school must have a "Koshu," the person in whose name the school stands, and who is responsible to the authorities for its being properly conducted. Tobe school is without this official at present, hence the teacher suffers the inconvenience of frequent visits from the town authorities. The "Koshu" must be a Japanese. 2d. In every Primary school one of the teachers must hold a certificate from the educational department, granting permission to teach. If there be two grades in the same school, then two of the teachers must hold these certificates. 3rd. The school must be held in a building sufficiently large to prevent over-crowding, and which is properly lighted and ventilated. Private schools are supposed to be on a level with government schools. During the last spring government officials visited all the schools in Yokohama, with a view to closing all undesirable "Private schools."

Our Furocho school has good teachers, and its pupils always stand high at the annual examinations, but its rooms are small and dark, and it has no play ground whatever. As there is no other building in the vicinity suited to the needs of the school, it came to the point where a new house *must* be built or the school given up. After much careful, prayerful consideration, our ladies decided to build, putting the expenses for it into the estimates for 1892. Then if not appropriated for, the teachers propose to meet the expense personally. There seemed no other way to compass this matter but in this manner, to prevent the school being dismissed by those in authority. The building was to be completed and ready for occupancy about the first of October. We are grateful that this school in Furocho, with its one hundred and fifty pupils and splendid record of success is to have comfortable accommodations—a permanent house—without the liability of being subject to the caprices of an unprincipled landlord or from force of circumstances left without a room of any kind.

The building at *Aizana* is very small and crowded, but as *it* is a charity school there will be no interference at this place. In *Tobe* the work of the school viewed from the standpoint of statistics has been somewhat discouraging, but the pastor of the church there affirms that the school was instrumental in beginning the church there, and influences it largely for good. *Kanagawa* has had a prosperous year in spite of frequent changes of teachers. The school room has been much improved during the year. This is the only christian school in the village, a little leaven in a huge measure of meal, and must be maintained at any cost.

NAGOYA.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS M. A. DANFORTH,

MISS MARY WILSON.

After an unusually hard year's work, in August Miss Danforth and Miss Wilson with four other ladies hired a little cottage in the mountains. There they found a number of missionaries, who, while they rested from their usual labors held a Bible school. Miss Danforth writes that the benefit derived from attendance at the Bible school, and the companionship with other workers has greatly comforted and refreshed her.

On her return her school was opened with very encouraging prospects for the coming year. The highest class, of which all are proud, graduated in June. The great need of Nagoya is a new home. The building now occupied is unsuitable and inadequate to its needs. They

do not feel secure even in their poor quarters for they may be called upon to vacate any day, as the owner is quite likely to sell it, in which case the missionaries would be homeless.

HAKODATE.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS MINNIE HAMPTON,

MISS AUGUSTA DICKERSON,

*MISS E. J. HEWETT.

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*Home on leave.

Caroline Wright Memorial Seminary. The number of scholars enrolled at the close of this year, June 15th, 1891, is somewhat smaller than that of previous years, owing to the withdrawal of many of the older day scholars. This was not on account of any anti-foreign feeling, but that the girls might be sent to sewing schools, and thus fitted for early matrimony. The necessity of a thorough literary education for the girls of their homes is not yet realized by these fathers in the north of Japan and we have difficulty in holding any day scholar after the age of fifteen. In January we organized a Preparatory Department and succeeded in gathering a number of the younger ones together, so we closed the year with thirty-one (31) day scholars and sixty-two (62) boarding scholars.

The year began auspiciously. At conference, Miss Baucus arrived, and was able to begin her duties with the beginning of the term. Her earnest, faithful work, both here and at Hirosaki have rendered her invaluable to us and we feel that our long wait for her coming has been well repaid.

In September we had the first graduating exercises of the school. Two girls who have been in the school from the very start, successfully finished their course of study. Both are earnest Christians and have rendered one year of good service as translation teachers. While as a school we have been unusually free from sickness this year, yet two of the girls very early in the year were sent to their homes on account of ill health. Both had chronic difficulties which the doctor thought could never be overcome in the Hakodate climate, and with continuous study. We felt sad to dismiss them. It seemed like sending them from light and warmth and plenty into darkness and cold and want. But it was the only thing we could do, and as they both had relatives, we knew they would be cared for in some way. We have since learned that the brother of one of them, who should have been her guardian, married her quite secretly to a man with whom she had no acquaintance. Had we

known in time we might have prevented it, but alas! we can now do nothing for her.

In the practical work of sewing, cooking and cleaning the girls have greatly improved. Friday afternoon affords a busy sight. Each girl has her allotted work and halls are scrubbed, windows washed, walls and ceilings brushed in a short space of time, for verily, "many hands make light work." Shouts of laughter and merry talk help to keep everyone good natured, while the desire to see who can have the whitest floor gives good exercise to the muscles of the hands and arms. The girls are learning to cook systematically and we hope to prove to the anxious fathers and mothers that the girls from the Caroline Wright Memorial Seminary will make the best housewives in the Hokkaido.

Our King's Daughters have worked just as zealously for the children of Hakodate as in former years, and each year as they have gained in experience and wisdom, they have gained greater influence and control over the children. Our hearts were rejoiced one Sunday in June by seeing eleven of our girls receive baptism, and pledge themselves publicly to serve the one true God, Father of all. Our hearts are thrilled as we listen to their accounts of their temptations and struggles, and of their faith which has given them the victory. Many times they have come to me, after days of struggle and unhappiness, to say such words as these: "My heart is all peace now." "I want to tell you before I go to bed that I have gained the victory." "I will try never to be so discouraged again." One little girl lost her father during the spring, and the great burden of her grief was because she had not told him about God as carefully as she ought to have done.

The Bible women have done excellent work. Through their influence the number of women attending church has greatly increased.

HIROSAKI.

MISSIONARY.

MISS GEORGIANNA BAUCUS.

The missionaries in north Japan report Hirosaki very highly favored during the past year. The school had fallen off from seventy to forty, but the arrival of Miss Baucus and her willingness to occupy this hard field alone, put a new aspect on the situation. Miss Baucus says in her report: "Here is a nice, little day-school of sixty pupils, owned and controlled by Japanese christians, who are very earnest and ambitious that it shall excel all other schools in Hirosaki in secular branches as well as in giving them a christian education. It is this

ambition which has led them to ask so long and persistently for a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society lady. They are poor, but they have done to the best of their ability in the way of giving her a home and providing for her comfort; and give her every liberty in the management of the school that she could possibly care for, as long as it is not a society school. This school, though it does not afford the opportunity for christian training that we find in our Boarding-Schools and can never show the results which we see there, still is a good field for missionary labor. It is very difficult to secure good christian teachers.

The work of the Bible women under the direction of Mrs. Swartz has been successful. A severe illness in the fall prevented her from directing and going with the Bible women. In the winter, however, they commenced making visits and holding meetings, and going to neighboring towns. This has not only been the means of giving the Gospel to those who had not heard it, but resulted in bringing the native christians into greater love and sympathy with each other."

KIUSHIU.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS E. RUSSELL,
MISS J. M. GHEER,
MISS BELLE J. ALLEN,
MISS LEONORA SEEDS,

MISS ANNA L. BING,
MISS MAUDE E. SIMONS,
MISS M. E. TAYLOR,
MISS ELLA FORBES,

MISS GRACE TUCKER.

MARRIED LADIES IN CHARGE OF WORK.

MRS. H. B. JOHNSON,

MRS. E. R. FULKERSON.

The report as published in Minutes of Woman's Conference in Japan, and letters written at a later date, are full of interest to those who watch the signs of promise in these Southern Provinces where nearly one-sixth of the entire population of Japan are to be found. As in other parts of Japan the hard times, prevalence of Grippe and cholera, and the reaction against foreign influences, has somewhat diminished the attendance in Boarding Schools; but this is passing, and the new year opens with increased enrollment and renewed interest in all departments of work. From the first it has been the plan for the school at Nagasaki, which will supply the trained teachers for this part of Japan, to have it develop into a department school, with a specialist at the head of each department. This plan is working very successfully as far as it has been practicable, and will soon be in thorough

systematic working order. Of the Departments of Music, under Miss Bing, the report says: "It has doubled in its numbers, and the interest is greatly increased." Very enjoyable Recitals were given during the year. The course of study has been revised in conformity with the best conservatories in America. The Art Department was organized by Miss Simons in January, '91. At the closing exercises an exhibit of 200 drawings from models and from nature, with numerous specimens of wood carving, showed remarkable progress for the time and from the Industrial Department, which was under Miss Imhoff's care, various articles of dress, both Japanese and English, and many specimens of fancy work. The Chair of Mental and Moral Science under Miss Russell, English Language and Literature under Miss Allen, have been well and filled and earnest, enthusiastic work done. An excellent Japanese teacher in Mathematics is employed, and when a head can be found for the Chair of Natural Science we will be able soon to furnish teachers for all departments whenever called for. But is this missionary work? Miss Russell says: "Who will teach these people of Jesus? We must all do it. Knowing science will help us to know the Creator of science, knowing music is expressing thought in sound, knowing art is embodying thought by pencil, brush or chisel. These are all thoughts of God, and he who does not see in the wonderful love of the beautiful in the Japanese soul a something to be cultivated for the Master's use, sees not afar off. Every head of a department has her Bible Class and Church Class, and uses every opportunity to reach souls. A regular prayer meeting is held every Saturday evening, led by one of the foreign teachers, while every evening at 9 o'clock special prayer meetings are held by different classes of students."

Twelve graduates will at the close of this year be ready for service. Two circles of King's Daughters have helped Miss Imhoff in Industrial work and in her classes of young men and women. They also render excellent service in three other Industrial Schools and in Sunday meetings, where from sixty to one hundred are taught the Scriptures. Two Literary Societies and eighty members of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union show how they are looking after broader culture and taking hold of the living questions of the day. Miss Gheer has charge of the evangelistic work, which includes the training of Bible women. Graduates from this department are at work in various localities, and enlarged plans are laid for the future. Miss Gheer also supervises work of Bible women and visits the outlying stations. Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Fulkerson are her assistants in evangelistic work and have rendered valuable assistance in industrial and religious work.

FUKUOKA.

Misses Taylor and Seeds had a busy, prosperous year in the Boarding School. There was an average of sixty pupils—twenty-two boarders.

An especial interest in Bible study has developed during the year. The advance of pupils in study was highly satisfactory. Two girls, seat-mates, were called home to heaven, dying within one month of each other. Both were earnest christians and received christian burial by Buddhist parents. There were eight conversions among the pupils, and the Primary teacher became an active christian.

An afternoon Sunday-School numbering seventy has been organized in the home of one of the christians, and is composed of children gathered in from the street. The morning Sunday-School is large and flourishing. Before the arrival of Miss Seeds, Mrs. Fulkerson, of Nagasaki, came to Miss Taylor's help and rendered valuable assistance. The Bible Woman's work has been a constant means of grace. The changes made by Conference takes Miss Taylor to Kagoshima and brings Miss Tucker as assistant to Miss Seeds.

KAGOSHIMA.

Miss Forbes reached Kagoshima in January, '91, Miss Tucker being detained a month longer in Nagasaki waiting for a passport. The year of waiting had tested the patience of two of the trustees who made the original offer, and they had withdrawn, leaving the whole responsibility on one man, but he was a christian, and affirms his whole object is to give girls christian education. The whole plan had to be reorganized, and it was March before we could open school. Owing to our delay many who were promised to us had entered other schools, so the school has only numbered thirteen. One was converted and baptized, so already fruit appears. The Bible work has opened in advance of the schools. A Bible class for women is well attended, and four Sunday-School classes formed in different parts of the city with an average attendance of 30. Much house to house visiting has been done and regular women's prayer meetings held. 1,500 tracts have been distributed, and some good results reported from the seed sown in this manner. The coming year with God's blessing will be rich in results, and in another city we can say there are signs that foretell the coming triumphs.

MEXICO.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS M. HASTINGS,
MISS S. WARNER,
MISS M. DE F. LOYD,

MISS H. AYRES,
MISS E. HEWETT,
MISS T. PARKER,

MISS A. VAN DORSTEN,
MISS H. R. LIMBURGER,
MISS I. WALTON.

MEXICO.

In Mexico the battle of truth against ignorance, error and superstition still rages with the hope of a sure victory if our faith fail not. We recognize in our schools a wonderful means towards this end, and are glad to report them under able management, and in most cases only limited in number of pupils by lack of accommodations for those who apply.

In our orphanage in Mexico City, Misses Loyd and Ayres are faithful laborers. They have enrolled during the year one hundred and forty pupils including over one hundred day scholars, but dozens of applicants for admission, many of whom would gladly pay, have been refused. The past has been a sickly year in Mexico, and most of the pupils have been under the physician's care at some time, still all have worked faithfully and as much progress has been made as in any previous year in spite of adverse circumstances. The seven young ladies in the advanced class deserves special mention not merely for their untiring devotion to study, but because of help given in the school, as assistant teachers, and for their faithful, earnest work in the church, Sunday Schools and children's meetings. Three teachers are employed, and a French lady is giving piano lessons to sixteen pupils, charging them a small sum each. She is delighted with the progress they have made. The girls have also done well in singing, and their knowledge of music has been made to aid as never before in improving congregational singing in the regular church services.

The Christian Endeavor Society grows in interest, all of the active members from oldest to youngest leading the weekly meetings when called upon. By their connection with this society many have been strengthened in their spiritual life, whose simple faith and love are an example to all around them.

PUEBLA.

During Miss Warner's absence the school at Puebla is under the able management of Misses Parker and Limburger, the latter having been sent out during the year. The enrollment has not been quite equal to last year when one hundred and fifty pupils were reported, but the average attendance has been better. There are thirty-five boarding pupils. Miss Limburger has taken charge of the Kindergarten and elementary school, assisted by a pupil teacher, Miss Rodriguez, a lovely christian girl, promoted last year into the advanced course. Eight graduates of this school are already teaching in Puebla and elsewhere, a credit to their Alma Mater, and this year six girls will be graduated from the secondary course.

Dr. Craver, the presiding elder of Puebla district writes as follows: "The Puebla School has no equal in the mission in the material accommodations it possesses, in the quality and grade of its advanced pupils, in the organization and arrangement of the courses of study, in the discipline and domestic economy established, in the amount of self-support realized, and in the influence it exerts on the public."

PACHUCA.

MISSIONARY,
MISS HASTINGS.

At Pachuca is the largest girls' school in the Mission, and the building asked for last year is still more urgently in demand now, that the constantly increasing number of pupils may be accommodated, and the faithful teacher of eighteen years' service may be properly housed. Rented buildings are not to be had and \$10,000 will be required to purchase the needed property.

TETELA.

Miss Van Dorsten, sent out this year, is with Miss Hewett in Tetela, but the latter's return home, on account of ill-health, will leave her alone, making a new lady at this point an urgent necessity. Forty pupils have been enrolled in the Day School, their ages ranging from five to eighteen years. Miss Hewitt writes: "Tetela has been a hard place to work in because of the extreme indifference of most of the people, but, perhaps, four years of sowing, before reaping, is not a long time when we remember what prejudice had to be overcome. I have seen a marked change in the conduct of many, and it seems to me we have now reached the point where souls can be brought into the Kingdom. I had a good meeting with the older girls this afternoon. For some weeks they have seemed serious, and to-day eight told me they wanted to be Christians, and promised to pray by themselves in

heir homes. I do believe the Lord will let me see them become Christians before I go home. There also seems to be a renewed interest among the women."

The School at La Canada, adopted by the Society at the last executive meeting, is under the immediate supervision of the ladies in Tetela and reports fifty pupils.

GUANAJUATO.

Miss Walton was sent out during the year to the work in Guanajuato laid down by Miss Rogers. School was reopened in February, but the situation being undesirable, new quarters were secured and occupied in June. The following is from Miss Walton's report: "Not all of last year's pupils are members of the school this year, due in part to the depression in business, which has caused many families to leave the city in search of work. Some tell us they would come if they had suitable clothing; others say they will starve if they do not work, and, indeed, the sad, pinched, starved look in their faces does not belie their words."

Miss Walton also writes of the triumphant death of one of last year's pupils, who manifested, to the last, a clear knowledge of a personal Saviour. A Night School has been organized for girls unable to attend by day, and the earnest teacher rejoices over her success in overcoming much prejudice and many superstitions in the minds of pupils and parents. At Miraflores, is *the largest* Day School in the Mission; at Ayapango-Orizaba, Apizaco, Tezontepec, Queretaro, San Vincente, Atzala, Xoehiapuleo and Panotta, girls' Schools are in active operation under the care of Mexican teachers, most of whom were former pupils in Puebla or the Orphanage. Three of these Schools we are asked, this year, to assume, the Presiding Elder having become responsible for their continuance. Xoehiapuleo is offered to us on the same terms as was La Canada last year, the building and school furniture being given free for our use, if we supply the teacher and expenses of the school, with full liberty to hold evangelistic services and teach the Bible to the pupils.

There has also come a proposition to secure property and open a Girls' School at Monterey, the former scene of Miss Melinda Rankin's heroic efforts. There are openings in many parts of Mexico, and even in Guatemala, were we able to enter and introduce Christian Schools.

There seems no way of solving the problem of extension, until it is revealed by God, and then we shall probably see that the means are just at our hands, requiring only increased courage, self-denial and faith to make an overcoming entrance into every stronghold of the enemies of Our Lord.



SOUTH AMERICA.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS ELEANOR LE HUREY,
MISS ELSIE WOOD,

MISS MINNIE L. HYDE,
MISS MARY E. BOWEN,

MISS MARY F. SWANEY.

ROSARIO.

The year has been marked by some changes in the work in this city. Miss Wood who had charge of the school, left at the close of the year. Miss Swaney arrived in February and found the house undergoing repairs, and the children at their homes. The work was completed in April, and the school opened with twenty-one girls in the house and forty-seven day pupils. The Normal school, with an American lady at the head, attracts the older girls, having no pupils of a lower grade. The school is recognized as evangelical, but many of the patrons are indifferent to religious influences. Only two of the girls in the house pay board. The girls do a large part of the housework, and learn to make their own clothes. The very efficient matron carries a very large part of the cares of the household. The education expected in the schools is about the same as in this country, with the addition of needle work. English has been dropped, except to English pupils and others willing to pay for it. Catechism is taught in some grades. Several of the girls are members of the Church, and take part in family devotions morning and evening. Sunday-School is holden in the large school room. Also services by the Argentine pastor on the Sabbath and one evening in the week. Many applications for boarding pupils have been refused as it is not possible to increase the number with the house as it is.

The San Louis school, in the Italian part of the city, under the supervision of Miss Porter, has registered eighty pupils. A few of these pay nothing, others one dollar a month—the dollar being worth twenty-five or thirty cents. This school is fairly well accommodated in a rented house. It is very difficult to find suitable assistants. Teachers are numerous, but Protestant Christian teachers very few. Some former pupils of this school at the Home are teaching in other parts of the mission. The school work is making good progress. In the Home the effort is to maintain a steady Christian discipline. The death of Miss Milne removed a teacher whose place will not be easily filled. Mr. Drees writes: "The coming of Miss Swaney has been a blessing to

that work. Her voice and diligent care are producing excellent results while her activities in Church work are of great value to the mission."

BUENOS AYRES.

The school, in charge of Miss Le Huray, does not increase in numbers very rapidly, as she does not take small children. She says: "We are willing only to receive those who give some promise of continuing with us, and of becoming teachers. The School room will hold but twenty; all other rooms being utilized as dormitories and dining-room."

While Miss Le Huray's plans *have been* and *are*, for this to be a Training or Normal school, for teachers, she says: "This is for the ladies at home to decide. With no boarders, I could, in a short time, fill this house with one hundred and fifty day scholars. Our free day schools are very popular places. We have dozens of applications for children under five years of age, and consequently too young to be admitted into the public schools of the city. Then when they are beginning to learn some things (fourteen or fifteen years) the mothers take them out to help in the family, or to learn a trade of some kind. We have one school of just that description. Our share in the school consists of the two lower grades, containing one hundred and twenty children, more or less, under two primary teachers, paid by the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Every nook and corner of the room is crowded to overflowing, but it never can furnish teachers for other schools." Besides this free school another has been opened in another part of the city which has an enrollment of twenty-five pupils, with a very competent teacher, which bids fair to become self-supporting. Miss Le Huray continues with unflagging zeal and tireless devotion her school work, while her presence in the Sunday-School and various church services has been a constant benediction as she "sows the precious seed."

MONTEVIDEO.

Montevideo has been surmounting many of the obstacles that have hitherto impeded success and growth and the faithful toilers there are greatly encouraged. The central school is nearly three times as large as it was last year and is securing a fine reputation, and is more widely known. Some of the present pupils have come from the most popular schools in the city. The name of the school has been changed to signify "high-grade school," and is graded much as are our Normal Schools,

The Bible classes also are graded and given written examinations the same as any other study. Miss Hyde says: "We have never had

a pupil yet who objected to taking the Bible as a study." A remarkable fact, worthy of our special attention. The three primary schools have become orderly, and are in respectable houses also.

All of the teachers employed—fourteen in number—are regular attendants on our church services and six of them are members. The primary schools are exerting an influence which will be felt. The ladies visit among the families patronizing the schools. A flourishing Sunday-School in the house number sixty-three—the largest Spanish Sunday-School in the city.

The English work is very encouraging. Fifty names are enrolled, some of whom speak no English, but joined this department in order to learn the language. This school is constantly increasing in numbers, and pays nearly the whole of the tuition reported.

On Children's Day, June 28th, eleven young people, between the ages of eight and sixteen, joined the church as probationers. Since that they are having a probationers' class on Sabbath afternoons, to instruct them in the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church and in the way of salvation. At a public meeting in the church soon after, ten of this number gave very clear testimony concerning their acceptance with Christ as a personal Saviour. It has been a perplexing, discouraging task to *organize* this work, and bring order out of chaos. Averse as are the children to study and discipline with inherited slothfulness, less hopeful, courageous, persistent workers might have surrendered the position before the notes of victory, even on a minor key, should have been heard at all. We rejoice that obstacles have been overcome, unfavorable criticism has changed to approval, and the way is clear for the growth and prosperity of this work. The great need of a building of our own, is imperative, and if this can be assured, it will secure permanency for the future.

BULGARIA.

MISSIONARIES.

*MISS LINA SCHENCK.

MISS ELLA FINCHAM.

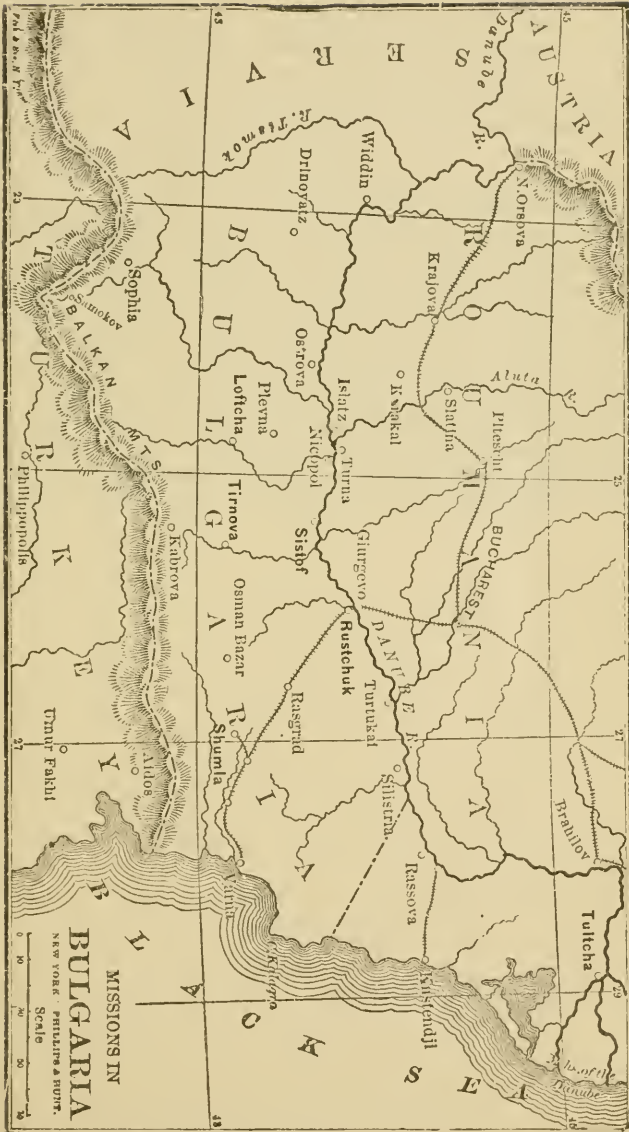
*Home on leave.

Miss Fincham writes: "The past quarter has passed very rapidly and pleasantly. Were it not for my busy life I would often be very lonely, but if my girls are well and prospering it is enough to keep me content and happy. I have been obliged on account of sickness to send one of my girls home, and another, my very brightest, is not far from her eternal home, but she is so patient, and her testimony for Christ is blessed to hear.

We have been obliged to drop the Orchania school; it is far inland and the people very superstitious and indifferent. The school has always been small and the interest not enough to make it seem best to continue it.

The Rustchuk school is well located in one of the largest and most enterprising cities of Bulgaria. From the opening of the school till the passage of a new school law in '86 we had an average of from twenty to thirty pupils. With the introduction of this law opposition began, and ever since it has been a close struggle, but through the help of God and the faithful labors and sacrifices of Rev. E. F. Lounsbury, a former pastor of Rustchuk, we have gained the victory, and the school is established on a firm basis, and, with proper equipments, offers every hope of growing success. The poor little building in which it has been held till the present year was a free gift, and was the best at our command, but has been the subject of ridicule with all the Government school authorities; but now the Parent Board offers us the lecture room in the new church, which is a vast improvement.

Of the school in Sistof there can be but one opinion—Mr. Davis, Superintendent in Sistof, and Mr. Challis all tell the story of good work done there. Mrs. Walden, who visited Bulgaria with special opportunities of seeing the work, speaks of it with enthusiasm. She says: "Miss Fincham gave me fullest opportunity to see and learn all the little details of her work, and I feel we have there an encouraging field, but I would suggest the necessity of sending some one in Miss Schenck's place, as there is too much work for one missionary." Miss Fincham, in one of her letters, says: "Our school is very full of bright, promising pupils. I wish we had more room. There is an improvement in quality



of pupils every year of the material upon which we have to work. Since we cannot take all, we can choose the best, and the more applicants the wider the choice. I would like to take them all. It is the burden upon my heart for the outpouring of God's spirit upon these dear girls. If the work of grace is not deep and their faith well founded it will never stand the fiery trials they will meet when they go out amid a wicked and perverse generation."

Mrs. Walden, who visited the Mission during the year, says: "Since the reopening of the school in Loftcha in September, 1883, Miss Schenck, who was at the head, brought it to a high state of efficiency. During the ten years nearly a hundred girls have received instruction and twelve have graduated. About thirty have been received into the church: of these four are the wives of preachers and five are teachers in this and other schools. The Boarding School is no less educational than the rest, and all cooking and housekeeping is done under the direction of the matron and under the eye of the American teachers who live in the same building. The value of this domestic training can only be appreciated by visiting the homes they make and contrasting them with other Bulgarian homes. The school now contains thirty girls in the five classes and forty children in the Primary Department.

ITALY.

MISSIONARIES.

MISS EMMA HALL,

MISS ELLA VICKERY.

Miss Hall, who has had charge of the work in Rome, writes: "The year has been one of severe trials, even more than the previous one, nevertheless the Lord has wonderfully sustained me. You, already, know my eyes are better, and it is only a question of time to regain their strength. The illness, too, among the children is disappearing and we look forward very hopefully. The summer months have brought a deepening and increasing religious interest among the children. Mrs. Bishop Walden's visit gave great pleasure. She was welcome as our Bishop's wife, welcome as a Methodist sister, and as your representative, and doubly welcome as bringing me a companion, so long and eagerly desired. There has been much sickness among the pupils this year, not dangerous, but troublesome and perplexing, bringing a doubt as to the health of the location. There has been only a Primary School in Rome and it has been suggested that a school of higher grade be established, indeed, a resolution of this kind was passed at the last Annual Conference. "Believing that a Female School of higher grade than any already established in Rome would be of greater advantage to the Methodist Episcopal Church in Italy, the Italian Conference respectfully recommends the subject to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and ask that the women who have shown so great an interest in the welfare of the people, establish such a school as soon as possible."

"Besides the school, Miss Mando, our Bible woman, who has also been employed in the school and orphanage, has done much good work, is faithful at Sabbath school, in her work among the young and in all the various lines of church work.

"Besides the school and orphanage at Rome the Bible women have carried on their Scripture reading and prayer service at Luren, Milan, Forli and Pisa. At Forli, Miss Passesini, visits regularly the City Hospital, and each month four or five meetings with women in different parts of the city. Miss Beondi, at Pisa, carries on her work by visiting in families, and gives lessons in arithmetic, writing and reading to the girls in the factories, holds working meetings with the women and sewing classes for the girls, and to all tells the story of Christ's love.

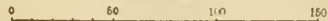
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"In the Orphanage at Rome there is much that is encouraging and we could relate some touching instances of Christ's love in these young hearts."

Miss Vickery writes, "We have true little Christians among us, little girls who will pray and talk of the Saviour's love in a crowd of unbelievers. Brave little Christian Soldiers! And among the parents much good work is being done, and with increased room, I see no limit to our growth."

Miss Hall writes again, "Our little Elena has gone to her Heavenly Home, after removal from us, she was urged repeatedly to confess and allow the images to be placed about her, but was firm in her refusal. Nor are we lacking for encouragement in our school. Two of our older girls passed successfully their examinations for the Government Normal School. Another not only passed, but won one of the prizes given by the Municipality."

KOREA.

MISSIONARIES.

*MRS. M. F. SCRANTON,
MISS R. SHERWOOD, M. D.,

MISS L. C. ROTHWEILER,
MISS M. BENDEL,

MISS ELLA A. LEWIS.

*Home on leave.

Miss Rothweiler, writing from Korea, says: "Mission work, in Korea, stands alone among missions as regards visible results in a short time, and we thank God that He has not seen fit to make us wait for years before allowing us to see any fruit. From the opening of our work in 1885, by Mrs. Scranton, until now, I think I can safely say, there has been, year by year, steady progress, not always seen by outside observers or to be shown in a statistical report, but unmistakably apparent to the workers on the field. A growth in the individual is worth more than a growth in numbers merely, and I feel that there has been this individual growth during the past year.

"It was with very thankful hearts, indeed, that we welcomed on the 14th of last October, Dr. Sherwood and Miss Bengel. They immediately went to work with an energy that told.

"With sad hearts we saw Mrs. Scranton leave us the 18th of last March, but much as we miss her counsel and her presence we would not have kept her, for she sadly needed the rest and change, which this visit home ought to bring her, and we look forward with the hope of having her with us again in renewed health, coming to the help of the women and girls of Korea, who are so eagerly looking forward to her return.

"Our school opened last fall with twenty-four girls; during the year we received four new ones. One, a little Japanese girl, who had been with us over three years, has been transferred to our school in Nagasaki, and two have been married, both to promising young men probationers in the church. This makes three girls who have gone to found homes of their own, Christian homes. This is certainly one of the means of evangelizing the country. The women, the mothers mould the nations. Had these girls not come to us they would have been as ignorant as others, not even able to read, now they have learned to know of God and Christ, of his love for them and for all mankind and are able to tell others of the Gospel, to read to them and to teach them, to read for themselves.

"But we are trying to give our girls not only book-knowledge but to fit them for practical useful lives. The one last married was an exceptionally neat and tidy girl and has her home in what might be called 'apple pie' order. A Korean who had visited her remarked on this and then sighing said: 'But, she had no mother-in-law to tell other folks how well she does. What we had regarded as fortunate in that it left the young folks free to serve God in their home, this woman though a Christian, thought a great misfortune.

"Last winter four of our girls received baptism and four others gave their names as candidates. I do not doubt that all would be ready to do the same were it even suggested to them but we feel that it is too important a step to be taken without full appreciation of its import. We are convinced that there are real Christians among them, who are seeking earnestly to be Christ's followers. I have been put to shame more than once when I have seen the strong effort put forth to control the uprisings of an impatient heart, the 'dark face,' as they call it, instantly changing to a smile with the fresh attempt to overcome. Three women also received baptism. One was our home matron, named Priscilla, another the hospital matron, named Sara and another the mother of one of our girls. All these show an earnest striving to be real Christians.

"Dr. Sherwood tells you about training girls as dispensary assistants. You would be surprised to see the determination with which especially the oldest tries to overcome her aversion to unpleasant sights and duties incident to the work. Dr. Sherwood has instructed these girls with some others in physiology daily and expects to carry the class on in the coming year.

"Miss Bengel immediately put her shoulder to the wheel relieving me of almost all the English work. She has been in the school room three and a half hours daily. This is too much for a beginner if justice is to be done the language. We have held in the Home four services on Sunday and one during the week. Our Sunday school had not been started with the expectation of having any outside attendance but during this last spring and summer we have had anywhere from two to sixteen present. Sunday evening women's meetings have not increased very much in numbers but the same ones have come more regularly. The aggregate has been 989, the average twenty-seven. Simple, very simple talks, singing and prayer make up the programme.

"On Jan. 4th we started two outside meetings on Sunday afternoons, one by Mrs. Scranton which she kept up until her departure and I went for sometime after, the other in our Woman's Dispensary. In the first there seemed but little prospect of doing anything outside the family

of the man in charge so I decided to give up there and begin at the South Gate Hospital where Dr. McGill has invited me to come.

"The second one was more successful as to numbers at least, averaging sixteen, with an aggregate of 476. Many patients come, not knowing that it is Sunday and are invited to wait for the 'teaching,' others came for this only. Since Mrs. Scranton left I have been assisted by Druscilla, leaving the meeting in her charge when I went to the other places.

"Last year, and for a short time this year, we did some daily work among the patients in the waiting room, but for lack of time this had to be dropped all but what Sara the matron does. She has sold quite a number of books, several hundred Sunday calendars and has given away hundreds of sheets containing the Sunday school lessons. She reads and talks to the patients at every opportunity. Druscilla has done a great deal of work here at the home among women who came here to visit and whose numbers are usually limited only by our refusal to admit every day. They come, of course, to *see*, but few go away without also *hearing* something of the 'doctrine.' Once in awhile, however, some one comes with the avowed intention of hearing. One day a woman was announced to me as wishing to see the house, but she immediately spoke up saying: 'No, I have not come to see; I was at the meeting in the hospital and I want to know more of this doctrine.' She has come several times since. We would be welcomed, I know, to visit in many houses where much good might be done, even if we could not hold formal meetings had I the time for it; under present circumstances it is impossible.

"We still employ our Bible women. Some of the women whom she had under instruction have been drawn away by the Romanists.

"Evangelistic work of a slightly different nature has been undertaken also. Mrs. Scranton had ready for the press, and it is now being printed, *Peep of Day*, from which we look for good results.

MEDICAL WORK.

Woman's Medical Work in Korea was opened by Dr. Howard, October, 1887. During her first ten months she treated 1,137 dispensary cases; during the corresponding ten months of the second year the number increased to 1,423. Miss Howard returned to America the third year, and the work increased under the kindly care of Dr. Scranton of the Parent Board, and for the first ten months of the fourth year Dr. Sherwood has treated 2,359 cases, 1,124 of these were patients first visits, and 1,235 return visits; 82 professional calls out have been made, and 35 patients admitted into hospital wards. The total number of cases treated is 2,476, for which over 6,000 prescriptions have been compounded. Dr. Sherwood says:

"Our patients both sit and sleep upon the floor in Korean fashion, and save the fact that it is difficult for the doctor to work over them, I like the custom very well—it is safe, for there is no danger of a patient getting out of bed against the doctor's orders. It is cleanly, the floors are covered with oiled paper and are wiped up with an antiseptic solution every morning. The floors are heated in cold weather by a fire built under them night and morning, the fuel is put in from the outside of the ward in a small room which usually serves as a kitchen, the floor being warmed by the same fire upon which the food is cooked. These floors are made of mud and stone and retain the heat a long time after the fire has gone out, and the Koreans consider them the most comfortable thing in the world to sleep upon; they pity us because we sleep in beds.

Our work has been free to rich and poor alike, but those who are able are asked to pay enough to cover the cost of their medicines. More than one-fourth of the in-patients have provided their own food during their stay in the hospital, and some have paid for their medicines besides. Koreans are very fond of making presents in recognition of favors done them. I have been given over 1,000 eggs besides considerable fruit and Korean food. The eggs and food I can turn to account among the patients.

I remember one poor slave-woman, whose little boy I treated in the hospital, was so grieved because she had nothing to give, and said if she could sell her body she would do it to buy me a present, and later by some means she did manage to send me a string of eggs. They always sell eggs by the string in Korea, ten eggs in a string. All the in-patients have religious instruction, and Sara, the hospital matron, reads to those who cannot read; sometimes I find the patients reading to each other, or teaching a new comer. Every patient is given a lesson-sheet from the Gospels, and many buy copies of Luke. I find in 160 of patients only 18 who can read. Probably in the same number of men there would not be 18 who could not read.

Three of the girls in the school I am training to assist me in the drug room and dispensary. If it were not for the Korean custom of early marriage we could depend upon the girls for pharmaceutical work and nursing, and in time for assistant physicians, but we cannot keep them beyond the age of sixteen.

Quite often in my morning clinics, women from the higher classes come in closed chairs, and they always inform me that it is a great exception for them to go out, but their disease is difficult, and they had heard I was a very nice doctor, and so they had come. The outcalls have many of them been to people of quite high rank, from the

daughter of a "chusa" to the mother of the late Prime Minister. I have visited a niece of the late Queen dowager, living within a large stone house built within two or three court yards, with foreign lamp posts here and there, good sized rooms, easily made larger by pushing back the Korean doors and throwing two rooms into one, large screens, a fine mirror and Korean dressing case, the patient and her attendants clothed in spotless white in mourning for the old queen, the undergarments of the patients made of soft white Korean silk and covered with light downy comfortables of colored silk, and lying upon a soft mattress with a beautifully embroidered Korean pillow on the warmest part of a highly polished (Kang) floor. The same afternoon I had visited a poor sick woman of the coolie class in her little 5 x 8 room, with ceiling so low I could not stand upright, one small window covered with oiled paper the patient stretched upon an old straw mat and covered with a coarse cotton comfortable. Many of the wretched cases one meets in a practice like this are appalling.

I was called one day to see a young wife aged eighteen who was so sick she had been sent back to her mother to die. After prescribing for her, she seemed relieved and fell asleep before I left. The father and mother were so grateful they bowed to the ground and just showered me with thanks. The young woman finally recovered, and the father sent me a present and a letter, of which the following is a translation. "Letter take up in the presence of the doctor lady. I am thankful for the benefit received, though I am not able to pay back, and, it will be difficult for me to forget until my bones turn white," &c.

Some time after this the mother came and asked me to come to her house to see a person with a sore eye. Supposing it to be a woman, I said: "Why cannot this person come to the dispensary, if she can go to your house?" "If the King knew, the person's head would come off." O! no; said I, there were some palace women here the other day, and it was all right." Then the fact came out that it was a Buddhist priest she wanted me to see, and it is true they are not allowed within the walls of the capitol under penalty of death, during the present reign; so I went to see him, treated his eye, gave him medicine, and a Christian catechism, and in an interested manner he at once commenced reading it aloud, and a number of people gathered in the court yard to listen.

If I have been able to do but little through the Korean tongue for my patients in bringing to them that which above all things I desire for them, saving faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, yet through the great universal language of *love*, I believe I have really helped in this, the supreme object of all Medical Missionary Work.

Report of Home Work.

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The 22nd annual report of the New England Branch in many respects has been largely a repetition of previous years, but interspersed with more of shadow and perplexity, it may be, affording larger opportunities for development of faith in the "naked promise" of God—which we so well know is promotive of a higher, purer type of Christian discipleship.

As we glance backward and note the wonderful deliverance *He* hath wrought out *for* us, when the waves dashing at our feet threatened to engulf us, and the very elements themselves seemed combining to loosen our grasp upon that immutable word "ask what ye will in my name and it shall be done unto you," we render praise to Him.

The crowding duties, anxieties and responsibilities are among the past experiences, and we come to say with thankful hearts, out of them all *He* hath delivered us! And we praise and magnify the name of our "Immanuel," who hath supplied "all our need," "according to His promise."

We have had but little increase in number of auxiliaries or members, partly because we have not been prepared to go forward in the work of organization, and partly too, from the fact that so many other "societies and leagues" are demanding and receiving attention in our churches, especially among the young. "Too many organizations already, that must be sustained" intimidates the faint-hearted, hence "our borders

have not been greatly enlarged, but the cords have been lengthened and the stakes strengthened," so that in the near future, we believe this work will be more aggressive.

There are many points of encouragement beyond any previous year. Many of the best women of our church are attesting their increasing interest by corresponding labors and sacrifices in its behalf. Work among the children is most hopeful. With the appointment of a thoroughly competent and enthusiastic committee to arrange for this, as a "special department" we are already rejoicing over results.

"On the occasion of our late Branch annual meeting, at the "Children's Hour," the exercises of a "Model Mission Band" held the closest attention of the large audience, and scores of our constituency present must have received very many most valuable suggestions, giving an inspiration for well organized intelligent effort among the children.

Then the next day, the "Young Ladies Hour" was one never to be forgotten. As we listened to the able papers prepared and presented, we thanked Him again and again for the "ability and culture" thus early given to assist in sending the "glad tidings" to the ends of the earth. When those who have been leaders in this work shall have exchanged "toil for triumph" in the presence of the King, what hope for the future, if all these gifts be fully consecrated for service "in His name."

We have sent no lady to the field this year, as it was deemed wise to detain Miss Young until another year, in view of the financial pressure upon us as a Branch. Two of our missionaries have returned during the year, Miss Harvey from India, and Mrs. Scranton from Korea; and Dr. Christiancy is en route for home, probably.

The usual quota of annual reports, General and Branch, have been distributed with free leaflets as provided for by action of this committee. Subscription list of *Heathen Woman's Friend* has decreased, and we deplore this fact, for it betrays an element of weakness, which requires strengthening, by a renewal of zeal in "pushing" its circulation not only among our auxiliaries, but in the families of our church.

Heathen Children's Friend is increasingly, and most deservedly popular and is being received with much favor by the Sabbath schools in some of our churches.

"The *Little Light Bearers* too, is finding with its neat, attractive, significant enrollment card a place in many of the households represented in our churches, as well as in our auxiliaries.

Our "Depot of Supplies" not opened until nearly the middle of the year, is doing very nicely.

While some of our number have passed on and up to the rejoicings of "coronation day," we who have still the precious opportunities of service in the great harvest-field of this world, will press on, trusting for a bountiful reaping, if we faint not. For he who hath led, will lead.

MRS. M. P. ALDERMAN,

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MRS. J. EASTER, Port Gibson, N. Y.	MRS. JOSEPH HILLMAN, Troy, N. Y.
<i>Erie,</i>	<i>Wyoming,</i>
MRS. W. V. HAZELTINE, Warren, Pa.,	MRS. D. C. OLMSTEAD, Norwich, N. Y.
<i>Genesee,</i>	<i>Newark,</i>
MRS. J. T. GRACEY,	MRS. J. H. KNOWLES, Newark, N. J.
161 Pearl St., Rochester, N. Y.	
MRS. F. G. HIBBARD, Clifton Springs, N. Y.	
<i>New York,</i>	<i>New Jersey,</i>
MRS. HANNIBAL ROBINSON,	MRS. D. D. LORE, Summit, N. J.
46 W. 10th St., N. Y.	
<i>New York East,</i>	<i>Northern New York,</i>
MRS. Z. P. DENNLER, Long Island City,	MRS. E. B. HOPKINS, Madison, N. Y.
N. Y.	

The Twenty-first Annual Meeting, from which this dates, was a memorable meeting. For the first time in the history of the New York Branch, the Treasurer reported a deficit. Such, however, was the

enthusiasm under the gracious influence of the blessed Spirit that provision was made for the debt at that meeting, and generous hearts were inspired to undertake liberal things for the future.

We have had a testing-time in many respects this year, and our discouragements have come from unexpected sources. But with grateful hearts we came to the Twenty-Second Annual Meeting, testifying that "hitherto the Lord hath helped us."

The limits of this report prevent a detailed account of the auxiliary work, and we cannot adequately express our appreciation of the faithful, persistent labor so generously performed by our Conference and District Secretaries.

The Camp-meeting and Conference Anniversaries and District Conventions, presided over by the Secretaries, have done much to stimulate the zeal of the auxiliary workers. Our home work has been much helped by the labors of Miss Downey and Miss Cushman. The Ocean Grove Anniversary, presided over by Dr. Stokes, was an interesting and profitable occasion, and as usual, our treasury was enriched by the large collection. We have no large increase in the number of auxiliaries to report, but we believe few, if any, have fallen asleep or ceased to exist.

The mite-boxes are still in demand, and have been liberally distributed. We are especially interested in the Young People's Societies and Children's Bands, and have distributed the special work largely in their interest.

Our new Missionary, Miss Grace Tucker, sailed in November in company with Miss Gheer for Nagasaki, Japan, and is at work in Fukuoka. Of the twenty-six Missionaries sent out by the Branch only three have returned this year. While we regret the loss of service in the foreign field of such valuable workers, we are glad to see their faces and hear their inspiring experiences.

The auxiliaries of the German Conferences have apparently lost their interest, in the absence of the German Secretary, Miss Dryer. We hope soon to welcome her again among us in renewed health and strength.

We are happy to report an increase in subscriptions to the *Heathen Woman's Friend* and the *Children's Friend*. Two thousand copies of our Branch reports have been circulated and several hundred of the General Annual reports.

The call comes to us from every part of the foreign field "Come over and help us." Hundreds of men and women have cast away their idols and are seeking the true God. God is pouring out His blessed Holy Spirit upon the nations of the earth.

The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few.

MRS. H. B. SKIDMORE,
Corresponding Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received from October 1, 1890, to October 1, 1891.....	\$45,297 32
Disbursements	46,800 63
Deficit October 1, 1891.....	\$ 1,503 31

MRS. J. M. CORNELL,
MRS. H. J. HEYDECKER.

141 Center St., N. Y.

Treasurers.

PHILADELPHIA BRANCH,

President, MRS. MARY SPARKES WHEELER, Phoenixville, Pa.
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Treasurer, MRS. CYRUS D. FOSS, 2045 Arch St., Phila., "

CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Central Penn.,</i>	<i>Wilmington, (frac.)</i>
MRS. R. HINKLE, Berwick, Pa.	
<i>Erie</i>	<i>Wyoming, (frac.)</i>
MRS. W. V. HAZLETINE, Warren, Pa.	MRS. E. L. OLMSTEAD, Norwich, N. Y.
<i>Philadelphia,</i>	<i>Genesee, (frac.)</i>
MRS. J. B. BRENNISER, 1914 Wallace Street, Philadelphia, Pa.	
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SUPERINTENDENTS OF BANDS.

Central Penn. MISS C. M. PURDY, Sunbury, Pa.
Erie " MRS. P. P. AUSTIN, Meadville, Pa.
Philadelphia, MRS. M. L. SHEAFER, Philadelphia, Pa.
Pittsburgh, MRS. M. H. BROWN, Pittsburgh.

A short time before our beloved Miss Hart entered through the gates into the eternal city, the Secretary of the Philadelphia Branch sat by her suffering couch, and was given a message from her to this Executive Committee now assembled. After mentioning by name with tender

love, one and another of those with whom she had labored rejoicingly so long in Executive Committee, she said: "Tell them the most important thing in life is to be fully and entirely consecrated to God, and then to use every faculty of mind and body in service for Him." This work emphasizes itself into our hearts to-day by the powerful example of her own life, and by the personal experience of each of us, as we gather once more to tell of the way the Lord has led us. We have been working to extend the Kingdom of God through the whole earth, and to hasten His coming to claim His own. The past year has been no exception to the usual experience of fluctuating success, though on the whole, considerable advancement has been made in Philadelphia Branch in financial receipts.

The meeting of the General Executive Committee in Wilkesbarre last November was an inspiration and incentive to the Wyoming Conference. The presentation of the cause by the returned missionaries and the labors of the home workers in the open sight of the community, opened the eyes and hearts of many to a just appreciation of the aims and actual accomplishments of the Society, and several large gifts came into our treasury, which afforded most grateful and necessary help to needy places. The building of the school at Pekin became an assured fact, through the liberality of one noble woman, and that at Tsun Hua through two others. Several new auxiliaries have been formed in the district, and the stimulating influences of increased knowledge has resulted in what we trust is a permanent enlargement.

In the conferences where comparatively little interest has been manifested, as soon as willing and efficient officers were placed in charge, there followed an increase of receipts, and capabilities hitherto unsuspected, have been developed. Again if for any reason a locality has been deprived of its leaders, there has been a very marked diminution of gifts. Our greatest hindrance is encountered in the difficulty of securing capable women who have health and willingness to fill these places; yet it is the universal testimony from those engaged in caring for foreign missions, that in no work have they found a wider broadening of thought, or a greater spiritual blessing to their souls.

At a time when our treasury was so depleted after the quarterly payment that it could not supply the amount required for the outfit of its missionaries, who were otherwise ready to leave in a short time, a special appeal brought in an increase of funds, and the providential payment of a bequest met all demands. This bequest of 3,000 dollars from Mr. Wright of Glen Hope, was welcomed with very grateful hearts.

The new enterprise of the Committee on Literary Supplies commends itself to your consideration and asks for encouragement. They have issued a calendar recording the birth-days and work of the missionaries now in the active employ of the Society, and asking for special mention in prayer for each one at least one day in the year. It has been placed at a price which will bring it within reach of all, and the Committee flatter themselves that in style it is chaste and dainty enough to suit the taste of the most fastidious. It is asked that you think of this in your Christmas and New Year remembrances.

Fourteen missionary boxes have been sent from within the Branch to various foreign fields, and it is found that putting this work into the hands of a special committee, has done much to systematize and make practical the generous thoughts of friends, and has helped many Societies to have a center of activity directly connected with our foreign work.

Through the goodness of our Father the Branch has met all demands upon its treasury. Three new missionaries have gone to foreign work, and a fourth is ready to start with the first party leaving for India.

The news from all our missionaries stirs our hearts with desires for enlarged capabilities. When so many fields are whitening into the the harvest, we look on all sides and say, "Where are the reapers?" Our God has had infinite patience with the ignorant crimes of the heathen, and the criminal sloth of His own children, and now is calling more and more loudly that they who believe in him, should with increasing zeal and without ceasing, continue their work of faith and labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

MRS. S. L. KEEN.

Corresponding Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

September 25, 1890, balance.....	\$ 6,678.29
To Sept. 25, 1891, Receipts.....	27,950.07
Total.....	<u>\$34,628.36</u>
Disbursements from Sept. 25, 1890 to Sept. 25, 1891.....	<u>24,974.46</u>
Balance.....	\$9,653.90

MRS. J. S. CHAHOON,

Treasurer.

BALTIMORE BRANCH.

This Branch includes Maryland, District of Columbia and Eastern Virginia, with headquarters at Baltimore.

OFFICERS.

President, *Mrs. F. A. CROOK, Cor. Madison Ave. and Townsend St., Baltimore.
Cor. Secretary, Mrs. E. B. STEVENS, 227 E. North Ave., Baltimore.
Rec. Secretary, Mrs. CLINTON MORGAN, Calverton, Baltimore Co., Md.
Treasurer, Mrs. E. R. UHLER, 661 W. Fayette St., Baltimore.

CONFERENCE AND DISTRICT SECRETARIES.

BALTIMORE CONFERENCE.

<i>Baltimore District,</i>	<i>W. Baltimore District,</i>
MRS. H. C. TUDOR, Waverly, Baltimore Co., Md.	MRS. E. K. WRIGHT, 716 N. Carey St., Baltimore.
<i>E. Baltimore District,</i>	<i>Washington District,</i>
MISS HATTIE WHITE, 1101 North Broadway, Baltimore.	MRS. J. MCKENDREE REILEY, 532 N. Gilmor St., Baltimore.
MRS. W. M. WINKS, (asst.) 1,738 East Baltimore St.	
<i>Frederick District,</i>	
Mrs. C. W. BALDWIN, Massachusetts Ave., Washington, D. C.	

WILMINGTON CONFERENCE (FRACTIONAL).

<i>Wilmington District,</i>	<i>Easton District,</i>
MRS. A. E. PHILLIPS, 309 West 12th St., Wilmington, Del.	MRS. R. H. MATLACK, Smyrna, Del.
<i>Dover District,</i>	
MRS. H. S. THOMPSON, Odessa, Del.	

The call for the report of the Baltimore Branch is unheeded by the blessed woman who for nineteen years has responded promptly, gladly to your call. Isabel Hart, the peerless, has passed "beyond the parting and the meeting—beyond the farewell and the greeting—beyond the pulse's fever-beating" to "home, sweet home," to be forever with her Lord. Let this thought restrain our tears and check our sobs as we review the way along which the Lord our God hath led us—a way that only mighty faith will enable us to add—it differed from ours because it was higher. The years 1890-91 will ever be memorable in the annals of this Branch as the year when she was bereft of her leaders.

From its organization Mrs. F. A. Crook has been its presiding officer and her name heads the list to-day—honored and revered.

She was with us, a part only of the annual meeting October 9, 1890—each subsequent session the chair has been occupied by another. We have watched with solicitude—hope alternating with fear—for her

Mrs. Crook died Nov. 20th.

restoration to health, but she lies in her quiet chamber waiting calmly for the summons to depart and be with Christ. She sends me this message: "My Heavenly Father is removing gently pin after pin from this, my earthly tabernacle; graciously preparing me for the building not made with hands, where I shall find our loved ones gone on before." We sorrow, but not as those without hope.

At the same meeting our beloved Corresponding Secretary was with us; at the cost some of us were confident, not only of personal comfort, but of days of active life. She counted not her life dear unto herself, so that she might finish her course with joy, and the ministry which she had received of the Lord Jesus. While tracing her Easter appeal, her right hand lost its cunning, and her pen was laid down forever. Little by little she relaxed her grasp on the work, and sent to the first quarterly meeting her resignation, which was promptly tabled, and an assistant secretary elected. September the 5th was the day of her crowning.

Mrs. Hamilton, identified with the Branch as Treasurer from the hour when the Baltimore Ladies' China Missionary Society was merged into the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, was there to give her report. Her tone was jubilant as she announced an increase of receipts of more than twelve hundred dollars. Busy with her books January 6th, in the morning of the 7th she hastened to render her account to Him whom she had served so faithfully and so well.

Prolonged ministries in the sick room by Mrs. Morgan, our Recording Secretary, wasted nerve force and physical strength, and change and rest were enforced thereby. How much she has obtained by her trans-Atlantic trip I know not; I only know she passed weary, anxious days and nights watching at the bed-side of her son, who, at the latest tidings, was creeping back to life. So, with officers disabled or translated, the work has passed to other hands, and our hearts have been well nigh crushed under the weight of sorrow added to the burden of responsibility. Our unceasing cry has been "Help, Lord! for the godly ceaseth and the faithful fail from among the children of men." And who ever cried to Him for help in vain?

Interest in any work may be safely gauged by attendance where reports are returned; success of an enterprise by remittances thereto and judged by either or both of these standards Baltimore Branch has had a successful year. The meetings monthly and quarterly have been well attended, and we completed the year with the largest gathering at our Annual Meeting the Branch has ever known. Receipts from every source—bequests excepted—are larger than ever before; indicating, as we think, a healthful growth in interest, though we can

not report increase in number of auxiliaries, or any great advance in number of members. A section of our territory—Wilmington Conference—has received much less than the ordinary cultivation; its Secretary obliged to devote time, thought and energy in other directions. This, together with the total failure of its chief source of revenue—the peach crop—makes its returns correspondingly small. Our allies—the young ladies—advancing in intelligence are as a sequence advancing in zeal, and we can report growing interest among and increasing help from the children. Mite Boxes representing womanly economy and gratitude are being more generally used—192 having been given out during the year. A dear young girl coming into possession of one, opened, as she was about to kneel for her evening prayer, her purse for an offering. It contained one solitary nickel and she hesitated; it was her all, and wants actual and possible intruded themselves, but she dropped it in, and her alms and her prayers went up together before God, and we are not surprised to learn that that box made largest returns of any in the Branch.

Easter offerings have been in excess of previous years—\$1,085.88, an expression of gratitude not alone for the risen Christ and the hope that fact begets, but of gratitude also for the example and life of her who wrote the Appeal. We have opened a Depot of Supplies at Methodist Headquarters from which we hope to disseminate a large amount of straw wherewith to make good, substantial kiln-dried missionary bricks. Its operations have been delayed by reason of illness among those who were put in charge.

We are thankful to report an increase in subscription list of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* and the *Heathen Children's Friend*, though we have not yet reached our goal—one thousand subscribers to the former. We acknowledge with gratitude valuable service rendered by Miss Cushman, Revs. Rudisill, Long and Oldham and personal indebtedness to the dear Missionaries who have so readily opened their heart-door to admit, in some instances, one who is a stranger to their love and confidence; for frequent and full correspondence and messages of tender sympathy. Also to District Secretaries and fellow workers everywhere, who by words of appreciation and affection have poured balm into a sadly wounded heart. Neither would we overlook the generous friend who when applied to for a loan of four hundred dollars responded promptly with that amount as a gift.

“He was better to us than all our hopes,
He was better than all our fears—
He made a road of our broken works,
And a rainbow of our tears.”

MRS. E. B. STEVENS,
Corresponding Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand as per last Annual Report.....	\$ 3,322 46
Receipts from all sources from Oct. 1, 1890 to Oct. 1, 1891...	10,624 01
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Total.....	\$13,946 47
Total disbursements.....	10,742 49
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In Treasury Oct. 1, 1891.....	\$ 3,203 98
Receipts from Auxiliaries.....	\$8,211 37
" " Easter Offerings.....	1,085 88
" " Mite Boxes.....	815 76
" " Other sources.....	511 00
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	\$10,624 01

MRS. E. R. UHLER,

Treasurer.

Baltimore, October 1, 1891.

CINCINNATI BRANCH.

This Branch includes Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee, with headquarters at Cincinnati.

OFFICERS.

President, MRS. BISHOP CLARK, Glenway Ave., Clifton, Cin., Ohio.*Rec. Secretary,* MRS. C. W. BARNES, Springfield, Ohio.*Cor. Secretary,* MRS. B. R. COWEN, 7 Crescent Place, Cin., Ohio.*Treasurer,* MRS. WM. B. DAVIS, Glenway Ave., Clifton, Cin., Ohio.

CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

Cincinnati Conf.

MRS. J. F. LOYD, Maineville, Ohio.

*East Ohio Conf.*MRS. E. HINGELEY, St. Clairsville,
Ohio.*Ohio Conf.*

MRS. J. H. CREIGHTON, Lithopolis, Ohio,

*West Virginia Conf.*MRS. C. E. JACKSON, Moundsville,
West Virginia.*Central Ohio Conf.*

MRS. A. S. CLASON, Delaware, Ohio.

Kentucky Conf.

MRS. G. E. SAVAGE, Covington, Ky.

*North Ohio Conf.*MRS. H. BENTON, 272 Sibley St., Cleve-
land, Ohio.*Tennessee Conf.*MRS. S. W. JOYCE, Chattanooga,
Tennessee.*Centl. German Conference.*

MISS CLARA BAUR, 56 Milton St., Cin., Ohio.

"Sing praises to God; Sing praises; Sing praises to our King; Sing praises; for He hath done marvelous things; His right arm hath gotten Him the victory." With one accord we join the song of the Psalmist. At the close of another year we come with thanksgiving. Never before have we commenced the year with an empty treasury, and never before were our appropriations so large. Added to this there have been unexpected calls that had to be met, and much anxiety from

various sources. But the women had a mind to work. The seed was sown, and careful tilling followed. We had the "early and the latter rain," and the year has been crowned with goodness, and as the sheaves are laid at the feet of our Master, we say, "Not unto us O Lord, but to thy name be all the glory." There is a large increase in collections and advance in every line of work. The wonderful openings in the foreign field, and the responsibility arising therefrom, pressed heavily on the hearts of the women of our Branch, and led them to consecrate themselves to service as never before, and also with earnest united prayer to call on God for help, and when did He disappoint His children? Great harmony has been in our efforts, and Conference and District Secretaries have worked most faithfully.

The usual Camp Meeting and Conference Anniversaries, and District Conventions were held, and an unusual degree of interest and spiritual power is reported from each. There has been fewer new organizations, but old ones have been strengthened, and many new members added. More and more this work presses itself on the young women and children. Naturally they recognize the fact that it peculiarly belongs to them, and there is a growing desire to fulfill their mission. It is with much pleasure that the record is made of a large advance in subscription list of *Heathen Woman's* and *Heathen Children's Friend*, showing that the faithful work done in this direction for some years is beginning to bear fruit. A little over \$1,000 was paid in bequests, the rest of the increase comes from personal effort and personal interest. At our Annual Meeting, which was a most blessed one, each Conference delegation, after carefully and prayerfully considering the matter, pledged the amount for the coming year, in every case, quite an increase over last year. Soon after our last meeting, Miss Thoburn left for India, Miss Ayres for Mexico, Miss Jewell for China, and Misses Russell and Seeds for Japan. Miss Reed returned to India in July. Miss C. M. Frey, who was accepted at last General Executive Committee, sailed for Peking, Oct. 8th. Miss Warner expects soon to return to Mexico, and Miss Wisner to Rangoon, so that our list of Missionaries home on leave, will all be transferred to the front. It is a matter of regret, that the number of candidates ready for service are less than usual, quite a number now preparing can go in a year or two. Have we prayed more for money than for Missionaries?

Special notice should be given of our Thank offering day. Over \$5,000 was contributed for this purpose, in every case an extra offering, and given with a sense of gratitude that could not help but draw each giver nearer to God, and nearer his work. A fine programme was prepared and carried out in each auxiliary. North China was the field for

the offerings, and especial study and prayer accompanied the gifts. There has been a great addition to our list of life members, and Mite Boxes have been very useful in gathering up the fragments. The "penny a day" plea is growing in interest, and in many auxiliaries pledges are made and carried out as faithfully as the "two cents a week and a prayer."

Once more as we confront our work, we are pressed by the duty that will not be put aside, and gladly join our human weakness with the Divine Mightiness, feeling sure of victory. As a Branch, as individuals, we have a glorious heritage, heirs of God, joint heirs with Jesus Christ in bringing this sin-sick world back to God.

MRS. E. T. COWEN,
Corresponding Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1890.....	\$ 169.64
Receipts from Oct. 1, 1890, to Oct. 1, 1891.....	39,823.98
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	\$39,993.92
Expenditures.....	\$37,111.77
Balance on hand.....	2,882.15
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	\$39,893.92

MRS. WM. B. DAVIS,
Treasurer.

NORTHWESTERN BRANCH.

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- Cor. Secretary,* MRS. F. P. CRANDON, 312 Forest Ave., Evanston, Ill.
- Ass't Cor. Secretary,* MRS. LEWIS MERIDETH, 307 Lake St., Oak Park, Ill.
- Rec. Secretary,* MRS. WM. H. HENKLE, 5317 Jefferson Ave., Chicago, Ill.
- Treasurer,* MISS MARY A. GAMBLE, 575 Cass Ave., Detroit, Mich.

CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

- Rock River.*
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- Central Illinois.*
- MRS. J. N. REED, Abingdon, Ill.
- Illinois.*
- MRS. HORACE REED, Danville, Ill.
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- Detroit.*
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- Michigan.*
- Mrs. C. B. CARPENTER,
20 Clancy St. Grand Rapids, Mich.

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MRS. E. A. HYPES, Lebanon, Ill.		MRS. ELIHU COLMAN, Fon-du-Lac, Wis.	
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MRS. M. A. HOLLOWAY, 781 N. Delaware St., Indianapolis, Ind.		MRS. L. F. HALSTEAD, Baraboo, Wis.	
<i>North Indiana.</i>		<i>German Conference.</i>	
MRS. C. G. HUDSON, Noblesville, Ind.		MISS MARGARETHA DREYER, 114 Dearborn Ave., Chicago, Ill.	
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<i>Swiss Conference.</i>			
MRS. ANNIE SPOERRI, 18 Zeltweg, Zurich, Switzerland.			

The passing year brings us again with our gathered stores to meet with others, who though apart have wrought with us, and we pause for a moment and turn to measure our advance, to gain by comparison, strength for renewed endeavor, and through this community of thought, and interchange of ideas to heighten and broaden our ideas of duty. To the Northwest Branch the year has been full of blessings. On every side we have been met with cheerful endeavor and the result has been advance in every department.

From every district within our borders has come cheering news. From one, "Our financial reports show advance in all regular lines of work." From another "We have been unfortunate enough to lose several of our good officers but in every case new ones full of zeal have taken the place."

Says one of the District Secretaries "During a late meeting from papers read by our young ladies, I can but feel how great will be the increase of interest when these earnest well equipped workers take our places." From another, "We had a full report from our Children's Band; and it was so well done, I may be forgiven for suggesting it as an example our elder sisters might do well to emulate."

Again, "From the beginning to the end of our meeting we felt God's presence making the dark places clear, and illuminating us with the sunlight of his love." From another, who sits under the shadow of a great bereavement; "In the midst of my great sorrow I am trying to rally my mind and my will to answer missionary correspondents that you may have my report in time."

Miss Baker gives us a new pledge card of three cents per week, which with its pretty motto is worth examining. But she does better than this, she reports fourteen new auxiliaries and 300 new members within the year.

Two of our Conferences have given good cisterns to missionaries in

Korea. Another has raised \$2,000 beside membership dues. A good sister in one of our auxiliaries says "I have done without butter a year to give more to our Society."

Our Thank-offering day was more universally observed than ever before, and while the special gifts to Miss De Line have prevented the sum given from being much increased, it has certainly increased in interest and in the universal observance of it.

Our mite boxes still keep up the merry jingle. Though small we are, and of little worth yet enough of us would girdle the earth, and bring to the heathen in every clime, the knowledge of God and his love divine.

Of our Itinerary Committee who can speak with too much praise? She has made the way so plain for societies otherwise off the line of travel, has smoothed rough places and made crooked ways straight very literally, and we are full of thanks and praises. Of our bureau of supplies, we have so long expected good things, we are not surprised at their work, be it ever so well done.

Last year we were happy in the fact we had a balance, and this year its increasing importance, leads us to question as to the propriety of such amounts and gives promise of increasing appreciation. Of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, we no longer are forced to write harsh words of ourselves, since we have been doing better things this year, and while its circulation is by no means what we could wish, since it is increasing, we feel encouraged.

Our Branch last year, had many valuable bequests; this year we have had none of importance and we are glad to know the \$63,000 of receipts are almost entirely the result of careful planning and cheerful giving.

With bright hopes for the future and thankful hearts for the benefits we have received we bid our sister Branches God speed.

MARY C. RARIDEN,

Corresponding Secretary.

RECEIPTS.

Bal. Oct. 1, 1890.....		\$ 8,065 45
Received through regular channels Oct. 1, '90, to Oct. 1, '91.....	\$ 50,534 08	
Rec. special (Miss De Line), Oct. 1, '90 to Oct. 1, '91	6,080 65	
		<u>56,614 73</u>
Total receipts from all sources.....		\$64,680 18

DISBURSEMENTS.

For foreign work.....	\$ 52,882 14	
For home work (or expenses).....	2,757 89	
		<u>\$55,630 03</u>
Total disbursements.....		

RECAPITULATION.

Total receipts.....	64,680 18
Total disbursements.....	55,640 03
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Bal. Oct. 1, 1891.....	\$9,040 15

Respectfully submitted,

MARY E. PRESTON,

N. W. Branch Treasurer.

DES MOINES BRANCH,

Includes Iowa and Missouri.

OFFICERS.

<i>President.</i>	MISS ELIZABETH PEARSON, Des Moines, Iowa.
<i>Cor. Secretary,</i>	MRS. M. S. HUSTON, Burlington, Iowa.
<i>Rec. Secretary,</i>	MRS. L. B. JAMES, Des Moines, Iowa.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	MRS. E. K. STANLEY, Des Moines, Iowa.

CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Iowa Conference,</i>	<i>North West Iowa Conference,</i>
MRS. L. W. BYRKIT, LaJora, Iowa.	MRS. A. G. CARTER, Marcus, Iowa.
<i>Des Moines Conference,</i>	<i>St. Louis Conference,</i>
MRS. W. B. THOMPSON, Mt. Ayr, Iowa.	MRS. F. H. HAGERTY, St. Louis, Mo.
<i>Upper Iowa Conference,</i>	<i>Missouri Conference,</i>
MRS. E. P. FRITZ, Marshalltown, Iowa.	MRS. E. A. SIMES, Clearmont, Mo.
	<i>German Conference,</i>
	MISS. M. DRYER, Chicago, Ill.

As we record the story of another year's work in our Master's vineyard, praises to Him we serve, swell our hearts and spring to our lips. All the year has been radiant with a sense that our divine helper was nearer than ever before. We have sorrowed for the loss of our Iowa Conf. Secretary, Mrs. I. O. Kemble, who went home in July. But her loving spirit seemed to brood over us, and her Conference went beyond any former effort in its year's work. Mrs. A. R. Johnston of India, visited and spoke in more than fifty of our churches in Iowa, and attended, and did good service at a large number of conventions. Early in the spring Miss Rebecca Watson attended the Missouri Conference, spoke at the anniversary, and did effective work by visiting and inspecting the auxiliaries. We had Miss Clara Cushman for a six days' campaign in Upper Iowa Conference, which resulted in large additions to our membership, and some much needed donations to our treasury. Miss S. M. De Line presented the work in Bombay with her usual enthusiasm, to the Upper Iowa Conference, and secured ninety dollars for that field. Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Bare, recently from India, gave words of cheer at the July quarterly meeting, and also at the Des Moines Conference Anniversary. All were

a blessing to our work, and we are very grateful for the service rendered.

But the most substantial work of all, the work that began early in the fall, and continued through winter's cold and summer's heat to the very end of the Missionary year—was that of our Branch President. She organized every district but one in Iowa, and a large number in Missouri. She kept herself in touch with every Conference, and aroused and inspired zeal wherever she went, and she traveled nearly all the year. We doubt if any Branch President in the last decade has been able to give the time and do the work in her Branch that has been done in ours this year. Beside this, with her pen, she has been invaluable to the Corresponding Secretary, in the closest year's work she has ever given to the Branch. So there need be little wonder that with united voice we thank God for Elizabeth Pearson. The Lord reward her as it is not in our power to do! There has been much writing, speaking, planning and praying by our Conference, district and auxiliary officers, whose fidelity, devotion and earnestness, has been a constant inspiration to the rank and file of our membership, and made possible the new and advanced ground we hold to-day. Miss Mary Kennedy, Miss Kate Ogborn, now enroute for China, and Miss Hattie Kemper, and Misses Esteb and Shorb from Missouri, have been our representatives at the Chicago Training School, which has proved a most helpful agency in fitting them for foreign service.

Miss Mary G. De Motte, whose papers passed to the Reference Com. in July, made hasty preparation, and sailed with Miss Watson Oct. 8th, to take charge of the musical department of the Anglo-Japanese Seminary in Tokyo. Miss K. Miyaki, our Japanese protégé has finished a year of excellent work at the Iowa Wesleyan, where she is held in high esteem by faculty and students. During the year she has made a number of visits to auxiliaries and gave interesting addresses. She also spoke at Bluff Park, and the Iowa Conference Anniversary.

Miss Kennedy has kept in stock at our supply agency all leaflets published in Boston, choice leaflets from other houses, Branch and Executive Reports, Mite Boxes, Life Membership Certificates, and Treasurer's Books. She has been very prompt in filling orders, and demonstrates fully that this department can be made more than self-supporting.

We have one hundred-and-thirty more subscribers to the *Heathen Woman's Friend* than last year, and the *Children's Friend* has grown in favor and subscriptions. Thousands of leaflets have been used to spread information and awaken interest. Our appropriation of \$18,500 has been more than met, and we have a good balance to meet the needs of this first quarter of the new year.

The unusual number of Orphan's Scholarships and Bible women taken this year, has helped on this fine result.

Three Missionaries have gone out from us this year. Miss Fannie Perkins to Rangoon, Miss Kate Ogborn to Kiukiang, China, and Miss Mary De Motte to Aoyama, Japan, Misses Lawson and Day in India, Trimble and Wilson in China, Vance, Phelps and Griffiths in Japan, have held faithfully to their divinely appointed work.

Again we have suffered at the hands of the Parent Board, Miss Vance having joined her fortunes by marriage to that body.

Our recent annual meeting in numbers and enthusiasm has never been surpassed in the Branch. Mrs. M. C. Nind, Miss S. De Line and Mrs. A. R. Johnston rendered most valuable help. From the opening to the closing service a deep spiritual power pervaded all hearts. We parted covenanting to give, and pray and work with new zeal for "Him whom we adore." We are grateful beyond all telling, that the Lord allows us to be co-workers with Him in sending out the light to dark places of the earth.

"Out of the shadows of night,
The world rolls into light,
It is daybreak everywhere."

More glorious, more radiant is the day soon coming, when shall be fulfilled the promise, "But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord." Therefore we will "be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as we know that our labor is not in vain in the Lord."

MRS. M. S. HUSTON,
Corresponding Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received from Oct. 1, 1890, to Oct. 1, 1891	\$17,759.29
Balance from last year.....	4,385.99
Total.....	\$22,145.28
Disbursements.....	\$17,344.59
Balance on hand.....	4,800.69

MRS. E. K. STANLEY,
Des Moines, Iowa.

MINNEAPOLIS BRANCH.

This Branch includes Minnesota, North and South Dakotas, Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon.

OFFICERS.

President, MRS. WARDWELL COUCH, Minneapolis.
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Rec. Secretary, MRS. J. M. HEARD, Minneapolis, Minn.
Treasurer, MRS. D. S. B. JOHNSTON, St. Paul, Minn.

CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>Minnesota</i> , MRS. C. N. STOWERS, Minneapolis, Minn.	<i>Dakota</i> , MRS. I. M. HARTSOUGH, Sioux Falls, South Dakota.
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BUREAUS OF SUPPLIES.

MRS. JAS SUYDAM, 429 Holly Ave., St. Paul, Minn.
 MRS. A. W. OLIVER, Portland Heights, Portland, Oregon.

The Minneapolis Branch like many another orphaned child has had various lessons to learn during the year just closed. Deprived of the guidance of one who was a constant source of inspiration, and who always managed to keep the Treasury full, we naturally began to enquire how this could be done. We learned from the report of one of the Secretaries that she had found "the income from auxiliaries" to be "the only permanent and reliable source of revenue," and from the same report we learned that the amount expected from the auxiliaries, per member, and from all the other sources as well, was about \$2.00 in every Branch, save the Minneapolis, where we had assumed an appropriation almost equal to \$4.00 per member.

Somewhat appalled by this revelation we turned to the consideration of our field, and found that the difficulties only increased, because of the immensity of the territory covered, the sparseness of the population, the isolation and weakness of the churches, and the location of the majority of them upon Mission ground.

But we resolved to leave no means untried to meet the obligations assumed, and redeem our pledges to those who had bravely gone to the front, relying upon us for support. And we greatly acknowledge the work done by our Conference Secretaries in traveling, organizing and writing to pastors and people alike. Some have written to every pastor in their Conferences kindly setting forth the needs of the work. One has gone from place to place in the severest cold of a Minnesota winter visiting the women in their homes, and planting our Society in the little churches upon the frontier.

Then, too, we have been able to secure the services of Miss De Line and Miss Cushman for a series of visits to our churches, and in the weeks spent with us, hundreds of people looked into the face of one of our Missionaries for the first time, and received from these eloquent speakers an inspiration and call to work which we believe will never be forgotten.

And so when we come to the close of the year and find that although our balance is \$2,000 less than one year ago, yet our auxiliaries have averaged over \$3.00 per member, and we have added 43 auxiliaries, with 1,036 members, eight Young Ladies' Societies and eleven Bands; we thank God and take courage.

Our subscriptions to the *Heathen Woman's Friend* have increased from 786 to 945; to the *Children's Friend* from 406 to 606, and we record an addition of 25 copies to the *German Friend*.

Two Conference Conventions have been held with marked success. Four District organizations have been effected and plans made for others. Thank-offering day was observed very generally with the excellent result of much information gained regarding our work in Singapore, from a leaflet prepared by Mrs. Dr. Oldham and published by our Branch. Receipts from this source were nearly \$1,000.

Conference and Camp-meeting Anniversaries have been used as opportunities for bringing the church into closer sympathy with us.

One of our loveliest and best, Mrs. Brown, a District Secretary, whom not having seen we loved, was early in the year called from service to reward, but her work well begun goes on, and the fragrance of her memory remains a perpetual legacy.

The three Missionaries supported by this Branch and the several assistants have sent most encouraging reports. For a time it was feared that Miss Abrams' health would give way under the pressure of the work she was carrying on unless relieved before the end of the year, but recent advices assure us that she is much better, and is looking eagerly forward to the time when in a more commodious building she may enlarge her school and carry it on with more ease.

Miss Blackmore was absent from her work three months during the year, in order to take the child of Mr. Munson, Missionary, to Dr. Pasteur at Paris, for treatment for rabies. As a remarkable instance of the humanity and gratitude of a heathen people, be it recorded that within 48 hours after the child was bitten by a mad dog, the citizens of Singapore had raised \$720, the sum necessary to defray all the expenses incurred, and Miss Blackmore and her little charge were on their way. At the end of three months she was enabled to give the child back to his anxious parents cured. Her work was cared for in her absence by the other members of the Mission, and is growing so rapidly that she asks for an assistant.

Miss Blackstock has found the opportunity of opening the distinctive work for which she went to Tokyo, and in a room rented for the purpose now carries on her Industrial School. She asks that the Harrison Memorial Home be built during the coming year. She has received the grant of a site from the Parent Board, and asks that \$1,800 of the Harrison fund be sent to erect the building. The Branch is ready to do this with the consent of the Executive Committee.

Boxes have been sent to gladden the hearts of the Missionaries and help them to tell of the love for all His suffering children that is born in hearts where Christ dwells.

Over three thousand pages of leaflets have been sent out on their errands of light. One thousand four hundred and five mite boxes have gone as silent pleaders into as many homes. Eight hundred Branch Annual Reports and two hundred copies of the Twenty-First Annual Report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society have been sent out to inform and interest our people.

These are some of the things which we can see and recount, but the little sacrifices made, the loving thoughts woven in with the gifts, the countless prayers that have gone up to Heaven for blessing on our work we may not record, but He who knoweth all our ways has taken account of every one, and can multiply the few loaves and fishes into food for hungry thousands.

MRS. C. S. WINCHELL,
Corresponding Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance, Oct. 1, 1890.....	\$ 6,731 87
Receipts from Auxiliaries.....	10,096 41
“ from other sources	387 25
Total.....	<u>\$17,175 53</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Foreign Fields.....	\$11,366 00
Home Expenses	783 59
For Bombay Home.....	500 00
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Total.....	\$12,649 59
Balance Oct 1, 1891.....	4,525 94

MRS. D. S. B. JOHNSTON,

Treasurer.

St. Paul, Minn.

TOPEKA BRANCH.

OFFICERS.

<i>President,</i>	MRS. E. F. NINDE, Topeka, Kan.
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<i>Rec. Secretary,</i>	MRS. M. M. TORRINGTON, Topeka, Kan.
<i>Treasurer,</i>	MRS. A. M. DAVIS, Lincoln, Neb.

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MRS. R. S. FREEMAN, Kansas City, Kan.	MRS. E. D. BENEDICT, Kearney, Neb.
<i>S. Kansas Conf.</i>	<i>Colorado Conf.</i>
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<i>S. W. Kansas Conf.</i>	<i>Wyoming Mission,</i>
MISS MARY LITTLE, Hutchinson, Kan.	MRS. VIRGINIA M. CONLEY, Laramie, Wyoming.
<i>N. W. Kansas Conf.</i>	<i>W. German Conf.</i>
MRS. F. D. BAKER, Salina, Kan.	MRS. MARY SNIDER, Lincoln, Neb.
<i>Nebraska Conf.</i>	<i>Texas Conf.</i>
MISS ELLA M. WATSON, Bellwood, Neb.	MRS. S. L. DIMMITT, Iowa Park, Texas.
<i>N. Nebraska Conf.</i>	
MRS. T. C. CLENDENNING, Omaha, Neb.	

Financially the past year has been the most trying one in our history as a Branch. The disbursements have exceeded the receipts, and in no quarter has it been possible to make the foreign remittance on time. We are not disheartened, this is not a result of decreased interest or unfaithfulness, for in no year has there been more faithful, self-sacrificing service than in the one just closed. It is true in some of the Conferences, local work has claimed the time, prayers and offerings of many who have hitherto been with us, but the real secret of our "hard times," is the general business depression that, as is too often the case, seriously affected our gifts.

We closed the books for the year with thanksgiving, our obligations were met, we had no balance in the treasury, we "owe no man anything."

We are happy to report an increase, though slight in subscriptions to the *Friend*, also to the Children's paper. We were greatly encouraged at the interest manifested in the Thank-offering service, which we trust will continue to grow from year to year.

The German work in our Branch has suffered for want of supervision, Miss Dreyer not succeeding, until near the close of the year, in finding a suitable person to take charge of it.

Our first bequest was received this year. An old lady living remote from any organization of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, had for a number of years, earned and sent to the treasury ten dollars each year. We realized from the property she left us—her entire earthly possessions—a little more than five hundred dollars.

In December Miss Swaney sailed for Rosario. She was for so many years identified with the home workers, that they feel she represents them in the Mission field, as no other can. In her own words, "One of themselves sent on a trust errand." The letters from Dr. Ida Stevenson, who began work in Tientsin one year ago, have been especially helpful in adding to our interest in the women and girls in China.

Our missionary sister, after sixteen months in the home land, the larger part of which was spent in itinerating through our own and other Branches, turned her face joyfully toward Japan October 8.

At our annual meeting no Missionaries of our own society were with us, but Revs. Worley and Isham, with their wives, and Miss Greer of the Parent Board, and Mrs. Pattee, a former Corresponding Secretary rendered good service for the cause. The marked feature of this meeting was the manifest presence of the Holy Spirit, and we went forth to the work of another year, equipped as never before, for service.

MATILDA WATSON,
Corresponding Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1890.....	\$ 1,934.98
Receipts	11,581.58
Total	\$13,516.56
Disbursements	\$13,516.56

VIOLA A. TRONTMAN,
Treasurer.

PACIFIC BRANCH.

OFFICERS.

President, MRS. J. P. EARLEY
Cor. Secretary, MRS. CHARLOTTE O'NEAL, Pasadena, Cal.
Rce. Secretary, MRS. L. C. SPENCER, Fairmont, Cal.
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CONFERENCE SECRETARIES.

<i>California Conf.</i>	<i>Nevada Conf.</i>
MRS. P. B. SEARLE, 149 St. James St., San Jose, Cal.	MRS. E. W. VANDEVENTER, Reno, Nev.
<i>S. California Conf.</i>	<i>Arizona Conf.</i>
MRS. F. S. WOODCOCK, Glendale, Cal.	MRS. F. D. BOVARD.

Your little sister comes to tell you that the good hand of our God has been upon her, that a steady, healthful growth has characterized the year just closed. Friends, good, strong and intelligent, have been raised up for us. In many respects besides numbers, and money, we stand well in advance of our position of twelve-months ago. We would congratulate ourselves if we could refrain from looking on the other side, where sit 10,000 Methodist women in our Branch, with idle, empty hands, without one heart pang that their indifference hedges up the gates of heaven for millions that sit in darkness and the shadow of death. How much better if 2,500 women had given a dollar each, with a prayer, than that 850 should give three dollars each. Sixteen hundred more daily prayers would have put potency into the money that would have wrought wonders for God and souls.

Alas, that some who wrought and prayed with us in the past have dropped out of our rank, and even though two have come when one has gone, we cannot be comforted for the loss that figures cannot estimate. Seven auxiliaries reported last year have ceased to work. Seventeen new ones have taken their places bringing more than 300 new workers into line with us. An especially encouraging feature is the formation of four auxiliaries in the California Conference, where we have hitherto had none.

The German work has also increased from two auxiliaries, to four, and the report of good Sister Meyer, secretary of German work in our Branch was a rebuke to the half-hearted workers of many stronger organizations. "Zions German Mission, sixteen members, fifty mite boxes used, twenty-four *Heiden Frauen Friend* taken" and we knew

that this report came from a church with a small membership, without a church building, and with their church lot only partly paid for.

Our finances have been easy throughout the year and will justify us in an increase of appropriations the coming year. Mrs. C. M. Jewell and Miss Rebecca Watson have rendered us excellent service and awakened an interest in China and Japan that will long remain.

Our faithful, untiring friend for the ten months that he was in the Branch was Rev. W. R. Clancy of Rangoon. Our hearts followed him and his lovely dying wife to their old Michigan home with earnest prayer and grateful remembrance.

The feeble health of our beloved president has given us great sorrow, and when Mrs. E. W. Spencer our efficient recording secretary, and wise counselor was removed to a distant part of the country, we said all these things are against us. But God has been pleased to work by the few and has put His Almighty power into the work of feeble human hands. We render to Him the sacrifice of thanksgiving to-day and go trusting Him for all our morrows knowing that "our Saviour is our changeless friend" that His loving care for his work and workers never fails.

MRS. CHARLOTTE O'NEAL,

Corresponding Secretary.

Received from Oct. 1, '90, to Oct. 1, '91.....\$ 2,508 00
Disbursements not given.

Report of German Work.

The German work is scattered over a large territory, with organizations in seven German Conferences in the United States. There are also Societies in Switzerland and Germany. In the United States are 125 auxiliaries, 13 in the Switzerland Conference, and 25 in the German Conference, with a total membership of 4,161. The Secretary of the German work has visited the Switzerland and German Conferences during the year and brings home most encouraging reports.

The amount of money raised by the Germans is included in the reports of the different Branches.

Miss E. Hurter has been employed as Missionary in Aussersiehl, Zurich, Switzerland, since February 1, 1891. The pastor of Miss H. says: "Sister Hurter has been for many years a tested member of our Society here. Her field of labor is principally Aussersiehl, Zurich's poorest suburb. For this reason the Trustees at Aussersiehl have granted her the use of a room in their chapel. Of the \$150 you so kindly granted us she receives 50 Francs a month as salary, and the remainder is used to buy Testaments, tracts and other literature for her work.

"Her mode of work is to visit the needy families, and by this means have an opportunity not only to help them in their temporal need, but to use these openings to sow the word of truth by distributing literature, by prayer, and by reading the Word with and to them, and, of course, inviting them to our services.

"She does this work with indefatigable zeal, almost beyond her strength. She has a heart filled with sympathy for all needy, and does her work with the skill and tact of love and faith."

In a supplementary report Miss H. adds, "I have had an average of forty families among whom I work, and have made about 1,250 visits in this half year. I have also given out 2,500 pages of tracts which are gladly received."

Miss Christine Koch has had charge of the work in Kiel Germany. Miss Dreyer says: "I went to Hamburg for the express purpose of seeing her, as she was then home on furlough. I found her an unpretentious Christian worker, and is the Pastor's right hand in his sin and poverty stricken Mission. Besides her nursing and evangelistic visiting, she teaches in Sunday School, has a Woman's Meeting, leads one or two other meetings a week, and has an Industrial School, and is, of course, at all the evening services which the Pastor conducts."

Report of Committee on Missionary Candidates.

WHEREAS, Your Committee find that in an unusual degree Miss Mary Kennedy fulfills the requirements necessary, therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That we approve the action of the Reference Committee, and recommend her immediate appointment to the Foreign Field.

2. *Resolved*, That finding Dr. Mary Bryan well fitted, both as an educator and physician, for the work of this Society, we recommend her appointment.

3. *Resolved*, That although Miss Josephine O'Paine of the New England Branch, is under the required age, yet because of her experience and seeming fitness for the work, we earnestly recommend her acceptance by the Women's Foreign Missionary Society.

4. *Resolved*, That in view of the testimonials presented by the New York Branch we unhesitatingly recommend the acceptance of Miss Isabella Crosthwaite, and her appointment to North China should her health certificate be satisfactory to the Branch Corresponding Secretary

5. *Resolved*, That on account of her acquaintance with the Spanish language and previous experience in mission work, we recommend that Miss Lillian Neiger be accepted, and given an appointment in Mexico.

6. *Resolved*, That after due examination of her credentials presented by the Cincinnati Branch, we most heartily recommend the acceptance of Miss Elizabeth Hoge, and her subsequent appointment.

7. *Resolved*, That we find the credentials, of Dr. Luella Masters perfectly satisfactory, and advise her acceptance, and appointment to medical work in the foreign field.

8. *Resolved*, That we have considered the application of Rebecca J. Hammond, who has spent six years in the South American work under Bishop Taylor, and we are happy to recommend her acceptance and appointment by this Society.

9. *Resolved*, That we recommend the acceptance of Miss Effie Dunmore, of the Philadelphia Branch, since upon examination of her credentials we are well satisfied as to her fitness for missionary service.

10. *Resolved*, That we also approve the action of the Reference Committee in the acceptance and appointment during the year of the following ladies: Miss Alice M. Stanton and Miss Ella A. Lewis of the New York Branch, Miss Laura M. White and Miss Louisa Heafer of the Philadelphia Branch, Miss Harriet Kemper and Miss De Motte of the Des Moines Branch, Miss Effie E. Young of the New England Branch, and Miss Kate B. Blackburn of the North-Western Branch.

MRS. O. W. SCOTT, *Chairman*.

MRS. L. E. ROCKWELL, *Secretary*.

Report of Publication Committee.

1. *Resolved*, That we learn with gratification of the increased circulation of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and we recommend the continuance of Mrs. W. F. Warren as editor, with the same salary as heretofore, cordially recognizing her efficiency, and ability, and we will endeavor to show our appreciation of her work by constant efforts to advance still further the circulation of this valuable paper.

2. WHEREAS, The report of the agent of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, Miss Pauline J. Walden, challenges general admiration for its financial showing, its setting forth of benefits to our society from the publication of reports, leaflets, zenana papers, *Heiden-Frauen-Freund*, *Heathen Children's Friend*, and the payment of expenses in the general work to the amount of \$20,000, during the past nine years, from the surplus earnings of the paper, therefore,

Resolved, That we call attention to these facts, and request conference, district and auxiliary officers to bring them constantly before the public, urging the claims of the paper not only for its intrinsic merit, but also for its usefulness to our work financially.

3. *Resolved*, That we hereby express our cordial appreciation of Miss Walden's services, recognizing the great labor and responsibility of her office, and we recommend her reappointment as agent of the paper at a salary of \$700, with incidental expenses.

4. WHEREAS, The *Heathen Children's Friend* has met with great favor in our juvenile societies, and we regard it a necessity for information and inspiration, therefore,

Resolved, That we heartily recommend it, and endeavor to circulate it more widely among the children of our church.

5. *Resolved*, That the terms of subscription shall be fifteen cents for single copies, and ten cents when taken in clubs of ten or more to one address.

6. *Resolved*, That we recognize the excellent editorial management of Mrs. O. W. Scott, and ask that she be continued in office with a salary of \$250, with postage and stationery.

7. *Resolved*, That quarterly statements of amounts paid by children's bands be sent by their superintendents to Mrs. Scott for publication.

8. WHEREAS, The *Heiden-Frauen-Freund* has met with gratifying success, and proves valuable to our German sisters, therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend its continued publication in the present form, at the same price, and under the same business management as heretofore, and we request that Mrs. Rev. Clement Achard, who has so faithfully served in the past, be continued as editor, with a salary of \$250, with postage and stationery.

9. *Resolved*, That we acknowledge with thanks the kindness of Mr. A. S. Weed, in auditing the accounts of the agent of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and request him to perform for us the same service during the coming year.

10. *Resolved*, That we recommend that the reports of the Branch Corresponding Secretaries be published monthly, as heretofore, in the Home Department of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, eight columns being allowed for their use, the division of space to be made by the editor and the Corresponding Secretaries. Also, that the Branch Treasurers be requested to send their reports for publication monthly.

11. *Resolved*, That as the minutes of the General Executive Committee are valuable for reference, we therefore request their publication in the December number of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

12. *Resolved*, That we recommend the continuance of the Uniform Studies as a supplement to the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and the leaflet bearing directly upon the study issued as part of the supplement; we further recommend, when work in any special field is considered, that it be assigned to the same month in which that country is presented in the *Gospel in All Lands*; we also request that the topics for the year be published in the December number of the paper.

13. *Resolved*, That we earnestly request when names and terms which are not familiar to the general reader occur in lists of appropriations, or in correspondence from mission fields, or in leaflets concerning foreign countries, the pronunciation and definition of such names and terms be given whenever practicable, parenthetically, or in a footnote.

14. WHEREAS, It is a matter of first importance that young ladies, for their own sake, and for the future carrying on of this work, should become more generally interested in it, therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend that as much space as possible be given in the *Heathen Woman's Friend* to such articles as will enlist their interest and co-operation.

15. *Resolved*, That while we realize the difficulty of securing contributions from the best writers without remuneration, we nevertheless emphasize our conviction that special effort should be made in this direction on behalf of our young people.

16. *Resolved*, That we heartily approve of the effort to establish

missionary reading circles, and request that a list of books suitable for the same be given monthly in the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

17. *Resolved*, That our thanks are due to the Literature Committee for the excellent service rendered in the preparation of leaflets, Annual Report, uniform studies, and other helps, and we recommend that a sum not exceeding \$2,500 be put at their disposal for the same purpose during the coming year.

18. *Resolved*, That we recommend the appointment of Mrs. J. T. Gracey, Miss P. J. Walden, Mrs. W. F. Warren, Miss M. L. Ninde, and Mrs. J. H. Knowles as Literature Committee for the ensuing year.

19. WHEREAS, The work of the Literature Committee can be neither satisfactorily nor thoroughly accomplished without more frequent and personal conference between its members, therefore,

Resolved, That it be empowered to meet semi-annually if required, the necessary traveling expenses to be met from the funds appropriated to the use of said Committee.

20. *Resolved*, That we instruct this Committee to publish the Twenty-second Annual Report of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, the number of copies to be designated by the Branch Corresponding Secretaries.

21. *Resolved*, That we also request this Committee to publish the Secretary's Annual Report in leaflet form.

22. *Resolved*, That we request the republication of the maps in the Annual Report after their revision, so as to include our principal Mission Stations ; also,

Resolved, That we call the attention of Auxiliary Societies to the Missionary Atlas, which can be had for ten cents per copy.

23. *Resolved*, That we request the Literature Committee to reprint the large map, with additions necessary, for a proper understanding of the present increased work, the original cost to be taken from the surplus funds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

24. *Resolved*, That we recommend that in the arrangement of the contents of the Annual Report the following items be placed together in the order herein given: (1) Names of Corresponding Secretaries and territorial limits; (2) Committee of Reference; (3) Official Correspondents; (4) Treasurers in Foreign Fields; (5) Summary of Foreign Work; (6) Summary of Home Work; (7) Receipts since organization; (8) Scholarship and membership in tabulated form; (9) List of missionaries; (10) Postal rates to foreign lands; (11) value of foreign money; (12) Pronunciation of foreign names; (13) Uniform Studies.

25. *Resolved*, That the table of pronunciation and definition of foreign terms formerly published in the Annual Report be reprinted in the next issue.

26. *Resolved*, That the Literature Committee be requested to provide fifteen issues of miscellaneous leaflets, of which 7,500 shall be furnished gratuitously to the branches, 750 of each issue to each branch; and that additional leaflets be sold at the rate of ten cents per hundred for those of two pages, and twenty cents per hundred for those of four pages.

27. *Resolved*, That five of the fifteen issues of free leaflets shall be especially for children, giving each branch 250 of each issue for this special line of work.

28. *Resolved*, That we further recommend that the Secretary of the German work be furnished leaflets in English as well as German in sufficient numbers to meet her requirements.

29. *Resolved*, That we recommend that an assistant be provided, who shall take charge, under Miss Walden's direction, of the sale, mailing and correspondence concerning leaflets, the expense of such assistant to be met from the surplus funds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

30. WHEREAS, The calendar prepared by the Philadelphia Branch meets with the hearty approval of this Committee, therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend the auxiliaries in all the branches to secure this neat, attractive, and useful souvenir.

31. *Resolved*, That we recommend that the Literature Committee furnish a similar calendar for 1893, for general use in the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

32. WHEREAS, We recognize the importance of identifying the youngest children of our church with the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, therefore,

Resolved, That we hail with gladness the movement inaugurated by the New England Branch in the publication of the "*Little Light Bearers' Enrollment Card*," and cordially recommend it to the notice of Conference and District Secretaries; and we further recommend that, if practicable, arrangements may soon be made by which it may become the property of the Society.

33. WHEREAS, The diffusion of Missionary intelligence greatly promotes our work, therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend the appointment by this Executive Committee of a correspondent for each of the "Advocates" of our church, who will keep before the public, facts of general interest in the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society at home and abroad.

34. *Resolved*, That we recommend the publication by the Literature Committee of life membership certificates for children under fifteen years of age, to be paid for out of the surplus funds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, ten dollars constituting such life membership,

MRS. C. H. HANAFORD, *Chairman*.

MRS. J. H. KNOWLES, *Secretary*.

Report of Finance Committee.

1. *Resolved*, That Miss Loyd be allowed to retain the premium on all money sent to Mexico, excepting only missionaries' salaries, the said premium to be applied to the cancellation of the debt on the Puebla property.

2. *Resolved*, That the Girls' Boarding School in Foochow shall occupy the Tai Maio property.

3. *Resolved*, That the money originally appropriated for building at Tai Maio be used for that purpose as soon as, in the judgment of the mission, the political disturbances in China have sufficiently subsided to make it safe and advisable.

WHEREAS, Women's Training Schools in mission stations are intended to train native converts for effective work, therefore,

4. *Resolved*, That these training schools must be confined to work for Christian women.

5. *Resolved*, That the Executive Committee request Mrs. Elizabeth F. Brewster to kindly take entire charge for the present of the girls' schools and woman's work in Hing Hwa District.

6. WHEREAS, The great increase in existing work renders a further extension impossible, therefore,

Resolved, That the General Executive Committee deeply regrets not being able to open work in Honduras, in response to the memorial presented by Capt. G. P. Cotton, through Bishop Vincent. The same reasons make the opening of work in Norway, as urged by Rev. J. B. Barrett, of Bergen, Norway, unadvisable.

7. *Resolved*, That the lack of funds and the disturbed state of affairs in China, make it necessary to decline reopening work in West China this year.

8. *Resolved*, That Lucknow College may still be remembered in special gifts, the money to go through the hands of the Branch Treasurers, as provided for by previous resolution; the same to be understood in the case of Nagasaki College and the proposed Orphanage in Foochow, for which Dr. Corey Ford is collecting funds.

MRS. H. B. SKIDMORE, *Chairman*.

MRS. B. R. COWEN, *Secretary*.

Appropriations for 1891-92.

NEW ENGLAND BRANCH.

India.

<i>Bijnour</i> , Girls boarding school	\$110 00
Teacher	38 00
Salary of Miss Thompson	277 00
Bible readers	87 00
City schools	58 00
Conveyance	68 00
Mrs. Thomas' itinerating	38 00
Munshi	19 00
<i>Mandairar</i> , Bible women and schools	143 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Girls' boarding school	570 00
First assistant	230 00
Repairs	76 00
Matron	74 00
Students in Agra	92 00
Repairs in Ladies' Home	38 00
Twelve city schools	230 00
School visitors	83 00
Conveyance	76 00
Bible readers	138 00
Hospital assistant and conveyance	115 00
Hospital servants and repairs	76 00
Hospital medicines	76 00
<i>Nagina</i> , Circuit work	258 00
<i>Najibabad</i> , Circuit work	138 00
<i>Seohara</i> , Circuit work	65 00
<i>Sherkot</i> , Circuit work	88 00
<i>Amroha</i> , District work	1,394 00
<i>Barcilly</i> , Orphanage	250 00
Medical work	385 00
<i>Mutra</i> , salary of Dr. Sheldon	325 00
Pupils in Home	115 00
Five scholarships	60 00
Medical work	385 00
Conveyance	76 00
Munshi	46 00
<i>Roy Barcilly</i> , Bible woman and schools	192 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Scholarships (perpetual)	30 00
Dr. Christency's home salary	350 00
Total for North India	\$6,869 00

South India.

<i>Madras</i> , Salary of Miss De Jordan	\$264 00
Munshi	38 00
Conveyance	92 00
Scholarships	100 00
<i>Kolar</i> , Orphans	80 00
<i>Haidarabad</i> , Three girls' schools	160 00
<i>Bombay</i> , Home	118 00
Total for South India	\$852 00

Bengal Conference.

<i>Calcutta</i> , Two scholarships	\$168 00
<i>Darjeeling</i> , Salary of Miss Knowles	650 00
Total	\$818 00

Malaysia Mission.

<i>Singapore</i> , Chinese school rent	\$ 75 00
Salary of Miss Norris	192 00
Two scholarships	52 00
Total	\$319 00

Korea.

Nine scholarships	\$432 00
Native teacher	110 00
Man of all work	44 00
Total	\$587 00

Japan.

<i>Tokyo</i> , Native teacher (mathematical)	\$175 00
Four scholarships	160 00
<i>Aoyama</i> , Five scholarships	200 00
Teacher of science	180 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Seven scholarships	280 00
<i>Nagoya</i> , Salary and incidentals of Miss Danforth	750 00
Personal teacher	100 00
Sewing	36 00
Matron	75 00
Chinese and Japanese teacher	240 00
Rent	150 00
Expenses	15 00
<i>Hakodate</i> , Native teacher	150 00
Scholarships	240 00
Industrial School drawing teacher	50 00
<i>Yokohama</i> , Salary and incidentals of Miss French	750 00
Personal teacher	100 00
Eight pupils in Bible training school	320 00
Salary of Miss Inagawa	240 00
Bible teacher, Mr Kanamura	190 00
Insurance and taxes	150 00
Furocho day school	400 00
<i>Aizawa</i>	150 00
Traveling expenses	75 00
Assistant in music	60 00
Books and tracts	50 00
Fuel and lights	50 00
New building	250 00
Total for Japan	\$5,586 00

<i>North China.</i>	
<i>Peking</i> , Salary, incidentals, outfit and passage of Miss Young.....	\$800 00
Boarding school.....	900 00
Coolie.....	60 00
Southern city school.....	75 00
Training and industrial school.....	250 00
Industrial class.....	100 00
<i>Tientsin</i> , Industrial class.....	100 00
New building.....	500 00
<i>Tsun Hua</i> , Salary and incidentals, of Dr. Terry.....	750 00
Personal teacher.....	50 00
Salary of Miss Hale.....	750 00
Personal teacher.....	100 00
Hospital.....	100 00
Hospital assistant.....	50 00
Drugs and instruments.....	50 00
Boarding school.....	400 00
City day school.....	75 00
Hospital coolie.....	50 00
Traveling expenses.....	50 00
Watchman.....	50 00
New lady.....	1,000 00

Total for North China.....\$6,260 00

Foochow.

Salary and incidentals of Miss Hartford.....	\$750 00
Personal teacher.....	50 00
Kucheng day schools.....	150 00
<i>Hai Sung</i>	100 00
Scholarships in Foochow.....	100 00
Bible women (day school).....	40 00
Orphan.....	30 00
Total.....	\$1,220 00
<i>Nanking</i> , Scholarships.....	\$250 00
Woman's work.....	75 00
Day school assistant.....	36 00

Total.....\$361 00

Bulgaria.

Matron.....	\$120 00
Scholarships.....	120 00
Total.....	\$240 00

Mexico.

<i>Mexico City</i> , Three scholarships.....	\$210 00
Bible woman and supplies.....	190 00
School supplies.....	250 00
<i>Mraforca</i> , Salary of teacher.....	350 00
Salary of second teacher.....	200 00
<i>Pachuca</i> , Assistants.....	650 00
Scholarships.....	140 00
Water.....	25 00
<i>Puebla</i> , Matron.....	220 00
Scholarships.....	140 00
Second assistant.....	300 00
Total.....	\$2,675 00

South America.

<i>Buenos Ayres</i> , Rent.....	\$200 00
<i>Rosario</i> , Assistants.....	400 00
Scholarships.....	400 00
Repairs and taxes.....	200 00

<i>Montevideo</i> , Salary and incidentals of Miss Bowen.....	750 00
Personal teacher.....	50 00
Furniture for Miss Bowen.....	100 00
Assistants.....	225 00
Rent.....	275 00
Furniture for school and Home.....	\$100 00
Lima assistant.....	360 00
Total.....	\$3,060 00

Italy.

Scholarships in Home.....\$260 00

Summary.

North India.....	\$6,869 00
South India.....	852 00
Bengal.....	818 00
Malaysia Mission, Singapore.....	319 00
Korea.....	1,62 00
Japan.....	5,586 00
North China.....	6,260 00
Foochow.....	1,220 00
Nanking.....	361 00
Bulgaria.....	240 00
Mexico.....	2,675 00
South America.....	3,060 00
Italy.....	200 00
Contingent.....	1,178 00

Total.....\$31,000 00

Home in Nagoya, conditional.....1,000 00

Grand Total.....\$32,000 00

NEW YORK BRANCH.

North India.

<i>Pauri</i> , Scholarships.....	\$160 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Salary, Miss Budden.....	650 00
Miss Tresham.....	277 00
Miss Cummings.....	162 00
Miss Hays.....	162 00
Farm manager.....	45 00
Home matron.....	46 00
Seven ploughmen.....	162 00
Scholarships.....	220 00
Munshis.....	46 00
Conveyances.....	69 00
Native Doctor.....	23 00
Medicines.....	46 00
Repairs.....	76 00
Two village schools.....	92 00
Two Bible readers.....	46 00
Itinerating.....	23 00
Medical Students.....	23 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Scholarships.....	100 00
Mrs. Butcher's itinerating.....	38 00
Village work.....	57 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Aonla, Bible reader.....	154 00
<i>E. Shahjahanpur</i> , Bible readers.....	92 00
Village teacher.....	15 00
Widows.....	143 00
<i>Khera Bajra</i>	38 00

<i>Bareilly</i> , Orphanage.....	1,100 00
Second assistant.....	276 00
Bible readers.....	180 00
Conveyances.....	76 00
Ten city schools.....	230 00
Training S., Mrs. Scott's school.....	100 00
Itinerating Mrs. Dease.....	11 00
<i>Faridpur</i> , Bible reader.....	46 00
<i>Budon</i> , Bible readers.....	180 00
<i>Bisouli</i>	154 00
<i>Kakrauli</i>	92 00
<i>Bilsi</i>	69 00
<i>Saisian</i>	46 00
Miss English.....	650 00
Miss Downey.....	650 00
<i>Philibhit District</i>	766 00
<i>Muttra</i> , Twelve native schools. Bible readers.....	222 00
.....	186 00
<i>Agra</i> , Village work.....	112 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Bible readers.....	200 00
Conveyance.....	100 00
Miss Rowe, itinerating.....	76 00
<i>Ellenpur</i>	62 00
<i>Manakpur</i>	96 00
<i>Thara-work</i>	62 00
<i>Unao</i>	230 00
<i>Allahabad</i>	87 00
<i>Bahraich</i>	154 00
<i>Shahabad</i>	115 00
Return passage of Miss Downey.....	400 00
Medical lady to be sent.....	1,000 00
Singapore (conditional).....	1,000 00
Total for North India.....	\$4,948 00

South India.

<i>Bombay</i> , Salary, Miss Seity.....	\$240 00
Miss Taylor.....	216 00
Boarding scholarships.....	280 00
Building.....	708 00
<i>Kolar</i> , Bible woman.....	50 00
Orphans.....	200 00
Widows.....	25 00
<i>Madras</i> , Bible woman.....	143 00
Orphans.....	480 00
Day school.....	227 00
Home rent.....	324 00
Matron.....	143 00
<i>Gulbarga</i> , Schools, B. W.....	287 00
Munshis.....	48 00
Conveyance.....	140 00
Keeping conveyance.....	95 00
Total.....	\$3,606 00

Bengal.

<i>Calcutta</i> , Salary, Miss Maxey... women.....	\$325 00
.....	74 00
School-teacher.....	40 00
Rent.....	20 00
Scholarships.....	504 00
<i>Mazaffarpur</i> , Bible woman.....	35 00
Orphans.....	65 00
<i>Darbhanga</i> , Bible woman.....	35 00
<i>Chupra</i> , Bible woman.....	35 00
<i>Sitonari</i> , Bible woman.....	35 00
Total.....	\$1,168 00

North China.

<i>Peking</i> , Boarding school.....	\$300 00
Matron.....	60 00
Coolie.....	50 00
Teacher.....	40 00
Training school.....	150 00
Classes industrial.....	100 00
<i>Tientsin</i> , Lady to be sent.....	\$1,000 00
Training school.....	100 00
Country work.....	100 00
Day schools.....	175 00
Two Bible Women.....	100 00
Mrs. Wang.....	50 00
Mrs. Jewell's return passage.....	1,000 00
<i>Tsun Hua</i> , Boarding school.....	300 00
Bible woman.....	50 00
Matron.....	50 00
Coolie.....	50 00
Total.....	\$3,685 00

Central China.

<i>Kiukiang</i> , Orphans.....	\$ 75 00
Scholarships.....	100 00
<i>Chinkiang</i> , Miss Hoag, M. D.....	750 00
Dispensary and Hospital.....	200 00
Four nurslings.....	110 00
Five orphans.....	120 00
School.....	300 00
<i>Nanking</i> , Salary, Miss Mitchell. Woman's work.....	750 00
.....	30 00
Teacher.....	50 00
Bible woman.....	48 00
Scholarships.....	275 00
Matron.....	37 00
Total.....	\$2,845 00

Foochow.

Hospital expenses.....	\$150 00
Watchman.....	42 00
Matron.....	40 00
Sanitarium.....	42 00
Hospital Deaconess.....	36 00
City Bible woman.....	36 00
Mrs. Ahok.....	75 00
Woman's work.....	200 00
Miss Carleton's return passage.....	1,000 00
Total.....	\$1,721 00

Japan.

<i>Tsukiji</i> , Scholarships.....	\$60 00
<i>Aoyama</i> , Repairs.....	160 00
Insurance.....	180 00
<i>Eukora</i> , B. W.....	50 00
Books and tracts.....	50 00
<i>Meta School</i>	400 00
<i>Sendai</i> , B. W.....	260 00
Traveling expenses.....	30 00
<i>Yokohama</i> , Training school.....	120 00
<i>Fukuoka</i> , Grace Tucker's salary.....	750 00
Scholarships.....	280 00
Personal teachers.....	60 00
Expense to Conferences.....	40 00
Insurance.....	120 00
Native principal.....	180 00

<i>Nagasaki</i> , Sixteen scholarships.....	640 00
Insurance.....	159 00
Salary of Miss Gheer.....	750 00
Teacher.....	100 00
Translation teacher.....	120 00
Expenses to Conference.....	40 00
Miss Shinio's salary and traveling expenses.....	110 00
Salary.....	110 00
House rent for B. W.....	24 00
Traveling expenses.....	100 00
Incidentals.....	100 00
Three scholarships.....	120 00
<i>Nagoya</i> , Miss Wilson's salary.....	750 00
Teacher.....	100 00
Science teacher.....	240 00
Translation teacher.....	120 00
Rent.....	150 00
Repairs.....	25 00
Expenses to Conference.....	15 00
<i>Onezawa</i> , Salary, Mary Atkinson.....	750 00
Teacher.....	100 00
Japanese teacher.....	150 00
School incidentals.....	25 00
Evangelistic work.....	50 00
Bible women.....	60 00
Expenses to Conference.....	25 00
<i>Hakodate</i> , Miss Hampton's salary.....	750 00
Teacher.....	100 00
Expenses to Conference.....	35 00
Rent of home and repairs.....	100 00
Land rent.....	108 00
Insurance.....	150 00
Thirteen scholarships (40).....	520 00
Mr. Uno, Chinese teacher.....	150 00
Hirosaki teachers.....	336 00
Bible woman and Sunday school.....	150 00
Bible woman, Hakodate.....	150 00
Mrs. Baucus' salary.....	750 00

Total for Japan..... \$10,912 00

Korea.

<i>Seoul</i> , Salary, Miss Sherwood..	\$750 00
Teacher.....	70 00
Traveling expenses.....	100 00
Scholarships.....	380 00
Books and stationery.....	40 00
Kenison.....	50 00
Freight and duties.....	126 00
Medicine and instruments.....	150 00
Mrs. Scranton's passage return.....	500 00
Miss Lewis.....	200 00

Total..... \$2,366 00

Mexico.

<i>Mexico City</i> , Scholarship.....	\$560 00
<i>Pachuca</i> , Salary of Miss Hastings.....	750 00
Scholarships.....	420 00
Expenses to conference.....	25 00
Bible, tracts, etc.....	125 00
Water tax.....	15 00
<i>Puebla</i> , Miss Parker's salary.....	750 00
Scholarships.....	490 00
Expense to Conference.....	25 00

Deficit.....	150 00
<i>Tzontepac</i> ,.....	300 00
<i>Orizaba</i> , B. W.....	125 00
School supplies.....	50 00
<i>Queretaro</i>	400 00

Total..... \$4,185 00

Bulgaria.

<i>Loftcha</i> , Scholarships.....	\$160 00
<i>Rustchuk</i> , School.....	140 00
Salary, Clara Klala.....	440 00

Total..... \$740 00

South America.

<i>Buenos Ayres</i> , Salary of Miss Le Huray.....	\$750 00
Scholarships.....	600 00
Rent of Home and school.....	700 00
Matron and portero.....	240 00
New school desks.....	200 00
Expense to Conference.....	20 00
Salary of Miss Elsie Wood.....	750 00

Total..... \$3,260 00

Italy.

<i>Rome</i> , Orphanage.....	\$300 00
<i>Pisa</i> , Mrs. Biondi.....	180 00
Matron.....	100 00

Total..... \$580 00

Summary.

India.....	\$16,447 00
China.....	8,251 00
Japan.....	10,912 00
Korea.....	2,366 00
Bulgaria.....	740 00
Italy.....	580 00
Mexico.....	4,185 00
South America.....	3,260 00
Contingent.....	3,259 00

Grand total..... \$50,000 00

PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

North India.

<i>Pauri</i> , First assistant.....	\$277 00
Five village schools.....	138 00
Repairs.....	76 00
Enlarging compound.....	76 00
Orphanage.....	220 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Scholarships.....	96 00
<i>Bijnour</i> , Scholarships.....	80 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Orphanage.....	227 00
Salary, Dr. K. McDowell.....	650 00
<i>Mutra</i> , Deaconess, Mrs. Matthews.....	325 00
Probationers.....	115 00
Bible readers.....	92 00
<i>Agra</i> , Medical home, Miss Seymour.....	277 00
Servants.....	62 00
Conveyance.....	93 00
<i>Lucknow</i> City schools.....	269 00

<i>Gonda</i> , Assistants.....	277 00
Scholarship.....	13 00
Itinerating.....	23 00
<i>Bahrampur</i> , Schools and Bible women.....	115 00
<i>Cauempore</i> , Conveyances.....	81 00
Bible woman.....	37 00
Education of Christian girls..	115 00
Christian girls' day school....	146 00
Salary, Miss T. J. Kyle.....	650 00
Salary and Passage Miss Louise Heafer.....	950 00

Total for North India.... \$5,480 00

South India.

<i>Bombay</i> , Salary, Miss Thomas..	\$288 00
Building.....	500 00
<i>Baroda</i> , Salary, Miss A. Thompson.....	650 00
Rent for school and home....	410 00
Salary, Miss Hart.....	240 00
Second assistant.....	240 00
Pundits.....	64 00
Conveyance.....	172 00
Orphans and Scholarships.....	280 00
Teachers and Bible women....	144 00
Kolar Orphans.....	100 00

Total for South India.... \$3,088 00

Malaysia Mission.

<i>Singapore</i> , Salary, Miss Fox ..	\$221 00
Scholarships.....	52 00
Tamil school.....	58 00
Contingencies.....	80 00

Total for Malaysia Mission \$411 00

Bengal Conference.

<i>Calcutta</i> , Deaconess Charlotte Orham.....	\$120 00
<i>Rangoon</i> , Orphanage.....	50 00

Total for Bengal Conference..... \$170 00

North China.

<i>Peking</i> , Scholarship.....	\$ 90 00
<i>Tientsin</i> , Salary Dr. R. R. Benn	600 00
Incidentals and personal teacher.....	250 00
Coolie.....	75 00
Hospital expenses.....	200 00
Gatekeeper.....	50 00
New building.....	1,750 00

Total for North China..... \$3,015 00

Central China.

<i>Kiukiang</i> , Orphans and scholarships.....	\$ 125 00
Day school rent.....	10 00
Teacher.....	36 00
Books, etc.....	50 00
<i>Chinkiang</i> , Salary and outfit, Miss L. M. White.....	850 00
Scholarship.....	25 00
Insurance.....	34 00

Total for Central China.... \$1,130 00

Foochow.

Hospital expenses.....	\$ 200 00
Salary Miss E. Johnson.....	600 00
Personal teacher and incidentals.....	240 00
Watchman.....	42 00
City work, Mrs. Ahok.....	75 00
Hospital Evangelistic work..	60 00
Medical students.....	100 00
Orphan.....	30 00
Postage.....	20 00
Salary Hui King Eng.....	240 00

Total for Foochow..... \$1,607 00

Japan.

<i>Hakodate</i> , Salary Miss A. Dickerson.....	\$ 600 00
Incidentals and personal teacher.....	250 00
Travel to Conference.....	35 00
Rent and repairs.....	100 00
Fuel and lights.....	250 00
Scholarships.....	360 00
Bible woman.....	200 00

Total for Hakodate..... \$1,795 00

<i>Tokyo</i> , Home salary Miss M. A. Spencer.....	\$ 350 00
Return passage.....	350 00
Scholarships.....	240 00
Salary Miss Sagara.....	108 00
Salary Miss M. E. V. Pardoe..	600 00
Incidentals and personal teacher.....	200 00
<i>Asakusa</i> , day school.....	250 00
Traveling expenses.....	75 00
Insurance.....	133 00
<i>Aoyama</i> , Scholarships.....	240 00
Matron.....	84 00

Total for Tokyo..... \$2,630 00

<i>Nagasaki</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 200 00
Scholarship in Miss Gheer's work.....	40 00
<i>Fukuoka</i> , City Sunday schools..	40 00

Total for Kiushu..... \$ 280 00

Total for Japan..... \$4,705 00

Korea.

<i>Seoul</i> , Scholarships.....	\$ 144 00
Hospital attendants.....	150 00

Total for Korea..... \$ 294 00

Mexico.

<i>Mexico City</i> , Salary Miss M. D. Loyd.....	\$ 600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Scholarships.....	420 00
Matron.....	300 00
Treasurer's expenses.....	40 00
Travel to Conference.....	15 00
<i>San Vincente</i> , Teacher.....	300 00
Rent.....	50 00
School supplies.....	75 00

<i>Guanajuato</i> , Salary Miss I.	
Walton	300 00
Rent	300 00
Porter.....	150 00
School supplies	125 00
First assistant <i>Fermina Ruiz</i>	360 00
Drawing teacher.....	120 00
<i>Puebla</i> , Salary and incidentals	
Miss Limberger.....	70 00
Bible woman and supplies	130 00
Scholarship	70 00
For alterations.....	200 00
<i>Tetela</i> , New Missionary.....	650 00
Assistant teacher.....	300 00
<i>Tezontepac</i> , Deficiency	100 00

Total for Mexico..... \$5,455 00

South America.

<i>Buenos Ayres</i> , Scholarships.	\$ 150 00
First assistant.....	360 00
Third assistant.....	250 00
<i>Peru</i> , School furniture	300 00

Total for South America. \$1,060 00

Italy.

<i>Milan</i> , Mrs. Campari.....	\$ 144 00
<i>Rome</i> , Scholarships.....	200 00

Total for Italy

Bulgaria.

<i>Lofteha</i> , First assistant.	\$ 210 00
Scholarships.....	80 00
Bible work.....	70 00

Total for Bulgaria..... \$ 360 00

<i>Nagoya</i> , Building, conditional.	\$1,500 00
<i>Peking</i> , Building, conditional....	2,500 00
Contingent.....	161 00

Grand total..... \$31,500 00

BALTIMORE BRANCH.

North India.

<i>Kumaon District.</i>	
<i>Naini Tal</i> , Mrs. Whitby	\$ 323 00
Rent for Upper Bazar School	53 00
Two teachers.....	69 00
Conveyance.....	19 00
Munshi	23 00
<i>Dwarahath</i> , Bible readers	55 00
<i>Pauri</i> , Bible readers	105 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Scholarships.....	28 00
Village school	46 00
<i>Moradabad District</i>	
<i>Moradabad</i> , Girl's boarding school.....	160 00
Second assistant.....	208 00
Zenana assistant.....	208 00
Conveyance.....	96 00
<i>Bareilly District.</i>	
<i>Bareilly</i> , Scholarships	150 00
Third assistant.....	230 00
<i>Budaon</i>	40 00
<i>Oudh District.</i>	
<i>Gonda</i> , Miss Gallimore's salary.	650 00
Scholarships.....	248 00
Munshi.....	23 00

Matron	28 00
Schools.....	106 00
General repairs	100 00

Pilibhit District.

<i>Nacabgunj</i> , Bible readers.....	86 00
Miss Layton's passage.....	350 00

Total for North India.... \$3,404 00

South India.

Madras District.

<i>Kolar</i> , Orphans.....	200 00
Day schools.....	40 00
Mrs. Richard's munshi.....	40 00
<i>Madras</i> , Miss Stephen's salary	360 00
Miss Stephen's munshi	40 00
House rent.....	300 00
Scholarships	120 00
Conveyance.....	72 00
<i>Haidarabad</i> , second assistant..	240 00

Total for South India.... \$1,412 00

Bombay Home..... 130 00

Total for South India.... \$1,542 00

China.

<i>Foochow</i> , Miss Sites' salary and incidentals	\$ 750 00
Miss Sites' teacher and translator.	90 00
Scholars in boarding school... ..	300 00
City hospital	250 00
<i>Kucheng</i> , District day schools..	300 00
Woman's school.....	150 00
Bible Woman.....	96 00
<i>Kiukiang</i> , Orphans.....	50 00
Gateman and workman.	37 00
<i>Chinkiang</i> , Orphan.....	50 00
Workman.....	37 00
Books.....	15 00
<i>Hung Hua</i> , Pupils	300 00
<i>Peking</i> , Tartar City day school.	75 00
<i>Tientsin</i> , Hospital matron.....	50 00
Dispensary assistant.....	50 00
Building.....	250 00

Total for China.... \$2,850 00

Japan.

<i>Tokyo.</i>	
<i>Aoyama</i> , Miss Bender's salary and incidentals	\$ 750 00
Miss Bender's teacher	100 00
Scholarships.....	120 00
<i>Tsukiji</i> , Scholarships	200 00
Teacher of Japanese music... ..	66 00
Teacher of penmanship.....	60 00
Traveling expenses for girls..	30 00
(Industrial work) embroidery teacher.....	75 00
<i>Kanda</i> , Day school	500 00
<i>Fukagawa</i> , Day school.....	350 00
<i>Fukohama</i> , Bible women.....	120 00
<i>Hakodate</i> , Scholarship.....	40 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Scholarships.....	120 00
Japanese literature.....	206 00
Tracts and leaflets	50 00
Miss Simon's salary and incidentals.....	750 00

Miss Simon's teacher.....	55 00
Miss Simon's expenses to conference.....	40 00
<i>Kumamoto</i> , Bible woman.....	72 00
<i>Yonezawa</i> , Bible woman.....	60 00
<i>Hirosaki</i> , Bible woman and Sunday School helps....	150 00

Total for Japan..... \$3,914 00

Korea.

<i>Seoul</i> , Orphans.....	\$ 240 00
Miss Lewis' traveling expenses.....	800 00

Total for Korea..... \$1,040 00

Mexico.

<i>Mexico City</i> , Orphanage.....	\$ 140 00
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Total..... \$ 140 00

Italy.

<i>Rome</i> , Bible woman.....	\$ 192 00
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Total..... \$ 192 00

Summary.

North India.....	\$3,404 00
South India.....	1,542 00
China.....	2,850 00
Japan.....	3,914 00
Korea.....	1,040 00
Mexico.....	140 00
Italy.....	192 00
Conditional.....	300 00

Grand total..... \$13,252 00

CINCINNATI BRANCH.

North India.

<i>Bijnour</i> , Scholarships, \$120; medicines, \$20.....	\$ 140 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Scholarships.....	120 00
<i>Agra</i> , Medical students.....	92 00
<i>Barilly</i> , Orphans.....	220 00
<i>Muttra</i> , Conveyance.....	90 00
<i>Tilhur</i> , Schools and Bible women.....	76 00
<i>Pawayan</i> , Schools and Bible women.....	76 00
<i>Jalalabad</i> , Schools and Bible women.....	115 00
<i>Shahjahanpur</i> , Boarding school.....	1,160 00
Rent and repairs.....	440 00
Bible women and conveyances.....	770 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Scholarship, \$200; repairs, \$76.....	276 00
Deaconess Home.....	310 00
Home for homeless women (8 women).....	100 00
Matron and teacher.....	138 00
Repairs, munshi.....	100 00
<i>Sitapur</i> , Boarding and day schools, zenana and evangelistic work.....	2,400 00
<i>Barabanki</i>	300 00
<i>Gonda</i>	50 00
Miss Reed.....	650 00
Miss Thoburn.....	325 00
Sending missionary.....	550 00

Conditional for Lucknow College.....	1,000 00
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Total for North India... \$9,498 00

South India.

<i>Baroda</i> , Miss Ernsberger's salary.....	\$ 650 00
Medical helpers and dispensary.....	1,100 00
<i>Poona</i> , Bible women and schools.....	800 00
<i>Kolar</i> , Orphans.....	160 00
Mrs. Baker's munshi.....	40 00
<i>Haidarabad</i> , Rent.....	150 00
<i>Bombay</i> , Rent.....	236 00

Total for South India.... \$3,136 00

Bengal Conference.

Miss Blair.....	325 00
Bengali work.....	400 00
Village schools.....	86 00
<i>Pakur</i> , \$200; scholarship, \$84....	284 00
<i>Rangoon</i> , Miss Scott.....	325 00
Scholarship.....	60 00
Miss Wisner's return.....	400 00
*Miss Wisner's salary.....	550 00
<i>Singapore</i>	70 00

Total for Bengal Conference..... \$2,500 00

China.

<i>Peking</i> , Miss Sears' salary and teacher.....	\$ 775 00
Miss Ketring's salary and teacher.....	800 00
Miss Frey's salary and teacher.....	650 00
Coolie, \$50; traveling, \$100....	150 00
Repairs and postage.....	200 00
Scholarships.....	480 00
Home in Tientsin.....	750 00
Tsun Hwa scholarships.....	90 00
Traveling expenses, \$50; repairs, \$50; courier, \$30.....	130 00

Total for North China.... \$4,025 00

<i>Foochow</i> , Miss Jewell's salary and teacher.....	\$ 800 00
Miss Bonafield, salary and teacher.....	800 00
Scholarships in boarding sch'l.....	240 00
Gatekeeper, \$42; repairs \$50....	92 00
Woman's school, repairs, \$100; watchman, \$42.....	142 00
Gateman; \$42; insurance, \$20....	62 00
Women in school.....	250 00
<i>Hing Hwa</i> , Woman's school.....	500 00
Building for woman's school.....	300 00
<i>Hing Hwa</i> day school.....	600 00
<i>Hing Hwa</i> Bible women.....	144 00
Medical students.....	100 00

Total for China..... \$4,030 00

Korea.

Miss Rothweiler, teacher, salary and traveling expenses.....	\$ 870 00
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Mohamdi, Bible readers and schools.....	87 00
Raksha, Bible readers and schools.....	28 00
Bulaon, Scholarships.....	60 00
First assistant.....	230 00
Munshi.....	23 00
Muttra, English scholarships.....	186 00
Zenana work.....	77 00
Tent.....	58 00
Munshi.....	38 00
Land tax.....	24 00
Lucknow, Miss Perrine.....	650 00
Miss Rowe.....	308 00
Miss Pereira.....	308 00
Third assistant.....	230 00
Apparatus.....	20 00
Scholarships.....	90 00
Gonda, assistant.....	208 00
Cawnpore, Miss De Tores.....	277 00
Sewing machine (conditional).....	50 00
Bible readers.....	60 00
Land tax and repairs.....	96 00
Village and district work.....	102 00
Itinerating.....	38 00
Teacher.....	58 00
Agra, Scholarships.....	96 00

Total for North India... \$5,791 00

South India.

Bombay, Miss De Line.....	\$650 00
Miss Carroll.....	650 00
Miss Lanahan.....	264 00
Miss Rowbottom.....	264 00
Miss Crafts.....	240 00
Pundits.....	80 00
Housekeeper.....	72 00
Conveyances.....	384 00
Bible woman and school.....	120 00
Scholarships.....	152 00
Borrowed from bomb house fund, 1887.....	1,000 00
Interest on debt.....	850 00
Return passage Miss De Line.....	400 00
Kolar, Miss Titnuss.....	144 00
Orphans.....	120 00
Madras, Teacher.....	144 00
Assistant.....	240 00

Total for South India... \$5,774 00

Bengal.

Calcutta, Scholarships.....	\$558 00
Rangoon, Scholarships.....	280 00
Sewing machine (conditional).....	50 00
Asansol.....	250 00

Total for Bengal..... \$1,138 00

Malayasia.

Singapore, Scholarships.....	52 00
Matron.....	144 00
Conveyance.....	184 00

Total for Malaysia..... \$380 00

Total for India ... \$13,083 00

North China.

Tientsin, Miss Steere.....	\$600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Personal teacher.....	100 00
Watchman.....	50 00
Gatekeeper.....	50 00
Hospital expenses.....	200 00
Drugs.....	200 00
Chair-bearer.....	50 00
Coolies.....	75 00
Traveling expenses.....	25 00
Building.....	750 00
Home salary Dr. Gloss.....	350 00
Peking, scholarships.....	210 00
Watchman.....	50 00
Incidentals, Mrs. Gamewell.....	120 00
Tsun Hua, Training school.....	300 00
Building (conditional).....	500 00

Total for North China . . \$3,780 00

Central China.

Kiukiang, Miss Howe.....	\$375 00
Home traveling expenses.....	375 00
Miss Wheeler.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Teacher.....	84 00
Ada Howe.....	40 00
Scholarships.....	160 00
Expenses to annual meeting.....	30 00
Repairs.....	50 00
Rent of bungalow.....	60 00
Nanking Miss Shaw.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Personal teacher.....	48 00
Assistant teacher.....	64 00
Bible woman.....	48 00
Furniture.....	100 00
Repairs and cistern.....	100 00
Scholarships.....	100 00
Books, stationery and rent.....	50 00
Gateman.....	48 00
Chinkiang, Miss Robinson.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Miss Peters.....	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Personal teachers.....	136 00
Dispensary.....	200 00
Employees.....	173 00
Insurance and taxes.....	59 00
Repairs.....	85 00
Orphans.....	65 00

Total for Central China.. \$5,450 00

Southern China.

Foochow, Dr. Lyon.....	\$600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Personal teacher.....	100 00
Physician to be sent (conditional).....	1,100 00
Hospital expenses.....	350 00
City hospital.....	200 00
Day schools.....	500 00
Scholarships.....	300 00
Fondlings.....	90 00
Insurance.....	36 00
Repairs.....	150 00
School watchman.....	42 00

Ing Chung, Day school.....	120 00
Women's schools.....	300 00
Bible women	48 00

Total for Southern China \$4,086 00

Total for China.....\$13,316 00

Japan.

Tokyo, Miss Locke.....	\$300 00
Scholarships.....	320 00
Chinese and primary teachers	280 00
Ground rent.....	275 00
Day schools.....	500 00
Aoyama, Japanese teacher..	120 00
Chinese teacher.....	300 00
Sewing teacher.....	72 00
Scholarships.....	240 00
Yokohama, Mrs. Van Petten.	600 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Teacher.....	100 00
Bible women.....	320 00
Bible teacher.....	190 00
Preparatory teacher.....	190 00
Books and tracts.....	50 00
Fuel and lights.....	50 00
Furniture and repairs.....	100 00
Assistant teacher.....	60 00
Itinerating.....	50 00
Tobe.....	120 00

Kanagawa, \$300, building (conditional) \$250

Hakodate, Scholarships.....	280 00
Teacher mathematics	240 00
Matron	120 00
Repairs and incidentals	200 00

Nagasaki, Scholarships.....\$200 00

Fukuoka, Scholarships.....200 00

Kayoshima, Miss Forbes.....600 00

Incidentals.....150 00

Miss Taylor.....600 00

Incidentals.....150 00

Personal teachers.....200 00

Bible woman.....60 00

Evangelistic work.....50 00

Expenses to conference

Watchman.....48 00

Organ (conditional).....120 00

Total for Japau.....\$8,245 00

Korea.

Scholarships.....\$240 00

Repairs.....150 00

Insurance.....50 00

Hospital fuel.....100 00

Medicine and instruments

Total for Korea.....\$690 00

Bulgaria.

Scholarships.....\$240 00

Second assistant.....170 00

Furniture and postage.....35 00

Repairs and incidentals.....250 00

Miss Fincham.....750 00

Miss Schenck.....375 00

New missionary.....750 00

Total for Bulgaria.....\$2,570 00

Mexico.

Tetela, Miss Hewitt's home salary.....\$375 00

Traveling expenses home

Miss Van Dorsten.....750 00

Expense to conference.....25 00

Rent.....114 00

School supplies.....100 00

Porter.....180 00

Water tax.....50 00

Keeping horse.....50 00

Canada, School.....400 00

Mexico City, Scholarships.....420 00

Water and street tax.....50 00

Assistant teacher.....325 00

Physician and medicine

Miraflores, School supplies.....250 00

Rent.....60 00

Guadajuato, Assistants.....240 00

Pachuca, Primary and music teachers.....600 00

School supplies and furniture

Porter.....150 00

Repairs and garden

Puebla, Kindergarten and supplies.....360 00

Scholarships.....280 00

Dormitory supplies.....50 00

Apizaco, Teacher and rent.....420 00

School.....100 00

Total for Mexico.....\$5,999 00

Italy.

Rome, Miss Hall's return and salary.....\$550 00

Scholarships.....400 00

Rent of home.....1,000 00

Miss Vickery.....750 00

Personal teacher.....150 00

Contingent expenses.....250 00

Total for Rome.....\$3,100 00

South America.

Buenos Ayres, Rent.....\$400 00

Scholarships.....150 00

Rosario, Assistants.....500 00

Matron.....300 00

Scholarships.....525 00

Montevideo, Miss Hyde.....750 00

Personal teacher.....100 00

Assistant.....425 00

Rent.....700 00

Day schools.....1,000 00

Lima, Rent.....480 00

Total for South America \$5,330 00

Germany.

Kiel, Bible woman.....\$150 00

Switzerland.

Zurich, Bible woman.....\$150 00

New missionary (conditional) 1,100 00

Contingent.....1,267 00

Grand total.....\$55,000 00

DES MOINES BRANCH

<i>North India.</i>	
<i>Pauri</i> , Orphans.....	\$247 00
Medicines.....	76 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Orphans.....	112 00
Medical students.....	46 00
<i>Moradabad</i> , Orphans.....	80 00
Miss C. Frederick.....	138 00
Miss M. E. Day.....	650 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Orphans.....	220 00
Miss A. E. Lawson.....	650 00
<i>Budaon</i> , Orphans.....	250 00
Repairs.....	76 00
<i>Aligarh District.</i>	
<i>Soran</i>	76 00
<i>Patyali</i>	58 00
<i>Sikandras</i>	87 00
<i>Aligarh</i>	115 00
<i>Atrauli</i>	48 00
<i>Aliganj</i>	38 00
<i>Estab</i>	115 00
Miss H. Kemper, outfit and Passage.....	600 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , Mrs. J. C. Hunt.....	346 00
Miss Singh assistant.....	346 00
Miss M. D. Bretton.....	254 00
<i>Gonda</i> , Bible readers.....	129 00
Conveyance.....	73 00
Total	\$4,830 00

<i>Bengal.</i>	
<i>Burhampur</i> , General work.....	\$150 00
<i>Pakur</i> , Orphans.....	150 00
<i>Rangoon</i> , Miss F. E. Perkins.....	325 00
Total	\$625 00

<i>South India.</i>	
<i>Bangalore</i> , Mrs. Buttrick's Bible woman.....	\$ 40 00
Rent.....	61 00
Miss Bacon.....	325 00
<i>Kolar</i> , Bible woman.....	60 00
Orphans.....	160 00
Widows.....	50 00
<i>Madras</i> , Mrs. E. Jones.....	288 00
Conveyance.....	100 00
<i>Bombay</i> , Miss Mary Kennedy, outfit, passage and salary...	1,100 00
Home.....	500 00
Total	\$2,684 00

<i>North China.</i>	
<i>Peking</i> , Building.....	\$250 00
Scholarships.....	450 00
Bible woman Mrs. Wu.....	50 00
Tsun Hwa School.....	300 00
Sarah Wang.....	50 00
<i>Tientsin</i> , Miss F. O. Wilson.....	750 00
Per. teacher.....	100 00
Training school.....	425 00
Sai Na Li, salary.....	50 00
Bible woman.....	50 00
New building.....	500 00
Total	\$2,975 00

<i>Central China.</i>	
<i>Kiukiang</i> , Miss Ogborn, salary	\$550 00
Miss Stone.....	375 00
Scholarships.....	100 00
Matron.....	37 00

Cook.....	37 00
Gateman.....	37 00
Bungalow keeper.....	24 00
Doctor and medicines.....	50 00
Total	\$1,210 00

<i>South China.</i>	
<i>Foochow</i> , Hospital.....	\$300 00
Miss L. A. Trimble.....	650 00
Incidentals.....	150 00
Per. teacher.....	50 00
Scholarships.....	420 00
Day school.....	40 00
Orphans.....	60 00
<i>Hokchiang</i> , Day schools.....	450 00
Bible women.....	96 00
Total	\$2,116 00

<i>Korea.</i>	
Hospital patients.....	\$150 00
Insurance.....	25 00
Repairs.....	75 00
Total	\$250 00

<i>Japan.</i>	
<i>Tokyo</i> , <i>Tsukiji</i> , Miss F. E. Phelps	\$750 00
Per. teacher.....	100 00
Miss M. B. Griffith.....	750 00
Per. teacher.....	100 00
Sewing teacher.....	36 00
Penmanship.....	96 00
Scholarships.....	200 00
<i>Aoyama</i> , Miss M. G. De Motte..	550 00
Per. teacher.....	100 00
Scholarships.....	120 00
Teacher mathematics.....	300 00
<i>Hakodate</i> , Scholarships.....	280 00
Japanese teacher.....	240 00
<i>Yonczawa</i> , Native teacher.....	150 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Scholarships.....	120 00
Mathematical teacher.....	400 00
Total	\$4,292 00

<i>Bulgaria.</i>	
Assistants.....	\$170 00
Scholars.....	50 00
Total	\$220 00

<i>Mexico.</i>	
<i>Mexico City</i> , Primary teacher..	\$325 00
Scholarships.....	280 00
Lights.....	135 00
<i>Puebla</i> , Scholarships.....	140 00
<i>Ayapango</i> , Miss M. Garcia.....	360 00
Rent.....	50 00
<i>Tezontepec</i> , Teacher's salary....	300 00
Total	\$1,590 00

<i>South America.</i>	
<i>Buenos Ayres</i> , Rent.....	\$100 00
<i>Rosario</i> , Assistant teacher.....	300 00
Total	\$400 00

<i>Italy.</i>	
Miss Passerine.....	\$108 00
Orphans.....	200 00
Total	\$308 00

<i>Summary.</i>	
India.....	\$8,139 00
China.....	6,301 00
Korea.....	250 00
Japan.....	4,292 00
Bulgaria.....	220 00
Mexico.....	1,590 00
South America.....	400 00
Italy.....	308 00
Grand total.....	\$21,500 00

MINNEAPOLIS BRANCH.

<i>North India.</i>	
<i>Pauri</i> , Girls in Orphanage.	\$240 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , School matron.	28 00
Teachers.	120 00
Girls in school	300 00
<i>Basta</i> , Bible readers and schools	171 00
<i>Bijnour</i> , Girls in boarding school	134 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , First assistant.	277 00
Zenana assistant.	200 00
Orphans and scholars.	100 00
<i>Budaon</i> , Girls in school.	240 00
Mrs. Butterfield.	166 00
City schools	192 00
Village work.	230 00
Conveyance.	144 00
Mrs. Wilson's munshi.	23 00
Medicines.	76 00
Itinerating.	76 00
Medical student.	46 00
Bible reader	50 00
<i>Gunaur</i> , Bible readers in schools	32 00
<i>Dalajani</i>	28 00
<i>Oghaina</i>	23 00
<i>Muttra</i> , Assistant missionary.	230 00
Conveyance	77 00
<i>Ajmere</i> , Mrs. Lyons' itinerating and conveyance.	157 00
<i>Lucknow</i> , First assistant.	230 00
Zenana second assistant.	208 00
Third assistant.	184 00
<i>Gonda</i> , Scholarship.	50 00
One teacher.	115 00
<i>Col. Gunj</i> , Bible reader.	128 00
Total for North India.	\$4,278 00

South India.

<i>Bombay</i> , Miss Abrams' salary.	\$650 00
Rent, Boarding school.	720 00
Scholarships.	220 00
Native teacher.	76 00
Three day schools	216 00
Miss Alice Seity, salary.	288 00
Matron	96 00
Pundit	48 00
Conveyance.	192 00
<i>Kolar</i> , Four orphans	80 00
Two Bible women.	50 00
Total.	\$2,636 00

Bengal Conference.

<i>Calcutta</i> , Scholarships.	\$168 00
Rent	500 00
<i>Rangoon</i> , Seven orphans.	140 00
Two Bible women	48 00
<i>Jubbulpur</i> , Mrs. Ward's work.	200 00
Bible women.	100 00
<i>Roorkee</i> , Bible women and schools.	300 00

<i>Rajpore</i> , Bible woman.	34 00
<i>Mussouri</i> , Day schools.	50 00
Total.	\$1,540 00

Singapore.

House rent	\$384 00
Assistant.	240 00
Two scholarships.	52 00
Chinese Bible woman	115 00
Miss Blackmore's salary	650 00
Total	\$1,441 00

China.

<i>Foochow</i>	\$200 00
Total.	\$200 00

Japan.

<i>Aoyama</i> , Scholarship.	\$40 00
<i>Tokyo</i> , Scholarship	40 00
<i>Aoyama</i> , Industrial school, building house.	1,800 00
Miss Blackstock's salary.	600 00
Incidentals	150 00
Personal teacher.	100 00
Poor girls.	100 00
<i>Hakodate</i> , Five scholarships.	200 00
<i>Yokohama</i> , Bible women	120 00
<i>Nagasaki</i> , Mrs. Shebate, Bible women and traveling expenses	50 00
Total for Japan.	\$3,200 00

Mexico.

<i>City of Mexico</i> , Scholarship.	\$70 00
Total	\$70 00

Bulgaria.

Four scholarships.	\$160 00
Total	\$160 00

Summary.

India.	\$8,449 00
Singapore.	1,441 00
China	200 00
Japan	3,080 00
Mexico	70 00
Bulgaria.	160 00
Grand total	\$13,400 00

TOPEKA BRANCH.

North India.

<i>Pauri</i> , Girls in boarding school	\$100 00
<i>Pithoragarh</i> , Girls in boarding school.	180 00
Village school.	45 00
<i>Bijnour</i> , Girls in boarding school	100 00
Teacher	40 00
<i>Moralabad</i> , Agra, medical student.	40 00
<i>Kant and Khutar</i> , Bible reader	45 00
<i>Bareilly</i> , Agra medical student	40 00
Boarding school	200 00
<i>Budaon</i> , Boarding school.	250 00
<i>Kasganj</i> , Bible readers and schools.	200 00
<i>Muttra</i> , City schools.	180 00

Sitapur, Miss Fuller.....	650 00
Scholarships	90 00
Bible readers and schools.....	180 00
Total.....	\$2,290 00

South India.

Haidarabad, Miss Blackmar...	\$650 00
First assistant	264 00
Keeping conveyance	120 00
Ladies' Home	400 00
Pundit for assistants	40 00
Bangalore, Miss Matson.....	386 00
Kolar, Girls.....	100 00
Total.....	\$1,960 00

Bengal Conference.

Pakur, Orphans.....	\$100 00
Total.....	\$100 00

North China.

Peking, Boarding school	\$200 00
Tartar City day school	75 00
Tientsin, Dr. Stevenson, salary, incidentals, and personal teacher	850 00
Building.....	250 00
Drugs.....	100 00
Tsun Hwa, Boarding school ..	210 00
Teacher	40 00
Total.....	\$1,725 00

Central China.

Kiukiang, Boarding school....	\$180 00
Chinkiang, Boarding school....	120 00

Foochow.

Boarding school.....	\$80 00
District Bible women	45 00
Hokchiang, District day schools and traveling expenses.....	150 00
Hing Hwa, Boarding school....	800 00
Total	\$1,075 00

Total for China..... \$3,100 00

Japan.

Tokyo, Miss Watson, salary, incidentals, and personal teacher	\$850 00
Scholarships.....	80 00
Yokohama, Bible women.....	120 00
Yonczawa, Miss Imhof, salary, incidentals, and personal teacher.....	850 00
Expenses to conference.....	25 00
Papers, tracts, and books....	25 00
Hakodate, Scholarships.....	200 00
Total.....	\$2,150 00

Korea.

Scholarships.....	\$140 00
Matron	50 00
Total.....	\$190 00

Mexico.

Mexico City, Scholarships.....	\$140 00
Ayapanago, Assistant.....	200 00
Bible women and supplies ..	100 00

Fuchla, Scholarships.....	280 00
Total.....	\$720 00

South America.

Rosario, Miss Swaney, salary and incidentals	\$750 00
Scholarships.....	300 00
Assistant	200 00
Total	\$1,250 00

Bulgaria.

Loftcha, Scholarships.....	\$240 00
Total.....	\$240 00

Conditional.

Singapore.....	\$1,000 00
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Grand total..... \$13,000 00

PACIFIC BRANCH.

North India.

Miss Dudley's salary.....	\$325 00
Bhabar, Girl's school.....	100 00
Teacher.....	46 00
Matron.....	14 00
Bible woman.....	39 00
House rent.....	22 00
Lucknow, Bible woman.....	60 00
Budaon, Five scholars.....	100 00
Bareilly, Two orphans.....	50 00
Gonda, School	100 00
Pithoragarh, Seven girls.....	100 00
Bible readers.....	50 00
Total for North India. . .	\$1,006 00

South India.

Kampiti, School.....	\$200 00
Bible women	75 00
Pundit.....	25 00
Assistants	175 00
Conveyances	25 00
Bombay, Building fund.....	150 00
Total for South India.....	\$630 00

Bengal Conference.

Ajmere District, Bible woman...	\$100 00
Calcutta, Boarding school, one girl	84 00
Pakur, Nine orphans	220 00
Rangoon, Scholarships.....	300 00
Two orphans	80 00
Total for Bengal Conf	\$784 00

Japan.

Nagasaki, City work schools....	\$100 00
Two girls	80 00
Nagoya, Bible woman	75 00
Tracts and papers.....	25 00
Total for Japan.....	\$280 00

Korea.

Seoul, Two girls	\$100 00
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Summary.

India.....	\$2,420 00
Japan.....	280 00
Korea.....	100 00
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Grand total.....\$3,000 00

Annual Report of Literature Committee.

The work of the Literature Committee during the past year, has been done under the shadow of a great and overwhelming sorrow. The protracted illness and subsequent death of its most efficient Secretary Miss Hart, has seemed to the members of the Committee nothing less than a personal calamity. To this particular branch of our work, she gave her best thought, her time, her interest, from the organization of the Committee, until the Master said to her, "It is enough." So dependent were we upon her wise counsel, her excellent judgement, her helpful suggestions, that it seemed almost impossible to carry the work without her.

The Committee has endeavored to carry out the instructions of the last General-Executive Committee to the best of its ability.

1st. **The General Annual Report** with maps was issued very soon after the close of the meeting, and was in the hands of the Corresponding and Conference Secretaries at an earlier date than usual. An edition of six thousand copies was issued at a cost of \$437.97. The paper was a little thinner, and the size a little reduced from the previous year, but the compensation was in the fact of cheaper postage. To bring it within the compass of 132 pages, we were compelled to greatly abridge the reports as presented.

2nd. **Maps.** The revision and printing of the Maps and binding them in the form of a Missionary Atlas was done and an edition of 1,000 issued.

In addition to the Maps in the Annual Report, one of the Congo Free States was added, as the plate was furnished by a member of the Committee without additional cost. While a number of these have been sold, yet there has not been the demand for them that we had hoped, for they seem so essential to an intelligent understanding of the work, and location of our Mission Stations. These have sold for 10 cents per copy.

Reading Circles. The establishing of reading circles among the auxiliaries and friends of Missions has had a commencement which we trust may grow. The plan was, that members of Auxiliaries unite in a systematic course of reading on the subject of Missions, either by spending a few minutes each day personally, or coming together for a short time once a week to read some good Missionary book. The plan was presented in an article in the *Friend*, and a list of recent Missionary books given from which selections might be made.

As a result three circles have been organized, two in Ohio and one in New Jersey. But a large number of letters have been received making enquiry about the matter. Also a number of books mentioned in the list have been ordered.

LEAFLETS

Following the instructions of the Executive Committee the topics for the years Uniform Studies was published in the December number of the *Friend* and the Supplemental Leaf continued, the Leaflet bearing directly on the study, being printed on the opposite side. Of these supplements 260,300 regular of two pages have been issued, also 24,300 of four pages, making 284,000 supplements, or 617,800 pages which have gone regularly to the subscribers of the paper, a small proportion only having been sold. The June study was devoted to Young Ladies, so that we arranged to make the study as attractive as possible, and the supplement for that month was four pages. Considerable trouble was taken to get an expression from individual members of Young Ladies' Societies regarding the help they had received from their connection with the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. The responses were from all sections of the work, and were most hearty. We think this gave somewhat of an impetus to our Young Woman's work.

From letters received we are of the impression that the lessons have given more satisfaction this past year than any previous year since they were put in the hands of the Literature Committee.

The first Leaflet published was the report of the Secretary presented at the anniversary, of which fifteen thousand were printed and circulated gratuitously. At the Executive Committee the following was presented and adopted:

WHEREAS, To a degree unprecedented in the history of missions, the growth and success of our work have created new openings, and devolved on us obligations under whose pressure we are almost overwhelmed, therefore,

Resolved, That we call on God and on the women of the Church as never before, that the means be granted us to enter these open doors and meet these pressing obligations.

The following was also adopted:

Resolved, That a leaflet or circular be at once issued, that shall represent as strongly as may be these openings, and their obligations, and that this circular, signed by the Corresponding Secretaries shall be scattered generally throughout all our borders.

These facts were stated briefly in an appeal under the title of "An Open Letter to Methodist Women," and twenty thousand of them

scattered gratuitously. The demand for these was very great and many more could have been distributed with profit.

We have met the requirements of the Executive Committee by providing ten issues of miscellaneous leaflets, two of which were specially adapted to young people. Five thousand of these, or five hundred of each issue were sent to the Branches for gratuitous distribution. Of the new leaflets there were fourteen varieties of 838,000 pages. The following are the titles of the miscellaneous new issues.

Consecrated Needle Work, Our Work in Japan, Open Letter, Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, How Five Little Girls Sent a Missionary, Helplessness of Heathenism, Wanted Wicks, A Pathetic Letter From a Hindu Widow, Work of One Chinese Woman, Alphabetical Roll Call, Leaflet Annual Report, Hidden Springs, Calendar for 1891, Young Ladies Here and There.

The following old leaflets have been reprinted: Two Mites, Consecrated Pennies, Story of a Chinese Woman, Best Methods, Mrs. Gray's Opportunities, Some Suggestions and Sentence Prayers; seven varieties in all, 28,000 leaflets or 128,000 pages.

The following is a list of the Leaflets that have been issued during the year of a miscellaneous character:

Three thousand or 24,000 pages of Mrs. Pickett's Mite Box story have been printed in German. The total number of miscellaneous leaflets including new and reprints is 235,000, or 990,000 pages. This is exclusive of the supplement, which if added would make the number issued 519,600 or 1,607,800 pages. But one leaflet has been put on the paid list during the year.

As the resolution recommending the establishment of a depot of supplies, within the bounds of each Branch from which auxiliaries could obtain such leaflets as they may desire, was a matter which the Committee had nothing to do, we are unable to say whether the manner of distribution has been satisfactory.

One thousand "Instructions to missionaries, and one thousand blanks for medical certificates have been issued. The report is not satisfactory to the Committee but is the best presentation of the work which we could give under the circumstances.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. T. GRACEY, *Chairman*

MRS. W. F. WARREN,

MISS P. J. WALDEN.

RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF MISS HART.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Literature Committee :

WHEREAS, The Literature Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has been sorely afflicted this past year in the death of its beloved and efficient Secretary Miss I. Hart of Baltimore, and

WHEREAS, By her death the Committee have suffered not only a great personal loss, but the cause, one of its most able and consecrated workers, therefore

Resolved, That as fellow workers we do recognize in her life the embodiment of all true Christian womanhood.

That in the clearness of her intellectual apprehensions, in her wise and excellent judgment, in the entire surrender of her whole being to the cause of her Master, she was an ornament to the church and to the world.

Resolved, That her life in its symmetry, its Christian simplicity, its devotion to principle, its earnest purpose, has been in the past and will be to us in the future, an inspiration to holier and more consecrated living, and that we do magnify the riches of grace that supported her through a long and severe illness, and which enabled her not only to trust, but finally to triumph.

MRS. J. T. GRACEY, *Chairman*.
MRS. W. F. WARREN,
MISS P. J. WALDEN.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

FROM OCT. 1, 1890, TO OCT. 1, 1891.

To Cash Received for Literature.....		\$835.02
By Cash paid for Books.....	\$337.08	
“ “ Leaflets.....	383.72	
“ “ Supplements.....	478.85	
“ “ Annual Reports.....	437.97	
“ “ German Leaflets.....	19.00	
“ “ Postage and Express.....	121.20	
“ “ Editor's Salary.....	400.00	
“ “ Editor's Incidentals.....	30.03	
“ “ Office Help.....	30.00	
		————— \$2,237.85

PAULINE J. WALDEN, *Treasurer*.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

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- I. New England States.
Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. M. P. Alderman, 32 Everett St., Hyde Park, Mass.; Treasurer, Miss Mary E. Holt, 4 Berwick Park, Boston, Mass.
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Committee of Reference.

The Corresponding Secretaries of the several Branches, constitute a Committee of Reference, of which Mrs. H. B. Skidmore, No. 230 West 59th St., New York, is Chairman, and Mrs. B. R. Cowen, 7 Crescent Place, Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, is Secretary.

All communications to be brought before the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society in the interim of the General Executive Committee should be addressed to the Chairman of the Committee.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

South America, North China, and Yokohama, Japan : Mrs. Alderman.

Rohilkund District, India, Korea, and Central China : Mrs. Skidmore

Mexico, and Tokyo, Japan : Mrs. Keen.

Foochow, China, and Madras District, India : Mrs. Stevens.

Oudh District, India, and Kiu Shiu, Japan : Mrs. Cowen.

Italy, Bulgaria, and Bombay District, India : Mrs. Crandon.

Hakodate and Hirosaki, Japan : Mrs. Huston.

Bengal Conference and Singapore : Mrs. Winchell.

Kumaon District, India : Miss Watson.

Rangoon, Burma : Mrs. O'Neal.

TREASURERS IN FOREIGN FIELDS.

North India : Miss Anna E. Lawson, Bareilly, India.

South India : Miss Mary E. Carroll, Gilder Street, Bombay, India.

Bengal Conference : Miss Elizabeth Maxey, 18 Eman Bagh Lane, Calcutta, India.

Singapore : Miss Sophia Blackmore, Singapore, Straits Settlements.

North China : Miss Annie B. Sears, Peking, China.

Chinkiang : Miss Mary E. Robinson, Chinkiang, China.

Foochow : Miss Ella Johnson, Foochow, China.

Korea : Miss Louisa Rothweiler, Seoul, Korea.

Tokyo and Nagoya : Miss Mary B. Griffiths, 13 Tsukiji, Tokyo, Japan.

Yokohama : Mrs. Carrie Van Petten, 221 Bluff, Yokohama, Japan.

Hakodate : Miss Minnie Hampton, Hakodate, Japan.

Nagasaki : Miss Maude E. Simons, Nagasaki, Japan.

Italy : Miss Ella Vickery, 163 Via Torino, Rome, Italy.

Bulgaria : Miss Ella Fincham, Loftcha, Bulgaria.

South America : Mrs. Ada M. C. Drees, 718 Calle De Corrientes, Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic, South America.

Mexico : Miss Mary De F. Loyd, Apartado, 345, Mexico City, Mexico.

All India addresses should read via Brindisi. All for China and Japan and Korea, via San Francisco.

Summary of Foreign Work by Branches.

NEW ENGLAND BRANCH.

Missionaries supported (three are medical), 11 ; assistants, 28 ; Bible-women and teachers, 136 ; training schools (in part), 4 ; boarding schools and orphanages (in part), 18 ; day, city and village schools, 80 ; pupils in these schools, 1,300 ; pupils in boarding schools and scholarships, 160 ; orphans in orphanages, 41 ; pupils in medical college, 5.

NEW YORK BRANCH.

Missionaries (three of them medical), 26 ; Zenana teachers and assistants, 60 ; Bible women, 69 ; orphans, 146 ; scholarships, 136 ; day schools, 70 ; deaconess, 1 ; coolies, 2 ; matron, 1.

PHILADELPHIA BRANCH.

Missionaries, 15 ; teachers and assistants, 53 ; deaconesses, 2 ; Bible women, 13 ; scholarships and orphans in India, 69 ; China, 10 ; Japan, 26 ; Italy, 5 ; Bulgaria, 2 ; Mexico, 7 ; South America, 2. Total, 121.

BALTIMORE BRANCH.

Missionaries, 5 ; Missionary assistants, 9 ; Bible women, 14 ; day schools, 18 ; Orphans, 90.

CINCINNATI BRANCH.

Missionaries, 22 (one medical) ; dispensary, 1 ; assistants, 23 ; Bible women, 60 ; native Christian teachers, 20 ; boarding schools 2 and parts of 6 others ; orphans, 37 ; Zenanas visited, 1,150 ; women under instruction, 2,500, day schools, 33.

NORTH WESTERN BRANCH.

Missionaries in service, 21 ; home on leave, 2 ; Zenana workers and assistants, 24 ; scholarships, 197 ; foundlings, 4 ; Bible women, 35 ; day schools, 3 ; memorial schools, 2.

DES MOINES BRANCH.

American Missionaries, 9 ; Bible women, 11 ; native Christian teachers, 18 ; training schools, 1 ; number of pupils, 30 ; orphans, 62 ; day schools, 9 ; scholarships, 78.

MINNEAPOLIS BRANCH.

American Missionaries, 3 ; Assistants, 9 ; Bible women, 14 ; native Christian teachers, 11 ; training schools, 2 ; number of pupils, 43 ; boarding schools, 9 ; number of pupils, 42 ; orphanages, 4 ; orphans supported, 32 ; day, city and village schools, 14 ; number of pupils, about 1,000 ; medical assistant, 1.

TOPEKA BRANCH.

Missionaries, 6 ; deaconesses, 2 ; Bible women and teachers, 18 ; orphans and scholarships, 150.

PACIFIC BRANCH.

Missionary, 1 ; Assistants, 3 ; Bible women, 8 ; scholars, 11 ; orphans, 9.

Summary Home Work for 1891.

BRANCHES,	Auxiliaries.	Members.	Young Ladies' Societies.	Members.	Children's Bands.	Members.	Total Organizations.	Total Members.	Life Members.	Life Patrons.	Honorary Managers.	Conference Secretaries.	District Secretaries.	Subscribers to H. W. Friend.	Subscribers to H. Children's Friend.	Subscribers to Heiden Frauen.
New England..	425	11,319	41	826	108	2,125	574	14,270	1,327	17	61	9	28	2,512	2,030	
New York.....	871	30,000	142	2,486	49	587	1,062	33,073	1,627	22	128	11	42	3,401	1,285	
Philadelphia...	311	10,938	Included in		142	3,758	453	14,696	649	7	31	6	32	1,956	753	
Baltimore.....	154	5,218	Auxiliar's		35	1,500	169	6,718			1	1	8	808	312	
Cincinnati.....	670	16,332	130	2,600	132	2,360	932	21,292	2,208	10	118	9	44	2,800	1,205	
North Western	1,192	28,668	Included.			1,192		28,668				15	73	4,778	1,534	
Des Moines....	344	9,250	46	873	47	991	437	11,024	1,486	8	31	9	36	1,632	442	
Minneapolis...	270	5,600	40	800	45	900	355	7,300				9	12	945	404	
Topeka.....	190	4,350	21	493	51	1,194	262	6,037	491	13	50	4	6	217	75	
Pacific.....	29	747	3	126	13	313	45	1,186	15					302	104	
Miscellaneous..																
Total	4,436	122,422	423	8,204	622	13,638	5,481	144,264	7,803	77	419	70	281	20,099	87,48	2,135

Receipts of Society Since its Organization.

From March, 1860, to April 1870.....	\$	4,546	86
" April 1, 1870, to " 1, 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
Total since organization.....		\$2,597,111	17

Membership & Scholarships 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 constitutes a person a life member.

The payment of one hundred dollars constitutes an honorary life manager.

The payment of three hundred dollars constitutes an honorary life patron.

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 of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

APPOINT	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1869.....	*Miss Clara A. Swain, M. D.	Khetri Rajputana, India.....	Cincinnati.....	Castile, N. Y.
1869.....	" Isabella Thoburn.....	Lucknow, India.....	New York.....	Delaware, O.
1870.....	" Fannie J. Sparkes.....	Home on Leave.....	North-Western.....	Binghamton, N. Y.
1872.....	" Gertrude Howe.....	Kiu Kiang, China.....	New York.....	Lansing, Mich.
1872.....	" Lucy A. Hoag, M. D.....	Chin Kiang, China.....	Topeka.....	Ann Arbor, Mich.
1874.....	" Louise E. Blackmar.....	Haidarabad, India.....	New York.....	W. Springfield, Pa.
1874.....	" Mary Hastings.....	Pachuca, Mexico.....	New York.....	Chelsea, Mass.
1874.....	" Jennie M. Chapin.....	Home on Leave.....	New England.....	Chicopec, Miss.
1874.....	" Lou B. Denning.....	Home on Leave.....	North-Western.....	Normal, Ill.
1878.....	" S. A. Easton.....	Naini Tal, India.....	Cincinnati.....	Washington, D. C.
1878.....	" Matilda A. Spencer.....	Home on Leave.....	Philadelphia.....	Germantown, Pa.
1878.....	" M. E. Layton.....	Cawnpore, India.....	Baltimore.....	Columbia, Pa.
1878.....	" Clara M. Cushman.....	Home on Leave.....	New England.....	Lawrence, Mass.
1879.....	" Elizabeth Russell.....	Nagasaki, Japan.....	Cincinnati.....	Keyser, W. Va.
1879.....	" Jennie M. Gheer.....	Nagasaki, Japan.....	New York.....	Bellewood, Pa.
1880.....	" Annie B. Sears.....	Peking, China.....	Cincinnati.....	Bucyrus, O.
1880.....	" Annie Budden.....	Pithoragarh, India.....	New York.....	Almorah, India.
1881.....	" Minnie Hampton.....	Hakodate, Japan.....	New York.....	New York, N. Y.
1881.....	Mrs. Carrie Van Peltten.....	Yokohama, Japan.....	North-Western.....	Neponset, Ill.
1881.....	Miss Emma S. Knowles.....	Calcutta, India.....	New England.....	Newark, N. J.
1881.....	" Phoebe Rowe.....	Lucknow, India.....	North-Western.....	India.

*Miss Swain, the first medical missionary sent out by the society, served efficiently for fifteen years, and is now engaged in independent work as physician to the palace of the Rajah of Khetri.

MISSIONARIES OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—(Continued.)

APPOINT	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1881.....	Miss Frances J. Wheeler.....	Kiu Kiang, China.....	North-Western	Chicago, Ill.
1882.....	" Anna P. Atkinson.....	Tokyo, Japan.....	New York.....	Cazenovia, N. Y.
1883.....	Mrs. Charlotte M. Jewell.....	Home on leave.....	New York.....	California.
1883.....	Miss Rebecca J. Watson.....	Tokyo, Japan.....	Topeka.....	Nebraska.
1883.....	" Emma J. Everding.....	Syracuse, N. Y.....	Baltimore.....	Syracuse, N. Y.
1884.....	" Ella J. Hewett.....	Home on leave.....	Philadelphia.....	Gilead, Mich.
1884.....	" Emily L. Harvey.....	Home on leave.....	New England.....	South Barton, Vt.
1884.....	" Mary Christiancy, M. D.....	Bareilly, India.....	"	Washington, D. C.
1884.....	" Fannie M. English.....	Bareilly, ".....	New York.....	Seneca Falls, N. Y.
1884.....	" Clara A. Downey.....	Moradabad, India.....	"	Rome, N. Y.
1884.....	" Margaret C. Hedrick.....	Home on leave.....	"	S. Charleston, O.
1884.....	" Sarah DeLine.....	Bombay, India.....	North-Western	Elwood, Ill.
1884.....	" Mary Reed.....	Pithoragarh, India.....	Cincinnati.....	Beckets, O.
1884.....	" Mary C. Robinson.....	Chin Kiang, China.....	North-Western	Michigan.
1884.....	" Carrie I. Jewell.....	Foochow, China.....	Cincinnati.....	Harmar, O.
1884.....	" Eleanor LeHurray.....	Buenos Ayres, S. A.....	New York.....	Summit, N. J.
1884.....	" Mary De F. Loyd.....	Mexico City, Mexico.....	Philadelphia.....	Hillsboro, O.
1884.....	" Linna A. Schenck.....	Home on leave.....	North-Western	Muskegon, Mich.
1885.....	Mrs. M. F. Scanton.....	" ".....	N. E. & N. Y.....	Cleveland, O.
1885.....	Miss Anna D. Gloss, M. D.....	" ".....	North-Western	Chicago, Ill.
1885.....	" Theresa J. Kyle.....	Cawnpore, India.....	Philadelphia.....	Mt. Pleasant, Pa.
1885.....	" Emma M. Hall.....	Rome, Italy.....	North-Western	Cazenovia, N. Y.
1885.....	" Lida B. Smith.....	Home on leave.....	New York.....	Syracuse, N. Y.
1885.....	" Miss Julia Wisner.....	Rangoon Burmah.....	Cincinnati.....	Berea, O.
1886.....	" Lizzie Hewett.....	Tetela, Mexico.....	North-Western	Gilead, Mich.
1886.....	" Anna Lawson.....	Bareilly, India.....	Des Moines.....	Ottumwa, Ill.
1886.....	" Delia A. Fuller.....	Sitapore, India.....	Topeka.....	Boulder, Col.

MISSIONARIES OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—(Continued.)

APPOINT	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1886	Miss Kate McDowell, M. D.	Muttra, India.	Philadelphia	Philadelphia, Pa.
1886	" Nellie R. Green.	Home on leave.	New England.	England
1886	" Hattie L. Ayres	Mexico City, Mexico	Cincinnati	Hillsboro, O.
1887	" Edna G. Terry, M. D.	Tsun Hua, China.	New England.	Boston, Mass.
1887	" Elja C. Shaw.	Nanking China.	North-Western.	Moore's Hill, Ind.
1887	" Minnie F. Abrams.	Bombay, 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. Carlton, M. D.	Home on leave.	New York	Brownsville, N. Y.
1887	" Louise C. Rothweiler.	Seoul, Korea.	Cincinnati	Berea, O.
1887	" Ella B. Fincham.	Lofcha, Bulgaria.	North-Western.	Petosky, Mich.
1887	" Annie Gallimore.	Gonda, India.	Baltimore.	Newport, Ky.
1888	" Mary Atkinson.	Yonezawa, Japan.	New York.	Cazenovia, N. Y.
1888	" Belle J. Allen.	Nagasaki,	Cincinnati	Bellefontaine, O.
1888	" Anna L. Bing.	" "	"	Delaware, O.
1888	" Julia Bonafield.	Foochow, China.	"	Tunnelton, W. Va.
1888	" Kate A. Blair	Calcutta, India.	"	Toledo, Ohio.
1888	" Mary E. Bowen.	Montevideo, S. A.	New England.	Warren, R. I.
1888	" Mary E. Carroll.	Bombay, India.	North-Western.	Joliet, Ill.
1888	" Mary A. Danforth.	Nagoya, Japan.	New England.	Colebrook, N. H.
1888	" Augusta Dickerson.	Hakodate, "	Philadelphia	Philadelphia, Pa.
1888	" Martha A. Day.	Moradabad, India.	Des Moines	Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.
1888	" I. Ernsberger, M. D.	Baroda, India.	Cincinnati	Delphus, O.
1888	" Estella M. Files.	Rangoon, Burmah.	New York.	Brockport, N. Y.
1888	" Lillian G. Hale.	Tsun Hua, China.	New England.	W. Newberry, Mass.
1888	" Minnie B. Hyde.	Montevideo, S. A.	North-Western.	Quincy, Mich.
1888	" Ella Johnson.	Foochow, China.	Philadelphia	Philadelphia, Pa.

MISSIONARIES OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—(Continued.)

APPOINT	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1888.	Miss Mary Ketting.	Peking, China.	Cincinnati.	Napoleon, O.
1888.	" Elizabeth Maxey.	Calcutta, India.	New York.	London, O.
1888.	" S. McBurnie.	Gawnpore, India.	Philadelphia.	Philadelphia, Pa.
1888.	" Emma Mitchell.	Nanking, China.	New York.	Brooklyn, N. Y.
1888.	" Florence Perrine.	Lucknow, India.	North Western.	"
1888.	" Sarah Peters.	Chin Kiang, China.	Philadelphia.	Princeville, Ill.
1888.	" Mary E. Pardoe.	Toyo, Japan.	Cincinnati.	Dauphin, Pa.
1888.	" Lucy W. Sullivan.	Lucknow, India.	"	Dayton, O.
1888.	" Martha A. Sheldon, M. D.	Muttra, "	New England.	Excelsior, Minn.
1889.	" Anna S. French.	Yokohama, Japan.	North Western.	W. Salisbury, Wis.
1889.	" Anna E. Steere.	Tientsin, China.	Topcka.	Adrian, Mich.
1889.	" Louisa Imhoff.	Yonezawa, Japan.	New York.	Lincoln, Nebraska.
1889.	" Mary E. Wilson.	Nagoya.	"	Chattanooga, Tenn.
1889.	" Elsie Wood.	Lima, South America.	Baltimore.	S. America.
1889.	" Maude E. Simons.	Nagasaki, Japan.	Des Moines.	Fredericktown, O.
1889.	" Mary B. Griffiths.	Tokyo,	"	Marathon, Iowa.
1889.	" Frances E. Phelps.	"	"	Sioux City.
1889.	" Theda A. Parker.	Peking, China.	New York.	Corning, Iowa.
1889.	" E. A. Bender.	Puebla, Mexico.	Baltimore.	Marilla, N. Y.
1889.	" Martha E. Taylor.	Tokyo, Japan.	North Western.	Maryland.
1889.	" Ellen Forbes.	Kagoshima, Japan.	"	Eau Clair, Mich.
1889.	" Fanny Scott.	Naini Tal, India.	Cincinnati.	Russelville, Ind.
1889.	" Ruth Sellars.	"	"	Cincinnati, O.
1889.	" Lydia A. Trimble.	Foochow, China.	Des Moines.	New Matamoras, O.
1889.	" Miss Ellen Blackstock.	Tokyo, Japan.	Minneapolis.	Galva, Iowa.
1889.	" Georgiana Baucus.	Hirosaki, Japan.	New York.	Shadeland, Ind.
				Ithaca, N. Y.

MISSIONARIES OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—(Continued.)

APPOINT	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
1889.	Miss Anna Thompson.	Baroda, India.	Philadelphia.	Canton, O.
1889.	" Amelia Van Dorsten.	Tetela, Mexico.	North-Western.	Wisconsin.
1890.	" Rachel R. Benn, M. D.	Tientsin, China.	Philadelphia.	Edinboro, Pa.
1890.	" Ida Stevenson, M. D.	" " " " " "	Topeka.	Chicago.
1890.	" Ella Lyon, M. D.	Foochow, " " " " " "	North-Western.	Spencer Creek, Mich.
1890.	" Ruth Sites.	" " " " " "	Baltimore.	Washington, D. C.
1890.	" Rosetta Sherwood, M. D.	Seoul, Korea.	New York.	Liberty, N. Y.
1890.	" Grace Tucker.	Fukuoka, Japan.	" " " " " "	Rochester, N. Y.
1890.	" Margaret Bengel.	Seoul, Korea.	Cincinnati.	Pomeroy, O.
1890.	" Leonora H. Seeds.	Fukuoka, Japan.	" " " " " "	Delaware, O.
1890.	" Rebecca Dailey.	Calcutta, India.	North-Western.	Greenburg, Ind.
1890.	" Fannie A. Perkins.	Rangoon, Burmah.	Des Moines.	Indianola, Iowa.
1890.	" Hannah Dudley.	Moradabad, India.	" " " " " "	New South Wales.
1891.	" Ella Vickery.	Rome, Italy.	North-Western.	Evansville, Ind.
1891.	" Mary F. Swaney.	Rosario, S. A.	Topeka.	Manhattan, Kas.
1891.	" Cecilia M. Frey.	Peking, China.	Cincinnati.	Willoughby, O.
1891.	" Anna R. Limberger.	Peubla, Mex.	Philadelphia.	Danville, Pa.
1891.	" Ida B. Walton.	Guajuato, Mex.	" " " " " "	Plymouth, Pa.
1891.	" Kate L. Ogborn.	Kin Kiang, China.	Des Moines.	Union Mills, Iowa.
1891.	" Jennie Locke (assistant).	Tokyo, Japan.	" " " " " "	Japan.
1891.	" Laura M. White.	Chinkiang, China.	Philadelphia.	Philadelphia.
1891.	" Mary De Motte.	Tokyo, Japan.	Des Moines.	Jacksonville, Ill.
1891.	" Ella A. Lewis.	Seoul, Korea.	New York.	New York City.
1891.	" Louisa Haefer.	North India.	Philadelphia.	Philadelphia.
1891.	" Harriet Kemper.	" " " " " "	Des Moines.	Stuart, Iowa.
1891.	" Mary Bryan, M. D.	" " " " " "	New York.	Ogdensburg, N. Y.
1891.	" Mary Kennedy.	Bombay, India.	Des Moines.	Des Moines, Iowa.

MISSIONARIES OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—(Continued.)

ACCEPTED BUT NOT APPOINTED.

APPOINT	MISSIONARIES.	POSTOFFICE ADDRESS.	BRANCHES.	FORMER RESIDENCE.
	Miss Kate A. Blackburn.....		North-Western	Jacksonville, Ill.
	" Effie Dunmore.....		Philadelphia....	Auburn Corners, Pa.
	" Josephine O. Payne.....		New England....	Boston, Mass.
	" Luella Masters, M. D.....		North Western	Thorntown, Ind.
	" Lillian Neiger.....		North Western	Danville, Ind.
	" Isabella Crossthaite.....		New York.....	New York City.
	" Elizabeth Hoge.....		Cincinnati.....	Bellaire, O.
	" Rebecca J. Hammond....		Cincinnati.....	Blue Bell, O.
	" Alice M. Stanton.....		New York.....	Saranac, N. Y.
	• " Effie E. Young.....		New England....	Waltham, Mass.

MISSIONARIES OF THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—(Continued.)

RETIRED AFTER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS' SERVICE.

APPOINT	MISSIONARIES.	WHERE EMPLOYED.	BRANCHES.	PRESENT ADDRESS.
	Miss Sarah Woolston	Foochow, China		Trenton, N. J.

ENTERED INTO REST.

APPOINT	MISSIONARIES.	WHERE EMPLOYED.	BRANCHES.	PRESENT ADDRESS.
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.
1886	" Beulah Woolston	Foochow, China		" Oct. 24, 1886.
1886	" Cecilia Guelfi	Montevideo, S. A.		" 1886.
1881	" Harriet Kerr	Bareilly, India		" Dec. 11, 1886.
1887	" Florence Nickerson	Lucknow, India		" Jan. 31, 1887.

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 post-office.

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 43 cents.

JAPAN. The *yen* (or dollar) whether in gold or silver differs but slightly in value from the gold and silver dollars of the United States. One hundred *sen* in the *yen*.

CHINA. A *cash* is one mill. The *tael* at Tientsin is worth in gold \$1.15. The Mexican dollar is also used in China.

Constitution

OF

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

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 female missionaries to women in the 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 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 at 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 reports of 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 methods herein indicated ; to devise means for carrying forward the work of the Society ; fixing the amounts to be raised ; employing new missionaries, designating their fields of labor, examining the reports of those already employed and arranging with the several Branches the work to be undertaken by each.

2. To appoint a committee, consisting of one from each Branch, to have charge of the Missionary paper of this Society, and to arrange for the publication of an Annual Report of the work of the Society.

3. 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.

ARTICLE VI.—BRANCHES.

SECTION 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.

SECTION 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 and Missouri.....	Des Moines.
VIII.	Minnesota, Dakota, Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon.....	Minneapolis.
IX.	Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado and Wyoming.....	Topeka.
X.	California, Nevada, Arizona.....	Los Angeles.
XI.	North Carolina, South Carolina, Alabama, Georgia and Florida.....	Atlanta.
XII.	Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas.....	New Orleans.

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 notify all meetings of the Branch and of the Executive Committee, and shall keep a full record of the proceedings.

The Corresponding Secretary shall, under the direction of the Executive Committee, 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 such disposition of the funds as the Executive Committee may direct, each order of the committee being 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, and may order the disbursements of the funds required for that work, provide for all the wants, and receive all the 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 its own By-Laws regulating its meetings, and those of the Executive Committee, also any others which may be deemed necessary to its efficiency, not inconsistent with this Constitution.

ARTICLE VII.—AUXILIARY SOCIETIES.

Any number of women who shall contribute not less than ten dollars 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, three 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 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 by this Society shall labor under the direction of the particular Conferences 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 Conferences 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 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 church services, nor in any promiscuous public meetings, 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 preacher in charge to the annual Conference, and be entered in the column among the benevolent collections in the annual General Minutes.

SEC. 5. Section 4 of this article shall not be so interpreted as to prevent the ladies from taking collections in ladies' meetings convened in the interest of their Societies, nor from securing memberships, life-memberships, etc., 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 in 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 meeting of said committee and arrange for the anniversary exercises.

IV. The Branch Corresponding Secretaries shall meet at least one day 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. Election of President and Secretary.
3. Appointment of Standing Committees, *i. e.*, Committee on Publication, Committee on Finance, Committee on Application of Missionary Candidates, Committee on By-Laws.
4. Reception of estimates, Memorials and Petitions.
5. Reports of Corresponding Secretaries.
6. Report of Committee of Reference.
7. Report of Constitutional Publication Committee.

8. Report of Official Correspondents and presentation of information from foreign work.
9. Fixing place of next meeting.
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. All ladies speaking shall rise when they address the Chair.
4. 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 appropriation for each Mission.

IX. The Secretary of each meeting of the General Executive Committee shall keep a full record of all proceedings, and enter them upon a suitable book of record, which shall be deposited in the safe of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and shall be transmitted to the next meeting of the General Executive Committee by the Corresponding Secretary of the New England Branch.

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 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 *Heathen Woman's 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 each month in the *Heathen Woman's 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 1; Branch Treasurers shall close their accounts for the year by September 30, as nearly as possible.

3. The money received from annual membership shall not be used to make life members, honorary managers, or honorary 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 *Heathen Woman's 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, to the chairman of Committee of Reference on or before October 1st, that she may have them copied and put in the hands of the Corresponding Secretaries on or before session of General Executive Committee.

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, 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 report 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, she shall declare the result, and order the Secretary to record both resolution 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, that 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 annual and quarterly reports to the Corresponding Secretary having charge of their work, and the action of the General Executive Committee will be communicated to them through that Secretary, or the correspondent appointed for their field by said committee, and no other instructions are to be considered as official.

4. They, with the wives of Missionaries who labor in the interest 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 for 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; such receipts may be used for necessary expenses, in her medical work; 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 return 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: 1,———, 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 their 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:

OFFICIAL RELATION 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 22nd, 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.

2nd. 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.

3rd. 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."

WHEREAS, Certain usages having grown up and been found acceptable and successful in connection with our older mission fields 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 an Educational Committee, selecting classes of people among whom work may be most 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 department 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 Elders 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 appropriation 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 Ladies' Society, when such exists, or by quarterly Conference, be formally recognized by Conference, and appointed the same as lady Missionaries are.

8. In case of a transfer of a lady 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.

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 lady, 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 lady 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.

5. 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 obligation 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.

6. The age of a candidate must not be less than twenty-five years, nor more than thirty. 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.

7. Financial and executive ability, and power of adaptation to circumstances, are essential qualifications.

8. 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.

9. Every Missionary candidate is required 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."

10. 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.

11. The case of any accepted candidate not sent out during the year, shall be brought before the General Executive Committee at its next session.

12. 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 the 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.—HEATHEN WOMAN'S FRIEND.

The paper of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society shall be known as the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

2. Its editor and agent shall be elected annually by the General Executive Committee.

3. In the interim of the sessions of the General Executive Committee, the management of the paper shall be under the control of the Publication Committee provided by the Constitution.

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 agent of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* shall give the Chairman an itemized report of the receipts and expenditures of the paper, properly audited, by the first of October, and another six months thereafter. 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 five shall be appointed annually by the Constitutional Publication Committee, to whom shall be intrusted the investment and control of the funds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

5. The agent of the *Heathen Woman's Friend* shall commence and close her financial year with October 1.

6. If the office of editor or agent becomes vacant during the year, this committee shall have the power to fill the vacancy.

7. The traveling expenses of the editor and agent of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*, and of the chairman of Literature Committee, to and from the sessions of the General Executive Committee, shall be paid from the funds of the *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

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 *Heathen Woman's Friend*.

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 General Executive Committee meeting 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 Annual Meeting of the General Executive Committee 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 Constitutional Committee.

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, Isabel Hart, Caroline R. Wright, Harriet B. Skidmore, Rachael L. Goodier, Annie R. Gracey, Harriet D. Fisher, Sarah K. Cornell, Anna A. Harris, Ordelia M. Hillman, and Susan 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 hands 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.

[NOTARY'S SEAL.]

ANDREW LEMON,
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 personally 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.

[NOTARY'S SEAL.]

F. G. MINTRAM,
Notary Public for Kings 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 Record), 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 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.

Certificate of Incorporation, December 27, 1884.

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.*

FORMS FOR WILL AND DEVISE.

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 therefore.

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.

Uniform Studies for the Year 1892.

January.—Review of the Work for 1891.

February.—Spirituality the Permanent Basis of our Work.

March.—An Easter Service.

April.—Muttra and Kolar, India.

May.—The King's Daughters in Heathen Lands.

June.—History of Work in Peking, China.

July.—Medical Work in Korea.

August.—Work among Eurasians.

September.—Mitebox Service—Thank Offerings.

October.—The General Executive Committee of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

November.—Haidarabad and Pakur, India.

December.—A Christmas Service—No Christ, no Christmas.

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 vowel is always accented. If there are no long vowels in a word, or if all are long, the syllables have equal quantity.

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 of this year are pronounced as nearly as they can be spelled, as follows :

Kamá on	Kamáv an	Badá on	Badown
Naini Tal	Nynee Tall	Bilsi	Bilsee
Bhábar	Bhaw-bar	Kakrauli	Kukroulee
Dwára Háth	Dwara Haut	Ghotá	Ghota
Garhwál	Gurhwall	Bissouli	Bissoulee
Srinagar	Sree-nuggur	Saiswán	Sieewan
Pithoragarh	Pithora Gurh	Ujainí	Ujiney
Rohilcund	Rohilcund	Data Ganj	Data Gunje
Bijnúr	Bijnour	Oudh	Ou as in Our
Morádabád	Morad'abad'	Laknau	Lueknaw
Chandousí	Chundowseé	Kánpur	Cawnpoor
Amroha	Umroha	Ráí Barelí	Roy Barailly
Sambhal	Sumbhul	Bárabankí	Bara-bunkee
Bareli	Barailly	Sitápúr	Seetapoor
Philibít	Philibeet	Hardáí	Hur-doo-dee
Aunla	Ounla	Gonda	Gonda
Fathganj	Futhagunje	Nawábganj	Nowáb-gunje
Khera Bajhera	Khaira Bajhaira	Baraich	Baraich
Sháhjahánpúr	Shah'-jehan'-poor		

RULES FOR PRONOUNCING WORDS IN THE FOOCHOW DIALECT, FURNISHED BY
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a has the sound of a in far.	ó has the sound of aw.
á " " " " a in fat.	ü " " " " oo in fool.
e " " " " a in play.	ü has a guttural sound, like oe in Goethe.
é " " " " e in met.	ü has the sound of the French u in l'âme.
i " " " " i in machine.	au " " " " ow in cow.
í " " " " i in pin.	ai " " " " i in kind.
o " " " " o in bone.	

Hok-Chiang	Hoke-cheang	Sia Sek-ong	See-ah Sake ong
Ku cheng	Koo-cheeng	Li Chá Mi	Lec Chá Me
Tiong-lók	Teong-loek	Kiu-Kiang	Kew Keang
Hü Pá Mi	Hü-Paw-Me	Wong Ting Ai	Wong Ting Eye
Li Yu Mi	Lee Yoo Me		

It is almost invariably correct to accent on the last syllable of the name of a place.

JAPAN.

Nagasaki	Nang-a-sá'kec	Kiushiu	Qú-shoo
Tsukiji*	Skec-gee	Liu Kiu	Loo-choo
Tsurunga	Suroong'-gä	Yezo	Yec'-so
Shikoku	She-ko-ku	Dai	Dyc
Kawatsei Sni (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	Pwablä	Rosario	Ro-sar-io
Leon	Layon	Montevideo	Monta-vid-a-o
Miraflores	Mec-rahflór-es	Buenos Ayres	Bwa-nos-ayres
Queretaro	Ker-é tar-o	Orizaba	Ori-za-va
Real	Ra-äl	Pachuca	Pa-choo-ka
Del Monte	Del Món-ta	Silao	Se la o
Ayapango	Ay a pán go	San Juan	San-hwan.
Guanajuato	Gwan-a-hwáto		

Seoul, the capital of Korea, is pronounced as if it were spelled Say-ole.

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